

Happy Holidays



Homer Community School's

Knight Writer

A student production - December, 2018



Volleyball 2018 Season Recap

by Cheyenne Donnelly

Senior Emily Reis moved into the top five Homer setters with 487 assists this season. Emily Rasmussen, just a sophomore, led the team in kills (190) and total blocks (42). In her first year as libero, Katie Baker played great defense picking up 411 digs. Hailey Robertson and Hannah Harris led the team on the service line going 93.5% and 91.2% respectively.

Words from Coach Johnson:

"Change" and "process" are two key words from the 2018 volleyball season. The team saw a **change** in line-up with several people taking on new positions. Katie Baker moved from setter to libero; Brooklynn Schmidt moved from libero to outside hitter; Emily Reis moved from a part-time setter in a 6-2 offense to our only setter running a 5-1 offense. Add in Erin Georgesen in the middle and Hailey Robertson as a serving specialist, two seniors who did not play last year, along with a new head coach, and you've got major change. It was important from the outset that the team work extra hard on the court and even harder off the court to keep a positive mindset and build a culture of teamwork. The girls learned to trust the **process** - the training, both physical and mental - and by the end of the season, they saw the process pay off with an 8-game win streak and intense play. The Lady Knights did exactly what a coach hopes, which is to peak at the end of our season. We'll will sorely miss our five seniors - Emily, Karrena, Erin, Hailey, and Shayla. The underclassmen will have to work hard in the off-season and stay competitive (track helps!) in order to pick up where we left off at the end of 2018. Thanks to all of our parents, family, friends, and fans who helped make this season one to remember.

Lewis & Clark Conference 2018 East Division All Conference Volleyball Team

Emily Reis & Emily Rasmussen
Honorable Mention - Katie Baker



Homer Football Season Recap

by Alex Huerta

The Homer Knights football team ended the season with a 1-7 record. The player that led the team with the most passing yards is Jacob Huerta. Jacob had 32 completed passes out of 97 attempts and had 606 passing yards, and he had an average of 18.9 yards per a completion. Caleb Kearnes was second with 8 completed passes out of 16 and had 69 passing yards, with an average of 8.6 yards per a completion. The players with the most rushing yards were Jacob Huerta and Landon Gilster. Jacob Huerta had 107 carries with 443 yards and his average yards per a carry was 4.1. As for Landon Gilster he had 48 carries with 271 yards and his average yards per a carry was 5.6. The two leading players with the most receiving yards were Landon Gilster and Alex Huerta. Landon had 11 receptions and 311 receiving yards and averaged 28.3 yards per catch. Alex Huerta had 13 receptions and 242 receiving yards and averaged 18.6 yards per catch. The two players that led the defense with the most tackles were Alex and Jacob Huerta. Jacob had 45 solo tackles and 35 assists for a total of 80 tackles. Alex had 22 solo tackles and had 29 assists for a total of 51 tackles.

Head football coach Shawn Spurrell commented on the season:

"As expected this year's football team was a fun one to coach. We struggled through difficult times together and grew individually as a result. Sometimes you get the closest with the group of guys that you experience the most adversity with, and that can definitely be said about this year's squad. As down as we were about losing so many players to injury, the guys continued to grow as a team and as football players. It was hard for all of us to walk off that football field for the last time. I thought they were going to have to ask us to leave, because it was emotional saying goodbye to the seniors. We were all pretty happy that were able to walk off that field with a win."

December Birthdays

by Hei Sah

Kaleb Uhl	12/1
Avan Caskey	12/2
Hollis Snowball	12/4
Aliyah Spurrell	12/5
Lilyanna Dziurawiec	12/6
Jett Fogarty	12/8
Jacey Peters	12/9
Riddick Kearnes	12/9
Daniel Riddle	12/9
Rylee Luesebrink	12/11
Erin Georgesen	12/11
Natalee Overfelt	12/12
Thomas Reed	12/12
Maaliyah Hanner	12/13
Kole Harris	12/13
Lizette Caldera	12/15
Kadyn Harris	12/17
Steve Harris	12/18
William Rohde	12/19
Tyley Jump	12/19
Aryanna Chamberlain	12/19
Ashlee Waldee	12/20
Annah Harris	12/21
Reed Schlotman	12/21
Timothy Harris	12/23
Jaydan Gonzalez	12/27
Emely Alvarez	12/28
Isabelle Pieper	12/29



