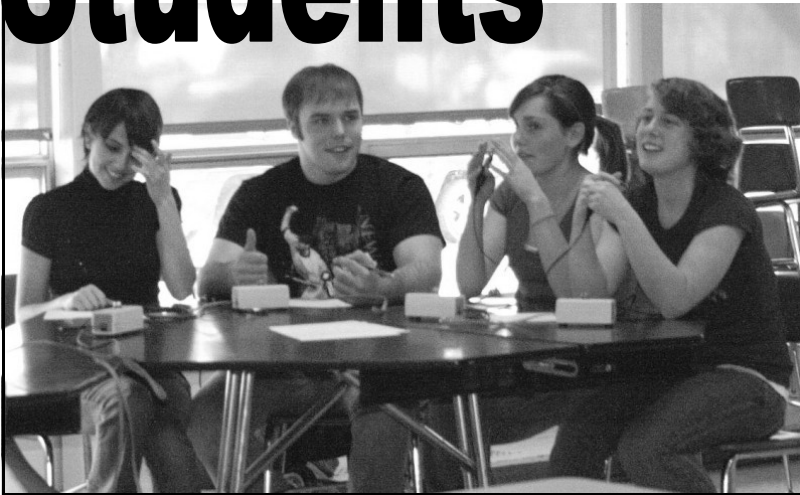


# HAMMONDSPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL

# Laker Lines

April 2009

## Students



On Tuesday, March 24, the Academic All-Stars challenged the HCS faculty to a battle of the brains. The All-Stars started off strong and were in the lead going into the half. However, the faculty prevailed in the buzzer round and went on to defeat the students by a score of 29-15. The All-Stars are very grateful to the staff for giving them a mental workout.

Questions ranged from all academic subjects to trivia and current events. Although few participants knew the distance for straight-line drag racing, everyone knew that Montezuma was the emperor of the Aztecs. Perhaps the hardest question of the match was also a trick question. When asked for the genus and species of the gorilla, no one was able to identify it correctly as "Gorilla Gorilla."

The All-Stars are currently in a battle for first place with a very capable team from Alfred-Almond. The winner of the Medium-Small Division will be determined on Monday, April 6 in the HammondSport auditorium.

## Versus Faculty



**Pictured top:** Four members of the Academic All-Stars Team from left - Cejae Scotchmer (9th), Josh Snyder (11th), Mattie Catherman (10th) and Kelly Walling (12th). **Pictured right:** HCS faculty members Tom Jackson (History), Alan Perry (Physical Education), Ami Corell (English) and Rachael McLoud (Special Education).

# Aiming High

*News from Hammondsport Central School  
District Superintendent Kyle Bower*

I hope all of you had an opportunity over the last few weeks to come to school and attend one of the “Music in Our Schools” concerts, Academic All-Stars competitions or other school event. March was a month packed with activities and assessments. It was also a month packed with sickness and absences. Let’s hope the warm weather provides some relief so our students and staff can get healthy.

We received notification from New York State that, as a District, all of our academic programs are in “good standing” and all of our measured cohorts of students have made adequate yearly progress. We eagerly anticipate the release of our latest School District Report Card as well as the results of our latest state assessments. I have no doubt that the results will again show that our students excel in all areas.

At the March Board of Education meeting the Fresh Perspectives Team presented the results of the study that they completed of the Board of Education, Superintendent and the District. The presentation is available on the District website at [www.hammondsportcsd.org](http://www.hammondsportcsd.org) and written copies of their final report are available to be signed out and reviewed in the District Office. This study was a component of my entry plan to the District and has certainly provided all of us with many recommendations to consider. The Board and I will be working in the months to come to prioritize areas where we will start and establish clear objectives and goals in these areas for us to work towards. Thank you to all of you that participated in the interviews that were a part of this process. The Fresh Perspectives Team was able to meet with 47 people during their time in the District and the feedback and insight will be extremely useful as we move forward.

The budget development process has concluded and the proposed budget will go before the Board at the regular meeting on April 8. After that date you may access the PowerPoint budget presentation on the District website. Should you have any questions or concerns, as always feel free to contact me directly.

