

Superintendent's Notes

by Mike Davis

Missoula Children's Theatre Bringing Blackbeard the Pirate to Sterling

Parents your child(ren) in grades K-8 will be given the opportunity to be in a play! The audition is March 17th at 4 PM. The rehearsals will be Monday, March 17th, through Thursday, March 20th, from 4-6 PM for the K-4 students and 4-8:30 PM for the 5-8 grade students. The musical is "Blackbeard the Pirate" and the public performance will be 7:00 PM on March 21st.



Sterling TeamMates Mentoring Program is Now on the Map

On February 19th the board of directors and coordinator received their training from Gigi Inness, regional coordinator for TeamMates of Nebraska. Gigi then added the Sterling TeamMates to the list of Nebraska Chapters and we are chapter number 105! You can find the list on this website: <http://chapters.teammates.org/directory/nebraska/> Now it is time to start the application process for mentors. If you would be willing to be a mentor contact any of the following: Jill Shea-Coordinator, Erin Mackey-Board Chair, Gen Lempka-Board Vice Chair, Melissa Boldt-Board Secretary, Jennifer Vermeer-Board Treasurer, Matt Markowski-Board Member and/or Mike Davis-Board Member.

Health and Wellness Council Formed

The Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (HHFKA) requires all school districts to establish and implement local school wellness policies that meet minimum standards designed to promote sound nutrition, student health, reduce childhood obesity, and provide transparency to the public on the school nutrition environment. A health and wellness council formed with Harold Richardson – Chair, Sandy Weyers, Stan Karr, Nancy Harms and Sarah Bredthauer. Mr. Richardson and Mrs. Weyers attended a meeting with other ESU 4 schools to share ideas about best practices in promoting student health and to reduce childhood obesity. This council will be reporting to the board of education at the March meeting.

Preschool Grant Application

I completed the application and sent it into the Nebraska Department of Education requesting \$60,000 of Early Childhood Education Funds. If successful in getting the grant approved, Sterling Public Schools will be able to expand the preschool program to full-time. This means five days a week and all day for 3 and 4 year olds. The review teams will be rating the competitive grant applications and school districts will find out in early May if they are successful or not in getting the grant. This grant would be \$60,000 for three years for a total of \$180,000.

Quality Air Project Update

The architect and engineers have updated the board on the time-line for the building upgrades for improving the air quality throughout the building: Advertise for bids in the Lincoln Journal-Star, Omaha World Herald and area

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newspapers February 26th. Pre-Bid Walk Through on March 7th and bids due on March 27th at 4 PM. Board work session to open bids on April 1st and board action item to approve the qualified low bidder at the April 14th meeting. Construction commencing on May 27th with all construction complete before schools starts in August!

FFA Week Activities-February 16 to 21st

Members started the week attending the Nebraska Women's Basketball game on Sunday. Seth Harms was selected by a Husker Cheerleader to come out on the basketball court to dance and cheer! Herbie Husker stopped by for a picture with five of our members.



Kale Heusman, Trey Trauernicht, Kody Benson, Seth Harms and Micah Erickson drove their tractors to school on Tuesday.



On Wednesday, Tom Nieveen presented FFA t-shirts to all the members compliments of Crop Production Services. Thanks Tom.

Friday the 21st FFA members sponsored a bake sale benefit for the Gonzales Family which raised \$600!

From the Principal's Desk

by *Ryun Theobald*

By the time you are reading this article we will have nearly three-fourths of the 2013-14 school year in the books. This past month has been busy as usual. The winter activity season is nearing completion as we look to transition into spring. I am personally looking forward to a change in the weather and I would guess that many of you share the same thoughts. With that being said, here are a few highlights that I would like to share with you.



1. Student of the Month. Our high school student of the month for the month of January is Bailey Kahler. Bailey is the daughter of Mike and Dawn Kahler. Our middle school student of the month is Morgan Haner. Morgan is the daughter of Trent and Casey Haner. Both of these young ladies are great students who work hard and are very deserving of this award.

