

# STERLING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

# NOVEMBER 2015

## Superintendent Notes by Mr. Knippelmeyer

Dear Parents and Patrons:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that according to 2014-2015 state student assessment results Sterling Elementary School is now in Year 2 of Title I School Improvement for the 2014-2015 school year under the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) law. Schools are expected to make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) toward that goal. The state goal for last year was to have 100% of all students in grades 3-8 & 11, be proficient on the reading and math standards. Sterling Elementary School has not met the 100% proficiency requirement the past two years. Additional information about how our school compared to other schools in the state is available on the State of the Schools Report on the Nebraska Department of Education web site at:

<http://www.education.ne.gov/documents/SOSR.html>.



### Nebraska State Accountability (NeSA) - Reading All Sterling students grades 3-6 Percent Proficient

2010-2011	73 %
2011-2012	81 %
2012-2013	76 %
2013-2014	82 %
2014-2015	94 %

### Nebraska State Accountability (NeSA) - Mathematics All Sterling students grades 3-6 Percent Proficient

2010-2011	61 %
2011-2012	63 %
2012-2013	76 %
2013-2014	95 %
2014-2015	85 %

We are concerned about the academic progress of all of our students. Our preschool-12th grade teachers are participating in a Marzano Academy during the 2015-16 school year, as we are working towards implementing a consistent instructional framework for all of our students. Student test scores, state assessment scores, approval of the school board, and teacher input were all considered when making the decision to attend this training. Our goal is to continue to provide professional development for teachers to improve student achievement.

Sterling Elementary School receives federal funds from the Title I program. These funds help students who are not achieving at grade level in math or reading. Because Sterling Elementary School has been identified as a school "in need of improvement" it must offer Public School Choice. However, because Sterling Elementary School is the only elementary school in our district there is no transfer option available to our students. This identification also requires Sterling Elementary School to provide Supplemental Educational Services (SES) to eligible students (students who qualify for the free and reduced lunch program). If you are interested in learning more about these services, please contact Ryan Knippelmeyer in the school office.

We welcome your involvement at Sterling Public Schools. There are many ways to participate including offering your input to the School Improvement Team, volunteering, and attending parent conferences with your child's teacher(s). Other ways to support your child's success are to assure that your child is prepared, attends school each day, and has completed their homework.

Sterling Elementary School held its annual meeting to develop our parent involvement policy and to review parent rights under Title I and other information September 24, 2015. The Title I district-wide parent involvement policy was reviewed this past July, and will be reviewed again on an annual basis.

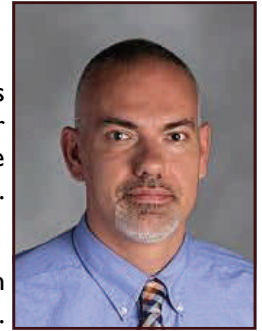
If you have questions about this information, please feel free to contact Mr. Knippelmeyer or Mr. Theobald. Please continue to work with us to make sure that we achieve success for every student.

Board of Education Highlights: At the October 12 Board of Education meeting, the board heard presentations from Mr. Carroll Sliva, with Heartland Seating and Mr. Terry Wood from Schemmer Architects. Mr. Sliva shared information about bleachers for the gym for the board to consider. Mr. Wood shared information about school projects that his company has completed and we shared with him some projects that we want to look at here at school, including, our current preschool building, the kitchen/cafeteria area, and front entrances to the school. Both presentations were informational only and no action was taken. The board approved the district and superintendent goals for the current school year, along with the snow removal bid submitted by Kudu Lawn Care for the 2015-16 school year. Our next Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 16.

### Wednesday Early Out Days:

Nov 4 - Dec 2 - Jan 6 - Feb 3 - March 2 - April 6

**Principal Notes** by Mr. Theobald



**Elementary Recess.** Our weather pattern has been unseasonably warm, but soon the temperatures will begin to drop and decisions will need to be made as to whether recess will be held inside or outside. While there is no magic number, our general rule of thumb will be that as long as the outside air temperature/wind chill is above 25 degrees Fahrenheit, we will plan on holding recess outside. Please make sure that your students have appropriate clothing for outside recess.

