SEPTEMBER/OCT.

SUPERINTENDENT'S NOTES



by Mike Davis, Superintendent

Bimonthly Newsletters

Starting with this newsletter they will be coming out 6 times a year as a two month newsletter. The activities and school lunch menus can be found on the school website for update information.

<u>Title I Parents Meeting</u> September 23rd at 6:00 PM in the Library. Shirley Rosenblum, our Reading Coach will be in attendance and explain the reading series used with the Title I students. Title I students include students that have been identified to

benefit from being given extra lessons to improve their reading rate and/or understanding what they read.

TeamMates

Sterling TeamMates board of directors, Erin Mackey, Jordan Schaardt and Mike Davis and coordinator, Jill Shea attended the TeamMates Leadership Conference in Lincoln on July 29th. Matching students in 4th grade through 6th grade will be the goals this fall. Mentors are needed. Contact Jill Shea if you are interested in being a mentor.

PreKindergarten Program

Jenna Garton and Kristie Thies have 18 students enrolled in the Pre-Kindergarten program this year. The full day student tuition is \$425 per semester or \$850 for the year. The half day student tuition is \$212.50 per semester or \$425 for the year. Please make check payable to Sterling Public Schools. If your family qualifies for free lunch, you may fill out a waiver form in the office

Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) System

Cheevers, Falcon, Capital City Electric and Trane had the new systems running on September 3rd and we could feel the air conditioning in the gym for the first

time! The major units that have been added to the school Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning System:

Air conditioning compressors north of the gym.

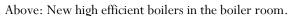


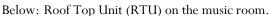
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Above: Heating and ventilation in the storage room off the gym.

Below: New equipment for locker rooms.







Pictured to the left: Duck work in the ceiling of the gym.



Welcome Stephanie Parde to the Office Staff

Stephanie Parde has joined the office staff and her primary responsibility is to be the district's bookkeeper. She grew up in Clatonia and graduated from UNL. Stephanie and Mark married in 2005 and moved back to Sterling in 2007. She commented: "We were lucky enough to purchase the family



homestead and renovated the farmhouse." Mark and Stephanie currently have three children attending Sterling Schools. She has spent the last few years being a stay-at-home mom and helping out with the crop insurance business as needed. Stephanie also commented, "I'm excited to get the chance to work in the school system and look forward to helping out anyway I can. I'm addicted to DIY craft projects on pinterest but sadly none of them get done." Terri Bartels is assisting in the training and transition process. Terri has accepted a position in Lincoln.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK by Ryun Theobald, Principal



Let me start by saying THANK YOU to all of you for being patient with us as the start of this school year has been a little chaotic. The Building Air Quality project has been behind, but we can see the light at the end of the tunnel. We have experienced some staff turnover in the office, which has caused some changes in job descriptions, but we hope to be back into a routine fairly soon. The one thing that I can tell you that has not changed is our focus, which is to put the education of our students at the forefront of all we do. With that being said, here are a few highlights that I would like to share with you.

1. NeSA Scores. The Nebraska Department of Education recently made public the NeSA results from the 2013-14 school year. Each spring, students are assessed in Reading, Mathematics and Science. Below are a couple of charts that show how our students scored in

comparison to the state average. The number shown is the percentage of students who are who are either **meeting** or **exceeding** the expected standard.

NeSA-M (Mathematics)

NeSA-R (Reading)

Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 11
Ste NE 92 76	Ste NE 94 78	Ste NE 100 76	Ste NE 84 72	Ste NE 100 72	Ste NE 77 66	Ste NE 88 61
Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 11
Ste NE 77 79	Ste NE 76 78	Ste NE 93 77	Ste NE 92 79	Ste NE 100 81	Ste NE 92 78	Ste NE 88 70

NeSA-S (Science)

Gra	ade 5	Grade 8	Grade 11
Sterling	NE		
79	72		

I think our students and teachers need to be commended for a job well done. Our students scored above

the state average in all but two subgroups. If you would like to dig a little deeper into our scores, that information can be found on the NDE website, www.education.ne.gov. I would also be willing to answer any specific questions you may have in regards to our scores as well. Once the official NePAS results are released in October, we are planning to have a recognition program for all of our students. More details will follow, but I am anticipating a convocation in early November.

