

OCTOBER 2016

JET NEWS



Superintendent Notes by Mr. Knippelmeyer

SEPTEMBER BOARD OF EDUCATION SUMMARY

•The Board of Education held a special board meeting on September 2, 2016 with the purpose of visiting the property at 160 Main St. (directly south of our existing building). The board of education approved the purchase of the property at 160 Main St. at its regular meeting on September 14, 2016. Over the past year, we have looked at multiple options of where to add building space to support our students and programs, including our pre-kindergarten program and our current kitchen space. We have looked at the current preschool site, across Main St. to the west of our main building, and possibly adding on to the southeast corner of the existing building. This property at 160 Main St. is already connected to our existing playground area and provides the opportunity to potentially put up a structure that could be used for multiple purposes. We need to eliminate the portable that is currently being used for pre-kindergarten. It does not meet the needs of our early childhood program (we currently have 17 three and four year olds in the pre-kindergarten program. Next year we are looking at the possibility of 19-20 three and four year olds eligible for our program, based on census numbers). We would like to provide a minimum of 1200-1500 square feet to support our pre-kindergarten program.

•We do not intend to use the house on the 160 Main St. property as classroom space. We are currently in the brainstorming phase of possible uses for that house.

•Our current kitchen area needs to be addressed as well. We have been working with our architect, Gill Peace, to formulate possible ideas to renovate the kitchen area, based on some existing safety concerns. Currently, food storage and some freezer space are not available in our existing kitchen. This renovation could include one existing elementary classroom, which means one classroom will need to be relocated.

•Funding: The Board of Education has been supportive the last few years in building our depreciation fund and special building fund. Our intent is to be able to pay for these projects through these two funding sources.

•2016-17 Budget: General Fund - \$4,381,500; Depreciation Fund - \$450,349; Employee Benefit Fund - \$18,701; Activities Fund - \$150,000; School Nutrition Fund - \$127,499; Bond Fund - \$183,350; Special Building Fund - \$527,996; QCPUF - \$75,025; and Student Fees Fund - \$835.

•2016-17 Property Tax Rate: General Fund - \$.889321; Bond Fund - \$.061466; Special Building Fund - \$.050634; QCPUF - \$.029573. Total Levy = \$1.030994

STUDENT AND ADULT CONDUCT AT SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

We want all of our students, parents, teachers, and community members to have an enjoyable experience as you come cheer on the Jets at different school activities. We are asking for your help in making this an enjoyable experience for all. All spectators that attend our different activities are asked to sit and watch the games or stand in such a manner that it does not interfere with others viewing the game.

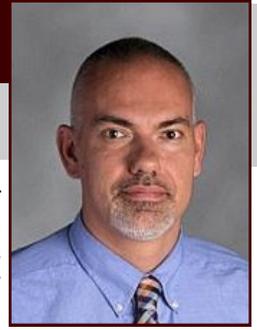
We are asking parents to help monitor their children and have them watch the game with you and/or their friends. Children should not be running the halls or playing games on the stage. We are all here to cheer on the Jets and our students and children are expected to be in the stands cheering on the Jets too. If students are found to be running the halls they will be asked to return to their seats and their parents.

As it states on our athletic programs...Let the players play, the coaches coach, the officials officiate, the spectators be positive, and let's all be committed to excellence! Thank you for helping us make our activity and athletic events an enjoyable experience for all. **Go Jets!**

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

OCT 5 NOV 2 DEC 7 FEB 1 MAR 1 APR 5

Principle Notes by Mr. Theobald



NeSA Scores. The Nebraska Department of Education recently made public the NeSA results from the 2015-16 school year. Each spring students are assessed in Reading, Mathematics, and Science. Students are also assessed in Writing in January. Below are a few charts that show how our students scored in comparison to the state average, for Reading, Mathematics, and Science. Writing scores are still currently under review, so they have not been made public at this time. The numbers shown below are the percentage of students who are who are either **meeting** or **exceeding** the expected standards.

NeSA-R (Reading)

Grade 3		Grade 4		Grade 5		Grade 6		Grade 7		Grade 8		Grade 11	
Ste	NE	Ste	NE										
92	84	100	86	100	85	82	83	94	85	73	82	95	72

NeSA-M (Mathematics)

Grade 3		Grade 4		Grade 5		Grade 6		Grade 7		Grade 8		Grade 11	
Ste	NE	Ste	NE										
100	79	84	78	100	77	82	73	100	71	82	68	86	65

NeSA-S (Science)

Grade 5		Grade 8		Grade 11	
Ste	NE	Ste	NE	Ste	NE
93	74	82	68	95	74

Once again I think our students and teachers need to be commended for their outstanding effort. 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. You can also compare our scores to other school districts in the state. I would also be willing to answer any specific questions you may have in regards to our scores as well.

