

STERLING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER



From the Superintendent's Desk - Mr. Allen

It is hard to believe we are completing the 1st quarter of the school year and Halloween is among us. We have a busy month at school with Homecoming the week of October 12-16. I have always loved Homecoming, because we have the opportunity to showcase our school spirit. It is fun to watch our staff and students get excited on their dress up days. I know I was always excited for Homecoming Week when I was in school. The dress up days were fun, but I always enjoyed decorating our float for the parade. Going to a garage after football practice to decorate is one of those memories that sticks with me. I loved the Pep Rally and Pancake Feed the night before the football game. Finally, the game always seemed to have a little more energy with more fans in the stands. Good luck to all the students and the athletes this month as their seasons wind down.

The girls are in action at the Pioneers Conference Volleyball tournament, October 12-17. More information will be presented when we receive it. Good luck players and coaches!!

Just a reminder: All home contests are streamed on Striv: <https://striv.tv/channel/sterling/>

I know the student-athletes would love to have everyone in attendance, but we understand this year's circumstances. If you cannot make it to a game or do not feel comfortable, please use Striv to watch all home contests. Some area schools subscribe to Striv as well. You can always check out their sites as well.

The next Board of Education meeting will be Monday, October 19, at 7:00pm in the Sterling Public Schools Media Center.

Continue to Aim High and Dream Big! Go Jets!

With the winter months coming up, please remember to take the necessary steps to stay safe. If you do not feel well, please stay home. We will be offering Flu Shots at school on Thursday, October 15th. The forms are available on the school website: www.sterlingjets.org sent home for you to complete. This is completely voluntary for your child. Nothing we do at the school is politically driven. We are student and family driven and we want families to do what is best for their child or children. You know them better than we do and I want you to make the decisions you feel comfortable with. The decisions we make are usually with the help of the Southeast District Health Department and other health care professionals.

Mask Wearing - At this point there are still several debates going on at the state and national level about the need to wear masks or to allow students and their families to have the choice whether to participate in mask wearing or not. As we sit right now, staff members are encouraged to wear masks during the school day. However, students are free to choose to wear or not to wear masks. In doing so the student and their family do so at their own risk. Student masks will need to be purchased at their own expense.

Classroom Social Distancing - We have continued to find ways to socially distance our students in the classrooms. As the winter months approach, we may have a difficult time keeping them apart in the gym.

Cleaning/Sanitizing - The custodial staff of Sterling Public Schools continues to do an amazing job keeping the school clean and sanitized. We will continue to encourage our staff and students to wash their hands and use hand sanitizer when necessary.

Extra-Curricular Events - Please continue to practice social distancing at events.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND A REFILLABLE WATER BOTTLE TO SCHOOL WITH YOUR CHILD(REN). THE WATER FOUNTAINS ARE TURNED OFF BUT THE BOTTLE FILLING STATIONS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR USE.

2020 ACT TEST DATES (updated) School Code: 282-240

October

- Saturday, October 10 (new)
- Saturday, October 17 (new)
- Saturday, October 24 (existing)
- Sunday, October 25 (non-Saturday, existing)

December

- Saturday, December 12 (existing)

<http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/registration.html>



The Jr. High Art class will be creating a bottle cap mural starting

second semester. In order to do this, they will need as many

PLASTIC BOTTLE CAPS as they can get! Please collect your bottle caps and bring them to the school! Thank you! - Miss Dolan

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Your child's school now has a subscription to Tales2go, an award-winning children's audiobook service streaming over 10,000 high-interest titles. Studies show that when a listening component is added to reading instruction, student achievement increases measurably. Students can listen at a higher level without having to decode each word on a page, and they hear modeled fluent, expressive reading.

By providing this literacy tool, we hope to increase fluency, vocabulary, and reading comprehension. Students who lack access to rich literature at home can fall behind academically.

Tales2go can be downloaded for free on mobile devices by visiting the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. On a desktop or laptop, visit www.tales2go.com/player.

Include listening in your bedtime routine, on a road trip, on your way to sports practice, or anywhere else.

If you need any help or support, please e-mail support@tales2go.com.

PUMPKINS, PUMPKINS, PUMPKINS!

The elementary could use your help! If you have any pumpkins that you'd be willing to donate for an elementary wide project, please bring them to the school by October 29.

Much appreciated!

OCTOBER 2020 MENUS

BREAKFAST

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MENUS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer			1 Egg Patty	2 Donut
5 Pop Tarts	6 Omelet	7 Apple/Cherry Frudel	8 Pancake & Sausage	9 Oatmeal
12 Tornados	13 Yogurt	14 LATE START NO BREAKFAST	15 Scrambled Eggs	16 Breakfast Bar
19 Waffles & Sausage	20 Donuts	21 Egg Patty	22 Sausage Gravy w/ Biscuit	23 NO SCHOOL
26 Pancake on a Stick	27 Oatmeal	28 LATE START NO BREAKFAST	29 Pop Tarts	30 Yogurt

LUNCH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Alternate Entree Offered Daily (7-12): PBJ or Chef Salad Fruits, vegetables, and milk served with every meal			1 Tomato Soup Hot Cheese Sandwich	2 Pulled Pork Sandwich Green Beans
5 Spaghetti, Garlic Bread Green Beans	6 Burritos Rice & Beans	7 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes	8 Chili Soup Cinnamon Roll	9 Fish Patty Sandwich Coleslaw
12 BBQ Rib Sandwich Cheesy Broccoli	13 Tacos Corn	14 LATE START Goulash Green Beans, Roll	15 Hamburger Potato Cake	16 Chicken Noodle Soup PB&J Sandwich
19 Potato & Ham Casserole Peas	20 Mexican Lasagna Black Beans, Salad, Corn	21 Pulled Pork Sandwich Green Beans	22 Chicken Alfredo Carrots	23 NO SCHOOL
26 Ham Patty Sandwich Cheesy Broccoli	27 Chicken Nachos	28 LATE START Sub Sandwich Chips	29 Chili Soup Cinnamon Roll	30 Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans, Grapes

Homecoming Court 2020

Queen Candidates:

Tara Walters, Kaity Wusk, Bianca Gonzalez

King Candidates:

Kaleb Masur, Derek Buss, Sam Boldt



September 24, 2020

Superintendent Adrian Allen
250 Main Street
Sterling, NE 68443

RE: Amazing 8th Graders

Dear Mr. Allen:

I'm a long time resident of the area and I take great interests in the school districts in the area having been legal counsel for many of them over the years. As a small town person myself I was so happy to see what your 8th graders had done in terms of writing about Sterling and what is special about Sterling as part of a celebration of the 150th year centennial. It was apparent that these kids have thought their heritage through, they are proud of their town, their tightly knit with their parents, they've studied the history of little Sterling which goes a long ways back. They have just written some amazingly insightful things about their home town. I don't know what your doing down there but keep doing it because it certainly seems to be working. I wonder if you could share my letter with the teachers and other dignitaries from around the town. It was a wonderful thing that the town did for community pride and the 8th graders acquitted themselves so very well. I think this can be a model project for community pride everywhere in southeast Nebraska.

Best regards.

Very truly yours,



John F. Recknor

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**ACTIVITY
PASS
PRICES**

Contact the office or
Brent Heusman.

Adult - \$60

K-12 Student - \$30

In-District (over 65) - FREE

Out-of-District (over 65) - \$25