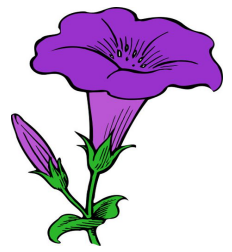


# Sterling Public Schools

## May 2022 Newsletter



### Andrew Richardson Breaks 54 Year Old Record

Andrew Richardson broke the Sterling discus record Tuesday in Pawnee City at the Pawnee City Invite. He took the record from Cal Christline who had a throw of 152' 1.5" back in 1968. Andrew Richardson had a throw of 154' 10" to break the record. When asked how do you feel he responded, "Weird to think that my name will be on the board for a while." He reportedly said to fellow track athlete Carson (C-Money) McAuliffe, "Might mess around and break the record today." To which Carson responded, "Oh really." After breaking the record Andrew Richardson then said, "I told you so."

#### *Sterling Jet Highlight - Kaylin Smith*

- What anime character would you marry? "Bokuto, because I really like his goofy personality."
- What Disney character would your best friend choose for you? "Belle, because I love to read books."
- If you were a cake, what cake would you be? "Funfetti, because it's colorful like me."
- What planet would you live on, if the earth exploded? "Mars, because I have a better chance of survival."
- What object would you turn into? Why? "Pebble, because I can swim with fish all day."

By: Kylie Mathes-Rienschke

#### In the News

By: Trinity Tallant

- State: "Two horses killed; 100 quarantined at Fonner Park due to illness" (Lincoln Journal Star)
- National: "After 40-day retirement Tom Brady returns to the Buccaneers" (usatoday news)
- World: "Saudi Arabia executes 81 people in one day" (nbc news)

#### Awards Night

2022 Awards Night May 9th, @ 7:00pm

#### Take 5

By: Freyana Roecker

- What are you looking forward to in the Spring?
- Zeke Topps - "Planting"
- Carson McAuliffe - "Golfing"
- Alex James - "Hanging out with people out of school."
- Dakota Andrews- "The baby animals"
- David Roecker- "Sleep"
- Mr. Davenport- "Track and Easter"

After school until 4 p.m.  
May 10-11 in the library &  
and after the elementary  
music program on May 12.

# BOOK FAIR!

Five Sterling students were selected to attend the Students Leadership Academy on April 4th. While there, they not only listened to presentations, but were able to make up their own presentations and learn how to become a better leader.



# Another Year of Success Fundraising by Sterling Public Schools FBLA

By: Kylie Mathes-Rienschke

Can you believe it? For the seventh year, Sterling public Schools put on a canned food drive. The food drive has been organized by SPS's FBLA club. This year is the seventh year of the food drive with one year off due to Covid-19. The drive was put together by Ms. Shawna Paitz, Ella Wingert, and Gracyn Dolbow. They picked the project because it was a fun way to get everyone in the school involved. The food drive was held from January 31 to February 10th of 2022. The food drive was able to raise 832 cans in total. The FBLA made the fundraiser a competition for the class that could raise the most cans; with the fifth grade being the winner at 185 cans.

After the help of all the students and staff, FBLA was able to reach its goal of over 402 cans. The cans were donated to the local food pantry. This year's food drive was part of a ribbon project. The ribbon project is a project with multiple options for completing tasks. Once the tasks are completed the FBLA members get to receive a ribbon at the State Leadership Conference. FBLA was also working on selling pies as another fundraiser through March 3rd.

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## What's the Buzz about Quiz Bowl By: Kaylin Smith

Does anybody know how many bones are in the adult body? The answer is 206 bones. Many may not have known this answer, but this type of question is normal when it comes to quiz bowl. Quiz bowl is a fast-paced buzzer competition, where teams compete against each other to answer questions faster. The questions asked can vary from history and sports all the way to popular culture. Teams gain points by getting questions correct. The team with the most points ends up being the winner of the competition.

Here at Sterling Public Schools, quiz bowl is offered up for all students to try out. There are both junior high and high school teams. All of the members in quiz bowl earned their spots on their team. The students had to answer a test that asks questions from all different areas of knowledge. From here, the ones who answered the most correctly get to join the team. Because quiz bowl is competitive, it is a huge accomplishment for any student involved.