**Veteran's Day Program.** Sterling Public Schools will be holding their annual Veteran's Day Program on Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. The program will be held in the gymnasium beginning at 9:15 a.m. The guest speaker for the program will be Richard Burch. Mr. Burch is the former Sergeant Major of the Army for the National Guard (the most senior ranking individual in the Army). He now works for the Department of Defense program Hero2Hired as the Employment Coordinator to help find veterans jobs. The program is open to the public and I encourage everyone to attend if you are available. This is a great opportunity to honor all of those people who have served our great country.

**Schedule Change.** We will NOT have school for PK-6 students on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. All of our elementary staff will be working on curriculum alignment for the recently adopted math standards. Our staff will be working at the ESU 4 in Auburn for this training. This is also our scheduled Wednesday early-out for the month of December, so that schedule will not change for students and teachers in grades 7-12. In addition, we will not be serving breakfast before school, but we will be serving our second chance breakfast as usual.

**Thanksgiving Break.** Thanksgiving break will begin on Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, with a noon dismissal. We will only be serving lunch for students in grades PK-6. Morning breakfast and the second chance breakfast will be available as usual.

As always, if you have any concerns or comments, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

**GO JETS!!!**

**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: SEPTEMBER TAYLOR COCKERILL & DEREK BUSS**

**STERLING, NE  
AMERICAN LEGION  
POST #140**



**ANNUAL VETERANS' DAY  
PANCAKE FEED  
HUNTERS' BREAKFAST  
SUNDAY, NOV 8, 2015  
6AM-1PM  
FREE WILL DONATION**



**ADAMS VFW SOUP LUNCHEON  
Sunday, November 1, 2015  
11AM-PM @ Adams Community Building**



Turkey Noodle Soup, Chili,  
& Homemade Pies

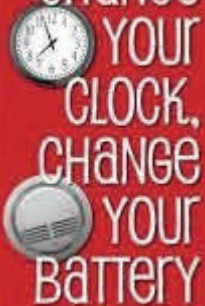
**\*\*Free Will Offering\*\*  
SUPPORT OUR VETERANS!!!**

Proceed go towards Adams VFW Post # 10042

<b>ACT TEST DATES 2015-16</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>	<b>Late Fee Required</b>
December 12, 2015	November 6, 2015	November 7-20, 2015
February 6, 2016	January 8, 2016	January 9-15, 2016
April 9, 2016	March 4, 2016	March 5-18, 2016
June 11, 2016	May 6, 2016	May 7-20, 2016

Daylight Savings Time Ends  
On Sunday, Nov. 1st

**CHANGE YOUR CLOCK, CHANGE YOUR BATTERY**



# 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER HONOR ROLL OF DISTINCTION

(students receiving an overall average of 93% or above,  
with no grade lower than 90%)

## 7<sup>th</sup> grade

Treyton Cockerill  
Bianca Gonzalez-Castillo  
Isabella Haner  
Emma Harms  
Kaitlyn Wusk

## 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Joel Rathe  
Colby Thies  
Torie Tucker

## 9<sup>th</sup> grade

Caleb Dolbow  
Nicole Harms  
Carly Wenzl  
Malayna Wingert

## 10<sup>th</sup> grade

Zachary Scamehorn  
Daniel Schweneker

## 11<sup>th</sup> grade

Austin Buss  
Taylor Cockerill  
Micah Erickson

## 12<sup>th</sup> grade

Haylee Boldt  
Joshua Dolbow  
Erika Goracke  
Kari Hansen  
Hannah Jasa

# 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER REGULAR HONOR ROLL

(students receiving an overall average of 90% or above,  
with no grade lower than 85%)

## 7<sup>th</sup> grade:

Sam Boldt  
Derek Buss  
Tara Walters

## 9<sup>th</sup> grade:

Emily Agena  
Tristan Dirks  
Morgan Haner  
Logan Jasa  
Cameron VanGroningen

## 10<sup>th</sup> grade:

Sheanna Stolz

## 11<sup>th</sup> grade:

Dylan Benson  
Alisha Fisher  
Sydney Goracke

## 12<sup>th</sup> grade:

Erika Eckhardt  
Marah Hestermann  
Bailey Kahler  
Elly Lempka  
Joshua Masur



CONGRATS to the 2015 Homecoming  
King Joshua Dolbow &  
Queen Marah Hestermann  
Crown Bearers: Miles Wambold & Layla Pettigrew





