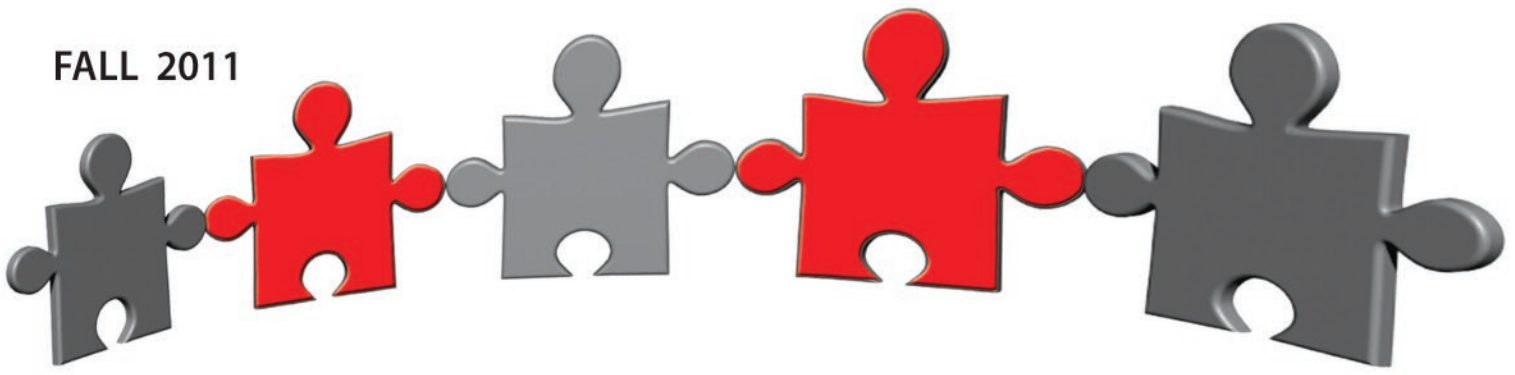


FALL 2011



**MSD of Boone Township**  
*A Place of Learning*

# BRIDGES

Connecting the Pieces of Life



Travis Ziegler playing Taps



Veterans Day  
Program  
11/11/11

Guest Speaker  
Lt. Colonel (Ret.) Bill Smock



American Legion  
Hebron Post #190



Elementary Principal  
James Martin

# Superintendent's Message



MSD of Boone Township staff in conjunction with One Region/One Vision Compact is determined to assist our students to be college and career ready upon graduation. The One Region/One Vision Committee, which consists of K-12 educators, business CEO's and university presidents, from the five county area meet biweekly to discuss and plan how our schools can educate the youth of Northwest Indiana for either college or the work force. We are especially studying innovative models such as "pathways," various assessments and dual credits earned by students before graduation. As many as 60% of new jobs in the future in this area will not require a college degree but will of course require further training of several years beyond high school to obtain those skills which will lead to a "family" supporting wage. An example of such a program is the "future steel worker" program at Arcelor-Mittal which involves taking courses at Ivy Tech and completing several on the job internships over a three year period of time which leads to a skilled job upon completion.

This district has made a commitment to the American College Testing Program (ACT). This college and career readiness system commences at grade 6 and concludes at grade 12. The following table below depicts the

chronological sequence of this assessment program as a student moves through our school system. The data will assist our administrators and teachers to review the academic and personal/behavioral skills of each student which are critical to high school and college achievement.

Hebron Middle School and Hebron High School students will be taking college and career readiness tests so that they know exactly where they stand and what they need to do in order to be READY! The tests are described below.

## Superintendent's COFFEE KLATCH

Tuesday, December 6th at 6:30 P.M. at Hebron High School Cafeteria a "Coffee Klatch" will be held with the superintendent and administrators of MSD of Boone Township to discuss bullying.

The principal of each school will explain what is being done by his or her staff to prevent bullying in the learning environment.

Time will be provided for questions and answers. This is an opportunity to discuss this issue with school administrators.

See you December 6th at 6:30 P.M.

Thank you.

