

The Appleseed

Dear Hudsonville Community,

To continue the great tradition and elevate our students' accomplishments, we need your help to develop, implement, and evaluate a long-range strategic plan for our district. A comprehensive plan should address every area of school from curriculum to instruction, from safety to facilities, and from co-curricular to special services.

To that end, the Board of Education has commissioned a strategic planning process. In order to develop a roadmap for Hudsonville Public Schools, we need your input and feedback. The school staff recognizes that our purpose is to serve the great students and parents of Hudsonville. Everyone who is a part of the community has a vested interest in the success of our schools – students, parents, grandparents, business owners, senior citizens, community residents and staff members.

We will conduct a four phase process to gather data for our 3-year long-range plan:

Phase I: Conduct Focus Groups (Oct. – Nov.)

Randomly selected parents, community members, staff, and students will be asked to participate in focus groups to gather perceptions, values, and aspirations. The results of the focus groups will assist in the development of a comprehensive survey tool.

Phase II: Survey Parents/Community Members (Jan. – March)

Every parent and community member will be asked to fill out a comprehensive survey. The survey will be online, in the January edition of the "Appleseed", and available at all of the district's school buildings. The anonymous survey will be tabulated, analyzed, and reported. The findings will help drive the district's long-range plan.

Phase III: Survey Staff/Select Students (Jan. – March)

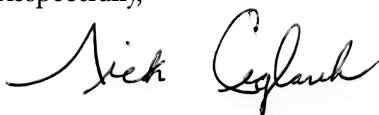
Every staff member and selected groups of students will contribute to an online survey. The anonymous survey will be tabulated, analyzed, and reported. The findings will help drive the district's long-range plan.

Phase IV: Data Drives Vision/Strategic Plan (April – Aug.)

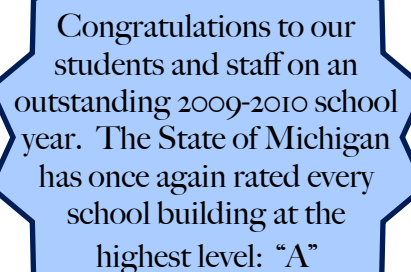
Phase I, II, and III data, growth projections, student achievement data, school improvement plans, and historical information will be formally presented before the Board of Education and administrative team. This data will drive the strategic plan.

The more community input provided through this process will enhance the quality of the plan. We begin this journey knowing a plan will not be developed overnight. The goal will be to have a comprehensive, district-wide strategic plan in place by the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year. With your help, this plan will focus our efforts so that Hudsonville Public Schools will be second to none!

Respectfully,



Nick Ceglarek
Superintendent



Congratulations to our students and staff on an outstanding 2009-2010 school year. The State of Michigan has once again rated every school building at the highest level: "A"

SCHOOL TO BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2010

Daily class sessions are scheduled as follows:

****All Day /Alternate Day***

Pre-K/Kindergarten

•8:50 a.m. - 3:40 p.m.

Grades 1 - 5

•8:50 a.m. - 3:40 p.m.

ECSE (Monday - Thursday)

•8:50 a.m. - 11:50 a.m./12:40 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.

Middle Schools

•7:50 a.m. - 2:39 p.m.

Freshman Campus (9th)

•7:50 a.m. - 2:44 p.m.

High School (10th - 12th)

•7:50 a.m. - 2:44 p.m.

*Parents should bring their Pre-K and Kindergarten children to school for the first day only, along with birth certificates and health appraisal form (if not already submitted). Transportation for bus riding students will be provided for their return home.

Late Start Days - Secondary schools only

*The dates for late start days are: October 13, 2010, November 10, 2010, December 8, 2010, March 23, 2011, & May 18, 2011.

Middle Schools

•9:50 a.m. - 2:39 p.m.

Freshman Campus (9th)

•9:50 a.m. - 2:44 p.m.

High School (10th - 12th)

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REGISTERING NEW STUDENTS

Parents of new students to the district who would like to register their children should call the appropriate building or contact 669-1740, ext. #1, for assistance.

Elementary

Alward Elementary	669-6700
Bauer Elementary	669-6824
Forest Grove Elementary	896-9429
Georgetown Elementary	797-9797
Jamestown Elementary	896-9375
Park Elementary	669-1970
South Elementary	669-9362

Secondary

Baldwin St. Middle School	669-7750
Riley St. Middle School	896-1920
Freshman Campus	669-1510
High School	669-1500

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

Secondary Buildings

•High School.September 20
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

•Freshman Campus.September 21
6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

•Baldwin St. Middle School.August 30
6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

•Riley St. Middle School.August 30
6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

All Elementary Buildings

•Pre-K/Kindergarten Orientation. . . .August 31
6:00 p.m.

