

STERLING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DECEMBER 2016

Superintendent Notes by Mr. Knippelmeyer



School Closing Information: We are reaching the time of the year where school may be cancelled, started late, or dismissed early because of inclement weather. Cancelling school is often times a very difficult decision to make. Understanding that we won't always make the right decision, we will always try to make the best decision based on what we feel is in the best interest of our students, staff, and families and their safety and well-being.

We will try to communicate with all of our families in a timely manner when school is cancelled, and when there is a late start or early dismissal. We will communicate in multiple ways to try to get you the information quickly. We will utilize Alert Solutions to send out an automated voice message, along with an email and text message (If you have updated family information that needs to be entered into PowerSchool, please contact the school with that information). We will also communicate through our school Facebook page, school Twitter account, and website, along with KLKN TV (Lincoln channel 8), KOLN TV (Lincoln channel 10/11), and KETV (Omaha channel 7) to post cancellations, late starts, and early dismissals. If you have any questions in regard to this, please contact us at school.

Board of Education Highlights - November 2016: The regular board of education meeting took place on Monday, November 21. The board approved a snow removal contract with KUDU Lawn Care for the 2016-17 winter season. The board held discussions without taking action on the following topics: Building and Grounds – review of the master plan that our architect, Gill Peace, shared at an earlier workshop. The board has requested additional information in regard to new classrooms on the property south of the school, possible kitchen renovation, and preschool / elementary classrooms in the elementary wing of the school building. The board also discussed a possible timeline for approving a design, putting it out for community feedback, and putting the project out for bid.

The board also discussed the information received in regard to a possible sharing of athletic programs with Lewiston Consolidated School. Enrollment data was shared for both schools along with some Question / Answer information received from a meeting between the two administrations. The board's sub-committee (John Harms, Mike Hestermann, and Lois Agena) plan to meet to discuss this topic further and determine how to proceed.

School Gym Update: We are getting very close to having all the projects complete from last December's water leak in the gym. If you've been in the gym lately, you will see that we have new scoreboards in place. The last minor project is to have an additional coat of finish applied to the gym floor. This is going to take place over Christmas break and the 5-day moratorium for the high school basketball teams. Because of this, the school gym will not be available between December 22 and January 3. The high school basketball teams will be able to practice in the gym beginning on December 28, and we cannot use the bleachers or roll anything across the floor until January 3. Thank you again for your patience as we complete these projects.

2016-17 WED EARLY OUT
(1:37PM) DAYS



DEC 7 - FEB 1
MAR 1 - APR 5

Cup of CHILI, CHICKEN NOODLE,
or POTATO for \$2!!!

Friday, Dec 9 - during the
Diller/Odell BB games



Proceeds benefit the Sterling Music Department



Santa will be making a
stop at the Sterling Fire
Hall on Saturday,
December 17 @ 2:30PM!!!

Sterling Community Association

Christmas Tree Lighting

Sunday, December 4th @ 7PM

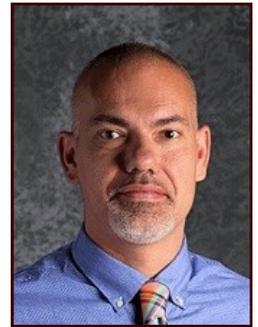
Sterling Community Building

Business of the Year - Wusk Repair

Honored Citizen - Wilmer & Maude Brinkman



Notes from the Principal by Mr. Theobald



Concerts and Programs. December is always a full month of activities for our students to showcase many of the skills they have been working on this semester. Below is a list of these activities that I hope you are able to attend:

- December 5th, Elementary Winter Concert beginning at 7:30 p.m.
- December 8th, Preschool Winter Program beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- December 15th, JH/HS Small Groups Winter Concert beginning at 7:30 p.m.
- December 19th, JH/HS Large Groups Winter Concert beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Semester Testing. It is hard to believe, but the end of the first semester is in sight. We will be having semester tests on December 20th, 21st and 22nd, for students in grades 7-12. In the past we have not had tests on the last day of school, but since we have a 1:37 p.m. dismissal, we will be able to stretch testing over a three day period instead of two. This should be a benefit to our students, as well as our teachers.