- **2. Staff and Transitions.** We have had some staff turnover in the office as of late. I would like to personally thank both Cheri and Terri for their service as they will be hard to replace. While we are in the transition phase, it is my hope that everyone will be patient as we move forward. Cheri and Terri have both been very good at helping to train their replacements, but as with any training, the best experience is on the job training.
- **3. School Day Changes.** In my newsletter article last month, I made a mistake with regards to the dismissal time on Friday. Our Friday dismissal time will actually be 2:57 p.m. instead of 2:47 p.m. I apologize for any confusion that this may have caused.
- **4. Second Chance Breakfast.** So far, the Second Chance Breakfast for students in grades 7-12 seems to be working well. As with any food program there are certain meals that students prefer over others. Right now we are averaging around 20 students per breakfast. In addition to this number, we have a good number of kids bringing a healthy snack on their own. Hopefully, as we continue to educate our students on the benefits of eating a healthy breakfast, our overall participation will increase.
- **5.** Communication. On the bottom of every newsletter, I always close with the same phrase: *As always, if you have any concerns or comments, please do not hesitate to give me a call.* I hope everyone feels that they are able to do what the statement says, and contact me if you have a comment or a concern. I value the input of each and everyone of you, whether it is positive or negative. We may not always agree on issues, but I will be open to listen before decisions are made.

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

GO JETS!!!

Don't Forget Sept. 25 Parent-Teacher Conferences 3:30 to 8:30 p.m. We hope to see you there.

Booster Club

will be selling Sterling Jet
Apparel at all Varsity
Volleyball and Football
games. Make sure to check
it out and shop for this
upcoming holiday season.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN...

Buying an ad for this upcoming Yearbook 2014-15?
Help Support the school Yearbook by purchasing your ad now.

Contact Makenzie Koncaba at mkoncaba@sterlingpublicschools.com

or call the school at 402-866-4761

FLU: The flu season will soon be upon us. The Southeast District Health Department has their "Vaccine for Children" (VFC) Flu Vaccine supply. The CDC recommends getting the flu vaccine as soon as it is available. (See www.sedhd.org for the immunization clinic hours.)

In addition to the injectable flu vaccine for 6 months and older, this year we will offer the Flu Mist. (It is like getting a mist of water in the nasal passage.) The Flu Mist will cover 4 different types of virus. There is a theory that the mist is twice as effective in children ages 2-5 years of age. As with all vaccines, a screening must be done prior to receiving Flu Mist. One of the requirements for flu mist is to be between 2–49 years of age with no history of asthma. (VFC can only treat well children to their 19th Birthday)

Reminder: You can not get the flu from a flu vaccine. Contact the Southeast District Health Dept at 877-777-0424 or 402-274-3993 for more information.



BOO AT THE PARK

Sponsored by the Sterling Booster Club

5ATURDAY, OCTOBER 25 6:00 TO 8:00 P.M.

ADMISSION \$1 PER CHILD

JUNIOR CLASS MAGAZINE FUNDRAISER

Yes You Can Help. How Can You Help?

If you have subscriptions that need to be re-newed, or you would like to subscribe to a new magazine, **Please SAVE your orders for our fundraiser.** Plan to give magazine subscriptions as gifts this year.

Renewal orders will simply extend current sub-scriptions, redirecting money from publishers to **our school.**

Let your friends and relatives know about our fundraiser and ask them to save their subscriptions for our program as well.

The Junior Class will be out contacting people. If you need to have one stop to see you, contact the school at 866-4761.

Thank you in advance for your support! We are looking forward to your participation.

WE'VE EXTENDED THIS FUNDRAISER AN EXTRA 10 DAYS!

DEADLINE: SEPT. 25

You are going to want to get in on this Fundraiser!

