

September 2015

Superintendent Notes by Mr. Knippelmeyer



WELCOME LISA BARTELS TO OUR KITCHEN STAFF:

Lisa Bartels was born and raised in Tecumseh and graduated from Tecumseh High School in 1981. Lisa is married to Steve Bartels, and they own Steve Bartels Construction. Lisa and Steve live on a farm north of St. Mary and they have three grown children, who all graduated from Sterling Public Schools. Lisa and Steve have three grandchildren and two step-grandchildren. In her spare time, Lisa enjoys being outside, helping her husband, and visiting her grandkids and step-grandkids. Please help us welcome Lisa to Sterling Public Schools!



WELCOME GREG SPRINGER TO OUR CUSTODIAL STAFF:

Greg Springer has two children, a son and a daughter along with two granddaughters. Greg enjoys barbequing and cheering on the Huskers. He currently lives right here in Sterling with his beagle Sugsy. Please help us welcome Greg to Sterling Public Schools!



WELCOME EMILY RETCHLESS TO OUR PRESCHOOL STAFF:

Emily grew up and currently lives in Tecumseh and graduated from JCC Public Schools. After high school, Emily started college in hopes of becoming an elementary teacher. Emily is currently taking online classes in the field of education through Chadron State College. Emily really enjoys working with preschool kids and is looking forward to this opportunity and getting to help the students and staff in Sterling. Please help us welcome Emily to Sterling Public Schools!

Title 1 Annual Meeting

The purpose of the Title 1 annual meeting, a requirement for all Title 1 schools, is to explain the school's Title 1 program and to tell parents about their right to be involved in their child's education. Sterling's Title 1 annual meeting will be held **Thursday, September 24, 2015** during Parent-Teacher Conferences in the school cafeteria.

PLEASE GET YOUR EMERGENCY CARDS FILLED OUT AND TURNED IN TO THE OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE PLEASE.

FLU: The flu season will soon be upon us. The Southeast District Health Department has their "Vaccine for Children" (VFC) Flu Vaccine supply. The CDC recommends getting the flu vaccine as soon as it is available. (See www.sedhd.org for the immunization clinic hours.) In addition to the injectable flu vaccine for 6 months and older, this year we will offer the Flu Mist. The Flu Mist will cover 4 different types of virus.

There is a theory that the mist is twice as effective in children ages 2-5 years of age. As with all vaccines, a screening must be done prior to receiving Flu Mist. One of the requirements for flu mist is to be between 2- 49 years of age with no history of asthma. (VFC can only treat well children to their 19th Birthday) Reminder: You can not get the flu from a flu vaccine. Contact the Southeast District Health Dept. at 877-777- 0424 or 402-274-3993 for more information.



Principle Notes by Mr. Theobald

It is definitely good to get back into the swing of things. Our students and staff are settling into routines, but as the fall activity season is about to get underway, we will all have to make some minor adjustments as well. With that being said, I am excited to share the following items with you.



NeSA Scores. The Nebraska Department of Education recently made public the NeSA results from the 2014-15 school year. Each spring students are assessed in Reading, Mathematics, and Science. Students are also assessed in Writing in January. Below are a few charts that show how our students scored in comparison to the state average. The number shown is the percentage of students who are who are either **meeting** or **exceeding** the expected standard.

NeSA-R (Reading)

Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 11
Ste	Ste	Ste	Ste	Ste	Ste	Ste
NE	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE
100	93	94	87	84	89	83
82	81	82	80	82	79	69

NeSA-M (Mathematics)

Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 11
Ste	Ste	Ste	Ste	Ste	Ste	Ste
NE	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE
84	100	64	93	75	95	89
68	77	76	72	72	68	62

NeSA-S (Science)

Grade 5	Grade 8	Grade 11
Ste	Ste	Ste
NE	NE	NE
83	100	89
73	70	74

NeSA-W (Writing)

Grade 4	Grade 8	Grade 11
Ste	Ste	Ste
NE	NE	NE
78	83	78
70	72	76

Once again I think our students and teachers need to be commended for a job well done. Our students scored above the state average in every subgroup tested except for one. If you would like to dig a little deeper into our scores, that information can be found on the NDE website: www.education.ne.gov. I would also be willing to answer any specific questions you may have in regards to our scores as well.

