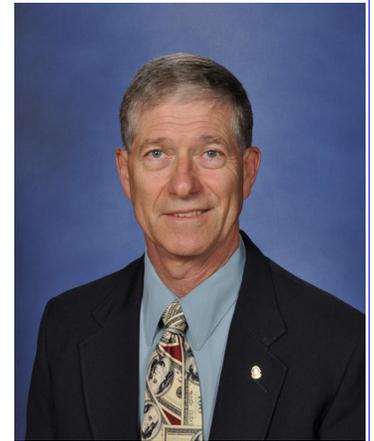


SUPERINTENDENT'S NOTES by Mike Davis

Sterling Public Schools Annual Report 2013-14



Vision: All Sterling Public School students will achieve their full potential.

Mission: Sterling Public Schools will
Educate students to excel,
Prepare to compete,
Inspire to serve, and
Challenge to lead.

School Improvement Goal: All students will improve their reading comprehension across the curriculum with emphasis in the content areas.

District Enrollment

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
K	14	18	15	7
1 st	18	18	19	15
2 nd	13	15	16	18
3 rd	12	14	15	14
4 th	17	12	14	16
5 th	12	17	12	14
6 th	21	11	17	12
7 th	15	20	12	18
8 th	20	15	21	14
9 th	17	19	15	23
10 th	20	16	18	15
11 th	17	18	16	18
12 th	18	19	17	19
TOTAL	214	212	207	203
AVERAGE	16.5	16.3	15.9	15.6
Pre-School	0	5	7	8

Employees

Teachers	22
Administrators	2
Para-Professionals	6
Office	2
Kitchen	3
Custodial	3
Bus Drivers	3

SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER continued from page 1

District ACT Results

Years	National Average	State Average	Sterling Average
2008-09	21.1	22.1	21.8
2009-10	21.0	22.1	20.9
2010-11	21.1	22.1	20.2
2011-12	21.1	22.0	23.0
2012-13	20.9	21.5	23.8

How Does Sterling Public School Property Tax Levy Compare to Neighboring Districts?

School District	Valuation	General Levy	Bond Levy	Spec. Bldg Levy	Total Levy
Freeman	362,402,918	0.9580	.1672	.0474	1.1726
Johnson County Central	518,371,436	1.0133	.1150	.0366	1.1649
Johnson-Brock	313,361,950	0.7738	.0642	.0638	0.9018
Lewiston	300,917,933	0.8891	.0000	.0909	0.9800
Palmyra	402,716,766	0.9995	.0735	.0496	1.1226
Sterling	205,679,700	0.9760	.0827	.0736	1.1323

Financial Report 2012-2013

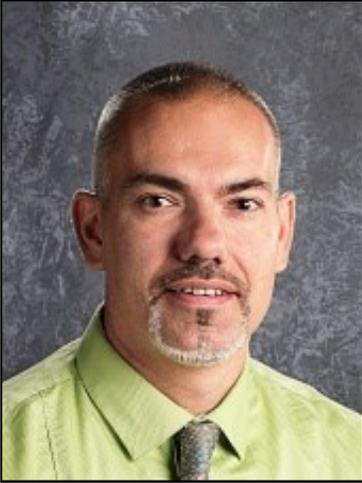
Receipts		Expenditures	
Local Taxes	2,013,651	Instruction	1,536,168
Interest	3,760	Federal Programs	209,146
Local Fees	796	Support Services	712,941
Driver's Educ.	4,910	General/Admin	301,354
Tuition	29,137	Capital Outlay & Equipment	98,516
County Fines/Fees	22,899	Debt Services	250,260
State Aid	485,863	School Lunch	104,648
Federal Grants	160,728		
Other	62,803		
Total	3,186,608	Total	3,213,033

Creighton Community Public Schools #1 in Science, #2 in Math and #2 in Reading

The students at this school in grades 3-11 have consistently been very successful in the Nebraska State Assessments of the State Standards. Last spring the students from Creighton in grades 3-11 scored the highest in the Nebraska in the assessments of the science standards. They were second in both Reading and Math Assessments of the State Standards.