# 2015-16 STERLING HIGH BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Dec 4	Friday	Falls City Sacred Heart	AWAY	5:00
Dec 5	Saturday	Thayer Central	HOME	2:00
Dec 8	Tuesday	Friend	HOME	4:00
Dec 11	Friday	Diller-Odell	AWAY	4:00
Dec 15	Tuesday	Meridian	HOME	4:00
Dec 18	Friday	Pawnee City	HOME	4:00
Dec 22	Tuesday	Palmyra (VG/VB)	HOME	4:30
Dec 29-30	Tues-Wed	WEeping WATER HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT (VG/VB)	AWAY	3:00
Jan 2	Saturday	Cedar Bluffs	HOME	1:00
Jan 5	Tuesday	Johnson-Brock	AWAY	4:30
Jan 7	Thursday	Dorchester (VG/VB, JV-TBA)	HOME	6:00
Jan 8	Friday	HTRS	AWAY	4:00
Jan 11-16	Mon-Sat	MUDECAS TOURNAMENT	BEATRICE	TBA
Jan 22	Friday	Southern	AWAY	4:00
Jan 26	Tuesday	Nebraska City Lourdes	HOME	4:00
Jan 29	Friday	Lewiston	AWAY	4:00
Feb 1-6	Mon-Sat	PIONEER CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT	HTRS/LEWISTON FINALS-FRIEND	TBA
Feb 9	Tuesday	Freeman (JVG/VG)	HOME	6:00
Feb 12	Friday	Tri-County-Parents' Night	HOME	4:00
Feb 15/16/18	M/T/TH	SUB-DISTRICTS (G)	TBA	TBA
Feb 19	Friday	Freeman (JVB/VB)	HOME	6:15
Feb 22/23/25	M/T/TH	SUB-DISTRICTS (B)	TBA	TBA
Feb 26	Friday	DISTRICT FINALS (G)	TBA	TBA
March 1	Tuesday	DISTRICT FINALS (B)	TBA	TBA
March 3-5	Thurs-Sat	STATE TOURNAMENT (G)	LINCOLN	TBA
March 10-12	Thurs-Sat	STATE TOURNAMENT (G)	LINCOLN	TBA

*This schedule is subject to change. All games are JV Girls, JV Boys, Varsity Girls, & Varsity Boys unless otherwise noted.*

## Need Help With Your Phone Bill?

The Nebraska Telephone Assistance Program can provide a \$12.75 credit on one landline or wireless phone bill per month.

### Who is eligible for the program?

- Medicaid
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Children's Health Insurance Programs (Kids Connection, SAM, MAC, & EMAC)
- National School Lunch Program FREE Lunch Program
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Income at or below 135% of poverty level
- Must be a citizen or qualified alien
- Only one per household
- Must be a Nebraska resident

### How to sign up:

- Fill out an online application at [psc.nebraska.gov](http://psc.nebraska.gov)
- Or print off an application at [psc.nebraska.gov](http://psc.nebraska.gov)
- Or for further questions call NTAP at (800) 526-0017 or (402) 471-3101



