

STERLING PUBLIC SCHOOLS SPRING 2021 NEWSLETTER



From the Principal's Desk - Mr. Davenport

As we prepare to enter the 4th quarter of school on Thursday, March 11th, there are a couple of things from the 3rd quarter that I would like to reflect on. First, thank you to everyone for your support during the basketball season. We appreciate your understanding of the many guidelines that came with attendance at the games. With track season starting, please watch for updates regarding attendance as we would still appreciate as much support as we can have.

I am also pleased that the efforts of the community, students, and staff to keep everyone at SPS healthy are working. We have not had a positive case of COVID-19 in our buildings since December and are in hopes to keep it that way. Rest assured that we will continue to do our best to keep our students as safe and healthy as possible.

Since this year has operated slightly differently from most school years, many of the "normal" field trips and activities have had to be canceled. This is especially true at the elementary school level. In order to rectify this partially, we have scheduled a "here trip" of sorts and booked the Edgerton Exhibit to come to our school on Thursday, March 18th. The day will be filled with various science-based exhibits to cater to students at all grade levels.

Lastly, as the year is winding down, I also ask for the help of the families at home. The individual laptops for our junior high and high school students have created more educational opportunities but they have also created many new responsibilities. I and the school have zero-tolerance for bullying, electronic or otherwise. However, one of the biggest challenges we are currently facing is the residual effects of unhealthy communication on school-issued laptops that is taking place outside of our walls.

If you ever have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school or schedule a time to come in and talk to me. I appreciate feedback and gaining community input. Thank you all for your support.

OPTION ENROLLMENT

Why Sterling Public Schools?

- 1:1 Apple computers or iPads for ALL K-12 students
- All day Preschool for 3 and 4-year-olds
- Family atmosphere where the staff take the time to get to know each student

Please contact the school for deadline information.

Applications can be found on the school website: www.sterlingjets.org
Questions, call 402-866-4761

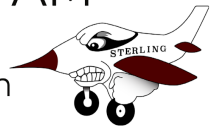
Sterling Public School

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP



MARCH 19, 2021
9:00 - 10:30 AM

Any student age 5 by July 31.
Contact the school office with
questions. 402-866-4761



The yearbook staff needs your help. If you have pictures that you think would make great memories please feel free to use this website!

<https://wpcgo.yearbookforever.com/9JOB>. The code is: **sterling. These pictures can be of sports, the classroom, friends, or activities.**

With a simple click you too can make your memories last a lifetime.

Annual Report 2020-2021 School Year

PURPOSE

The administration, faculty, and staff are pleased to present the Annual Report to the patrons of Sterling Public School district. This report is designed to provide you with important information regarding the academic and financial operations of the school district.

We encourage all community members to become aware of the accomplishments and needs of the district, and to become involved in planning for continued improvement. If you have an interest in becoming more involved in the school improvement process, please contact Mr. Adrian Allen at 866-4761.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GOALS

All students K-12th will improve their writing skills.

All students K-12th will improve their reading comprehension.

All preschool students will improve their gross motor skills.

The district will also work to ensure that students have an opportunity to acquire the necessary knowledge and skills to be successful, to use this knowledge and skills in a variety of settings, and to stretch students abilities through problem solving situations that require students to develop and hone their critical thinking skills.

THE DISTRICT

Sterling Public Schools is located 35 miles Southeast of Lincoln, Nebraska, in Northwest Johnson County. It is a small town with a big heart. Sterling is the 2nd biggest community in Johnson county and is one of the most prosperous agricultural districts in the country. Approximately 223 students are served by a single PK-12 attendance center located in the village of Sterling. We currently have 25 teachers on staff (9:1 student/teacher ratio) and 18 non-classified staff members that provide support throughout the school year. Sterling Public Schools offer a wide range of sports and activities for all students. We offer volleyball, football, basketball, track, One Act Play, band, choir, Skills, FBLA, FFA, National Honor Society, and Student Council.

This school year (2020-2021) our staff has made a concerted effort to build our academic support for all students in Reading and Math. Teachers have created Professional Learning Communities (PLC) to determine their priority standards, create rubrics/proficiency scales, and assessments to measure student progress and achievement. The Multi-tiered Support System (MTSS) has allowed us to identify struggling students and provide them the necessary interventions to be successful. The Nebraska Department of Education classified Sterling Public Schools a “Great,” school district based on the Nebraska School Tenets and standardized test scores.

Demographic Information

The following charts demonstrate the student demographic for the District over the past few years. The information for the State of Nebraska is provided for comparison purposes.