Report Cards/Mid-Term Reports. As a school, we are always looking for ways to be more efficient with what we do. Our current practice has been to send both report cards and mid-quarter reports in the U.S. Mail. Starting with the second quarter, we are planning to make a change in the delivery method. We are planning to send both of these reports home with students. We will be sending out an Alert Solutions reminder to parents the day prior to sending these home. Our hope is that this change will be a more efficient way to communicate this information, for both parents and the school. If for some reason these reports do not make it home, please feel free to contact the office.

Illness. I just wanted to remind all parents of the school policy regarding students who are ill or become ill at school. If a student has a temperature of 100.0 or higher, they will be sent home and may not return until they are fever free for 24 hours, without the aid of fever reducing medication. We must follow this policy in order to prevent other students from becoming ill.

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



Picture Retake Day
Monday, November 1, 2016 @ 8:15 AM





NeSA Perfect Score Awards

Ellie Lafferty - 4th Grade Writing,
 Haley Pella - 4th Grade Writing,
 Piper Kinney - 3rd Grade Writing & 3rd Grade Math,
 Diego Sterkel - 8th Grade Math

WAY TO GO KIDS! WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!

GLOW RUN



TEAMMATES[®]

MENTORING PROGRAM

Together We Transform Lives

On September 9th, TeamMates held a "Glow Run" to help raise money for the Sterling Chapter. We had 59 participants and raised \$345. Everyone had a great time!

A huge thank you to all the participants, donors, and volunteers!!! It is very much appreciated!



SOUTHEAST DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT - FLU SHOTS ARE HERE!

VFC and Adult (un-insured and under-insured) Qualified Flu Vaccine has come in. We ask for \$15.00 donation, if possible. Appointment times are also encouraged but no one will be turned away. If people need to get shots outside of our clinic times, please have them call the office to set this up. Getting vaccinated is a priority.

CDC encourages people 6 months and older to get the flu shot as soon as possible. The shot covers 4 different types of virus. 2 A's and 2 B's - 1 B is new to provide a better match to what was circulating last year. Though some years shots have not been a "good match", the shot still offered cross protection. Some protection is better than no protection.

The flu mist is not recommended this year.

Below are several resource links you may want on hand going into the flu season.

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/pdf/freeresources/updated/everydaypreventive.pdf>

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/school/index.htm>

From the Counselor's Desk...

Addie Heusman

In the following pages I hope you find useful information and dates that will help you and your student prepare for their future. Please don't hesitate to call me if you have any questions. I look forward to working for you and your children. If you plan to attend college starting in the fall of 2017, you should take **the ACT, SAT or ACCUPLACER no later than the December test date**. Many colleges require the test information to qualify for freshmen scholarship awards next spring. Students may test as many times as they choose. The college will accept the highest test score. Check on the institutions in which you are interested for specifics about their testing requirements.

Financial Aid Planning Night

Wednesday, October 5, 6:30 p.m. Freeman High School North Commons



A representative from EducationQuest in Lincoln will be at Freeman Public Schools to make a generic financial aid presentation, and also to explain the services provided by EducationQuest. We are very fortunate in Nebraska to have a facility which offers the counseling and informational services EducationQuest does. An extra bonus is that the services are all free of charge. If you are interested in more information, please stop by the Counseling office or contact EducationQuest at 1-800-303-3745 or at www.educationquest.org.

PSAT/NMSQT: Sterling high school juniors may take the PSAT/NMSQT test this fall offered by SAT and the National Secondary School Principal's Association. Taking the PSAT will provide the juniors with insight into examination. Additionally, taking the PSAT qualifies the student to participate in the **National Merit Scholarship Program**.

The PSAT is a voluntary program. Each junior choosing to participate may do so at their own expense of \$15.00. The test date is set for **Wednesday, October 19, 2016**. If there are questions, please contact the Counseling office.

ACCUPLACER is the entrance test for community colleges and takes approximately 90 minutes to complete. The ACCUPLACER is replacing the COMPASS test. If you are interested in taking the ACCUPLACER, please contact Mrs. Heusman or any of the Southeast Community College campuses and ask for testing.

SCC Beatrice: 1-800-233-5027
SCC Lincoln: 1-800-642-4075
SCC Milford: 1-800-933-7223



SENIORS & JUNIORS

Who Want to Play Varsity Athletics at the Collegiate Level MUST REGISTER !

