

October 2009 Jet News



Superintendent's Corner *by Larry Harnisch*



STANDARDS, ASSESMENTS, ACCOUNTABILITY!!!! These are three terms that you are constantly hearing schools talk about these days. For the last few years Nebraska school districts have been testing children under the guidelines referred to as STARS. That, is now being changed to NeSA (Nebraska State Accountability). NeSA-Reading is a new statewide reading test that all Nebraska Students in grades 3-8 and 11 will take in the spring of 2009-10. Since this is such a "high stakes test" for school districts we will be asking for your assistance in preparing your child to score the best that they can. **WATH FOR MORE ADVICE AS WE GET CLOSER TO NEXT SPRING AND THE EXACT TEST DATES.**

So what is the difference in these two testing programs?

NeSA	STARS
One single statewide test developed at the state level.	Assessments were developed by individual districts.
All students will take the same test to measure learning on statewide reading standards.	Students took different locally developed assessments on statewide reading standards.
This is a multiple-choice test.	This included multiple-choice questions but also allowed students to demonstrate what they knew in different ways.
For NeSA – Reading: Students will be tested once and in the same time frame.	Students were allowed to retake their school's assessment.
NeSA-Reading allows for the comparison of student performance.	Did not allow for the comparison of student performance because students took different tests.
Test results will be scored by the state.	Tests were scored by the district under a state approved process.

Yearbooks are in and may be picked up in the office.

If you forgot to order a yearbook we have a few extra.

Contact the office to purchase one at the cost of \$40.00.

SkillsUSA Update *by Chris Salberg, Sponsor*

This year the Sterling Skills club has 27 members. We are gearing up for the State competition held in Columbus during the last week of March. Some of the activities or community services we have completed this year are scrapping and painting the 4H stand in Tecumseh, and driving steaks at the Sterling Cemetery to locate new lots. We helped

with the Sterling Car Show during Sterling Days. Picked up trees and brush for community members after the wind storms, picked up rocks and sticks at the park so new grass could be planted and also raked yards. Projects that are still waiting our attention will be painting the ball shed at the city park, helping light the walking path, painting a house

and boxing in a wood shop. All of the money that we earn as a club goes toward our lodging at Columbus. We will be spending two nights and three days. We would like to personally thank all of you that have helped donate money or hire our services.

The club will also be going on a field trip to SCC-Milford on October 23.

Third Grade News

by Virginia Thiesfeld, Teacher

Thank you to all the parents who came for conferences. We had 100% turn out in 3rd grade. That speaks well for the commitment of all the parents of these children. You are an integral part of your child's education and taking part in this fashion shows everyone how strongly you feel about their success.

One thing I did not mention at conferences was about computers. Our computer class with Ms. Puls begins next semester. The 4th and 5th graders are sharing that time currently. We will be going every third day as we share that time with the first and second graders next semester. We do have two computers in the room in the process of being assembled for our use and they will have internet access on both of them. Ms. Zwygert has been busily getting the entire elementary up and running and we look forward to that day.

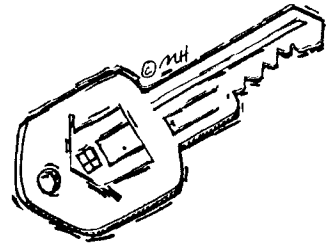
Last of all, please continue to read daily with your child as that is the single most important example of reading and its importance that we can give them.

EDUCATION QUEST

FINANCIAL AID MEETING

Tuesday, November 10th at 6:30 p.m. in the Music Room at Sterling Public School. This is for all Freeman and Sterling parents of juniors and seniors.

WEIGHT ROOM KEYS



The lock has been changed for the Weight room.

The new key prices will be as follows:

1-6 months - \$30 and 7-12 months for \$60.

Please make sure to return the old key and then get your new one. Stop by the office to do this.

Lifetouch Picture Retakes

Tuesday, October 13

SENIORS: The Annual Staff would like to use a baby to Kindergarten grade picture of your son or daughter. The picture will be returned to you next fall. Be sure to put your son/daughter's name on the back of the picture. Thank you.