Laker Lines is the official newsletter of the Hammondsport Central School District. It is distributed to all district residents. HCS Board of Education members include: James Zimar, President; Frank Curran, Vice President; Richard Drain, Nancy Torp and Christine Kolo.

The Board meets the third Wednesday of each month in the Library of the Main Street School.

Superintendent of Schools: Kyle Bower

Newsletter Editor: Julie Amsden

## From the Desk of HS Principal Tad Rounds

April will be a busy month filled with awards ceremonies and informational meetings. Our National Honor Society induction will take place on April 24 to recognize our deserving students. On that note, congratulations to Allison Martinez, who was inducted into the National Technical Honor Society at BOCES in March. Also, congratulations to the Senior High faculty in their victory over the Academic All-Star team. Please come out to support our Academic All-Star team on April 6 in their pursuit of another championship.

Important upcoming dates include the scheduling seminar for current 8th grade students and parents on April 2 at 6:00 p.m. in room 134. The scheduling seminar for the current 6th grade students and parents will take place on April 23 at 6 p.m. in room 134. Parents and students are also reminded of deadlines for scholarship applications. Report cards for the third marking period will go home over Spring Break.

In the area of extra-curricular activities, thank you to the Student Council for sponsoring a showing of Brian's Song for the student body on April 9. Good luck to our Spring sports teams and congratulations to senior Elizabeth Reardon on being selected to the McDonald's All Stars for cheerleading!

## Notes from the Elementary Principal's Office



Spring has sprung, and as the weather improves students are going outside most days. It is great to see the students outside getting fresh air and running off some of their excess energy. April not only brings rain showers but also Spring Break and Little League season. Although all of these are exciting, it is also important to keep in mind that school is still in session. It is important for the students to continue to come to school rested and ready to learn. Spring brings out warm weather clothing as well, such as shorts, sandals and flip flops. We ask that you review and continue to follow the handbook dress code for school. Flip flops are not appropriate shoes for the playground or Physical Education class.

We have finally completed the NYS Math Assessments and they are off to be scored. The illnesses during these exams made it challenging to provide make up exams for those who were absent. Thank you to the teachers and staff who helped make this happen.

### Please note the following dates:

Spring Break begins **Friday, April 10- Sunday, April 19**

Report cards will go home on **April 21**.

Parent Advisory Meeting, **April 23, 6 PM**

The fourth grade New York State Science Testing will be held on **April 28 and 29**. Parents of fourth graders are reminded to avoid appointments on these days.

## Save the Date for the 2nd Annual Run, Walk or Crawl Saturday, June 13, 2009



**Details and registration information will be available soon on our District website**

## Strategic Planning Initiative to Begin

This summer the District is looking for 10-12 community members, business owners, parents, and/or concerned citizens to take part in a Strategic Planning Training Program and the development of a District level Strategic Plan that will help guide Hammondspport Central School for the next 5 to 10 years.



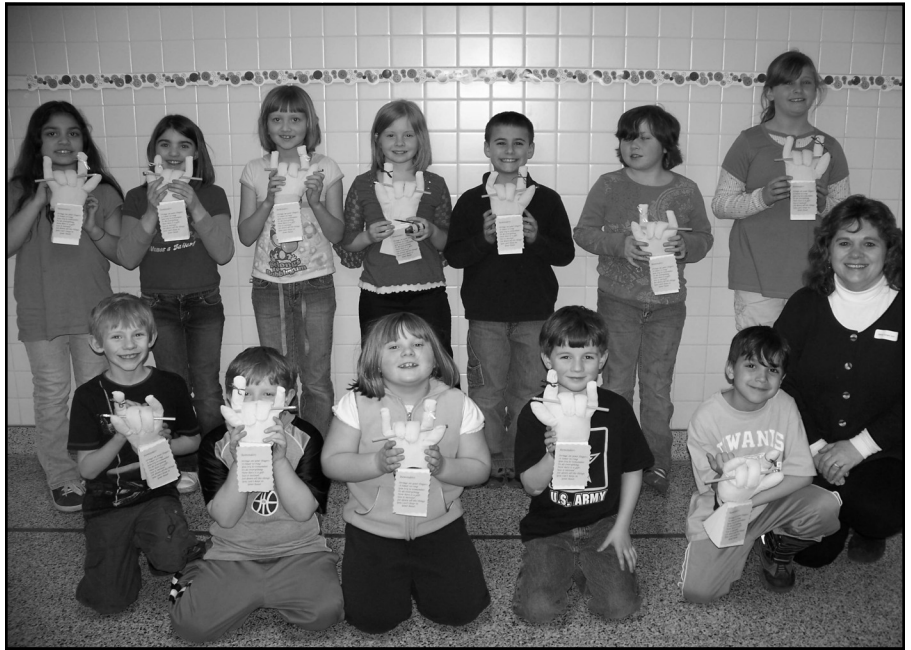
The dates of training and plan development are full days on August 3rd, 4th, and 6th. If you are interested in volunteering your time to help develop a plan to guide the District, please contact Mr. Bower at the District Office #569-5200 ext. 5240.

