



OCTOBER 2026

BOBCAT BITS

Hemingford Public Schools



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*Empowering
individuals to become
Resourceful,
Respectful, and
Responsible lifelong
learners.*
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**"GET UP BOBCAT NATION -
OCTOBER IS HERE!"**

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S STANDPOINT OCTOBER 2026

By Dr. Travis Miller

As we move into fall, we look forward to welcoming families for parent-teacher conferences. These conversations are an important opportunity to strengthen the partnership between home and school. Parents are our students' first and most important teachers, and your knowledge of your children helps our staff support each student's learning and growth. I hope every student will have a parent or family member who can participate. If you cannot attend at the scheduled time, please call the school or email your student's teachers to arrange another opportunity to connect.

Fall also brings a reminder to take extra care when traveling to and from school. As crops are harvested and transported, we can expect additional trucks, farm equipment, and other traffic on area roads over the coming months. Shorter days and changing weather can make it more difficult for drivers to see students walking or riding bicycles. Please allow extra travel time, remain alert, and be patient with others sharing the road.

Parents, please review safe routes to school with your children and remind them to use marked crosswalks wherever available. Before crossing, students should stop, look left, right, and left again, and continue watching for traffic as they cross. They should wait until approaching vehicles have stopped and never assume a driver has seen them. Putting phones away and avoiding distractions helps students stay aware of their surroundings.

Drivers play an equally important role. Please slow down near schools and crosswalks, watch carefully for children, and stay focused on the road. Take particular care during arrival and dismissal, when students, buses, and family vehicles are moving through the same areas. A little extra patience and attention can help everyone arrive safely.

Our school also participates in Safe2Help Nebraska, which allows students, families, and community members to report safety concerns anonymously. Reports can be made at any time through the reporting tools at safe2helpne.com or by calling 833-980-7233. Speaking up when something seems wrong is another way we can care for one another and help keep our schools safe.

As always, if you have ideas about how we can work together to make this a great school year, please call, email, or make an appointment to stop by the district office. I welcome the opportunity to hear from you. Thank you for your continued partnership and for helping keep our students safe, healthy, and ready to learn.





*"An investment in
knowledge pays the
best interest."
— Benjamin Franklin*

Upcoming Events

No School for Students:
Monday, October 12th

End of 1st Quarter:
Friday, October 16th

Parent Teacher Conferences:
Wednesday, October 21st
1:00-7:00

Fall Break for Students:
October 21st-23rd
GUBN

HIGH SCHOOL UPDATES

Josh Redden

The end of the first quarter is quickly approaching. The back-to-school honeymoon has worn off, and we've successfully made it to fall. Now is a great time to help students finish strong. Encourage them to work closely with their teachers if they're struggling in any area. Missing work continues to be the biggest reason behind grade concerns, so checking in regularly can make a big difference. If you haven't logged into PowerSchool recently to monitor your student's progress, now is a good time to do so before the quarter wraps up. If you need any assistance accessing PowerSchool, please reach out to the high school office, we're happy to help.

On that note, please make sure that you have your contact information updated in PowerSchool as that is the main way that we communicate now that Remind is no longer a form of communication the district utilizes. Long form message will go out via email, so please make sure that your correct email is in the system.

HPS will be hosting the Western Nebraska School Mental Health Conference on Monday, October 12th. There will be no school for students that day, but the athletic events that afternoon are still being played.

Miss Jespersen's Paws and Perspectives

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Learning Season

Reminders

As the weather begins to change please make sure your students come to school with appropriate layers of clothing. We enjoy having our students get fresh air during our recess breaks and remain outside unless it is too cold or storming weather. Due to that fact, it is much more fun, for all students, when they are dressed warmly on those chilly fall days!

Elementary Leadership ...

This year's 5th and 6th grade student council members were chosen and they have already been put to work. Each week they will be helping with our GUBN Monday Meeting, helping me each morning by delivering the daily announcements over the intercoms. The student council, along with Ms. Failor, the STUCO coordinator, prepare and help make our elementary Red Ribbon Week a huge success. Thank you for your leadership!

The members are:

5th Grade

Kyrie Dean

Avery Huss

Georgia Krebs

Gus Woltman

6th Grade

Huck Long

Kymberlee Ansley

Hayden Kozal

Emily Cullan

Oftentimes October is referred to as a Spooky season with the holiday that surrounds this month. I would like to call it the Learning Season here at Hemingford Elementary school. Our students continue to work hard and this month will bring many opportunities to not only learn from their teachers but also from individuals outside of school.

We are looking forward to having members from Panhandle Public Health come speak to our Kindergarten-3rd grade students during our Red Ribbon Week activities. Jake Frost and the Hemingford Volunteer Fire Department will once again be sharing their knowledge with our students as this month is Fire Prevention Month.

The month of learning will also include our Fall Parent Teacher Conferences taking place Wednesday the 21st. Be on the lookout for notes to sign-up coming your way soon. That time is a fantastic one to check-in on your student's learning and ask any questions of your child's teacher before we begin the 2nd quarter. I hope everyone has an amazing start to Fall and wish all of our students the best as they finish up the first quarter of our 2026-2027 school year.

October Important Dates

NO SCHOOL~October 12th

**Parent/Teacher Conference
Wednesday October 21st**

**NO SCHOOL~ Fall Break
October 22nd-23rd**

**Red Ribbon Week
October 26th-30th**

Parents and Guardians

You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.

You can participate in this free service* just by sending a text message of “Y” or “Yes” to our school’s short code number, **67587**.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with “Stop”.

We recommend saving this short code and Caller ID to the contacts on your phone. This will help prevent any 3rd party call blocking systems from interfering with your receipt of important messages sent by the school or district.

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge™, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.



**Opt-In from
your mobile
now!**



**Just send “Y”
or “Yes” to
67587.**

 **Information on SMS text messaging and Short Codes:** SMS stands for Short Message Service and is commonly referred to as a “text message”. Most cell phones support this type of text messaging. Our notification provider, SchoolMessenger, uses a true SMS protocol developed by the telecommunications industry specifically for mass text messaging, referred to as “short code” texting. This method is fast, secure and highly reliable because it is strictly regulated by the wireless carriers and only allows access to approved providers.

If you’ve ever sent a text vote for a TV show to a number like 46999, you have used short code texting.

*Terms and Conditions – Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. See schoolmessenger.com/tm for more info.



MUSIC NOTES

BY MRS. ARNESON

K-12 Music Teacher

K-6 HAL Coordinator

sarneson@gubn.org

308-487-3330 ex. 403

2026-2027 Music Event Dates *All Events are Subject to change.*

Please let Mrs. Arneson know if you see conflicting event information.

If a date is not listed, the event will be held but the exact date is TBD.