•Grades 1-5.September 1
6:00 p.m.

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Park Elementary Principal

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South Elementary Principal

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BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATES

The regular Board meetings of the Hudsonville Public Schools are held on the second Thursday of each month. Board meetings are held at Park Elementary at 7:00 p.m. The meeting dates for the 2010-2011 school year are scheduled as follows:

- August 12, 2010
- September 9, 2010
- October 14, 2010
- November 11, 2010

- December 9, 2010
- January 13, 2011
- February 10, 2011
- March 10, 2011

- April 14, 2011
- May 12, 2011
- June 9, 2011
- July 14, 2011

LUNCH PROGRAM INFORMATION CARD TO BE MAILED IN AUGUST & BREAKFAST OFFERED IN ALL BUILDINGS & NO CHANGE IN LUNCH PRICES

The Jenison/Hudsonville School Food Service Department will once again be mailing an information card directing you to our webpage for the 2010/2011 school year. Our webpage has links to the free/reduced lunch application, the September menu, and additional information about the lunch program. They will be mailed to all families that were enrolled in the Jenison or Hudsonville school district in the 2009/2010 school year. New families to the districts can go directly to the webpage or pick up an information packet in their local school office or the administration buildings after August 23. **If you have not received a card, please feel free to go to our webpage at www.jenhudfood.org to get the information.** We encourage parents to file online, mail, or bring their free and reduced lunch applications to be processed before school begins so that they know their status early. **A new application needs to be filled out every school year.** After the school year begins, applications will have a five (5) day processing period. You can mail the application to: Food Service, 2140 Bauer Rd., Jenison, MI 49428 or stop in our office. **The Food Service Office will be open starting Monday, August 23, from 9:00 am to 3:00 p.m.** Our regular school year hours are Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Lunch prices for elementary students will be \$2.00 per day and \$2.25/\$2.50/\$2.75 for secondary students. Milk only prices are \$.50 per day. Adult lunches are \$2.50. Breakfast will be offered in all of the Hudsonville buildings starting on September 7. Breakfast prices are \$1.25 for elementary and \$1.50 for secondary students. A menu and letter that describes the menu options and price structure at the secondary buildings is available on our website. A reminder that you can check student lunch account balances by setting up a free online account at www.sendmoneytoschool.com. Please call the food service office at 457-2400 after August 23 if you need your student's ID number. You can make deposits online using the [sendmoneytoschool.com](http://www.sendmoneytoschool.com) website. There is a \$2.00 flat fee for using this service but the fee will be waived for deposits made from August 15 through September 12, 2010.

KINDERGARTEN VISION SCREENING

Vision screenings are required prior to Pre-K/ Kindergarten entrance by the Michigan Public Health Code. Proof of this test must be provided for the building your child will be attending.

This service is provided free of charge by the Ottawa County Health Department during the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Services will be provided *by appointment only* on the following days:

**Hudsonville Office - (669-0040)
3100 Port Sheldon
August 18 & 26**

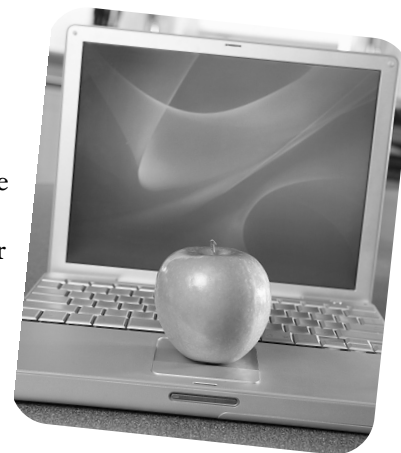
BEST WISHES SUE!

Recently we said goodbye to an exceptional administrator. Sue Busscher, Director of Special Education, retired after serving our district for the past 11 years. Sue was a dedicated leader and provided tremendous support to our special education students, parents, and staff. Her commitment for doing her utmost to provide the best resources for students was evident in all that she did. She will be forever remembered for her care and concern for each person she came in contact with. She will be missed!