## Sign Club Makes “Helping Hands”

The members of Sign Club have been very busy learning sign language. This past December, they performed “**Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer**” in sign for the Winter Concert. Now, not only are members learning more sign language, but they are using some signs to make “handy craft” items.

Their first project used the “**I love you**” sign to make “handy” reminders. Next they used the die cut hand shapes to form the manual alphabet letters in their names to create posters and then listed their Leading Laker characteristics on the posters.

We have 2 more projects we hope to complete before our last club meeting on May 8.

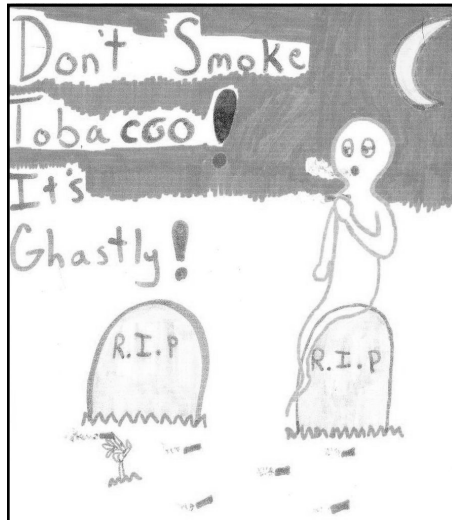


Sign Club members pose with their “helping hands.” Pictured from left, row 1: Tyler Zumbro, Terry Fowler, Natalie Lowin, Colin Drain, Javier Ardon, Mrs. Buckland. Second row: Elissa Martinez, Brittany Storrs, Megan Allen, Aubrey Hill, Parker Watson, Brianna Personius, Lauren Sprague.

## HCS Girls' Group Member Wins County Wide Contest

Freshman Jessica Anthony won the grand prize for the Steuben County Kick Butts Day Advertising Contest. Jessica's advertisement beat out over one hundred other participants. She won a \$100 savings bond and T-shirts depicting her winning advertisement for herself and the rest of the HCS Girls' Club. Congratulations also to Lydia Shippee who was one of the twelve finalists in this contest.

The contest was facilitated by Steuben Council on Addictions and funded by Reality Check. Each of these agencies work to keep youth healthy and substance free. If you would like more information on either of these agencies call Steuben Council on Addictions at (607)-776-6441 and Steuben Reality Check at (607)-664-2045. Jessica's advertisement has also been printed in a number of papers around the county so keep your eyes peeled for her winning design!



## AP Exams Scheduled

AP Spanish  
May 5, 2009

AP Calculus  
May 6, 2009

AP U.S. History  
May 8, 2009



# Curtiss School Closing Q & A

Below are recent questions received from parents and community members regarding the Curtiss School closing with responses from Mr. Bower. We will continue to include questions we receive and the answers in future Laker Lines in an effort to keep everyone informed.

**Q: Is the Curtiss Building still planning to be closed beginning September 2010?**

A: Yes, it is.

**Q: When will students begin moving down to the Main St campus?**

A: The 4th grade homerooms will be moved to Main Street this summer. The 5th and 6th grade homerooms will come down in the summer of 2010. Bringing down 4th grade before next year will help us stagger the workload on our maintenance staff to ensure that all deadlines are met.