If you wish to play for a **NCAA Division I, II or III School**

- **Register** with the NCAA Clearinghouse at www.eligibilitycenter.org and **have your ACT score sent** directly to the NCAA. (Use **code 9999** on your ACT registration form where you indicate what colleges should receive your test scores.)

If you wish to play for a **NAIA school**

- ♦ **Register** at www.playnaia.org and use **code 9876** on your ACT registration form to have your score sent to the NAIA.

Seniors - Have you visited your top colleges? If you haven't done so already, visit your college choices **soon** as application deadlines will start hitting this fall. Follow these tips for a successful visit:

- ♦ **Contact the admissions office at least two weeks in advance** to schedule your visit. Make appointments with an admissions representative, financial aid counselor and a faculty member in the area of study that interests you.
- ♦ **Check out the college website before you visit.** Most college sites have a section for prospective students where you can learn about the school's admissions process, types of majors, student services and employment opportunities. You might even be able to schedule your visit online.
- ♦ **Visit while school is in session.** You won't get the true flavor during breaks or finals week.
- ♦ **Get a feel for the campus.** Hang out in the student union, find coffee shops with wireless internet access, eat in a restaurant close to campus or attend athletic or cultural events.
- ♦ **Ask LOTS of questions.** See the EducationQuest College Prep Handbook or website for good questions to ask.

**GRADUATION IS
SATURDAY,
MAY 13 AT
4:00 P.M.**



FAFSA Filing Date Change

You can now complete the FAFSA at fafsa.gov after **October 1** to file for financial aid using your 2015 Tax information. You will need to create a FSA ID at fsaid.ed.gov in order to complete the FAFSA. For more information, please attend the October 5, financial aid meeting or visit EducationQuest.org.





Going to a College Fair this fall? You must first register for a barcode! Here's how it works:

1. Before you go to a College Fair, visit **NebraskaCollegeFairs.org** and select the event you plan to attend.
2. Complete and submit a confidential form providing details such as contact information, age/gender/ethnicity, year in school, academic information, extracurricular activities, and ACT/SAT test scores if available.
3. Print the barcode that appears on your screen.
 - ◆ **Lincoln Area College Fair:** Sunday, October 9, 2016 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.,
Southeast Community College - Lincoln Campus
 - ◆ **Omaha Area College Fair:** Sunday, October 23, 2015 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.,
University of Nebraska-Omaha— SAPP Fieldhouse

Winning the Scholarship Game

Follow these tips to increase your chances of earning scholarships!

\$ Don't pay for scholarship searches! Use free search sites including ScholarshipQuest at www.educationquest.org that lists over 1,600 state and local awards. Check out free national state and local awards. Check out free national sites such as **FastWeb, SRN Express and FastAid**. Scholarship resources are also available at your local library and at the EducationQuest offices in Kearney, Lincoln and Omaha.

\$ Visit your high school counselor weekly for information about local scholarships.

\$ Get organized. Place scholarship applications in deadline order and prioritize each award. Local and college-specific scholarships deserve top priority because you're more likely to earn them.

\$ Continually update your activities, honors and volunteer or paid jobs using the Activities Resume at www.educationquest.org.

\$ Earn the best possible ACT/SAT scores by taking the exams in the spring of your junior year and again in the fall of your senior year.

\$ Use quality references such as a teacher, coach, or counselor. Encourage them to write specific examples of your leadership skills. Give them advanced notice and a specific deadline.

\$ Get an early start on essays. Describe your interests, hopes for the future, and leadership abilities. Be sure to tailor your essay to the question.

2016-2017 ACT TEST DATES

Test Date	Registration Deadline*	Late Registration Period* (Late Fee Required)	Photo Upload Deadline**
October 22, 2016	September 16	September 17-30	October 14
December 10, 2016	November 4	November 5-18	December 2
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

*If you miss the regular deadline, you can register during the late period but must pay the additional nonrefundable late fee. NOTE: All materials sent by mail must be RECEIVED by the last date of the late period, regardless of when they are postmarked. If students are wishing to register at school, he/she must have their social security number and a credit card to pay for registration. Registration for the ACT without writing is \$42.50. ACT with writing costs \$58.50.

**If you have problems uploading photos, please see Mrs. Heusman.

www.actstudent.org/start

ACT/SAT Scores for UNL & UNO

UNL and UNO have changed their policy on how they accept a student's ACT/SAT scores. They will only accept ACT/SAT scores directly from the testing agency.

