Principal’s News

Parents and families, thank you for supporting Humboldt High School!

It is with great sadness that I write in response to another horrific school shooting, this time in Parkland, Florida. This is an unspeakable act and our hearts go out to all families involved. Safety has been and will continue to be our number one priority at Humboldt High School. Strong, loving, and caring human relationships cost nothing yet are powerful in the fight against school violence. We need to continue to keep our kids connected at home and in school.

As a school, we have increased our security patrols of exterior doors, we practice safety drills and build relationships with students so our students will speak to a caring adult before the unthinkable happens. I recognize this incident is difficult for parents too, so here are suggestions for discussing this horrific event:

- Take care of yourself as a parent – make sure you have a trusted friend or family member with whom you can talk to process your own feelings.
- Maintain consistent structures and support for your child – children feel the safest when their routines remain intact.
- Let your kids take the lead in the discussion. Invite them to ask their questions so that you are only addressing their concerns and sharing that which is necessary to help them feel safe.
- Encourage your child to express their feelings, not suppress them. It is important that your child feel safe in sharing their thoughts and feelings with you, even though doing so might be uncomfortable.
- Validate your child’s feelings appropriately to protect their safety.
- Assure your child that they are safe, but don’t overly concern yourself and your child about what may or may not happen in the future. Instead, affirm that they are loved and cared for, and that there are people working to keep them safe.
- Limit your child’s exposure to the news – after a tragedy, media sites are filled with images and stories that can be difficult for children to process. Also, pay close attention to the social media sites your child may be visiting, as these sites can quickly fill with stories that may or may not be relevant to the tragedy.

If you are concerned about your child’s response to this or any tragic event, reach out to the school counselor for additional resources and support. Help us remind students that they have an obligation to bring information about situations that cause them concern to adults at the school so that we can respond quickly and appropriately to protect their safety.

Thank you for your support and I look forward to celebrating your child’s successes at conference on Thursday March 1 from 4-7PM.

Performances, Presentations during next Conferences 3/1

March 1st is going to be a very busy but important evening! Not only do we have Quarter 3 conferences, but we will also have performances and displays from some of our Flipside Afterschool Program groups. Be sure to stop by and check out things like Photography Club, Newspaper, Youth Farm, Mobile Jazz, Art of Dance, and much more! Displays and performances will run from 4:30-5:30PM in and around the cafeteria during conferences.

On a more serious note, we will have a presentation for parents to discuss healthy relationships and dating violence.

It is crucial that parents have education on the various forms of dating violence (physical, emotional, sexual/reproductive, digital, even financial), as well as resources for students who are experiencing dating violence.

Please reach out to Natalie Kemp with any questions or concerns: 651-744-4399 or natalie.kemp@spps.org
Counseling Corner: Middle School Updates

On 2/11, Humboldt had their first ever Middle School Career Fair. Professionals from the community as well as 10th, 11th, and 12th grade AVID students had informational booths set up for the 6th, 7th, & 8th grade to walk around and learn about different careers. The students were able to ask questions, and learn about what they might do in the future. It was a lot of fun and the Middle School students really enjoyed it.

On 2/22: A group of Middle School Students went on a college visit to Century College. They specifically will be learning about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) as well as receiving a college tour, and hearing from college students about their experience.

Through 3rd quarter all three grade levels will be receiving lessons from their counselor on Career and College.

6th grade will be talking about their strengths; what they are and how to find them. They will be doing a Navigation strength finder lesson and will be talking about how they can use their strengths to be more successful in and out of school.

7th grade will be talking about their career clusters. Based off of their strengths finders that they took as 6th graders we will be able to see what specific types of careers could be fitting for them after high school. We will discuss what sort of education they need, what the job details are, levels of pay and availability.

8th grade will do an interest and strengths finder lesson and specifically be talking about what classes in high school they will be taking as well as what classes they can sign up for based on the direction that they want to head career wise.

Registration: Registration for the next years elective classes will be taking place towards the end of February/beginning of March. Our current 7th graders (next year’s 8th grade students) will have an awesome new opportunity to explore all of the different pathway programs that we offer in high school by taking shortened classes in each of the different pathways.

Parent Academy 4/11: Learning Opportunities In and Out of School

In this seminar, families will discuss and understand that life-long learning and community support are important elements for your children to succeed in school. Together we will:

- Identify ways that students learn at home, at school, and in the community, describe learning activities that are helpful tools for students’ success at home, at school, and in the community, and identify and plan how to access community resources to support learning.

