



**HAMMONDSPORT
CENTRAL SCHOOL**

Laker Lines

December 2012



Section V Champs!

Varsity volleyball team members celebrate their sectional victory over rivals Prattsburgh on

November 3rd, at Avoca Central School

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.

Aiming High

News from Hammondspport Central School District Superintendent Kyle Bower

Every once in a while, you become aware of events that remind you why you chose the path in life that you did. In the midst of everyone's daily grind, it can be difficult to look back and remember the initial pattern of decisions that makes up one's present situation. It seems the longer you do something, the more the tendency to focus on difficulties, change, and the frustration that things aren't 'like they used to be'. Some events in the last few weeks have reminded me why education is such a challenging business, but also why I would never want to do anything else.

Here at HCS we have a student named Kyle Orr. I have known Kyle since he started Kindergarten. I have had the privilege of meeting his grandmother and father over the years and whenever called upon, they have been there for both Kyle and the school. Every morning, rain or shine, you can find Kyle at the back door entrance to the Main Street School. If the weather is bad, he may wait just inside the door, but as soon as anyone reaches for the handle, he opens it wide and greets that person with a heart-felt "good morning". If it's a Friday, he may share his weekend plans or he may ask you what you've got going on. Whether it is a teacher with an armload of books and bags, or a young student simply carrying a backpack, he is there with a smile. Kyle's daily routine could be viewed as no more than common courtesy by others who may see it on an infrequent basis. However, knowing Kyle, it is much more than that. He is a young man that wants to be helpful and sees being helpful as a responsibility he enjoys and he expects nothing in return. Kyle doesn't hold the door because it's an assignment in a class, he does it because someone has taught him courtesy and respect along the way. Kyle is the kind of role model we sometimes look past in the midst of a busy morning, and that's really too bad. Not anymore.

On Saturday, November 3rd the Hammondspport Laker Volleyball Team won the Section V Class D Championship by defeating Prattsburgh at Avoca Central School. Although the championship was an excellent and well earned achievement, there was an event that occurred during one of the games that made me take pause and put the event in perspective. During a critical point in the second game, the line judge in front of our bench made a bad call. After a lengthy volley, a Prattsburgh player sent the ball back over the net and the official called the ball out of the back line. The missed call was clear to the fans sitting in the bleachers but the head official accepted the call of the line judge. Even though the score was very close, and this was the championship game, our head coach Julie Amsden informed the head official that the call was wrong and Prattsburgh should be awarded the point and the serve. I thank Julie for not only leading our team to the championship, but for showing our athletes and our fans that there is a right way to do it, no matter what.

As we make our way through the holiday season, I hope everyone takes the time to look at what is good around us. In the coming year as a District we will struggle with a budget and we will make difficult decisions. We are prepared and we will work through it together. Today, I'm thankful for Kyle, Julie, and the countless others here at HCS that remind me on a daily basis why the difficult work is so very worth it. Happy holidays!

October/November BOE Highlights

- Approved 2012 Bus Purchase Resolution to be placed on December 13, 2012 ballot
- Approved 2013-2014 Budget Development Calendar
- Accepted Donation of Lumber for Ellis Island project from Garreson Lumber and Ron Chilson
- Approved Updated/Revised Concussion Management Policy

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; Frank Curran, Vice President; Richard Drain, Dennis Carlson and Christine Kolo.

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

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM CLAIMS SECTION V TITLE!

On Saturday, November 3, the Hammondsport Varsity Volleyball team claimed the Section V Class D title after defeating Prattsburgh by a score of 3-0. This was the third sectional title in the history of the program (2008, 1987).

As the number one seed going into the sectional tournament, the Lakers cruised through the quarterfinal and semifinal matches against CG Finney and Lyndonville never dropping a set. The semifinal win set up a #1 versus #2 seed match-up with Prattsburgh. Though the Lakers had beaten Prattsburgh during the regular season, the Vikings were one of only two teams to win a set against the Laker starting line-up this season.

