

The Appleseed

A Word From the Superintendent...

Dear Community:

What a year!!! We are so proud of our students who achieved some of the highest scores in the region and State of Michigan on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP). These achievement results are possible because of the incredible teachers in the classroom, supportive parents, and dedicated students. As we move forward and continue to improve we should also celebrate the successes that occur everyday in our classrooms.

	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade	9th Grade
Reading	98%	94%	95%	96%	91%	91%	
Math	99%	98%	91%	94%	93%	89%	
Science			94%			91%	
Social Studies				88%			88%

While the state assessment results provide some perspective on how our students are performing comparatively, we should recognize that it is an isolated measurement and true student growth comes from the day-to-day progress happening within the classroom. Our educators work hard to build relationships with students, identify their academic ability level, and set high expectations for all. Please take time to thank a teacher for the incredibly challenging yet rewarding job they do. We have the best and we are grateful to them!

School funding continues to be at the forefront of our conversations. Lansing is in the midst of determining the funding allotment for schools. We are reminded daily by our leaders in Lansing that education is their top priority. However, over the last ten years K-12 School Aid funding has increased less than 1% annually (8.2%), while corrections (prisons) has increased 27.2% over the same period. Thank you to our school community for your continued advocacy for educational funding.

We are fortunate to have one of our own, Mr. Art Bolt, Assistant Superintendent of Business, recognized as one of the best in the State of Michigan! Last month, Art was the sole recipient of Michigan School Business Officials (MSBO) Distinguished Service Award. To be considered for this award, the candidate must have attained the highest level of professional accomplishments, must demonstrate exemplary volunteer school business association service, and must have high professional integrity and character. Clearly, these attributes exemplify Mr. Art Bolt and we are blessed to have him in our district.

During the summer months, we will begin the expansion to the Freshmen Campus. We will be adding four classrooms on the northwest end of the building. The expansion will help our district as we continue to grow. With continued growth, we will be planning and preparing for future expansion concepts. Additionally, we will be performing some minor upgrades to Bauer and Alward. A huge thank you to our community for your support.

Sincerely,

Nick Ceglarek
Superintendent

Hudsonville Announces Highest Honor Graduates for 2009-2010



Katrina Rittenhouse - Valedictorian

Parents: Vicki and John Rittenhouse

GPA: 4.247

College: Grand Valley State University

Major: Education

Personal Quote: "There are many qualities that make a good leader. But having strong beliefs, being able to stick with them through popular and unpopular times, is the most important characteristic of a great leader." ~Rudy Giuliani



Elizabeth Scothorn - Salutatorian

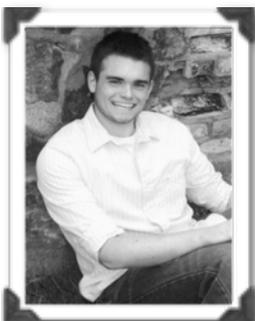
Parents: David and Barb Scothorn

GPA: 4.176

College: Spring Arbor University

Major: History, Political Science

Personal Quote: "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength."
~Philippians 4:13



Kyle Donker - Highest Honor

Parents: Dave and Marianne Donker

GPA: 4.122

College: Grand Valley State University

Major: Geology

Personal Quote: "The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love." ~Galations 5:6



Andrew Johnson - Highest Honor

Parents: Kevin and Kathy Johnson

GPA: 4.122

College: Michigan State University

Major: Molecular Biology (Undecided)

Personal Quote: "Success is a measure of failure. The more we fail, the more we understand what it takes to succeed."



Nicholas Martin - Highest Honor

Parents: Janet and Mike Martin

GPA: 4.112

College: Michigan State University

Major: Undecided

Personal Quote: "Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the ones we seek."

~Barack Obama



Annabelle Staples - Highest Honor

Parents: Vonnie and David Staples

GPA: 4.08

College: Michigan State University

Major: Biochemistry

Personal Quote: "Take your victories, whatever they may be, cherish them, use them, but don't settle for them." ~Mia Hamm



Lauren Baguley - Highest Honor

Parents: James and Theresa Baguley

GPA: 4.076

College: United States Naval Academy

Major: Physics

Personal Quote: "Have Faith."



Ashley Avery - Highest Honor

Parents: Janice and Russ Avery

GPA: 4.075

College: Central Michigan University

Major: Pre-Physical Therapy

Personal Quote: "Let us think of education as the means of developing our greatest abilities, because in each of us there is a private hope and dream which, fulfilled, can be translated into benefit for everyone and greater strength for our nation."