They are willing to show and share what they are doing with teachers and administrators from other schools. Mr. Theobald and I have scheduled a visit for February 24, 2014. We will bring 3 or 4 teachers to spend a full day observing their teachers teach in the core subject areas in elementary and middle school.

From The Principal's Desk by Ryun Theobald



I always look forward to the start of a new semester with just about the same level of anticipation as I do the start of a new school year. After a longer than usual Christmas break, my hope is that our students and staff come back recharged and ready to roll into 2014. With that being said, here are a few items of interest that I would like to expand on.

1. Student of the Month. Our high school student of the month for the month of November is Ben Logston. Ben is the son of Steve and Brandy Logston. Our middle school student of the month is Makayla Vermeer. Makayla is the daughter of Phil and Jennifer Vermeer, and Jennifer Ahlm. These are two very bright and talented individuals who always represent SHS in a positive light.

2. Friday Early Outs. We are now into year two of having early dismissal on Fridays. One of the major reasons we did this was for staff development. We as a school are looking at adopting a new teacher evaluation/growth model in the near future. This past semester our staff spent one Friday per month in a book study. The book choice was *Enhancing Professional Practice: A Framework for Teaching* by Charlotte Danielson. We will be looking at the book *The Art and Science of Teaching: A Comprehensive Framework for Effective Instruction* by Robert J. Marzano during the second semester. Upon completion of these two book studies we will look to adopt one of these models. Both of these models will provide our already great staff with the necessary tools to become even better teachers, and that will have a positive impact on our students learning.

3. Communication. In looking back through previous newsletter articles I noticed that February seems to be the month when I have written about communication. As open communication is probably one of the most important tools for creating an effective learning environment, the start of a new year seems like a great time to write on this topic again. My personal policy has always been and always will be to have an open door policy. I welcome your comments and questions, both positive and negative in regards to anything school related, and would be glad to have a conversation with you. You may email me at rtheobald@sterlingpublicschool.com or give me a call at 402-866-4761.

4. HWY 41 Sign. This point is also a repeat from a previous article, but I want to make sure that everyone has the information necessary in regards to messages that are posted on the HWY 41 sign. If you would like to have something displayed on the sign, either email me at rtheobald@sterlingpublicschools.com or give me a call at school (866-4761). Please have the information to me at least 10 days in advance so as to allow time to get your information on the sign. Keep in mind that the sign has three lines per side, each of which will hold approximately 22 characters.

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

GO JETS!!!

FOOTBALL AWARDS ANNOUNCED 2013-14

PIONEER ALL-CONFERENCE FOOTBALL

First Team Offense

Skill Position - Chris Wenzl

First Team Defense

Lineman - Matt Wirthele

Punter - Chris Wenzl

Second Team Offense

Lineman - Kale Heusman

Skills Position - Kody Benson

Second Team Defense

Linebacker/DB - Chris Wenzl

Linebacker/DB - Jesse Phillips

Honorable Mention Defense

Return Specialist - Trey Trauernicht

ALL DISTRICT FOOTBALL

First Team Offense

Skill Position - Chris Wenzl

Skill Position - Kody Benson

Lineman - Kale Heusman

First Team Defense

Lineman - Matt Wirthele

DB/Linebacker - Trey Trauernicht

Second Team Offense

Lineman - Matt Wirthele

Second Team Defense

Lineman - Kody Benson

Lineman - Kale Heusman

DB/Linebacker - Jesse Phillips

DB/Linebacker - Chris Wenzl

Honorable Mention Offense

Lineman - Derek Julian

Kicker - Bailey Bessey

Honorable Mention Defense

DB/Linebacker - Josh Masur

All State Lincoln Journal Star (LJS) Awards & All State Omaha World Herald (OWH) Awards