"Prattsburgh always plays us tough and we expected them to come out swinging in the championship match," said Coach Julie Amsden. The Lakers kicked off the match with an early 7-0 lead behind the serving of sophomore defensive specialist Aly Binnert, but the Vikings quickly rallied back to bring the score within one point. After a series of point exchanges, the girls finally closed out the first set by a score of 25-19. In the second set, the girls dug themselves an early 6-0 hole until the offensive attack of Lori Gordon, Carly Presley and Taylin Bower came to life to tie up the set at 10-10. The lead changed several times in the second set, but the Lakers once again came out on top by a score of 25-19. With a 2-0 lead going into the third set, the girls played with renewed confidence. They carved out an early lead and never looked back, cruising to 25-12 third set win and the Section V Championship title. Leading the Lakers' attack were Lori Gordon with 14 kills and Brooke Clark with 9 kills. Carly Presley and Taylin Bower chipped in another 6 and 5 kills respectively. Defensively, Alissa Walruth had 11 digs while Aly Binnert added another 7 digs.

Aly, Alissa and Lori were all named to the Section V Class D All-Tournament team and senior setter Lauren Binnert, who has run the Laker offense for the past 3 years, was named the Section V Class D Tournament MVP.

"I am extremely proud of my girls. I have many who work at improving their game year round by participating in travel volleyball and summer camps, and this hard work has finally paid off in a well deserved sectional championship."

The following girls made the SCL All Star Team:

Alissa Walruth - SCL MVP

Lauren Binnert, Brooke Clark & Lori Gordon - 1st Team

Aly Binnert - 2nd Team

Carly Presley and Sydney Sprague - Honorable Mention

Elementary News

~ by Elementary Principal Michelle Sincerbox

Welcome December! The fall months have been busy for Glenn Curtiss Elementary. September was spent getting to know our class rules and procedures, how to behave on the school bus as well as learning about our Lakers Motto. With October's fresh, crisp, air came open house, homecoming and of course the Halloween Parade. Already we have used our first "snow" day due to Hurricane Sandy. I want to thank everyone for the wonderful response to our Hurricane Relief Drive! With all of your donations we were able to load over 50 boxes and bags to be transported to the east coast for those affected by the Hurricane. Thank you especially to the students of our sixth grade class for initiating this service and to the Ruddy Family for taking the supplies to the area! [It is always wonderful to see everyone working together to help those in need!](#) This is a reminder of what a wonderful school and community we have.

Students have completed the (NWEA) Northwest Evaluation Association (MAP) Measures of Academic Progress assessment. This assessment measures where your students are compared to other students across the nation. The test provides our teachers a baseline of where each child is in both English Language Arts and Mathematics and allows them to measure progress throughout the year. Parents will hear more about these assessments and the results during parent teacher conferences and other meetings throughout the year.

The Veteran's Day Celebration took place on Friday, November 9, 2012. The celebration began with breakfast in the cafeteria for students and guests, an assembly that included patriotic songs, a salute to all veterans and their families, as well as speeches put together and presented by students of the elementary school. I want to thank our Music Department, student council, and all students and teachers for their work in bringing this together for a second year! I also want to thank the members of the American Legion Post 407 for visiting.

December brings us celebrations, concerts and special breakfasts as well. The concert for K-12 will take place on December 13th. Please watch for more information on these and other events. Remember our Littlest Lakers need consistency and routine even through the hustle and bustle of the holidays. As always, stay safe and healthy this holiday season!



Hammondsport Senior Receives National Recognition



Class of 2013 senior Christopher Thompson has been recognized as a student of commendation by the National Merit Scholarship. Students nationwide are evaluated based on the score they achieve on the PSAT test, which is

taken during the sophomore year. Over 1.5 million students took the PSAT/NMSQT test last spring, with Christopher landing among the top 34,000 being recognized for their scores. Way to go, Chris!