~John F. Kennedy



Samantha Ellis - Highest Honor

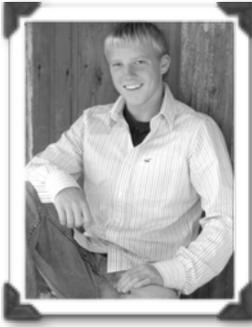
Parents: Robert and Ellen Ellis

GPA: 4.07

College: Grand Valley State University

Major: Undecided

Personal Quote: "The ultimate measure of a person is not where they stand in moments of comfort and convenience, but where they stand in times of challenge and controversy." ~Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Joel Elenbaas - Highest Honor

Parents: Ted and Lois Elenbaas

GPA: 4.069

College: United States Naval Academy

Major: Chemistry/ Pre-med

Personal Quote: "A man's heart plans his way, the Lord directs his steps."

~Proverbs 16:9



Aaron Barto - Highest Honor

Parents: Bill and Maureen Barto

GPA: 4.067

College: Michigan State University

Major: Human Biology

Personal Quote: "Be more concerned with your character than your reputation because your character is who you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are." ~John Wooden



Geoffrey Carlson - Highest Honor

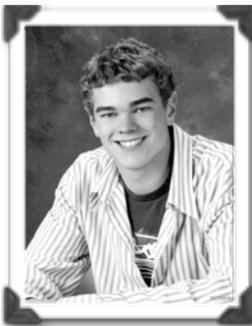
Parents: Rick and Wendy Carlson

GPA: 4.065

College: Michigan State University

Major: Computer Science

Personal Quote: "Never stop dreaming. No one can take away your dreams."



Benjamin Lindemulder - Highest Honor

Parents: Tom Lindemulder

GPA: 4.055

College: Michigan State University

Major: Mathematics

Personal Quote: "My dad and brother have always been there to support me. If it wasn't for them, I don't know where I would be."



Jacob Bylsma - Highest Honor

Parents: Tom and Susan Bylsma

GPA: 4.052

College: Hope College

Major: Undecided

Personal Quote: "The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack of will."

~Vince Lombardi



Dustin Boogaart - Highest Honor

Parents: Russ and Cheryl Boogaart

GPA: 4.042

College: Lindenwood University

Major: Biology and Computer Science

Personal Quote: "If we do not plant knowledge when young, it will give us no shade when we are old." ~Lord Chesterfield



Corinne Evans - Highest Honor

Parents: Wendy and Greg Evans

GPA: 4.037

College: University of Alabama

Major: Mathematics

Personal Quote: "Whatever you are, be a good one." ~Abraham Lincoln



Chad Westmaas - Highest Honor

Parents: Ken Westmaas, Judi Inwood-Ponstein

GPA: 4.037

College: Grand Valley State University

Major: Secondary Education - English

Personal Quote: "Any talent I have is not my own but a gift from God. To God be the glory." "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of the lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." ~James 1:17



Rachel Bectel - Highest Honor

Parents: Mike and Barb Bectel

GPA: 4.025

College: Grand Valley State University

Major: Finance and Spanish

Personal Quote: "I have four things to learn in life; To think clearly without hurry or confusion; To love everybody sincerely; To act in everything with the highest motives; To trust in God unhesitatingly." ~Helen Keller



Dirk Becker - Highest Honor

Parents: Dan and Sally Holtrop and Scott Becker

GPA: 4.017

College: University of Michigan

Major: Pre Med

Personal Quote: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

~Joshua 1:96



Katherine Burdis - Highest Honor

Parents: Tim and Kym Burdis

GPA: 4.01

College: Grand Valley State University

Major: Education

Personal Quote: "Don't get your knickers in a knot. Nothing is solved and it just makes you walk funny." ~Kathryn Carpenter



Samantha Ritsema - Highest Honor

Parents: Lynn and Bruce Ritsema

GPA: 4.003

College: Michigan State University

Major: Undecided

Personal Quote: "To accomplish great things, we must dream as well as act."
~Anatole France

**WGVU WINNER OF COOL TEACHER!
4TH GRADE TEACHER
AT PARK MISS UTHE**

Miss Uthe, 4th grade teacher at Park Elementary, has been awarded the WGVU Cool Teacher Award. Miss Uthe was nominated for this award by Sam Knoth, one of the students in her class, who wrote a letter to WGVU detailing why he feels she is an exceptional teacher.



Each month WGVU judges all new entries and selects the three best letters based on the students' evidence of learning. WGVU hosted a pizza party for Miss Uthe's 4th grade class and videotaped the celebration to be aired on their local public broadcast station. Miss Uthe and Sam, will also receive four vouchers each from Amtrak for a trip from Grand Rapids, MI to Chicago, IL on an Amtrak train and will be guests of honor at a year-end awards celebration at The Pinnacle.