Football Games - Friday Oct 9, Dismiss from class @ 1:10pm, Begin playing at 1:30pm, Game @ 2pm
PANCO Choral Clinic - Thurs, Oct 29th @ Hay Springs (Grades 7-12 Sign up to attend) **Date Change**
CSC Homecoming Football Game, estimate leave at 11am, Sat, Oct 31st details (Grades 7-12)

Veterans Day Program - Wednesday, November 11th @ 9am

WTC Honor Choir - Monday, November 16th @ Gordon-Rushville (for Grades 9-12, Audition required)

K-12 Winter Concert Date: Monday, December 14th - K-6 @6pm; 7-12 @ 7pm

K-12 Winter Concert Backup Date: Friday, December 18th

Oregon Trails Honor Band - Mon, January 4, 2027 (nomination)

Basketball Games - Anticipate January 8th and January 15th

8th Grade All-State Band - Saturday January 9th

Singing Youth of Nebraska - January 30, 2027 at Bridgeport for Grades 7-9

CSC High Plains Honor Band/Choir - Mon/Tues, Feb 1 & 2, 2027

Panhandle Festival Choir - Monday, February 22

WTC Honor Band - Tuesday, March 9th @ Mitchell High School (for Grades 9-12, Audition required)

Band Spring Concert: Monday March 15th @ 6pm

Vocal Spring Concert: Tuesday, March 16th @ 6pm

First Backup Concert Date: Thursday, March 18th @ 6pm

Second Backup Spring Concert Date: Monday, April 19th @ 6pm

Class C All-State Band - Saturday, March 20th (for Grades 7-12, Audition due Dec 18th) @ Kearney

PANCO Music Contest - April 7 @ Hay Springs **Date Change**

Alliance Middle School Solo Contest - April TBD

NSAA District Music Contest - Weds, April 21 @ Alliance High School

Graduation - Saturday, May 8th - Arrive 1:30pm, Play at 2pm

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VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

**11TH NOVEMBER
AT 9AM**



**All are Welcome
Event Location: HS Gym**

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**High School Seniors: Please
Consider speaking about
Veterans in your family or
encouraging a Veteran in your
family to come speak at the
program.**



The choice of artwork
will be decided by a
drawing or vote
depending on number
of entries.

ART SUBMISSION

*Do you want your artwork to be printed in this
year's Hemingford Programs?*

**All K-12 students invited to submit
their favorite designs.**

The Guidelines:

- School Appropriate
- Looks good in a 4x4 inch space or less
- relates to the theme of the program
- will scan well and show up well

1) Veterans Day Program - Due Oct 1st

- patriotic theme

2) Winter Concert - Due Nov 1st

- winter theme
- holiday's around the world theme

3) Spring Concert - Due Feb 1st

- music theme
- spring theme
- TBD

**Turn in artwork to
the school office or
Mrs. Arneson**



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WINTER CONCERT

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

BACKUP DATE: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

- 5PM SOUP SUPPER IN THE RED ZONE
- 6PM K-6 PROGRAM IN THE HS GYM
- 7PM 7-12 PROGRAM (MAY BEGIN EARLY)

K-6 STUDENTS PLEASE WEAR NICE CLOTHES

7-8 BAND - PLEASE WEAR A BLACK SHIRT AND JEANS

9-12 STUDENTS - PLEASE WEAR ALL BLACK CLOTHES (CONCERT BLACK)

PLEASE LEAVE ALL HATS AND HOODIES AT HOME



Elementary PE

Parents/Guardians

Please help your student be successful for PE class by wearing tennis shoes or bringing tennis shoes to change into for PE class. Tennis shoes are the safest and most effective footwear for PE class. Sandals, flip-flops, crocs, dudes, slippers, slides, and boots are not appropriate footwear for PE class. They can create tripping hazards and safety concerns for themselves and others.

If you aren't sure on the red/white days, check the school calendar on the website. The red/white days are marked on there.

RED PE Days

Mr. Wyland

5th Grade-both classes

Kindergarten-both classes

3rd grade-both classes

WHITE PE days

Ms. Failor

4th Grade-both classes

2nd grade-both classes

1st grade-both classes



HIGH ABILITY LEARNERS

The High Ability Learners Program, HAL, is an identification provided to students who consistently receive a 95% or above on national test scores in the areas of Reading, Math, or Science.

Services provided may differ based on the individual student needs or motivations. Students are considered for the program at the beginning of the school year and if a new student transfers into the district. If you wish to be considered for the HAL program at Hemingford, please email sarneson@gubn.org or jpeitzmeier@gubn.org for more information.

ELEMENTARY HAL: MRS. ARNESON

HIGH SCHOOL HAL: MRS. PEITZMEIER

New HAL students will be notified within the first 30 days of the school year.

Some new scheduling changes will allow HAL students to check in with the HAL coordinators during the school day instead of after school hours this school year. A primary goal this year is to encourage the students to challenge themselves within the regular math, reading, or science curriculums.

The school offers academic related programs that provide another opportunity for Hemingford students to challenge themselves. These are for all interested HPS students. The following events are some of the activities students have participated in previously. Please let your HAL coordinator know if you wish to participate in these events and they will connect you with the current coach.

Science Olympiad, Science Fair, National Civics Bee, Quiz Bowl, Reading Rally, MathCounts, Spelling Bee, Opera Omaha Poetry Contest

The Bobcat CARE (Community Action Reaching Education) Fund

Living in a small community, we understand the importance of working together and relying on one another for success. However, resources can sometimes be limited. During tough times, parents and families may struggle to provide their children with everything they need. The Bobcat CARE Fund steps in to assist families by offering supplies, clothing, shoes, toiletries, school lunch, milk, and even support for CNA certifications.

How it Works

The Bobcat CARE Fund operates in a straightforward manner. When teachers or parents identify a student's needs, they reach out to the Principals at Hemingford Elementary and High School. These needs, such as winter coats, tennis shoes, or assistance with school lunch, can be addressed through the CARE funds. The specific needs can be posted on our Facebook page and website. If someone wishes to donate an item, they can comment or message on Facebook or contact the school directly. Donations, whether items or funds, can be dropped off at the school and will be distributed to the students in need. This program is entirely confidential, and no student names are ever disclosed.

To request help:

Contact our Elementary or High School Principals by completing the form at this link:
[Bobcat CARES Referral/Request Form](#)

Or

Contact Us:

Miss Jespersen, Elementary Principal: (308) 487-3330

Mr. Redden, High School Principal: (308) 487-3328

We will gather the necessary information based on what is needed or can assist in finding resources for you to reach out to. As part of this process, you are also encouraged to visit with your student's teacher about items your child may need.

To support our fund:

Donate items/funding through your business. Also, feel free to post our information page in your business to help us spread the word about The Bobcat CARE Fund.

Donate items/funding personally through HCF (taxable deductions)

Here's a link to the [Hemingford Public Schools Facebook Page](#) and the [Hemingford Community Foundation](#). Like us and keep up to date on how we are building better communities!



OCTOBER EVENTS

Calendar events are subject to change. Please see our [website calendar](#) for the current calendar of events.