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

GO JETS!!!

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY



Essay Winners

1st place - Ben Hier

2nd place - Karly Henke

3rd place - Daniel Schwenneker

CONGRATS!!!

MITTEN TREE

Donate New Mittens, Coats, Hats, & Gloves

Donations go to local elementary schools in our community!

Please bring your donations to
First Bank of Nebraska in Sterling.

SCOREBOARD AUCTION

Friday, December 2, 2016 @ Halftime
of the Boys BB Game vs. FCSH

*Scoreboards will be auctioned off
separately*

For more info, visit the school website:

www.sterlingjets.org or

call Mr. Knippelmeyer @ 866-4761



Sterling Post Prom

SERVING PIZZA BY THE SLICE!

PEPPERONI OR CHEESE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

During the FCSH BB Games



CONGRATS to Ben Hier, a recipient of a trip to the 2016 National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia!

This event is designed to help youth continue to develop as leaders, gain skills, and knowledge to empower them to return to their communities to **"Make the Best Better"**.

He, along with other Gage County 4-H members, join an elite group of youths representing Nebraska at the national event, the highest honor in 4-H. These youth were selected on the basis of their 4-H project work, leadership, and citizenship activities.

While in Atlanta, delegates impact the city volunteering in a community service learning project, ranging from a food bank to outdoor work at the Atlanta History Center.

Job well done Ben!



Season Wrap-Ups by Mr. Heusman



JV Volleyball (14-2)

Varsity Lady Jet VB (6-22)

Sterling vs. HTRS Jamboree
(L 2-3) 14-25, 14-25, 25-21, 25-23, 12-15

Freeman Tournament (0-4)

Sterling vs. Johnson Brock
(L 0-2) 9-25, 10-25

Sterling vs. Friend

(L 0-2) 11-25, 22-25

Sterling vs. Elmwood-Murdock

(L 0-2) 15-25, 17-25

Sterling vs. Pawnee City

(L 1-2) 25-18, 25-27, 22-25

Sterling vs. Freeman

(L 0-3) 15-25, 7-25, 7-25

Falls City Triangular (1-1)

Sterling vs. Falls City

(L 1-2) 26-24, 17-25, 14-25

Sterling vs. Pawnee City

(W 2-1) 25-21, 18-25, 25-21

MUDECAS Tournament (1-2)

Sterling vs. Wymore Southern

(W 2-1) 29-27, 17-25, 25-16

Sterling vs. Pawnee City

(L 0-2) 15-25, 16-25

Sterling vs. Lewiston (3rd Place)

(L 1-2) 17-25, 26-24, 20-25

Sterling vs. Diller-Odell

(L 0-3) 14-25, 14-25, 11-25

Sterling vs. Dorchester

(L 0-3) 18-25, 24-26, 19-25

Conestoga Tournament (1-2)

Sterling vs. Johnson Brock

(L 0-2) 9-25, 5-25

Sterling vs. Fremont Bergan

(L 0-2) 18-25, 7-25

Sterling vs. Conestoga

(W 2-0) 25-17, 25-16

College View Triangular (1-1)

Sterling vs. Lewiston

(L 1-2) 25-14, 19-25, 26-28

Sterling vs. College View

(W 2-0) 25-19, 25-15

Sterling vs. Elmwood Murdock

(L 0-3) 11-25, 23-25, 22-25

Falls City Tournament (1-2)

Sterling vs. Sidney, IA

(L 0-2) 13-25, 19-25

Sterling vs. Falls City

(W 2-0) 25-19, 25-12

Sterling vs. Fairbury

(L 0-2) 22-25, 13-25

Sterling vs. Johnson Brock

(L 0-3) 7-25, 15-25, 14-25

Pioneer Conference (0-2)

Sterling vs. Pawnee City

(L 0-2) 25-27, 13-25

Sterling vs. Lewiston

(W 2-0) 25-11, 25-21

Sterling Triangular (0-2)