Congratulations to Miss Uthe for this recognition of the outstanding work you do in the classroom each day!

HUDSONVILLE EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS FOR 2010-2011

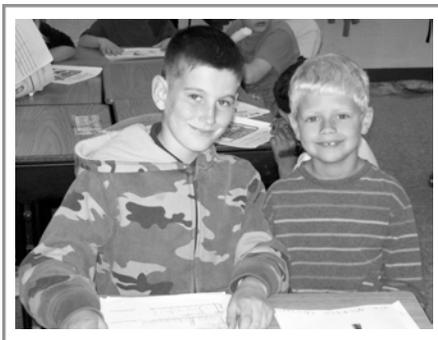
We are now taking registrations for our Summer Childcare Program. Many exciting activities and field trips are planned throughout the summer.



We also have openings in our Preschool, Kindergarten Care, and Before and After School Care for the 2010-2011 school year. For more information, please visit www.hudsonvillepublicschools.org or call 797-0842

ALL - ABOARD!

To conclude a theme on "Transportation," the Hudsonville Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) Program recently went on a field trip to the Coopersville Marne Train! The ECSE Program is a Special Education program that services children ages three through six who display a developmental delay. The children in the ECSE Program receive a preschool experience that meets their individual needs through a hands-on and play-based curriculum. The train ride allowed the children the chance to experience a ride on one of the modes of transportation they learned about. This field trip also supported the program's parent component, as parents had the opportunity to ride the train along with their child. The field trip was a huge success!



TINY TEACHERS

"I am an expert!" This is what Mrs. Reno's and Mrs. Kissane's students at South Elementary were saying when they chose topics for their "all about" and research papers. Using the Lucy Calkins writing program, Mrs. Reno's first graders had to pick a topic that they were an "expert" on and write an All About book to teach others interesting new

facts. Mrs. Kissane's third graders did something similar by choosing a topic that they knew a lot about and organizing their knowledge into a research paper. They created a table of contents, chapter headings, and even drew diagrams with labels. When both classes were finished, the teachers decided to get the first and third graders together to share their writing since their projects were so much alike. All of the students were amazed at how much everyone knew about their topics. Even the teachers learned a thing or two from the student experts!



PARK WINGS PLACE 3RD IN STATE TOURNAMENT



On Saturday, April 27th, our 3rd-5th grade CI students represented Park Elementary as the Park Wings in the Special Olympics state basketball tournament. After losing a close game against the Baldwin Street Middle School team, the Park Wings beat the Jenison Tigers to take 3rd place overall. The best part for the Park Wings was the support they received from the students and staff at Park Elementary both through encouragement at school and a huge cheering section at the game!

HUDSONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

During the week of May 24th, eighth grade students from Baldwin and Riley Middle Schools will receive a brief presentation regarding Fall Sports 2010. High School Athletic Director, George Murphy, will be at both schools to discuss fall season offerings, obtain contact information for fall coaches, and to answer any questions.

Fall start dates are as follows:

- Football, August 9th
- All other Fall sports begin August 11th.

All athletes must have an updated physical on file in the High School office prior to any fall tryout, practice session, or contest. Any athletic physical conducted on or after April 15, 2010 may be used for the 2010-2011 school year.

ATHLETIC PHYSICALS

Hudsonville Public Schools Athletic Department is offering sports physicals for public school students in the middle and senior high school who will be participating on a 2010-11 athletic team. **Physicals will be held Monday, June 7, 2010** in the high school office area. Boys will begin at 6:00 P.M. and girls will follow approximately 8:00 P.M. All 2010-11 athletic physicals must be on the yellow physical card provided by the school *and be signed by the parent or guardian* for consent to disclose to the MHSAA information protected by FERPA and HIPAA for the purpose of determining eligibility for interscholastic athletics. Physicals are mandatory for all athletes before they are allowed to begin practicing, prior to tryouts. The cost of the physical is \$15.00. Please bring a urine specimen with you to the physical.



Calendar

May 27, 2010

Graduation

June 10, 2010

Last Day of School for Students

*Early Dismissal

Middle School & High School - 12:00 p.m.

Elementary - 1:00 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



The Hudsonville Education Foundation (HEF) will be hosting the first annual "5th Quarter Family Fun Fest" on Friday, September 24, 2010, following the home football game against Grandville. It will take place in the Baldwin Street Middle School gym and cafeteria from 8:30 - 10:30 p.m.

The purpose of the HEF is the enhance education by funding projects and programs that will directly impact Hudsonville students. Please make plans to be there and support the efforts of the HEF. More details to follow!