

**HAMMONDSPORT
CENTRAL SCHOOL**

Laker Lines

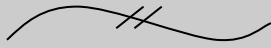
January 2014



Jackson Cummings, Ashley Ardon, and Olivia Varallo measure heat given off by calcium chloride (sidewalk salt).

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.

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Mr. Kyle Bower,

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Parents and Community Members-

Happy 2014! With the end of 2013, we have brought work on our building project to a close until June. We have completed our roof replacement, plumbing and electrical upgrades, and many other items that made up the majority of year one work. There will be a great deal to do between June and November 2014, but we look forward to continuing to improve the efficiency and safety of our 1955 building.

The challenging weather this year has certainly mirrored the many challenges we continue to face in the world of education. There is no doubt that the implementation and roll out of the Common Core Learning Standards and curriculum materials by the State Education Department has been flawed. The administration and School Board has voiced our unhappiness to our legislators, State Ed officials, and the Commissioner of Education directly. While the roll out by the State has had issues, I can't praise our teachers, parents, and students enough for the hard work they are putting in during this challenging time. There are great things taking place in our classrooms every day and our students are rising up to meet these new, more challenging standards!

Thank you to the parents and students who have asked questions, voiced concerns, or have asked for help as we all continue to work our way through these challenging times! Working together, we can make great things happen for our students!

2014-2015 School Budget Process

The annual District budget development process is now in full swing as we review the Governor's State Budget proposal and the impact that will have on our District. There is no doubt that the many factors facing education at this point in time, will make maintaining all of our current District programs very challenging. Please consider attending a Board of Education meeting or Budget workshop over the next few months as the 2014-2015 school budget is put together. All meeting dates are posted on the District website at www.hammondspportcsd.org. There will be some very difficult decisions that are going to need to be made and community involvement and awareness is critical.

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 Kevin Bennett.

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

Superintendent of Schools: Kyle Bower

Newsletter Editor: Ami Corell



Parents are reminded that if they wish to exempt their child(ren) from the BMI (body mass index) surveys that are usually scheduled in February and March, that this can be done by contacting the

Chillin' Out with the Math Department



On Wednesday, January 22nd, the junior/senior high school math department held a Common Core parent workshop in the high school library from 6:00 – 7:30 pm. The intention of this workshop was to inform the parents about possible resources and help in deciphering the complexities of the common core that are encountered as we progress throughout the year. Each math teacher gave examples of the types of problems being done in class, and offered suggestions to parents about ways to help their child learn and understand what is expected in finding a solution.

The turnout was better than expected, and the department is hoping to continue this forum on a monthly basis, with the next one tentatively planned for Thursday, February 27th from 6:00--7:00 pm. Keep an eye out for further information. If you have any questions or suggestions please e-mail Mr. Platukis at jplatukis@hport.wnyric.org.

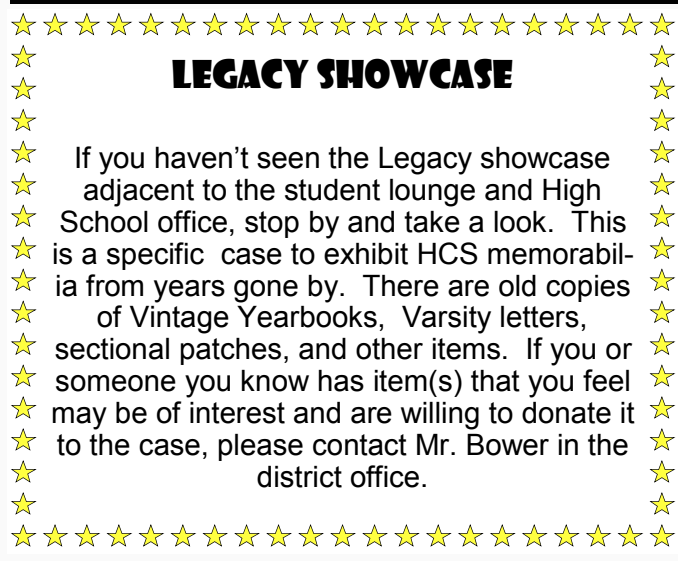
Strike a Pose!



If you haven't walked the halls at HCS recently, you should take the time to stroll through. The Vintage yearbook staff has been working diligently to post photos of students and staff throughout the building. They can be seen in the hallways by the gymnasium, the student lounge, the downstairs high school wing, the music hallways, and elementary entrance currently. With the help of Mr. Bower and Mr. Cummings, more frames are arriving weekly and being hung throughout other areas of the building, soon to be filled. More frames will be hung in the primary wing following this summer's construction projects. The staff changes the pictures out in a rotation approximately every 10-15 weeks. When photos are removed, they are generally given to that student, while group photos are often given to coaches or classroom teachers. If you would like a photo of **your child** when it comes down from the wall, please contact one of the yearbook advisors (Mrs. Corell at acorell@hport.wnyric.org or Mrs. McLoud at rmcloud@hport.wnyric.org) to set that up. The staff cannot print duplicates of the large photos due to cost of materials. If you would like to have the photo file emailed to you **after yearbooks are distributed in the spring**, that could also be arranged, if requested in a timely manner. Thank you.

