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# BRIDGES

MSD of Boone Township AUGUST 2009

Our mission "is to build a culture of excellence in which all students are challenged and prepared to succeed ..."

*No matter how students are "wired," teachers like Christine Robbins are there to guide their curiosity and learning. Here fourth-graders last year Chris Steffan, Danielle Roeske and Jacob Wynkoop experiment with circuit boards.*



*Hebron High School is a place where students can explore their creative talents. Junior last year Katie Lucas puts the finishing touches on her project in Advanced Art/ Ceramics.*



## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

### MSD of Boone Township Strategic Plan

Welcome to another school year. The school board, staff and I welcome everyone to a new school term. It always is exciting to be back at school. While students anticipate the first day of the new school year, many people work throughout the summer to welcome them back with opportunities for a great new school year. This issue of *Bridges* explains some of the efforts of the school district to make our schools the best they can be!

The MSD Board of School Trustees and the administration have taken several days this spring and summer to review the corporation's mission statement, core values and vision, which will serve as the foundation for everything we do in the school district. The school corporation did this same procedure several years ago, and those statements have been illustrated in every classroom through the years.

The goal is to have all actions of every staff member, all student activities, all instructional strategies and every curricular program in line with what is determined to be most important for Hebron students.

Goals, action plans and results will generate from the mission statement and core value statements as the strategic plan is developed and implemented. The vision statement describes the skills and human characteristics we want every Hebron graduate to have at the end of 13 years of learning in our school system.

—George Letz, Superintendent

### What Parents Need to Know About H1N1 Flu

MSD of Boone Township is vigilant regarding the health and safety of all students and employees. Because of the publicity generated by the H1N1 Flu Pandemic, we are in close contact with the Porter County Health Department and the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) to monitor any situations that could warrant emergency responses.

The most up-to-date information on the H1N1 Virus may be found at [www.cdc.gov/swineflu](http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu).

We are emphasizing good hygiene and are educating children on these appropriate hygiene procedures:

- Wash hands with soap and water after sneezing, coughing or blowing your nose; or use an alcohol-based hand rub when soap and water are not accessible.
- Cover coughs and sneezes, dispose of tissues in the nearest wastebasket and wash your hands. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve, not your hands.

If your child has a fever above 100° F (37.8° C) and has a cough, sore throat or shortness of breath, he or she should not come to school.

Our schools are monitoring the absence rate at each building, and custodians have been notified to follow cleaning procedures used during flu season. As always, children will not be exposed to an unsafe environment.

The MSD of Boone Township, in conjunction with state and county health services will monitor all schools carefully and

#### Mission Statement

The mission of MSD of Boone Township schools is to build a culture of excellence in which all students are challenged and prepared to succeed in a global society.

#### Beliefs

1. Each student is a valued individual with unique physical, social, emotional and intellectual needs.
2. Mastery of skills and concepts is essential for student achievement.
3. All school personnel are accountable for student success.
4. Professional Development is necessary for continuous improvement.
5. Effective collaboration and communication with families is essential to the success of the school system.
6. School climate contributes to achievement—learning occurs best in a safe and orderly environment based on mutual respect.

#### Vision

The MSD of Boone Township will be a cornerstone for the community providing modern facilities and technology-driven programming for the good of all of its stakeholders. It will nurture the natural abilities of its students, fostering critical thinking and literacy while developing respectful and responsible citizens who are excited about the challenges of tomorrow and confident in their ability to chart their future.

### Elementary/Middle Schools Infrastructure Renovation

Hebron elementary and middle schools are undergoing facility improvements to replace outdated components and systems to reduce energy usage and operational costs. Existing single pane window areas are being replaced with new insulated glass, thermal break frames and insulated wall areas.

In addition, new high-efficiency boilers, chiller, unit ventilators and DDCs (direct digital controls) will replace outdated HVAC (heating, ventilating and air conditioning) systems and controls. Also included in the renovation is the replacement of classroom, gym and cafeteria lights with energy efficient fixtures and the installation of an emergency generator.

### School Bus Safety

**Attention, drivers!** Please be mindful of the many students who walk to bus stops and to schools. Also, please be patient with school buses. An alarming number of motorists still travel past school bus stop arms.