2. Johnson County Spelling Bee. The following are our results from the Johnson County Spelling Bee that was held on Saturday, February 8th, 2014. **4th Grade:** Danielle Janssen-2nd place. **5th Grade:** Kaitlyn Wusk -3rd place. **6th Grade:** McKayla Vermeer-1st place. **7th Grade:** Nicole Harms-3rd place. **8th Grade:** Ben Hier-2nd place. McKayla Vermeer was the 2nd Runner Up, which basically means she finished in 3rd place overall. Congratulations to these students for a job well done. I would also like to recognize all of our participants as well. **4th Grade:** Riley Vermeer, Garrett Hier and Ella Wingert. **5th Grade:** Belle Haner, Emma Harms and Treyton Cockerill. **6th Grade:** Torie Tucker, Amanda Tallant and Joel Rathe. **7th Grade:** Malayna Wingert.

3. Pioneer Conference Speech Contest. Sterling Public Schools will be hosting the Pioneer Conference Speech Contest on Monday, March 10th, 2014. School will not be in session on this day, but the staff will be here as they will be helping with the contest. The contest is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. and I encourage you to come support the Jet Speech Team if your schedule will allow it. At times it can be difficult to attend speech meets do to when and where they are hosted, but with this event being held in Sterling, my hope is we can get community members to come out and support the Jets.

4. NeSA Testing. The NeSA testing window opens March 24th. Our staff and students are continuing to prepare for these state assessments. As a district we try and give these assessments as late in the window as possible to ensure that our students have had the maximum amount of time to learn the information that they are expected to know. Once the testing schedule has been developed, we do our best to inform both students and parents when the assessments will be given. We have high expectations for our students and we are excited for them to show what they know. Sterling has a proud tradition in athletics and activities, and I would like see us have the same tradition in academics. Our students have always done well, but with positive support and encouragement, I think it is possible for our students to score very well this year.

5. One School One Book. We will be kicking off this program for grades K-5 on March 3rd, which is also Read Across America Day. The concept behind this program is to build a reading relationship between students and parents by having all students read the same book at the same time. The books are chapter books and there will be weekly comprehension questions to assess/reward students for reading. Our hope is that after this initial trial period, we can have some sort of fundraiser to help sustain the program.

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

GO JETS!!!

From the Desk of the Athletic Director

by Brent Heusman

The winter sports season is winding down with both varsity teams entering postseason play as of this writing. The Junior High girls basketball season has entered the home stretch with their last tournament coming up in early March. A complete wrap-up of their season will appear in the April newsletter. The speech team has started competitions with the Mudecas speech contest on February 1st and the HTRS contest this past weekend. We host the Conference Speech contest this year coming up on March 10th.

Varsity Girls BB (18-7)

Pawnee City @ Sterling (W 46-14)

Heartland Holiday Tournament (2-0) 1st Place

Sterling vs. Doniphan-Trumbull (W 54-50)

Sterling vs. Heartland (W 39-24)

Sterling @ Dorchester (W 67-36)

Sterling @ Johnson-Brock (W 40-32)

Sterling @ HTRS (W 54-14)

Mudecas Tournament (2-1) Runner-Up

Sterling vs. Palmyra (W 41-35)

Sterling vs. Southern (W 48-35)

Sterling vs. BDS (L 38-44)

Sterling @ Southern (W 43-40)

Neb. City Lourdes @ Sterling (W 44-28)

Sterling @ Sutton (L 33-47)

Sterling @ Lewiston (W 67-24)

Pioneer Conference (2-1) 3rd Place

Sterling vs. Neb. City Lourdes (W 37-35)

Sterling vs. FCSH (L 21-53)

Sterling vs. Diller-Odell (W 41-27)

Freeman @ Sterling (L 52-55)

Tri County @ Sterling (W 67-31)

Sub-Districts (1-1)

Sterling vs. Lewiston (W 58-19)

Sterling vs. FCSH (L 38-48)

Varsity Boys BB (13-9)

Pawnee City @ Sterling (W 44-41)

Heartland Holiday Tournament (1-1) 3rd Place

Sterling vs. Doniphan-Trumbull (L 50-67)

Sterling vs. McCool Junction (W 66-58)

Sterling @ Dorchester (W 60-41)

Sterling @ Johnson-Brock (W 73-52)

Sterling @ HTRS (W 43-36)

Mudecas Tournament (1-1)

Sterling vs. Freeman (L 38-51)

Sterling vs. Neb. City Lourdes (W 72-59)

Sterling @ Southern (W 57-36)

Neb. City Lourdes @ Sterling (L 39-49)

Sterling @ Sutton (L 27-61)

Sterling @ Lewiston (L 52-72)

Pioneer Conference (1-2) 4th Place

Sterling vs. Friend (W 51-37)

Sterling vs. Neb. City Lourdes (L 52-62)