**Q: Will the District have to spend a great deal of money to add on/remodel the Main Street building?**

A: There has been money budgeted of less than \$150,000 in the 2009-10 budget to purchase new classroom equipment, remodel classroom and office spaces, and create a new library space for the Elementary Classes. Our goal is to create classroom spaces prepared for what learning will look like for 20-30 years to come, not simply move people into old, open classrooms with outdated equipment.

**Q: How will all of the students fit in the Main Street building?**

A: During the 2002-2003 school year there were approximately 600 students K-3/7-12 located at the Main Street campus. When the move to the Main Street campus is complete, our student population is anticipated to be approximately 560 students Pre K-12. Although the uses of some classroom spaces will be changed, we have the space to house all essential classes on one campus.

**Q: What will be the biggest obstacle with only one building?**

A: Right now, it is having only one large gym space at the Main Street campus. If we can find tenants to lease the Curtiss Building and maintain possession of it, our teams will have the gym space to use for practices. If the building is closed or sold, we would lose that space and our sports programs would be affected. Indoor teams such as volleyball and basketball would have shorter, consolidated practices and may not be able to practice at all on days when there are games for other levels. In terms of meeting mandates, we have created a K-12 physical education schedule that will meet all State Education Physical Education requirements using the spaces that we will have so that will not be an issue.

Any questions/comments may be sent to Mr. Bower at [kbower@hport.wnyric.org](mailto:kbower@hport.wnyric.org) or call the District Office at 569-5200 ext. 5240.

## Section V

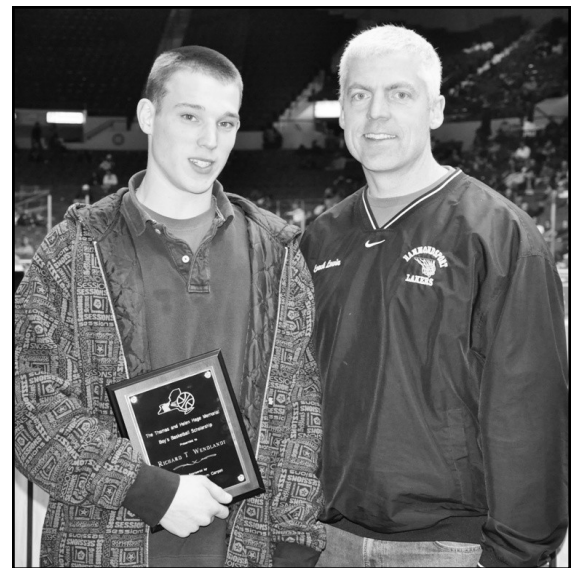
### Awards HCS Senior



Congratulations to Senior Ricci Wendlant for receiving the Thomas and Helen Hage Memorial Boys' Basketball Scholarship.

Male basketball players in Section V can apply for one of three different scholarships awarded each year. Recipients of these awards are chosen based on academic and athletic performance as well as future plans, school activities and need. Applicants must also provide a letter of recommendation from their coach and school guidance counselor. A committee evaluates all applications and awards the \$500 scholarship to the most worthy applicant.

The last HCS student to receive this prestigious award was Aaron Brown in 2002.

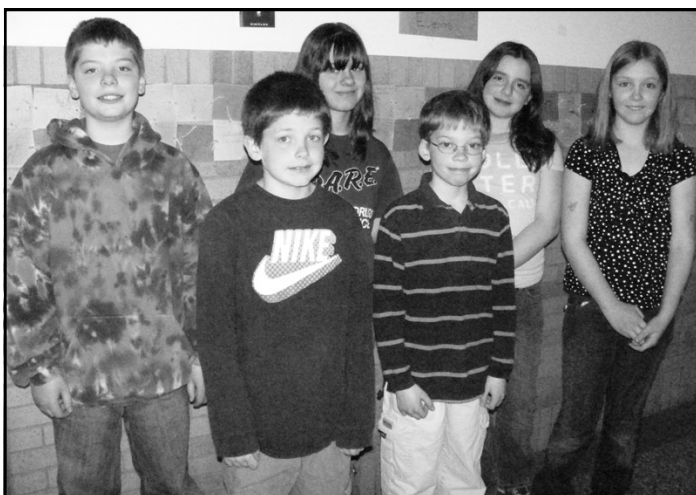


Senior Ricci Wendlant and Coach Jon Lowin after Ricci was presented with the Thomas and Helen Hage Memorial Boys' Basketball Scholarship. In addition to a plaque, Ricci was also awarded a \$500 scholarship.

