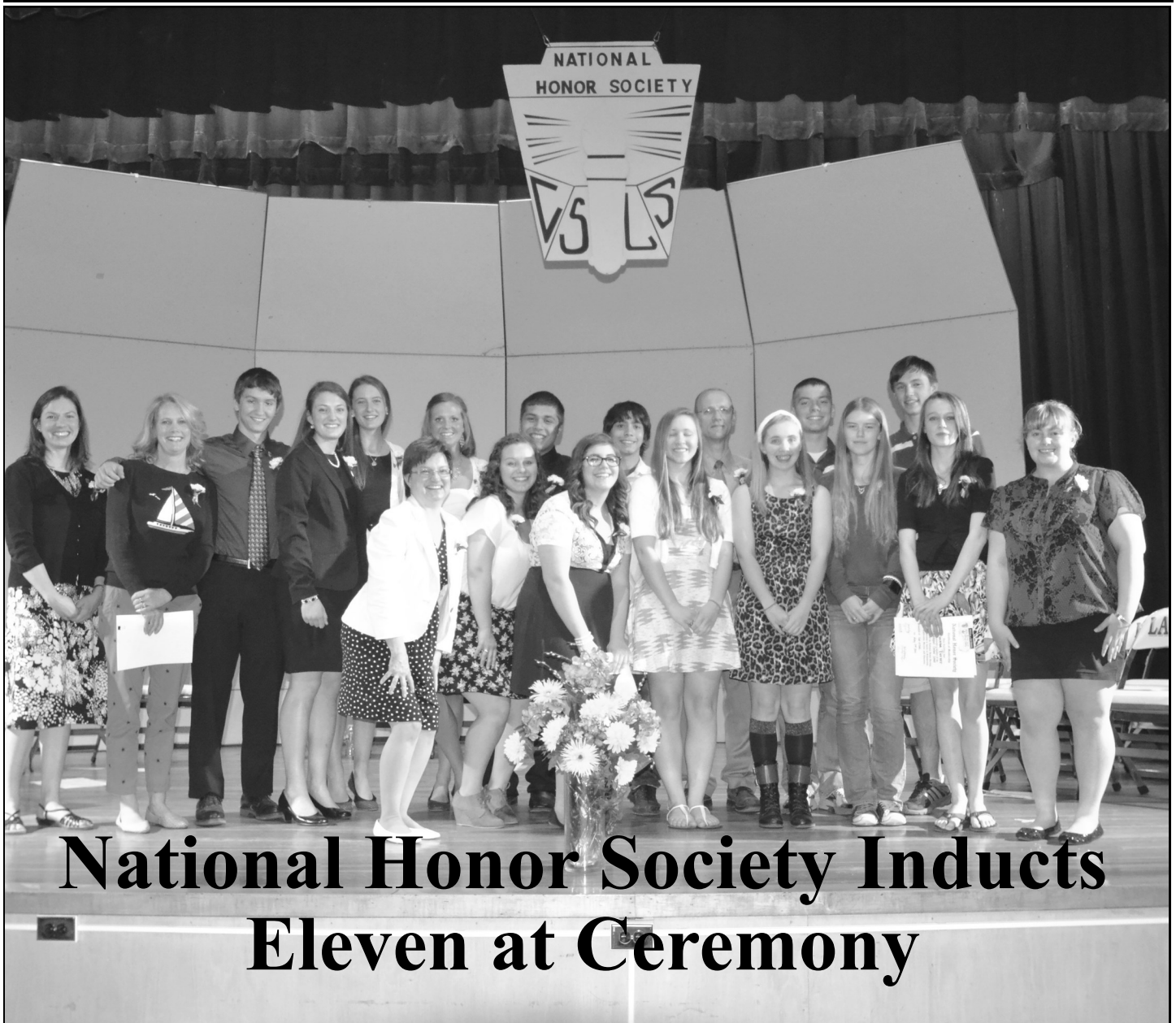




**HAMMONDSPORT
CENTRAL SCHOOL**

Laker Lines

May 2014



**National Honor Society Inducts
Eleven at Ceremony**

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.