				1 Red Day 3:00pm: Girls Volleyball Moral Trn #2 (Varsity)	2 White Day 2:00pm: CANCELED - Girls Volleyball Hemingford vs Perkins County (Reserve) 2:30pm: Boys Cross Country Mark Matthews Invitational & WTC in Bayard (Varsity) 3:00pm: Girls Volleyball Hemingford vs Perkins County (Junior Varsity) 4:00pm: Girls Volleyball Hemingford vs Perkins County (Varsity) 7:00pm: Boys Football Hemingford vs Perkins County (Varsity)	3 11:00am: Girls Volleyball Hay Springs vs Hemingford (Junior High) 12:00pm: Girls Volleyball Bayard vs Hemingford (Junior High) 2:00pm: Girls Volleyball Crawford/Sioux County vs Hemingford (Junior High)
4	5 Red Day 3:00pm: Girls Volleyball Crawford/Sioux County vs Hemingford (Junior High) 5:00pm: Boys Football Hemingford vs Hay Springs (Junior Varsity) 5:00pm: Girls Volleyball Crawford/Sioux County vs Hemingford (Junior Varsity) 6:00pm: Girls Volleyball Crawford/Sioux County vs Hemingford (Varsity)	6 White Day 6:30pm: FFA Meeting 7:15pm: One Act Auditions	7 Red Day 2:30pm: Boys Cross Country JV/V Sidney XC Invite (Varsity)	8 White Day	9 Red Day 2:00pm: Boys Football Maywood-Hayes Center vs Hemingford (Varsity)	10 9:30am: Girls Volleyball Valentine Invite (Varsity)

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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
8:00am: No School for Students (Staff inservice) 8:00am: FCCLA Western Nebraska CTSO FLC 8:00am: Western Nebraska School Mental Health Conference (Hemingford Hosts) 2:00pm: Boys Football: Hay Springs vs Hemingford (Junior High) 4:30pm: Girls Volleyball: Hay Springs vs Hemingford (Junior High) 5:00pm: Boys Football: Bridgeport vs Hemingford (Junior Varsity) 6:30pm: School Board Meeting	5:00pm: Girls Volleyball: Hemingford vs Bayard (Junior Varsity) 6:00pm: Girls Volleyball: Hemingford vs Bayard (Varsity)	White Day 5:00pm: Girls Volleyball: Hemingford vs Bayard (Junior Varsity) 6:00pm: Girls Volleyball: Hemingford vs Bayard (Varsity)	Red Day 8:00am: Fire Prevention Day 8:30am: JH Leadership Conference	White Day Boys Cross Country: NSAA Class D6 District Cross Country (Varsity)	Red Day End of the First Quarter 2:00pm: Boys Football: Hemingford vs Hitchcock County (Varsity)	9:00am: Girls Volleyball: FAC VB Tournament (Varsity)
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
White Day 4:00pm: Girls Volleyball: Hemingford vs Minatare (Varsity) 5:00pm: Girls Volleyball: Hemingford vs Kimball (Varsity) 6:30pm: Girls Volleyball: Morrill vs Hemingford (Junior Varsity)	Red Day	8:00am: No School for Students 1:00pm: Parent Teacher Conference(s)	8:00am: No School	8:00am: No School 12:00pm: Boys Cross Country: NSAA Class D Cross Country State Championships (Varsity) 2:00pm: Boys Football: Hi-Line vs Hemingford (Varsity)		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Girls Volleyball: NSAA State Class D1 Volleyball Sub Districts (Varsity) White Day	Red Day Girls Volleyball: NSAA State Class D1 Volleyball Sub Districts (Varsity)	White Day 8:30am: FFA Livestock and Poultry Judging	Red Day	White Day Boys Football: NSAA Class D2 Football Playoffs 1st Round (Varsity)	Girls Volleyball: NSAA State Class D1 Volleyball District Finals (Varsity)	

<https://www.hemingfordschools.org/>

NOTE: This calendar does not allow for any inclement weather days as forgiven days. Depending on time of year and calendar status, days missed due to inclement weather, contagious disease, pandemic flu, or other Acts of God, may or may not be re-scheduled as make-up days, subject to administrative discretion. If make-up days are added to the end of the year, the last day for students (May) and last day for teachers (May) will be later than noted herein.

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HEMINGFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS BREAKFAST MENU



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1 Tator Tots w/gravy Cold Cereal Fruit or Juice Milk	2 Omelet & Hashbrown Cold Cereal Fruit or Juice Milk	3
4	5 Pancake Wrap Cold Cereal Fruit or Juice Milk	6 Long Johns & cheese stick Cold Cereal Fruit or Juice Milk	7 PB&J Cold Cereal Fruit or Juice Milk	8 Blueberry Bagel & Cream Cheese Cold Cereal Fruit or Juice Milk	9 Breakfast Burrito Cold Cereal Fruit or Juice Milk	10
11	12 NO SCHOOL	13 Pancake & Sausage Cold Cereal Fruit or Juice Milk	14 PB&J Cold Cereal Fruit or Juice Milk	15 French Toast & Sausage Cold Cereal Fruit & Juice Milk	16 Bagel Twist Cold Cereal Fruit & Juice Milk	17
18	19 Waffles & Sausage Cold Cereal Fruit or Juice Milk	20 McGriddle Casserole Cold Cereal Fruit or Juice Milk	21 NO SCHOOL	22 NO SCHOOL	23 NO SCHOOL	24
25	26 Breakfast Sandwich Cold Cereal Fruit or Juice Milk	27 Scrambled eggs & Toast Cold Cereal Fruit or Juice Milk	28 PB&J Cold Cereal Fruit or Juice Milk	29 Dutch Waffle & Strawberries Cold Cereal Fruit or Juice Milk	30 Apple Cinnamon Muffin & Cheese Stick Cold Cereal Fruit or Juice Milk	31

Menus are subject to change

Milk, fruit and vegetables are served with each meal

USDA is an equal opportunity provider & employer.

The Hemingford Public School provide s lunches in accordance with the National School Lunch Program.

The cost of a breakfast is as follows: PK-12 Breakfast (\$3.00), Adult Breakfast (\$3.50) Milk- \$0.55

The cost of a lunch is as follows: Pre-School Lunch (\$3.50), K-6 Lunch (\$3.50), 7-12 Lunch (\$4.00), Adult Lunch (\$5.50)
Milk \$0.55 Additional Entree/Meat (\$2.00)

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HEMINGFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS LUNCH MENU



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1 Cheese Dunkers Corn Fruit Milk	2 Sloppy Joes on a whole wheat bun Fruit Veggies Milk	3
4	5 Calzone Veggies Fruit Milk	6 Haystacks (cheeseburger flavored topping over a hashbrown patty) Dinner Roll Fruit Veggie	7 Chicken Nuggets Veggies Fruit Milk	8 Cook's Choice Veggies Fruit Milk	9 Grill Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Fruit Milk	10
11	12 NO SCHOOL	13 Pork Fritter Dinner Roll Veggies Fruit	14 Sweet and Sour Chicken over Rice Broccoli Fruit Milk	15 Shepherds Pie Dinner Roll Fruit Milk	16 Chicken Patty on a whole Wheat Bun Veggies Fruit	17
18	19 Chicken Strips Dinner Roll Veggies Fruit	20 Rib Patty on a whole wheat bun Fruit Veggies Milk	21 NO SCHOOL	22 NO SCHOOL	23 NO SCHOOL	24
25	26 Hamburger Patty on a Whole Wheat Bun Carrots Fruit	27 Corn dogs Veggies Fruit Milk	28 Chicken Bowls Corn Mashed Potatoes Fruit	29 Chicken Bacon Ranch Bake Peas Fruit Milk	30 Rib Sandwich Mixed Veggies	31

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General notice of nondiscrimination:

Notice of Nondiscrimination

The school district does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The school district prohibits sex discrimination in any education program or activity in any education program or activity that it operates.

Students who believe that they have been the subject of unlawful discrimination or harassment due to their disability, or that have other related concerns or questions, should contact the following Section 504 Coordinator: Mrs. Mandy Plog at 308-487-3328 (phone number), mplog@gubn.org (e-mail address) or in person at school.