Sterling vs. Neb. City Lourdes

(L 0-2) 21-25, 17-25

Sterling vs. Falls City Sacred Heart

(L 0-2) 22-25, 11-25

Sterling vs. Tri-County

(W 3-1) 25-22, 17-25, 25-23, 25-8

Sub-Districts

Sterling vs. Tri-County

(L 2-3) 25-18, 19-25, 25-21, 19-25, 7-15



Sterling vs. Freeman

(W 2-0) 25-15, 26-24

Syracuse JV Tournament 2nd Place (2-1)

Sterling vs. Beatrice

(W 2-0) 25-19, 25-15

Sterling vs. Bennington

(W 2-1) 25-20, 21-25, 15-9

Sterling vs. Syracuse

(L 0-2) 18-25, 15-25

Sterling vs. Diller-Odell

(W 2-0) 25-10, 25-21

Freeman JV Tournament (1-1)

Sterling vs. Lincoln Christian

(L 0-2) 16-25, 21-25

Sterling vs. Johnson Brock

(W 2-1) 25-9, 20-25, 19-17

Lewiston JV Triangular (2-0)

Sterling vs. JCC

(W 2-0) 25-10, 25-16

Sterling vs. Lewiston

(W 2-0) 25-18, 25-9

Sterling vs. Dorchester

(W 2-0) 25-3, 25-6

Sterling vs. Elmwood Murdock

(W 2-0) 25-17, 25-13

Sterling vs. Johnson Brock

(W 2-0) 25-9, 25-14

Sterling JV Tournament 1st Place (3-0)

Sterling vs. Pawnee City

(W 2-0) 25-20, 25-13

Sterling vs. Diller-Odell

(W 2-0) 25-12, 25-11

Sterling vs. Freeman

(W 2-0) 25-14, 25-16

Sterling vs. Tri-County

(W 2-0) 25-5, 25-17

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JH Volleyball (9-6)

Sterling vs. Neb. City Lourdes
(L 0-2) 14-25, 20-25

Sterling vs. Friend
(W 2-0) 25-12, 25-20

Sterling vs. Freeman
(W 2-1) 12-25, 25-14, 15-12

Freeman Tournament 3rd Place (1-1)

Sterling vs. Lincoln Christian
(L 0-2) 19-25, 18-25

Sterling vs. Freeman
(W 2-0) 25-15, 25-11

Sterling vs. Tri-County
(L 1-2) 25-16, 11-25, 10-15

Sterling vs. Diller-Odell
(L 0-2) 12-25, 18-25

Pawnee City Tournament 5th Place (2-1)

Sterling vs. Nebr. City Lourdes
(L 1-2) 25-15, 16-25, 13-15

Sterling vs. Freeman
(W 2-0) 25-22, 25-7

Sterling vs. JCC
(W 2-0) 25-16, 25-18

Sterling vs. Pawnee City
(W 2-1) 25-10, 16-25, 15-4

Omaha Brownell Talbot Tournament 1st Place (2-1)

Sterling vs. Brownell Talbot
(W 2-0) 25-8, 25-9

Sterling vs. Lincoln Christian
(W 2-0) 25-10, 25-16

Sterling vs. Mead
(L 1-2) 25-23, 21-25, 10-15

Sterling vs. Johnson Brock
(W 2-1) 25-21, 22-25, 15-8

Varsity Football (2-7)

Sterling vs. Lawrence Nelson L 14-46
Sterling @ Neb. City Lourdes L 20-42

Sterling vs. Friend L 28-58
Sterling @ Meridian W 52-6

Sterling vs. B.D.S. L 22-40
Sterling @ Pawnee City W 26-14

Sterling @ Johnson Brock L 2-30
Sterling vs. Falls City Sacred Heart L 8-61

1st Round State Playoffs

Sterling @ Osceola L 30-67

JV Football

Sterling vs. Tri-County W 44-8

Junior High Football (3-3)

Sterling vs. Neb. City Lourdes W 34-26
Sterling vs. HTRS W 46-0

Sterling @ Pawnee City W 42-6
Sterling @ Falls City Sacred Heart L 22-36

Sterling vs. Diller Odell L 6-32
Sterling @ Johnson Brock L 2-42



Shout Outs for the 2016 Fall Sports Season

VOLLEYBALL

Bookkeepers/Libero Trackers

Casey Haner, Nancy Harms, Addie Heusman,
Andrea Heusman, Stasia Nielsen,
& Cheri Wirthele