**Note to parents:** Please remind your children to look both ways before crossing the street, even when the bus' stop arm is out.

Here are some simple rules for your children to follow:

- Be ready before the bus approaches; bus drivers have schedules to keep.
- Observe the same good conduct as in the classroom.
- Keep head, hands and feet inside the bus.

**Students:** Remember that riding the bus is a privilege that

## OPENING SCHOOL—HEBRON ELEMENTARY

### Registration

#### Returning Students

Last names A–M: Monday, Aug. 10, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Last names N–Z: Tuesday, Aug. 11, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

#### New Students

Thursday, Aug. 13, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

New students enrolling in K–5 will need to arrange an appointment by calling (219) 996-4771, ext. 103.

### Textbook Rental Fees

Kindergarten	\$112.35
Grade 1	135.25
Grade 2	142.45
Grade 3	141.20
Grade 4	125.90
Grade 5	125.30

### Supply Lists

#### Kindergarten

Kleenex (1 large box)  
Book bag (no wheels/full-size) that a child can open and close without help  
Gym shoes \*

#### Grade 1

#2 pencils (12 sharpened)  
Crayola crayons (2 boxes, 24-count)  
Pink Pearl school erasers  
Yellow highlighter  
Pocket folders (2)  
Water paint tray with brush  
Plastic pencil box  
Kleenex (2 boxes)  
Crayola colored pencils (1 box, 12-count)  
1 dry erase marker  
Gym shoes \*

#### Grade 2

Scissors  
Crayons (2 boxes, 24-count)  
#2 pencils (12 sharpened)  
Colored pencils (1 box, 12-count)  
4-oz. Elmer's School Glue (2)  
2 erasers (large Pink Pearl)  
Pencil pouch with a zipper (6-by-10-inch)  
Yellow highlighter  
Kleenex (2 boxes)  
2 dry erase wide markers (low odor)

#### Grade 3

Plastic pencil box (no larger than 5-by-8-inch)  
4-oz. Elmer's School Glue  
Red pens (2)  
Crayons (2 boxes, 24-count)  
#2 pencils (12 sharpened)  
Scissors  
Kleenex (2 large/family size)  
Pink Pearl erasers (4)  
Pocket folders (2)  
Wide-ruled white paper (150-count, no spiral paper)  
Gym shoes \*  
Note: No three-ring binders.

#### Grade 4

Erasers  
Red pens  
Crayons (16- or 24-count)  
#2 pencils  
Wide-ruled white paper  
Scissors  
Kleenex (2 large boxes)  
Markers  
Elmer's School Glue  
Pocket folders (3)  
Yellow highlighter  
Spiral notebook  
Pencil pouch with zipper (no boxes)  
Gym shoes \*  
Note: No Trapper Keepers. Please label all supplies with the child's name.

#### Grade 5

#2 pencils  
Red pens (2)  
Wide-ruled paper  
Pocket folders (2)  
Colored pencils (16 colors)  
Kleenex (2 boxes)  
Scissors  
Pencil pouch with a zipper  
2 highlighters  
Gym shoes \*  
Note: No markers, please.

\* To be worn for Physical Education class only.

Moving on to first grade this fall is the icing on the cake for Elijah Deardurff and David Gistron

### Elementary School Student Meal Costs

Breakfast	\$ 1.15
Lunch	1.85
Extra milk	.55

### Assistance Available for Lower-Income Families

Parents and students will obtain an application for free and reduced-price lunches upon registration. Check the income and family size guidelines to see if you are eligible and, if so, you are encouraged to apply.

#### Income Eligibility Guidelines for Assistance

Effective July 1, 2009, to June 30, 2010

Family Size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$20,036	\$1,670	\$ 386
2	26,955	2,247	519
3	33,874	2,823	652
4	40,793	3,400	785
5	47,712	3,976	918
6	54,631	4,553	1,051
7	61,550	5,130	1,184
8	68,469	5,706	1,317

For each additional family member add:

+6,919	+577	+134
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Remember: There are generally 4.33 weeks in a month.





