

August 2018

# Laker LIVES



Hammondspport Central School District Newsletter

# Elementary Summer Learning Program



*Students enjoying a story at the school!*



*Lakers creating their own boats at the Boating Museum!*



*Students listening to a motorcycle story at the Curtiss Museum!*



Our Elementary Summer Learning program ran for 5 consecutive weeks and concluded on Thursday, August 9th. Our students were presented with certificates on this date highlighting specific areas of growth they made through their hard work and practice based on individualized goals set at the start of the program. In the afternoon, we joined with our friends at the Fred & Harriett Taylor Memorial Library to put on a dance celebration where our students celebrated their learning together and received free books to take home for the summer! Thank you to our community partners at the library, the Curtiss Museum, and the Boating Museum for working with our school to provide additional learning opportunities for our students throughout our Summer Learning program. Hammondspport truly ROCKS!



## Message from the Board of Education and the Superintendent

I love the month of September! In addition to the beautiful season of fall in the Finger Lakes, I am always excited to see our students return to campus and to get another school year started.

As is the same every summer, our campus has been very busy during the months of July and August. Thank you to Ann Stone and the Town of Urbana for running another successful summer recreation program for our community! Thank you to the elementary faculty and staff that led the annual summer learning program for students! A big thank you to Marsha Watson at the Hammondspport Public Library for working with the District to help ensure special programs can be attended by the most students possible! When all of our community agencies work together, everyone benefits. Thank you to the many teachers that have spent their summer reviewing student data, writing and revising curriculum, and planning effective instructional activities. The belief that teaching is a ten month profession is outdated and inaccurate.

We are very lucky to have a hard working group of professionals that will be ready for our students on Wednesday, September 5th. I hope to see everyone at a school event throughout the fall. Go Lakers!

### Hammondspport CSD to Offer Free Student Meals in 2018-19!

Hammondspport Central School has been approved to provide free breakfast and lunch to ALL students beginning in the 2018-19 school year! This approval allows ALL students to receive a free full breakfast and lunch every school day throughout the year. Students will only need to pay for additional items such as ala carte snacks or items above the components of a regular meal. More information will be going home to parents about the free meal program as the school year begins. Any questions, please contact the District Office at #569-5200 ext 5291.

### 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.

### **Attendance Fact:**

Absenteeism in the first month of school can predict poor attendance throughout the school year. Half the students who miss 2-4 days in September go on to miss nearly a month of school.

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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](http://hammondspportcsd.org)

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## 2018-19 BMI Survey Notice

New York state requires schools to track each student's body mass index (BMI) and weight status category as part of school health examinations. Every year, the New York State Department of Health surveys some schools for the number of students in each of six possible weight status categories. If Hammondspport Central School is surveyed by the state, the district will share summary group data only and will not share individual names or information. Parents/guardians who wish to exclude their child's data from the summary group calculations must contact Linda Dickinson, School Nurse, at #569-5200 ext 5241. Parents that wish to exercise the right to withhold a child's information need to inform the District no later than January 2, 2019.

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### Notice of Non-Discrimination/Equal Opportunity

Hammondspport Central School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

- Kyle C. Bower, Superintendent  
8272 Main Street, Hammondspport, NY 14840  
#607-569-5200 ext 5291

For further information on notice of non-discrimination, for an address and phone number of the office that serves your area, please call 1-800-421-3481 or visit: <http://wdcrobcolp01.ed.gov/CFAPPS/OCR/contactus.cfm>.

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### Mental Health Education Comes to HCS

In May 2018, the Board of Regents adopted amendments to current Commissioner's Regulations in response to recent changes in Education Law which clarified that a satisfactory program in health education developed in accordance with the needs of pupils in all grades must include instruction in the several dimensions of health, and must:

- Include mental health and the relation of physical and mental health: and
- Enhance student understanding, attitudes and behaviors that promote health, well-being and human dignity.

In response to these new requirements, as well as concerns voiced by the school community at our security forum last spring, Hammondspport CSD is undertaking a comprehensive review and revision of our current health programs in K-12. The first change that will take place is rather than simply being an additional curricular item for every elementary classroom teacher to teach, the Curtiss School will be piloting formal health classes taught by certified health teachers in grades 1st -6th beginning this year.