**George Letz** – Superintendent

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## Indiana College Acceleration Network

**Benchmarking College and Career**

Hebron Middle School and High School students are now taking college and career readiness tests so that they know exactly where they stand and what they need to do in order to be READY! The tests are described below.

<p><b>EXPLORE</b> 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ English, math, reading, science</li> <li>✓ Career and course planning components</li> <li>✓ College Readiness Benchmarks</li> </ul> <p>Score scale 1-25</p>	<p><b>PLAN</b> 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Grade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Career and course planning</li> <li>✓ College Readiness Benchmarks</li> <li>✓ AP Prediction</li> </ul> <p>Score Scale: 1-32</p>	<p><b>ACT</b> 11<sup>th</sup> Grade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ English, math, reading, science and writing</li> <li>✓ Career and educational components</li> <li>✓ College Readiness Benchmarks</li> </ul> <p>Score Scale: 1-36</p>
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**2 WorkKeys:** The National Career Readiness Certificate program is composed of three WorkKeys assessments: applied mathematics, locating information, reading for information.

Donkey Basketball – Sponsored by MS/HS P.T.G. – November 7, 2011



# FALL SPORTS



Boys Varsity Volleyball



Girls Varsity Volleyball



Boys Cross Country



Girls Cross Country



Boys JV Volleyball



Girls JV Volleyball



MS Girls Softball



MS Boys Cross Country



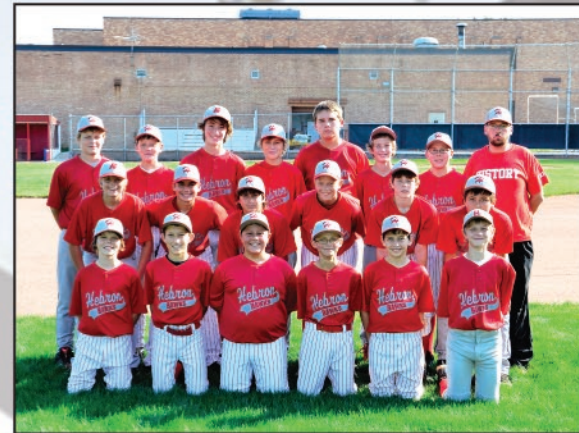
MS Girls Cross Country



7th Grade Girls Volleyball



8th Grade Girls Volleyball



MS Boys Baseball



Boys Soccer



Girls Soccer



## High School News

In a recent article in Nature magazine, researchers reported findings of a study supporting the belief that the IQ of teenagers can change. Using

neuroimaging, they showed that a change in the structure of the brain associated with a change in IQ occurred among a group of teenagers. One of the students tested had a change from being in the fiftieth percentile, or average, to being in the ninety-seventh percentile, or near the very top of the scale. Unfortunately, IQ scores can drop as well.

What makes the difference? Researchers have shown that students who are involved in rigorous academic work can increase their IQ. Hebron High School continues to expand its offerings of AP and Dual credit courses. Last year, fifty percent of the graduates had earned college credit while still in high school, and the class of 2012 should have an even higher percentage. However, all students throughout the grade levels are being held to even higher expectations. Those expectations yield results. Hebron High School had a percentage of students passing the ECA that was twenty points higher than the rest of the state for both English and algebra this last year.

In order to provide support, each student has a study hall teacher who monitors each student's progress on a weekly basis and serves as an advisor. During the study hall, students have the opportunity to seek out assistance from teachers or other students to ensure that each student is able to master difficult concepts.

Students coming to Hebron High School are sometimes surprised by the rigor of its curriculum and the teachers' high expectations. It is a pleasure to hear those reports as we know that we are working to help students strengthen their brains and increase their potential.

**Mark Lutze** – Principal



## Middle School News

In our fall newsletter, I wrote about our transition to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS), and because of the importance of this topic, I think it is worth repeating so that our community members are aware of this transition.

The CCSS include rigorous content and a depth of knowledge that has a much higher order of thinking that we are used to.

We have been hearing for a while:

- that four out of every 10 new college students, including half of those at 2 year institutions, take remedial courses, and many employers comment on the inadequate preparation of high school graduates,
- that just over half of students at state-supported four year institutions graduate within 6 years,
- and that the United States can no longer compete globally because so many countries have outperformed us!