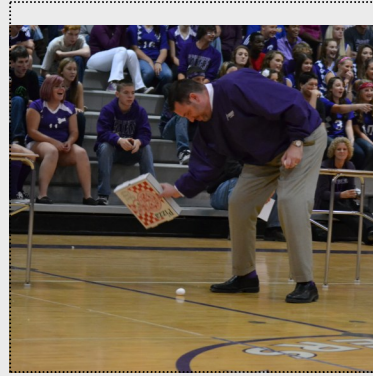


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Dalton Ordway attempts to win at 'Chocolate Unicorn' with his partner, Sydney McGinn.



Matt Johnson tries to win at rolling a quarter into the tines of a fork.



Mr. Bower tries his hand at the Eggroll Competition

Hunter and Alissa team up in an attempt to win the Walrus game.



Mrs. Kuhl-Peterson doesn't understand how to play the Walrus game.

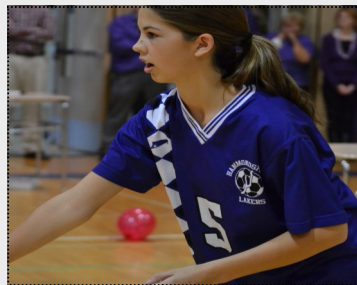


Pep Rally Fun & Games



Trenton Kolodziejczak demonstrates his winning form in the Eggroll game

Graham O'Donnell is a pro at Full-Tilt Boogie.



Jillian Farmer pitches ping-pong balls at her partner during Full-Tilt Boogie.



Carmen rules at Defying Gravity; Ravid, not so much...



Eric Lannon tries his skills out during pep rally games.



Olivia apparently questions her partner's skills while she is the 'Human Backboard'.



"Good egg. Gooood egg. Go up on the base."



2012 Homecoming Court



King & Queen: Gavin Cornish & Alissa Walruth
Prince & Princess: Jay Ohradzanski & Claire Kolodziejczak
Duke & Duchess: Quentin Carvajal & Sydney McGinn
Baron & Baroness: Trevor Filkins & Trehana Hoad
8th grade Pages: George Ruddy & Ashlyn Amsden
7th grade Pages: Billy Whitney & Kelsey Hoyt

2015's CLUE float



The 8th grade parades with their theme, chess.



Laker Pride out in full force at parade time!



Homecoming 2012

The Class of 2016 with the winning float from the parade competitions and their theme Monopoly.

*** Reminder ***

Please remember to vote on the Hammondspport Central School Bus and Vehicle Purchase on December 13th (Thursday), 2012 from 12:00PM-8:00PM in the Main Street School Lobby.

What you are being asked to vote on is:

1. Purchase for use in student transportation two seventy (70) passenger school buses and one (1) eight passenger van for a total amount not to exceed \$214,648.
2. Expend the maximum amount from the 1997 Bus Purchase Reserve and close that reserve. That reserve has a current balance of approximately \$50,648.
3. Expend an amount not to exceed \$164,000 from the voter approved 2012 Capital Reserve for Transportation.

This purchase will be completely paid for through District reserves which were voter approved solely for this purpose and will have no impact on the tax levy.

For more information, a public hearing will be held on Thursday, December 6, 2012 at 6pm in the High School Library.



Senior Danny Becker was chosen to play on the Steuben County Athletic Association Exceptional Senior boys soccer team . The team of seniors from Steuben County played against the team from Alleghany County, defeating them 3-0 on the fields at Arkport Central School, Monday, November 11, 2012 at 2pm. Dan was the lone representative from Hammondspport chosen by the coaches and officials for boys varsity soccer in Steuben County. Excellent job, Danny!

Way to go!

Lakers at Large



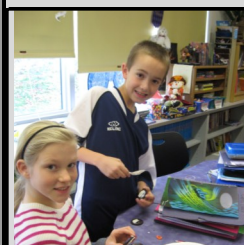
As we have all

seen, the East Coast was hit hard by Hurricane Sandy .