Chris Wenzl

D-2 1st Team Defense - LJS

D-2 1st Team Punter - OWH

Kody Benson

D-2 Honorable Mention- LJS

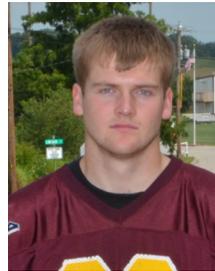
D-2 Honorable Mention - OWH

Kale Heusman

D-2 Honorable Mention - OWH

Trey Trauernicht

D-2 Honorable Mention - LJS



Kody Benson



Bailey Bessey



Kale Heusman



Derek Julian



Josh Masur



Jesse Phillips



Trey Trauernicht



Chris Wenzl



Matt Wirthele

7th & 8th Grade Skills Travel to Competition

The Sterling 7th & 8th grade SkillsUSA members had the opportunity to travel to Grand Island on December 16, 2013, to compete in ten various competitions with Makenzie Koncaba and Chris Salberg sponsoring. There were a total of 85 students attending from five different schools in Eastern Nebraska. A total of 20 students attended from Sterling and came home with two trophies and four medals! The winners were Spencer McClellan in Bridge Building with 1st place; Mae Stark and Talia Vermeer in PowerPoint Presentation with 2nd place; Ben Hier, Daniel Schwenneker, and Kaleb Williams in Technical Team Problem Solving with 2nd place; and a sweep for Sterling in Applied Math with Nicole Harms placing 1st, Caleb Dolbow placing 2nd, and Talia Vermeer placing 3rd! Congratulations to them! The students competed during the morning, and then got to go on a campus tour of the Grand Island location of Central Community College after lunch. It was a great opportunity for our students and hopefully many memories were made!



More Sterling Basketball in 2014

Junior High Girls Basketball

Jan. 21	Tuesday	@ Lewiston	1:00
Jan. 23	Thursday	@ Freeman Tournament	4:00
Jan. 27	Monday	@ Pawnee City	3:00
Jan. 29	Wednesday	@ Diller-Odell	1:00
Feb. 3	Monday	Falls City Sacred Heart	4:00
Feb. 10	Monday	@ Lewiston Tournament	5:30
Feb. 12	Wednesday	Freeman	1:00
Feb. 26	Wednesday	Nebraska City Lourdes	2:30
Mar. 3	Monday	@ Johnson-Brock Tournament	4:00

VOLLEYBALL AWARDS ANNOUNCED 2013-14

**PIONEER
ALL-CONFERENCE
VOLLEYBALL**

First Team

Second Team

Jordan Lempka

Tara Hestermann

Third Team

Stasia Nielsen & Erika Goracke



Stasia Nielsen Jordan Lempka Tara Hestermann



Erika Goracke

***All State / All Class Lincoln Journal Star (LJS) Awards
& All Nebraska / All Class Omaha World Herald (OWH) Awards***

Jordan Lempka

State Volleyball - All Class/All Tournament Team

Super State 3rd Team - LJS

D-2 1st Team/Honorary Captain - LJS

All Nebraska 3rd Team - OWH

D-2 1st Team/Honorary Captain - OWH

Tara Hestermann

D-2 Honorable Mention- LJS

D-2 Honorable Mention - OWH

Stasia Nielsen

D-2 Honorable Mention- LJS

D-2 Honorable Mention - OWH

Erika Goracke

D-2 Honorable Mention - LJS

SHS Alumni Band Information.....

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED!!!

The music department at Sterling Public Schools would like to extend an invitation to every "Runaround Sue", "Barbara Ann", "Sweet Caroline" and "Louie, Louie" to come and play pep band on January 25th at our home basketball game against Nebraska City Lourdes. We will start setting up at 5:30 p.m. and play our first tune at 5:45 p.m. Just bring your instrument - if you don't have one or it's disappeared like "Smoke on the Water" please email or give Mrs. Renninger a call. We have plenty of music for everyone (if it's not still in your case). Come help support our Girls and Boys Basketball teams and play with our "Crazy Train"!!