## Hunter's Brunch

### November 14, 2015

**10 am to 2 pm**  
**Free Will Donation**

### St. Mary's Catholic Church Basement

**Pancakes, sausage, biscuits and gravy, eggs, egg casseroles, and baked goods**

**Hosted By Sterling Post Prom Parents**



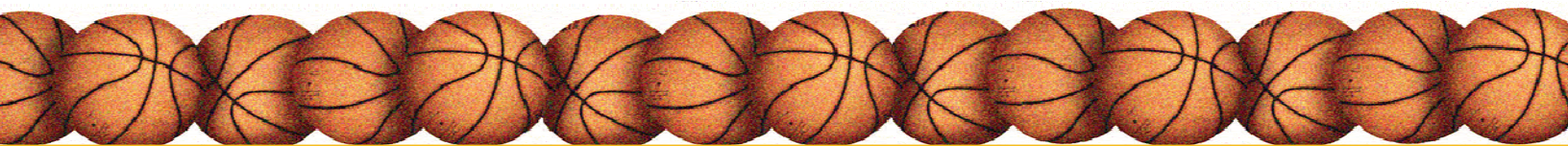
## Trip to Arbor Day Farm

## Veterans' Day Program

**Wednesday,**  
**November 11, 2015**  
**9:15AM in the gym**

**Special guest speaker:**  
**former Sergeant Major of the Army for the National Guard, Richard Burch**





## **9/10 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 2015-16**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>DAY</u></b>	<b><u>OPPONENT</u></b>	<b><u>PLACE</u></b>	<b><u>TIME</u></b>
Dec 10	Thursday	Lincoln Christian	HOME	7:00
Dec 12	Saturday	HTRS TOURNAMENT (G/B)	AWAY	9AM
Jan 4	Monday	Beatrice	HOME	7:00
Jan 25	Monday	Johnson-Brock	HOME	7:00
Jan 28	Thursday	Falls City	AWAY	7:00
Feb 8	Monday	Falls City Sacred Heart	AWAY	7:00

## **JUNIOR HIGH BOYS BASKETBALL**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>DAY</u></b>	<b><u>OPPONENT</u></b>	<b><u>PLACE</u></b>	<b><u>TIME</u></b>
Nov 17	Tuesday	Johnson-Brock	HOME	3:30
Nov 21	Saturday	HTRS TOURNAMENT	AWAY	9AM
Nov 24	Tuesday	Diller-Odell	AWAY	1:00
Nov 30	Monday	FREEMAN TOURNAMENT	AWAY	4:00
Dec 2	Wednesday	Pawnee City	HOME	2:00
Dec 8	Tuesday	HTRS	AWAY	2:00
Dec 10	Thursday	FALLS CITY TOURNAMENT	AWAY	3:45
Dec 14	Monday	LEWISTON TOURNAMENT	AWAY	5:30
Dec 16	Wednesday	Freeman	HOME	1:00

## **JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS BASKETBALL**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>DAY</u></b>	<b><u>OPPONENT</u></b>	<b><u>PLACE</u></b>	<b><u>TIME</u></b>
Jan 21	Thursday	FREEMAN TOURNAMENT	AWAY	4:00
Jan 25	Monday	Pawnee City	AWAY	2:00
Jan 27	Wednesday	Diller-Odell	AWAY	1:00
Feb 1	Monday	FCSH	HOME	4:00
Feb 8	Monday	LEWISTON TOURNAMENT	AWAY	5:30
Feb 10	Wednesday	Freeman	HOME	1:00
Feb 17	Wednesday	Nebraska City Lourdes	HOME	2:30
Feb 25	Thursday	HTRS	HOME	2:00
Feb 29	Monday	JOHNSON-BROCK TOURNAMENT	AWAY	4:00

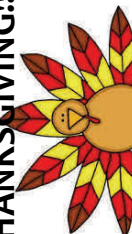
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# NOVEMBER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><b>2</b> B- WG Cereal, WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Nachos w/ Cheese Sauce or Bean Dip, Corn, Celery w/ PB, Mandarin Oranges</p>	<p><b>3</b> B- Egg Taco OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Vegetable Beef Soup, Lettuce Salad, WG Breadsticks, Applesauce</p>	<p><b>4</b> B- Yogurt Parfait OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Submarines, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Gelatin, Peaches</p>	<p><b>5</b> B- WG Pancakes, Sausage OR WG Cereal/WG Pancake, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Chicken Quesadilla, FF and/or Swt. FF, Peas, Mixed Fruit</p>	<p><b>6</b> B- Breakfast Bar OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Goulash, Green Beans, WG Dinner Roll w/ Jelly, Pears</p>
<p><b>9</b> B- Breakfast Pizza OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Corn, Pineapple Tidbits</p>	<p><b>10</b> B- WG Cereal, WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Tacos, Green Beans, Celery w/ PB, Pears</p>	<p><b>11</b> B- Sausage Gravy over WG Biscuits OR WG Cereal/WG Biscuit, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Chili Soup w/ Cheese, WG Cinnamon Roll, Lettuce Salad, Applesauce</p>	<p><b>12</b> B- Scrambled Eggs, WG Toast OR WG Cereal/WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Potato Bake, Ham Salad or Tuna Salad Sandwich, String Cheese, Peaches</p>	<p><b>13</b> B- WG French Toast Sticks OR WG Cereal,/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Hamburger, FF and/or Swt. FF, Tomatoes, Mixed Fruit</p>
<p><b>16</b> B- Egg Taco OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Pork Patty on WG Bun, Green Beans, Macaroni Salad, Pineapple Tidbits</p>	<p><b>17</b> B- WG Waffles, Sausage OR WG Cereal/WG Waffle, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- BBQ Rib on WG Bun, FF and/or Swt. FF, Mixed Vegetables, Pears</p>	<p><b>18</b> B- WG Cereal, WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Chicken Noodle Soup, PB&amp;J Sandwich, Lettuce Salad, Peaches</p>	<p><b>19</b> B- Yogurt Parfait OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Turkey &amp; Dressing, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Corn, Mixed Fruit</p>	<p><b>20</b> B- Oatmeal OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Mini Corn Dogs, Baked Beans, Peas, Mandarin Oranges</p>
<p><b>23</b> B- Pancake &amp; Sausage on a Stick OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Breadsticks, Peaches</p>	<p><b>24</b> B- WG Cereal, WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Tomato Soup, Cheese Sandwich, Lettuce Salad, Applesauce</p>	<p><b>25</b> B- Toaster Pastry, Sausage OR WG Cereal/Sausage, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Hot Dog on WG Bun, Baked Beans, Corn, Mixed Fruit <i>ELEMENTARY ONLY</i></p>	<p><b>26</b> <b>THANKSGIVING</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b></p>	<p><b>27</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> <b>FALL BREAK</b></p>
<p><b>30</b> B- Omelet, WG Toast OR WG Cereal/WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Chicken Fajita, WG Rice, Peas, Peaches</p>		<p><i>Menus are subject to change without notice.</i></p>	<p><i>A variety of fruits and vegetables are offered with every meal.</i>  <i>Milk served with every meal.</i></p>	<p><i>Alternate Entrée: Chef Salad</i>  <i>USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.</i></p>