LEGACY SHOWCASE

If you haven't seen the Legacy showcase adjacent to the student lounge and High School office, stop by and take a look. This is a specific case to exhibit HCS memorabilia from years gone by. There are old copies of Vintage Yearbooks, Varsity letters, sectional patches, and other items. If you or someone you know has item(s) that you feel may be of interest and are willing to donate it to the case, please contact Mr. Bower in the district office.



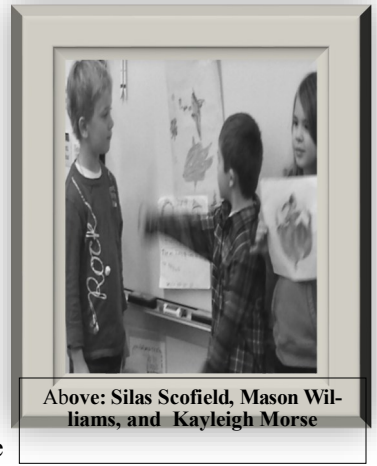
What's Happening in: Mrs. Underhill's First Grade

Below: Jacob Rosenbloom, Arielle Szathmary, and Savannah Morris



We are so proud of the students in Mrs. Underhill's first grade classroom! The class recently formed small groups and presented a retell of a story to their class. Each group shared a different story they had heard from the *Different Lands*, *Similar Stories*, a Listening and Learning unit of the Common Core Learning Standards. The children practiced retelling the plot of the story and also presented the characters, setting and key vocabulary within the story. I was

especially impressed with the students' ability to use the retell to make connections to other stories they had read.



Above: Silas Scofield, Mason Williams, and Kayleigh Morse

Posters were created to assist the students with their retell. All students had the opportunity to ask each group questions about their story and the questions were answered completely and with appropriate

ABC Classroom Bee Room Spelling

1st Grade

Mason Williams, Zoey Christensen, and Lillah Morgan

2nd Grade

Ryelan Jones, Danica Dresser, Markus Tompkins, and Tara Sahni

3rd Grade

Cadence Butler, Blake Wright, Riley Wilkinson, and Christopher Hill

4th Grade

Victoria Morgan, Ethan Tones, and Aliyah Loquasto

5th Grade

Justice Jones, Zak Davis, Makaylah Drum, and Madison Pifer

6th Grade

Amanda O'Donnell, Dylan McGinn, Annliese Morgan, and Gavin Ruddy

News from Elementary Principal,

Mrs. Michelle Sincerbox

Glenn Curtiss Elementary has been busy with our classroom spelling bees. Each classroom first through sixth grade has two winners. The winners of the classroom bees are as follows:

First grade- Mason Williams, Alivia Herzog, Lillah Morgan, Zoey Christensen

Second grade- Danica Dresser, Ryelan Jones, Tara Sahni, Markus Tompkins

Third grade- Cadence Butler, Christopher Hill, Riley Wilkinson, Blake Wright

Fourth grade- Katrina Derby, Aliyah Loquasto, Ethan Tones, Victoria Morgan

Fifth grade- Zak Davis, Makaylah Drum, Justice Jones, Madison Pifer

Sixth grade- Dylan McGinn, Annaliese Morgan, Amanda O'Donnell, Gavin Ruddy

The spelling winners will participate in the school wide spelling bee on February 27th in our auditorium and will include students from our junior high this year. The students that win this bee will move to our regional spelling bee in March. The winner of the regional spelling bee will move on to Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington DC. Last year we had two elementary students, Natalie Lowin and Eli Hill, attend the regional spelling bee at Campbell-Savona. The students and staff are very excited to see who goes this year! I want to thank Mrs. Curran and Mrs. Pulver for their work holding the spelling bees in their classes. Thank you to Mrs. Julie Vargo for volunteering her time in putting this together for us each year. Thank you to Mr. Kloiber for being the MC for our school wide spelling bee and finally a big thank you to our parents for supporting your children throughout the program.

Our annual career day is scheduled for February 7th for grades four through sixth. Thank you parents that are volunteering your time to share your careers to our students. This is an educational yet fun time for our students.

Lunch with the principal is in full swing. Lunch with the principal is a special privilege with students at each grade level who demonstrate our LAKERS motto on a regular basis and use polite manners and good behaviors during all lunch times. The students are given a special individualized pizza, salad, fruit and an ice cream as well as a private setting to enjoy lunch with the elementary principal. Students get excited about this lunch, as demonstrated by one statement made by first grader, "This is the best day ever!"