From the Desk of the Athletic Director

by Brent Heusman, Athletic Director

The winter sports season is now in full swing. Both varsity basketball teams have opened their season strong with the girls off to a 3-2 start and the boys with a 4-1 start as of this writing. The JV/9-10 results will be posted in the February newsletter. The JH boys finished up their season with a 6-8 record. The JH girls basketball season will tip off on Thursday, January 23rd.

Varsity Lady Jet BB (3-2)

Sterling @ Falls City Sacred Heart L 31-59
Thayer Central @ Sterling W 49-26
Friend @ Sterling L 45-64
Sterling @ Diller-Odell W 48-40
Meridian @ Sterling W 58-27

Varsity Boys BB (4-1)

Sterling @ Falls City Sacred Heart L 34-45
Thayer Central @ Sterling W 49-39
Friend @ Sterling W 64-58 (2 OT)
Sterling @ Diller-Odell W 56-38
Meridian @ Sterling W 51-31



Sterling JH Boys (6-8)

Johnson-Brock @ Sterling L 33-35

HTRS Tournament (2-1)

Sterling vs. Lewiston W 22-9
Sterling vs. Johnson-Brock L 31-25
Sterling vs. Pawnee City W 58-53 (OT)
Sterling @ Diller-Odell L 20-40

Freeman Tournament (1-1)

Sterling vs. Johnson-Brock L 19-27
Sterling vs. Lewiston W 33-29 (OT)
Pawnee City @ Sterling L 25-31
Sterling @ Lewiston W 34-14

Falls City Tournament (1-1)

Sterling vs. Craig/Fairfax, MO W 37-12
Sterling vs. Falls City L 15-37

Lewiston Tournament (1-1)

Sterling vs. Diller-Odell L 16-23
Sterling vs. Meridian W 37-10
Freeman @ Sterling L 17-30

Price for the 2013-2014 yearbooks is only \$45 until January 31st then after that the price goes up to \$50.

ACT Test Dates

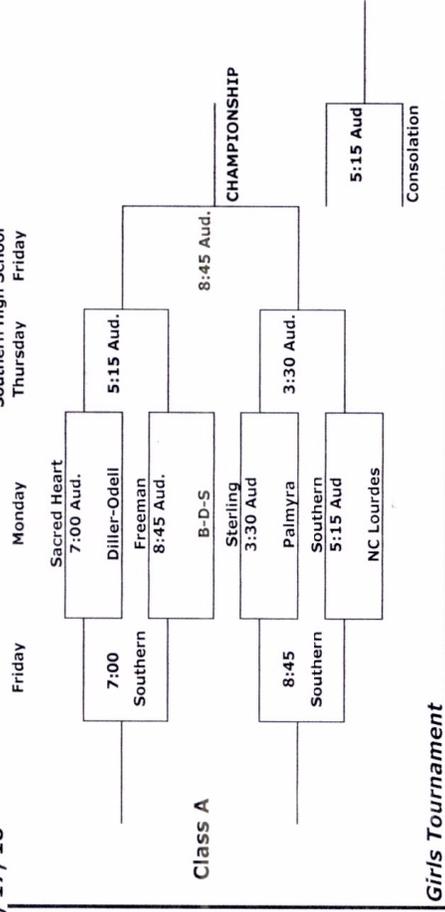
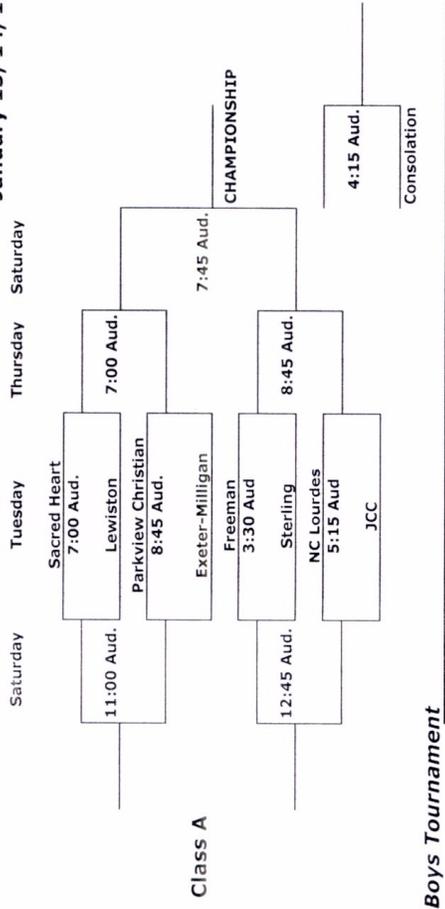
Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration
February 8, 2014	January 10, 2014	January 11-24, 2014
April 12, 2014	March 7, 2014	March 8-21, 2014
June 14, 2014	May 9, 2014	May 10-23, 2014

