

# STERLING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

# FEBRUARY 2017

## SUPERINTENDENT NOTES by Mr. Knippelmeyer

**School Based Pre-Kindergarten Program:** We are currently taking names of those interested in attending our school-based pre-kindergarten program for the 2017-18 school year (we did send information home to those we currently have on our list...you do not need to respond again, if you sent back your informational form already). To be eligible for pre-kindergarten, your child needs to turn 3 on or before July 31, 2017. Our pre-kindergarten program is for 3 and 4 year olds. Our pre-kindergarten program follows the school calendar and is in session five days a week. Generally one day a month is designated for teacher plan time / home visits and pre-kindergarten students do not attend school. We offer an outstanding program that includes play along with academics. Teaching Strategies GOLD and Creative Curriculum are used in our pre-kindergarten classroom. We would love to have your 3 or 4 year old attend Sterling Public Schools! If you would like to receive further information or if you have any questions, please contact Ryan Knippelmeyer at school, 402-866-4761 or [rknippelmeyer@sterlingpublicschools.com](mailto:rknippelmeyer@sterlingpublicschools.com).



**Sharing Athletics and Activities:** In October 2016, Sterling Public Schools received an inquiry from Lewiston Consolidated Schools in regard to possibly sharing athletics and activities in the future. This has been a regular discussion at monthly board meetings and a board subcommittee was formed (John Harms, Mike Hestermann, and Lois Agena) to decide if we wanted to continue discussions with Lewiston. As you probably know, participation numbers at the high school level has raised concerns about the future of athletics, particularly in football in the coming years. As has been shared before, we had 16 boys out for football this year, and 8 of them are graduating seniors. Because we are locked in to a 2-year cycle with the NSAA, our schedule is already set for the 17-18 school year. For football, it would be 2018-19 before a cooperative could be formed with another school. For all other sports, cooperatives can still be formed for the 2017-18 school year. Sterling's board subcommittee and Lewiston's board subcommittee met on January 25 to discuss and look at different options. No decisions have been made at this time, but we will be planning some opportunities in the near future to get public and parent feedback in regard to possibly sharing athletics and activities in the future. If you have questions, concerns, or thoughts on this topic, please feel free to contact Mr. Knippelmeyer at school.

## 2016-2017 ACT TEST DATES

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration (Fee Required)	Photo Upload Deadline
February 11, 2017	January 13	January 14-20	February 3
April 8, 2017	March 3	March 4-17	March 31
June 10, 2017	May 5	May 6-19	June 2

**Wednesday  
Early Out  
(1:37PM) Days:  
March 1 - April 5**



## Parent/Teacher Conferences

February 9, 2017  
2:30-8PM

-Elementary in classrooms  
-High School/Junior High  
in the Gym

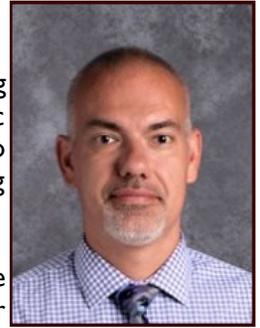


OUR KINDERGARTNERS WILL BE READING WITH THEIR PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS AT THE STERLING SENIOR CENTER ON THUR, FEB 9 @ 12:15PM

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP  
APPLICATIONS  
DUE MARCH 1  
TO MRS. HEUSMAN

**NO SCHOOL FRI, FEB 10, 2017**

## NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL by Mr. Theobald



**Missoula Children's Theater.** The Missoula Children's Theater will once again be coming to Sterling this spring. The week long residency will take place from March 27th to March 31st, with a public performance on March 31st beginning at 7:00 p.m. Students in grades K-8 will have the opportunity to perform the play Rumpelstiltskin. This is a great opportunity for our students to showcase their singing and acting skills.

**Kindergarten Round-Up.** Kindergarten round-up for the 2017-18 school year will be held on the morning of March 17th, 2017. Students must turn five prior to July 31st, 2017, to be eligible for kindergarten. We will be sending invitation letters to all of the eligible student's families during the first week in March. If you are a parent of an eligible student and do not receive one, please contact the school office and we will make sure to get you a copy. Also, if you are new to our district and not currently on our kindergarten census, please contact the school office and we will get that information to you as well.