Details of the new health classes will be presented to the Board of Education at the September Board meeting. Details of the draft curriculum, including elements of both physical and mental health education will also be presented to the Board of Education for adoption at that time. We hope to see interested parents and community members in attendance at the Board meeting on September 19th at 6pm to learn more!



## From the Desk of Mr. Rounds, 7-12 Principal

Thank you to the community and parents of Hammondsport for their tremendous support of our students. As we reported in July's Laker Lines, the Junior/Senior High School was once again ranked by U.S. News and World Report as a Silver Medal School based upon last year's assessment data. Based upon this year's June Regents data our students and teachers once again excelled. Our students ranked either number one or number two out of the twenty-one GST BOCES schools on five Regents exams including English Language Arts, Geometry, Algebra, Earth Science and Living Environment. The mastery rate (85% or higher) on the majority of all Regents exams was in the top five. We truly have a remarkable body of students and teachers with a supportive community.

We are very fortunate to add three new talented individuals to our team for the 2018/2019 school year. Ms. Olivia Todd will be teaching chemistry and middle school science. Ms. Todd is a graduate of the Warner School of Education at University of Rochester. Mrs. Laura Gugliotta, a graduate of SUNY Geneseo, comes with eight

years of teaching experience and will be teaching 8th grade math and algebra. Mrs. Holly Badeau, a graduate of Hammondsport Central School and SUNY Cobleskill, is our new Guidance/Committee on Special Education secretary.

Student schedules, which were mailed at the beginning of August, have the required courses of sixty minute science labs and PE classes for students in grades 9-12, with elective choices provided when possible. Individual schedule changes are always possible, but will require choices on the student's part between electives and tracks. After school supervision after 3:30p.m. will not be available until adequate staffing can be guaranteed. Parents who have children in athletics and extracurricular activities will need to make alternative arrangements off campus for supervision until scheduled events and practices.

Parents are encouraged to sign-up for the Parent Portal, which parents to view teacher gradebooks, progress reports and report cards. Directions for set-up are included in this Laker Lines addition mailing.

### Attention Taxpayers:

This is a reminder that for both service and safety reasons, school taxes will **no longer** be collected at the Main Street School. If you wish to pay your school taxes in person, payment should be brought to the Five Star Bank on Shethar Street.

For taxpayers paying by mail, payments should be sent to: Five Star Bank, PO Box 14, Warsaw, NY 14569. School tax payment information and receipts can be printed by accessing the School Tax portal through the District website at [www.hammondsportcsd.org](http://www.hammondsportcsd.org).

The District Tax Collector, Mrs. Jerry Scott, will be in the District on Tuesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 9 am - 3 pm if you have any questions or concerns. Her phone number is 569-5200 ext. 5243.

### Vaccination Update

Effective September 1, 2017, students entering grades 7-12 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).

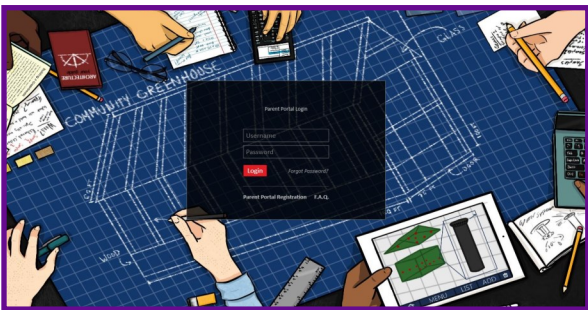
The ACIP recommends that all adolescents receive a first dose of MenACWY vaccine at 11-12 years of age and a booster dose at age 16 years in order to boost their immunity during the years at which they are at greatest risk of meningococcal disease. If the first dose was administered on or after the sixteenth birthday, a booster dose is not necessary.

# Parents: You Can Stay Current on Your Child(ren)'s Grades

Parent Portal is a feature that provides parents/guardians access to grades, assignments and attendance records of their students.

To create a login account for Parent Portal, you will need your student's ID number, what grade level your student is currently in, the name used on correspondence home (James instead of Jim), and student's mailing address.