Please remember as winter temperatures continue children need to be dressed in layers. Students should wear boots, hats and mittens every day in the event we would need to go outside for any reason. Students can be outside for recess every day that it is above 20 degrees. Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten registration is fast approaching. Please call our office if you have a child who will be of age to attend Pre-kindergarten and/or Kindergarten. Registration will be held on February 27th from 5-7 in the elementary office. Stay warm!



Hammondsport Walking Program

Hours: Mon/Wed/Friday from 5-8pm

1. All walkers must be over 18 and have a signed waiver on file with the District. If you are new, please sign and place under District Office door before walking.
2. Do not leave valuables unattended.
3. Everyone who walks must sign in and sign out of the building.
4. Please enter through the back door on the left side of the HS gym. Please make sure to exit from the same door.
5. Shoes for walking must be free of mud and dirt.
6. Please respect areas that the cleaners may be in and avoid them.

AED units are located throughout the building. One is located on the left wall outside the District Office across from the nurse's office.

Any questions, please contact the District Office at

#569-5200 *Have Fun!*

****LIFESAVING TIP FOR SCHOOL BUS RIDERS****

Warning!

DRAWSTRINGS CAN CATCH ON OBJECTS AND STRANGLE YOUR CHILD!

Recommended Guidelines

- Remove drawstrings immediately.

OR

- Sew a seam through the drawstring at the middle of the hood and neck, so neither end can pull out and catch onto an object.

AND

- Cut all string ends as short as needed to close the garment.

- Waist/Bottom drawstrings of upper outerwear should measure no more than 3 inches from where strings extend out of the garment.

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission



1st Qtr. Honor Roll



7th Grade
 Javier Ardon
 Judith Bramson
 Alex Davis
 Colin Drain
 Marilyn Hawley
 Blake Hess
 Alliyah Jensen
 Io'na Moore
 Travis Raab
 Hailey Ritter
 Lucas Robords
 Nigel Ruise
 Paige Stopka
 Jonah Wilkinson
 Noah Wilkinson

9th Grade
 Haley Finch
 Benjermin Hall
 Aubrey Hill
 Cameron McConnell
 Corinne Mori

10th Grade
 Ethan Bower
 Cameron Drain
 Trehana Hoad
 Katelynn Hoyt
 Jami Long
 Brittany Morgan
 Alexis Salisbury
 Maisie Tones
 Carter Watson
 Tanessa Whitney

11th Grade
 Princes Baliguin
 Ashlee Graham
 Collin Graves
 Kourtney Hoyt
 Dominick Koseba
 Olivia Makarick
 Eladio Martinez Jr.
 Dalton Ordway
 Ravid Sananas
 Morgan Sincerbox
 Amanda Sprague

12th Grade
 Brandi Bailey
 Claudia Eygabroat
 Sonja Kreuzmair
 Hannah Ridge

8th Grade
 Luke Atkinson
 Kelsey Hoyt
 Katherine Jakubowski
 Brittany Storrs



1st Qtr. High Honor Roll

7th Grade
 Megan Allen
 Tea' Bendick
 Natalie Lowin
 Shelby Sherman
 Jaida Smith
 Parker Watson

8th Grade
 Dillan Conley
 Rachael Derby
 Morgan Hess
 Tyler Hill
 Caleigh Hunn
 Paige MacDonald
 Elissa Martinez
 Sarah Miller
 Cameron Roote
 Ann Szathmary
 Olivia Varallo
 Anna Vogel

9th Grade
 Madisen Jones
 Edda Martinez
 David Mitchell
 Graham O'Donnell
 Jared Raab
 George Ruddy

10th Grade
 Gabriel Barone
 Helena Carvajal
 Emily Davis
 Gregory DiTomasso
 Emily Eckel
 Jillian Farmer
 Trevor Filkins
 Olivia Fitzwater
 Heaven Hess
 Lily Hopkins
 Victoria Yahn

11th Grade
 Alyson Binnert
 Quentin Carvajal
 Aaron Lowin
 Sydney McGinn
 Edward Murphy IV
 Kelsey Sack
 Ann Stone
 Arianna Turner

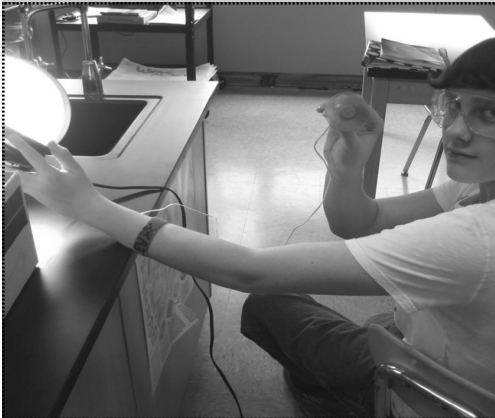
12th Grade
 Elizabeth Albright
 Laura Amez-Droz
 Taylin Bower
 Carrington Ellis
 Lauren Farmer
 Lori Gordon
 Korynne House
 Dalton Mori
 Sydney Sprague



