

STERLING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER



From the Principal's Desk - Mr. Jacob Davenport

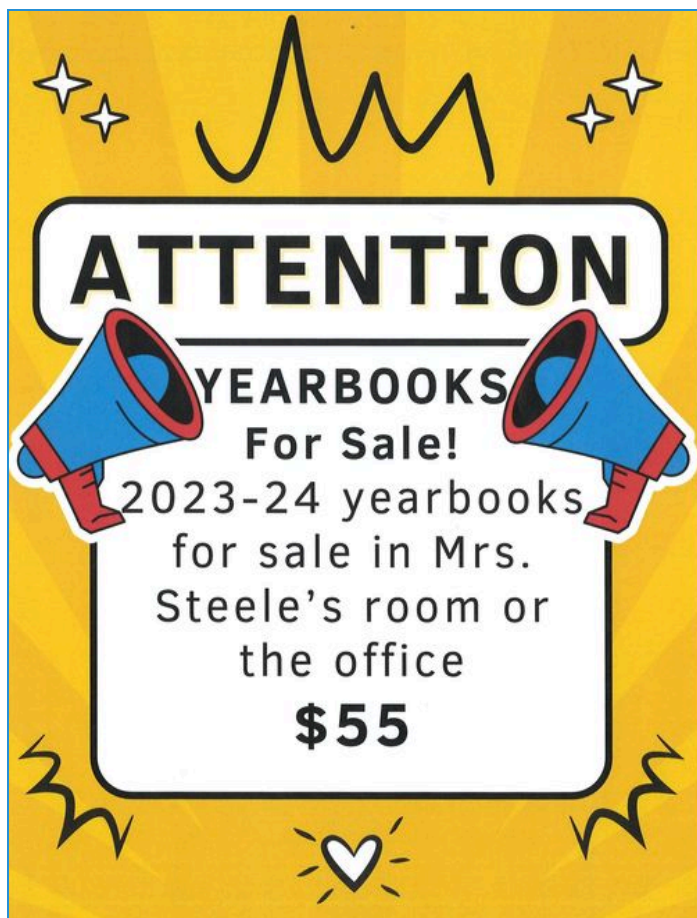
We are officially on the home stretch of this school year. The elementary school has already celebrated the 100th day of school, and we are entering the 4th quarter. We've had a successful year to this point, and I am hopeful to maintain this momentum in finishing the year. Around this time, students start looking forward to summer, and an apathetic attitude can develop. However, what we are doing from now until the end of the school year is still important!

Fourth-quarter grades, attendance, and behavior can make or break the success of an entire school year. For any student in grades Kindergarten through 12th, accumulating 20 unexcused absences can make the difference between receiving credit and not receiving credit. Additionally, if grades slide during the fourth quarter, it could make the difference in receiving credit or not. Disciplinary action resulting from letting behavior slip, if severe enough, could lead to the loss of spring activities or even finishing the semester. Beyond all of that, learning is still taking place! This is an important time of the year.

We have great students and a great community behind them. I have no doubt that we will finish strong, and every student will realize success. It will take intentional effort, but we can do it!

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to me as needed. Since some of you receiving this newsletter do not currently have ties to our district, if you or any families you know are looking for a change of scenery with an excellent school, please get in contact with me. I would love to discuss why Sterling is likely a great fit.

Go Jets!!!



1st Annual Boys Basketball Fish Fry



**March 15th
5:00-7:30PM**

**Includes- Baked Beans,
Potato Salad, Hush Puppies,
Dessert, and a Drink.**

**Sterling Community Building
440 Illinois Street**

Dine-In OR Get It To-Go

****Money will be put towards new jerseys
and other expenses!***

Missoula

Once again this year, we hosted the Missoula Children's Theater. The program lasted for a week, starting on February 19 and concluding on February 23. Kindergarten through 8th-grade students were invited to participate in auditions on that Monday and continued to practice every night after school, concluding around 8:00 PM, until the performances on Friday. Due to the number of students who auditioned this year, everyone secured a part in the production. The play taught to our students this year was "*Jack and the Beanstalk*." The students had the opportunity to perform the play twice for audiences, with the school-wide performance at 2:00 PM and the public showing at 8:00 PM.

I want to acknowledge the level of commitment demonstrated by the participating students and express gratitude for their positive representation of our school. The two representatives from Missoula also commended our students for "picking up on the content quicker than any other school they've visited." It's worth noting that they were currently on a year-long, nationwide tour. The performances were fantastic, and the students truly deserve all the praise they received. I would also like to thank the parents who allowed their children to participate. It is a substantial commitment for parents as well, especially when navigating the tricky practice schedules while planning suppers and arranging transportation.





