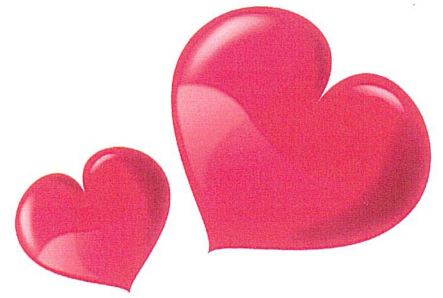


Bertrand Community School

February 2025



From the Desk of the Superintendent

February Marks Career Technology Month and an Exciting New Chapter for Our School

As we celebrate Career Technology Month, I am thrilled to share our exciting new initiative that will shape the future of our students and our community. This month marks the official start of our school's Career & College Programming—a comprehensive plan designed to prepare students for success in both education and the workforce.

Through this innovative programming, students will have the opportunity to pursue three-year concentrations in a variety of career fields, allowing them to explore their strengths and interests in a meaningful and personalized way. Our goal is to equip every student with the skills, knowledge, and confidence they need to achieve their dreams and thrive in an ever-changing world.

To kick off this exciting initiative, the Bertrand Area Community Fund is hosting the **Hometown Career Fair** at the school on **February 26** from 8:15—11:00 a.m. This event will bring together local businesses to spotlight the incredible opportunities for collaboration between our school and the Bertrand community. The Career Fair will serve as a gateway for students to engage with professionals, explore job shadowing and work-based learning opportunities, and envision their future careers right here in Bertrand.

Career Technology Education (CTE) programming is not only about preparing students for the future; it's about celebrating the exceptional talent and potential that already exists within our school. As your superintendent, I am continually inspired by the hard work, curiosity, and resilience of our students. I am proud to lead such an outstanding school as we embark on this new chapter.

I encourage all families, students, and community members to join us on February 26 for the Hometown Career Fair. Together, we can continue to build a strong, connected community that supports the success of every student and opens doors to endless possibilities.

Thank you for your support as we take this exciting step forward.

In Service,

Nicole J. LeClaire

Principally Speaking.....

Celebrating 100 Days of School!

Thursday, January 23rd was the 100th day of school. Elementary teachers and students celebrated the 100th Day of School with learning activities and games centered around 100-days.

Weather/Playground

We ask that all students are sent to school with proper winter wear each day. Please review our weather conditions for outdoor recess below.

Students will play outdoors when (teacher discretion)

- There is light precipitation (e.g. snow flurries, drizzle)
- Snow is on the ground, (depending upon how different play areas are affected).
- If the "feel like" temperature is 15 degrees or below students will not go outside for recess

Playground Conditions

Students will be permitted to use playground equipment, grass area, and asphalt/concrete play areas when conditions are suitable for safe play. Safety considerations include:

- Equipment that is dry and ice free
- Playground is not muddy or icy and asphalt/concrete play areas are not icy
- Snow is not deep enough to inhibit students walking/running

Raising Children

Raising children is a hard job and can be challenging at times. To create positivity and self esteem in a child can be as simple as adding a few new phrases into your interactions.

Here are some child interaction tips that might be helpful:

- Compliment your child on a character trait. For example:
 - "I love your compassionate heart!"
 - "The kindness you express to our family and your friends is awesome!"
 - "I respect your effort and resiliency!"
 - "I appreciate your positive attitude!"
 - "I appreciate you doing your best!"
 - "You are such a great help when you put your things away."
 - "It's a great help when you do the dishes or help with supper."
 - "Thank you for being so kind."

These small phrases can make a significant impact on our children's self-esteem and behavior.

Safety First Slow Down

As we greet children in the morning for school, we've noticed some driving behavior that needs to be addressed. Please remember to drive slowly and safely when dropping off your child(ren) at school, even if you may be late for work or an appointment.

It's essential to hold your speed to a minimum when dropping students off at the entrance. We also caution against dropping students off in the middle of the street and having them cross in front of traffic. We recommend entering the drop zone from the west to east and waiting in line for the cars in front of you to move, rather than driving in front of other vehicles or buses to drop off your child(ren). Your child(ren)'s safety is our top priority.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration in this matter.

As Always

If you have suggestions or concerns please feel free to contact the school and speak with administration.

