

The Appleseed

A Word From the Superintendent...

Dear Community,

What a year! It is with excitement and gratitude that we pen this update. The community of Hudsonville supported the district's comprehensive facilities plan. Words can not describe the appreciation we have for our community. It is through your support that we are able to provide the highest quality education to the children of our community. The 2011-2012 school year will be one of intense planning and preparation for the construction projects. As projects commence, we will update the community via our website and newsletters. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

Throughout the school year, we have witnessed our students growing and excelling academically. Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) results were recently released and our students performed very well. Once again, our students scored at or toward the top in every category. Thank you to our educators for their continued hard work and dedication to the students of our community.

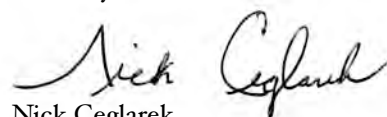
	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade	9th Grade
Reading	97%	95%	94%	93%	91%	93%	
Math	98%	97%	90%	94%	97%	93%	
Science			93%			95%	
Social Studies				90%			86%

It should be noted (as described in an earlier article) that the "cut scores" will be changing next year. That is, the State of Michigan will be raising the level of expectation of what is considered "proficient". While the percentages of students in the proficient category will decline, we will continue to strive to meet the needs of all students and raise achievement. 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 for them!

We are pleased to announce that one of our very own Hudsonville teachers received national recognition. Ben Jewell, 5th grade teacher at Bauer, was recently named: "2010 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching". The Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching is presented annually to outstanding K-12 science and mathematics teachers from across the country. Congratulations to Mr. Jewell for this wonderful honor.

Again, thank you for your support on May 3. Your support of Hudsonville Public Schools and the children in this community is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Nick Ceglarek
Superintendent

Hudsonville Announces Highest Honor

Graduates for 2010-2011



Leah Dancz - Valedictorian
Parents: Joseph and Nancy Dancz
GPA: 4.2
College: Grand Valley State University
Major: International Business
Minor: Spanish followed by a Law Degree



Michelle Bouwkamp - Salutatorian
Parents: John and Mary Ellen Bouwkamp
GPA: 4.186
College: Grand Valley State University
Major: Pre-Law and Mandarin Chinese



Carli Capestany
Parents: Jorge and Marti Capestany
GPA: 4.185
College: Hope College
Major: Undecided



Julie Kolenbrander
Parents: David and Linda Kolenbrander
GPA: 4.164
College: Davenport University
Major: Finance Minor: Spanish



Brendan Powers
Parents: Dave and Patti Powers
GPA: 4.163
College: Cornerstone University
Major: Communications / Youth Ministries



Briana Hogan
Parents: Brian and Tammy Hogan
GPA: 4.143
College: University of Pittsburgh
Major: Rehabilitation Science



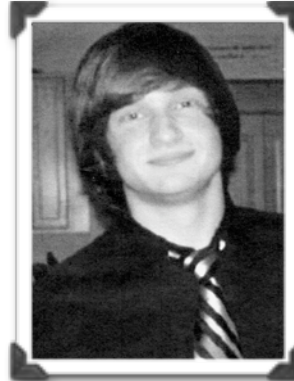
Brianna Rittenhouse
Parents: John and Vicki Rittenhouse
GPA: 4.136
College: Grand Valley State University
Major: Nursing



Timothy Walker
Parents: Richard and Patricia Walker
GPA: 4.129
College: University of Michigan
Major: Geology



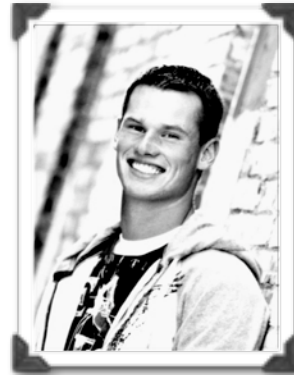
Melia Sneden
Parents: Dwight and Dawn Sneden
GPA: 4.127
College: Indiana Wesleyan University
Major: Music Education



Nicholas Havel
Parents: Patricia Smith and Wes Smith (step father)
GPA: 4.108
College: Grand Valley State University
Major: Undecided



Allison Barnes
Parents: Jim and Janet Barnes
GPA: 4.099
College: Undecided
Major: Undecided



Skylar Hoke
Parents: Frank and Valerie Hoke
GPA: 4.085
College: Grand Valley State University
Major: Communications/Sports Management