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2024 ALUMNI BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

March 23rd, 2024

Sterling High School
(250 Main St, Sterling, NE)
Sterling Community Building
(440 Illinois St, Sterling, NE)

All players must register from 7:30 - 8:30am

\$20 per person, teams must include at least 50% Sterling alumni or SCA members, maximum of 10 players per team, payouts for 1st and 2nd place winners, ref your own games

To register your team, please call or text Erika Thies
(402) 921-0996

A fundraising tournament for the Sterling Community Association

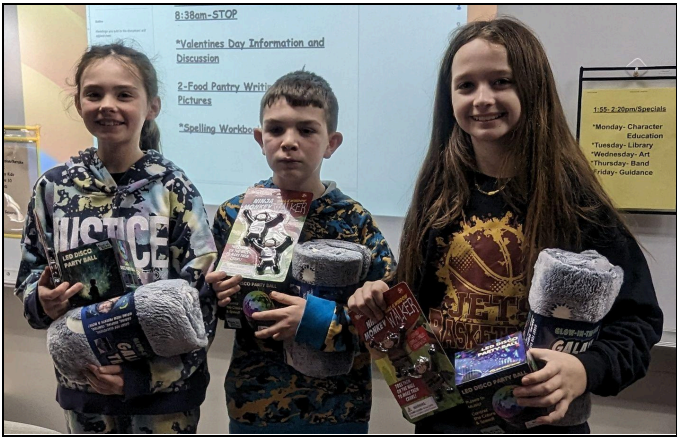
Book Blast

This past month, our elementary school conducted a Book Blast program aimed at enhancing the home library of all students, from Pre-K to 5th grade. The program encouraged students to seek sponsorship from friends and family. It generated a great deal of excitement among our elementary students. Participants were rewarded with three prizes: a blanket, a disco ball, and sticky wall-climbing monkeys. Additionally, there were multiple drawings throughout the week.

During the first week of the Book Blast program, four participating students were selected to receive larger prizes. One student won a brand-new iPad, and three students received small treasure boxes filled with candy and cash.

Upon concluding the program, we recognized its overall success. Thanks to the overwhelming support from our community and the network of friends and family, every student received a substantial stack of books to take home and read. There were actually so many books that they had to be delivered by a semitruck. The students were thrilled to receive the books, and as a school, we shared in their excitement. To celebrate, we organized an elementary dance party in the hallway. You can watch the video on our Facebook page. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of this program.





2024 Track Outlook

By: Coach Luke Boldt

2023 season review: We will miss last year's seniors for sure this year. Andrew Harms placed 1st in the 110 Hurdles, 3rd in the 300 Hurdles, 5th in the High Jump, and was the anchor for our 4x400 Relay which won 1st place as well. He is doing track at Doane University this year. Macy Richardson placed 1st in the 100 Hurdles, 2nd in the 300 Hurdles, 4th in the Long Jump, and 3rd in the Triple Jump at the big meet last year as well. She is now playing softball at the University of Minnesota.

Outlook for the 2024 season: We have 19 boys and 7 girls out for track this year. We also have some 2023 State Qualifiers back this year. Wyatt Rathe was on the 4x400 gold medal team and qualified in the 200m Dash. Jesus Gonzalez Castillo was on the 4x400 relay team as well and placed 7th in the 800m Run. Collin Kinney also received a gold medal as part of the 4x400 Relay. Lauren Harms went to state in the discus throw and shot put. She placed 7th in the discus.

Besides our State qualifiers, we have several other returning letter winners from last year who scored a lot of points. They include Brody Horstman, Ridge Bredthauer, Sierra Goracke, Ellie Lafferty, and Chloe Waters. We look forward to their success this year.

We have a large group of seniors this year. Girls are Sierra Goracke, Lauren Harms, Ellie Lafferty, Exchange Student Ceyda Oeztuerk, and Chloe Waters. Our senior boys are Jesus Gonzalez Castillo, Exchange Student Anton Hauslaib, Collin Kinney, Exchange Student Ewan Perrottet, Wyatt Rathe, and Pedro Serrano.

Our expectations are for every athlete to improve in their events every week. Our ultimate expectations are to get as many athletes as possible to participate in the State Track Meet in May. We always set our goals high for every track meet and we always try to place in the top 3 team scores. I think our boys will have the ability to score in almost every event and in many cases, possibly multiple scorers in some events.

I think I can speak for all of the coaches when I say that we are super excited about this year's track team. We've had practice for a week now and we are very impressed with what we've seen so far. Great senior leadership, everyone working hard, and talent within every class. We can't wait to see what the kids do with their abilities. Thanks in advance to all of our supporters and those who come to watch our meets. We truly appreciate it and the kids enjoy seeing our fans at the meets. We've always had great parent and community support for our track teams.