The current advisors of quiz bowl are Mr. Josh Pfeiffer and Mr. Brent Heusman. Mr. Pfeiffer is in charge of the junior high team, while Mr. Heusman looks after the high school squad. There are currently two teams for each junior high and high school. Some of the students for Sterling's high school quiz bowl team include Dani Janssen, Andrew Harms, and Jesus Gonzalez. For junior high, some of the people on the team include Jubilee Matkins, Joie Janssen, and Dane Vollman.

Throughout the school year, there have been many quiz bowl competitions. Sterling's quiz bowl students travel from school to school to participate in different competitions. Here, students encounter tons of new people and questions. Some of the competitions are successful and some are not. Though, winner or loser, the experience that is gained is something that can't be replaced.

As the school year comes to an end, so does the quiz bowl team. There are just a few more competitions left of the season. As quiz bowl comes to a stop, a lot of people start to think about next year's season. Many of the students involved this year, will try out again next year. When the time comes, quiz bowl tryouts will flood with many students. If the opportunity arises, make sure to try out for quiz bowl.



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## Students who gave blood at the Blood Drive on Wednesday, May 4.

## Student Piece of the Month: Chloe Smith - Animals Shouldn't Be Tested On

Why do people test experiments on animals? If you don't know what I am talking about, basically people test on animals to see if products are safe for humans but that hurts them. From the 17th-century until now people have been doing tests on animals. Back then people thought animals couldn't feel pain. I think we shouldn't test on animals because it hurts them. The data shows that too many animals are being tested, some countries even ban animal testing. Why I think this is important is, because animals have their lives taken away and people don't even care about it. Especially in 2020, animals have been tested nonstop to try to stop the coronavirus.

First, data has shown that animals have been injured in mental health and life. According to (AKHTAR), "Annually, more than 115 million animals are used worldwide in experimentation, or to supply the biomedical industry." What I know this means is, a lot of animals have been tested and it is going to go higher and higher if we don't do anything. I feel like we as commutes need to think about how to stop incident animals from suffering. I think this is important because according to (Otto, "Why Is Animal Testing Bad and Why Should We Stop Animal Testing?") "Of all the animals forced into animal testing, 60 percent are used in biomedical research and product safety testing." What this quote, is telling me is this isn't fair. If they test deadly chemicals on animals, why don't they test them on people? Almost 110 million animals died each year in biomedical research, according to (PETA, "11 Animal Testing Statistics the Will Blow Your Mind"). What these two quotes mean is that animal are suffering each year in biomedical rearch. This is not only hurting the animals but it's also killing them.

Second, some people believe that animals should be tested because it is better than humans but according to (PETA, "Animal Testing Is Bad Science: Point/Counterpoint | PETA"), "The fact is that we already *do* test new drugs on people. No matter how many tests on animals are undertaken, someone will always be the first human to be tested on." This is why I think we shouldn't test on animals. No matter what, someone would be the first person to be tested on, so we're taking lives of innocent animals for nothing! According to (Otto, "Why Is Animal Testing Bad and Why Should We Stop Animal Testing?") "Animal testing is unsafe for humans and **nonhuman** animals, unreliable, inefficient, and outdated. The suffering that animals unwillingly endure in our experiments and tests is unnecessary and cruel." I am basically saying we are hurting animals for nothing. This is another reason why we should stop hurting animals. Also according to ("Animals Used in Experiments FAQ") "Animals in laboratories suffer immensely to the painful experiments that the vast majority of animals in laboratories experience over days, months, years, or even decades. Life in a laboratory is typically a miserable and terrifying experience." So this is saying that animals are suffering badly. I this is why I think we shouldn't test on animal. If animals are suffering how and why do we keep doing it. I feel like we're hurting them for fun.

