

Say Hello to Our Newest Teachers! !

Ellie Harvey 4th Grade

My name is Ellie Harvey, and I am from Kearney, Nebraska. I attended the University of Nebraska at Kearney, where I earned my degree in Elementary Education. This upcoming school year, I will be teaching 4th grade. Outside of teaching, I enjoy reading, exercising, and spending time outdoors. I am excited to become part of the Bertrand community and look forward to the upcoming school year.



Ashley Picquet Art

Mrs. Picquet grew up in Holdrege, NE and currently resides near Johnson Lake with her Husband, Caden, daughter, Paige, and 2 dogs and 2 cats. Prior to graduating from UNK in December of 2022, she spent a semester student teaching under Scott Schwarz at Bertrand Community School. Right after graduating she started teaching K-12 art at Arapahoe Public Schools. Her favorite art mediums are watercolor and clay. She also spends time doing photography! When she isn't teaching or creating, Mrs. Picquet enjoys spending time with family, hiking, gardening, kayaking, and traveling.



Maura Rabe OT & Health Science

I have lived on a farm outside of Bertrand for the past 15 years with my husband, Riley, and our boys. I have worked as an Occupational Therapist for 15 years in a variety of settings and have truly loved working in the school environment. This year, I am excited to take that passion a step further by joining Bertrand full-time as both an Occupational Therapist and a Health Science teacher within the CTE program. Health science is an area I am especially passionate about, as it played a major role in leading me to the occupational therapy profession. I look forward to building relationships with students and helping them explore future opportunities in healthcare and beyond, while continuing to provide occupational therapy services.

Caden Holm Weights

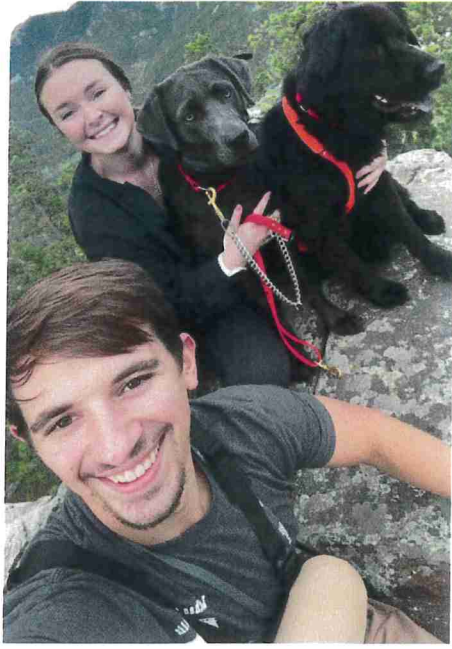
Coach Holm grew up attending Ansley-Litchfield Schools and recently graduated from Hastings College. Raised on a farm, he has always had a passion for teaching, coaching, and building relationships with students and athletes. You'll probably spot him out on the golf course a little this summer, too!

This will be Coach Holm's third year coaching, and he has already experienced a great deal of success, including a trip to the state tournament last year where his team finished 1-2, with a close 3-2 loss to the eventual state champions. He is excited to bring that same energy and success to Bertrand.

When asked about his new position, Coach Holm says, "Great kids, great people, and a great community are just a few of the things I tell people about Bertrand."

Coach Holm will be teaching weight classes while serving as Head Football Coach and Assistant Girls Basketball Coach. He is excited to get started and become part of the Bertrand community!





Kaisha McLaughlin Kindergarten

My name is Kaisha McLaughlin and I am from Hebron, NE. My husband and I live in Kearney where he will be attending Med School. We have two dogs. I love to cook/bake new things, go hiking, and run.

I graduated from Chadron State College. I am teaching Kindergarten and I am so excited to be here!



