



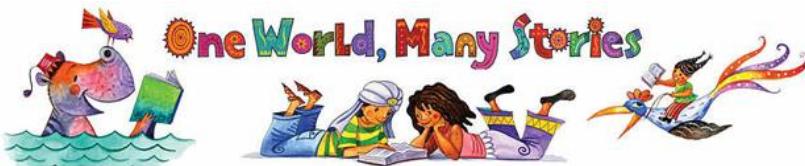
Principal's Newsletter

June 2018



Please Save the Date and Spread the Word:

On September 12th, our PTA, Lion and Lioness Clubs will be sponsoring the screening of a documentary centered on personal/digital devices, gaming, social media, and how they impact child development. This parent night will begin at 6:30 pm in the Little Theater and last approximately 90 minutes. Child care will be available. After the showing of the movie Screenagers, there will be time for group discussions allowing for parents and community members to share thoughts and concerns. Please save the date and help spread the word. This free event is guaranteed to help you better understand your child's day to day interactions with the digital world and their peers. It will also provide strategies to help set safe boundaries for gaming and social media. If our Husker Families and community stick together, upholding family and school values, we have a much better chance of raising healthy, positive, successful, and creative children. Anything short of packing the Little Theater, in my opinion, is an epic fail. Show up for your children and the betterment of our school! Thank you!



Summer vacation! I cannot believe we are here already! It seems like the 2017-2018 school year just started. I would like to thank our children, families, and our staff for another outstanding year of learning, friendship, and Husker High Five celebrations! We have an amazing school! Thank you for sharing your children with us. I love being your principal and I am proud of our children and our staff. Husker Excellence! Spread the word and create a buzz celebrating families, children, and personal achievement at Holdingford Elementary. When families and schools work together, the sky is the limit!

Please have a safe and fun-filled summer. Take time to relax and enjoy the simple things life has to offer. Around the kitchen table, bonfires, or while in the car, talk often about daily events and happenings. Celebrate the 4th of July with pride for our country and communities. Please inspire and expect your children to read each day. If you have little ones,

share the gift of literacy nightly; if your children are older, ask them to turn off the TV, put away the Playstation, turn off cell phones, and provide a quiet place for them to exercise their imaginations. Please monitor internet usage and make sure social media being used supports your family values and portrays your child in a positive fashion. Remember to carve out time each day to play math games, or practice math concepts. Safety efforts and a Husker work ethic this summer will ensure a positive and productive start to the 2018-2019 school year. Thank you!

Have a blessed summer.

Sincerely,

Mr. Stang



Best of Luck to our 6th Grade:

Congratulations Sixth grade...You made it to 7th grade and we are proud of you. We will miss you, and we expect amazing things from you. In order for that "amazing" to happen for you as individuals and as the graduating class of 2024, you will have to hold true to your family and school values. What is it you want to become? How can you use your energy, passion, and talents to make our school, community and your family better? Next fall you will move to a new part of the building; but you will always be part of us. Enjoy your junior high years...they will fly by quickly! Make the most of new situations and friendships. You will soar to higher heights and to great success. I believe in you! If you fall behind, get confused, or ever need help, please know your elementary family is here for you. Please stay in touch, stop on in, and represent us well. We love you. We are proud of you. This is not good bye, but rather BEST of Luck! Congratulations 6th graders and thank you for a fantastic year. You are a very, very special group of young men and women! Make each other GREAT!



With Husker Love...Thank you for the memories 6th Grade!

6th graders... I do not have much of a speech for you. My heart is sad...I do not want to see you go! Good bye these days are tough...I know in my heart this is not good bye, rather a celebration of achievement, a passing of time, a responsibility to gently push you forward to bigger and better things. We will see each other in the hallways. I will check on you time to time. We will still share a laugh and kind word. So then why am I hesitant to say good bye? Perhaps it is because you have been a source of joy and happiness. You have lead this year by example...I am proud of you! I have said often...our 6th grade students get it....You might be asking...what is "it?" Great question! "it" is the ability to get along and treat everyone in our school with respect and kindness. It is the rare ability to make mistakes and then be self-disciplined to fix shortcomings. It is the ability to include others and treat others the way you want to be treated. It is having the maturity to accept responsibility for your actions and words. "It" is the ability to not only take care of yourself, but the insight to take care of each other. I would like to thank you for a wonderful and most excellent elementary school career. I want you to know you I am proud of you. I love you!

