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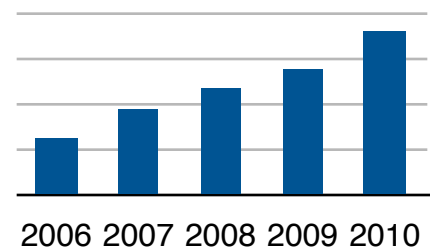
A Word From the Superintendent...

Dear Community:

Over the past several years, we have been fortunate to have growth within our school community. In a five-year period the State of Michigan has witnessed a decline in the K-12 public school population by over 100,000 students, but Hudsonville Public Schools has grown by almost 600 students. This past school year alone, we enthusiastically welcomed over 200 new students. To place the student increase into context, the growth of 600 students is greater than the size of our largest elementary school.

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HPS Enrollment Growth



While the growth is welcomed, it does create some challenges when considering our facilities. The increase in enrollment is a K-12 issue that requires a comprehensive approach. Throughout the last two years, district staff members have been processing options to address this growth. In August, the Board of Education outlined a process and parameters to best address the number of potential facility options. The process, which is outlined on our district's website, allowed for public input through community forums, focus groups, and a web survey. The parameters were: 1) equity for all Hudsonville students, 2) flexibility (if growth continues or stagnates), 3) opportunities for students, and 4) fiscal responsibility.

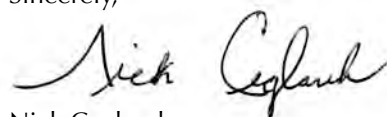
On November 11, the Board of Education approved the following recommendation: preserve a singular Hudsonville High School and construct a 9+ building adjacent to the current high school. This will allow students to maximize academic offerings while reducing the number of students within one building. Additionally, the proposal would include relocating South Elementary School to Greenly Street, and converting the current Freshman Campus to an Early Childhood Center. This will allow us to maintain our current elementary neighborhood boundary lines by freeing up classroom space at each of the seven elementary schools. Also included in the project are technology upgrades in every school building, relocation of the bus garage, new pool, new auditorium, and athletic field upgrades. For a full description, please visit our website (www.hudsonvillepublicschools.org).

The Board of Education's approval is only one step in a very long and complex process. We must now get approval from the State of Michigan Department of Treasury. If Treasury approves the proposal, it will go to the voters of the Hudsonville Public School district for a May 3, 2011 ballot initiative.

We will continue to keep our community informed as the process moves along. If Treasury approves, we will be advertising the date and time for an informational session with our community to outline the proposal in greater detail.

Thank you for your continued support and helping make Hudsonville Public Schools a great place to learn!

Sincerely,



Nick Ceglarek
Superintendent

HALF DAY PRESCHOOL OPENINGS STILL AVAILABLE FOR 2010/2011 SCHOOL YEAR

Due to enrollment changes, there are some 4 year old Half-Day Preschool openings still available for the 2010/2011 school year. Your child needs to be 4 years old by December 1, 2010, in order to be eligible for this program. For more information, please contact Shellie or Becky at 616-797-0842.

BALDWIN MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT CAREER CHOICES

Eighth grade students at Baldwin Street Middle School recently had an opportunity to learn about Career Pathways from a panel of professionals. As part of the Computer & Careers class, students explore the six Michigan Career Pathways and begin thinking about career options. Computer teacher, Mrs. Hoey-Heath, in conjunction with the BMS Counseling Department invited six area professionals to share their career pathways and answer students' questions. The panel included: from left to right, Craig Van Ham - Baldwin Street Computer teacher, John DeWitt (not pictured) - District Director for Congressman Pete Hoekstra, Dave Schippers - Technology Coordinator for HPS, Ottawa County Sheriff's Deputy, M. Sampson, HPS Superintendent, Nick Ceglarek, and Dave Brandt - IT for Herman Miller.



HUDSONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION & INFORMATION NIGHT

Hudsonville Public Schools offers a play-based kindergarten readiness preschool curriculum that teaches positive self-concepts, social, physical, intellectual, and emotional development, language skills, and self-expression through large and small group learning. Programs offered through Early Childhood are:

- Before & After School Childcare
- Early Childhood Special Education
- Play to Learn
- 3 & 4 Year Old Preschool
- Summer Childcare
- Speech & Language Early Intervention
- Great Start Readiness Program
- Kindergarten Care

Information Nights

(Identical information will be provided on both evenings)

Monday, January 10, 2011

Jamestown Elementary (3291 Lincoln Ct.)

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 13, 2011

Georgetown Elementary (3909 Baldwin St.)

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.



Preschool
will be located at
multiple locations
throughout the
district.

Full & half day preschool registrations for the 2011-2012 school year will be accepted at the information nights. Registration for Kindergarten Care, Before & After School, and Summer Care will also be accepted. Registrations will be available online at www.hudsonvillepublicschools.org

For more information, please call Shellie or Becky at 616-797-0842.



JAMESTOWN ELEMENTARY STUDENTS HELP FEED STARVING CHILDREN

** Cost per meal: \$0.19*

** Number of meals packaged by Jamestown students: 7,344*

Ability to help feed starving children that our students have never met.: Priceless!

Being a responsible citizen means we sometimes take time out of our busy schedules to help others who are in need. Fifty Jamestown Elementary students had the opportunity to do just that on Friday, October 8. They were able to pack over 7,300 meals for children who, without that food, would likely die from starvation and malnutrition.

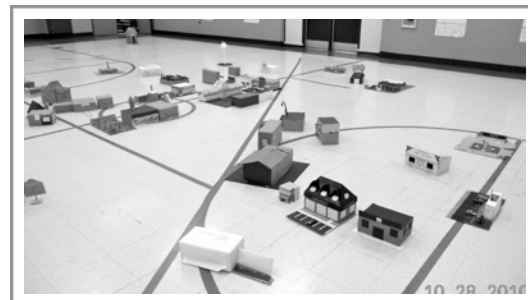
Feed My Starving Children is the charity that helps coordinate the mobile food packing events held around the country. Their goal the weekend they were in Hudsonville was to assemble 180,000 packages of food. Thanks to the help of our Jamestown students and other volunteers in the Hudsonville area, more than 192,000 packages were actually completed. Jamestown students also raised money for the charity, and as a result of the generosity of our families, more than \$1600.00 was raised meaning we paid for about 9,400 of those meals.

What a huge difference the cities of Jamestown and Hudsonville can make for starving children around the world. By showing our compassion to those children we will likely never meet; we are doing so for "the least of these". Thank you for your support and generosity!



SOUTH SECOND GRADERS STUDY: WHAT IS A COMMUNITY?

The 2nd graders at South Elementary learned all about their community in Social Studies. They visited City Hall and were given a tour of the Police Station and Fire Barn. The students also met Hudsonville's Mayor Don Van Doeselaar and learned about the importance of his job. After learning how Hudsonville provides the



4 basic needs to its citizens, the students learned map skills. These skills included reading a map key and understanding a compass rose. All 55 second graders were then assigned a specific Hudsonville building. These buildings were created at home and were returned to school. Using a map of Hudsonville, the students worked together to mark major roads on the gym floor and found where their buildings were located. Students and South families toured the completed city. The students learned that a community is a place where people live, work and play together.

IPODS GETS KIDS EXCITED ABOUT LEARNING

Across the district different classrooms have been given the opportunity to try out some new technology. In the elementary schools, students are working with the iPod touch to enhance their learning experience. Students are using the iPods to look up vocabulary words, visit and post to blogs, work on math facts, view educational videos and more. A group of students in Mrs. Gitler's class are using the iPods as a way to differentiate their spelling. They are listening to a Podcast of spelling words that were designed just for them! The opportunities with this new technology are endless!



NEW COMPUTERS!

Last school year, Hudsonville special education received a grant to add technology to our classrooms. Two weeks ago, Georgetown's CI classroom received two new Apple computers! They are beautiful flat screen 21.5" imac's.