**Parent-Teacher Conferences.** Conferences will be held on February 9th from 2:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. School will dismiss at 1:37 p.m. Elementary teachers will be located in their classrooms while all other teachers will be in the gym. We have several teachers that will be participating in superintendent interviews on this day, so they will not be available until 3:30 p.m.

**Johnson County Spelling Bee.** The annual Johnson County Spelling Bee will be held on Saturday, February 4th beginning at 9:00 a.m. The contest will be held at the Tecumseh elementary school auditorium and will feature students in grades 4-8 from all Johnson County schools. Good Luck to the Sterling participants!

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



**GO JETS!!!**

## STERLING PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2016-17

### 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER/1<sup>ST</sup> SEMESTER HONOR ROLL

#### HONOR ROLL OF DISTINCTION

(Students receiving an overall average of 93% or above, with no grade lower than 90%)

(Students with asterisk earned both Q2 and S1 distinction. Others are as noted.)

##### 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Kody Goracke\*  
Garrett Hier - S1  
Danielle Janssen\*  
Andrew Richardson\*  
Ella Wingert\*

##### 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Caleb Dolbow\*  
Nicole Harms\*  
Carly Wenzl\*  
Malayna Wingert\*

##### 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Sheanna Stolz - Q2

##### 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Dylan Benson\*  
Austin Buss\*  
Antonio Corocher\*  
Micah Erickson\*  
Sydney Goracke

##### 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Joel Rathe\*  
Colby Thies\*



#### REGULAR HONOR ROLL

(Students receiving an overall average of 90% or above, with no grade lower than 85%)

(Students with asterisk earned both Q2 and S1 distinction. Others are as noted.)

##### 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:

Garrett Hier - Q2  
Kaylee Lafferty\*  
Kyle Mathes-Riensch\*  
Abigail Thies - Q2

##### 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:

Sam Boldt\*  
Emma Harms\*  
Madison Smith - Q2  
Macie Whalen - S1

##### 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:

Tristan Dirks - S1  
Morgan Haner\*  
Sydney Huls\*  
Logan Jasa\*  
Cameron VanGroningen\*

##### 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:

Ben Hier\*  
Daniel Schwenneker\*  
Sheanna Stolz - S1

##### 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:

Liset deHaan\*  
Alisha Fisher\*  
Sydney Goracke - S1





**OUR 1ST GRADERS  
CELEBRATING 100  
DAYS OF SCHOOL!!!**

## SEASON WRAP-UPS

By Brent Heusman

### JH Boys BB (3-10)

Johnson Brock 59 - Sterling 6

HTRS Tournament (0-2)

FCSH 34 - Sterling 21

Johnson-Brock 38 - Sterling 15

Diller-Odell 31 - Sterling 14

Freeman Tournament (0-2)

Freeman 36 - Sterling 11

Lewiston 39 - Sterling 18

Sterling 22 - Pawnee City 14

HTRS 18 - Sterling 17

Falls City Tournament (1-1)

Falls City 61 - Sterling 5

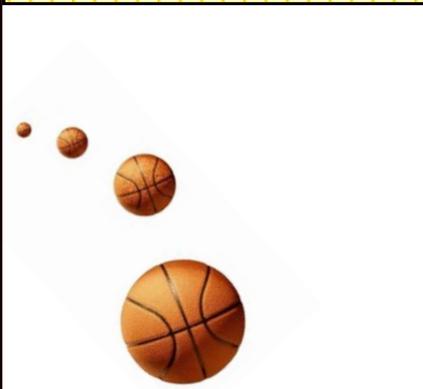
Sterling 18 - Pawnee City 15

Lewiston Tournament (1-1)