Officials/Linespeople/Announcers

Kate Agena, Abby Heusman, Addie Heusman,
Sammy Heusman, Angel Renninger,
Julie Saathoff, & Cheri Wirthele

Ticket Takers

Deedee Phillips, Sharon Heusman,
& Annie Ahrens

FOOTBALL

The Crow's Nest Crew

Dave Benson, Ben Carrel, Terry Thies,
& Russ Trauernicht

The Chain Gang

Luke Boldt, Scott Buss, Kale Heusman,
Jake Saathoff, Stan Raetz, Jon Rathe,
Andrew Richardson, DeeAnn Richardson,
& Harold Richardson

Officials

Andy Saathoff & Jake Saathoff

Ticket Takers

DeeDee Phillips, Sharon Heusman, Annie Ahrens,
Mindy Cross, Angie Durlfingler, & Teresa Trauernicht

Thank you!



Dylan Benson



Austin Buss



Tristan Dirks



Micah Erickson



Mason Gee



Seth Harms



Ben Hier



Spencer McClellan



Austin Walters



Morgan Haner

VOLLEYBALL AWARDS

2016 Pioneer All-Conference

Honorable Mention

Morgan Haner

FOOTBALL AWARDS

2016 Pioneer All-Conference

First Team Offense

Lineman - Mason Gee

First Team Defense

Lineman - Micah Erickson

Honorable Mention Offense

Skill Position - Austin Walters

Honorable Mention Defense

Linebacker/DB - Dylan Benson

2016 All-District - D2-District 1

First Team Offense

Skill Position - Austin Walters

Lineman - Mason Gee

First Team Defense

Lineman - Micah Erickson

Linebacker/DB - Dylan Benson

Second Team Offense

Skill Position - Ben Hier

Lineman - Austin Buss

Second Team Defense

Lineman - Seth Harms

Linebacker/DB - Spencer McClellan

Honorable Mention Defense

Skill Position - Tristan Dirks

Winter Music Concerts

Elementary:

Monday, December 5 @ 7:30PM

High School (Small Groups):

Thursday, December 15 @ 7:30PM

PreSchool:

Thursday, December 8 @ 7PM

High School (Large Groups):

Monday, December 19 @ 7:30PM

DECEMBER 2016 MENUS



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><i>A variety of fruits and vegetables are offered with every meal.</i></p>	<p><i>Menus are subject to change without notice.</i></p> <p><i>USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.</i></p>	<p><i>Alternate Entrée: Chef Salad</i></p> <p><i>Milk served with every meal.</i></p>	<p>1 B- Yogurt Parfait OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit, Milk L- Nachos w/ Cheese Sauce or Bean Dip, Peas, Celery w/ PB, Mandarin Oranges</p>	<p>2 B- Oatmeal OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Hamburger on WG Bun, FF and/or Swt. FF, Tomatoes, Pears</p>
<p>5 B- WG French Toast Sticks OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit, Milk L- Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Applesauce</p>	<p>6 B- WG Cereal, WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Vegetable Beef Soup, Lettuce Salad, WG Breadstick, Pears</p>	<p>7 B- WG Waffles, Sausage OR WG Cereal/WG Waffle, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Tacos, Peas, Celery w/ PB, Peaches</p>	<p>8 B- Breakfast Bar OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit, Milk L- Goulash, Green Beans, Dinner Roll w/ Jelly, Mandarin Oranges</p>	<p>9 B- Omelet, WG Toast OR WG Cereal/WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Mini Corn Dogs, Baked Beans, Corn, Pineapple Tidbits</p>
<p>12 B- Breakfast Pizza OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Ham Patty on WG Bun, Tator Gems and/or Swt. Tator Gems, Mixed Vegetables, Pears</p>	<p>13 B- Yogurt Parfait OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit, Milk L- Submarines, Corn, Gelatin, Peaches</p>	<p>14 B- WG Cereal, WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Chicken Noodle Soup, PB&J Sandwich, Lettuce Salad, Mandarin Oranges</p>	<p>15 B- WG Pancakes, Sausage OR WG Cereal/WG Pancake, Fruit, Milk L- Roast Turkey, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Peas, WG Dinner Roll w/ Jelly, Applesauce</p>	<p>16 B- Sausage Gravy, Biscuits OR WG Cereal/ Biscuit, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Spaghetti, Green Beans, WG Garlic Bread, Pineapple Tidbits</p>
<p>19 B- Pancake & Sausage on a Stick OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Chicken Patty on WG Bun, FF and/or Swt FF, Peas, Mandarin Oranges</p>	<p>20 B- Scrambled Eggs, WG Toast OR WG Cereal/WG Toast, Fruit, Milk L- Chili Soup w/ Cheese, Lettuce Salad, WG Cinnamon Roll, Pears</p>	<p>21 B- Breakfast Burrito OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Potato Bake, Ham Salad or Tuna Salad Sandwich, String Cheese, Applesauce</p>	<p>22 B- WG Cereal, WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Hot Dog on WG Bun, Green Beans, Peaches</p>	<p>23 NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK</p>