As we watch the news stories and speak with friends and family members hurt by this storm, we have all wondered what we can do to help the efforts to restore these towns and bring aid to the people that have been hit the hardest. In our school communi-

ty, one of our families, the Ruddys, volunteered to bring supplies down to areas in Monmouth County, specifically the Keansburg and Highlands, NJ areas, one where families have been displaced from their homes and are living in the local middle school. George and Jen Ruddy are from that area and have been in contact with family, friends and organizations that are collecting supplies. The Sixth Graders pitched in to help collect supplies that the Ruddys took down to these areas that were given directly to families hit the hardest. The sixth graders collected and packaged the following items for the Ruddys to deliver :

- Non perishable foods,
- Toiletries
- Baby care items
- Pet food
- Cleaning supplies
- Hand warmer packets
- Garbage bags
- Buckets



Science Fun in 5th Grade

5th graders in Mrs. Stevens' (currently Miss Archer's) class researched and created planet projects for a cross curricular ELA/Science project, as well as used Oreos to make models of the different phases of the moon.



HCS DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS "THE LEGEND OF SLEEPY HOLLOW"



One audience member was heard stating upon his exit from the theater, "This is their best yet!" Kudos to the HCS Drama Club on another successful production. The club is advised by Mrs. LeClair and Mrs. Stone. This production was stage managed by Eddie Murphy.



Hammondsport Students Assist with Fall Cleanup

Submitted by Kathleen Burns

Hammondsport students took time out of their Veterans Day Holiday to assist older individuals in the Pulteney area. This year, Hammondsport students residing in Pulteney assisted with leaf raking and yard clean-up for three older residents. Mr. Jim Derr, Guidance Counselor at Hammondsport High School, made the personal contact with students requesting their assistance, and four students came forward to help. The school is committed to continuing to offer intergenerational volunteer activities to students in the future.



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This activity was coordinated by Kathy Burns, Pulteney Aging in Place Coordinator, under a project initiated by Steuben Senior Services Fund, Inc.

From the desk of
Tad Rounds,
Jr./Sr. High School Principal

Congratulations to the Hammondsport Junior/ Senior High staff for the school's recognition as a Reward School by the NYSED (New York State Education Department). Hammondsport was one of 250 schools in the state recognized for as High Performing school based upon student achievement on Regents assessments and graduation rates. Special recognition goes to the Girls Volleyball Team on their Sectional Title. The girls had a tremendous season and all fall athletes should be proud of the sportsmanship that they exercised during the season.

In the area of academics, all students in grades 7 and 8th have taken a computerized assessment in mathematics and ELA (English Language Arts) known as the NWEAs (Northwest Evaluation Assessments). These assessments provide diagnostic information on students' strengths and weaknesses and compares progress against a national norm. Teachers will now be able have an accurate picture of the reading and mathematical aptitude of their students and monitor progress against a national norm.

A special thank you to the community, Hammondsport Fire Department, Student Council and PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) for their participation in the Annual Hammondsport Community Basketball Game. Both the Hammondsport Community Fund and the local food pantry benefited from the generous donations of community members.

The adoption of the Common Core Learning Standards has increased the academic rigor of the ELA (English Language Arts) and math curriculum. 2013 is the first year that the new standards will be assessed. The following is an example problem from **the 8th Grade Math Assessment:**

A trainer for a professional football team keeps track of the amount of water players consume throughout practice. The trainer observes that the amount of water consumed is a linear function of the temperature on a given day. The trainer finds that when it is 90 F the players consume about 220 gallons of water, and when it is 76 F the players consume about 178 gallons of water.

Write a linear function to model the relationship between the gallons of water consumed and the temperature.

Explain the meaning of the slope in the context of the problem.

The increased level of rigor is a great thing for students and will require support and teamwork from all stakeholders to ensure their continued success.

