

Laker Lives

April/May 2016

Hammondsport Central School District Newsletter



New inductees and honorary inductees to the Hammondsport Chapter of the National Honor Society pose before their reception in the school library.

School Budget Vote Results:

Budget: Yes—166 No—15
Prop. #2 Yes—168 No—16

Board of Education:
Dennis Carlson
Yes—162 No—13

**Thank you voters for your support of
 our school and education system in
 Hammondspport!**

HCS Mission

The mission of the Hammondspport Central School District, a High-performing unique learning community, is to provide a dynamic, quality education to a close-knit and diverse population, and to ensure that all students are prepared to compete in an ever changing global society by challenging each student through superior, innovative educational opportunities while promoting responsible citizenship through strong character and moral development.

District Objectives

100% of our students will meet their graduation requirements.

100% of school community members will contribute to a safe, secure, student centered environment.

100% of students will meet proficiency with the continued goal of achieving mastery.

100% of the school community will rate the internal/external communications of the district as satisfactory.

2016 HCS

Wall of Fame Inductions

June 3rd, 2016

HCS High School Library

This year's honorees:

Athletic Achievement

Ronald F. Fries, '51

Dick McCandless Distinguished Service Award

Lucy Perkins

*Program Begins at 6pm
 Light Refreshments to Follow*

Laker Lines is the official newsletter of the Hammondspport Central School District. It is distributed to all District residents. HCS Board of Education members include: James Zimar, President; Dennis Carlson, Vice President; Richard Drain, Kevin Bennett, and Lynda Lowin.

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

For more school information, visit our school website at: hammondspportcsd.org

Our Literacy Night, put on by the Reading Department, was held on April 7th. The parents and students who attended the event were able to learn about our goals and current reading program as well as create a literacy game to take home. Students enjoyed time in the elementary gym with members of our high school student council and were able to join their parents for drawings. Each family was able to take home games, books, gift cards and more. I would like to thank Miss Johnston and Mr. Stermole for their work! I would also like to thank the student council members for volunteering their time to help with child care! Thank you also goes to Long's Book Store in Penn Yan, Walmart, K-Mart, Barnes and Noble, MJ Ward and Son, and Dollar General for donations made to our Literacy Night raffles.

New York State assessments are complete. I am very proud of the determination and perseverance our students put forth! They worked hard and deserve recognition. Thank you to parents of third through sixth grade students for supporting your children and our school! They rocked this test and we are proud of them! April 21st is a movie day for our students in recognition of their effort!

Pre K information night took place on Thursday, April 14th. The information night gives our parents information on our curriculum, programming, and transportation. We are excited to welcome the class of 2030!

Pre K 500 takes place on June 3 at 1pm
1:20 dismissal will begin on June 14th.
4th and 5th grade awards will be held June 17th at 8:30am
6th grade graduation will be held June 17th at 10am

Have a wonderful end of the year!



Sincerely,
 Mrs. Sincerbox

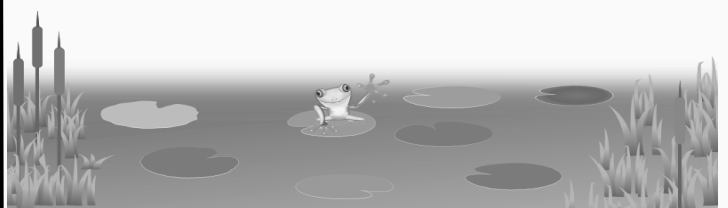
From the desk of **Tad Rounds,** 7-12 Principal

Congratulations to the Class of 2016 on their impending graduation from Hammondsport Junior/Senior High. Individually and collectively this class has extensive accomplishments both academically and in extracurricular pursuits. Members have been selected to Area All State and All County for both band and chorus. In addition, both sectional and county championships have been secured by student athletes in the class. Most importantly, the students have contributed to a positive school climate with their work in Student Council and on the Student Leadership Team. Their example was evident when over forty Hammondsport students volunteered their time to work at Camp Good Days in May.

In the end-of-year bulletin will be the program offerings pamphlet for our Summer Enrichment Program. The goal of the program is to engage students in experiential learning and programming beyond the classroom and traditional school calendar. The program offers an array of opportunities that include options in the arts, STEM (science technology engineering math), and health and wellness. This is the second year of the program and we are excited about the expanded offerings.