Senior Spotlights

by Chris Chamberlain

Lance Polly is the son of Cameron Polly and Mary Polly. He was born on July 31st, 2001. Lance likes Homer because it's a small school. His favorite lunch is any of the pastas served. His favorite subject is welding. Lance's favorite teacher is Mr. Dziurawiec. He has participated in football and golf. Lance said that his favorite memory is when Cheyenne blocked a punt with his face in football. Lance plans on going to Western Iowa Tech for law enforcement.

Cheyenne Donnelly is the son of Melissa and Chad Donnelly. He was born on October 23rd, 2001. Cheyenne likes Homer because he has the ability to get help from any teacher. His favorite lunch is chicken pasta. His favorite subject is math. Cheyenne's favorite teacher is Mrs. Peitz. He has participated in football and track. He said his favorite memory is when Logan found out that if you take the "r" out of Homer it spells home. Cheyenne plans on going to Western Iowa Tech to become an accountant.



Preschool Enrollment

As of January 1, 2019, Homer Community School will be taking names for our 2019-2020 Preschool Class. Please contact the school office at 402-698-2377 before April 1, 2019. Preschool students must be four years old on or before July 31, 2019.

Homer Quiz Bowl Results

Lewis & Clark Conference Competition, 7 November, 2018

Varsity: 1-2 (Winnebago – W, Osmond – L, Allen – L)

JV: 2nd Place (Allen – W, Ponca – W, Wynot – L, Randolph – W, Wynot – W, Championship lost to LCC)



Homer School Activity Calendar December 2018



Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

						1 1:00pm: G/B BB at Lyons
3 2 hour late start 7:00pm: PK-5th Grade Christmas Concert Book fair in library	4 4:45pm: G/ B BB Here vs. L-C-C	5 8:00am Ele- mentary Pride Assembly	6 3:00pm: JH GBB Here vs. Siouxland Chrsi- tian 4:15pm: JH BBB Here vs.	7 6:00pm: Eleme ntary Family Fun Night	8 9:00am: 9-10 GBB Homer Tourna- ment	
10 4:45pm: G/B BB Here vs. Whiting	11 3:00pm: JH BBB Here vs. Wisner-Pilger 4:00pm: G/B BB at Wyont	12	13	14 4:45pm: G/B BB Here vs. Lu- theran High NE *Post Prom Bake Sale and	15 9:00am: JH BBB Ponca Tourney	
17 7:00pm: 6th-12th Christmas Concert	18 5:00pm: G/ B BB at Law- ton	19 Snow Make- up Date for Christmas	20 4:45pm: G/B BB at Randolph	21 1:45 Dismissal- End of 2nd Qtr.	22 Five Day Practice/ Competition Moratorium	
24 No School Five Day Practice/ Competition Mor- atorium	25 No School	26 No School	27 No School	28 No School G/B BB Holiday Tourney at Howells	29 G/B BB Holiday Tourney at How- ells	
31 No School						



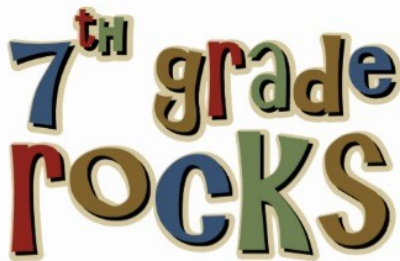
**HOMER
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Meet Homer Community School Students

5th Grader Ainsley Spurrell

by Shayla Monk

Ainsley Spurrell is a fifth grader in Mrs. Beavers’s class. Her favorite color is black. When she grows up she wants to be a teacher and an actress just like her mom. One of her favorite school lunches is the burritos. She has two best friends and their names are Lilly Harris and Madison Rober. After school in her free time, and she likes to draw and play basketball. The best part of her school day is PE. Her favorite subject is science, unlike her least favorite subject, which is social studies. *The Dork Diaries* series are her favorite books. She has two sisters, two cats and two dogs. She likes seeing her friends at school every day. Her favorite special is art, and her favorite teacher is Mrs. Pick.