2014 MUDECAS Basketball Tournament

Note: Changes in Sites

Aud. - Beatrice City Auditorium
SCC - Southeast Community College
Beatrice Campus
Southern High School

January 13, 14, 16, 17, 18



Immanuel Lutheran Church & Sterling Rescue Squad

Soup Luncheon Fundraiser for The Matthew Julian Family



Sunday, January 5, 2014
11am—1pm



Sterling Public School—250 Main Street
FREE WILL OFFERING

(Thrivent matching some funds)

Complications following a heart surgery that Matthew Julian was scheduled to have on September 11, 2013, had transpired into a long-term stay at Children's Hospital in Omaha. Travel, meals, loss of pay, and out-of-pocket medical expenses grew and fell at the feet of Matthew's parents. Matthew is currently home and continues with ongoing tests. Many expenses his family is incurring will continue to stack up.

All proceeds go to an account set up at First National Bank in Sterling. (Or you have the opportunity to donate directly to the fund at the bank.) Thank you in advance for your generosity in helping out this local family during this time of hardship.



Brother, Derrick Julian, and cousins, Erika and Sydney Goracke, with Matthew at Children's Hospital on November 10, 2013.

Chili
Chicken Noodle
Vegetable Beef
Potato
Sandwiches
Dessert



There will be 10 items that will be raffled off at the end of the event. If there is anyone who would like to donate an item/items for the raffle please contact Karen Zuhlke (866-2521) or Patty Harms (866-4557).