The students use the computers for academics and to enhance their life long leisure activities. The children learn letters and sounds using Bailey's Book House and counting skills using Millie's Math House. They become familiar with word processing by learning to type and spell their names and then printing them.



We also have a few neat pieces of assisted technology. These include a mouse called a Bigtrack that has a large trackball with a separate switch and a keyboard with large keys that are in alphabetical order. The children LOVE the computers and can hardly wait for their turn to use them.

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD EXPANDS PROGRAM

Hudsonville Science Olympiad Program is excited to announce the expansion of our program to include a new high school team for 2010-2011. Our new Hudsonville High School team is coached by Mrs. Reuter, Mr. McCune, and Mr. VanderWiede. The excitement continues with new head coaches for both middle schools. BMS is coached by Mr. Walker and RMS is coached by Mrs. Hopp.

RMS and BMS annually compete at the Science Olympiad Region 12 Competition hosted by Grand Valley State University. During the 2010 season, BMS qualified 8th, receiving an invitation to compete at MSU State competition. BMS earned a respectable 40th place finish with two students earning a 4th place state ranking; Jessie Wetzel, and Laura Teal.

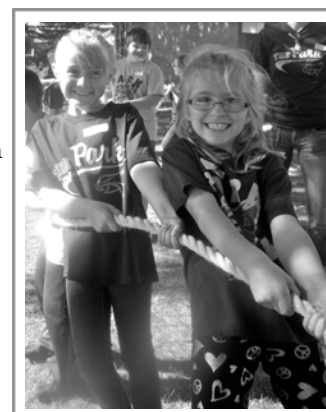
On March 28, 2011, GVSU will host the Science Olympiad Region 12 competition and Hudsonville Public will be well represented by: RMS, BMS, and HHS. Good luck to our three teams.



For additional information, please contact Science Olympiad Coordinator, Rebecca Hopp, rhopp@hpseagles.net

TEAM-BUILDING AT PARK STRENGTHENS BONDS

On Friday, October 8, Park's first through fifth grade students participated in their first team building activity for the year. Students were placed into mixed grade level groups and worked together in a variety of outdoor activities. Groups started the afternoon with team-building exercises with their team leader, one of Park's many parent volunteers. The groups then traveled to different stations led by Park staff members to compete with other teams and play cooperative games. Fun was had by all! Park students will continue with team building activities once a month during recess.



HHS HELPING HANDS FOOD PANTRY

Eagle Renaissance sponsors the HHS Helping Hands Food Pantry that services students and families from HHS. Through generous donations from the HHS Staff, students, and community members, we are able to help an average of 18 families per week with groceries and personal items. Unfortunately, with this overwhelming need our Food Pantry is running low.....and we have only just begun helping families this year!

Here's how you can help:

- Donations of non-perishable food items and personal hygiene items can be dropped off ANY time in the Main Campus Media Center.
- Monetary donations will also be accepted. Any money raised for the Food Pantry will be used to purchase food items from Feeding America, an organization that provides food items to pantries.

Only HHS students and families access this food pantry, so your donations will go to help your kids' friends and families. Please consider donating to the HHS Helping Hands Food Pantry if you are able to. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Jesky at mjesky@hpseagles.net

HAND TO HAND FOOD DRIVE

Mr. VanSlyke and Mrs. Kooienga's PE classes at Baldwin Street Middle School had a competition that was a blessing to others in our community.

For two weeks in November, all PE classes competed to see which class could bring in the most food items. Food was collected at the middle school and brought to a local church in Hudsonville. Immanuel CRC's Hand to Hand food pantry supports students and families at Park Elementary with supplemental foods to take home on the weekends. (all 6th grade from left to right - Austin Atwood, Mrs. Kooienga, Jesse Glanville & Elana Faber)



PE C.A.R.E.S. - (Physical Education - Collecting and Re-Giving Essential Supplies)