Students who believe that they have been the subject of unlawful discrimination or harassment due to their sex, or that have other related concerns or questions, should contact the Title IX Coordinator: Mr. Eric Arneson at 308-487-3328 (phone number), earneson@gubn.org (e-mail address), PO Box 217, Hemingford, NE 69348 (mailing address) or in person at school. The School District's specific Notice of Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex may be accessed at the following link: https://www.hemingfordschools.org/vnews/display.v/ART/68ed5dfcd64f0?in_archive=1

Students who believe that they have been the subject of unlawful discrimination or harassment due to their race, color, or national origin, or that have other related concerns or questions, should contact the following Title VI Coordinator: Dr. Travis Miller at 308-487-3328 (phone number), tmiller@gubn.org (e-mail address), PO Box 217, Hemingford, NE 69348 (mailing address) or in person at school.

Students who believe that they have been the subject of any other unlawful discrimination or harassment should contact the Compliance Coordinator, Dr. Travis Miller, at 308-487-3328 (phone number), tmiller@gubn.org (e-mail address) or in person at school. Students may report discrimination or harassment to any staff member who will then forward it on to the appropriate coordinator or administrator. The staff member will follow school district policies to respond to the report.

For additional prohibited discrimination and related information, please review school district Policy 103.00 - Equal Educational Opportunity (Nondiscrimination).

Title IX Notice of Nondiscrimination

It is the policy of the district that no person shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any of the district's programs or activities, or in regards to admission or employment. Any person may report sex discrimination, including sexual harassment. This report must be made by any means to the district's Title IX Coordinator:

Mr. Eric Arneson

Mailing address: PO Box 217, Hemingford, NE 69348

Office address: 911 Niobrara, Hemingford, NE 69348

Email: earneson@gubn.org

Phone number: 308-487-3328.

The Title IX policy may be found here: <https://meeting.sparqdata.com/Public/Organization/Hemingford> Any other inquiries regarding the application of the Title IX policy should be referred to the Title IX Coordinator.

Notice of Nondiscrimination (USDA)

In accordance with federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA. To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

- (1) Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW

Washington, D.C. 20250-9410

(2) Fax: (202) 690-7442; or

(3) Email: program.intake@usda.gov

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the school district. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.



HEMINGFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS Home of the Bobcats

Help Your Son/Daughter Before, During & After Competition

Before:

- Know their goals, roles & needs – accept them
- Release them to the game, their coach & team

During:

- Model poise, confidence & correct behavior
- Focus on all our team members

After:

- Give them time & space
- Be a builder of confidence & your relationship

Six Powerful Words:
“I Love to Watch You Play”





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EMPOWERING INDIVIDUALS TO BECOME RESOURCEFUL, RESPECTFUL, AND RESPONSIBLE LIFELONG LEARNERS.

ACTIVITY PASS ORDER FORM

Please fill out this form and return it to the High School office to order activity passes.

Or you can mail it with payment to

Attn: Activity Passes
P.O. Box 217
Hemingford, NE 69348

Please check the appropriate box for the pass you wish to buy-

- ☐ Adult Pass-\$35.00
 - ☐ K-6 Student Pass-\$25.00
 - ☐ Family Pass-\$100.00
 - ☐ Single Parent Family Pass-\$65.00
 - ☐ 65 years and older Golden Lifetime Pass- Free (No expiration date)
- (For 7th-12th-grade students, you will not need to purchase a pass for them.)

Total Paid \$_____

Please list the names that should appear on the passes below.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

Passes can be picked up at the event gate.

HEMINGFORD BOBCATS



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ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

VARSITY FOOTBALL

Aug. 21 Big Red BBQ Scrimmage
Aug. 27 Bayard 7:00
Sept. 4 Gordon-Rushville 7:00 - Homecoming
Sept. 11 Kimball 6:00
Sept. 18 South Loup 2:00
Sept. 25 North Platte St. Pats 6:00
Oct. 2 Perkins County 7:00
Oct. 9 Maywood 2:00
Oct. 16 Hitchcock County 3:00
Oct. 23 Hi-Line 2:00 - Parent's Night
Oct. 29 1st Round Playoffs
Nov. 6 2nd Round Playoffs
Nov. 13 Quarter Finals Playoffs
Nov. 20 Semi Finals Playoffs
Nov. 23 Finals - State Championship

JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL

Sept. 7 Bayard 5:00 (PENDING)
Sept. 14 Gordon-Rushville 5:00
Sept. 21 Kimball 5:00
Oct. 5 Hay Springs 5:00
Oct. 12 Bridgeport 5:00

JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL

Sept. 1 Hyannis 4:00
Sept. 3 Lingle-Fort Laramie (Scrimmage) 4:00
Sept. 8 Kimball 5:00
Sept. 10 Hay Springs 2:00
Sept. 21 Gordon/Rushville 5:00
Sept. 24 Bayard 5:00
Oct. 5 Crawford 4:00

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Aug. 21 Big Red BBQ Scrimmage
Aug. 20 Varsity Jamboree - Scottsbluff 5:00
Aug. 27 Kimball/Gordon-Rushville Tri (JV-V) 3:00
Aug. 28 Mullen (JV-V) 3:00
Sept. 3 Mitchell (JV-V) 5:00 - Parent's Night
Homecoming Week Aug. 31 - Sept. 4
Homecoming Dance Sept. 12
Sept. 8 Crawford/Lusk Tri @ Crawford (JV-V) 3:00
Sept. 10 Banner Co/Leyton Tri 5:00 @ Leyton
Sept. 12 Chadron JV Quad 9:00 AM
Sept. 14 Bayard JV Quad (Morrill/Mitchell) 5:00
Sept. 15 Edgemont (JV-V) 5:30
Sept. 19 WTC @ Kimball 10:00 AM
Sept. 26 Sutherland Invite TBD
Sept. 29 Bridgeport (JV-V) 4:00
Oct. 1 Morrill/Cody-Kilgore Tri (V) 3:00
Oct. 2 Perkins County (JV-V) 5:30
Oct. 5 Crawford (JV-V) 5:00
Oct. 8 Hay Springs/Lakota Tech Tri 4:00
Oct. 10 Valentine Quad (V) 9:00 AM
Oct. 13 Bayard (JV-V) 5:00
Oct. 17 PAC Tournament (V) @ TBD 9:00 AM
Oct. 19 Minatare/Kimball Tri (V) @ Minatare 4:00
Oct. 19 Morrill (JV) 5:30
Oct. 26 Subdistricts
Nov. 2 Districts

JUNIOR HIGH VOLLEYBALL

Sept. 1 Hyannis 2:00
Sept. 8 Kimball 3:00
Sept. 10 Bridgeport 4:00
Sept. 14 Morrill @ Bayard 2:30 (Before HS Game)
Sept. 21 Gordon-Rushville 3:00
Sept. 24 Bayard 3:00
Sept. 26 Panhandle Conf. @ Sioux Co. 9:00 AM
Oct. 3 Hemingford Inv. 9:00 AM
Oct. 5 Crawford 3:00
Oct. 12 Hay Springs 4:00

***SUBJECT TO CHANGE CHECK:
HEMINGFORDSCHOOLS.ORG
RED DENOTES HOME GAMES**

JUNIOR HIGH/HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Aug. 27 Scottsbluff Inv. 2:15
Sept. 4 Gering Inv. 9:30 AM
Sept. 11 Chadron Inv. 9:00 AM
Sept. 15 Bridgeport Inv. 3:00
Sept. 18 Alliance Inv. 9:00 AM
Sept. 24 JH Gordon-Rushville Inv. 3:00
Sept. 28 Kearney TBA
Oct. 2 Bayard Inv. 2:30
Oct. 5 WTC @ Bayard 9:00 AM
Parent's Night - Oct. 9 @ Football Game
Oct. 15 Districts TBA
Oct. 23 State @ Kearney TBA