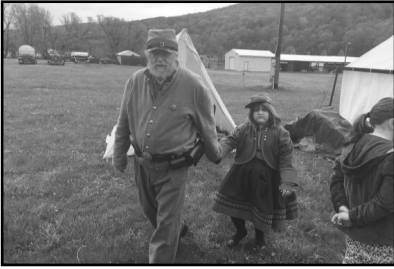
Final exams and Regents exams are right around the corner and formal review classes are offered with teachers from 2:30p.m.-3:30 p.m. Frequent, and consistent review of course content over an extended period of time is the best preparation for culminating exams, whether local or Regents.

Included in this edition of *Laker Lines* are a number of individual student recognitions. In addition, the Academic All Star team is to be commended on their season. The team won the Medium Small School Division Championship in April. Everyone enjoy your summer and hopefully some warmer weather will be here soon!



Students Take Part in History Reenactment

On Friday, May 13, 2016 the second graders had the privilege of having the "Bedford Light Artillery" set up a Civil War camp reenactment.

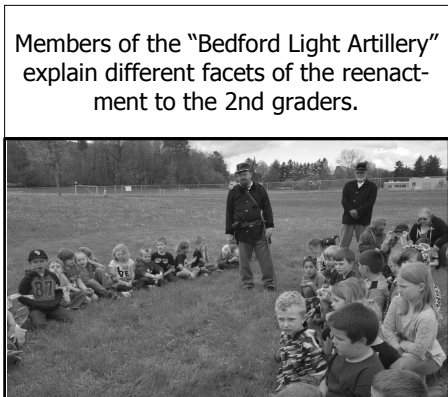


This goes along with the 2nd grade Listening & Learning Unit

on the Civil War. Students were very excited about the field trip.

During the visit students got to sample a "ration" of food soldiers got in a day. The students enjoyed hard tack, jerky from the 18th century as well as the 21st century, and apples. For lunch students also had a sample of corn bread or biscuits and beef stew that was made over a fire.

Kids also learned about muskets and cannons. At the end of the day the children were split up into different sides (Confederate and Union) and had a "pretend" battle. The kids really enjoyed the battle, they even had to be a casualty of war if they got touched or hit by the ball (similar to today's dodge ball).



Members of the "Bedford Light Artillery" explain different facets of the reenactment to the 2nd graders.

Many other students in different grade levels had the chance to come over and learn about the history of the Civil War. It was definitely a fun and educational experience!



Literacy Night in P-6th

Mr. Stermole and Miss Johnston organized a literacy night for elementary students. There were games and activities for students and parents to partake in, and members of high school student council were there to help out.

In the game pictured below, students played Long and Short Vowel Basketball which required them to read a word on the basketball, determine if it is a short or long vowel word, and then tries to throw the ball in the correct basket. They won a point for each basket they made.



In the game pictured at the bottom left, students and parents played a game based on Tiddly Winks, but was a reading comprehension game where players read a text and then flipped the playing chips into a portion of the dish. Players then had to answer the comprehension question that was in that portion of the dish. The game was played so that players had to get either three adjacent questions correct to win or get more spaces than their opponent.



Pre-K Registration Reminder

If you have a child who will be four years old by December 1, 2016, you are reminded and encouraged to contact the Mrs. Haynes (569-5200, X5233) in the elementary office to obtain a registration packet and sign up for a time to complete the registration process.

Vaccination update

Effective September 1, 2016, students entering grades seven and twelve in New York State schools will be required to be fully vaccinated against meningococcal disease, according to the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). The ACIP recommends that all adolescents receive a first dose of MenACWY vaccine at 11-12 years of age and a booster dose at age 16 years in order to boost their immunity during the years at which they are at greatest risk of meningococcal disease. If the first dose was administered on or after the sixteenth birthday, a booster dose is not necessary.

Congratulations!

On May 6, 2016, Micah Flink was presented the Jack Lisi Youth Award. This award recognizes students that have personally overcome life obstacles to set and achieve academic or career and employment goals. The award is made eligible to young people age 16 through 21, living in Steuben County.



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Students Attend Clemens Center Performance

On the evening of May 17, 2016, 38 students and two chaperones, Dr. Satterfield and Mr. Jackson, attended a dynamic performance of the Blue Man Group at the Clemens Center in Elmira, NY. The experience was rewarding for many of the students, some of whom, had never traveled to Elmira. Thank you to the Hammondsport Community Services for helping make this a reality for all of the participants.