Amber Brown Special Education Elementary

I'm so excited to join the Bertrand Community School Team this fall as the 1st-3rd grade Resource Teacher. My husband Evan and I have been married 26 years and have four children: Owen-22, Ella-19, Rhett-17, and Paisley-13. We have been blessed to live on an acreage north of Bertrand for 19 years, complete with a wide array of animals. I received my Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and Learning Disabilities at Northwest Missouri State University and I received my Masters degree in Curriculum and Instruction with an ESL endorsement through UNK. My work experience includes 7 years as a K-4 Resource Teacher in Holdrege, 5 years as a Kindergarten, 1st Grade, or 7th Grade Resource Teacher, and 3 years as a 1st Grade Teacher at Lexington Public Schools. In my free time I enjoy gardening, home improvement projects, expanding my array of animals, and spending time with my family. I look forward to making a difference in young lives and the community in Bertrand.

Alexis Billeter

5th Grade



Hi! My name is Alexis Billeter, and I am so excited to be joining Bertrand Community School as the new 5th grade homeroom teacher this year! I cannot wait to become part of the Bertrand community and build relationships with my students and their families.

I am originally from Loomis and grew up on a small farm and cow-calf operation with my dad. After graduating high school, I attended University of Nebraska at Kearney, where I earned my degree in elementary education. Throughout college, I stayed involved with agriculture through 4-H and FFA projects, especially showing cattle, which has always been something I enjoy.

Outside of school, I love spending time outdoors, thrifting and antiquing, and being around animals. Between dogs, cats, horses, and cattle, there is never a dull moment!

I previously had the opportunity to sub at Bertrand, and I truly loved it from the moment I walked through the doors. The welcoming environment and strong sense of community made a lasting impression on me, and I am incredibly excited to officially join the team. I am looking forward to a great year in 5th grade!

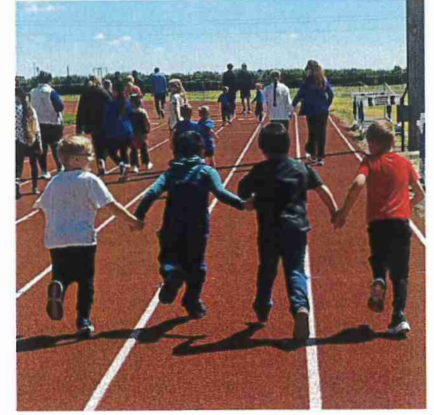
Welcome the Newest Members of Our Viking Family



National Walk at Lunch Day 2026

Bertrand Community School celebrated National Walk at Lunch Day on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, by encouraging students and staff to take time during lunch to get outside and enjoy some fresh air.

Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make National Walk at Lunch Day a success!



At Bertrand Community School, we are proud to continue our 1st - 6th grade *Reading Crosses Bridges Accelerated Reader Program*! This program is designed to motivate and celebrate students as they grow in their love for reading. Each student sets a personal reading goal and works toward it throughout the month. When students meet their goals, they earn fun rewards!

🍕 First Semester: Students who met their reading goals were treated to pizza for lunch and games in the gym!



🏠 Second Semester: Students enjoyed a special field trip to see *Hoppers* at the IMAX Theatre at Hastings Museum.



🎁 End-of-the-Year Prizes:

- \$50 Target gift card for the top points earner in each class
- \$50 Target gift card for the most improved reader in each class

The following students earned gift cards this year:

	<u>Most Points Earned</u>	<u>Most Improved</u>
1st Grade	Alyeana Kuck Naomi Johnson	Hadley Jones
2nd Grade	Rikyn Kuck	Clay Peterson
3rd Grade	Linkyn Moon	Elizabeth Rodriguez
4th Grade	Jenna Nelson	Owen Stratman
5th Grade	Isabella Kuck	Grady Gardine
6th Grade	Raina Nelson	Ruger Gardine



We are incredibly grateful to the Viking Booster Club for supporting our students' love of reading through these generous incentives. Let's keep reading, growing, and celebrating every chapter of success!