UNIFIED BOWLING

Nov. 3 Alliance Inv. 2:00
Nov. 14 Scottsbluff Inv. 9:30 AM
Dec. 1 Districts TBD 11:00 AM

JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS BASKETBALL

Nov. 12 Morrill 4:00
Nov. 13 Hay Springs 2:00
Nov. 17 Crawford 3:00
Nov. 20 Sioux County 2:00
Nov. 23 Bayard 4:00
Nov. 30 Gordon-Rushville 4:00
Dec. 5 Hyannis 2:00
Dec. 8 St. Agnes 4:00
Dec. 10 Bridgeport 3:00
Dec. 14 PAC Tournament @ TBD 9:00 AM
Dec. 17 Mitchell 1:00

SPEECH TBA

ONE ACT

Nov. 19 Panhandle Conf. @ TBD
Nov. 24 WTC @ Hemingford 9:00AM
Dec. 1 District @ TBD
Dec. 10 State @ Norfolk

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Nov. 23 Jamboree @ TBD 2:00
Dec. 4 Gordon-Rushville 3:00 (G-B)
Dec. 5 Hyannis 3:00 (G-B)
Dec. 11 Bridgeport 4:00 (G-B)
Dec. 15 Hay Springs 3:00 (G-B)
Dec. 17 Mitchell 3:00 (G-B)
Dec. 19 Leyton 1:00 (G-B)
Dec. 21-22 Holiday Tournament @ Maxwell (G-B)
Jan. 4 Niobrara Co. 2:00 (G-B)
Jan. 7 Garden Co. 3:00 (G-B)
Jan. 8 Lingle-Fort Laramie (G-B) 3:00
Jan. 11 Crawford (G-B) 4:00
Jan. 13 Oelrichs (G-B) 4:00
Jan. 15 Bayard (G-B) 4:00
Jan. 18-23 PAC Tournament @ TBD
Jan. 26 Cody-Kilgore (G-B) 2:00
Jan. 29 South Platte (G-B) 3:00
Jan. 30 Edgemont (G-B) 1:00
Feb. 4-6 WTC Tournament @ WNCC TBD
Feb. 9 Morrill (G-B) 4:00 - Girl's Parents Night
Feb. 12 Kimball (G-B) 4:00
Feb. 19 Crawford (B) 5:30 - Boy's Parents Night
Feb. 15-18 Girls Sub Districts
Feb. 22-25 Boys Sub Districts

JUNIOR HIGH BOYS BASKETBALL

Jan. 11 Crawford 2:00
Jan. 14 Hay Springs 4:00
Jan. 21 Mitchell 4:00
Jan. 25 Morrill 4:00
Feb. 1 PAC Tournament @ TBD 9:00 AM
Feb. 8 St. Agnes 4:00
Feb. 11 Gordon-Rushville 4:00
Feb. 13 Bridgeport 9:00 AM
Feb. 20 Bayard Inv. Tournament 9:00 AM



HIGH SCHOOL BOYS WRESTLING

Dec. 3 Hemingford Inv. 2:00 - Parent's Night
Dec. 4 Custer Inv. 9:00 AM
Dec. 11 Niobrara County Inv. 9:00 AM
Dec. 12 Gordon-Rushville Inv. 10:00 AM
Dec. 19 Bridgeport Inv. 9:00 AM
Jan. 8 Crawford Dual 5:00
Jan. 9 Garden County Inv. 9:00 AM
Jan. 15 Mullen Quad 5:00
Jan. 16 Sandhills-Thedford Inv. 8:30 AM
Jan. 22 Bayard Inv. 1:00
Jan. 28 Morrill Quad 5:00
Jan. 29 Mitchell Inv. 9:00 AM
Feb. 4 WTC Tournament @ Bridgeport 9:00
Feb. 12-13 Districts TBA
Feb. 18-20 State @ Omaha TBA

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS WRESTLING

Dec. 3-4 Cozad Tri. 9:00 AM
Dec. 11 Gordon/Rushville Inv. 11:00 AM
Dec. 15 Maxwell Inv. TBA
Dec. 18 Sidney Inv. 9:00 AM
Dec. 26 SEM Inv. TBA
Jan. 8 Sidney Inv. 2:00
Jan. 9 Garden Co. Inv. 9:00 AM
Jan. 16 Gering Inv. 11:00 AM
Jan. 22 WTC @ Hemingford 10:00 AM
Parent's Night
Jan. 23 Chadron Inv. TBA
Jan. 29 Morrill Inv. 9:00 AM
Feb. 5-6 Districts TBA
Feb. 16-17 State @ Omaha TBA

JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS WRESTLING

Jan. 15 Gering Inv. 11:00 AM
Jan. 22 Gordon-Rushville Inv. TBA
Jan. 23 Lingle Fort Laramie Inv. TBA
Jan. 28 Mitchell Inv. 1:00
Feb. 1 Bayard Inv. 9:00 AM
Feb. 8 Kimball Inv. 9:00 AM
Feb. 13 Scottsbluff Inv. 9:00 AM
Feb. 23 Hemingford Inv. 10:00 AM

RED DENOTES HOME GAMES

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JUNIOR HIGH BOYS WRESTLING

Oct. 30 Banner County Inv. 9:00 AM
Nov. 6 Gordon-Rushville Inv. 11:00 AM
Nov. 12 Hemingford Inv. 10:00 AM
Nov. 14 Niobrara County Inv. 10:00 AM
Nov. 20 Morrill Inv. 9:00 AM
Nov. 24 Scottsbluff Quad 5:00 PM
Nov. 30 Bayard Inv. 9:00 AM
Dec. 7 Mitchell Inv. 1:00 PM

HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

April 13 WTC Tournament @ Mitchell 9:00 AM
April 15 Bridgeport Inv. 9:00 AM
April 20 Mitchell Inv. 9:00 AM
April 23 Alliance Inv. 9:00 AM
April 29 Chadron Inv. 9:00 AM
May 3 PAC Tournament @ Hyannis 9:00 AM
May 6 Kimball Inv. 9:00 AM
May 13 Crawford Inv. 9:00 AM
May 14 Bayard Inv. 9:00 AM
May 17 Districts @ Ogallala TBA
May 26-27 State TBA

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

Mar. 25 Morrill Inv. 9:00 AM
April 3 Bayard CD 9:00 AM
April 6 Creek Valley Inv. 8:30 AM
April 8 Mitchell Inv. 9:00 AM
April 17 WTC @ Mitchell 9:00 AM
April 23 Chadron Twilight Inv. 2:00
April 27 Best of the West (Scottsbluff) 4:30
April 30 PAC @ Morrill 9:00 AM
May 3 Alliance Inv. 3:00
May 7 Bayard BCD 9:00 AM
May 13 Districts TBA 9:00 AM
May 22-23 State @ Omaha 9:00 AM

JUNIOR HIGH TRACK

April 10 Chadron Inv. 9:00 AM
April 12 Bayard Inv. 9:00 AM
April 17 WTC @ Mitchell 9:00 AM
April 22 Kimball Inv. 9:00 AM
April 27 Best of the West (Scottsbluff) 10:00 AM
April 30 PAC @ Morrill 9:00 AM
May 6 Morrill Inv. 9:00 AM
May 15 State @ Gothenburg

What: Walk to School Day

Who: Hemingford students, parents, teachers, community members

Date: October 7th, 2026

Time: 7:30 am

How: Elementary students need to turn in a participation form to your classroom teacher or Mrs. Neefe by Monday, October 5th, 2026



Some Bus routes may be dropping students off.