DECEMBER 2016 ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28 Freeman JH BB Tournament - 4PM One Act Play - 7PM in the gym	29	30 District One Act Play @ Meridian - 9AM JH BBB @ Pawnee City - 2PM	December 1	2	3 G/B BB @ Thayer Central - 2PM (4 games)
4	5 Elementary Music Concert - 7:30PM in the gym	6 JH BBB vs. HTRS - HOME - 2PM G/B BB @ Friend - 4:30PM (4 Games) CAN Meeting @ Sterling - 8:30AM	7 EARLY OUT - 1:37PM State One-Act Play - D1/D2 @ Norfolk	8 JH BBB Falls City Tournament - 4:45PM 9/10 BBB @ Lincoln Christian - 6PM PreK Music Program - 7PM in the gym	9 NO SCHOOL - PreK G/B BB vs. Diller-Odell - HOME - 4PM (4 Games)	10 9/10 G/B HTRS BB Tournament - 9AM ACT TEST DATE
11	12 JH Lewiston BBB Tournament - 5PM JV BBB @ Beatrice - 6:30PM	13 G/B BB vs. Meridian - HOME - 4PM (4 Games)	14 JH BBB @ Freeman - 1PM	15 HS Music Concert (Small Groups) 7:30PM	16 G/B BB vs. Pawnee City - HOME - 4PM (4 Games) JH SkillsUSA Comp @ Grand Island	17 Elementary BB Tournament - 9AM-6PM
18	19 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING - 7:30PM HS Music Concert (Large Groups) 7:30PM	20 G/B BB @ Palmyra - 4PM (BJV, GV, BV) GJV - TBA	21 DIBELS Grades K-6	22 EARLY OUT - 1:37PM END OF 1ST SEMESTER / 2ND QUARTER	23 NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK 5 DAY PRACTICE MORATORIUM	24 CHRISTMAS EVE
25	26  NO SCHOOL UNTIL JAN 4	27	28 SEMESTER TESTING	29	30	31 G/B BB vs. Cedar Bluffs - HOME - 1PM (4 Games) NEW YEAR'S EVE
5 DAY PRACTICE MORATORIUM: DEC 23-27, 2016		GYM CLOSED FOR FLOOR REFINISHING		WEeping WATER HOLIDAY TOURN - 1PM		
GYM CLOSED FOR FLOOR REFINISHING						

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DON'T FORGET...

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| December 5 | Elementary Music Concert |
| December 7 | EARLY OUT - 1:37PM |
| December 8 | PreK Music Concert |
| December 9 | NO SCHOOL - PreK |
| December 10 | ACT Test Date |
| December 13-14 | DIBELS Testing - Elementary |
| December 15 | High School Music Concert - Small Groups |
| December 19 | High School Music Concert - Large Group
School Board Meeting |
| December 20-22 | Semester Testing |
| December 22 | EARLY OUT - 1:37PM - End of 1 st Semester |
| December 23-27 | 5 Day Practice Moratorium |
| December 23-
January 3 | NO SCHOOL
Christmas Break |



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