'Tis the season for Caring and Sharing! We have just wrapped up the 4th Annual Hudsonville Public Schools PE C.A.R.E.S. (Physical Education- Collecting And Re-Giving Essential Supplies) food drive. As a group, our elementary schools collectively donated an astonishing 16,267 items! All elementary schools participated in this community service project to bring in non-perishable goods and essential supplies (toothpaste, soap, etc.) for those in need. Food was then distributed to families in need in our own schools! Supplies and food was also donated to local churches and food pantries including Christ Community Cupboard, His Harvest Stand, Holton Community Center, and Love INC. Some of the food was also given to the Hand-to-Hand program that is run for our elementary students in need. It was a perfect hands-on extension of the student learning in PE of the five food groups and the value of proper daily nutrition and exercise. It is also a great platform for us to discuss the importance of having compassion for those less-fortunate, and how happy it makes all of us to give, share, care and love, even when we don't know who we're helping.



The class in each of our seven elementary schools that donated the most food was also awarded PE C.A.R.E.S. t-shirts and a bowling field trip made possible by Hudsonville Lanes! Thank you to Hudsonville Lanes for donating our bowling trips and all families who donated! We are so blessed to be part of such a caring and generous community. What a great way to teach our kids compassion and caring for others!

PUMPKIN FEST AT SOUTH!

Pumpkins, Pumpkins everywhere! Pumpkins line the halls at South Elementary during the three days leading up to our fall parties. Students, teachers, and parents alike get involved in this family fun activity. Each year pumpkins are judged and students are awarded prizes from each grade based on creativity, originality, and most spirited. Pumpkins turn into everything from elephants to spiders, from clowns to carvings, and from Detroit Tiger mascots to maize and blue Eagle cheerleaders. This year marked South's 10th annual event of the Pumpkin Fest! Thank you students for sharing your fun and creativity!



FLYING ACES FRISBEE TEAM VISITS PARK

One way Park Parents' Club provides enrichment opportunities for the students is through assemblies. The most recent assembly was a presentation by the Flying Aces. They demonstrated amazing frisbee skills and had a great message of never giving up and working hard towards your goals for the students. Part of the presentation was an opportunity for the students to try their frisbee skills. Four students from the second grade, Jade Jenkins, Ismael Rivas, Grant Dyk, and Adriana Mohr, showed off their skill at balancing a frisbee on one finger!

SAY WHAT?!

What is your greatest fear? Many people will say it is the fear of speaking before an audience. Most often people are afraid of being humiliated in front of others. In school, students are often required to stand up in front of the class to make a presentation: a book commercial, a science project, or a social studies group project. Say What?! is a six week elective class for seventh graders with the goal of helping students feel more comfortable speaking in front of others. Fun activities keep the atmosphere relaxed. In Say What?! no one ever feels humiliated!

Although most presentations are done individually, two are done in groups of two or three. These are especially fun! Students present a poem, a children's story, a comedy routine, and another presentation of their choice. Everyone enjoys "Who's on First" made famous by Abbot and Costello. Students have fun with a similar skit about computers that is written by Mr. Powers.



The last event is a poetry slam judged by the students themselves. Hot chocolate and cappuccinos help provide a coffee house atmosphere. The winners of the last session were Harley Swainston, Hali Piper, and Andrew Morrell. Although there were prizes of gift certificates to Target and What's the Scoop, the best prize was the improvement experienced by the students. "We now speak with confidence! We use gestures. We now think about our posture and facial expressions. We speak with pizzaz!"

BOUNTIFUL GARDEN AT HUDSONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Starting three years ago as part of a social work project with Lisa Keskitalo, Brian Courville's class at Hudsonville High school participated in growing a fall garden. After researching fall crops at the beginning of the year, students worked together to plant a garden near the gazebo on campus. This year students planted lettuce and radishes. Part of their science time this trimester has been dedicated to learning about plants and the things that they need to grow. Students checked the weather each day to decide if the garden needed water for the day. They also discussed what the nightly temperatures would be to decide if the garden would need to be covered up at night to be kept safe from any frost that may come.

