

# The Appleseed

Dear Community,

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! The trio of “Thank You’s” is for the incredible support our community continues to show Hudsonville Schools. We have been blessed to have the support for our students in three significant ways: Academics, Planning, and Facilities.

First, our community shows support by demanding excellence from all our school buildings. As a tribute to a wonderful teaching and support staff, our students reached the high expectations set. Two pieces of evidence of this are a state report grading every school as an “A” and Advanced Placement statistics. We are proud of our students’ accomplishments and our community’s support of our students.

AP Data					
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
AP Tests Taken	249	300	459	395	445
Students	174	203	273	268	288
% Earning 3 or Higher	76%	81%	82%	84%	84%

Second, we had over 950 parent/community members, over 400 staff, and over 350 students participate in our comprehensive needs assessment. The data we obtained from this activity will be instrumental in setting Hudsonville Public Schools’ long range strategic plan. Over the summer months, our Board of Education and staff have been busy interpreting that data and establishing our district’s direction for the next 3 years. Thank you to all those who took the time to provide us with this valuable information. Please review the survey key findings at [www.hudsonvillepublicschools.org](http://www.hudsonvillepublicschools.org).

**Parent Survey  
Statistic: 93% of  
parents are satisfied  
with the importance  
placed on academic  
achievement.**

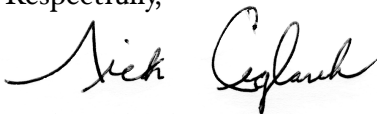
Lastly, the community support of our district's facilities plan was incredible. We are working diligently to implement the facilities plan. We will be posting information on-line under the facilities planning tab as we move through the process. The “New South Elementary” building is in the design phase. Our plan is to break ground on the Greenly site when the ground thaws in the spring of 2012 with an anticipated occupancy date of the fall of 2013.

**Staff Survey  
Statistic: 99% of  
staff are proud to  
work for HPS.**

It has been a tremendous year and we cannot thank our community enough for the support we receive! We are excited for what the future holds for Hudsonville students.

**Student Survey  
Statistic: 83% of  
Hudsonville students  
are involved in  
extra-curricular  
activities!**

Respectfully,



Nick Ceglarek  
Superintendent

## SCHOOL TO BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2011

**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 12, 2011, November 9, 2011, December 7, 2011, March 21, 2012, & May 16, 2012.

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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 19  
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 29  
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

•Riley St. Middle School. . . . . August 30  
7:00 p.m. (Back to School Night)

**All Elementary Buildings**

•Pre-K/Kindergarten Orientation. . . . .August 30  
6:30 p.m.

•Grades 1-5 Open House. . . . . August 31  
6:30 p.m.

<b>BOARD OF EDUCATION</b>		
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Scott Smith.....669-1740 Director of Human Resources	George Murphy .....669-7750 Baldwin St. Middle School Ass't. Principal/Middle School Athletic Director	Jane Bykerk .....669-7757 Transportation Supervisor
Megan Decker.....669-1740 Director of Special Education		

### BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATES

The regular Board meetings of the Hudsonville Public Schools are held on the second Thursday of each month (\*with the exception of May, 2012). Board meetings are held at Park Elementary at 7:00 p.m. The meeting dates for the 2011-2012 school year are scheduled as follows:

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| •August 11, 2011   | •December 8, 2011 | •April 12, 2012 |
| •September 8, 2011 | •January 12, 2012 | •May 3, 2012*   |
| •October 13, 2011  | •February 9, 2012 | •June 14, 2012  |
| •November 10, 2011 | •March 8, 2012    | •July 12, 2012  |

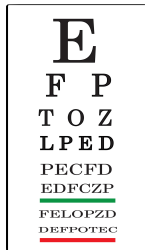
**LUNCH PROGRAM INFORMATION CARD TO BE MAILED IN AUGUST & BREAKFAST OFFERED IN ALL BUILDINGS & NO CHANGE IN LUNCH PRICES**



The Jenison/Hudsonville School Food Service Department will once again be mailing an information card directing you to our webpage for the 2011/2012 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 2010/2011 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 22. **If you have not received a card, please feel free to go to our webpage at [www.jenhudfood.org](http://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 22, from 9:00 a.m. 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 6. 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. You can check student lunch account balances by setting up a free account at [www.sendmoneytoschool.com](http://www.sendmoneytoschool.com). Please call the food service office at 457-2400 after August 22 if you need your student's ID number. You can make deposits online using the [sendmoneytoschool.com](http://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 8 through September 11, 2011.