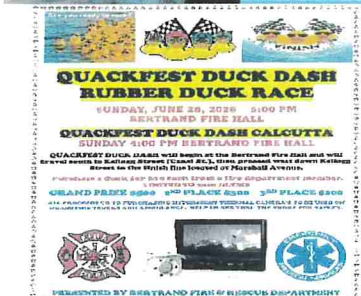


Bertrand Community Calendar of Events

- June ~** Summer sports will be in full swing, stop by the ballfields and catch a game or two. Please help support the summer ball program.
- June ~** Lions Club Peach Sale, Contact Kathy 308-991-2961
- June 7** Dan McCracken Memorial Fishing Tournament, Johnson Lake, contact Randy Hock 308-325-0897
- June 10** American Red Cross Blood Drive at Community Building, Noon-6:00 pm
- June 12** Community Coffee @ 9:30 am ~ Bertrand Nursing Home & Assisted Living
- June 15** Family Fishing Tournament, Sam Phillips Lake, contact Randy Hock 308-325-0897
- June 16** Pool Sensory Hour at Bertrand Pool, 11 am, sponsored by Lexington Regional Health Center
- June 2-Aug 25** Bertrand Farmer's Market ~ Tuesdays 5:30-7:00 pm at the Bertrand Park
- June 27-June 30** Bertrand Fair & Rodeo Days. Look for more details on the Fair & Rodeo Facebook page. Event calendar will be printed soon with all the events. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED, please consider helping to make the 76th Anniversary a great success!
- June 27** Bertrand Brews & BBQ, downtown Bertrand BBQ starts at 6:00 pm
- June 28** Young at Heart Senior Center Fundraiser 11:30-1:00 ~ Pulled pork, beans, chips, & dessert
- July 10** Community Coffee @ 9:30 am ~ Bertrand Nursing Home & Assisted Living
- July 11** Free Swim Day at Bertrand Pool sponsored by Phelps Memorial Health Center
- July 25** Bertrand Community Garage Sales ~ signup at Village Office, July 1st.



Wednesday Summer 2026	13 June 2026	27 June 2026
Food Truck at Bertrand Park	Food Truck at Bertrand Park	Food Truck at Bertrand Park
Thursday Aug 14, 2026	14 Aug 2026	12 Sept 2026
Food Truck at Bertrand Park	Food Truck at Bertrand Park	Food Truck at Bertrand Park



Join Us For
Bertrand Brews & BBQ

OPENING ACT
BUDDY MARTELL

CLOSING OUT THE NIGHT
ON THE FRITZ

SATURDAY, JUNE 27TH
BBQ SERVING BEANS AT 6:00 - 8:00 PM

On Main Street Bertrand Gates Open at 5:30
Street Dance Starts at 9 PM

Tickets
1-11:00 PM
\$10.00
\$20.00
\$30.00
\$40.00
\$50.00
\$60.00
\$70.00
\$80.00
\$90.00
\$100.00

Fun For The Whole Family!
Food, Fun, Music
and More!

The Bertrand Fair Serving Committee has begun preparing for our 2026 Fair and Rodeo! As we begin planning for the upcoming fair, we are asking for your continued support. Donations help us keep this tradition strong and allow us to give back even more to our community each year. We are proud to share how proceeds from the 2026 Bertrand Days Fair are reinvested back into our community: Because of your support, we were able to contribute to several local organizations and projects, including:

- Bertrand Area Chamber: \$500
- Bertrand Fire Department: \$500
- Young at Heart Senior Center: \$400
- Bertrand High School Scholarships: \$500 (2/\$250 scholarships)
- Bertrand Nursing Home & Assisted Living: \$300
- Bertrand Lions Foundation: \$200
- Village of Bertrand (Community Building): \$2000
- Village of Bertrand (Post): \$200
- Bertrand School (Huscher project): \$500
- Bertrand Food Pantry: \$200
- Loomis Fire Department: \$500
- Class of 2026 (working shifts for donation to post prom): \$200

In total, over \$6,000 was given back to support programs, services, and improvements that directly impact our community. If you would like to contribute or get involved, please reach out to Beverly Hansen or [Handy Sand](#). Thank you for helping us make a difference in Bertrand!