JANUARY

2014 MENUS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><i>Menus subject to change without notice.</i></p> <p><i>A variety of fruits and vegetables are offered with every meal.</i></p> <p><i>Milk served every meal</i></p>	<p><i>Extra Whole Sandwich .90</i></p> <p><i>Half a sandwich .45</i></p> <p><i>WG – whole grain</i></p> <p><i>Swt. ff – sweet potato ff</i></p>	<p>1</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>2</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>3</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>
<p>6 B-WG Pancakes, Sausage or Cereal/ Sausage, juice, milk L-Mini Corn Dogs, broccoli w/cheese, baked beans, fruit</p>	<p>7 B- Cereal, Toast, fruit, milk L-Chicken Noodle Soup, romaine lettuce salad, pb & jelly sandwich, fruit</p>	<p>8 B – Donuts, Yogurt or Cereal/Yogurt, juice, milk L-Goulash, green beans, wg tea rolls w/ jelly, fruit</p>	<p>9 B- Egg Taco or Cereal/WG Muffin, fruit, milk L-Nachos w/ cheese sauce or bean dip, corn, celery w/peanut butter, fruit</p>	<p>10 B-Breakfast Bar or Cereal/WG Muffin, juice, milk L-Ham Patty on WG Bun, green beans, coleslaw, fruit</p>
<p>13 B-Garlic Cheese Toast or Cereal/WG Muffin, juice, milk L- Chicken Patty Sandwich, mashed potatoes w/gravy corn, fruit</p>	<p>14 B- French Toast Sticks, Sausage or Cereal/ Sausage, fruit, milk L-Tacos, peas, celery w/ peanut butter, fruit</p>	<p>15 B-Cereal, WG Toast, juice, milk L-Hamburger on bun, ff and/or swt. ff, tomatoes, applesauce</p>	<p>16 B- Toaster Pastry or Cereal/Fruit, juice, milk L- Potato Bake, ham or tuna salad sandwich, string cheese, fruit</p>	<p>17 B – Omelet, WG Toast or Cereal/ WG Toast, juice, milk L-Sloppy Joe on WG Bun, green beans, coleslaw, fruit</p>
<p>20 B-Breakfast Pizza, or Cereal/WG Muffin, juice, milk L-BBQ Rib Sandwich, ff and/or swt. ff, cauliflower w/cheese, fruit</p>	<p>21 B- Donut, Yogurt or Cereal/Yogurt, juice, milk L-Potato Bake, ham or tuna salad sandwich, string cheese, pears</p>	<p>22 B – Waffles, Sausage or Cereal/Sausage, juice, milk L – Submarines, corn, gelatin, fruit</p>	<p>23 B- Cereal, WG Toast, fruit, milk L – Vegetable Beef Soup, romaine lettuce salad, wg cheese breadstick, fruit</p>	<p>24 B-Egg Taco or Cereal/WG Muffin, juice, milk L-Chicken fajita, peas, rice, fruit</p>
<p>27 B-Toaster Pastry or Cereal/WG Muffin, juice, milk L-Chicken Nuggets, mashed potatoes w/gravy, fruit</p>	<p>28 B-Cereal, Toast, Fruit, milk L - Tomato Soup, romaine lettuce salad, cheese sandwich, fruit</p>	<p>29 B- Scrambled Eggs, WG Toast or Cereal/WG Toast, juice, milk L-Hamburger, ff and/or swt. ff, tomatoes, fruit</p>	<p>30 B- WG Pancakes, Sausage or Cereal/ Sausage, juice, milk L-Spaghetti, green beans, garlic bread, fruit</p>	<p>31 B-Cereal, WG Toast, juice, milk L-Shredded Pork BBQ on WG Bun, peas, black bean salad, fruit</p>

January 2014 Activities

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>This Calendar is subject to change.</i>			1 NO SCHOOL	2 NO SCHOOL	3 NO SCHOOL	4
5 Matthew Julian Family Soup Supper Fundraiser 11 am to 1 pm School gym	6 <i>Back to School</i> JV Boys BB vs. Beatrice 7 pm. HOME	7 G/B BB @ Johnson-Brock 4:30 pm AWAY 4 games	8 NO SCHOOL	9 JV Boys BB vs. Malcolm 7 pm. AWAY	10 G/B BB @ HTRS AWAY 4 games 4 p.m.	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
MUDECAS Girls/Boys Basketball @ Beatrice City Auditorium/SCC Beatrice						
19	20 Pioneer Conf. Instrumental Clinic @ Lewiston	21 Annual Staff Ad Sales All Day Jr.H GBB @ Lewiston AWAY 1 pm	22 Jr.H GBB @ Freeman Tourn. AWAY 4 pm	23 Jr.H GBB @ Freeman Tourn. AWAY 4 pm	24 G/B BB @ Wymore Southern AWAY 4 pm 4 games	25 G/B BB vs. NC Lourdes 4 games 3 p.m. HOME
26	27 Tom Osborne Speaking @ 1:30 Jr. H GBB @ Pawnee City 3 pm AWAY 9/10 BBB vs. J/B 7:30 pm HOME	28 GV/BV BB @ Sutton AWAY 5:30 pm	29 Jr.H GBB @ Diller-Odell AWAY 1 pm	30 9/10 Boys BB @ Falls City H.S. AWAY 5 p.m.	31 G/B BB @ Lewiston 4 pm AWAY 4 games	Feb. 1 MUDECAS SPEECH @ SCC Beatrice 9 a.m.

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And when the weather looks ominous then we will use the School Reach System as well as get it out to the television stations and radio stations.