The Last Laugh



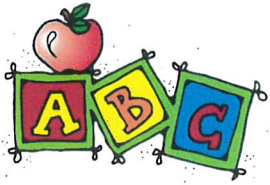
I NEED TO STAY HOME IF...

I HAVE A FEVER	I AM VOMITING	I HAVE DIARRHEA	I HAVE A RASH	I HAVE HEAD LICE	I HAVE AN EYE INFECTION	I HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL
Temperature of 100 degrees F or higher	Within the past 24 hours	Within the past 24 hours	Body rash with itching or fever	Itchy head, active head lice	Redness, itching, and/or pus draining from eye	Hospital stay and/or emergency room visit

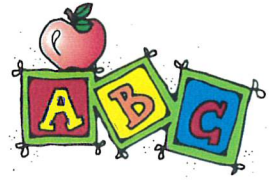
I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM...

Fever free without the assistance of medication for 24 hours (i.e., Tylenol, Motrin, Advil)	Free from vomiting for 24 hours.	Free from diarrhea for 24 hours.	Free from rash, itching or fever. I have been evaluated by my doctor if needed.	Treated with appropriate lice treatment at home.	Free from drainage and/or have been evaluated by my doctor if needed.	Released by my medical provider to return to school.
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If your child has strep throat or another bacterial infection, he/she should stay home until the antibiotic has been given for at least 24 hours and your health care provider has given permission for your child to return to school. We encourage you to seek medical attention when your child is sick and to follow your health care provider's recommendations about returning to school and other activities.



Give your child the gift of education at Bertrand Community Preschool



We're now accepting enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year

Calling all three-year-old and four-year-old children! We have a fun, exciting and new journey for you. Join us at our preschool to learn, grow and develop skills for your future. We work with the GOLD Program to provide activities that are focused on early childhood theories and research. Our goal is to work with children to help them grow in a variety of ways such as social emotional, physical, language, cognitive, literacy, mathematics, science and technology, social studies, and the arts. We strive to give students skills to become independent, curious, and self-confident learners before they enter into Kindergarten.

If you are interested in enrolling your child to attend Bertrand Community Pre-school, please request an enrollment document by contacting Alyce LeBlanc at

(308) 472-3427 or alycleblanc@bertrandvikings.org

Preschool tuition is \$100 per month



Congratulations to our
RPAC Choir Singers:

Malia Brown, Logan
Schutz, Evie Pelton, &
Caleb Patterson



Accelerated Reader

Congratulations to the following students who reached another level in December!



Bronson DeBoer
MaLynn Gardine
Cora Samuelson
Kaleb Wolf
Blakely Hock
Sheila Mejia Reyes
Crew Pierce

Jozlyn Weber
Mulisha Frazier
Grady Furnish
Ella Hamilton
Camren Holbrook
Kamdyn Wentz
Carson Collicott

Jayton Kreitman
Shiloh Birkel
Lillian Vinzant
Paisley Brown
Avery Kreitman
Cash Samuelson
Peighton Tomes

February & March JH/HG Quiz Bowls

THURS. FEB. 13TH: @ BERTRAND

- ELEMENTARY
- JUNIOR HIGH
- HIGH SCHOOL

START TIME: 8:30 AM

WED. MARCH 19TH: JUNIOR HIGH TEAM, @ ESU HOLDREGE

DEPART: 8:15AM

START TIME: 9AM

APPROXIMATE RETURN: NOON

Go Vikings!

X X X X

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High School Quiz Bowl Team



3rd Place @ RPAC!



Bertrand Community Calendar of Events

February 2 B/B Hat Co @ 6:00 pm ~ Location: Studio 607

February 4 Red Cross Blood Drive

February 7 Community Coffee @ 9:30 am ~ Bertrand Nursing Home

February 8 Hi-Line Golf Course Fundraiser 6:00 pm at Bertrand Community Building

February 11 Village of Bertrand Board Meeting 6:00 pm at Village Hall

February 14 Valentine's Day Dinner @ 6:00 pm ~ Young at Heart Senior Center, call for reservations by February 10th at 308-472-5010.