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Garage Sale

Bertrand
Garage Sales
July 25, 2026

Save The Date
June 27 - June 30th
BERTRAND DAYS

POOL WORKOUT
MON - THUR - 5PM

2026 Pool Hours

Bertrand Aquatic Center

Monday - Saturday
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Sunday
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Adults 18+ \$10.00 per day
Ages 3 yrs & up \$5.00 per day
Ages under 2 yrs \$3.00 per day
(Bertrand Cooperative Land Reclamation ONLY Fee)

Season passes and Pool Party Rentals available
call: 308-474-8016

FREE SWIM DAY!
Saturday - July 11th

Organized by the Bertrand Aquatic Center
with the support of the Bertrand Community Center
Thank you to the Bertrand Aquatic Center
for making this day possible!

June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 6:30-9:30 am Weights	3	4	5	6
	GBB League @ Wil-Hil					
7	8	9 6:30-9:30 am Weights	10	11	12 BBB Camp @ Kearney Catholic	13
	GBB League @ Wil-Hil					
14	15 GBB League @ Wil-Hil	16 GBB Camp @ Axtell 6:30-9:30 am Weights	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 6:30-9:30 am Weights	24	25	26	27
			Band Camp			
	GBB League @ Wil-Hil		GBB Camp @ Anselmo-Mema BBB Camp @ Cozad		5:00 Band Concert in Park	
28	29 No Summer Weights	30 No Summer Weights Band @ Bertrand Parade				
		West Gym Closed		Schedule Subject to Change		

July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 VVB @ Minden	2 6:30-9:30 am Weights	3	4 
5	6 7:30-8:30 pm VB Open Gym by position	7 6:30-9:30 am Weights	8 West Gym Closed until July 8 Cheer Camp	9	10 West Gym Closed	11
12	13 5:00 VB Tri vs Axtell, Elm Creek @ E.C.	14	15 JVB @ Cambridge	16 VVB Sand Camp	17 JVB Sand Camp	18 JVB @ UNK
19	20 6:30-9:30 am Weights	21 6:30-9:30 am Weights	22 6:30-8:30 pm VB Open Gym by position	23 6:30-9:30 am Weights	24 7:30-8:30 pm VB Open Gym by Position	25
26	27 6:30-8:30 pm VB Open Gym by position	28 6:30-9:30 am Aglity Circuit (Outside)	29 7:30-8:30 pm VB Open Gym all positions	30 7:30-8:30 pm VB Open Gym by position	31 East Gym & Weight Room Closed	

August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3 7:00-8:00 am FB Conditioning	4 7:00-8:00 am FB Conditioning	5 7:00-8:00 am FB Conditioning 6:00 pm RPAC Coaches & Sponsor Mtg @ SW	6	7	8
	East Gym & Weight Room Closed					
9	10 Fall Sports Practice Begins	11	12 New Teacher Orientation	13	14	15
					5:30 NCA Presentation 6:30 VBC Tailgate Blue & White Practice	
16	17 Teacher Workdays	18	19 Open House 11:00 - 2:00	20 School Begins – 2:30 Dismissal 5:00 VB Jamboree @ Sargent	21	22
23	24	25 6:30 Band Trip Parent Mtg	26 Yearbook Ad Sales 5:00 JVVB 6:00 VVB vs SW (home)	27 10:00 CC @ Med Valley	28	29 Band to St Fair FFA State Milk @ GI
					7:00 FB @ Hitchcock Co,	
30	31 5:00 JVFB/JVVB @ Hi-Line					