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News from Hammondspport Central School District Superintendent Kyle Bower

On behalf of the Board of Education, staff and students at HCS, I would like to thank everyone that came out and voted on May 20th. The 2014-2015 budget proposal received overwhelming support by a vote of 211-49. The proposed Capital reserve was approved by a vote of 168-70. The proposed bus purchase was approved by a vote of 168-65. Incumbent Board member Kevin Bennett was re-elected to a full five year term.

The year is quickly winding down and the second phase of campus construction is ramping up. This summer's project work entails complete reconstruction and reconfiguration of our driveways and parking lots, installation of remaining new windows, additional asbestos abatement, and new ceilings and lights throughout the elementary. Information on campus access is on the back cover of this issue.

I hope to see everyone at one of our end of year events!



A Message from:

Tad Rounds, 7-12 Principal

The science department and technology department met on May's Early Dismissal Day to begin the planning process for implementation of the STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) programming in the 2014/2015 school year. Teachers had the opportunity to see the curriculum in action with demonstrations of Vex robotics and ROVs. The mission of the STEM program is as follows: To re-energize, revitalize, and refocus attention, interest and understanding of the embedded importance of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) to life-long learning and success. According to the New York State Department of Labor, STEM related careers increased 11.4% versus a 4.5% non-related STEM Careers.

Driver's Education will be offered through GST BOCES during the summer of 2014. Due to the construction project, classes will be held at the bus garage. Sign-ups are now available in the Main Office. Slots will be filled based upon the birthdays of students who sign up. Classes will run from July 7th through August 13th.

For students in need of summer school, Hammondspport will be participating in the GST Regional Summer School at Campbell Campus. Transportation will be available from the Hammondspport Bus Garage for a cost of \$100. Registration for Summer School can take place in the Guidance Office after the close of Marking Period #4 on June 16th.

Graduation will be June 27th at 6:00p.m. Congratulations in advance to all students and thank you to all parents, staff and the community for all you do for our students.

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

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From the Desk of

Michelle Sincerbox, Elementary Principal

Our New York State Assessments for ELA and Mathematics are complete. The students discussed with us how they felt about the assessments and the consensus was it wasn't what they expected. Many felt as if they were well prepared for the tests however, there were some challenging questions in both exams. The students worked very hard each and every day on these exams and we are very proud of them.

Following their hard work on the ELA exams, we had a "Fun Friday," on April 11th. The fun Friday included a movie in the auditorium, extra outside play, Computer games, sand painting with Mr. Merritt and making pin-wheels with Mrs. White and the counseling team! We could feel the excitement for fun day the moment the students burst through the door that morning. A wonderful day was had by all and we thank all those who volunteered to help put together this fun filled day.

A few students in grades 4th-6th were recently selected as candidates for "Blade's Good Grades." Blade's Good Grades is an educational program through the Elmira Jackals intended to enhance the academic success and attitudes of students. Our students were selected based on good grades and positive effort. Students received several prizes including a free ticket to a Jackals' hockey game, several food coupons to area restaurants, free tickets to the circus and to a public skate held at the hockey stadium. They also enjoyed a pizza party here at school with Blade himself in attendance! Blade even visited our students on the playground following the party!

Pre K and Kindergarten students had visitors from Arnot Ogden Medical Center who presented the dangers of poisons. Twitch and Twiggle are puppets who taught the children to "stay away," from substances that they are not sure of and to ask parents should they have questions. Thank you to those who helped bring Twitch and Twiggle to Hammondsport's Littlest Lakers. *see p. 7*



7th Annual Run, Walk, or Crawl 5K For all ages

**Saturday, June 14th, 2014
Hammondsport Central School**

The race will start and end at the Hammondsport Central School and wind through the streets of this beautiful village.

Registration and Fees for 5K:

Registration 8:00-8:40am.

Walkers start the race at 8:45am.

Runners start at 9:00.