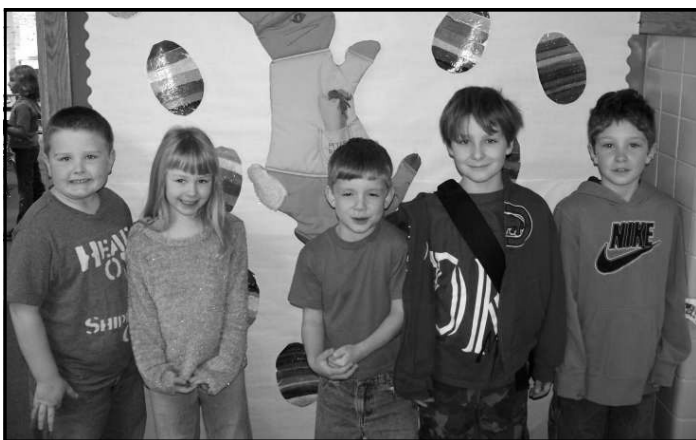
## Glenn Curtiss Elementary Announces Leading Lakers for March

Each week, *Leading Lakers* are chosen by the Elementary Staff. *Leading Lakers* are students who are real leaders throughout the school environment. They must be students that others should follow because of their ability to be a model student and exemplify the LAKERS motto.

*Leading Lakers* students are announced on the morning announcements on Fridays and posted on the sign out front for all of the community to see. In addition, the PTO awards each student a book.



From left: Aaron Lowin, Josh Sprague, Morgan Sincero, Michael Cranmer, Victoria Yahn, Zoe Zumbro



From left: Gavin Buck, Ashly Dumbleton, Brian Mitchell, Dillon Conley and Tyler Hill. Absent: Brianna Hawley

## SCHOOL TRUSTEE VACANCY

The Hammondsport Central School District announces one vacancy (Christine Kolodziejczak) for trustee on its Board of Education as of June 30, 2009. Qualified voters of the school district will elect a member at the annual school district election on **May 19, 2009** between the hours of **12 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. in the lobby** of the Main Street School. Qualifications of School Trustee Candidates are as follows:

- Age 18 years or older
- Citizen of the United States
- Ability to read and write
- Residency in the Hammondsport Central School District for at least one (1) year prior to the date of the election

**School Budget Vote  
May 19, 2009**

Anyone interested in running for this trustee seat may pick up an Election Packet at the District Office beginning on March 20, 2009. Deadline for filing completed petitions is 5:00 p.m. April 20, 2009.

**IF YOU ARE NOT ALREADY REGISTERED** either with the County or with the School District, please come to the District Office on **Thursday, May 7**, between 12:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. to register to vote in this election.

## February Laker Leaders

**Grade 7:** Elizabeth Albright, Taylin Bower, Claudia Guerin, Lori Gordon, Ryan Graves, Katrina McGregor, Hannah Ridge, Sydney Sprague. **Grade 8:** Daniel Becker, Brianna Bergstresser, Michael Bestys, Lauren Binnert, Brooke Clark, Danielle Duby, Ryan Eckel, Megan Erway, Sydney Farmer, Matthew Lowin, Brianna Martinez, Brett Rondo, Lydia Shippee, Destiny Smith, Laurie Smith, Alissa Walruth, Mary Webber

## Attention Parents of Elementary Students

Parents may no longer request teachers for their students for the 2009-2010 school year as our K-6 classrooms will be down to two sections. This is consistent with the policy outlined in the Elementary Handbook.