Please discuss this with your bus driver and let them know that you would like to participate.

Everyone: Show up at 7:30 at the Body Shop Basketball court. We will all walk together as a group by 7:45 am to get to school on time.

Why: Celebrate National Walk to school day, be fit and have fun!

Sponsored by the Hemingford FCCLA, Body Shop, and Panhandle Public Health

I (parent)_____ give my permission for (student)_____ to participate in the walk to school activity on October 7th, 2026.

Please list student's names and grades below that will be participating:

Bus riders: Please indicate the bus you ride on.: _____

I understand that Hemingford FCCLA or the Body Shop will not be responsible for any lost or damaged items.

Please dress your students according to the weather and stay home if you are sick!

Note: We are encouraging everyone to Walk. Bikes are more difficult to manage with our large group!



NEWS FROM TITLE I READING

A meeting for parents of Title I Reading students will be held Tuesday, October 6, 2026 at 3:00 pm in the Cafeteria. The purpose of this meeting is to explain the Title I program, answer any questions you may have, and give you ideas on how to work with your student at home. The meeting will be brief, so you may pick up your students on time.



CHEER

Mini Cheer Clinic



PRACTICE
October 20th
3:45 - 5:00 PM



PERFORMANCE
October 23rd
**HALFTIME OF THE 2PM
VARSITY FOOTBALL GAME**



\$30

**INCLUDES
SHIRT & BOW**



REGISTRATION FORM

Please return this portion with payment by September 25th.

Name: _____

Grade: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Shirt Size: _____



RED RIBBON WEEK



Red Ribbon Week is a special time each October when schools and communities celebrate making healthy choices and staying drug-free! We wear red ribbons and participate in fun dress-up days and activities to show that we pledge to keep our bodies and minds healthy so we can follow our biggest dreams. It's a way to cheer each other on to choose good habits!



OCT
26

BOBCATS STAYING DRUG
FREE - BOBCAT GEAR

I'M DREAMING OF A
BRIGHT FUTURE - PJ DAY

OCT
27



OCT
28

OUR FUTURE IS BRIGHT -
WHAT YOU WANT TO BE
WHEN YOU GROWN UP

DRUGS ARE HISTORY -
DECADES DRESS DAY

OCT
29



OCT
30

SAY "BOO!" TO DRUGS -
HALLOWEEN COSTUMES

2027 MISS CHADRON/MISS ALLIANCE COMPETITION



PAPERWORK AVAILABLE

DUE NOVEMBER 2ND

email miss.alliance.pageant@gmail.com

OR

miss.chadron.pageant@gmail.com

LITTLE SISTER PROGRAM



CONTESTANTS AND LITTLE SISTERS PERFORM DURING THE 2017 ALLIANCE PAGEANT!

WHAT IS THE LITTLE SISTER PROGRAM?

The Little Sister program was created as a way for young girls to become involved in the Miss Alliance pageant. The little sisters are paired-up with a contestant and get to spend time with them during the day of the pageant. At the pageant, little sisters will be introduced during the opening number, will perform a dance with their contestant, and escort their contestant in the eveningwear competition. The little sisters do not compete—this is simply an opportunity for these girls to get to know the young ladies that will represent our pageant at the state competitions!

ALLIANCE PAGEANT INFORMATION

The pageant is **Saturday, November 14, 2026** at 6pm at the Performing Arts Center at Alliance High School. Tentatively, little sister rehearsal will be from 10am to 12:30 (at the PAC) on pageant day. Lunch will be provided. They will return to the school “pageant ready” by 5:30pm. A more solid schedule will be provided closer to the pageant date.

REQUIREMENTS FOR BEING A LITTLE SISTER:

- ~ Little sisters must be kindergarten through 5th grade. (Preschool age little sisters will be considered. Just need to be comfortable on stage!)
- ~ Registration fee is **\$10** per little sister. Each little sister is also required to bring 1 silent auction items (baskets, homemade goods, gift cards, etc) and 1 snack item (chips, cookies, fruit, finger-foods, etc) to rehearsal. Snack will be shared with contestants and other littles.
- ~ Must be able to attend rehearsal and the pageant
- ~ Parents MAY be asked to volunteer that day. (in emergency situations only...)
- ~ Little Sisters can request a specific contestant (see application) but their request may not be guaranteed!

CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PAGEANT:

- ~ Solid COLORED NEON SHIRT t-shirt (color doesn't matter), black bottoms (Capris, shorts, leggings, skirt, etc) and tennis shoes for little sister routine and opening number. (pageant theme is 80's Dance Party!!)
- ~ Nice dress (church or concert appropriate) for eveningwear presentation.

CONTACT RIKI AT 308-430-4355 or Brooklyn at 605-519-3385 or miss.alliance.pageant@gmail.com IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

MISS ALLIANCE/CHADRON PAGEANT LITTLE SISTER APPLICATION FORM

DUE: **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025**

RETURN THIS SECTION WITH \$10 PAYMENT
(checks payable to Alliance Pageant - Venmo @rikihunter)
One Little Sister per application please!

RETURN TO: Riki Hunter PO BOX 805 Hemingford NE 69348
or miss.alliance.pageant@gmail.com 308-430-4355

NAME: _____ AGE: _____

HOW DO YOU SAY YOUR NAME? _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME OR CELL PHONE: _____

PARENTS NAME (for script) : _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

SCHOOL AND GRADE: _____

CONTESTANT REQUEST: _____

BEST WAY TO CONTACT PARENTS: EMAIL PHONE TEXT

LIBALITY WAIVER: DURING THE PRACTICES AND EVENTS OF THE PAGEANT, WE WILL NOT HOLD THE MISS ALLIANCE SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT, VOLUNTEERS, INSTRUCTORS, CONTESTANTS, OR FACILITY OWNERS LIABLE FOR ANY INJURIES OR DEATH OF ANY PARTICIPANT INCURRED DURING AN ACTIVITY.

BY SIGNING BELOW, I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE DETAILS AND LIABILITY WAIVER OF THE LITTLE SISTER PROGRAM AND WISH TO HAVE MY DAUGHTER BE CONSIDERED FOR PARTICIPATION IN THIS YEAR'S PAGEANT.

PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE

COMMUNICATION SOURCES

Contact us

Dr. Travis Miller - Superintendent
Mr. Josh Redden - Secondary Principal
Miss Jespersen - Elementary Principal
Mrs. Mandy Plog - Director of Student Services

PO Box 217
911 Niobrara Ave
Hemingford, NE 69348

High School Phone: 308-487-3328
Elementary School Phone: 308-487-3330
Fax: 308-487-5215

In an effort to maintain all possible communication links, Hemingford Public Schools will offer numerous ways for parents, students, community members and all other interested citizens to stay abreast of happenings at the schools. Some ways to communicate are:

Hemingford School App (Android) (Apple)
Our school website: <http://www.hemingfordschools.org>
PowerSchool for attendance, grades and other notes.
School Messenger
Facebook
The Alliance Times-Herald
Our monthly newsletter (Bobcat Bits)
Notices sent home with students
Phone calls to students' homes when necessary
Breakfast and lunch menus can be accessed through the app
Instagram
X
Youtube

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Lunch Account System

Access your current account information online at <https://foodservice.edutrak.com/>

If you do not have access, please reach out to [Karla Mapes](#). (487-3330)

Inclement Weather and other announcements

The Superintendent of schools is authorized by the Board of Education to close public schools in case of severe weather. The Superintendent will notify local news media when inclement weather warrants such action. The information will be transmitted by the School Messenger , the School's Facebook page, X, and the Hemingford Public Schools App.