7th Grader Rocco Kearnes

by Nicholas Varvais

Rocco Kearnes is a Homer 7th grader. His favorite color is red, and his favorite school lunch is pizza. He has no idea yet what he wants to be when he grows up. His best friends are Liam Varva, Chance Holverson, and Brody Raff. He likes to play outside in his free time, and his favorite part of the day is when he leaves school. He has 5 siblings and a cat. He loves spending time with his friends during school. His favorite class is social studies and his favorite teacher is Mr. Zoucha.

Junior Chloe Evans

by Cheyann Bella Hueschen

Junior Chloe Evans is 16 years of age. Her favorite color is yellow, she loves food, and enjoys blackberry lemonade. Her favorite hobby is art, which is also her favorite school subject. Her goal for the next year is “to make it.” Chloe wants to go to college and study CSI and get a degree in Forensics. She has 3 brothers and 4 sisters, loves music, and her favorite animals are owls.

11th Grade

Special Event

Polar Express Movie Night

Saturday, December 8th, 6:00-8:30 pm

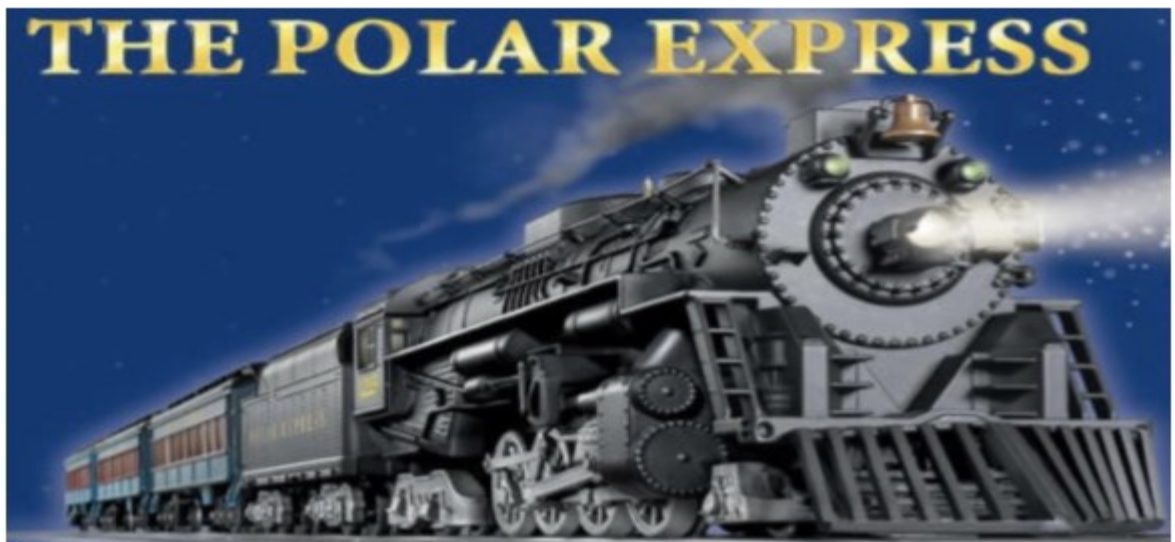
Homer School Gym

Kick off the holiday season come in your pajamas; bring a blanket or a pillow.

Cost \$5.00 person

Includes: movie, slice pizza, drink, & game

(extra slice pizza and drink \$1.00)





ONLINE PAYMENTS AVAILABLE!

We are pleased to have partnered with **e-Funds for Schools**! Parents and Guardians can make payments to the school for student meals, all online, in-person or through mobile pay!

Convenient, saves time and makes payments easy!

Online Payments

By registering for **e-Funds for Schools**, parents are able to pay online for student meals! You will also have access to your full payment history. Make payments for multiple students in one easy transaction!