- Pre-register by June 2nd: \$12.00, after June 2nd: \$17.00
- Age categories: 18 and under, 19-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60 and over
- Refreshments will be provided after the race. There will be two water stations.
- The first 100 people registered will be guaranteed a T-shirt.
- Medals will be awarded to the top two male and females in each age category.
- Prize for overall male and female runner.

Increased emphasis on Math and ELA testing, from the New York Department of Education, has resulted in a local recommendation to

integrate these skills into each content area. Teachers have found some very creative ways of developing cross curricular lesson plans. Mr. Martello, for example, has blended Math with Spanish in a fun and effective activity. In a variation of the BINGO game, Mr. Martello distributes Math equations to his sixth graders. Each student is given two notecards. One card has a Math problem and the other has a solution.

Speaking in Español, a student reads the equation. Listening very carefully, the student with the solution reads out the proper answer, also in Español. In this way, Math and Spanish skills are practiced as a game that the class seems to really enjoy.



**ELA and Math Integration
in Sixth Grade Spanish**

Seniors Participate in “Mad City Money” at the Curtiss Museum

In late April, the senior class had the opportunity to participate in a program called “Mad City Money.” This program was facilitated by the Corning Credit Union to provide students with an educational budgeting simulation. Students were paired and assigned a career, salary, debt amount, and told the size of their immediate family. After a description of the program they were provided with budgeting worksheets and sent out to visit all 9 of the merchant booths. Students had to make choices regarding their financial situation and had options to buy or rent a home, purchase a vehicle, open checking and savings accounts, visit the bank to make payments on debt, purchase entertainment, buy home furnishings and decor, purchase clothing, grocery shop, and plan for childcare services and needs.



Gaige Dickerson, Taylin Bower, and Tyler Baroody channel their inner-Indiana Jones’.



Luke Peacock visits with Mrs. Onyiruka from Career Development Council.

Mr. Derr and Mrs. Crane played the role of the ‘Fickle Finger of Fate’, where they walked around to students and handed them money for various things they had done or a bill for an unexpected expense. Examples included getting paid for selling items in a garage sale, submitting a picture to a magazine for profit, having a household item break down that needed repair, or having to buy a tuxedo for a friend’s wedding. These unplanned short falls had a huge impact on student learning and their understanding of budgeting.

Through this experience students were able to identify and experience the consequences of poor decisions and practice budgeting as an adult with realistic circumstances. This was shown as one student got to the end and realized they had not purchased a home yet and had no money left to do so! Allowing students to practice prioritizing their wants and needs in a safe environment fostered the understanding that budgeting is a necessary step in good money management.

HCS Chapter of National Honor Society Inducts

Eleven

On May 2, 2014, eleven 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: **Alyson Binnert**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and Lynn Binnert of Hammondsport; **Aaron Lowin**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan and Lynda Lowin of Hammondsport; **Eladio Martinez Jr.**, son of Ms. Edda Garcia of Hammondsport, and Mr. Eladio Martinez of Cohocton; **Sydney McGinn**, daughter of Ms. Terri McGinn of Hammondsport, and Mr. James McGinn of Hammondsport; **Edward Murphy IV**, son of Mr. Edward Murphy of Hammondsport; **Dalton Ordway**, son of Mr. and Mrs. William and Maureen Ordway of Bath; **Kelsey Sack**, daughter of Ms. Stacia Dalaba of Hammondsport, and Mr. Salvatore Sack of Penfield; **Morgan Sincerbox**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ryan and Michelle Sincerbox of Bath; **Amanda Sprague**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter and Shelayne Wise of Cohocton, and Mr. and Mrs. James & Amanda Sprague of Prattsburgh; **Ann Stone**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl and Lisa Stone of Hammondsport; and **Arianna Turner**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brian and Angel Snyder of Hammondsport.

The current members are: **Elizabeth Albright**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey and Christine Albright of Hammondsport; **Lori Gordon**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard and Kim Gordon of Hammondsport; **Dalton Mori**, son of Mrs. Brenda Mori of Hammondsport, and Mr. Robert Mori of Bath; **Sydney Sprague**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Scott and Kim Sprague of Hammondsport. Mrs. Kim Sprague, PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) President, and Mr. Thomas Mitchell, 7-12 Vocal Music Teacher, were inducted as honorary members.

