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Hammondspport Central School District Newsletter



"Jingle Jury"

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A Message from the Superintendent, Mr. Bower

On September 6, 2016, Governor Andrew Cuomo signed a new law that requires public schools in New York to test for lead in all water outlets currently or potentially used for drinking or cooking. This letter is to inform you of the results of the testing that have just been received by the District, and the remediation efforts that will be implemented immediately.

Current law establishes an action level of fifteen micrograms of lead per liter, typically referred to as “parts per billion (ppb).” If a sample from a water outlet exceeds this level, schools must take steps to prevent the use of the outlet for drinking or cooking purposes until it is remediated, and follow up testing confirms it is no longer above the action level.

Of the one hundred ten water outlets sampled in recent testing this fall, twenty eight outlets had water samples with readings slightly above the state action level. All of the new elevated readings were found in sinks throughout the building, both in restrooms and classrooms. Immediate remediation involves turning off the cold water to the impacted sinks and placing signage that directs the water to be used for handwashing/cleaning only. The current sink fixtures will be replaced as soon as possible, and the water will be retested. In spring testing, the District did find two classroom water fountains and one hallway water fountain which did have samples test slightly above the action level. All three locations have been turned off. Remediation in those three areas is ongoing.

The health and safety of our students, staff, and visitors remains our number one priority. A complete remediation plan along with detailed water testing results have been posted to our District website. As new tests are conducted and the results are received, they will be posted on the website as well. On the website we have also posted informational resources such as a frequently asked questions document along with details on the new State water testing law. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact

HCS Mission

The mission of the Hammondsport 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.

Laker Lines is the official newsletter of the Hammondsport 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 at 6:00 PM in the High School Library.

News from the Junior/ Senior Principal

Written by: Mr. Tad Rounds

Congratulations to the Drama Club on their production of "Jingle Jury" which was presented to a packed auditorium on both nights. Over 60 students in grades 4-12 participated in the musical. In addition to the musical performance of the Drama Club, Alexis Russo performed at the All State Conference in the 2016 All State Mixed Chorus. Alexis represented Hammondsport Central School after competing with over six thousand students in the state of which only those scoring in the 90th percentile were selected.

Student Council secured the services of Kyle Scheele, a motivational youth speaker, to present to the student body on making a difference. Mr. Scheele's message on the power of small acts of kindness and on being a consistently positive influence was delivered with humor, and was well received by the student body. To promote random acts of kindness throughout our building, district, and community, the student body in each grade level 7-12 is adopting a recent graduate serving in the armed services. These graduates will receive care packages of small items sent in Christmas Boxes. In addition, Student Council will be sending cards to 21 other service alumni.

In January, the math department will welcome its new member Mr. Adam Peck. Mr. Peck comes with eight years of experience, most recently in the Rochester Public Schools, and resides locally. He holds two Masters degrees- one in Secondary Education and one in Curriculum Design and Instructional Theory.



National Honor Society donates canned goods for the Food Pantry

Written by: Mrs. Lindsey Orzel

The Hammondsport Chapter of National Honor Society would like to thank the entire community for donating food items on Halloween night. Thanks to your generosity, we gathered a total of 347 canned goods for the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry. The National Honor Society and the food pantry greatly appreciated it!

Science
+ Math 

R·I·T Rochester Institute of Technology

On October 14th, students from Mrs. Voss' Living Environment and AP Biology classes embarked on RIT's campus for a day of science and math enrichment. Gazing out at the interactive exhibits, our students could be seen extracting DNA from strawberries, observing plant tissue cultures, working with mind-bending geometric puzzles, experimenting with magnetic forces, and exploring the science behind black holes. In addition, students toured RIT's community garden, and learned direct applications for math in botany. The day was capped off with a visit to the Global Village where students got a glimpse of college life as they ate a variety of food while conversing with undergraduates in the outside common area.

Written by: Mrs. Kim. Voss



SENIOR TRIP

Written by: Mrs. Kim Voss &
Mrs. Julie Ulrich

On October 21, the Senior Class departed for warmer weather enduring the long bus trip to Virginia. Our bus driver, Wanda, learned that "Sheetz" was the number one choice for dinner. Thanks to James, the bus got the fluid it needed to continue on. We arrived our hotel in Williamsburg, and quickly for dinner. We ate

Grill where Graham triumphantly ate a mountain of sushi!