IF YOU WANT TO ORDER NOW, GO TO gaschoolstore.com and order by Sept. 25.

Use the account number below to assure credit for Sterling:

Online store ID# for Sterling is 2513208

Post Prom

Hamburger Feed Friday, Oct. 10

beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the football field

Free Will Donation

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR BOOK FAIR!

September 19-26, 2014

until 4:30p.m./PT Conferences until 8:30p.m.

Sterling Public School Library

http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/sterlingjets

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open a world of possible

2013-14 YEARBOOKS ARE IN!!

Pick yours up if you ordered one or you can purchase one for \$50.



Sterling Marching Band will be performing at the AppleJack Parade on Sept. 20 In Nebraska City.

You also won't want to miss the Halftime presentation at Homecoming this year on Oct. 10.

Pre-School Off To A Great Start

by Jenna Garton, Teacher

The first year of all day prekindergarten is off to a great start! We have 18 children currently enrolled this year and everyone is having a blast. We spent our first several weeks getting to know each other with fun "All About Me" activities as well as learning what to expect of a day in the life of a preschooler. The kids have been doing a great job, and we're beginning to get our classroom routines down pat.

The Nebraska Department of Education requires our program to complete at least two home visits per year between the parent(s) and the teacher to discuss the child's development and learning. We have our first couple home visits scheduled already, and I'm looking forward to seeing the students and families interact in their home environments. I've had many students tell me how excited they are to show me their favorite toys at home, and I'm happy to hear they are looking forward to Mrs. Thies and I visiting.

With cooler temperatures and a new season just around the corner, we'll be focusing on Fall related themes for the next several months. Fall is my favorite season so I can't wait to share in the children's excitement as the leaves change and we visit the pumpkin patch! We'll be doing a lot of exciting crafts and activities. You can keep up with them by following our Sterling PK page on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/sterlingpublicschoolspk.

SOME FUN....



COUNSELOR'S CORNER



College Fairs Will Help You Find The Right Fit!

This fall, EducationQuest Foundation will sponsor statewide College Fairs and Educational Planning Programs (smaller college fairs). Don't miss this opportunity to visit with representatives from colleges across the state, region and nation.

College Fairs will held during September and October in Scottsbluff/Gering, Grand Island, Norfolk, South Sioux City, Lincoln, and Omaha. See the College Fair article at EducationQuest.org for dates and locations. Educational Planning Programs (EPPs) are slated for communities throughout Nebraska. See Upcoming Events at EducationQuest.org to find the event nearest you.

Register for a barcode!

If you plan to attend a College Fair or EPP, register for a barecode that will streamline your visits with college representatives.

Here's how it works:

- 1. Before you go to a College Fair or EPP, visit **NebraskaCollegeFairs.org** and select the event you plan to attend.
- 2. Complete and submit a confidential online form providing details such as contact information, age/gender/ethnicity, year in school, academic information, extracurricular activities, and ACT/SAT test scores.
- 3. Print the barcode that appears on your screen.
- 4. **Important!** Take the barcode to the College Fair(s) and/or EPP(s) you attend. College representatives will scan your barcode to retrieve your information—and you won't have to complete information cards.

For more details about College Fairs and college planning, talk to Ms. Shea or visit **Education-Quest.org**.

2014/2015 AC	<u>r Test Dates & Rec</u>	gistration Deadlines
TEST DATE	REGULAR DEADLINE	LATE FEE REQUIRED
October 25, 2014	September 19, 2014	September 20-October 3, 2014
December 13, 2014	November 7, 2014	November 8-21, 2014
February 7, 2015	January 9, 2014	January 10-16, 2015
April 18, 2015	March 13, 2014	March 14-27, 2015
June 13, 2015	May 8, 2015	May 9-22, 2015