Arnot Ogden Medical Center Teaches the Dangers of Household Poisons

The Arnot Ogden Medical Center Poison Prevention Team presented their program (Twitch and Twiggle) to the Pre-K and Kindergarten classes on Friday, May 16th. Ellen Hicks, a volunteer from the Arnot Ogden Medical



Center Auxiliary, along with her friends, Twitch, Twiggle and Flibbity-Jibbit, taught Hammondsport’s littlest learners about safety and poison prevention, including how to “Stay Away!” from unknown substances and pills. The students enjoyed the presentation and meeting Mrs. Hicks, along with her three furry pals!





Participants decide to "Rethink their Drinks" learning about the sugar content in beverages.

Family Fun Fitness and Wellness Night!

On March 25th, the students from Mrs. Crane's 8th grade health class and Mrs. Corell's 7th grade Family & Consumer Science class held an event which invited the entire UPK-6th grades and their families to visit HCS. The Family Fun Fitness and Wellness night was a great success which brought the students and community resources together to share their knowledge on how to take better care of themselves.

The health students had booths and tables set up throughout the hallways that ranged from information on properly fitted bike helmets, to the amount of sugar in beverages, to how smoking decreases lung capacity, to making your own stress balls, and more. There were also HammondSport ambulance corp. members on hand along with local police and fire personnel to discuss fire and bicycle safety with students. There were also booths from the American Cancer Society, Steuben County Council on Addictions and other community resources.

In the "Build-a-Snack Workshop", the FACS students had researched age-appropriate, healthy snacks for students to be able to make for themselves after school with little to no parental assistance. Their choices ranged from "spider" crackers, to traffic light treats, to snappy apple frogs, to rainbow fruit skewers and grape caterpillars. There were also puzzles and games available about nutrition and the food groups for students to take home if they wished to.

Overall nearly 80 students and parents passed through during the 2-hour event, and all seemed more than pleased with the activities and information offered. We hope to expand the event to even more activities for next year.

Ashley Meade makes a grape caterpillar at the "Build-a-Snack" Workshop.



Elementary Student Council Lends a Helping Hand to JDRF



How can we help our community? That is a question the student council members asked each other when coming up with ideas for their next project. Collectively they decided on a coin drive. The funds were for Juvenile Diabetes, an organization that is close to home for some members of the HammondSport Community. Each year more than 15,000 children in the United States are diagnosed with Juvenile Diabetes. To help raise money for research to find a cure the Glenn Curtiss Student Council held a coin drive throughout the month of April. All proceeds went to the Juvenile Diabetes Research

Foundation (JDRF). Overall members of the student council collected and counted over \$300 in coins. This would not have been possible without everyone grades Pre-K-6 bringing in spare change. The student council would like to thank everyone for their support through this fundraiser and we are excited to see how many other ways we can make a positive impact on our community!



HAMMONDSPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL 2014-2015 CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2014					OCTOBER 2014					NOVEMBER 2014				
M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F
1 Labor Day	2	3 Conf. Day	4	5			1	2	3					
8	9	10	11	12	6	7	8	9	10 Conf. Day	3	4	5	6	7
15	16	17	18	19	13 Col. Day	14	15	16	17	10	11 Vet. Day	12	13	14
22	23	24	25	26	20	21	22	23	24	17	18	19	20	21
29	30				27	28	29	30	31	24	25 Conf. Day	26 No School	27 Thanks giving	28
DECEMBER 2014					JANUARY 2015					FEBRUARY 2015				
M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F
1	2	3	4	5				1 Winter Break	2 Winter Break	2	3	4	5	6
8	9	10	11	12	5	6	7	8	9	9	10	11	12	13
15	16	17	18	19	12	13	14	15	16	16 Pres. Day	17 Winter Recess	18 Winter Recess	19 Winter Recess	20 Winter Recess
22 Winter Break	23	24	25	26	19 MLK Day	20	21	22	23	23	24	25	26	27
29	30	31			26 R	27 R	28 R	29 R	30					
MARCH 2015					APRIL 2015					MAY 2015				
M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F
2	3	4	5	6			1 Spring Break	2 Spring Break	3 Good Friday					1
9	10	11	12	13 Conf. Day	6	7	8	9	10	4	5	6	7	8
16	17	18	19	20	13	14	15	16	17	11	12	13	14	15
23	24	25	26	27	20	21	22	23	24	18	19	20	21	22 No School
30 Spring Break	31 Spring Break				27	28	29	30		25 Mem. Day	26	27	28	29