The "Ghost Walk" in Williamsburg followed featuring talented story tellers acting out ghostly scenes delighting history buffs like Corinne. An amazing buffet came early Saturday morning followed by a trip to the beautiful Virginia Beach Aquarium and National Geographic 3D Theatre. Nick's first sighting of the ocean was a memorable moment. Shopping, lunch, football, and Hailey, Edda, and Louise flying kites on the beach made for a fun afternoon. The only people we lost were Mrs. Voss and Tristen!! James, Jake, and Sting Ray led the bus ride karaoke featuring guest rapper Mrs. Voss. The evening included a dinner cruise from Norfolk with dancing and ladies in pink. Our last breakfast ended with Nicco, Haley, Dana, and Corinne's Nerf War. A perfect 70 degree, sunny day at Busch Gardens, including an evening Hallowscream event, ended an exciting adventure.



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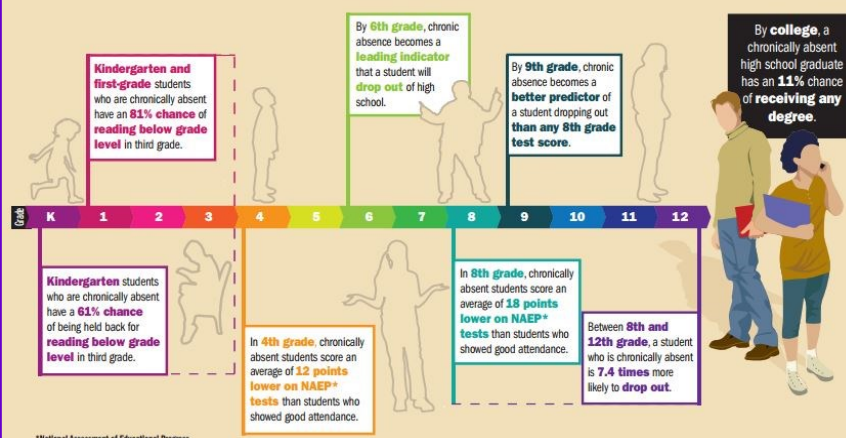
Above: picture from the Norfolk Dinner cruise

STUDENT ATTENDANCE MATTERS

There are an estimated 5-7.5 million students in the United States who are chronically absent from school.

Chronic absenteeism hurts students in a variety of ways as they progress through their school career, starting with kindergarten.

DEFINITIONS:
Chronic Absence - Missing 2 days each month, totaling 15 days, equals 10% of the school year.
Good Attendance - Missing 9 days or less in a school year (5%)



HCS Wall of Fame

The Hammondsport Central School District Wall of Fame was established in 2005, with the first induction ceremony held in March of that year. The Wall of Fame is broken down into the following three categories:

- ◆ Lifetime Achievement - former students who have attended Hammondsport Schools and who have performed significant, out-of-the-ordinary accomplishments in the world at large; have contributed to the well-being of their communities, and have reached 40 years of age.
- ◆ Athletic Achievement - graduates of the district who have performed significant, out-of-the-ordinary athletic accomplishments beyond high school; have contributed to the well-being of their communities; and have reached 40 years of age.
- ◆ Gold Star - graduates who lost their lives in the line of duty in the Armed Forces of the United States. Gold Star names will be added as they are verified.

The link to the Wall of Fame section of the HCS Website is under District. The deadline for this year's applications is: **January 31, 2017**.



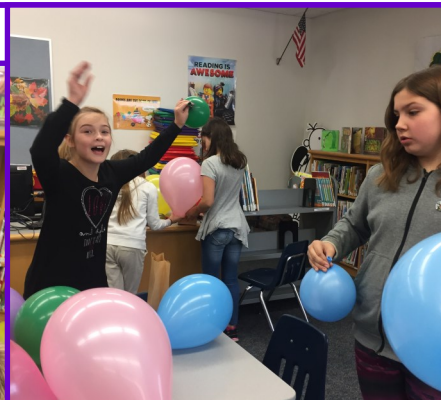
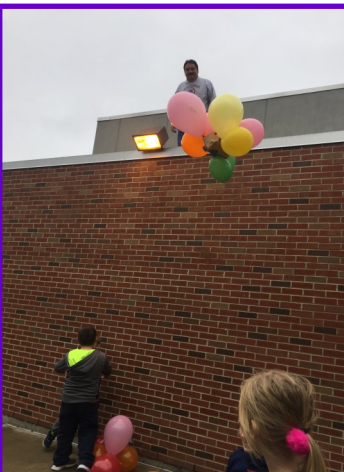
“Jingle Jury”