You have kind hearts and strong character. You are talented; you are creative, curious, joyful, ambitious, healthy, and full of youthful energy and curiosity. I ask you to live your life with integrity. Never give in to peer pressure. Let your family and Husker values guide you to personal excellence...Be who you are and never let a peer drag you into

something you're not. When troubled and when happy...talk to your parents, a loved one, a teacher...share the burden of youth and share what is in your heart and mind.

Please remember, we are family. Our elementary staff will be only a step away if you need help and support. We are not only connected by hallway, we are connected in the common goal trying to be the best we can be. Stop by and say hi. Our hearts and doors are always open!

To quote on of my favorite picture books. "I will like you for always, I will love you forever, As long as I am living, my Husker family you will be!"

Love,

Mr. Stang



5th Grade Going into 6th:

You are now the leaders of our elementary! Children will look up to you; they will watch your behaviors and listen to your words. Represent your family, your teachers, and your class with maturity and excellence. Choose your words and actions carefully on the bus, on the playground, in the cafeteria, throughout the hallways and work hard each day to be the best you can be. Dream big, have fun, and challenge yourself academically! Let your work ethic define your school excellence while building on your strong family values and your Husker Character. You can make us all better! Make us proud. I believe in you!



June notes from your K – 12 Social Worker:

Encourage your child to read! Provide your child balance with brain, physical, and social activity. Brain activities should include brain teasers, puzzles, and reading together as a family. Consider enrolling your child in a summer camp to enhance their social and physical activity levels. The most beneficial programs address the needs of the whole child. These programs not only boost student achievement, but also improve self-esteem and confidence. Well-designed summer learning programs enhance motivation for engagement in learning, and develop and nurture new skills and talents.

To do as a family:

- Read - Parents should try to read to their child every day or have their child read to them. Children improve more quickly when an adult asks questions about material and makes a child reread difficult sections.
- Get outdoors - Take children to parks and trails for walks or to ride bicycles, or plant a garden or flowers together.

- In the Kitchen - Allow a child to help out by measuring ingredients and reading recipes. Ask more challenging questions such as how many pints are in a quart and how to divide ingredients. Plan and cook meals together, share family traditions or tell stories and reflect upon fun times.
- Move it - Attend summer music festivals with your children and dance together. Sign up your child for summer swimming lessons or other athletic events.



Thank you PTA!

A huge Husker Thank You goes out to our top notch PTA! Your influence, drive, and dedication made our school a better place to learn, laugh, and love. Through your hard work, you have opened new doors for all children in hopes they will become better students, friends, and community members. We are blessed to have you in our lives and hope that your commitment to children remains only a phone call away.

If you are interested in becoming a member of our local Holdingford Elementary PTA, please visit their booth at our 2018-2019 Open House the evening of August 29th. Remember...many hands make light work and our community a stronger safer place to raise a family.



Happy Retirement...Your Life is Calling!

Heartfelt thanks are given by our entire school as we say goodbye to Marie Bullert. Mrs. Bullert, we will miss you. I will miss you. Your retirement selfishly breaks my heart...your commitment to our children and school has been inspirational and inspiring. Your smiles and positive energy has been contagious. For the countless lives you have touched...I thank you. Enjoy retirement. I wish you only the very best life has to offer!

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Retirement is a time
For feeling glad to be alive,
A time when friendships blossom
And enthusiasms thrive.
A chance to do the special things
You always wished you could.
Retirement is a special time
For knowing...life is good.
Congratulations on your
Retirement

Dates to Remember:

- Summer School July 9-27 from 8:30-11:30 am M-F
- Elementary Open House August 29th
- First Day of School Tuesday, September 4 2018

**From all of us at Holdingford Elementary School...Have an AMAZING
Summer!**