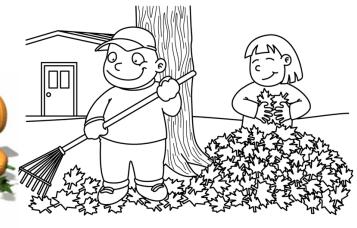
SEPTEMBER 2014 MENUS





Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 B-Garlic Cheese Toast or Cereal/WG Muffin, fruit/juice, milk L-Chicken Patty on WG Bun, mashed potatoes w/gravy, corn, pineapple	9 B-Cereal, WGToast, fruit/juice, milkL-Tacos, peas, celery w/ peanut butter, mixdd fruit	10 B-Waffles, Sausage or Cereal/Waffle, fruit/juice, milk L-Potato Bake, ham salad or tuna salad sandwich, string cheese, pears	11 B-Cereal, WG Toast, fruit, milk L - Spaghetti, wg garlic bread, romaine lettuce salad, applesauce	12 B-Breakfast Bar or Cereal/WG Muffin, juice, milk L-BBQ Rib on WG Bun, green beans, ff and/or swt.ff, peaches
15 B-WG Cinnamon Roll or Cereal/WG Muffin, fruit/juice, milk L-Hot Dog on WG Bun, Ca. blend vegetables, baked beans, peaches	16 B-WB Pancake, Sausage or Cereal/ Sausage, fruit, milk L-Chicken Teriyaki, wg rice, peas, mandarin oranges	17 B-Scrambled Eggs, WG Toast or Cereal/WG Toast, fruit/juice, milk L-Pizza, green beans, romaine lettuce salad, applesauce	18 B-Sausage Gravy & WG Biscuits or Cereal/WG Biscuits, fruit, milk L-Submarines, ff and/or swt. ff, gelatin, pears	19 B-Cereal, WG Toast, fruit/juice, milk L - Pork Chop Patty on WG Bun, mashed potatoes w/gravy, corn, mixed fruit
22 B-French Toast Sticks or Cereal/WG Muffin, fruit/juice, milk L-Salisbury Steak, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, wg breadsticks, mixed fruit	23 B-Breakfast Bar or Cereal/WG Muffin, fruit, milk L-Hamburger on WG Bun, ff and/or swt. Ff, tomatoes, applesauce	24 B-Cereal, WG Toast, fruit/juice, milk L-Shredded BBQ Pork, corn, romaine lettuce salad, pears	25 B - Yogurt Parfait or Cereal/WG Muffin, fruit, milk L-Chicken Fajita, peas, wg rice, pineapple	26 B-Omelet, WG Toast or Cereal/WG Toast, fruit/juice, milk L-Goulash, green beans, wg tea roll w/ jelly, peaches
29 B-Toaster Pastry, Sausage or Cereal/WG Muffin, fruit/juice, milk L-Ham Patty on WG Bun, tator gems and/or swt. tator gems, pineapple	30 B-Cereal, WG Toast, fruit, milk L-Burrito, California blend vegetables, chips w/salsa, mandarin oranges	USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer Menus subject to change without notice.	Milk served every meal. A variety of fruits and vegetables are offered with every meal.	WG - whole grain swt - sweet potato Extra Whole Sandwich cost \$1 or half a sandwich .50