# Hammondsport Central School 2009-2010 Calendar

SEPTEMBER 2009					OCTOBER 2009					NOVEMBER 2009				
M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F
	1	2	3 Conf day	4				1	2	2	3	4	5	6
7 Labor Day	8 School opens	9	10	11	5	6	7	8	9	9	10	11 Vet. Day	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	12 Col. Day	13	14	15	16	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Early dismiss	23	24	25	19	20 Early dismiss	21	22	23	23	24 Conf. Day	25	26 Thanks giving	27
28	29	30			26	27	28	29	30	30				
DECEMBER 2009					JANUARY 2010					FEBRUARY 2010				
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21	22	23	24	25	18 MLK Day	19	20	21	22	15 Winter Recess	16	17	18	19
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MARCH 2010					APRIL 2010					MAY 2010				
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	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Students</u>	
September	18	17	
October	21	21	
November	17	16	Nov. 26-27 Thanksgiving
December	17	17	Dec. 24- Jan 1 Christmas Recess
January	19	19	Feb. 15-19 Winter Recess
February	15	14	Apr. 19-23 Spring Recess
March	23	22	
April	16	16	
May	20	20	
June	<u>18</u>	<u>18</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>184</u></b>	<b><u>180</u></b>	

First day of school for students will be Tuesday, September 8, 2009

Should the number of days allotted for Emergency Closings be exceeded, school will be in session (if necessary) on the following dates:  
April 23, 22, 21, 20, 19 \*\*\*

Shaded area indicates NO SCHOOL for students

## Calendar Items for April and May

### April

- 4 ACT in Hammondsport; VBB @ Wellsville
- 6 Academic All-Stars (H), 6:15 pm; PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm; Tennis (H); VBB (H), Golf (H), VSB (H)
- 7 Marking Period 3 ends; Sophomores to CCC; Tennis @ Prattsburgh
- 8 8th Grade Science Performance Test; BOE Meeting, 7 pm; Golf @ Addison
- 10 No School, Spring Recess
- 13 No School, Spring Recess; VBB @ Avoca Tournament, 2 pm
- 14 No School, Spring Recess
- 15 No School, Spring Recess; VBB @ Avoca Tournament, 2 pm
- 16 No School, Spring Recess
- 17 No School, Spring Recess
- 21 Elementary Report Cards
- 22 BOE Meeting - BOCES Vote, 7:30 am; Tennis (H), MBB & MSB @ Prattsburgh, VSB & VBB @ CS, Golf (H)
- 24 Tennis (H), VSB & VBB (H), Golf (H)
- 25 Mod. Tennis Jamboree, (H) 9am, MBB (H) 11 am
- 27 Tennis (H), VSB & VBB @ Bradford, Golf @ CG
- 28 NYS 4th Grade Science Exam; Track (H)
- 29 NYS 4th Grade Science Exam; Tennis (H), MBB @ Bradford, VBB & VSB @ Arkport
- 30 Track @ JT

### May

- 1 MBB & MSB @ JT, Golf @ JT
- 2 Track @ Arkport Invitational, 9 am, Tennis @ Hornell, 1 pm
- 4 MBB @ Bradford, VBB & VSB (H), Golf (H); PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 5 Spanish AP Exam; MBB & MSB @ Prattsburgh, Track (H)
- 6 Calculus AP Exam; Tennis (H), VBB & VSB (H), Golf @ Arkport
- 7 Open Registration for Voters 12 pm - 8 pm; MBB & MSB (H), Track (H)
- 8 US History AP Exam; VSB & VBB @ Addison
- 9 Tennis Individual Sectionals in Pittsford
- 11 Golf @ County Tourn., Tennis @ AA, VBB & VSB (H)
- 12 Kindergarten Screening; Public Hearing for Budget Vote, 6 pm; BOE Meeting, 7 pm; Track @ CG
- 13 VBB & VSB @ Avoca, Golf (H)
- 14 Kindergarten Screening; MSB & MBB (H)
- 15 Tennis @ Addison, VBB & VSB @ Bradford
- 16 Tennis County Championship, Track @ Wellsville
- 18 Track @ Arkport, Tennis (H), VBB & VSB (H)
- 19 Budget & Trustee Vote; Art Extravaganza spring Concert, 7 pm; Tennis Team Sectionals
- 20 Tennis Team Sectionals
- 21 Tennis Team Sectionals, MBB & MSB @ JT

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