ACT Scores for 2015. The Class of 2015 has since graduated, but they still need to be commended for their outstanding accomplishment on the ACT. Sterling students traditionally do very well and last year was no exception. Our students scored higher in every area than the state average. Here is a quick snapshot for comparison:

ENGLISH	MATH	READING	SCIENCE	COMPOSITE
JETS	JETS	JETS	JETS	JETS
NE	NE	NE	NE	NE
21.2	23.2	22.6	23.8	22.8
21.1	21.0	21.9	21.6	21.5

New Benches. We are in the process of purchasing new benches for the front of the building. We are looking into various styles that will be virtually maintenance free and will be long lasting. The benches we are looking at also give us the option for local advertising. The cost for this would be \$250 per bench and this

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would be good for the life of the bench. If you are interested in sponsoring a bench and/or having your business logo displayed on one of these benches, please contact me by September 15th.

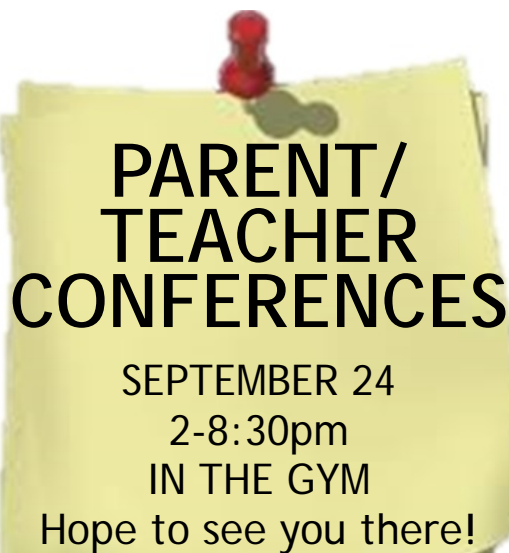
Digital Citizenship Symposium. On October 7th, KSB Law Firm will be here to present to students and staff on digital citizenship. Essentially this will be a time to learn about proper use of social media, as well as the dangers and consequences associated with improper use. As this is our early-out date for October, the staff presentation will take place starting at approximately 1:45 p.m. We would also like to extend an invitation to parents to attend this session.

Marzano Dates. Just a reminder that we will not have school on September 29th and 30th as our teachers will be participating in the Marzano Research Lab Academy V in Lincoln. If anyone would like more information on this training, I would be happy to have a conversation with you about it. I also plan to include more information in upcoming newsletters.

Wednesday Early-Out. Just to clear up some confusion, our first Wednesday early-out for this year will be on September 9th at 1:37 p.m. All other early-outs will be on the first Wednesday of the month from October-April. Sorry for any inconvenience or confusion that this may have caused.

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

GO JETS!!!



**PARENT/
TEACHER
CONFERENCES**

SEPTEMBER 24
2-8:30pm
IN THE GYM

Hope to see you there!

2014-15 Yearbooks are here!

Visit Mr. Davenport to
pick yours up today!

Make sure to get a
jump start on this
year by purchasing
the 2015-16 yearbook
book!



ACTIVITY PASS PRICES

Contact the office or
Brent Heusman.

ADULT - \$50
7-12 STUDENT - \$30
K-6 STUDENT - \$20

Anyone over 65 who lives in
the Sterling School District
would be eligible for a
FREE SENIOR PASS.

NEWSLETTER HAS GONE GREEN...

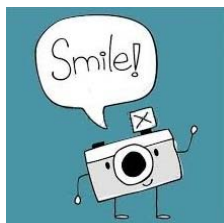
For a couple of years now the newsletter has been paperless. That means unless you request it, we have not been mailing it out. From the website you are able to print out the whole newsletter or just a few pages. If you would like us to email the newsletter to you or if you know someone else that would like to receive it, please send an email to rkinney@sterlingpublicschools.com with **EMAIL LIST** in the subject line.

We understand there are families that do not have internet access; we are happy to add you to the mailing list. Just contact Renae Kinney at school 402-866-4761 ext. 107; please leave a message. Don't forget to include your name and address.