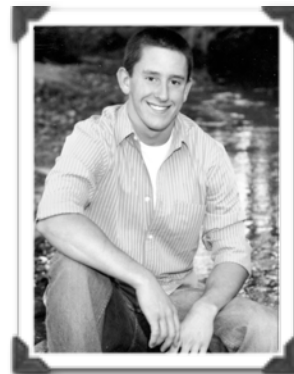
Danae Rosendall
Parents: Stephen and Dawn Rosendall
GPA: 4.085
College: Wake Forest University
Major: Biology



Carly Mast
Parents: Brian and Jayne Mast
GPA: 4.073
College: Hope College
Major: Nursing



Sara Driesenga
Parents: Brian and Lori Driesenga
GPA: 4.067
College: University of Michigan
Major: Undecided



Joel Bradt
Parents: Steve and Sue Bradt
GPA: 4.064
College: Spring Arbor University
Major: Criminal Justice



Steven Hall
Parents: Ken and Mary Lou Hall
GPA: 4.063
College: Central Michigan University
Major: Meteorology and Mathematics



Lindsay Harmsen
Parents: David and Dawn Harmsen
GPA: 4.062
College: Grand Valley State University
Major: Nursing



Courtney McGregor
Parents: Randy and Sandy McGregor
GPA: 4.058
College: Central Michigan University
Major: Elementary Education



Megan Smith
Parents: Duane and Karin Smith
GPA: 4.058
College: Valparaiso University
Major: Nursing



Kelsey Smith
Parents: Brad and Cindy Smith
GPA: 4.043
College: Grand Valley State University
Major: Special Education



Lexi Gernaat
Parents: Kurt and Mary Beth Gernaat
GPA: 4.035
College: Hope College
Major: Elementary Education



Jordyn Burgess
Parents: Steve and Angela Burgess
GPA: 4.032
College: Central Michigan University
Major: Communication Disorders



Jeffrey Jorgensen
Parents: Jim and Karen Jorgensen
GPA: 4.03
College: Michigan State University
Major: Engineering



Paige Niles
Parents: Mike and Jayne Niles
GPA: 4.029
College: Michigan State University
Major: Biomedical Science



Anna Flory
Parents: Brian and Nancy Flory
GPA: 4.015
College: Carthage College
Major: Education



Alexander Tacoma
Parents: Tim and Sue Tacoma
GPA: 4.012
College: Hillsdale College
Major: English

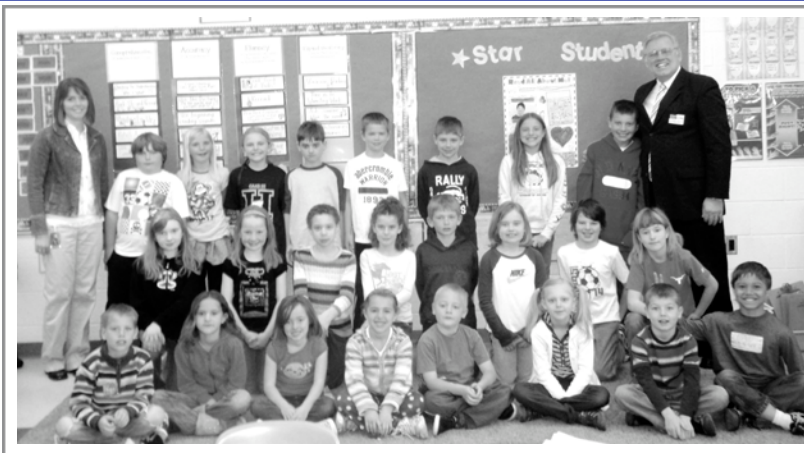
FEELIN' GOOD AT GEORGETOWN

If you look outside Georgetown school on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays around noon, you will see all kinds of kids jogging around our track. They are part of our Feelin' Good Mileage Club and for each lap they jog or walk they earn a popsicle stick. Once they collect 4 sticks (which is a mile) they turn them in to Mrs. Nienhuis or Mrs. Van Koevinger during P.E. and they can earn all kinds of cool prizes. We run this program for about a month and all students that run/walk 20 miles get to come to a special popsicle party which happens during an extra recess time. We are so grateful that Fifth Third Bank created the Feelin' Good Mileage Club program for our schools. We are glad that they support the health of our youth! Other elementary schools in our district also run this program and the students just LOVE it! A big thank you goes out to all of our Georgetown classroom teachers and also our lunch recess helpers. We could not do this terrific program without you!