February 15 Sound Bowls @ 6:00 pm, \$20 ~ Location: Studio 607

March 23 Spaghetti Dinner @ Young at Heart Senior Center (watch for more details)

April ~ Easter Bake Sale @ Young at Heart Senior Center

(follow Young at Heart Senior Center-Bertrand for more details or call Shelly at 472-5010 for all upcoming events or to be added to their monthly newsletter)



The Village of Bertrand would like to thank the school students and their families for all the donations received in December. We also would like to thank all the churches and other donors that help support the Bertrand Food Pantry, it is much appreciated. The Village of Bertrand's Food Pantry is located at 507 Minor Avenue. This is available for anyone with a need.

Please contact the Village Office at 472-3455 with any questions, we are always willing to accommodate during and after business hours.



SPONSOR 70 BUSINESS DISPLAY COPIES FOR \$70

One hundred copies of Town Square are distributed every week! Of these, 70 are display copies provided free to read in 29 Bertrand locations. Display copy sponsorship makes this possible.



It's easy to be a sponsor. Call or text Karen Nelson at 308-325-0448 or write to bertrandtownsquare@gmail.com. In return, you get an individually designed business ad or personal message. Thank you for your support!



SAVE THE DATE



Bertrand Garage Sale Day
July 26, 2025

COMMUNITY BLEACHER PROJECT

Fundraising has begun for replacing the old and constructing new permanent bleachers for the Rodeo Arena and Football Field

Coordination among the Bertrand Chamber of Commerce, Bertrand Community School and the Village of Bertrand

Tax deductible donation can be mailed to:
Village of Bertrand
PO Box 295, Bertrand, NE 68927

Please note if preference of donation for a specific location

Little Vikings After School Care is now available! Call Lauren Peterson for more information at 402-995-1346.

Kid Care
After-School

The FFA logo is centered in the background. It features an eagle with spread wings perched atop a shield. The shield is divided into four quadrants, each containing a different agricultural symbol. The words "FARM", "MECHANICS", "ELECTRICITY", and "AGRICULTURE" are written around the shield. The letters "FFA" are prominently displayed in the center of the shield.