Security

All payments are secure with the latest encryption technology. Plus, **e-Funds for Schools** will never post any payments to your student's account without your prior knowledge and authorization.

Mobile Payments

Mobile Pay is a responsive website, optimized for smart phones and tablets that use either Android or Apple operating systems. You will have the ability to make payments and update account information from the palm of your hand. Simply use your **EFS** username and password to login.



Parent Benefits

- ◆ *Make payment for multiple students in one easy transaction.*
- ◆ *Eliminate the need for your child to carry cash or checks to school.*
- ◆ *Sign up for low balance alerts, and never worry about your student running out of funds.*
- ◆ *Receive email notifications on all payments made.*
- ◆ *Establish recurring transactions for the ultimate convenience.*
- ◆ *Online access to a detailed payment history of all transactions.*



Ready to get started?
For more information, contact:
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Homer Community School

Step-by-Step Guide for Parents

Getting started with e-Funds for Schools



Homer Community School



CREATING A NEW ACCOUNT

1. Visit <https://payments.efundsforschools.com/v3/districts/56322>
2. Click on **Create an Account**.
3. Provide requested information.
4. Click **Create Account**.



ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT – STUDENTS

1. Log into your account.
2. Select **Manage Students** under **Manage Account**.
3. Enter student Last Name and Family or Student ID#.
4. Select **Add Student(s)**.
5. Repeat steps 2-4 to add additional students.



ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT PAYMENT INFORMATION

1. Log into your Account
2. Select **Payment Methods** under **Payment Settings**.
3. Select **New Credit Card** or **New Direct Debit** to add new payment information.
4. After entering all required information, read Consent and select **Add** to save information to account.

MAKE A PAYMENT

1. Select type of payment you would like to make.
2. Select student.
3. Enter amount of payment.
4. Select **Begin Checkout**.
5. Choose payment method or enter new method.
6. Review items and total.
7. Select **Pay Now**.



A Message from Our Elementary Principal...



With the winter season quickly approaching, the elementary staff and I would like to wish everyone the warmest wishes for the holidays. We hope this time is relaxing, rejuvenating, and safe. We appreciate all that the parents and community do for our students and know that this is a special time to enjoy with your families and friends.

Please remember the academic school day begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 3:25 p.m. Students who frequently arrive late or leave early are missing out on valuable instructional time. We ask that parents limit phone calls requesting a change in your child's dismissal. Please send a note in the morning when there is a change for the day in dismissal and give details regarding transportation or who is picking your child up.

Often this is the time of year where childhood illnesses are more prevalent in schools. Please refrain from sending your son/daughter to school with a low-grade temperature (even if medicated), complaints of a sore throat, or undiagnosed skin conditions. While your child may seem fine after medication, it is often the case they end up in the nurse's office and sent home. A written excuse or phone call to the school secretary is a requirement for all absences.

Soon it will be winter break. During this time, it is important that students continue reading, writing, and practicing their math facts. Make learning fun by tying it into your daily routine, so students understand the importance of education.

As we look forward to the second half of the school year, we anticipate the same enthusiasm as the first semester. With the arrival of winter and the cold weather, students need to dress appropriately for these weather conditions and are mindful of the dress code. School cancellations will be broadcast on local television stations and through the School Reach phone system.

On behalf of all the elementary staff and myself, we would like to wish our families a safe, happy, and healthy holiday season and a Happy New Year! We look forward to the start of 2019, and as always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your child's teacher or me.

Important Dates

December 3rd – Two Hour Late Start

December 3rd - PK – 5th Christmas Concert @ 7:00 p.m./Book Fair

December 5th – Elementary Pride Assembly @ 8:00 a.m.

December 7th - Elementary Fun Night @ 6:00 p.m.

December 8th – Post Prom Elementary Movie Night

December 10th – 20th MAP Testing, Grades K-6

December 17th – 6th-12th Christmas Concert @7:00 p.m.

December 21st – 1:45 Dismissal, End of 2nd Qtr.

January 3rd – 2nd Semester Begins

Lora Crowe
Elementary Principal
Homer Community School