## Directions for creating a Parent Portal

1. Go to the Hammondsport Central School website: <http://www.hammondsportcsd.org/>
  2. On the left side of the page, under site shortcuts, click on eSD Parent Portal.
  3. When you click on eSD Parent Portal, it will take you to the Parent Portal Registration/Login Page.
 
  4. At the bottom of the black login box, click on Parent Portal Registration.
  5. Fill in Step 1: Account Information
    - a. School District
    - b. Create User Name
    - c. Create Password
    - d. Email address
    - e. Authentication questions
  5. Fill in Step 2: Parent/Guardian Information
    - a. Name
    - b. Address
    - c. Phone Number
  6. Fill in Step 3: Student Information
    - a. Student ID #
    - b. First Name
    - c. Last Name
    - d. School
    - e. Grade
    - f. Click Finish Registration or Add students to Above List. Once you have added all of your students, click finish registration.
- Once all three sections are completed, your account is set up.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Lisa Stone at [lstone@hammondsportcsd.org](mailto:lstone@hammondsportcsd.org) or 607-569-5200 ext. 5235.

## From the Desk of Mr. Koehler, Elementary Principal

It has been a summer filled with learning and fun as we prepare for the 2018-2019 school year. We recently concluded our Summer Learning program, which reflected the theme, "Learning Rocks!" I would like to recognize Mrs. VanValkenburg and Mrs. Studley, who together took on the role of planning the structure and learning experiences our program entailed as teacher leaders, as well as Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Domanico, and Mrs. Bailey for their targeted work with the students. I would also like to thank our community partners at the Fred & Harriett Taylor Memorial Library, the Curtiss Museum, and the Boating Museum for working alongside our school to provide further opportunities for our students this summer. We will look forward to enhancing these partnerships moving forward.

Our students were not the only ones learning this summer – as of the date of this message, our teachers have engaged in nearly 700 hours of professional learning this summer. It is difficult to find the words to fully describe the commitment our staff demonstrates to the success of our children. Throughout the 2017-2018 school year, our staff studied best practice and worked together with a relentless focus on identifying grade level standards we felt were essential for all of our students to master and making what success with each standard looks like crystal clear for our students. Much of our summer time has focused on teams planning curriculum and differentiated supports for all our students to meet and exceed these outcomes. In addition, we continue to work to utilize technology as a purposeful tool to enhance learning experiences toward these same outcomes. This year will mark the rebranding of our computer classes as "Digital Literacy", with

curriculum at each grade level focused on skills such as keyboarding and word processing, digital citizenship, online research skills, computational thinking, and coding.

As a school, we are passionate in our belief that we are not just teachers of academics, but also of the social and emotional skills required for our students to reach their fullest potential. A team that consisted of teachers, a teaching assistant, a counselor, our school psychologist,



*Kamorah and Mrs. VanValkenburg show off their dance moves*

administration, and a parent representative met with Julie Powell, a behavior specialist from GST BOCES, for six days to train on Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS). Just as we are working to make academic outcomes clear for our students, this team will drive our work to identify, teach, and acknowledge specific behavioral skills that are demonstrated by Leading Lakers in each location of our school. We look forward to sharing this framework with our families as we progress throughout the school year and watch our Leading Lakers shine!

You might have noticed a new voice if you have called our school recently. I would like to give a special thank you to Isabella Flores, who shared her Laker spirit and friendly voice to proudly help us communicate with our families. We are proud each and every day of Isabella and all of our Leading Laker students here at the Curtiss School!

Our hard work and collaboration are united around a common focus – the success of each and every one of our children. Please take a close look at the information shared in this edition of Laker Lines in preparation for the year ahead. As always, thank you for preparing your child each and every day to learn – GO LAKERS!

## Reminder for Families of 10:30am Deadline for Changes at Dismissal

Our Elementary Office would like to thank all families for your timely communication as we shifted to a 10:30 am deadline for notifying our office of any changes at dismissal for your child during the 2017-2018 school year.

Our office is now utilizing a resource called "Bus Notes" that enables all changes to student dismissal routines to be entered into our system and communicated clearly and efficiently between our classroom teachers, supervision staff, transportation department, and our office. When Miss Darcie is aware of all changes for that day by 10:30 am, this allows time for this communication to take place and ensure that there is clarity on the dismissal routines for all of our children before our buses depart at the end of the day.