Mrs. Steele, Advisor

For Those Seeking Assistance This Fall and Winter

The Fall/Winter months are fast approaching, which often means higher heating costs. Increases in utility bills, along with trying to meet ongoing needs of children in school and the upcoming holiday seasons can put a strain on the family budget.

Southeast Nebraska Community Action (SENCA) has an office in Sterling to provide assistance with basic needs such as food pantry, personal care items, and household cleaning supplies (when available). If your family fits within the income guidelines below, SENCA can assist you in **S-T-R-E-T-C-H-I-N-G** your monthly income to meet your budgeting needs.

Our office is located at 455 Lincoln St. in apartment 11 on the north side of the housing complex. Office hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 1:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. by appointment. For

more information or to schedule an appointment, please call Julie Daire, Basic Needs Provider, at 862-5739.

According to 2008 USDA Income Eligibility

<u>Size of Household</u>	<u>Current Monthly Income</u>
1	\$1560
2	\$2100
3	\$2640
4	\$3180
5	\$3720
6	\$4260

(For each additional household member, add \$540.00 to current monthly income.)

Winter Boot and Coat Drive 2009

Winters in Nebraska can be harsh, especially for children who do not have appropriate winter outerwear. This year **SENCA (Southeast Nebraska Community Action)** in cooperation with the Community Closet in Elk Creek, is sponsoring a Winter Coat and Boot Drive.

Through the month of October, donations of gently used winter coats, boots, and other outerwear, such as hats, gloves, and mittens will be accepted at local schools and SENCA offices. On Saturday, November 7th from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. there will be an Open House at the Community Closet, located in the school in Elk Creek, when coats, boots, and outerwear will be distributed. Registration for the SENCA Holiday Gift Program and Food Baskets will also be available at that time.

As you go through your closets this Fall, please consider donating those gently worn coats and boots that your own children have outgrown. We ask that donated items still have 85% wear life left, with no tears or stains. Please also make sure that all zippers and buttons are in working condition.

For more information, please call Julie Daire, Basic Needs Provider, SENCA Sterling Outreach at 862-5739.

Holiday Food Baskets and Gifts Program

SENCA (Southeast Nebraska Community Action) will again be offering seasonal food baskets and/or gift distributions for children 18 years or younger in December. Johnson County families will have an opportunity to sign up at five different locations this year.

November 4th at United Methodist Church located in Sterling, NE. across from the school during their food pantry beginning at 5:00 P.M.

November 7th at the Community Closet located in the school in Elk Creek, NE. during their Open House from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

From November 2nd through November 20th at SENCA Sterling Outreach located at 455 Lincoln St. #11, in Sterling, on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 1:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. by appointment only. Call Julie Daire at 862-5739 for more information.

Families will need to provide one month's proof of income and the social security numbers for each member of the household at the time of the application to determine eligibility. Also needed are three gift ideas for each child, including sizes for any clothing items requested.

Southeast Nebraska Sports Online Covers Sterling Football and Volleyball

The following games will be covered by Ben Carrel on senesportsonline.com

FB - Oct. 9 vs. Falls City Sacred Heart

VB - Oct. 10 at Falls City Invitational Tournament

VB - Oct. 12 at Parkview Christian

FB - Oct. 23 at Lewiston

VB - Oct. 26, 27 at Pioneer Conference

Booster Club Concession Stand Workers

10/6 concessions (Sterling Volleyball Triangular ~ Lewiston, College View, 4:45 p.m. to close)

1. Rich and Cherie Walters 2. Jon and Brenda Rathe 3. Jeff and Missy Harms 4. Jim and Jodi Jasa

10/12 concessions (Parkview Christian JV/V Volleyball, 5:30 p.m. to close)

1. Jon and Brenda Rathe 2. Rick and Joyce Thies 3. Terry and Naomi Thies

CAN - Community Action Network News

by Sandy Weyers, Sponsor

The Johnson County CAN group has several activities planned for this month. The week of October 25th through October 31st is recognized as "Red Ribbon Week". Focus will be given throughout the community and school to encourage people to choose a life that is drug free.