The third reason why animals shouldn't be tested is that according to, (Peta), "A number of countries have implemented bans on the testing of certain types of consumer goods on animals, such as the cosmetics-testing bans in the European Union, India, Israel, New Zealand, Norway, and elsewhere." A lot of these countries have banned animal testing, so why won't everyone else. Then according to (AKHTAR). It stated "In 2004, the FDA estimated that 92 percent of drugs that pass preclinical tests, including "pivotal" animal tests, fail to proceed to the market." Basically, people test on animals for no reason and this, in my opinion, is horrible!. This just proves my point even more. According to (ProCon), "Some chemicals that are ineffective on (or harmful to) animals prove valuable when used by humans." I think this means we are using chemicals on animals that hurt them, but they don't hurt humans.

In conclusion, most of the testing that they use on the animals causes them to die, so humans don't even use them. To summarise everything I stated so far animals shouldn't be tested because data have shown that it hurts them, and animal test not only hurts them but one person would still be the first to test out something new, and so many countries have bad animal testing. These are just some of the reasons why humans shouldn't test on animals. Basically, It's making animals suffer, and people are never going to stop unless we do something about it.

## Spanish Fiesta

The Spanish classes of Sterling and Johnson Brock got together on the 28th and celebrated almost a full year of learning Spanish with a fiesta in Sterling's gymnasium. The participants were able to enjoy a number of activities such as Pictionary, musical chairs, bingo, and a sombrero toss. There were also a number of contests such as a costume contest and an art contest.



<b>MAY</b>	<b>BREAKFAST</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>May 2-6</b>		
Monday	Cereal	Chicken Nuggets, Baked Beans
Tuesday	Yogurt	Hamburgers, Macaroni Salad
Wednesday	Donuts	Hot Dogs, Chips
Thursday	Breakfast Bars	Steak, Corn on the Cob
Friday	Pancakes	Fish Sticks, Potato Salad
<b>May 9-13</b>		
Monday	Egg Patties, Hash Browns Patties	Cook's Choice
Tuesday	Pop Tarts	Scalloped Potatoes w/ Ham & Vegetables
Wednesday	Bagel w/ Cream Cheese	Chicken Strips, Hash Brown Patties
Thursday	Oatmeal	Spaghetti & Meatballs, Bread
Friday	Cereal	Chili Cheese Nachos
<b>May 16-19</b>		
Monday	Yogurt	Deli Sandwiches
Tuesday	Breakfast Bars	Deli Sandwiches
Wednesday	Waffles	Deli Sandwiches
Thursday	Cereal	Cook's Choice
<b>HAVE A GREAT SUMMER BREAK!!!</b>		

## College and Career Day

On April 22, Sterling hosted a College and Career day for our highschoolers as well as JCC's. During this day long event, students were given a schedule for rooms they needed to visit and what career would be presented to them. One period of the day that was given to all students was a college fair in our gym with a dozen college booths for students to freely visit.





# MAY 2022



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Awards Night - 7PM NHS Induction Ceremony in the Library - 6:30PM <b>SENIORS LAST DAY</b>	Freeman HS Track Invite - 10AM	NHS Blood Drive @ Community Building - 12-6PM	JH/HS Spring Concert - 7PM	3rd Grade Field Trip to Nebraska City	Pioneer Conference JH Track @ Tri-County - 9AM
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		Senior Field Trip to Omaha		District Track Meet @ Pawnee City - 10AM <b>PRE-SCHOOL LAST DAY</b> - Graduation @ 3PM Project Search Graduation 1-2PM Elementary Spring Concert - 7PM	Elementary Field Day	JH State Track Meet @ Gothenburg
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	K-2nd Grade Field Trip to Lincoln Children's Zoo 5th & 6th Grade Science Fair - 1:30-3PM School Board Meeting - 7PM	4th Grade Field Trip	5th & 6th Grade Field Trip to Nebraska City	<b>K-12 LAST DAY</b> 1:37PM EARLY OUT End of 2nd Semester	Teacher Workday	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	June 1	2	3	4
Alumni Banquet - 5PM	Memorial Day Dinner				6 Man All Star Game @ Chadron - 7PM	

Events and times are subject to change. Please check the Weekly Bulletin or Google Calendar for the most up-to-date info.

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