This theatrical experience marked the kick-off event of the Hammondsport Enrichment Program. A wide-range of subsequent events are scheduled in July and August.



Summer Enrichment Offerings

Hammondsport CSD is proud to announce that an exciting summer schedule of events has been compiled for students who attend the district. The Hammondsport Enrichment program seeks to engage students in fun learning activities outside of the classroom in all of the curricular areas. All events are offered to students at minimal or no cost. Transportation is provided by the district and events are

chaperoned, or led, by experts in the given areas. Please watch for the program brochure to arrive by mail with the end of the year newsletter. The program and enrollment are also available online. If you cannot provide lunches or associated fees, please contact High School Principal Tad Rounds or Dr. Diana Satterfield.



National Honor Society Inducts 7 Students and 2 Honorary Members

On April 15, 2016, seven new members were inducted into the Hammondsport Chapter of the National Honor Society before an audience of parents, faculty, and the student body. A traditional ceremony was held which included student speeches, lighting of the four candles symbolizing character, scholarship, leadership, and service, and tapping of new inductees.

The new inductees are as follows: **Edda Martinez**, daughter of Ms. Edda Garcia of Hammondsport; **Aubrey Hill**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David and Wendy Hill of Hammondsport; **Madisen Jones**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steven and Lisa Jones of Hammondsport; **Jami Long**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David and Kasi Long of Hammondsport; **Graham O'Donnell**, son of Ms. Julia Vargo of Hammondsport, and Mr. Robert O'Donnell of Texas; **Jared Raab**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kelly and Amy Raab of Hammondsport; and **George Ruddy**, son of Mr. and Mrs. George and Jennifer Ruddy of Hammondsport.

The current members are: **Gabriel Barone**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark and Helen Barone of Hammondsport; **Helena Carvajal**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John and Renee Carvajal of Hammondsport; **Emily Davis**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin and Kimberly Davis of Hammondsport; **Gregory DiTomasso**, son of Mrs. Jennifer White of Hammondsport and Mr. George DiTomasso of Keuka Park; **Heaven Hess**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tad and Angel Hess of Hammondsport; and **Emily Eckel**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles and Patricia Eckel of Hammondsport.

Mrs. Mary Jo Hanna, retired Elementary Teacher who taught at Hammondsport for 33 years, and **Mr. Jeffrey Wisniewski**, High School Spanish Teacher, were inducted as honorary members.

Following the ceremony, a reception catered by the FACS 7 spring classes was held in the high school library honoring the inductees and their families.

High School Spanish Club Works with Elementary Students

The high school Spanish Club recently worked with elementary classes (grades PK-4th) where 'teams' of them developed basic Spanish lessons. Three teaching teams worked with the students, leading lessons on numbers, colors, and names & introductions. Students who participated in this project were: Madisen Jones, Judi Bramson, Ann Szathmary, Eli Hill, Heaven Hess, Elizabeth Personius, Hayley Copp, Chelsey Curry, Anna Vogel, Kimberly Conley, Megan Allen, and Stacey Conger.

The high school students put a significant amount of time and effort into planning this project to be sure that they had developed fun, interesting lessons to bring to the elementary students. The Spanish Club would like to extend their sincere thanks to the teachers who volunteered to participate with their classrooms: Ms. McCarthy, Ms. Krohn, Mrs. Burdin, Mrs. Kellogg, Ms. Dickson, Mrs. VanValkenburg, and Mrs. Underhill.

Class of 2017 Hosts "Heaven on Earth" Junior-Senior Prom

On the evening of May, 14th Hammondsport Juniors and Seniors, along with their invited guests and multiple faculty and administrators celebrated this year's Junior-Senior Prom. Held at the Keuka Yacht Club, the students had a wonderful time dancing with friends and feasting on a grilled buffet and dessert bar.

This year's royalty were crowned during the festivities. King and Queen were Michael Cranmer and Timberly Wilkinson, while Prince and Princess were George Ruddy and Aubrey Hill.



Science Happenings



Matthew Cole, Travis Raab, and a stegosaurus.



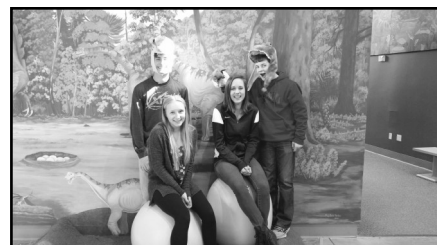
Terry Fowler, Noah Wilkinson, and Jesse Bray are doing their best impression of Jurassic Dinosaurs.