Activities planned include:

- Mini lessons will be taught in the elementary classrooms on drug and alcohol awareness.

- Red ribbons will be placed around the school premises to identify the school grounds as a drug and alcohol zone.

- A mini assembly will be given for middle and high school students on the dangers of drug and alcohol use.

- Red tulips will be planted at the Sterling Park, especially along the walking path, as a natural reminder that the park is a drug and alcohol free area.

- A poster contest will be held in the elementary classrooms with a focus on living an alcohol and drug free life. These posters will be displayed throughout the Sterling community.

Sterling members of the Johnson County CAN group are: Willow Hunt, Justin Puls, John Par-

rish, Matt Erickson, Michael Lucas, Reba Hestermann, Nicole Wenzl, Jessica Heusman and Andrew Daehling. The group is led by Sandy Weyers

We appreciate your cooperation throughout the year and we believe that with your support we will continue to do what is best for every student in this school.

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*King Jese Salberg
& Queen Willow Hunt*

October 2009 Menus

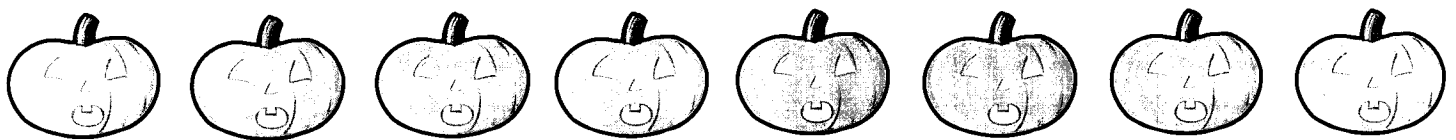
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Menu subject to change without notice. All meals include half pint of milk. Extra bread and butter	B—Breakfast Menu L—Lunch Menu		1 B - Cereal, Toast, Fruit, juice, milk L - Sloppy Joes, french fries, carrot sticks, applesauce	2 B - Pancake Sausage Bites or Cereal/Fruit, juice, milk L - Chicken & Noodles, peas, bread & butter, mixed fruit	3
4	5 B - Breakfast Burrito or Cereal/Fruit, juice, milk L - Tacos, corn, celery w/peanut butter, pineapple tidbits	6 B - Cereal, Toast, Fruit, juice, milk L - Hot Dogs on Bun, baked beans or sauerkraut, green beans, oranges	7 B - Scrambled Eggs, Toast or Cereal/Toast, juice, milk L - Salisbury Steak, mashed potatoes, breadsticks, peas	8 B - Cinnamon Toast or Cereal/Fruit, juice, milk L - Chicken Fajita, rice, tator gems, mixed fruit	9 B - Donut, Yogurt or Cereal/Yogurt, juice, milk L - Spaghetti, peas, garlic bread, peaches	10
11	12 B - Cinnamon Toast or Cereal/Fruit, juice, milk L - Burritos, green beans, chips w/salsa, peaches	13 B - Pancake Sausage Bits or Cereal/Fruit, juice, milk L - Nachos, peas, celery w/peanut butter, applesauce	14 B - Cereal, Toast, Fruit, juice, milk L - Chili Soup, lettuce salad, cinnamon roll, peaches	15 B - Breakfast Burrito or Cereal/Fruit, juice, milk L - Chicken & Gravy over Biscuits or Bread, mixed vegetables or broccoli w/cheese, oranges	16 B - Garlic Cheese Toast or Cereal/Fruit, juice, milk L - Goulash, green beans, tea rolls w/jelly, mixed fruit	17
18	19 NO SCHOOL Teacher Workday	20 B - Breakfast Pizza, or Cereal/Fruit, juice, milk L - Fiestada Pizza, corn, celery w/peanut butter, peaches	21 B - Scrambled Eggs, Toast or Cereal/Toast, juice, milk L - Mini Corn Dogs, green beans, no bake chocolate cookie, apple	22 B - Cinnamon Toast or Cereal/Fruit, juice, milk L - Chicken Noodle Soup, sandwich, lettuce salad, mixed fruit	23 B - Pancakes, Sausage or Cereal/Sausage, juice, milk L - Ham Patty, tator gems, peas, pineapple tidbits	24
25	26 B - Garlic Cheese Toast or Cereal/Fruit, juice, milk L - Hamburger on Bun, french fries, green beans, apple	27 B - Cereal, Toast, Fruit, juice, milk L - Potato Bake, ham or tuna salad sandwich, string cheese, pineapple tidbits	28 B - French Toast Sticks, Sausage or Cereal/Sausage, juice, milk L - Tomato Soup, cheese sandwich, lettuce salad, peaches	29 B - Donut, Yogurt or Cereal/Yogurt, juice, milk L - Submarines, peas, gelatin, pears	30 B - Coffin Lids or Crispy Critters/Bat Dung, blood of Dracula, ghost juice L - Nosferatu's favorite, monster mash w/ghoulie goop, creepy kernels, brain	31