**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. Services will be provided *by appointment only* on the following days:

**Hudsonville Office - 669-0040  
3100 Port Sheldon  
August 17 & 25**

**SPECIAL EDUCATION UPDATE**

The School Code of the State of Michigan requires that local public school districts provide services to nonpublic school children. The services offered to those students qualifying for special education services must be comparable to those services offered to public school children within the district. These services may include:

- Multidisciplinary evaluations for children suspected of having a disability
- Teacher Consultant Services
- Teacher of Speech and Language Services
- Services to the Homebound and Hospitalized
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Resource Materials for the Disabled (Special Education Learning Materials Center)

If you know of a child, birth - age 26, who you suspect has a school related disability and not receiving public education, please contact our Special Education Director, Megan Decker, at 669-1740, ext. #5.

## VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM RAISES MONEY FOR ST. BALDRICKS

The Hudsonville High Baseball Program would like to recognize Ryan TerHaar, 2nd grader, at Bauer Elementary, who threw out the first pitch at their game on May 17, against Grand Haven.



Ryan was diagnosed with a brain tumor in February of 2009. He had surgery to remove the tumor and then suffered a stroke. Ryan has had two more surgeries in California. After nine rounds of chemo, Ryan has been in remission since September 2009.



Ryan and his family are currently fund raising for the St. Baldrick's Foundation with the goal to conquer childhood cancer. The Hudsonville Baseball Program recently raised \$1,000 for this foundation. Thank you Ryan for giving us an opportunity to help this special cause. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.

## SOUTH STUDENTS' STEPPING UP!

This spring the students at South Elementary completed 'Walking to West Point'. For five weeks the 380 students logged miles around the Hudsonville High School track.

They logged 2,733 miles. On May 13, the students walked their last lap with George Washington, distinguished veterans, the Patriot Riders, the Hudsonville High School Drum Line and some of our military.



## GEORGETOWN ELEMENTARY - RAEY GUANG STUDENT ART EXCHANGE

Georgetown Elementary has continued a tradition of sharing student artwork that began last year with their sister school in Raey Guang, Pingtung City, Taiwan. This year a landscape created by 5th Grade artist Carissa VanderKooy was presented to visiting students and staff from Raey Guang. Here's what Carissa had to say in her artist statement about her work: "I think I get my love of art from my Grandma - she liked to draw flowers and animals, and I do too. I especially like to draw pigs! For this piece, we were learning about an artist named Hundertwasser, who painted colorful landscapes. My flower painting is done in the style of this artist."

It is exciting to have the opportunity to send a work of art from a Hudsonville student all the way to Taiwan! We hope everyone at Raey Guang school enjoys Carissa's painting.





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 \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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 1, 2011, by calling 669-1740, ext. #1 or accessing the application on our website [www.hudsonvillepublicschools.org](http://www.hudsonvillepublicschools.org) under "Enrollment Information."

- Completing and returning the application to Hudsonville Public Schools Administrative Office by August 31 by 4:00 p.m. Parents will receive notification of acceptance no later than September 2.

### **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.

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## 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 22, 2011, 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.

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 Parent Meeting will follow at 6:00 p.m., with the Team Meeting starting at 6:30 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 29, 2011 or prior to the first game.
- Winter - due on November 28, 2011 or prior to the first game.
- Spring - due on March 26, 2012 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 8, 2011**

Football begins

**Wednesday, August 10, 2011**

All other fall sports begin

### SAVE THE DATE!

The Hudsonville Education Foundation (HEF) will be hosting the second annual "Family Fun Fest" on Friday, September 23, 2011, in conjunction with the home football game against Grand Haven. It will take place at the athletic stadium from 4:30 p.m. - thru half-time. •Dunk tank •Face Painting •50/50 Raffle •Silent Auction & More

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