Bertrand Community School 2026-2027

August 2026							AUGUST							January 2027							JANUARY								
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	8/11: First Day Fall Practices							S	M	T	W	T	F	S	9/1 - 9/4: No School								
						1	8/12-13 New Teacher Orientation												1	2	1/4 Teacher Inservice (No Students)								
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	8/17-18 Teacher Inservice (No Students)							3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1/5: School Resumes for Students								
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	8/20: Student's First Day - 2:30pm Student Dismissal							10	11	12	13	14	15	16									
16	17	18	19	20	21	22								17	18	19	20	21	22	23									
23	24	25	26	27	28	29								24	25	26	27	28	29	30									
30	31													31															
						Student Days 8	52.38 Hours													Student Days 19	128.34 Hours								
						Teacher Days 13														Teacher Days 20									
September 2026							SEPTEMBER							February 2027							FEBRUARY								
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	9/1: No School - Labor Day							S	M	T	W	T	F	S	2/11: No Students, Teacher Work Day/Quiz Bowl Parent/Teacher Conferences 2:00 - 7:00 pm								
			1	2	3	4	5	9/3: 1:00 PM Dismissal - Teacher Inservice Day									1	2	3	4	5	6	2/12: No School						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12								7	8	9	10	11	12	13									
13	14	15	16	17	18	19								14	15	16	17	18	19	20									
20	21	22	23	24	25	26								21	22	23	24	25	26	27									
27	28	29	30											28															
						Student Days 21	139.62 Hours													Student Days 28	123.84 Hours								
						Teacher Days 21														Teacher Days 20									
October 2026							OCTOBER							March 2027							MARCH								
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	10/1: Dismiss at 1:00, Parent/Teacher Conferences 2:00 - 7:00 pm							S	M	T	W	T	F	S	3/2 Dismiss at 2:30								
				1	2	3	10/2: No School									1	2	3	4	5	6	3/3-5: No School - Spring Break							
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10/16: END OF 1ST QUARTER (40 Days)							7	8	9	10	11	12	13	3/12: END OF 3RD QUARTER (43 Days)								
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	10/22 Dismiss at 2:30							14	15	16	17	18	19	20	3/25 Dismiss at 2:30								
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	10/28 Fall Break							21	22	23	24	25	26	27	3/28: No School - Easter Break								
25	26	27	28	29	30	31								28	29	30	31												
						Student Days 20	132.60 Hours													Student Days 18	121.32 Hours								
						Teacher Days 21														Teacher Days 18									
November 2026							NOVEMBER							April 2027							APRIL								
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	11/5: 1:00 PM Dismissal - Teacher Inservice Day							S	M	T	W	T	F	S	4/16: No Students, Track Meet/Teacher Work Day								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	11/24 Dismiss at 2:30												1	2	3	4/22: Teacher's Last Day							
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	11/27 - 11/29: No School - Thanksgiving Break							4	5	6	7	8	9	10									
15	16	17	18	19	20	21								11	12	13	14	15	16	17									
22	23	24	25	26	27	28								18	19	20	21	22	23	24									
29	30													25	26	27	28	29	30										
						Student Days 18	118.56 Hours													Student Days 21	142.38 Hours								
						Teacher Days 18														Teacher Days 22									
December 2026							DECEMBER							May 2027							MAY								
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	12/3: 1:00 PM Dismissal - Teacher Inservice Day							S	M	T	W	T	F	S	5/6 Preschool Graduation								
			1	2	3	4	5	12/17 - 12/18: Finals: 1:00 Dismissal													1	5/13: No School							
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	12/21 - 12/23: No School - Christmas Break							2	3	4	5	6	7	8	5/19-5/20: Teacher Inservice								
13	14	15	16	17	18	19								9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Finals: 5/19 - 5/19 1:00 Dismissal								
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	12/18: END OF 2ND QUARTER (41 Days) END OF 1ST SEMESTER (81 Days)							16	17	18	19	20	21	22	5/20 Teacher Inservice Day								
27	28	29	30	31			12/23 - 12/28: 5 Day Moratorium							23	24	25	26	27	28	29	5/20: END OF 4TH QUARTER (46 Days) END OF 2ND SEMESTER (89 Days)								
						Student Days 14	87.48 Hours							30	31					Student Days 13	83.22 Hours								
						Teacher Days 14														Teacher Days 14									
							TOTAL DAYS:																						
Student Days 81							170 Student Days							Student Days 89															
Teacher Days 87							181 Teacher Days							Teacher Days 94															