After all the hard work, students were ecstatic to be able to harvest the garden on November 3, 2010. Everyone worked together to trim the lettuce and sift through the crispy fall leaves that began to cover the ground. Students also dug through the leaves to get to the radishes to pull them out trimming the tops of the vegetables as they were being pulled. After bringing the freshly cut veggies in to be cleaned the salad party planning began.



The party date was set for Monday November 8, 2010. Many preparations were put into place to make sure the classroom was ready for all of the special guests. Veggies were chopped, tables were cleaned, and extra chairs were retrieved from rooms around the building to prepare for the big lunch.

The party was a huge success, and the students were thrilled to eat lunch with Hudsonville Superintendent, Nick Ceglarek, head of the Special Ed Department, Megan Decker, Hudsonville Social Worker, Lisa Keskitalo, HHS Principal, Dave Feenstra, as well as many other teachers and staff at Hudsonville High School.

TITLE I PARENT INFORMATION

Each year, the federal government provides funding for support services and materials for students identified as falling behind in grade level content standards and expectations. District assessment and standardized test scores are indicators of those students who would most benefit from these services. If your child has been identified for receiving the services provided in the building, you will receive a letter in the mail from your child's building principal or staff member. A plan will be put in place to assure your child will receive the appropriate support in order to achieve the academic goals of that grade level or course in the areas of reading, writing, or math. The support received may be short term or long term depending on the individual needs of each student. We believe each and every student can be successful in their academic journey if provided the right opportunities and with the help and support of parents.

As a parent of a student identified to receive support services, you are strongly encouraged to be involved in any of the planning for your child's success. On the Hudsonville Public Schools district website, you will find a tab for Title I. Under this tab, you will find our Board Policy language on Title I parent involvement and your rights as a parent to ask questions and be involved. Please contact your building principal if you would like to discuss how to be involved. Title I information meetings will be announced for you to attend in your child's building for more information.

The Hudsonville Public Schools staff devote their time and effort to helping all students be successful. We are grateful for federal and state funding that allows us to put in support services for any student falling behind. We know the power of working together as staff, students, and parents as we blend our contributions for the same common goal.

HUDSONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL PLAYERS PRESENT *ANNIE*

“Leapin’ Lizards!” America’s most beloved musical, “*Annie*,” is coming to Hudsonville High School the first week in February. The story of Little Orphan Annie will give a whole new generation the chance to experience this classic musical about never giving up hope. The seven-time Tony Award winning musical will be performed with one of the most talented cast to ever grace the Hudsonville stage! You will not be disappointed!

Shows will sell out quickly, so get your tickets **in advance** at the High School main office starting January 10. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students.

★ For the first time ever, we are opening our final dress rehearsal to the public! These tickets will be sold at the door (not in advance for this night) for \$5.

Final Dress Rehearsal: Wednesday, February 2, 7:00 p.m.

Show times: Thursday, February 3, 7:00 p.m. Friday, February 4, 7:00 p.m. Saturday, February 5, 2:00 p.m.
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WONDERFUL SECOND GRADE WRITERS!

The second graders at Georgetown Elementary wrapped up a recent writing unit with a Writer’s Museum. Each child chose a piece of their writing that they wished to publish and then typed them into individual books, complete with illustrations. They had the opportunity to have their masterpieces on display for their friends and leave comments for other authors in second grade. Not to mention, the highlight of the museum was the second grade “Toast to Good Writers”, which included appreciation from the teachers and the students themselves. What a wonderful group of writers!



EAGLES LANDING CHRISTMAS SALE &



EXTENDED HOURS



BIG CHRISTMAS SALE!

December 13-17

All apparel 10% Off

Hours for the week of December 13-17:

Monday thru Thursday

7:25 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.

10:20 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.

3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Friday

7:25 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.

10:20 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.

Grab some stocking stuffers and show your Eagle Pride.

Calendar

**Monday, December 20, 2010 -
Friday, December 31, 2011**

Christmas Vacation

Monday, January 3, 2011

Classes resume

Friday, February 18, 2011

No school for students - staff reports

Monday, February 21, 2011

Winter Break - No school for students or staff

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