Join Us For the 2025

**BERMIS FFA
LABOR
AUCTION**

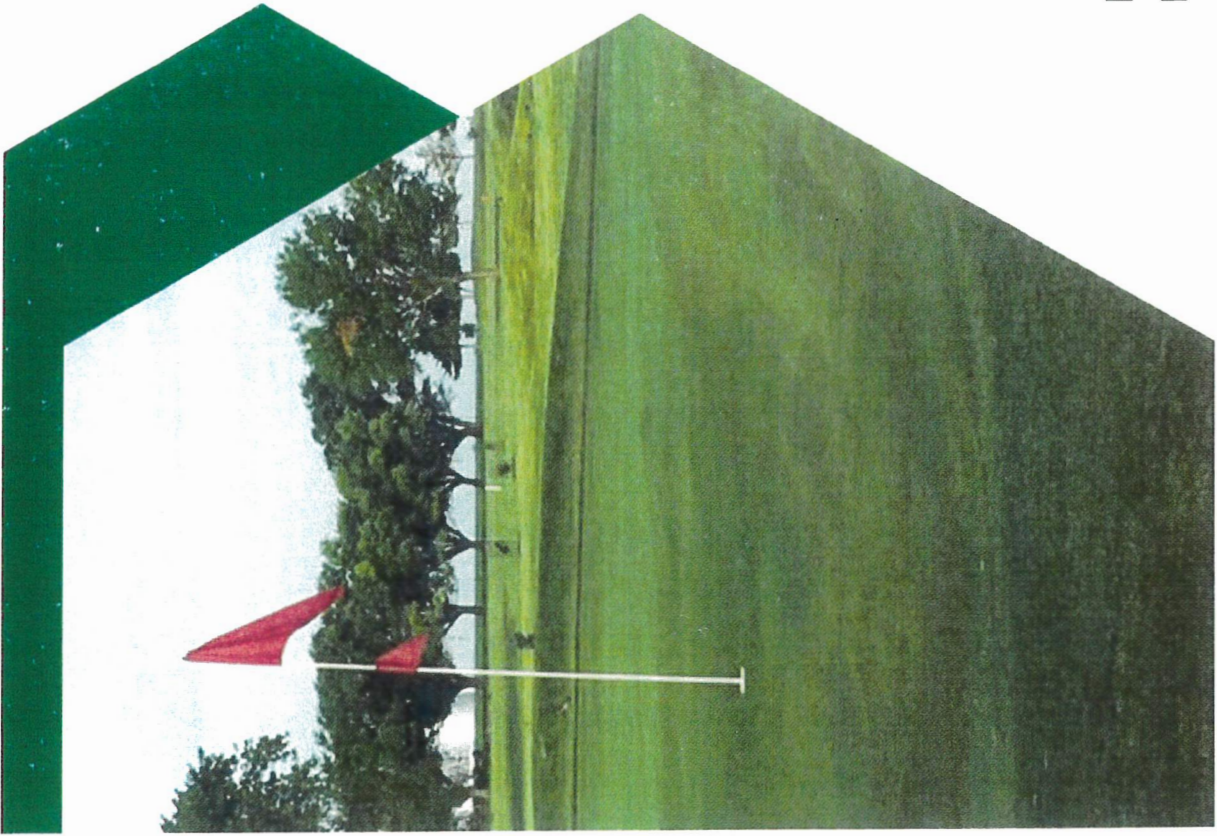
FEBRUARY 16, 2025

**Dinner served at 5:30 with auction to
follow**

At the Loomis Community Building.

**FFA members are required to work 8
hours. Help us raise money for state
convention and other events our
chapter is involved in!**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



HI-LINE GOLF COURSE

Annual Fundraiser Banquet
Feb. 8, 2025

Bertrand Community Building, Bertrand

6:00 PM Social

7:00 PM Dinner

9:00 PM Lincoln Cover Band

PRIME RIB DINNER & LIVE BAND!

- LIVE AND SILENT AUCTIONS -

\$30 Ticket price includes Prime Rib
Dinner and Live Band

Advance Tickets Only

Mail Checks to Hi-Line Golf Course, PO Box 276,
Bertrand, NE 68927 or contact a Board Member

If you would like to donate an item for the auction,
contact a board member

LUNCH

FEBRUARY 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3 B: Cereal & toast or parfait L: Rotini & meat sauce, green beans & cheesy buns	4 B: Breakfast cake & sausage or parfait L: Hot dog bar & baked beans	5 B: French toast or parfait L: Cowboy stew & PB & J	6 B: Bacon pizza scramble or parfait L: Chicken fajita & corn	7 B: Cinnamon roll & cheese stick L: Turkey or tuna sandwich, carrots & hash browns	8
9	10 B: Cereal & toast or parfait L: BBQ ribs, greens & roll	11 B: Cheese omelet or parfait L: Ham & cheese bunza & peas	12 B: Pancakes & peanut butter or parfait L: Chicken noodle soup, cheese stick & bread	13 NO SCHOOL	14 NO SCHOOL	15
16	17 B: Cereal & toast or parfait L: Breaded chicken patty, mashed potatoes & gravy & roll	18 B: Breakfast burrito or parfait L: Beef stroganoff, green beans & roll	19 B: Waffles & peanut butter or parfait L: Chili or potato soup & cornbread	20 B: Croissant sandwich or parfait L: Taco & corn	21 B: Muffins & cheese stick or parfait L: Sloppy Joe's, baked beans & chips	22
23	24 B: Cereal & toast or parfait L: Mac & cheese, fish shapes & roll	25 B: Waffle sandwich or parfait L: Mini corn dogs & baked beans	26 B: French toast or parfait L: Cowboy stew & PB & J	27 B: Sausage gravy & biscuit or parfait L: Beef enchilada casserole & corn	28 B: Turnover & cheese stick or parfait L: Turkey, tuna or chicken salad sandwich, carrots & hash browns	1 All meals served with fruit & veggie bar and choice of white or chocolate milk *meals subject to change <i>Homemade</i> GIFTS MADE EASY