Lifetouch Picture Day

Thursday,
September 3, 2015

Pictures
will begin
at 8:15AM



ACT TEST DATES 2015-16

Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
September 12, 2015	August 7, 2015	August 8-21, 2015
October 24, 2015	September 18, 2015	Sept. 19 - Oct. 2, 2015
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

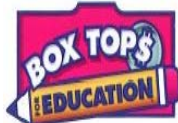
MARCHING BAND EVENTS

September 19th - Applejack Parade in Nebraska City

October 16th - Homecoming in Sterling

If you ever have any questions or concerns please feel free to
give me a call at school or email me at
arenninger@sterlingpublicschools.com.

Save
Your Box



**Tops and
Campbell
Soup
Labels for
Education for
the Elementary
School**

Next Year Schedule

We will have a regular M-F schedule (8AM-3:37PM)
with the first Wed a month out at 1:37PM (Sept-
April) for school improvement.

Wednesday Early Out Days:

Sept 9

Oct 7

Nov 4

Dec 2

Jan 6

Feb 3

March 2

April 6



Booster Club

Will be selling Sterling Jet App-
arel at all home Varsity ball
games. Be sure to stop by and
check out the new apparel.
Website coming soon...

Mary Lou's Dance & Gymnastics

Registration - Saturday, August 29, 2015 from
10AM-Noon

If you have any questions please call Mary Lou -

HOME: 402-223-4904 or

CELL: 402-520-2745

Classes will begin on
Saturday, September 12, 2015!



SEPTEMBER 21-25, 2015

M-W OPEN UNTIL 4 PM

TH OPEN UNTIL 8:30 PM
(PARENT/TEACHER CONF.)

F OPEN UNTIL 4 PM

IN THE STERLING SCHOOL
LIBRARY

Use this link if you'd like to shop online:

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/sterlingjets>

Do you have magazine subscriptions that are coming up for renewal? Maybe you would like to try a new one or you plan on giving a subscription as a gift this year.

PLEASE save your orders for our fundraiser!

The Junior Class will be contacting people soon. If you would like to have them stop and see you, contact Emilia Woepfel at ewoepfel@sterlingpublicschools.com or 402-866-4761 ext. 128.

Renewal orders will simply extend current, subscriptions, redirecting money from publishers to OUR SCHOOL.

Let your friends and family know about our fundraiser and ask them to save their subscriptions for our program as well.

THANK YOU in advance for your support! It's greatly appreciated!

If you would like to order online go to:

gaschoolstore.com

Click on **SHOP NOW** and enter the School Online ID: 2513208

buying an ad for this upcoming 2015-2016 Yearbook?


Help support the school Yearbook by
purchasing your ad TODAY!

Contact Jacob Davenport at
jdavenport@sterlingpublicschools.com

or 402-866-4761 ext. 122

ARE YOU
INTERESTED IN...