OCTOBER 2014 MENUS



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6 B-Breakfast Bar or Cereal/WG Muffin, juice, milk L-Pork Chop Patty, mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, pineapple	7 B-Yogurt Parfait or Cereal/WG Muffin, fruit, milk L-Tacos, peas, celery w/peanut butter, peaches	8 B-Cereal, WG Toast, juice, milk L- Mini Corn Dogs, peas, baked beans, pears	9 B-Waffles, Sausage or Cereal/Waffle, fruit, milk L-Chicken Noodle Soup, pb & jelly sandwich, romaine lettuce salad, mixed fruit	10 B-Omelet, WG Toast or Cereal/WG Toast, juice, milk L-Sloppy Joes on WG Bun, Ca. blend vegetables, ff and/or swt. ff, peaches
13 B-Sausage Gravy Over WG Biscuits or Cereal/WG Biscuit, fruit, milk L-Vegetable Beef Soup, romaine lettuce salad, wg cheese breadstick, pears	14 B-Egg Taco or Cereal/WG Muffin, fruit, milk L-Submarines, corn, gelatin, applesauce	15 B-Pancake & Sausage on Stick or Cereal/WG Muffin, juice, milk L-Fish, ff and/or swt. ff, coleslaw, peaches	16 B - Cereal, WGToast, fruit, milkL-Chicken Fajita, peas, rice, mixed fruit	NO SCHOOL Fall Break
20 B-Yogurt Parfait or Cereal/WG Muffin, juice, milk L-Chicken Patty on WG Bun, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, corn, applesauce	21 B-Omelet, WG Toast or Cereal/WG Toast, fruit, milk L-Chili Soup w/cheese, cinnamon roll, romaine lettuce salad, peaches	22 B-French Toast Sticks or Cereal/WG Muffin, juice, milk L-Potato Bake, ham salad or tuna salad sandwich, string cheese, mandarin oranges	23 B-Cinnamon Roll or Cereal/WG Muffin, fruit, milk L-Hamburger on WG Bun, ff and/or swt. ff, tomatoes, pineapple	24 B-Cereal, WG Toast, juice, milk L-Goulash, green beans, wg dinner roll w/jelly, mixed fruit
27 B-Cereal, WG Toast, juice, milk L- Ham Patty on WG Bun, Broccoli w/cheese, tator gems and/or swt. tator gems, peaches	28 B-WG Pancakes, Sausage or Cereal/ Sausage, fruit, milk L- Chicken Nuggets, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, corn, mandarin oranges	29 B-Snack Bar or Cereal/WG Muffin, juice, milk L-Pizza, green beans, romaine lettuce salad, applesauce	30 B-Scrambled Eggs, WG Toast or Cereal/ WG Toast, fruit, milk L-Tomato Soup, cheese sandwich, romaine lettuce salad, pears	31 B-Tombstones, Hog Snout or Crispy Critters/Hog Snout, Blood of Dracula, Witches Brew L- Vampire in a Coffin, Gremlin Goo, mini eyeballs, brain bits

September 2014 Activities

SATURDAY	6 VB Freeman Invite TBA - AWAY	13 ACT Test Date Syracuse JV VB Invite (@ Syracuse 8:30 am - AWAY	20 AppleJack Parade Band marches	27 JH VB @ Freeman Tournament 9 a.m AWAY	
FRIDAY	5 FB vs Pawnee City 7 p.m HOME	12 No Preschool Classes FB @ Exeter-Miligan 7 p.m AWAY	19 Living History Day @ Table Rock Grades 5 th & 6 th FB vs Ne. City Lourdes 7 pm - HOME	26 FB vs Parkview Christian 7 pm – HOME Parents Night	
THURSDAY	4 VB Freeman Invite TBA - AWAY	11 Pawnee City Triangular VB @ Pawnee City (Falls City, Pawnee City) 6200/7200 pm – AWAY	18 JH FB @ HTRS at Table Rock 4 p.m AWAY	25 Early Out – 2:57 p.m. Book Fair in Library Parent-Teacher Conferences 3:30-8:30 p.m.	
WEDNESDAY	3	10 FFA Field Trip to Husker Harvest Days In Grand Island	FFA Range Judging Contest @ Tecumseh JH VB vs Ne. City Lourdes – 2:30 p.m. HOME	24 JH VB @ Freeman 1:30 pm - AWAY	
TUESDAY	2 JV FB vs. Johnson-Brock 6 p.m HOME	9 JH FB @ Ne. City Lourdes 4 p.m. – AWAY MOVED TO OCT. 6 VB @ Freeman (JV, V) 6 p.m AWAY	16 Journalism Class Field Trip to Yearbook Workshop ce High School & SCC	23 VB @ Diller-Odell (JV,V) 6 p.m AWAY	30 VB vs Dorchester (JV,V) 6 p.m. HOME
MONDAY	NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY	8 JV FB vs Pawnee City 6:00 pm - HOME	15 BOE meeting – 7:30 pm Journalism Class Field Trip to Yearbook Workshop MUDECAS VB @ Beatrice High School & SCC	22 SkillsUSA Fall Leadership Conference-Grand Island JH FB @ Pawnee City 1 pm - AWAY JV FB @ FCSH 6 pm - AWAY	29 JV FB @ Diller-Odell 6 p.m. AWAY J.C.C. JV VB Triangular (JCC/Lew) 6;30/7;30 p.m.
SUNDAY	This calendar is subject to change.	7	14	21	28