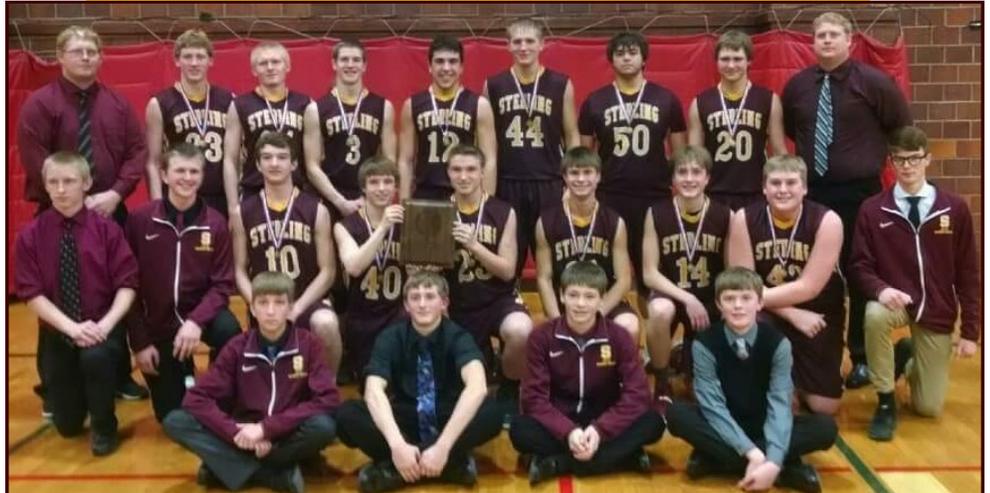
Lewiston 40 - Sterling 35 OT

Sterling 40 - Meridian 22

Freeman 27 - Sterling 8



## 2017 MUDEGAS B Division CHAMPS!!!



1. All riders are to remain seated while the bus is in motion.
2. No vulgar language or profanity is to be used.
3. Refrain from loud conversation.
4. No loud singing, boisterous conduct, or unnecessary noise.
5. Do not lean out of or hold hands and arms out of the bus windows.
6. Do not throw papers or other trash on the floor of the bus.
7. The bus driver is in charge! Obey him/her at all times!

**RIDING THE BUS IS A PRIVILEGE WHICH CAN BE REVOKED IF REPEATED VIOLATIONS OF THE RULES OCCUR. ALL BUSES ARE EQUIPPED WITH SECURITY CAMERAS.**

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Sterling Public Schools

These days, it's important you get the most value of every dollar you spend. When you buy your student a yearbook, you are buying a product that will be treasured today and years to come. All students Pre-K through Seniors will be included in the 2016-17 yearbook.

This invaluable keepsake of the **2016-17 End of an Era** yearbook is only \$50. If you hesitate to order a yearbook, there is no guarantee excess books will be available. Order Now!

Get your money's worth while securing your student's memories!

Sincerely,



Jacob Davenport

Sterling High School Yearbook Advisor

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Parent Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Yearbooks:** \_\_\_\_\_ **@\$50 each Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Paid:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cash**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Check**

**Check Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to Sterling Public Schools

To order online, use this link: <https://yearbookforever.com/#school/19826/2017>.



# GIRLS' STATE, BOYS' STATE, & JUNIOR LAW CADET

## CORNHUSKER GIRLS' STATE

Cornhusker Girls' State applications are due by **March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017**. All junior girls are encouraged to apply for this experience. Girls' State is a non-partisan program that teaches young women responsible citizenship and love for God and Country. Since the inception of the Girls State program in 1937, nearly one million young people have had the opportunity to learn first-hand how their state and local government works. High school girls, who have completed their junior year, spend an intensive week of study, working together as self-governing citizens at Auxiliary sponsored Girls State programs in every state. They learn how to participate in the functioning of their state's government in preparation for their future roles as responsible adult citizens. The maximum enrollment for this year will be 410 delegates, with more than one girl from each school if funding allows. **This year's Girls State will be held from June 4<sup>th</sup> through June 10<sup>th</sup> at UNL's Sandoz Residence Hall.**

## CORNHUSKER BOYS' STATE

Applications are currently being accepted for Cornhusker Boys' State. This annual citizenship program sponsored by the Nebraska American Legion is designed to provide youth with a better understanding of how city, county, and state governments operate. Each boy is sponsored locally by an organization such as an American Legion Post, or by some other patriotic, civic, fraternal, or religious group in cooperation with the local American Legion Post.