School notifications will also be posted through School Messenger, Facebook, and X.

Safe2Help Nebraska

[Apple App](#)



"We know the struggle is real, that's why we're here.
What you know matters. Make an anonymous report."

[Android App](#)

Download App Or Call 833-980-7233

[Safe2Help Website](#)

Equal Opportunity

Hemingford Public School District #10 will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, or marital status in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in its programs and activities.

NEBRASKA SMART IS A FREE VIRTUAL TUTORING PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES K-12.



Teacher education candidates from Chadron State, Peru State, and Wayne State Colleges remotely tutor students in rural Nebraska. This program is currently offering services to:

- All NRCSA member school districts
- Educational Service Unit 1
- Educational Service Unit 4
- Educational Service Unit 13
- Other select smaller rural school districts

Visit our website for the full list of school districts served.

HOW IT WORKS

Nebraska students in grades K-12 have free access to online tutoring with a qualified Tutor in English, math, science, and social studies. Parents must first register their child. Once registered, students can request pre-scheduled appointments with a Tutor or log in and request on-demand tutoring to be connected with the next Tutor available in the queue. Students should provide homework for which they wish to receive help or topics that they would like to cover.



TUTORING HOURS



OUR PARTNERS

The Nebraska Department of Education has awarded a grant to the Nebraska State Colleges to develop a program that provides free online tutoring to K-12 students in rural Nebraska.



OUR TUTORS

Tutors are full-time students at Chadron, Peru, and Wayne State Colleges who have been admitted to the teacher education program, have completed background checks, and received training through their teacher education program coursework.



PLEASE VISIT

nscs.edu/NebraskaSMART



FOR THE FULL LIST OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS SERVED.

IN AN EMERGENCY TAKE ACTION



HOLD! In your room or area. Clear the halls.

STUDENTS

Clear the hallways and remain in room or area until the "All Clear" is announced
Do business as usual

ADULTS

Close and lock the door
Account for students and adults
Do business as usual



SECURE! Get inside. Lock outside doors.

STUDENTS

Return to inside of building
Do business as usual

TEACHERS

Bring everyone indoors
Lock outside doors
Increase situational awareness
Do business as usual
Take attendance



LOCKDOWN! Locks, lights, out of sight.

STUDENTS

Move away from sight
Maintain silence
Do not open the door

ADULTS

Recover students from hallway if possible
Lock the classroom door
Turn out the lights
Move away from sight
Maintain silence
Do not open the door
Prepare to evade or defend



EVACUATE! (A location may be specified)

STUDENTS

Leave stuff behind if required to
If possible, bring your phone
Follow instructions

ADULTS

Lead students to Evacuation location
Account for students and adults
Notify if missing, extra or injured students or adults



SHELTER! Hazard and safety strategy.

STUDENTS

Use appropriate safety strategy for the hazard

Hazard

Tornado
Hazmat
Earthquake
Tsunami

Safety Strategy

Evacuate to shelter area
Seal the room
Drop, cover and hold
Get to high ground

ADULTS

Lead safety strategy
Account for students and adults
Notify if missing, extra or injured students or adults

Google Calendar

If you use Google Calendar it is easier to complete on a computer instead of a phone.
Navigate to Google Calendar while logged into your Google Account

1 - Select the + sign by Other Calendars

2 - Select From URL

3/4 - Enter URL and click "Add Calendar"

Calendar

Today Jul - Aug 2022

Create

More insights

My calendars

Other calendars

Subscribe to calendar

Create new calendar

Browse calendars of interest

From URL

Import

Settings

General

Add calendar

Subscribe to calendar

Create new calendar

Browse calendars of interest

From URL

URL of calendar

Make the calendar publicly accessible

Settings

General

Add calendar

Subscribe to calendar

Create new calendar

Browse calendars of interest

From URL

Import & export

URL of calendar

https://bit.ly/bobcatcal

Make the calendar publicly accessible

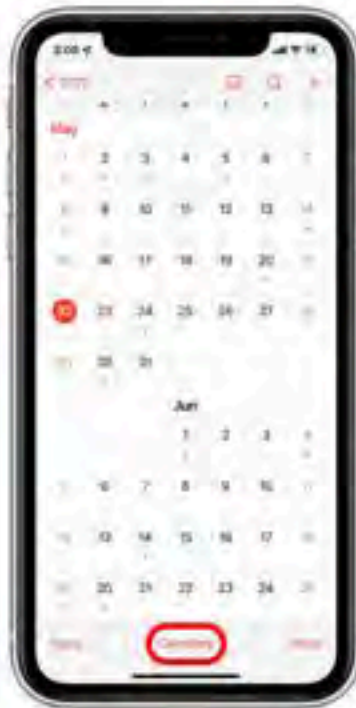
You can add a calendar using the link formed by the address

Add calendar

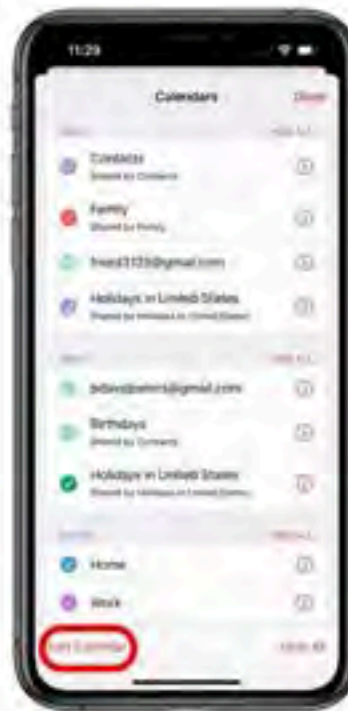
iOS Built in Calendar



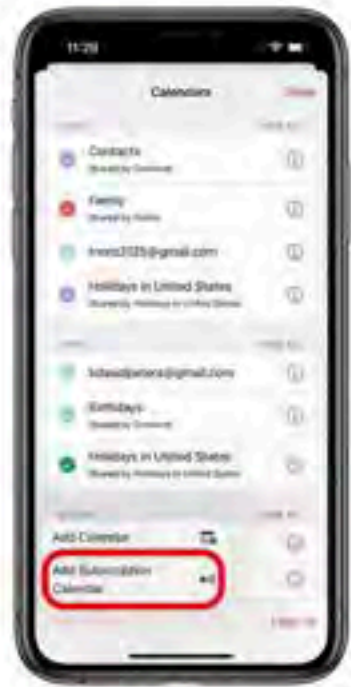
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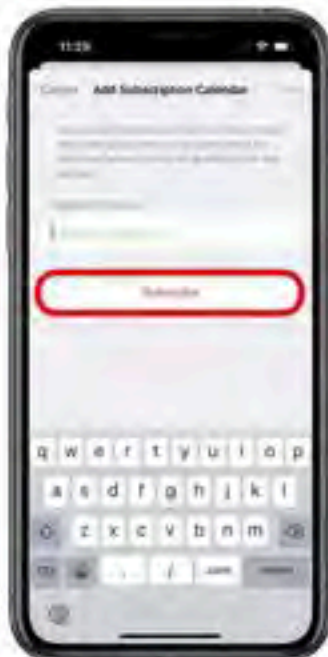
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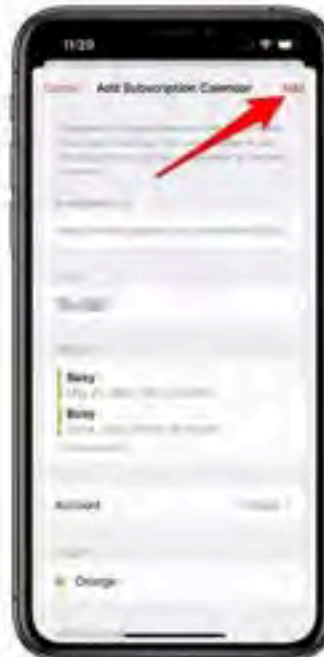
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Calendar.