It is no doubt time for the American educational system to change!

Let me give you some examples of the rigor that our children will see as we transition into the Common Core standards.

But first, here is an example of what an Indiana State Standard math problem might be:

"Find the answer to  $27 \times \$7.20$ "

It might even go a little deeper:

"Compare the total price of lunches for 27 students if one lunch at McDonald's costs \$4.25 and one lunch at Arby's costs \$5.75."

But, take a look at the depth of knowledge our children will be looking at with the Common Core State Standards:

A 6th grade class is going on a field trip to see a play. For the 27 students to go on the field trip, the vans will cost \$545, gas will cost \$130, and admission to the play will cost \$945. Each student has been paying \$4 a week to pay for the trip. The class has already collected \$865 for the trip. How many MORE weeks does each student have to pay \$4 a week to have enough money to pay for the entire trip? \_\_\_\_\_

AND...the students will also have to pay for the cost of their lunch. The play will provide lunch at a cost of \$7.25 per student. What is the total amount of money each student will pay for the cost of the field trip, including lunch? \_\_\_\_\_

See the difference?

School is going to get harder! We cannot confuse effort with results! Working hard doesn't equal a good grade; quality assessments and products earn the grade.

But the good news is...it won't be long and our students will be achieving at much higher levels; and when they start college or begin their careers, our children will be better prepared to compete globally!

**Lori Pavell** – Principal



## National Honor Society

Membership in National Honor Society is based on scholarship, leadership, service and character!

Seventeen new members were inducted into the Hebron Chapter of the National Honor Society during a candlelight ceremony on Wednesday, October 19, 2011.

### New Members are . . .

Katherine Clemens, Jay Fieser, Jenna Giacomini, Jackie Hall, Daisy Heath, Natalie Kaczmarek, Sydney Marrs, Madison McKendry, Ryan Patz, Rachel Pauer, Aaron Plomann, Lexie Schatz, Ciarra Stalbaum, Krysten Wielgus, Sarah Witt, Amber Wolfe, and Shelby Yankauskas.

### Current Members are . . .

Sydnee Bartz, Nathan Bateman, Krista Cheek, Cory Cox, Emily DeFries, Jamie Dowdy, Emma Hamann, Hailey Hernandez, Anneliese Kieper, Briana Lewin, Allison Lewis, Hayley Lindemer, Brittany Long, Anna Loosemore, David Lucas, Elijah Magiera, Hayley Marshall, Rachel McCullough, Angela Medrano, John Pauer, Christy Reick, Jessica Ruschak, Jenna Sarkey, Alex Shrum, Rylie Shrum, Chris Sobczak, Bethany Sodo, Brent Tomb, Michael Upchurch, Ashlyn Wheeler, and Travis Ziegler.



### Officers are . . .

Brent Tomb, President  
Anneliese Kieper, Vice President  
Emma Hamann, Secretary  
Anna Loosemore, Treasurer

### NHS Adviser . . .

Mrs. Barbara Kraker



Front Row: Madison McKendry, Sarah Witt, Amber Wolfe, Shelby Yankauskas, Ciarra Stalbaum, Krysten Wielgus, Jenna Giacomini, and Rachel Pauer

Back Row: Lexi Schatz, Jackie Hall, Sydnee Marrs, Daisy Heath, Natalie Kaczmarek, Aaron Plomann, Jay Fieser, Ryan Patz, and Katie Clemens

## Elementary School News



### IS TECHNOLOGY THE FUTURE?

This Fall, the Elementary School has started using a computer test called NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association). Students in grades K-5 take a test in the Fall covering Reading, Language, and Math.

Teachers use the results to identify student's strengths and weaknesses which helps them plan enrichment or remediation activities. In May, the students will take the computer tests once again. The second score will allow the teachers to measure each student's growth from Fall to Spring. This will give our teachers another measure of growth rather than relying only on ISTEP results.