Should an emergency arise that necessitates a change after this timeframe, please do not hesitate to contact our office to speak to Mr. Koehler for administrative approval. Our dismissal times will continue to be 2:25 for our primary students, and 2:30 for students in grades 3-6. Parent pick-up will continue to be located at the high school library foyer entrance.

### Classroom Supply Lists:

Supply lists for all grade levels have been updated on our district website. They can be found at [www.hammondsportcsd.org](http://www.hammondsportcsd.org). Please reach out to the Elementary School Office or the Jr./Sr. High School Office with any questions at 569-5200.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone in September!



## Changes to the Elementary Morning Routine

We are thrilled to be able to offer free breakfast and lunch to all of our children beginning in the 2018-2019 school year. With the increased numbers of students our district will be serving in the morning, we have been closely collaborating with the high school office, maintenance staff, transportation department, and cafeteria staff to plan out logistics for a safe and efficient morning routine that provides our students with the opportunity to eat a healthy breakfast, enjoy social time with friends, and have a positive start to each day of learning.

All students riding buses in the morning will exit their bus upon arrival and enter through the Elementary entrance. Students will report to the locations outlined below:

- Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten: Elementary Music Room
- Students in Grades 1-4: Elementary Gym
- Students in Grades 5-6: Cafeteria

Students in pre-kindergarten and kindergarten will continue to have a dedicated time for a family-style breakfast built into their schedules following morning announcements. Staff will be available to serve breakfast and supervise in both our Elementary gym and cafeteria. Tables will be designated for each grade level. Even if your child is not eating breakfast at school, he/she will still report to these areas as a part of a consistent and safe morning routine. Staff will be visible and available at the start of the year to help students learn this new routine, and our staff will be closely observing and evaluating our new procedures to make them as effective as possible.

## Roads Traveled by Hammondsport Buses

**Chuck French-#128**- Winding Stairs, All roads off of Cty Rte 113(Hutches, Lockwood, Van Amburg, Boot Jack), North Urbana Road, Fleet to Ridge, Cty Rte 87 from North Urbana to Rte 54.

**Jim McNulty-#125**- Reservoir Hill, Van Ness, Two Rod, Glenbrook, Cty Rte 77, Briglin, Middle Road, Upper Gallagher and Greyton Taylor Drive, Longwell Cross.

**Bill Fries-#124**- West side Waneta Lake, Sylvan Beach area, Lake Shore, Shorewood, Back Street, Coryell Rd, Breezy Knob (County Route 114) area and County Route 87.

**Guy Fitzpatrick- #132**- Cty Rt. 76, Cty Rt. 74, South Pulteney, Armstrong, Brown, Cty Rte 78, Stone Rd, Thomas Rd, Tobey, Brown Rd.

**Dick Rice-#127**- East Lake Rd, Grove Springs Rd, Hyatt Hill, Silsbee, SR 230, East Waneta Lake, Olde Bath Rd, Cty. Rte. 95.

**Scott Korzon-#126**- West Lake Rd, Chitsey Hill, Coryell, Roff Hill, Cross Street, Pulteney Library area, Orsino's Day Care, 54a and Village Park area, Cty. Rt. 76.

**Gordy Lanphere-#131**- Most of Hammondsport Village (Liberty, Lake Streets, Wheeler and Davis Aves), Pleasant Valley and Mitchellsville Hill, County Route 88 and 89 area and South Valley Road, State Route 54.

If you have any questions regarding transportation, please stop in at the Bus Garage or give us a call.

—Bill Fries 569-5200 X 6

## Calendar of Events

- 9/5 WELCOME BACK  
Opening Day
- 9/14 School Picture Day
- 9/18 Dads' Take Your Child to  
Breakfast Day, 7:30am
- 9/19 BoE Regular Meeting, 6pm
- 9/28 Homecoming Parade, 5pm  
Last Day to Register for  
October ACT Exam
- 10/4 Elementary Open House,  
6pm
- 10/5 Last Day to Register for  
November SAT Exam
- 10/8 Columbus Day  
No School
- 10/17 Picture Retake Day  
BoE Regular Meeting, 6pm
- 10/19 Conference Day  
No School
- 10/31 Halloween Parade, 1:15pm

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