JUNE 2015				
M	T	W	Th	F
1	2 R	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16 R	17 R	18 R	19 R
22 R	23 R	24 R	25 R	26

	Staff	Students
September	20	19
October	22	21
November	16	15
December	15	15
January	19	19
February	15	15
March	20	19
April	19	19
May	19	19
June	19	19
TOTAL	<u>184</u>	<u>180</u>

Shaded area indicates NO SCHOOL for students.

****4 Snow days built in***

Nov. 25-28 Thanksgiving
 Dec. 22-Jan. 2 Christmas Recess
 Feb. 16-19 Winter Recess
 Mar. 30 – April 3rd Spring Recess.

Should the number of days allotted for Emergency Closings be exceeded, school will be in session (if necessary) on the following dates:

School begins Thursday September 4, 2014



HCS Drama Club Presents: *Buckshot and Blossoms*

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Some of the characters had names borrowed from old time western films and novels. Some of the characters had names borrowed from old time western films and novels. Some of the characters had names borrowed from old time western films and novels.

The show, in true old time melodrama's custom, involved audience participation cheering and hissing the villain, giving the saloon gal gasping and applauding, all cued by our MC, parent volunteer Debra Ackley. Clichéd jokes were emphasized by percussionist Dana Northrop. Most students had double or triple roles, and the cast members were (in order of appearance) Morgan Sincerbox as stagecoach driver Cactus Kate and gunfighter The Durango Kid; Trehana Hoad as Mrs. Juniper, Dolly Roger, and Nelly Rectangle; Natalie Lowin as Letty, Saddleblanket Rawlins, and Andy Allen; Megan Allen as Miss Grey and Widder Jones; Michael Waldrop as old-timer Gabby Ways; Arianna Turner as Alibi; Troy Fitzwater as Hopalot; Robert Ackley as the villainous loan shark Whip Lash; Ann Stone as saloon gal and card cheat Pearl of the Pecos; Mrs. Lisa Stone (Assistant Drama Club Advisor) as news editor Sally Sutton; Jami Long in a combined role as Mrs. Minerva Norton; David C. Von Rhedey as the hero Sheriff Johnny Wright (fastest gun in the West); Arlene Yahn as mineralogist Henrietta Geyser and also Judy Ford; and Katrina McGregor as heroine Annabelle Rawlins. This is the first time we've had mother and son, as well as mother and daughter acting duos in one of our productions, which added to the fun. Mr. Carl Stone (father to Ann) helped construct stage props and ran lights for the show. David M. Le Clair, son of Drama Club Advisor Mrs. Joanne Le Clair, created the sound mix for the show.



Hammondsport Drama Club, in agreement with Contemporary Drama service, presented Tim Kelly's spoof on the Old West in the school auditorium May 10th entitled *Buckshot and Blossoms*. Borrowed from old time western films and novels, Whip Lash (Snidely Hayes), Hopalot (country singer Johnny Wright), and the hero, Sheriff Johnny Wright (fastest gun in the West) project: "Plant flow-

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Daniella Welch participates in the Zoo Walk.

First Graders Create Zoo Walk

On Thursday, May 15, 2014, the first graders put on their very own Zoo Walk. The Zoo Walk served as a time where the students showcased their

hard work using writing, art, and technology while creating an art project, written report, and presentation on their iPads about a certain critter that they read about. Some critters included: mandrills, chimpanzees, rattlers, bobcats, groundhogs, and finches. Many parents came out with their children to see the Zoo Walk and the students were proud to show their parents the work that they had completed!