On December 2nd and 3rd, the HCS drama club, under the co-direction of Mrs. Ami Corell and Mr. Tom Mitchell, presented the 1-act holiday musical, “Jingle Jury” by Jay Moriarty. The story centers around young Jim Dandy (played by Graham O’Donnell), an apparently misguided youth who claims that Christmas spirit is a lot of “nonsense.” He lives in a place that LOVES the holiday season, and thusly ends up on trial for his declaration. Throughout his proceedings before the bench of Judge Pfefferneusse (played by Travis Raab) and Prosecuting Attorney (Anna Lucacko Vogel) in the very festive town of Candy Cane, the jurors and citizens listen to testimony from many : Roberta Egnog (Natalie Lowin), Snow (Amanda O’Donnell) & snowflakes (LaZelle Locey, Corinne Ruddy, Raegan Lupino, Sarah Lyle, Cadence Butler, & Linsey Haff), Spirit of Christmas (Pia Bacubac), Reindeer-in-Trianing (Liam McCloud, RJ Kelly, Arielle Szathmary, Jacob Rosenbloom, & Brooke Lisefski), Toymaker (Rorie Whitcomb), the Angel a-top the Christmas Tree (Emma Thompson), and the 3 Wise Men (Liam Kressly, Victoria Morgan & Amelia Johnson) all attempt to prove to Jim (and his naughty cronies played Jared Raab and Thomas Kressly) that the Christmas spirit is indeed real, and thriving. After several festive musical numbers and much persuading, Jim finally confesses as to why he claimed what he did about Christmas spirit, all is resolved and the village of Candy Cane celebrates the season with a visit from Santa Claus to cap off the production with a Christmas conga line. The cast and crew of 60+ students played to a packed house on both Friday and Saturday nights, with both shows ending in a standing ovation from the audience. Members of the cast & crew would like to thank all of the community for their support, as well as Mr. Lowin and Mrs. McCloud, and numerous others for their assistance with the shows. We hope to see everyone fill the auditorium again in March when we present “Dracula Baby!”, a musical comedy on the 10th-12th with two evening shows and a Sunday matinee.

STEM in the Elementary Library.

Written by: Mrs. Ruth Stiles



The 4th grade participated in an egg drop challenge during their library time. They watched a video on designing egg drops and tips on how to build “the perfect one.” They then voted as a class to determine what materials were to be used in the project/experiment. Finally they were able to construct their egg drop with balloons, tape, a brown lunch bag, and string. They had an 80% success rate! Special thanks to Emery Cummings and Don Gardiner for dropping them off the roof for us!



Hammondsport offers Parent Today e-newsletter

The Hammondsport Central School District is encouraging parents to sign up for Parent Today, a monthly e-newsletter and blog that provides tools and information to encourage parents to be even more engaged in their children's education. "Research shows that engaged parents have a positive effect on their children's school success – meaning better attendance, better attitude toward school and homework, better grades and higher expectations for the future," said Superintendent Kyle Bower. "Parent Today allows us to foster stronger connections between families and our schools and encourage parents to be even more involved in the education of their children." Parent Today is provided free of charge to families in Hammondsport. To sign up for Parent Today, families can visit the district website at www.hammondsportcsd.org, click on the "Parent Today" icon and follow the on-screen instructions. Or, sign up at parenttoday.org.

First grade students voting for their favorite book



Mrs. Sincerbox reading to Mrs. Underhill's 1st Graders



Glenn Curtiss Elementary: Growing Leading Lakers Every-

In the days leading up to Election Day, the PreK-2nd grade classes were casting their vote for their favorite book. The winning book would be read by Mrs. Sincerbox as a Read-Aloud in the Classroom. Students could vote for *one* of the following books: *My Teacher for President* by Kay Winters; *If I Ran for President* by Catherine Stier; *Duck for President* by Doreen Cronin; and *Vote* by Eileen Christelow. Students in 3-6 grade were able to cast their vote for their favorite dress-up day. These were great opportunities to teach students about voting and the election process, and the students enjoyed the winning activities.