Sterling vs. Lewiston (L 39-50)

Sterling @ OCA (W 43-41)

Freeman @ Sterling (L 34-67)

Junior High Girls BB (6-6)

Freeman Tournament (1-1)

Sterling vs. Lewiston (W 27-21)

Sterling vs. Freeman (L 25-42)

Lewiston @ Sterling (W 26-9)

Diller-Odell @ Sterling (L 23-52)

Sterling @ FCSH (L 24-42)

Lewiston Tournament (1-1)

Sterling vs. Meridian (L 8-23)

Sterling vs. Lewiston (W 38-24)

Sterling @ Freeman (L 17-29)

Sterling @ NCL (L 14-33)

Johnson Brock Tournament (0-2)

Sterling vs. Pawnee City (L 18-24)

Sterling vs. Johnson Brock (L 20-27)

JV Girls BB (6-10)

Friend @ Sterling (L 20-37)

Sterling @ Diller-Odell (L 18-28)

Meridian @ Sterling (W 31-14)

Pawnee City @ Sterling (W 24-14)

Sterling @ Dorchester (W 48-20)

Sterling @ Johnson-Brock (L 7-16)

Sterling @ HTRS (W 31-25)

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From the Desk of the Athletic Director continued

JV Girls BB continued

Southern @ Sterling (L 19-25)
Sterling @ Neb. City Lourdes (L 22-23)
Sterling @ Lewiston (W 23-7)
Freeman @ Sterling (L 2-9)
Tri County @ Sterling (W 27-14)

JV/ 9-10 Boys BB (14-7)

Sterling @ FCSH (L 34-49)
HTRS Tournament (0-2)
Sterling vs. HTRS (L 28-30)
Sterling vs. Falls City Sacred Heart (L 18-21)
Friend @ Sterling (W 33-25)
Sterling @ Lincoln Christian (L 26-30)

Sterling @ Diller-Odell (W 27-21)
Meridian @ Sterling (L 26-30)
Pawnee City @ Sterling (W 39-34)
Sterling @ Dorchester (W 27-18)
Sterling @ Johnson-Brock (W 42-21)
Sterling @ Malcolm (W 51-34)
Sterling @ HTRS (W 35-20)
Beatrice @ Sterling (L 38-51)
Sterling @ Southern (W 35-25)
Neb. City Lourdes @ Sterling (W 38-30)
Johnson-Brock @ Sterling (W 41-39)
Sterling @ Falls City (L 29-59)
Sterling @ Lewiston (W 62-32)
Sterling @ FCSH (W 42-35)
Sterling @ OCA (W 43-36)
Freeman @ Sterling (W 58-43)

6th Annual Sterling Alumni Men's Basketball Tournament March 22, 2014

Registrations or Entries Are Due By

Sunday, March 16, 2014

For more information contact Vicky Benson
at HM 866-5572/C 430-0621 or visit the
Sterling Community Association Website.



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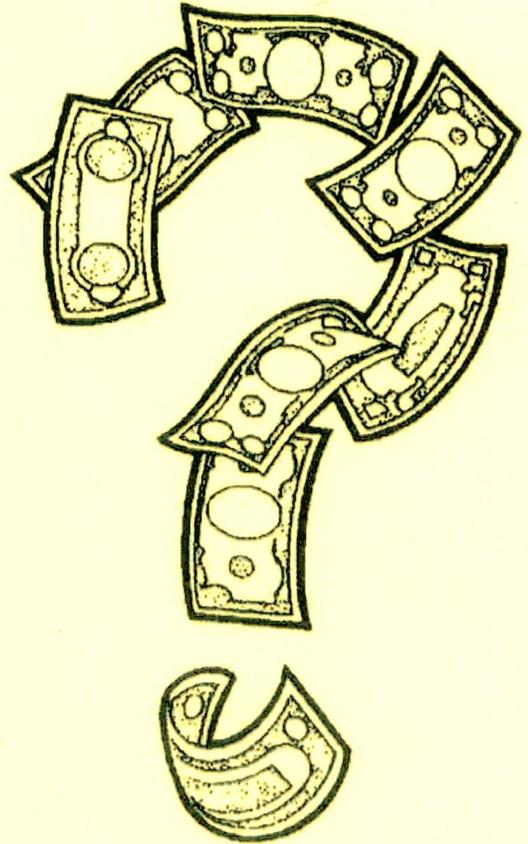
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Bring all your Financial Aid questions to this workshop & get assistance from our Financial Aid Staff!