Parents of students in grades 3-5 may also have heard their children talking about a computer test provided by the state called Acuity. Tests are provided in Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies. These quarterly tests are intended to help teachers measure how their students are learning the Indiana Standards and help them prepare for the ISTEP test.

Last Spring, the Indiana Department of Education required the highest grade in each school to take the multiple choice portion of ISTEP on the computer. Our 5th grade students took the tests in the computer labs and performed quite well. This year, the state is requiring schools to add an additional grade level to the online testing format. Students in grades four and five will take the ISTEP multiple choice online and grades seven and eight will do the same in the Middle School.

Over the summer, the School Board approved a bond issue to obtain funds for the purpose of upgrading technology in all three schools. At the Elementary level, each classroom was equipped with a projector mounted in the ceiling, a mimeo for interactive lessons, and an ELMO (document camera). With proper training, teachers are learning how to use technology to enhance their instruction and to integrate it into their teaching. I have been very impressed with everyone's willingness to learn and adapt to the new technology!

In the near future, all three schools will also have wireless capabilities. For a small school corporation, I believe our staff and students have access to some very good technology that should help them stay current in this technological society.

**James Martin** – Principal



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**Feedback is Welcome!**

Boone Bridges welcomes its readers' letters, comments and critique. Write to us at Editor, **BRIDGES**, MSD of Boone Township, 307 S. Main St., Hebron, IN 46341, or call (219) 996-4771.

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Concession Stand/Press Box  
 for Softball & Track

**2011-2012 School Calendar**

11/24 - 25 ..... Thanksgiving Break - No School  
 12/22 - 1/4..... Christmas Break - No School  
 1/13 ..... 1st Semester Ends (88 days)  
 1/16..... 2nd Semester Begins  
 2/17 ..... Make-Up Day #1 or Vacation Day  
 2/20..... President's Day - No School  
 3/5 - 3/14..... ISTEP Test Dates (Applied Skills)  
 3/26 - 3/30..... Spring Break - No School  
 4/6..... Make-Up Day #2 or Vacation Day  
 4/30 - 5/9 ..... ISTEP Test Dates (Multiple Choice)  
 5/28..... Memorial Day - No School  
 6/4..... Last Student Day  
 2nd Semester Ends (92 days)  
 6/5 ..... Last Teacher Day  
 6/7..... Graduation

**MAKE-UP DATES:**

February 17, April 6, June 5 and on, if needed.

**GRADING PERIODS:**

1st Quarter ..... 8/24 - 10/21 (42 days)  
 2nd Quarter ..... 10/24 - 1/13 (46 days)  
 3rd Quarter ..... 1/16 - 3/23 (48 days)  
 4th Quarter ..... 4/2 - 6/4 (44 days) *Approved by the Board of School Trustees*

**2011 - 2012 Guidance Calendar**

**ACT Registration Dates Juniors & Seniors** ..... 1/13, 3/3, 5/4  
**ACT Test Dates Juniors & Seniors** ..... 2/11, 4/14, 6/9  
 Register online: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)  
**SAT Registration Dates Juniors & Seniors** ..... 12/30, 2/10, 4/6, 5/8  
**SAT Test Dates Juniors & Seniors** ..... 1/28, 3/10, 5/5, 6/2  
 Register online: [www.collegeboard.com/mysat](http://www.collegeboard.com/mysat)  
**SAT Subject Test Dates Seniors** ..... 1/28, 5/5, 6/2  
 Register online: [www.collegeboard.com/mysat](http://www.collegeboard.com/mysat)  
**Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Seniors** ..... January, February & March  
 File online at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) **Deadline March 1st**  
**College Goal Sunday** ..... 2/12  
*Seniors – Parents can obtain help in completing the FAFSA located at Valparaiso University at 2:00 pm*  
[www.collegegoalsunday.org](http://www.collegegoalsunday.org)  
**Porter County Career & Technical Center**  
**Open House Juniors & Sophomores** ..... 1/26, 2/8  
**Incoming Freshman Orientation**..... TBA in January or February  
*8th Grade Students and Parents receive information about high school*  
**Freshman Scheduling** ..... February & March  
*8th Grade Students and Parents meet individually with counselor to set up a four-year plan*