Enrollment

Grade	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	*2020-2021
PK	29	31	32	35
K-6	82	85	88	98
7-12	87	100	95	90
Total	198	216	215	223

*As of October 1st

Attendance Rate

	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Sterling	95.48%	94.13%	95.96%	93.40%
State of NE	94.59%	94.30%	94.48%	94.30%

Graduation Rate

	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Sterling	95%	%	90.48%	91.67%
State of NE	89.11%	89%	88%	87.51%

Special Education

	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Sterling	16.29%	15.38%	15.14%	19.67%
State of NE	14.97%	15.12%	15.48%	15.56%

Costs Per Pupil Expenditures

	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
Sterling	\$16,289	\$17,350	\$17,153
Peers	\$17,787	\$18,835	\$20,897

Free/Reduced Meals

	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Sterling	25.00%	28.28%	28.70%	30.70%
State of NE	44.65%	45.83%	45.21%	45.60%

Assessment & Student Achievement

The percentage is those students who are at or above the 50th percentile.

MAP-Reading

	2019-2020	2020-2021
1st Grade	29%	27%
2nd Grade	60%	24%
3rd Grade	55%	58.3%
4th Grade	45%	33.3%
5th Grade	70%	43%
6th Grade	40%	64%
7th Grade		29%
8th Grade		64%
9th Grade		84%
10th Grade		73%
11th Grade		59%

ACT

	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Sterling	21.0	21.8	20.5		21
State	21.4	21.4	20.1		*

MAP-Math

	2019-2020	2020-2021
1st Grade	29%	47%
2nd Grade	40%	18%
3rd Grade	73%	58.3%
4th Grade	73%	42%
5th Grade	60%	57%
6th Grade	50%	64%
7th Grade		33%
8th Grade		57%
9th Grade		63%
10th Grade		75%
11th Grade		65%

NSCAS-Reading

	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Elementary	62%	57%	44%	*
Peer	50%	59%	55%	
State	51%	51%	52%	*
Middle School	61%	58%	59%	*
Peer	45%	42%	45%	
State	51%	51%	52%	

NSCAS-Math

	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Elementary	89%	57%	56%	*
Peer	80%	56%	55%	
State	72%	51%	52%	*
Middle School	76%	61%	76%	*
Peer	66%	48%	47%	
State	72%	51%	52%	

NSCAS-Science

	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Elementary	93%	84%	86%	55%	*
Peer		76%	80%	84%	*
State		70%	68%	66%	*
Middle School	91%	75%	63%	93%	*
Peer		69%	68%	65%	*
State		70%	68%	66%	*

District Finances

Below are the tables with information from the past few years in regards to the districts valuation and levies, the general fund budget expenditures, and the general fund budget of receipts.

District Valuation and Levies

	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
Valuation	\$305,126,717	\$309,898,129	\$311,176,067	\$321,151,894
General Fund Levy	\$.870782	\$.869298	\$.909550	\$.911963
Building Fund Levy	\$.049656	\$.049544	\$.029004	\$.028103
Bond Fund Levy	\$.060250	\$.058866	\$.054637	\$.052840
QCPUF	\$.032277	\$.031943	\$.022301	\$.022017
Total Levy	\$1.01297	\$1.00965	\$1.016492	\$1.014923

General Fund Budget of Expenditures

	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
All Instruction	\$1,890,477	\$1,776,005	\$2,071,257
Support Services	\$344,070	\$420,881	\$359,213
Board of Ed., Administration, Business Support	\$404,200	\$465,350	\$502,329
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	\$257,773	\$251,814	\$383,575
Pupil Transportation	\$214,742	\$143,899	\$125,029
State & Federal Programs	\$161,244	\$198,158	\$166,210

General Fund Budget of Receipts

	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Local Property Tax (1100)	\$2,455,409	\$2,382,477	\$2,651,496
Other Local Taxes	\$147,704	\$187,367	\$153,412
County Fines & Licenses (2110)	\$19,525	\$16,695	\$12,708
State Aid (3110)	\$20,199	\$18,123	\$26,053
Special Ed Programs (3120)	\$135,067	\$143,188	\$117,622
Special Ed. Transportation (3125)	\$11,099	\$11,615	\$7,307
Homestead Exemption (3130)	\$26,995	\$27,914	\$32,847
Property Tax Credit (3131/3132)	\$186,908	\$187,755	\$227,910
Pro-Rate Motor Vehicle (3180)	\$6,574	\$6,390	\$6,571
State Apportionment (3400)	\$30,013	\$26,148	\$26,599
High Ability Learner (3535)	\$3,135	\$2,697	\$3,187
Other State Sources (3599)	\$8,843	\$9,771	\$494
Federal Receipts (4310-4991)	\$65,568	\$163,396	\$98,288
Non-Revenue	\$44,742	\$676	\$17,329

Thank You!