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- Scholarships
- Work-study questions
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(bring your 2013 tax return)
- Probation/Termination Questions
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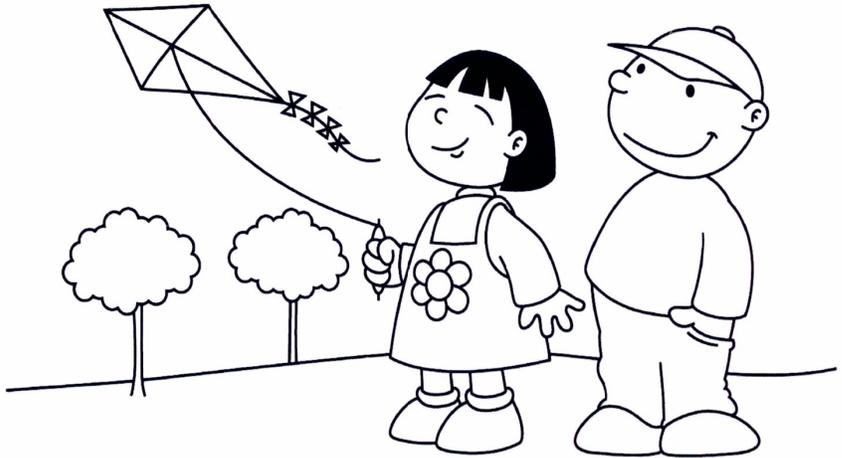
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2014 March Menus



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<i>Menus subject to change without notice.</i>	<i>WG – whole grain Swt. ff – sweet potato french fries</i>	<i>Extra Whole Sandwich .90 Half a sandwich .45</i>	<i>All meals include half pint of milk and two kinds of fresh vegetables.</i>	<i>USDA is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer.</i>
3 B-Egg Taco or Cereal/WG Muffin, juice, milk L- BBQ Rib Patty, peas, tator gems and/or swt. tator gems, fruit	4 B-French Toast Sticks, Sausage or Cereal/Sausage, fruit, milk L- Chicken Noodle Soup, pb & jelly sandwich, romaine lettuce salad, fruit	5 B - Cereal, Toast, Juice, milk L- Fish Nuggets, cauliflower w/cheese, coleslaw, fruit	6 B-Donuts, Yogurt or Cereal/Yogurt, fruit, milk L- Nachos w/cheese or bean dip, corn, celery w/peanut butter, fruit	7 B – Garlic Cheese Toast or Cereal/WG Muffin, juice, milk L- Pizza, green beans, fruit
10 NO SCHOOL Hosting Conference Speech	11 B-Breakfast Bar or Cereal/WG Muffin, juice, milk L- Chicken Nuggets, mashed potatoes w/gravy, corn, fruit	12 B-WG Pancakes, Sausage or Cereal/Sausage juice, milk L- Chili Soup, romaine lettuce salad, wg cinnamon roll, fruit	13 B-Cereal, WG Toast, fruit, milk L- Potato Bake, ham or tuna salad sandwich, string cheese, fruit	14 NO SCHOOL Winter Break
17 B-Breakfast Pizza or Cereal/WG Muffin, juice, milk L- Chicken Fajita, peas, rice, fruit	18 B-Egg Taco or Cereal/WG Muffin, fruit, milk L- Mini Corn Dogs, corn, baked beans fruit	19 B-Donuts, Yogurt or Cereal/Yogurt, juice, milk L- Spaghetti, green beans, garlic bread, fruit	20 B-French Toast Sticks, Sausage or Cereal/Sausage, fruit, milk L- Hamburger ff and/or swt. ff, tomatoes, fruit	21 B- Cereal, Toast, Juice, milk L- Tomato Soup, romaine lettuce salad, cheese sandwich, fruit
24 B-WG Pancakes, Sausage or Cereal/Sausage, juice, milk L- Hot Dog on WG Bun, ff and/or swt. ff, baked beans, fruit	25 B-Cereal, Toast, Fruit, milk L- Vegetable Beef Soup, romaine lettuce salad, cheese breadsticks, fruit	26 B-Sausage Gravy Over WG Biscuits or Cereal/WG Biscuit, juice, milk L- Goulash, green beans, wg tea rolls w/jelly, fruit	27 B-Omelet, WG Toast or Cereal/WG Toast, juice, milk L- Chicken Patty Sandwich, mashed potatoes w/gravy, corn, fruit	28 B-Bagel, Cream Cheese or Cereal/WG Muffin, juice, milk L- Tuna & Noodle Casserole, peas, wg muffin, fruit
31 B-French Toast Sticks, Sausage or Cereal/Sausage, juice, milk L- Ham Patty on WG Bun, broccoli w/cheese, tator gems and /or swt. tator gems, fruit				