OCTOBER 2014 ACTIVITI

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
This calendar is subject to change.		EXPLORE testing for 8 th graders Periods 1-4	JH VB vs Lewiston soo p.m. – HOME JH FB vs Lewiston soo p.m. – HOME	2 Josten's Representative 8 a.m. Meeting with 10 th /12 th	3 FB @ Johnson-Brock 7 p.m AWAY	4 VB @ Big Cat Invite - Connestoga HS 9 a.m.
5	6 HOMECOMING WEEK Oct. 6-10 JH FB @ Ne. City Lourdes 4 p.m. – AWAY N FB @ Exeter-Milligan AWAY 6300 pm	7 Sterling VB Triangular (Lew./CV) 5/7:30 pm - HOME	8	9 JH VB & FB vs Diller/Odell 1 pm - HOME VB vs Elmwood/Murdock (JV,V) - 6 pm - HOME	10 No Preschool Gass Randy Nadler Assembly on Germany - gissam FB vs Lewiston 7 p.m HOME Homecoming	11 JH VB @ Lewiston g zm – AWAY VB @ Falls City Invite g zm – AWAY
12	13 JH VB vs Pawnee City 1 pm – HOME JV FB vs Friend 6 pm – HOME	14 NHS/STUCO Bloodmobile 12-6 pm	15 PSAT Testing for Juniors Period 1-4	16 END Of 1 ⁴¹ QUARTER VB @ GICC (JV,V) 5:00 pm – AWAY	17 NO SCHOOL Fall Break FB @ FCSH 7 pm - AWAY	18 JH VB @ Omaha Brownell-Talbot 1 pm – AWAY
19	20 JV FB @ Nebraska City Lourdes – 6 p.m. – AWAY BOE meeting – 7:30 pm Pioneer Conf. VB @ J-B & NC Lourdes	21 JH VB & JH FB @ Johnson-Brock VB-4/FB-5 pm AWAY J-B & NC Lourdes	22 LIFETOUCH RETAKES 8:15 am	23	24 FB @ Meridian 7 pm-AWAY Pioneer Conf. VB @ NC Lourdes	Sterling JVVB Tournament – 9 am Booster Club's Boo at the Park 6-8 pm
26	27	28 FCSH VB Triangular @ Falls City Prichard Aud. (FCSH/NCL) 5330/630 pm - AWAY	29	30 FB – Qualifying Round TBA	31 VB vs Johnson-Brock 6 pm – (JV, V) - HOME	

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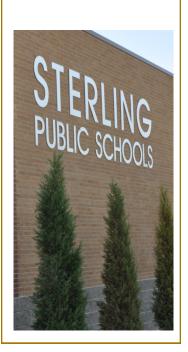
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DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 20 - AppleJack Parade - Nebraska City

Sept. 25 - Early Dismissal - 2:43 p.m.

Parent-Teacher Conferences - 3:30-8:30 p.m.

Oct. 10 - Randy Nadler Presentation on Germany the Gym

Open to the Public Presentation times are 9:00 & 10:00 a.m.

Oct. 10 - Homecoming Pep Rally
Homecoming Coronation Halftime of FB Game
Homecoming Dance following FB game

Oct. 14 - NHS/StuCo Bloodmobile - School Gym - Noon to 6 p.m.

Oct. 17 - NO SCHOOL - Fall Break

Oct. 22 - Lifetouch Picture Retakes - 8:15 a.m.