American Legion Cornhusker Boys' State is set up as a functional "51<sup>st</sup> State" and each boy learns how government subdivisions operate by actually doing the job. Participants will campaign for offices, hold elections, take part in band and

chorus, compete in athletics, and be involved in other varied activities as part of the citizenship training program. They will set up their own state government and draft bills.

All junior boys are eligible to apply for Boys' State. **This year's session will be from June 4<sup>th</sup> through June 10<sup>th</sup> at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus.** Deadline for application is **March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017**, with the Legion Post in charge.

## 2017 JUNIOR LAW CADET PROGRAM

Nebraska Department of the American Legion

Basic Requirements:

- High school junior in good health & able to participate in physical activities.
- Must possess a positive attitude & display respect for law enforcement.
- Good grooming, average or above average scholastic record, & able to share the knowledge gained through the program.
- Must possess a valid Nebraska operator's license or learner's permit.

This program gives students the chance to: drive a State Patrol car; learn to fire a service weapon, learn self-defense, pressure point control tactics, and assault prevention measures; and interact with law enforcement officers.

Two sessions offered - one for boys and one for girls. The program now takes place at the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center in Grand Island.

- Girls: June 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 2017
  - Boys: June 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016
- Deadline: March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017**



Application Available at:

<http://www.nebraskalegion.net/Programs/JRLaw.html>



# FEBRUARY



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		<b>1 B-</b> WG Cereal, WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk <b>L-</b> Nachos w/ Cheese Sauce or Bean Dip, Green Beans, Celery w/ PB, Pears	<b>2 B-</b> WG Pancakes, Sausage OR WG Cereal/WG Pancake, Fruit/Juice, Milk <b>L-</b> Vegetable Beef Soup, Romaine Lettuce Salad, WG Cheese Breadstick, Applesauce	<b>3 B-</b> Oatmeal OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk <b>L-</b> Chicken & Noodles, Peas, WG Bread w/ Margarine, Mandarin Oranges
<b>6 B-</b> Breakfast Bar OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk <b>L-</b> Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Peas, Pears	<b>7 B-</b> Toaster Pastry, Sausage OR WG Cereal/Sausage, Fruit/Juice, Milk <b>L-</b> Sloppy Joes, Green Beans, FF and/or Swt. FF, Applesauce	<b>8 B-</b> Yogurt Parfait OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk <b>L-</b> Chicken Noodle Soup, PB&J Sandwich, Romaine Lettuce Salad, Pineapple Tidbits	<b>9 B-</b> WG Cereal, WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk <b>L-</b> Tacos, Corn, Celery w/ PB, Peaches	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK</b></p>
<b>13 B-</b> WG Pancakes, Sausage OR WG Cereal/WG Pancake, Fruit/Juice, Milk <b>L-</b> BBQ Rib Sandwich on WG Bun, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Macaroni Salad, Applesauce	<b>14 B-</b> Scrambled Eggs, WG Toast OR WG Cereal/WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk <b>L-</b> Ham Patty on WG Bun, Baked Beans, Tator Gems and/or Swt. Tator Gems, Peaches	<b>15 B-</b> Sausage Gravy over WG Biscuits OR WG Cereal/WG Biscuit, Fruit/Juice, Milk <b>L-</b> Chili Soup w/ Cheese, Lettuce Salad, Cinnamon Roll, Pears	<b>16 B-</b> Breakfast Burrito OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk <b>L-</b> Pizza, Corn, Black Bean Salad, Pineapple Tidbits	<b>17 B-</b> WG Cereal, WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk <b>L-</b> Hamburger, FF and/or Swt. FF, Tomatoes, Mixed Fruit
<b>20 B-</b> Breakfast Pizza OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk <b>L-</b> Tomato Soup, Romaine Lettuce Salad, Cheese Sandwich, Pears	<b>21 B-</b> WG Cereal, WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk <b>L-</b> Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, WG Breadsticks, Peaches	<b>22 B-</b> Breakfast Bar OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk <b>L-</b> Submarines, Corn, Gelatin, Mixed Fruit	<b>23 B-</b> WG Pancakes, Sausage OR WG Cereal/WG Pancake, Fruit/Juice, Milk <b>L-</b> Potato Bake, Ham Salad or Tuna Salad Sandwich, String Cheese, Applesauce	<b>24 B-</b> Yogurt Parfait OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk <b>L-</b> Goulash, Green Beans, WG Dinner Roll w/ Jelly, Mandarin Oranges
<b>27 B-</b> Omelet, WG Toast OR WG Cereal/WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk <b>L-</b> Chicken Gravy, WG Biscuits/WG Bread, Corn, Applesauce	<b>28 B-</b> Pancake & Sausage on a Stick OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk <b>L-</b> Spaghetti, Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Pears	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Menus are subject to change without notice.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Milk served with every meal.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>A variety of fruits and vegetables are offered with every meal.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Alternate Entrée: Chef Salad</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.</i></p>