SCIENCE HAPPENINGS FROM FIRST SEMESTER

Submitted by Mrs. Lindsey Orzel

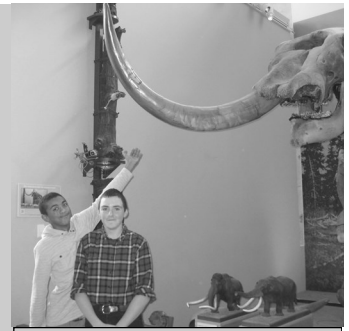
Hammondsport scientists have been busy during the first semester of the year. 7th graders just finished a unit on the Chemistry of cells, while 8th graders wrapped up a unit on energy transformations. Earth Science students were able to take a field trip to the Museum of the Earth in Ithaca to cap off their study of our planet's



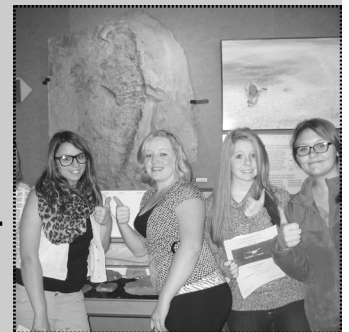
Joe Rago uses a PV Cell to power a fan

tinyurl.com/k6vypq9

history. Physics students are continuing their work with vectors and Integrated Students have been busy analyzing crime scenes. With flu season in full swing, students in Living Environment investigated current health issues, analyzed disease statistics and interventions, and brainstormed ways to reduce epidemic threats. In an effort to help the school community better understand and deal with disease, students developed an informative website that deals with a range of global health issues. Check out their work by typing in the following url: <http://>



Nicco Byer and Kevin Conger pose with a Mastodon skeleton.



Earth Scientists are caught with a giant Eurypterid (sea scorpion)—our NYS fossil!

Hammondsport Students Understand the Importance of Volunteering



Members of Student Council with over 50 coats collected during their annual coats, hats, and mittens drive.

Pro-Pres Prepares Students for Life Beyond HCS

Mrs. Derr's Professional Presentations class traveled to Eastview Mall on December 9th to work on dressing for success. The seniors worked with a personal shopper who discussed acceptable attire for different professions then took them to Macy's to find pieces that could work in a beginning wardrobe for each of the students. Students had to find 8-10 pieces of clothing that would coordinate to make as many outfits as possible. Although students are often reluctant to try on professional looking clothing, they are pleasantly surprised when they see that it can transform their appearance. Students didn't actually purchase the clothing; thanks to Macy's, they were allowed to just try on and record each piece.



Seniors in Professional Presentations work on public speaking as well as presenting themselves professionally to build confidence and establish credibility.

You've Been Accepted!

Congratulations to the following students for their recent college acceptance notifications.

<u>Student</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Scholarship Received</u>
Lauren Farmer	Canisius College Marymount College—Manhattan Campus Sage College of Albany	Dean's Honor Award
Sydney Sprague	Towson University	
Elizabeth Albright	D'Youville College St. John Fisher College	D'Youville Honors Scholarship Trustees Scholarship
Nicholas Peacock	SUNY Plattsburgh	Award for Academic Excellence
Trenton Kolodziejczak	Niagara University	
Lori Gordon	Penn State University University of Maryland	
Carrington Ellis	Kent State University	
Korynne House lege	Corning Community Col- lege Tompkins Cortland Community College	



Calendar Items

2/14	Valentine's Day
2/17-21	Winter Break NO SCHOOL
2/19	BoE Regular mtg. 6pm

PUBLIC NOTICE REMINDER

Section 3635 of education Law requires notification by parents or guardians of requests for private/parochial school transportation services prior to April 1st of each school year for the following school year. Request forms are available at the bus garage, 7960 SR 54, Hammondsport, NY. If you need additional information, contact Bill Fries, Transportation Supervisor at 607-569-5200.

Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration

Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration for the 2014-2015 school year will be held at the Hammondsport Elementary School on Thursday, February 27th from 5:00 – 7:00 PM in the Elementary Office. To register, parents will need to show documentation that their child will be 5 years old by December 1, 2014 for Kindergarten and/or 4 years old by December 1, 2014 for Pre-K. You will need to provide a birth certificate, social security card and your child's immunization records. The immunizations required for public school attendance must be completed before entering school. For more information contact Miss Darcie in the Elementary Office at 569-5200 ext. 5233.

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