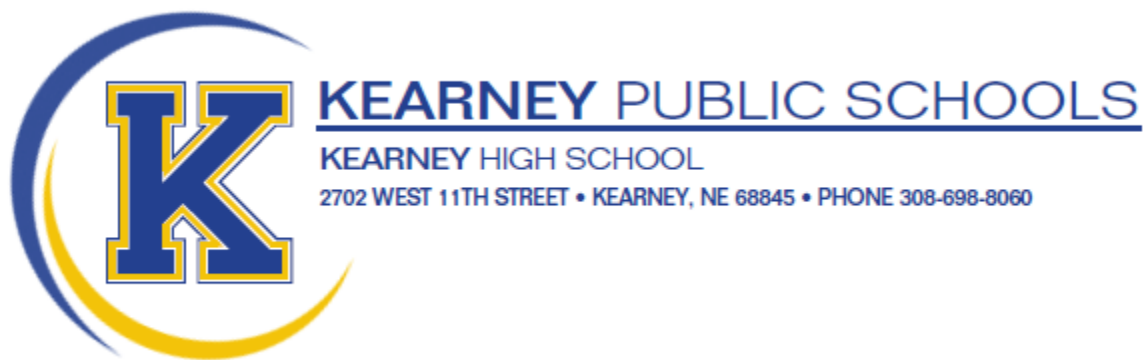




July 7th, 2026

Greetings!

I hope this letter finds you all gearing up for another school year! I wanted to send you a quick note about the 2026 Bearcat Marching Festival in conjunction with UNK Band Day (September 19). The parade starts at 10 am and we will start the field shows at 1:00 pm. The festival style event will take place on the field at Kearney High School. Here are some bullet points about the festival.

- Four fine judges will be evaluating in the areas of marching execution, music execution, drumline and color guard.
- No places, rankings, or ratings will be announced – simply a chance to get a good run through, on a good field, and get some helpful feedback
- Low entrance fee for the field show (\$75 per band)
- You will receive a score sheet as well as a video and an audio recording of your band
- Bands will have the option of doing the parade through wonderful downtown Kearney and the field show, or one or the other
- One fee can take care of your entrance into the parade and the field show
- We encourage any band, of any size, at **any readiness level** to come and perform OR just bring your kids to come and watch. We would love to have you!

I sincerely hope that you will consider joining us for this event. We need to continue to foster opportunities like this in central Nebraska and I feel that this will be a rewarding and beneficial experience for your band! If you would like to register ahead of time you can do so at this link: [HERE](#).

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