The school faculty and staff appreciate the continued support of all parents and patrons of the school district. Together we can ensure successful futures for our students!

Honor Roll of Distinction

Average of 96% and above, no grade lower than a 93%

*denotes both Quarter 2 and Semester 1

Seniors

Bianca Gonzalez*

Madison Smith*

Kaitlyn Wusk*

Juniors

Garrett Hier*

Danielle Janssen*

Kaylee Lafferty - S1

Dakotah Ludemann - S1

Kylie Mathes-Riensche - Q2

Andrew Richardson*

Ella Wingert*

Sophomores

Gracyn Dolbow*

John Janssen*

Jack McAuliffe - S1

Macy Richardson*

Freyana Roecker - Q2

Kaylin Smith*

Freshmen

Jesus Gonzalez*

Sierra Goracke - S1

Lauren Harms - S1

Ellie Lafferty*

Wyatt Rathe - S1

Hailey Truscott*

Chloe Waters*

8th Grade

Ridge Bredthauer*

Piper Kinney*

Callen McAuliffe*

Colin Wambold*

Callene Wusk*

7th Grade

Brody Horstman*

Jubilee Matkins*

Honor Roll

Average of 93-95%, no grade below a 90%

*denotes both Quarter 2 and Semester 1

Seniors

Sam Boldt*

Derek Buss - S1

Kelsie Holthus - S1

Tara Walters*

Juniors

Kaylee Lafferty - Q2

Dakotah Ludemann - Q2

Kylie Mathes-Riensche - S1

Sophomores

Jack McAuliffe - Q2

Trenton Peery*

Freyana Roecker - S1

Freshmen

Collin Kinney - S1

Harmony Mathes-Riensche - S1

Wyatt Rathe - Q2

7th Grade

Chloe Smith*

Dane Vollman - S1

**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.**

PRE-K
 **NOW**

ENROLLING

for the
2021-2022 school year
All day programs for both 3 and 4 year old students.
Contact the school office.

IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE, CHILD MUST BE 3 BY JULY 31, 2021.

MARCH 2021 MENUS

BREAKFAST

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Yogurt	2 Pop Tart	3 Tornado	4 Biscuit, Sausage Gravy	5 NO SCHOOL
8 Cheese Omelet, Toast	9 Apple/Cherry Frudel	10 Egg Patty, Toast	11 Oatmeal	12 NO SCHOOL
15 Pancakes, Sausage	16 Yogurt	17 10AM LATE START NO BREAKFAST	18 Pop Tart	19 Sausage Gravy w/ Biscuit
22 French Toast	23 Donut	24 Muffin	25 Breakfast Burrito	26 NO SCHOOL
29 Pancake on a Stick	30 Tornado	31 10AM LATE START NO BREAKFAST		

LUNCH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes	2 Tacos	3 Chicken Noodle Soup PB&J	4 Hamburger Potato Cakes	5 NO SCHOOL
8 Scalloped Potatoes w/ Ham	9 Chicken Nachos Bean Dip	10 Spaghetti, Garlic Bread Green Beans	11 BBQ Rib Sandwich Corn	12 NO SCHOOL
15 Hot Dogs Potato Salad	16 Mexican Lasagna	17 Chicken, Waffles Cheesy Broccoli	18 Pulled Pork Sandwich Baked Beans	19 Fish Sticks Coleslaw
22 Chicken Patty Sandwich Green Beans	23 Beef & Bean Burrito Corn	24 Goulash, Dinner Roll Corn	25 Mac & Cheese Peas	26 NO SCHOOL
29 Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans	30 Hamburger Gravy w/ Biscuits	31 Sub Sandwich Chips		

**Alternate Entree (7-12): Chef Salad - Fruits and vegetables offered with every meal
Milk served with every meal - MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

Sterling Alumni Basketball Tournament

Saturday, March 20th

Sterling High School/Sterling Community Building

\$20 per person

Call, text, or email Zach Lempka to register:

(402)239-4252 zlempka@sterlingpublicschools.com

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	March 1 BI03 Quiz Bowl - 8:30AM Johnson-Brock JH GBB Tournament - 4PM ESU HS Quiz Bowl @ JCC - 4PM Spring Practice Begins	2 Virtual College Fair Day (11th/12th) FFA District CDE	3 JH GBB @ NCL - 4PM	4	5 NO SCHOOL	6
7	8	9 District Speech @ FCSH	10	11 End of 3rd Quarter	12	13
GIRLS STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT						
14	15 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS School Board Meeting - 7PM SPRING FORWARD	16 Virtual Youth Transition Conference & Job Expo	17 10AM LATE START NO PRESCHOOL Pioneer Conference HS Quiz Bowl @ Lewiston - 1PM	18	19 NO PRESCHOOL & KIN Kindergarten Round-Up - 9AM Peru State Math Competition	20 Community Association BB Tournament
BOYS STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT						
21	22 Pioneer Conference JH Quiz Bowl @ Southern	23	24 Pioneer Conference Indoor Track Meet @ Doane - 9AM	25 MUDECAS Music Contest @ Pawnee City	26 NO SCHOOL	27
28	29 NHS Blood Drive @ Community Center	30 HS Turkey Creek Relays @ Friend - 10AM	31 10AM LATE START NO PRESCHOOL MUDECAS HS Quiz Bowl @ Falls City - 10AM	April 1	2 NO SCHOOL GOOD FRIDAY	3 NHS Trash Pick-Up 8-9:30AM

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APRIL 2021 MENUS

BREAKFAST

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1 Yogurt	2 NO SCHOOL
5 NO SCHOOL	6 Egg & Cheese Muffin	7 Apple/Cherry Frudel	8 Biscuit & Gravy	9 Pop Tarts
12 Pancake, Sausage	13 Oatmeal	14 10AM LATE START NO BREAKFAST	15 Breakfast Bars	16 Bagel w/ Cream Cheese
19 Donuts	20 Cheese Omelet, Toast	21 Waffles	22 Tornados	23 Yogurt
26 Egg Patty, Toast	27 Oatmeal	28 10AM LATE START NO BREAKFAST	29 French Toast Sticks	30 Pop Tarts

LUNCH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1 Ham Patty Potato Cake	2 NO SCHOOL
5 NO SCHOOL	6 Sloppy Joe Green Beans	7 Chicken Alfredo Peas & Carrots	8 Ham & Scalloped Potatoes Vegetables	9 Fish Sticks Coleslaw
12 Cheese Burger Fries	13 Beef Nachos Bean Dip	14 Potato Bake	15 Hot Dogs Baked Beans	16 Chicken Noodle Soup PB&J
19 Fried Rice Egg Rolls	20 Tuna Salad Sandwich Chips	21 Chili Cheesy Cornbread	22 Fried Chicken Corn on the Cob	23 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy
26 Pulled Pork Sandwich Vegetables	27 Pizza	28 Sub Sandwich	29 Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese	30 Beef Stew Biscuit

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4 EASTER	5 NO SCHOOL EASTER MONDAY	6 ACT Test Date - Juniors	7 Mustang HS Track Invite @ Friend - 10AM	8 SkillsUSA Event HTRS JH Track Meet @ Pawnee City - 9:30AM	9	10 JH Quiz Bowl @ Freeman - 9AM
11	12 Edgerton Science Exhibit	13 Lewiston HS Track Meet @ Pawnee City - 9:30AM	14 10AM LATE START NO PRESCHOOL	STATE FFA CONVENTION - VIRTUAL		17 HS Quiz Bowl @ Freeman - 9AM MUDECAS JH Track Meet @ Tri-County - 9AM Prom
18	19 MUDECAS JH Quiz Bowl @ BDS- Davenport - 1PM School Board Meeting - 7PM	20 ACT Make Up Test Date Irish HS Track Invite @ Syracuse - 9:30AM	21 Freeman JH Track Invite @ Adams - 10AM	22 District Music Contest @ JCC Sterling FFA Banquet	23 Julia Cook (Grades K- 6) 8AM-12PM	24 MUDECAS HS Track Meet @ Pawnee City - 9AM
25	26	27 Pawnee City HS Track Invite @ Pawnee City - 9AM	28 10AM LATE START NO PRESCHOOL Lewiston JH Track In- vite @ Pawnee City - 9AM	29 Spanish Fiesta - 8AM- 1PM	30	May 1 Pioneer Conference HS Track Meet @ Tri -County - 9AM

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**NATIONAL
HONOR SOCIETY**

**BLOOD
DRIVE**

**MARCH 29, 2021
@ THE NEW
COMMUNITY
CENTER**

**CONTACT EVI WUSK @
402-419-3011 TO MAKE
AN APPT!**

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