SECOND GRADERS LEARN ECONOMICS

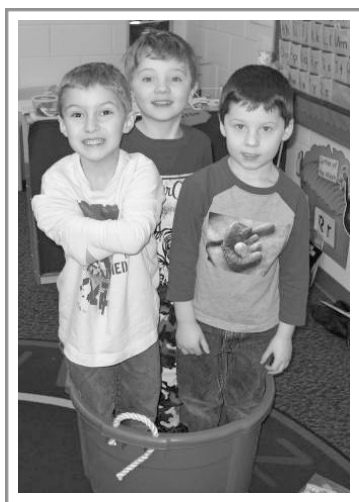
Mr. Jim Stuck, a school board member, visited Mrs. Kamphuis' second graders for a lesson in Economics. He works at a local bank and came to teach students about saving, spending, and giving. Students were asked to estimate how much a new car and a college education costs. They also learned about wants and needs. Students are planning a follow up field trip to the bank to visit Mr. Stuck and see how the bank operates. What a fun experience!



A RHYMING GOOD TIME

Nursery Rhymes recently came "alive" in the Hudsonville Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) Program! The students enjoyed acting out "Rub-A-Dub-Dub," "Little Miss Muffet," and "Jack Be Nimble!" 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. Acting out the rhymes allowed the children the chance to practice the concepts that they learned through each rhyme!



ROCKIN' READERS AT PARK ELEMENTARY

As part of our March is Reading Month Celebration we had a Rock 'N Read day. Two rocking chairs were placed by the office in the school's foyer and they were kept moving all day long by students reading and rocking. The pictures are from Marissa Uthe's 4th grade class. The whole class took time out of the day to celebrate reading by taking turns rocking and reading. It was great fun!



MATH IS FUN



Thanks to the support of some Grand Valley State University math students, South Elementary students enjoyed an evening of exciting math activities. Twenty different math games were set up

around the gym including some measurement activities, geometry, and even probability. One of the busiest activities was the slushie table where students measured out ice and flavoring before creating their own slushie. Special thanks to Grand Valley for support this exciting math event.



PARK STUDENTS CELEBRATE EARTH DAY BY PLANTING TREES!

On April 22, Park students celebrated Earth Day together by taking part in two hands on activities. The first way students did their part to take care of our Earth was by participating in our Park Pride Clean-Up Day with their class in a 30 minute clean-up activity to "spruce up" the grounds around the school. The second activity was one that took place at home. Our Parent Club has established a connection with The Alfred B. Swanson Foundation, which agreed to donate one-year old Norway spruces from Vans Pines Nursery. Each Park student received a 6" tall spruce to take home to plant in honor of Earth Day.



BAUER STUDENTS DIG INTO SCIENCE

Fifth grade students at Bauer Elementary are studying body systems in science. Students were able to dissect a pig's heart with the help of Michigan State University veterinary students and some awesome parent volunteers! The veterinary students showed students how to dissect a heart, focusing on the chambers of the heart, veins, arteries, and how blood flows through it. It was a great experience for the Bauer students! Go Bauer and Go Green!

HUDSONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

During the week of May 23rd, eighth grade students from Baldwin and Riley Middle Schools will receive a brief presentation regarding Fall Sports 2011. 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 8th

All other Fall sports begin August 10th.

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, 2011 may be used for the 2011-2012 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 2011-12 athletic team. **Physicals will be held Monday, June 6, 2011** in the high school office area. Girls will begin at 6:00 P.M. and boys will follow approximately 8:00 P.M. All 2011-12 athletic physicals must be on the 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.



GRIFF COMES TO PARK ELEMENTARY!

Park Elementary certainly had an exciting kick off to its March is Reading Month activities! Griff, the mascot from the Grand Rapids Griffins Hockey Team, came to Park on March 1st and acted out the motions while the story Z is for Zamboni was read aloud to all students. Students from all grades enjoyed seeing this story come to life. Teachers planned events such as Dr. Seuss birthday celebrations, Door decorating, Read a T-Shirt, Rock 'n Read, and "Teacher Swap" read alouds throughout the month of March to celebrate the importance and fun of reading.

Calendar

May 26, 2011

Graduation at DeVos Arena, Hope College

5:00 p.m. - Doors Open

6:00 p.m. - Graduation Ceremony Begins

June 9, 2011

Last Day of School for Students

*Early Dismissal

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

Elementary - 1:00 p.m.