From the
small menu
that opens,
tap Add
Subscription
Calendar.



Type the URL:
<https://bit.ly/bobcatcal>



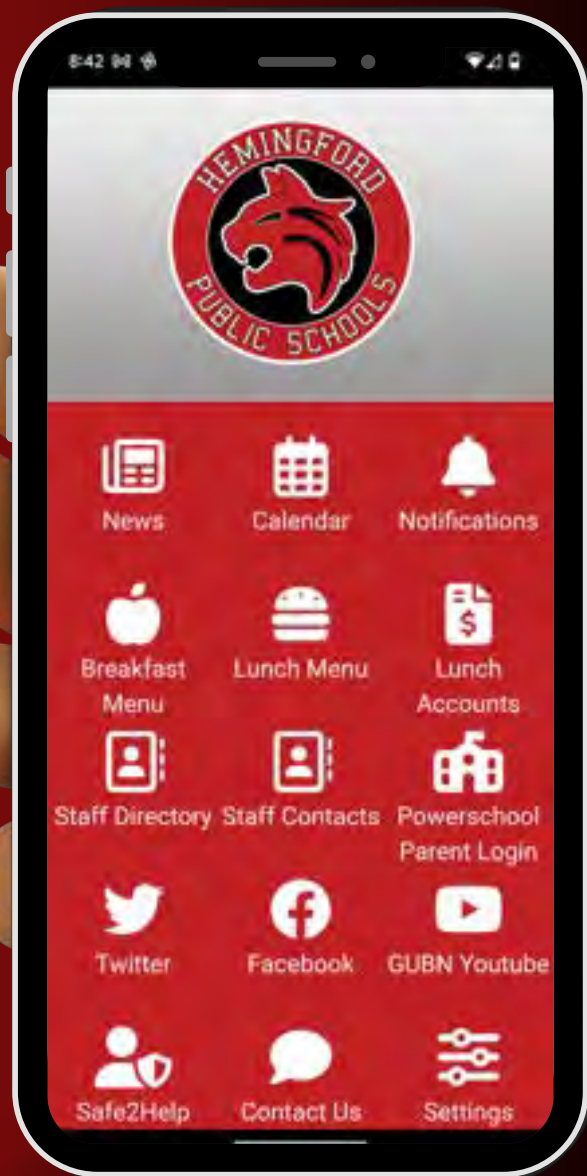
The Calendar app will
show you some
information on this
specific calendar, to
confirm the
subscription, tap Add.

Download Our app

Search for Hemingford Public
Schools in the Apple App
store or the Google Play store
to download our app.

Google

Apple



SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH CONFERENCE

EVERY CONNECTION COUNTS—WE
ALL SHAPE MENTAL HEALTH



Student mental health is supported in every class, every day.

Join Dr. Ruth Alisha Hill for an interactive keynote exploring how the everyday actions of every staff member play a role in shaping the student experience. Together, participants will explore how intentional adult actions can strengthen student well-being, belonging, and engagement and create the conditions for improved attendance, behavior, and academic success. Through practical CharacterStrong strategies, participants will experience simple ways to help students feel seen, supported, connected, and ready to learn.



Register at
PanhandlePartnership.com



KEYNOTE:
**DR. RUTH ALISHA
HILL**



Hemingford Public Schools
911 Niobrara Ave
Hemingford, NE



October 12, 2026
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Participants will

- ✓ Explore the connection between student mental health, well-being, belonging, engagement, and academic success.
- ✓ Recognize that supporting student mental health is a shared responsibility across the school community, not solely the role of school counselors.
- ✓ Examine how adult actions and everyday student experiences can influence attendance, behavior, and course performance.
- ✓ Experience practical CharacterStrong strategies that promote well-being, belonging, and engagement in classrooms and schools.
- ✓ Understand the importance of consistent implementation in creating sustainable, schoolwide experiences for students.
- ✓ Identify an intentional adult action they can use immediately to strengthen the student experience.

Counselor Corner



Monthly Focus:

For the month of October, we are focusing on responsibility—learning to take ownership of our choices, actions, and commitments. Responsibility means doing what we say we will do, making good choices even when no one is watching, and understanding that our actions affect others. Encourage your child to practice responsibility at home and at school by completing tasks, being prepared, admitting mistakes, and looking for ways to help others. Small acts of responsibility each day help build trust, confidence, and independence!

Fun Fact

Did you know? When you talk about a problem with someone you trust, your brain can actually help you see the situation differently. Sometimes, simply putting your feelings into words can make a problem feel more manageable and help you figure out your next step.

Counselor Challenge

This month, challenge yourself to own your choices! Each day, look for one small way to show responsibility—finish a task without being reminded, come prepared, admit when you make a mistake, keep your word, or help someone without being asked.

Important Dates

Oct. 12th -

No School - Teacher In-service

Oct. 21st -

No School - P/T Conferences

Oct. 22nd-23rd - Fall Break!

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Bridget Johnston -
bjohnston@gubn.org

Responsibility

Family Newsletter

PurposeFULL
People

Responsibility Overview

This month we are talking about Responsibility. One way to define Responsibility is “taking action and understanding the impact of our choices.” Taking action can mean doing the right thing or completing the tasks you have been assigned. Understanding the impact of our choices means that our actions matter. Positive and responsible actions can help people and irresponsible actions can hurt others.

Responsibility is 1 of 3 traits we will focus on throughout the year that helps students **Be Strong**.

Across grade levels students will be developing skills like focusing, organizing, and goal-setting.

PurposeFull Pursuits

Have some fun connecting as a family this month while practicing Responsibility. Here are 2 “PurposeFull Pursuits” you can complete together!

#1

As a family, think of ways in which you might make someone’s life a little easier by helping a neighbor or family friend with 1 of their Responsibilities. Could you bring the garbage to the chute or out to the curb? Could you carry things in from the grocery store? Could you invite someone over for a meal or a show?



#2

Review Responsibility as a family! Responsibility is taking action and understanding the impact of our choices.

Choose 1 household chore (or more!) that requires multiple steps. Then have each member of the family select 1 step to complete to help get the job done! Maybe it’s washing the dishes, doing laundry, cleaning the living room, or unloading the groceries – whatever it is, see who can be the quickest or most effective at their task!

Conversation Starters



- Can you share or show what it means to be Responsible?
- How can we help each other practice being more Responsible?

ASK YOURSELF:

HOW

CAN I

HELP?

WHAT WOULD GREAT
LOOK LIKE RIGHT NOW?

YOU CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN!

#GUBN