2014 Sterling High Track Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Meet</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
March 27	Thursday	Pioneer Indoor	Doane (Crete)	9:30
April 1	Tuesday	Turkey Creek Relays	Friend	10:00
April 5	Saturday	MUDECAS	JCC Tecumseh	9:00
April 9	Wednesday	Mustang Invite	Friend	10:00
April 15	Tuesday	Lewiston Invite	Pawnee City	9:30
April 22	Tuesday	Irish Invite	Syracuse	10:00
April 29	Tuesday	Pawnee City Invite	Pawnee City	3:00
May 3	Saturday	Pioneer Conference	Auburn	9:00
May 6	Tuesday	Freeman Invite	Doane (Crete)	9:00
May 14	Wednesday	Districts	Auburn	11:00
May 23-24	Friday-Saturday	State Track	Omaha	9:00

These schedules are subject to change.

2014 Sterling Jr. High Track Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Meet</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
April 17	Thursday	Pawnee City Invite	Pawnee City	10:00
April 24	Thursday	JCC Invite	Tecumseh	4:00
April 26	Saturday	MUDECAS	Pawnee City	9:00
April 30	Wednesday	Lewiston Invite	Pawnee City	9:30
May 10	Saturday	Pioneer Conference	Pawnee City	9:00

Congratulations



Chris Wenzl

For being chosen to play in the
Sertoma 8 Man Football Game
to be held at Hasting College - Hastings
June 21, 2014

Please Note

APRIL 18TH

WE WILL HAVE SCHOOL

to make up a snow day.

Students will be

dismissed at 2 p.m.

March 2014 Activities

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
This calendar is subject to change.						1
2	3 Spring Practice Begins JH Girls BB @ Johnson-Brock Tourn. 4 p.m. State FFA Officer Visit	4 FFA Contest @ SCC Beatrice	5 Edgerton Explorit Center Science Day	6	7	8
"READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK"						
9 Daylight Savings Time Set your clock forward one hour.	10 NO SCHOOL Pioneer Conference Speech AT Sterling	11	12 Lifetouch Spring Pictures – 8:15 a.m. Payment needs to come with the envelopes for these.	13 End of 3 rd Qtr.	14	15
Girls State Basketball Tournament in Lincoln						
Boys State Basketball Tournament in Lincoln						
16	17 Missoula Children's Theatre Tryouts at school School Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. in the Library	18 Practice for Children's Theatre All Week	19 District Speech at Meridian – 8:30 am Practice for Children's Theatre All Week	20 Pioneer Conference HS Quiz Bowl @ Southern AG Econ Class to Chicago 20 th -22 nd	21 Peru College Math Day Production of Missoula Children's Theatre "Blackbeard the Pirate" 7 p.m. in the gym	22 Sterling Alumni BB Tourn. in the gym AG Econ Class returns from Chicago
23	24 Pioneer Conference JH Quiz Bowl @ Friend	25 MUDECAS Music Contest @ JCC	26 MUDECAS HS Quiz Bowl @ SCC Beatrice 10 a.m.	27 Pioneer Conference Indoor Track Meet @ Doane – Crete 9 am	28 D2 State Championships @ Kearney HTRS Middle School Music Contest @ Table Rock – 9 a.m.	29
30	31					

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Important Dates in March

March 9 - Daylight Savings Time - Spring forward 1 hour

March 10 - **NO SCHOOL** - Hosting the Pioneer Conf. Speech Contest

March 12 - Spring Lifetouch Pictures - 8:15 a.m.

March 14 - **NO SCHOOL** - Winter Break

March 17-21 - Missoula Children's Theatre Tryouts, Preparation and Production

March 21 - Public Presentation of "Blackbeard the Pirate" - 7 p.m. in the gym

March 19 - District Speech at Meridian

March 20-22 - AG Econ. Trip to Chicago

March 22 - Alumni Basketball Tournament

March 19 - MUDECAS Music @ JCC - Tecumseh

March 27 - Pioneer Conference Indoor Meet at Doane College, Crete - 9 a.m.