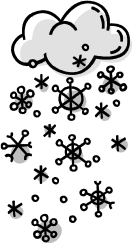


Calendar Items

12/10	Yearbook Holiday Gram Sales Start
12/13	Progress Period 2 Ends Holiday Choral Concert, 7pm
12/19	BOE Regular Meeting, 7pm
12/20	Holiday Band Concert (5th-12th), 7pm
12/21	Breakfast with Santa, cafeteria
12/24	No School, Winter Break
12/25	No School, Winter Break
12/26	No School, Winter Break
12/27	No School, Winter Break Girls Varsity Bball @ Alfred State 5:30pm Boys Varsity Bball @ JT Tourney 5:45pm Boys JV Bball @ JT Tourney 2:30pm
12/28	No School, Winter Break Boys Varsity Bball @ JT Tourney 5:45 or 7:15pm Boys JV Bball @ JT Tourney 2:30 or 4pm
12/29	Girls Varsity Bball @ Alfred State 3:45 or 7:15
12/31	No School, Winter Break
1/01	No School, Winter Break
1/07	PTO Meeting, 6:30pm
1/14	No School, MLK day
1/16	BOE Meeting, 6 pm
1/22-25	NYS Regents Exams (follow regular sched.)
1/25	2nd marking period ends
1/28	Semester #2 begins

Winter Weather Information

Check the following stations for school closing updates.

WVIN	Bath	98.3 FM	
WFLR	Dundee	95.9 FM or 1570 AM	
WSKG	Corning/Elmira	91.9 FM	
	Hornell	88.7 FM	
WYLF	Ithaca/Watkins	90.9 FM	
	Penn Yan 850 AM		
WROC TV	Rochester	Channel 10	
WENY TV	Elmira	Channel 36	
WETM TV	Elmira	Channel 18	

1st Quarter Honor Roll Announced

High Honor Roll

Seventh Grade

Luke Atkinson, Dillan Conley, Morgan Hess, Tyler Hill, Kelsey Hoyt, Caleigh Hunn, Paige McDonald, Elissa Martinez, Sarah Miller, Cameron Roote, Ann Szathmary, Olivia Varallo

Eighth Grade

Ashlyn Amsden, Paige Faucett, Hailey Finch, Madisen Jones, Etta Martinez, David Mitchell, Corrine Mori, Graham O'Donnell, Jared Raab, George Ruddy, Lauren Sprague

Ninth Grade

Gabriel Barone, Helena Carvajal, Gregory DiTomasso, Cameron Drain, Emily Eckel, Jillian Farmer, Trevor Filkins, Olivia Fitzwater, Lily Hopkins, Katelynn Hoyt, Victoria Yahn

Tenth Grade

Princes Baliguin, Alyson Binnert, Quentin Carvajal, Eric Lannon, Aaron Lowin, Eladio Martinez Jr., Sydney McGinn, Edward Murphy, Kelsey Sack, Morgan Sincerbox, Amanda Sprague, Ann Stone, Arianna Turner, Joseph Woods

Eleventh Grade

Elizabeth Albright, Taylin Bower, Caitlin Burns, Carrington Ellis, Lori Gordon, Claudia Guerin, Korynne House, Dalton Mori, Sydney Sprague

Twelfth Grade

Connor Amsden, Lauren Binnert, Brooke Clark, Carmen Coppola, Ryan Eckel, Sydney Farmer, Helene Hermansen, Matthew Lowin

Honor Roll

Seventh Grade

Laurenze Baliguin, Deonna Deal, Benjamin Fingar, Robin Jenkins, Joshua Lannon, Morgan Sherman, Brittany Storrs

Eighth Grade

Aubrey Hill, Justin Hilligus, Damein Personious, Chloe Puschart

Ninth Grade

Aaliyah Foster, Heaven Hess, Cameron Jensen, Jamie Long, Jayne Pomplas, Alexis Salisbury, Jordon Thompson, Maisie Tones, Carter Watson, Tanessa Whitney

Tenth Grade

Sarah Bates, Collin Conklin, Ashlee Graham, Collin Graves, Brian Kilbury, Olivia Makarick, Dalton Ordway, Brianna Powell, Ravid Sananas

Eleventh Grade

Brandi Bailey, John Baliguin, Gaige Dickerson, Lauren Farmer, Trenton Kolodziejczak, Claire Kolodziejczak, Luke Peacock, Nick Peacock, Hannah Ridge, David VonRhedey

Twelfth Grade

Kelly Bray, Kaley Bray, Morgan Erway, Kareena Hoyt, Zachary Wade, Mary Webber

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