As always, dinner and childcare will be provided.

The event will be held at Humboldt on Wednesday, April 11, from 5:30-8:00PM.

Registration is not required but is encouraged to ensure we have enough food and childcare.

If you care to register, please do so at: https://tinyurl.com/april11seminar

For more information, call 651.744.4399.

PTO and Site Council Monday 3/5: Compact Revision

Parents and Guardians! We would greatly appreciate your presence at our PTO and Site Council meetings on Monday, 3/5. We will be reviewing and revising our school-parent compact.

Family-School Compact for Achievement is an agreement that parents, students, and teachers develop together. It explains how parents, students, and teachers will work together to make sure all students get the individual support they need to reach and exceed grade level standards.

We appreciate and welcome your feedback and involvement! Hope to see you there, Monday, March 5, at 5:30PM in the Humboldt Library. As always, a light dinner will be provided by Title 1. See you there!
Sports Corner

Spring Athletic
First Days of Practice

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Middle School Sports Start April 9:
Badminton
Baseball
Softball
Track and Field.

Athletes must turn everything in before they are allowed to practice.

Thank you!

Congratulations to Yusanat Tway, Yusanat was awarded the ExCEl award from the Minnesota State High School League.

ExCEl - Excellence in Community, Education and Leadership is a unique recognition program designed exclusively for Minnesota high school juniors who are active in school activities, who show leadership qualities, and who work voluntarily in their community. The ExCEl Award recipients are selected by an independent panel of judges from schools throughout Minnesota. Each recipient will be recognized on KSTC-TV (Channel 45) during the broadcasts of the 2018 winter tournaments. This is the 22nd year that the Minnesota State High School League has sponsored the ExCEl Award. Wells Fargo is the program's new sponsor. Way to go, Yusanat!

The Class of 2018 Inductees
Richard Wasko, 1947  Jenny Dubois, 1995
David Chapin, 1964  Mike Karas, 1998
Patrick Kunz, 1964  Morgan Fierst, 1999
Arnulfo Flores, 1972  Jenny Elizondo, 2001
Robert Zimmerman, 1984  City Champion Baseball Team, 1961

Attendance News

Spring is fast approaching and we are quickly approaching the end of the academic year. It is important to encourage your child to continue to stay focused and stay on track. Your help in ensuring your child to be on time to school and present in all classes everyday is very important.

Should your child miss school or are tardy, it is required that you provide documentation for their absence.
If your child is absent they’re responsible to make up all missing assignments, failure to do so will negatively impact their grade.

Please continue to support Humboldt School by enforcing our attendance procedure.
Attendance Line: 651-744-5533
Main Line: 651-293-8600

Seal of Bilingualism

The Seals and Certificate of Bilingualism in MN are an opportunity which is the result of legislation in 2014, and allow HS juniors and seniors to test their language proficiency to earn free MN State College language credit upon graduation.

On two Saturdays in March (the 17th or 24th, ) or one Saturday in April, (the 14th) students may test their reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills in order to determine whether or not their scores qualify them for MN State Colleges and Universities language credit.

Languages in which students may test are:

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Please pass this along to any students you know who have language proficiency in addition to English. Posters which advertise the Seal and which have a QR Code which can be used to register are found around school.
A Note from the Humboldt Health Start Clinic

Greetings Humboldt students, staff & parents!

The Humboldt Health Start Clinic has been keeping busy providing students with all their health care needs. At the Health Start Clinic Humboldt students have access to adequate and well-rounded health care. Our clinic includes a physician assistant, dietitian, social worker and health educator, who all strive to keep students healthy and safe. Students are able to be seen at our clinic regardless of whether they have insurance or not. So students please come on down to see us! We are open everyday that school is open and would love to see more students in our clinic! Our clinic is located next to the main office so stop by and say hi!

Hope to see you soon,

The Humboldt Health Start Clinic

AOIT Adventures

AOIT (Academy of Information Technology) students have been busy!

A group of students went to Optum to check out the internship site for the summer.

5 girls went to "Dress for Success" where they were given professional clothing and participated in Mock Interviews.

Students helped with the Middle School Career Fair by volunteering with Travelers

Math Puzzle

Can You Find The Answer?

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Email Ms. Sivanich at charlotte.sivanich@spps.org if you come up with the solution!