2023-2024 ACT TEST DATES		
Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration (Late Fee Required)
April 13, 2024	March 8	March 22
June 8, 2024	May 3	May 17
July 13, 2024	June 7	June 21



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DONATIONS TO ASSIST STERLING
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MARCH 2024 MENUS

Monday - 4	Cereal, Churros, Fruit, Milk Hot Dog, Fries, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar
Tuesday - 5	Pancakes, Sausages, Fruit, Milk Nachos, Beans, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar
Wednesday - 6	Biscuits & Sausage Gravy, Cheese Stick, Fruit, Milk Grilled Chicken Breast, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar
Thursday - 7	Chef's Choice Chef's Choice
Friday - 8	NO SCHOOL
Monday - 11	Apple or Cherry Frudel, Cheese Omelette, Fruit, Milk Mini Taco, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar
Tuesday - 12	Blueberry Muffins, Scrambled Eggs w/ Ham, Fruit, Milk Chicken Alfredo, Breadstick, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar
Wednesday - 13	English Muffin Sandwich (Egg, Cheese, Sausage Patty), Fruit, Milk Pork Patty w/ Gravy, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar
Thursday - 14	Waffles, Potato Wedges, Sausages, Fruit, Milk Tomato Soup, Cheesy Pull Apart Bread, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar
Friday - 15	Chef's Choice Chef's Choice
Monday - 18	Pop Tarts, Yogurt, Fruit, Milk Spaghetti, Breadstick, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar
Tuesday - 19	NO SCHOOL
Wednesday - 20	Breakfast Combo, Hash Browns, Fruit, Milk Fiestada, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar
Thursday - 21	French Toast, Sausages, Yogurt, Fruit, Milk Ham & Potato, Roll, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar
Friday - 22	Chef's Choice Chef's Choice
Monday - 25	PB&J English Muffin, Sausage Patty, Fruit, Milk Calzones, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar
Tuesday - 26	Donuts, Breakfast Casserole, Fruit, Milk Chicken Fritter, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar
Wednesday - 27	Tornados, Puff Pastry Roll, Fruit, Milk 7th grade pick -
Thursday - 28	Chef's Choice Chef's Choice
Friday - 29	NO SCHOOL



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 NO SCHOOL SnowComing Dance - 7:30-10PM	2
3	4	5 Connecting the Dots (Grade 9) @ HTRS FFA CDE @ SCC-Beatrice UNK Rep - 8AM	6	7	8 NO SCHOOL - End of 3rd Quarter	9
10	11 Middle School Music Contest @ Palmyra	12 District Speech Contest @ Lincoln SW - 8:30AM Explore It Career Fair @ SCC-Beatrice - 9AM-3PM	13 NO PRESCHOOL or KINDERGARTEN Kindergarten Round Up - 9AM Pioneer Conference HS Quiz Bowl @ Friend - 1PM	14 ESU HS Quiz Bowl @ PSC - 3PM	15 Peru Math Contest Boys Basketball Fish Fry @ Community Building - 5-7:30PM	16 JH/HS Trap @ Otoe County Wildlife Club (Neb City) MUDECAS All Star Basketball Games - 4:30/6:15PM
17	18 Pioneer Conference JH Quiz Bowl @ Diller-Odell - 1PM School Board Meeting - 7PM	19 NO SCHOOL - MUDECAS Music Contest @ Sterling	20 Pioneer Conference Indoor Track @ Doane - 9AM	21 ESU4 Leadership Academy Bullying Presentation (Grades 6-8) @ Lewiston 12:30-3:30PM 3rd/4th Grades to Senior Center	22 SCC-Lincoln Health Care Day ESU JH Quiz Bowl @ PSC - 9:30AM Palmyra Track Triangular - 3PM	23 JH/HS Trap @ Izaak Walton (Crete) SCA Basketball Tournament
24	25 Turkey Creek Relays @ Friend - 10AM	26 ACT Test Date 10th Grade Field Trip to Lincoln (Periods 4-8)	27 NO PRESCHOOL K-5 Field Trip to Hockey Game - 11AM MUDECAS HS Quiz Bowl @ Lewiston - 10AM	28 NW Missouri State College Visit York College Theatre Performance (Grades K-6) - 9AM	29 NO SCHOOL	30 JH/HS Trap @ Beatrice Gun Club NHS Trash Pick Up - 8-9:30AM
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Calendar is subject to change. Please check the Weekly Bulletin, Facebook, or Google Calendar on the school website: www.sterlingjets.org for the most up-to-date info. Thank you!

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When issuing checks to the school for various purposes like lunch, preschool tuition, activity passes, after school care, etc., kindly ensure that you write separate checks, as these funds need to be directed to different accounts. Thank you for your help!

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