February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Schedule Subject to Change				1 9:00 WR @ Doniphan-Trumbull VGGB/VBBBB RPAC Finals @ McCook
2	3 4:00 Elem Quiz Bowl @ Arapahoe	4 5:30 JVGBB 7:00 VGBB vs Cambridge (home)	5 FFA ST Degree & Prof Dev @ McCook	6	7 10:00 WR @ SW 4:30 JVBBBB/JVGBB 6:00 VGBB 7:30 VBBBB (home) vs MV	8 Speech @ Gothenburg 9:00 JHBBB @ SV Tourn VBC Youth BB Tourn
9	10 6:00 JVBBBB @ Alma 7:00 Board Mtg	11	12 7:00 FFA Dist Career @ Curtis 1:00 Srs to Phelps Co Court 1:30 JHBBB vs SV (home)	13 No School 8:30 BCS Quiz Bowls 3:30-8:30 P/T Conferences 4:00-6:00 K-6 Title Family Night	14 No School 4:30 JVBBBB/JVGBB 6:00 VGBB 7:30 VBBBB vs Arapahoe (home)	15 Speech @ Minden 4:30 JVBBBB/JVGBB 6:00 VGBB 7:30 VBBBB @ Kenesaw WR Districts TBA
16 FFA Labor Auction @ Loomis	17	18 2:00 JHBBB vs Arapahoe (home)	19 8:30 RPAC Speech @ Cambridge	20	21 6:00 JVBBBB 7:30 VBBBB vs Cambridge (home)	22 Speech @ Elm Creek
					WR State @ Omaha	
23	24 FFA Dist Welding @ McCook	25 2:00 JHBBB @ Alma	26 Hometown Career Day 1:00 Srs to Phelps Co Court 1:30 Elem Quiz Bowl @ Alma	27	28 VGGB District Final	

March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Schedule Subject to Change					1 VBBB District Final
2	3 VBBB District Final	4 9:00 HS Quiz Bowl @ Minden 4:00 Elem Quiz Bowl @ EC VBBB District Final	5	6 1:00 Dismissal - Inservice	7 No School End of 3 rd Qtr	8
9	10 Board Mtg	11 FFA Dist Career Dev @ Curtis	12	13 3 rd Qtr Ends	14 No School	15
16	17 	18 District Speech @ GICC	19 9:00 JH Quiz Bowl @ Holdrege 1:00 Elem Quiz Bowl @ Holdrege	20 1:00 TR @ UNK	21 BBB State @ Lincoln	22 PROM
23	24 7:00 FFA Mtg TBA	25 3:00 TR @ Minden	26	27	28 1:00 TR @ SV 3:00 GO @ SV	29

Dear Friends of the Bertrand Higher Education Fund,

The committee to distribute scholarships from the Bertrand Higher Education Fund (BHEF) will be meeting this spring. BHEF Scholarships are different from memorial and other “flow-through” scholarships that move through the BHEF account. Many people are not financially able to establish large, continuous scholarships on their own, but this fund allows people to make donations of all sizes. The donations are then pooled together to help Bertrand graduates realize their dream of higher education. Certainly, the goal also continues to be support of our community through support of our students and their futures.

Last year 6 \$300 scholarships were awarded to students going into the following areas of study: criminal justice, physical therapy, health, ministry, business, agriculture, and education. If you believe this is a worthwhile cause and wish to participate, please **make checks payable to BHEF**, drop them off at the school or mail your contribution.

Donations may be made at any time during the year. However, in order to donate towards the class of 2025 we would like to have your donation by Thursday, **March 17, 2025**. Donations sent by this date help us prepare for our annual selection meeting when we determine how many scholarships the BHEF can afford to award to this year's graduates.

Remember, **your donation is tax deductible**.

Please pass this information on to anyone who you think might be interested. If you have any questions, please contact any of the committee members listed below. The graduates of Bertrand Community School and the BHEF committee members thank you for your help!

Sincerely,

Bertrand Higher Education Fund (BHEF) Committee Members:

Bob Dahlgren	Janice Gengenbach	Larry Marshall	Mandy Sand
Brent Samuelson	Jennifer Kaps	Haley Munter	Courtney Johnson
Steve Bristol	Nicole LeClaire		

Please return this portion with your donation **check made payable to BHEF** by **March 17, 2025** and drop off or mail to the school:

Bertrand Community School
503 School St.
Bertrand, NE 68927

Thanks for helping BCS graduates!

Name(s): _____

BHEF Scholarship Donation: \$ _____