Mrs. Sincerbox reading to Ms. McCarthy's Kindergarten Class



Mrs. Kellogg's class' voted to dress up



Notes from the Nurse

Written by: Mrs. Linda Dickinson

As part of a required school health examination, a student is weighed and his/her height is measured. These numbers are used to figure out the student's body mass index or 'BMI'. The BMI helps the doctor or nurse know if the student's weight is in a healthy range or is too high or too low. Recent changes to the New York State Education Law require that BMI and weight status group be included as part of the student's school health examination. A sample of school districts will be selected to take part in a survey by the New York State Department of Health. If our school is selected to be part of the survey, we will be reporting to New York State Department of Health information about our students' weight status groups. Only summary information is sent. No names and no information about individual students are sent. However, you may choose to have your child's information excluded from this survey report. The information sent to the New York State Department of Health will help health officials develop programs that make it easier for children to be healthier. If you do not wish to have your child's weight status group information included as part of the Health Department's survey this year, please print and sign your name below and return this form to:

Hammondsport Central School District, Attn: Linda Dickinson, RN 8272 Main Street, Hammondsport, NY 14840.

Please do not include my child's weight status information in the 2016-2017 School Survey.

Print Child's Name

Date

Print Parent's Name

Parent's Signature

New Leveled Literary Intervention System

Written by: Mrs. Kim Jensen

This year our district officially began the Fountas & Pinnell Leveled Literacy Intervention System (LLI) to assist at-risk students. This is an intervention program which provides daily, intensive one-on-one, or small group instruction in addition to regular ELA and academic intervention services.

The goal of LLI is to raise literacy achievement of students who are not achieving grade level reading expectations using leveled books and fast-paced lessons. Multiple types of data are used to identify our at-risk students including, but not limited to, NWEA, Fountas & Pinnell benchmarks, NYS ELA results, and teacher recommendations based on classroom performance. NWEA assessment is done three times per year, and Fountas & Pinnell benchmarking is done three or four times a year depending on child's grade level.

Just because your child begins the year in the LLI program, doesn't mean they will remain there. Once students are on-level, they will be discontinued in the program. Some students may even test in to the program as the year goes on. Again, to identify on-level, we use multiple types of data.

All students who receive this service will have report card documentation provided with each quarterly report card. Should you have any questions, please contact your child's LLI provider—Mrs. Snyder, K-1; Mr. Stermole, 2,3,5; Mrs. K. Jensen, 4,6,7-9.

Alumni Spotlight



Brooke Gordon—a 2011 Graduate of HCS—has developed a website/app of all-things-Keuka. Check it out at keukalakeapp.com. The purpose and goal KeukaLakeApp is to connect tourists, vacationers, and residents with local businesses, events and the Keuka Lake community. We encourage users to explore and check back often for updates from area merchants! We are the

community resource for information on upcoming events and all things Keuka.

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First Graders SKYPE with Children's Author

Written by: Mrs. Ruth Stiles

Children's author Mrs. Anne Marie Pace had a unique contest on her website during the month of October. She was offering a free 20 minute Skype session with first grade classrooms around the United State during the month of November. I entered the contest and HCS's First grade



classes enjoyed the privilege to Skype for 20 minutes Mrs. Pace. They listened to Mrs. Pace read her children's story *Pigloo*. This is a story about a little pig who is an explorer. His destination? The North Pole. Students were able to interact and ask questions at the end of the Skype session. Students were also able to order signed books.

Congratulations on your acceptance to college!!**Justin Hilligus:** Corning Community College**Colden Thompson:** Keuka College, receiving the Presidential Scholarship**Brooke Carforio:** Corning Community College**Madisen Jones:** Elmira College, receiving the Elmira College Founder Scholarship**Camerson McConnell:** Onondaga Community College, Fire Protection**Hannah Walruth:** Tompkins Cortland Community College**Arianna Buck:** Corning Community College**Jared Raab:** University of Buffalo**Congratulations to:****Nick Erway** - Infantry Recruitment, U.S. Army**Jake Peacock**—Intelligence Analyst, U. S. Army**Tristen Beauvier**—U. S. Army, Field artillery & automated tactical data system specialist**Calendar of Events**

1/16—No School—Martin Luther King Jr. Day

1/18—Board Meeting 6:00 PM, HS Library

1/27— Semester 1 ends

2/10—Spelling Bee

2/15—Board Meeting 6:00PM, HS Library

2/20-2/24—No School—Winter Break

Order your 2016-2017 Hammondspport Vintage Yearbooks online at Jostens.com.

Discounted rates through Dec 31, 2016.

** If anyone has someone they believe should be featured in the Alumni Spotlight section of Laker Lines please contact Nancy Clark , District Clerk, at #569-5200 ext 5240. We would love to feature your LAKER success story!

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