HPS PUTS LASER FOCUS ON TECHNOLOGY, WORLD LANGUAGES, & MORE FOR 2010-2011

Hudsonville Public Schools continues to evaluate current programs to preserve what is still relevant and pertinent to today's world, while keeping a mindful eye on necessary adjustments to better prepare our students with 21st century skills. We continue to ask ourselves, "Are we preparing our students for 2015 or 2020 or beyond?" What does that really mean? In short, our students need access to technology as a tool in their learning experiences, proficiency in one or more world languages, a good understanding of diverse cultures, opportunities to learn and apply creativity, practice working in "teams" to solve problems and create products, and to be critical thinkers. Current educational research suggests these listed skills are among the top priorities of this century.



As educators, we take our responsibilities seriously in guaranteeing you, as parents, we will provide a world-class education to your children. As prominent as technology is in our world today, we want to make sure the use of technology in our schools is not merely an "event" but a meaningful tool to open up the path to learning beyond the classroom walls. One of our initiatives for the 2010-2011 school year is to work with teacher representatives from each of our K-12 buildings to pilot various technology devices in our classroom lessons to evaluate the impact on student learning and growth. This representative group of teachers will be involved in the district Curriculum Council which will meet five times throughout the year to begin training on lesson design and implementation with iPads, iTouches, and laptops. As we pilot the technologies at various grade levels, we are looking to determine what has the greatest impact on student learning in order to make an informed decision as a district on future investments in technology for students.

With our changing and more rigorous state graduation requirements, HPS is also reconfiguring world language opportunities for our students. New state graduation requirements ensure current students entering the seventh grade will be required to take two years of a world language and show proficiency as part of their graduation requirements. Beginning in the Fall of 2011, HPS students entering 8th grade will be required to take one full year of the world language of choice (Spanish, German, or Chinese) as part of their requirement. This will offer students the opportunity to take more advanced levels of a language or choose multiple languages as part of their high school journey and enter high school with one of their world language requirements satisfied.

Along with the changes mentioned, we have buildings involved in partnerships with international schools and local businesses. Georgetown Elementary had a visit in June from a group of 25 students from their sister school in Taiwan to share classroom experiences. Our high school is involved in a partnership with Royal Technologies which allows students to learn the practical applications of physics, business, calculus, technology, and chemistry, as well as design, problem solving, and team decision making through both high school classrooms and on the job

"21st Century Learning"

October 11, 2010

Hudsonville High School Auditorium

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Parent & community presentation on 21st Century initiative for Hudsonville Public Schools.

experiences. We continue to look at how to design 21st century learning opportunities for our students to match with today's world.

A parent presentation on "21st Century Learning" will be held on Monday, October 11, at Hudsonville High School in the auditorium. Information will be available on the district website, school newsletters, and the *Advance*. We look forward to this opportunity to share with parents and community members more details about our 21st century initiatives.

ADVISORY TO ALL PARENTS

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Hudsonville Public Schools has adopted an Integrated Pest Management Program. Inherent with this are the District's efforts to reduce pesticide use as much as possible. While it may occasionally be necessary to apply a pesticide, these will only be used as a last resort. This program does not rely on routine pesticide applications to resolve problems. We use various techniques such as habitat alteration, sanitation, mechanical means, exclusion, etc. to prevent pests from becoming a problem.

You will receive advance notice of the application of a pesticide, other than bait or gel formulations at your child's school. This advance notice of the application will be given 48 hours before the application. The law requires us to do this notification by using two methods. The first method required by law is the posting at entrances to your child's school. The entrances that will be posted are the primary entrances to the building from the parking lot(s). The second method we are going to use is the posting in a common area located by the main office of the school. Parents are also entitled to receive this notice by first-class United States mail postmarked at least 3 days before the application. If you would like to be notified by mail please complete the following form below:

*In an emergency (for example, bees nest), pesticides may be applied without prior notice, but you will be provided notice following any such application.

You may review our IPM program or pesticide application records for your child's school by calling or emailing Lee Arntz, Director of Buildings and Grounds, at 662-1477 or larntz@hpseagles.net. This number or email may also be used when school is not in regular session.

Please fill out the following and return it to: Hudsonville High School, Attn: Amy Alward, 5040 - 40th Ave., Hudsonville, MI 49426: (please print)

PESTICIDE PRIOR NOTIFICATION REQUEST

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Student Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please select the appropriate response:

- ☐ Yes, I/we only want to be notified whenever any scheduled major pesticide application is made such as turf, aerosol spray.
- ☐ Yes, I/we want to be notified even when an ant trap, small bait application or other least-toxic application is made.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

SEVERE WEATHER POLICY

During severe weather, the following school policy is in effect:

Tornado Watch

Students normally will not be dismissed early. They will dismiss at their regular time. Weather conditions will be closely monitored. After school activities will be canceled during a tornado watch.