Jacob Rosenbloom show his work to his mother.



(Mrs. Sincerbox, continued from p. 3)

First grade's Zoo Walk on May 15th was a wonderful event. Many parents came out to see their student's presentations that included a research and writing piece, an art project completed with Mr. Merritt, and an iPad presentation with the classroom teachers. The students really enjoyed showing off their work. Thank you to our first grade teachers and Mr. Merritt for your hard work in setting this up!

Delayne Cole, Danielle Bennett & Aaliyah Snyder at the Science Center.



Fourth graders recently took a field trip to the Ithaca Science Center for an ex-

citing day of hands on learning! After a student led lesson on simple machines, the students were able to explore the science center and learn about everything from how brain waves work, to how speed and motion of water can help you win a duck race to how easy it is to reuse and recycle!



Holley Kolo participates at the Science Center.

June Calendar Items

- 6/2 Grades 4-8 Written Science Exam
- 6/3 RE in Algebra (AM)
RE in English (PM)
- 6/5 Jr./Sr. High Senior Recognition Concert
7pm
- 6/12 UPK-3 Field Day
- 6/13 Jr. High Awards Assembly, 8am
4th/5th Grade Awards 10am
- 6/16 6th Grade Graduation, 8:30
4th & 5th Grade Awards, 10am
4-6 Field Day
- 6/17 US History/Govt. Regents (am)
Living Environment Regents (pm)
- 6/18 Global History Regents (am)
Algebra 2/Trig. Regents (pm)
Regular BoE Mtg., 6pm
- 6/19 English 11 Regents (am)
Earth Science Regents (pm)
Parent Advisory Mtg. 6pm
- 6/20 Integrated Algebra Regents (am)
Geometry & Physics Regents (pm)
- 6/23 RCT Global Studies (am)
- 6/24 Chemistry Regents; RCT Science (am)
RCT US History/Govt. (pm)
- 6/25 RCT Mathematics (pm)
- 6/26 UPK-6th Last Day of School
- 6/27 GRADUATION, 6pm

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following students for their designation as Leading Lakers this spring!

"Responsibility": Madison Tears, Hunter Farley, Preston Kostera, LaZell Locey, Daniella Welch, Markus Tompkins, Danica Dresser, Blake Wright, Stefania Tears, Liam Kressly, Trevor Bendick, Brianna Hill, Madison Sprague, Madison Wright, Jillian Flynn

"Safety": Kaitlyn Watson, Maddie Wilson, Sofia Locey, Mason Williams, Colin Brown, Sarah Lyle, Gwen Moon, Ellie Tones, Seneca Boscoe, Cajian Wydra, Katrina Derby, Laura Conger, Ashly Dumbleton, Kyara Crooks, Hannah VanAlstine

Main Street Campus Will Be Closed Beginning June 28th

Due to the second phase of the District renovation project, there will be NO public access to the Main Street campus from June 28th until September 2nd, 2014. Any person with District business to conduct, should go to the Conference Room located in the Bus Garage at 7960 Rt 54, Bath, NY 14810. There will be District personnel at the Main Street campus all summer. If you have questions about accessibility, or you are not sure where to go or who to contact, please call the appropriate number below.

District Office and Superintendent	#569-5200 ext 11
District Operator	#569-5200 ext 0
High School Office and Guidance	#569-5200 ext 21
Elementary Office	#569-5200 ext 41
CSE Office	#569-5200 ext 31
Bus Garage	#569-5200 ext 5403

Any visitors that wish to speak directly to someone in the Elementary or High School Office should first report to the Hammondsport Bus Garage on Rt. 54 across from Pleasant Valley Inn. There will always be a secretary at that location that can either help you with your request, or guide you to the right location.

All summer busses will leave and return to the Bus Garage. Student drop off and pick up will be in the parking lot of the Bus Garage. There will only be limited student parking at that location. More detailed information will be provided by the High School Office in the weeks to come.

YOU'VE BEEN ACCEPTED!

<u>Student:</u>	<u>School</u>
Gaige Dickerson	Mansfield University



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