Hailey Ritter, Shelby Sherman, and Paige Stopka were able to look at living coral reefs while holding a plush trilobite.

Earlier this spring, Regents Earth Science students had the opportunity to visit the Museum of the Earth in Ithaca, NY. Students were given a tour of the museum and a presentation on the Geology of NY State by scientists from the Paleontological Research Institute and Cornell University. The Earth Scientists were also able to complete a "Journey through Time" scavenger hunt where they saw fossils from the Cambrian Period (~500 million years ago) to the present day. Many thanks go to the teachers, chaperones, administrators and Hammondsport CSD school board that made this trip possible.

Emily Staychock, the Watershed/ Environmental Educator for Cornell Cooperative Extension, presented to Earth Science classes in April regarding the effect of non-point-source pollution on the Keuka Lake Watershed. Students were able to apply their understanding of surface processes to determine how land surrounding a lake should be utilized.



Parker Watson, Alliyah Jensen, Tea Flynn and Colin Drain at the Museum of the Earth.



Emily Staychock discusses the importance of non-point-source pollution in areas surrounding Keuka Lake.

Congratulations All Stars!

Whoever said that thirteen was an unlucky number never met our Academic All-Stars. This year, the team powered their way into the finals, defeating medium-small divisional rivals Alfred-Almond in two tiebreak situations during the season, awarding the Lakers the medium-small division title. In the championships, the team faced Bradford, the small division champions. The Lakers jumped out to an early lead and never looked back. Defeating their opponents 72-32, the team also won the small schools championship.

The All-Stars would like to thank the faculty and staff, as well as their fellow classmates, and especially the fourth grade, for their support this year. Without a love of knowledge, competition, and sportsmanship, the team's success would not be possible.



You've been accepted!

<u>Senior</u>	<u>College / Awards</u>
Makayla Simonds	Keuka College
Emily Travis	Corning Community Cayuga Community



FREE SUMMER MEALS FOR KIDS:

More than 7000 Steuben County children rely on free and reduced-price meals. When school is out, many of these children don't get the food they need. Free meals for children in your program 18 years of age and younger may be available from the Hammondsport CSD food service through the USDA Summer Food Service Program. For information, contact Sheri Frail at 569-5200 or sfrail@gstbooces.org

News from the transportation department
Questions to ask Our Student Who Ride the Bus



1. What are the 4 steps to crossing safely? **(1. Walk forward until you can see the drivers face; 2 .Wait for the driver’s signal; 3. Walk only as far as the outer edge of the bus and look both ways; 4. Cross only if there are no cars in sight.)**
2. How far should in front of the bus should you walk before looking for the driver’s signal? **(Ten giant steps; until you can see the drivers face.)**
3. Why couldn’t the bus driver see you if you crossed close to the front of the bus? **(You are hidden by the bus.)**
4. What is a blind spot? **(A place where the drivers can’t see you.)**
5. Where are the blind spots on a school bus? **(Everyplace within the danger zone.)**
6. What can you do to avoid being hidden from the driver’s vision? **(Walk far enough in front of the bus; stay out of danger zones.)**
7. Do cars *always* stop when they see flashing red lights? **(No. Sometimes drivers disobey the laws, are careless, or don’t see the bus’s flashing lights.)**

- 6/1** Algebra CCLS Exam, 8am
4th grade Science Performance Exam
Sports Awards, 7pm
- 6/3** Senior High Awards, 8am
- 6/6** 4th and 8th grade Science Exams Written portions
Russ Cutshall Awards, 6pm
- 6/9** Senior Recognition Concert, 7pm
- 6/10** Jr. High Awards, 8am
Senior picnic to Stony brook State Park
- 6/13** **MP#4 Ends**
- 6/14** PK-3 Flag Day Concert, 7pm
Regents Exams Begin
- 6/15** BoE Regular Mtg., 6pm
HS Library
- 6/17** 4th-6th Grade Awards, 8:30am
6th Grade Graduation, 10am
- 6/20** PK-2 Field Day
- 6/21** Pre-K Graduation, 9:30am
3-6 Field Day
- 6/22** Kindergarten Graduation, 9am
- 6/23** Moving up Day, 11:20 dismissal
- 6/24** **GRADUATION, 6PM**

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