# NOVEMBER 2015 ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1 Daylight Savings Time Ends FALL BACK	2 Sterling vs. College View Academy @ NCL 6:15PM	3	4 <b>EARLY OUT - 1:37PM</b> Education Quest Mtg. @ 6:30 in Music Room CAN Mtg. after school	5 VB District Finals - TBA	6 Middle School Sportsmanship Assembly @ UNL	7 LEAD Fun Night in gym from 7-11:30PM for grades 7-12	
8	<b>VB SUB-DISTRICTS @ NEB. CITY LOURDES</b>		11 <b>Veterans' Day Program - 9:15AM in the gym</b>	12	13 <b>NO SCHOOL - PreK</b>	14	
15	9 Pioneer Conference Vocal Music Clinic - Pawnee City - Concert @ 7PM	10 CAN Mtg. - 8:30PM @ Sterling Fire Hall	18 <b>MID-QUARTER</b> Pioneer Conference One Act Play @ Southern - 9AM Sportsmanship Leadership Summit - Nebraska Wesleyan	<b>STATE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT in LINCOLN</b>			21 HTRS JH BBB Tournament - 9AM
22	16 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Winter Practice <b>SCHOOL BOARD MEETING - 7:30PM</b>	17 JH BBB vs. Johnson-Brock - 3:30PM - HOME	25 <b>NOON DISMISSAL</b>	19 UNL Math Day CAN Banquet - 7PM @ Tecumseh Community Building	20	28	
29	30 County Government Day - Tecumseh Freeman JH BBB Tournament - 4PM One Act Play Performance in the gym - 7PM	24 JH BBB @ Diller-Odell - 1PM	2 <b>EARLY OUT - 1:37PM</b> JH BB vs. Pawnee City - 2PM - HOME <b>NO SCHOOL - ELEMENTARY</b> District One Act Play @ Johnson	26 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> <b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!</b> 	27 <b>NO SCHOOL FALL BREAK</b>	5 G/B BB vs. Thayer Central - 2PM - HOME	
		<b>December 1</b>	3 Elementary Music Concert - 7:30PM in the gym	4 G/B BB @ FCSH - 4PM (4 Games)			



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## DON'T FORGET...

November 1	Daylight Savings Time Ends
November 4	EARLY OUT - 1:37PM Education Quest Meeting CAN Meeting
November 7	LEAD Fun Night
November 10	CAN Meeting
November 11	Veteran's Day Program
November 13	No School - PreK
November 16	First Day of Winter Practice School Board Meeting
November 18	MID-QUARTER
November 19	CAN Banquet
November 25	NOON DISMISSAL
November 26-27	NO SCHOOL



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