# FEBRUARY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
January 29	30	31	1	2	3	4
			<b>EARLY OUT - 1:37PM</b>	<b>MID QUARTER</b>	Pioneer Conf BB Consolation Games @ Johnson-Brock & Sterling	Johnson Co. Spelling Bee @ JCC
	<b>PIONEER CONF. BB TOURNAMENT @ JOHNSON-BROCK/STERLING</b>			<b>PIONEER CONF. ART EXHIBIT @ PAWNEE CITY</b>		
				<b>PIONEER CONF. BB TOURNAMENT FINALS @ PAWNEE CITY</b>		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest 1-3PM	G/BBB vs. Pawnee City - HOME - 4:30PM (BJV/GV/BV) Lewiston JH GBB Tournament - 4:30PM	GBB @ Freeman - 6:15PM (JV/V)	CLASS Leadership Training JH GBB @ Freeman - 1PM	<b>EARLY OUT - 1:37PM</b> P/T Conf. 2:30-8PM HS - in the gym Elem - in classrooms	<b>NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK</b> G/BBB @ Tri County - 4:30PM (4 games)	ACT Test Date Lewiston 9/10 G/BBB Tournament - 8AM
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	JH GBB vs. Lewiston - HOME - 1PM		JH GBB @ Neb. City Lourdes - 2:30PM Peru State Business Contest	B103 Quiz Bowl Competition - HOME - 9:30AM	<b>NO SCHOOL PreK</b> BBB @ Freeman - HOME - 6:15PM (JV/V)	
				<b>GBB SUB-DISTRICT FINALS @ FREEMAN</b>		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	SCHOOL BOARD MEETING - 7:30PM JH GBB @ FCSS - 4PM			JH GBB @ HTRS - HOME - 2PM		Elementary Movie Night - 7PM
				<b>BBB SUB-DISTRICT FINALS @ FREEMAN</b>		
26	27	28	March 1	2	3	4
	Johnson-Brock JH GBB Tournament - 4PM 1st Day of Spring Practice		<b>EARLY OUT - 1:37PM</b>	JH SkillsUSA Competition @ Omaha	<b>NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK</b>	
				<b>BBB SUB-DISTRICT FINALS @ TBA</b>		
				<b>GIRLS STATE BB TOURNAMENT @ LINCOLN</b>		

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## DON'T FORGET..

January 30-31	Pioneer Conference BB Tournament
February 2-4	
February 1	EARLY OUT - 1:37PM
February 4	Johnson County Spelling Bee @ JCC
February 9	EARLY OUT - 1:37PM Parent/Teacher Conferences
February 10	NO SCHOOL
February 11	ACT Test Date
February 13-14 & 16	GBB Sub-Districts @ Freeman
February 17	NO SCHOOL PreK
February 20	SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
February 20-21 & 23	BBB Sub-Districts @ Freeman
February 24	GBB District Finals @ TBA
February 25	Elementary Movie Night
February 27	1st Day of Spring Practice
February 28	BBB District Finals (D1/D2) @ TBA



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