Tornado Warning

Students will not be dismissed during a tornado warning. All students will go to areas designated by the building principal and take cover. If the warning is lifted during school hours, all students will be dismissed at their normal time and bus students will be transported home. All athletic practices and events are canceled until the warning is lifted. Athletic practices and events in progress when a warning is issued will be stopped and all athletes will be moved to designated cover areas.

Additional Information:

- Feel free to pick up your child(ren) at any time during severe weather. Report to the office to do so.
- Please do not call the school unless an emergency exists so as to keep the phone lines open.

SCHOOLS-OF-CHOICE

Hudsonville Public Schools is accepting schools-of-choice applications under Section 105c (residents outside Ottawa County) for grades K-12.

Parents can apply by:

Requesting a schools-of-choice application beginning August 2, 2010, by calling 669-1740, ext. #1 or accessing the application on our website www.hudsonvillepublicschools.org under "Enrollment Information."

Completing and returning the application to Hudsonville Public Schools Administrative Office by September 1 by 4:00 p.m. Parents will receive notification of acceptance no later than September 3 and will have until September 7 to confirm their desire to enroll their child in the choice building.

Important considerations for parents & students applying for schools-of-choice:

Transportation is not provided for schools-of-choice enrollees; parents must provide their own transportation to and from school for children accepted for enrollment.

According to the rules of the Michigan High School Athletic Association there is a 60 school day ineligible period for athletic participation for schools-of-choice enrollees in grades 10-12.

ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW

The Hudsonville Public School District has conducted an extensive asbestos survey of all its buildings. Based on the findings of this inspection, a comprehensive management plan has been drafted. This plan details the response actions that the district will be taking regarding asbestos-containing materials found in its buildings.

This plan is available for inspection at the administrative offices without cost or restriction during normal business hours. If you desire to have a personal copy, please notify the main administrative office and it will be supplied to you within five working days at a cost of 30¢ per page.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT INFORMATION: FALL PARENT MEETING

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of athletes participating in the upcoming fall season are strongly encouraged to attend the Parent Informational Meeting on Monday, August 23, 2010, in the high school cafeteria. This event is *extremely* important to the success of our athletic programs, and is a crucial means of communication between school and home.

A special presentation will be brought to you by the American Athletic Institute titled "Life of An American Athlete." This is a very eye opening presentation that you will not want to miss!

Please note that all athletes must have an updated athletic physical on file in the high school office *prior* to practices or tryouts.

The Hudsonville Athletic Boosters will be serving free hotdogs, chips, and pop at 5:30 p.m. The Athletic Booster Meeting will start at 6:00 p.m., and the Parent Meeting will follow at 6:30 p.m., with the Team Meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. See you there!

PARTICIPATION FEE

Each year students involved in middle school or high school athletics and/or high school marching band will be charged a one-time participation fee.

The Fees: - (All fees are nonrefundable)

- One time annual fee - (no fee for second and/or subsequent seasons)
- High School fee \$75 •Middle School fee \$50 •Family Cap \$200 per year

Deadlines:

- Fall - due on August 30, 2010 or prior to the first game.
- Winter - due on November 29, 2010 or prior to the first game.
- Spring - due on March 28, 2011 or prior to the first game.

Details:

- Students qualifying & applying for free lunch will not be charged.
- Students qualifying & applying for reduced lunch will be charged half of the fee.
- Students that exclusively participate in the Ice Hockey Program will not be charged.
- Fees must be paid in order to receive team uniform/equipment or prior to playing in any athletic contest.
- Does not apply to club sports.
- Payments can be made in the school offices, cash and personal checks accepted.

Calendar

Monday, August 9, 2010

Football begins

Wednesday, August 11, 2010

All other fall sports begin

Monday, August 23, 2010

Parent Meeting & Special Presentation of "Life of An Athlete."- 6:30 p.m., high school cafeteria

SAVE THE DATE!

The Hudsonville Education Foundation (HEF) will be hosting the first annual "5th Quarter Family Fun Fest" on Friday, September 24, 2010, in conjunction with the home football game against Grandville. It will take place at the athletic stadium (5 - 7 p.m.) and in the Baldwin Street Middle School gym/cafeteria (8:30 - 10:30 p.m.).

The purpose of the HEF is to 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!



Hudsonville Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, height, weight, marital status, handicap, disability, or limited English proficiency in any of its programs or activities. The following office has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies:

Human Resource Director, Hudsonville Public Schools, 3886 Van Buren, Hudsonville, MI 49426, (616) 669-1740