Great American
OPPORTUNITIES



SEPTEMBER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<i>Menus are subject to change without notice.</i>	1 B- Breakfast Pizza OR Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Nachos w/ Cheese Sauce or Bean Dip, Peas, Celery w/ PB, Mandarin Oranges	2 B- Cereal, WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Baked Beans, Applesauce	3 B- Breakfast Burrito OR Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Corn, Pears	4 B- WG Pancake & Sausage on Stick OR Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Goulash, Green Beans, WG Dinner Roll w/ Jelly, Mixed
7 NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY	8 B- Yogurt Parfait OR Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Ham Patty on WG Bun, Green Beans, Tator Gems and/or Swt. Tator Gems,	9 B- WG Waffle, Sausage OR Cereal/WG Waffle, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Tacos, Peas, Celery w/ PB, Peaches	10 B- Cereal, WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Potato Bake, Ham Salad or Tuna Salad Sandwich, String Cheese, Mixed Fruit	11 B- Breakfast Bar OR Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- BBQ Rib on WG Bun, Corn, Romaine Lettuce Salad, Pears
14 B- Snack Bar OR Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Burrito, Green Beans, Chips w/ Salsa, Mandarin Oranges	15 B- WG Pancake, Sausage OR Cereal/Sausage, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Spaghetti, WG Garlic Bread, Romaine Lettuce Salad, Applesauce	16 B- Scrambled Eggs, WG Toast OR Cereal/WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Chicken Patty w/ WG Bun, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Corn, Pineapple Tidbits	17 B- Sausage Gravy & WG Biscuits, OR Cereal/WG Biscuits, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Submarines, Peas, Gelatin, Pears	18 B- Cereal, WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Hamburger w/ WG Bun, FF and/or Swt. FF, Tomatoes, Mixed Fruit
21 B- French Toast Sticks OR Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, WG Bread- sticks, Peaches	22 B- Breakfast Bar OR Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Mini Corn Dogs, FF and/or Swt. FF, Baked Beans, Mandarin Oranges	23 B- Cereal, WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Pizza, Corn, Romaine Lettuce Salad, Applesauce	24 B- Yogurt Parfait OR Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Chicken Fajita, Peas, WG Rice, Mixed Fruit, WG Birthday Cupcake	25 B- Omelet, WG Toast OR Cereal/WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Shredded BBQ Pork, Green Beans, FF and/or Swt. FF, Pears
28 B- Toaster Pastry, Sausage OR Cereal/Sausage, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Pork Patty w/ WG Bun, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Corn, Pineapple Tidbits	29 NO SCHOOL	30 NO SCHOOL	<i>A variety of fruits and vegetables are offered with every meal.</i> <i>Milk served with every meal.</i>	<i>Alternate Entrée: Chef Salad</i> <i>USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.</i>

SEPTEMBER 2015 ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
August 30 This calendar is subject to change.	31 HS Band to Nebraska State Fair in Grand Island JV FB @ Johnson Brock - 6PM	1	2	3 Lifetouch Pictures - 8:15AM Freeman VB Invite vs. Diller-Odell - 5PM vs. Friend - 8PM	4 FB @ Pawnee City - 7PM	5 Freeman VB Invite vs. Deshler - 10AM vs. TBA
6	7 NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY	8 VB vs. Freeman - 6PM (JV,V)	9 ASVAB Testing - Seniors - 8-11AM EARLY OUT - 1:37PM	10 Neb. Wesleyan Rep. - 10:30AM Sterling Triangular (FC/PC) - 5/7PM	11 MID QUARTER FB vs. Exeter Milligan - 7PM Living History Day @ Table Rock NO SCHOOL - PreK	12 ACT Test Date Syracuse JV VB Tournament
13	14	15	16 ASVAB Interpretation - Seniors - 8-9AM JH VB @ Neb. City Lourdes - 2:30PM SCHOOL BOARD MEETING - 7:30PM	17 JH FB @ HTRS (Table Rock) - 3PM	18 FB @ Neb. City Lourdes - 7PM 3 rd & 4 th Grade Field Trip to Homestead National Monument	19 Applejack Parade @ Neb. City
20	21 JH FB vs. Pawnee City - 1PM JV FB vs. FCSH - 6PM BOOK FAIR WEEK	22 VB vs. Diller-Odell - 6PM (JV,V) PARENTS' NIGHT	23 JH VB vs. Freeman - 1:30PM	24 Parent/Teacher Conf. 2-8:30PM in the gym 1:37 DISMISSAL	25 FB @ Parkview Christian - 4PM	26 Freeman JH VB Tournament
27	28 JV FB vs. Diller-Odell - 6PM	29 NO SCHOOL VB @ Dorchester - 6PM (JV,V)	30 NO SCHOOL	October 1	2 FB vs. Johnson-Brock - 7PM PARENTS' NIGHT	3 Big Cat VB Invite @ (Conestoga-Murray) - 9AM

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DON'T FORGET...

September 3	Lifetouch Pictures - 8:15AM
September 7	NO SCHOOL - LABOR DAY
September 9	EARLY OUT - 1:37PM
September 11	No School - PreK
September 14,15,17	MUDECAS VB Tournament - Beatrice
September 16	School Board Meeting
September 19	Applejack Parade - Nebraska City
September 21-25	BOOK FAIR
September 22	VB Parents' Night
September 24	Parent/Teacher Conf. 2-8:30PM in the gym 1:37 Dismissal
September 29&30	NO SCHOOL

Stay up to date with all things JET related by going to the school website www.sterlingjets.org or our Facebook page!!!