Activities Calendar for October 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 EXPLORE Testing - 8th grade Post Prom Parents Meeting - 7 p.m.	2 FB @ Parkview Christian 4 p.m.	3 Harvest of Harmony Parade in Grand Island Bus leaves at 6 a.m.
4	5 JCC JV VB Triangular @ Cook 5/7:30 JV FB vs. Exeter-Milligan 5:30 p.m. Band Parents Mtg. 7:30	6 Sterling VB Triangular 5/7:30 (Lewiston, College View)	7 Youth Leadership @ Peru - 9 a.m. PLAN Testing 10th Grade Periods 1-4	8 Jr. High VB & FB vs. Diller/Odell 5:30 p.m. JV/V VB vs. E/M @ Murdock 6/7 pm	9 FB vs. Falls City Sacred Heart - 7 p.m.	10 Jr. High VB @ Lewiston - 9 am Varsity VB @ Falls City - 9 a.m. 9/10 VB @ NE City Lourdes - 8:30 a.m.
11 SCA Craft Fair 11-3 in school gym Booster Club Fun Run - 2:30 p.m.	12 JV FB vs. Lewiston 5:30 JV/V VB @ Parkview Christian 5:45 p.m.	13 Lifetouch Picture Retakes - 8:10 a.m. Business Law Field Trip to Lincoln	14 PSAT Juniors Testing Periods 1-4	15	16 Randy Nadler Assembly on Australia Open to Public 9 a.m. End of 1st Quarter	17 Jr. High Volleyball @ Omaha Brownell- Talbot - 1:15 p.m.
18 Elementary Volleyball Tournament 12-5 p.m.	19 NO SCHOOL Teacher Workday JV FB @ Pawnee City 5:30 p.m.	20 NE City Lourdes VB Triangular @ NC (Lourdes/FCSH) 6:30/7:30 Jr. High VB & FB vs. Johnson-Brock 5 p.m.	21	22 JV/V Volleyball @ Johnson-Brock 6 p.m.	23 SkillsUSA Field Trip to SCC-Milford FB @ Lewiston 7 p.m.	24 ACT Testing
25	26 Pioneer VB @ Lewiston/Freeman TBA	27 Pioneer VB @ Lewiston/Freeman TBA	28	29 1st Round of State FB Playoffs	30 Pioneer VB @ Freeman - TBA	31 Sterling JV VB Tournament 9 a.m.

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DATES TO REMEMBER IN OCTOBER

October 13

Lifetouch Picture Retakes - 8:10 a.m.

October 16

Randy Nadler Presentation on Australia in the Gym

Open to the Public Presentation times are 9:00 & 10:00 a.m.

October 19

NO SCHOOL- Teacher Work Day

*Thank You for Supporting the
Scholastic Book Fair this year.*