This means that it is the student's responsibility to indicate on the ACT/SAT form that a copy of his/her test results be sent to either

school. However, UNK will continue to accept the ACT/SAT test scores on the high school transcript.



Sterling D.C. Trip Rummage Sale

Sterling Gym - Oct 15th,
2016, 8am - 5pm



- Multi-Family
- Lots of Great Buys
- Trash or Treasure???
- Junk You Just May Need!!!

Sterling D.C. Trip Fall Golf Tournament

Grandpa's Woods Golf
Course - Murdock, Nebraska
Oct 29th, 2016 - 8:30am
Shotgun Start



2 Person Scramble - 18 Holes -
Cart Included
Meal - Raffle - Pin Prizes
\$60.00 Entry Fee Per Person
(\$120.00 per team)

Contact: Luke Boldt 402-335-8337

E-mail: lboldt@sterlingpublicschools.com

*all proceeds go to the 5th and 6th Grade Washington D.C. Trip

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 B- Breakfast Bar OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Nachos w/ Cheese Sauce or Bean Dip, Green Beans, Celery w/ PB, Mandarin Oranges	4 B- WG Cereal, WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Vegetable Beef Soup, Romaine Lettuce Salad, WG Cheese Breadstick, Applesauce	5 B- Yogurt Parfait OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Chicken Patty on WG Bun, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Peas, Pears	6 B- WG Pancakes, Sausage OR WG Cereal/Sausage, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Pizza, Corn, Black Bean Salad, Peaches	7 B- Omelet, WG Toast OR WG Cereal/WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Hamburger, FF and/or Swt. FF, Tomatoes, Pineapple Tidbits
10 B- WG French Toast Sticks OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Chicken Gravy over WG Biscuits OR WG Bread, Peas, Applesauce	11 B- Sausage Gravy over WG Biscuits OR WG Cereal/WG Biscuit, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Tacos, Corn, Celery w/ PB, Pears	12 B- WG Cereal, WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Chicken Noodle Soup, PB&J Sandwich, Romaine Lettuce Salad, Mandarin Oranges	13 B- Breakfast Burrito OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Hot Beef Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Pineapple Tidbits	14 B- Scrambled Eggs, WG Toast OR WG Cereal/WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Goulash, Green Beans, WG Dinner Roll w/ Jelly, Peaches
17 B- Breakfast Pizza OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Ham Patty on WG Bun, Green Beans, Tator Gems and/or Swt. Tator Gems, Pears	18 B- Breakfast Bar OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Sloppy Joes, Corn, FF and/or Swt. FF, Mandarin Oranges	19 B- WG Pancake & Sausage on Stick OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Chicken Fajita, Glazed Carrots, WG Rice, Peaches	20 B- WG Cereal, WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Chili Soup w/ Cheese, Cinnamon Roll, Romaine Lettuce Salad, Pineapple Tidbits	21 B- Yogurt Parfait OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Mini Corn Dogs, Peas, Baked Beans, Applesauce
24 B- Toaster Pastry, Sausage OR WG Cereal/Sausage, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Spaghetti, Green Beans, WG Garlic Bread, Peaches	25 B- Scrambled Eggs, WG Toast OR WG Cereal/WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Tomato Soup, Cheese Sandwich, Romaine Lettuce Salad, Applesauce	26 B- WG Waffles, Sausage OR WG Cereal/WG Waffle, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Potato Bake, Ham Salad or Tuna Salad Sandwich, String Cheese	27 B- WG Cereal, WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Submarines on WG Bun, FF and/or Swt. FF, Peas, Mandarin Oranges	28 NO SCHOOL FALL BREAK
31 B- Mummy OR Crispy Critters/Goblin, Maggots/Dracula's Blood, Witches Brew L- Nosferatu's Fowl Favorites, Monster Mash w/ Goo, Kreepy Kernels, Coffins	31 B- Breakfast Burrito OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Corn, Pineapple Tidbits	OCTOBER 2016		MEVUS

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DON'T FORGET...

October 5	EARLY OUT - 1:37PM
October 7	Randy Nadler Presents Greece
October 11	School Board Meeting
October 14	No School PreK End of 1st Quarter
October 17/18/21	Pioneer Conference VB Tournament
October 20-23	Mid-America Skills Competition @ Columbus
October 28	NO SCHOOL - FALL BREAK
October 31/ November 1	VB Sub-Districts @ Auburn

Stay up to date with all things JET related by going to the school website www.sterlingjets.org or our Facebook page!!!