## OPENING SCHOOL—MIDDLE SCHOOL

### Registration

#### Returning Students

Last names A–M: Monday, Aug. 10, 8 a.m. to noon, 1 to 3 p.m.

Last names N–Z: Tuesday, Aug. 11, 10 a.m. to noon, 1 to 4 p.m.; 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Registration for returning students conducted in the Music Room located in the Elementary School (Door G).

#### New Students

Thursday, Aug. 13, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
By appointment only. Call 996-4771, ext. 101. Call the Middle School Office with any questions.

Registration for new students conducted in the Middle School Office (Door A).

#### Registration process

1. A parent/guardian is required to come to the school to register his or her child(ren).
2. The elementary and middle school intentionally will conduct registration together.
3. Be prepared to update any contact or emergency information. Parent cell phone and e-mail information is vital.
4. New student registration is conducted on a separate day, Aug. 13.
5. Textbook rental fees are to be paid in full at the time of registration.
6. You also will have the opportunity to add money to existing lunch accounts, purchase sports passes and pay class dues.
7. Your child's schedule and temporary ID badge will be issued at registration.

### Textbook Rental Fees

Grade 6	\$149 to \$160
Grade 7	\$132 to \$144
Grade 8	\$138 to \$149

Fees vary by individual student schedules.

### Middle School Student Meal Costs

Breakfast	\$1.15
Lunch	2.10
Milk	.55

### Supply List

All middle school students should bring:

- 1 box of tissues per semester
- Minimum of one 256K USB Flash Drive

### Grade 6

#### Social Studies

#2 Pencils  
Colored pencils  
Erasers  
Wide-ruled notebook paper  
Highlighter (share with English)  
3-by-5-inch, wide-rule note cards (1 pkg/100)

#### English

#2 pencils  
Erasers  
Variety of colored pens (not black)  
Yellow highlighters  
Wide-ruled loose-leaf notebook paper  
Book cover  
Three-ring binder (1)

#### Math

#2 pencils  
Colored pens  
Wide-ruled loose leaf paper

#### Science

#2 Pencils (mechanical accepted)  
Pens (any color)  
Erasers  
Wide-ruled loose-leaf paper  
One-subject, 70-sheet, wide-ruled spiral notebook (4, different colors if possible)  
Green folder (1 per semester)  
Three-ring binder (1, any color; 1½- to 2-inch)

ALL Grade 6 students should bring one pencil pouch.

### Grade 7

#### World Geography

#2 Pencils  
Loose-leaf paper  
Pens (blue or black)  
Three-ring binder (1)  
Binder dividers (set of 5)  
Sugar cubes (1 box)



Reduce, reuse, recycle—those are three R's anyone can remember! Gavin Hammerberg, Elizabeth Fox and Drew Wheeler monitor the recycling bin at Hebron Middle School.

#### English

Spiral notebook (1)  
Book cover (1)  
One-inch binder (1) or three-prong folder with pockets (1)

#### Math \*

#2 Pencils  
Trapper Keeper  
Red pens (4)  
Pocket folders

#### Science

#2 Pencils  
Pens (blue or black only)  
Notebook paper  
One-inch binder or three-prong folder (1)  
3-by-5-inch index cards (1 pkg.)

### Grade 8

#### U.S. History

#2 Pencils  
Pens  
Notebooks (2)

#### English

Highlighters  
Book cover  
Three-prong folders with pockets (2)

#### Math \*

#2 pencils  
Pens  
Erasers  
Notebook

#### Science

#2 Pencils  
Notebook  
Folder  
Poster board (3 to 5 sheets)

\* All Grade 7–8 math students would benefit from a TI-83 Plus calculator.

## OPENING SCHOOL—HIGH SCHOOL

### Registration (no advance registration or schedule changes)

#### Returning Students and Incoming Freshmen (two days)

Monday, Aug. 10: 8 to 11:00 a.m. and 12 to 3 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 11: 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 6 p.m.

#### New Students

Thursday, Aug. 13: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

One day only, by appointment only; call 996-4771, ext. 119.

#### Registration Process

1. A parent is required to be present to register his or her child(ren).
2. An information/emergency form needs to be updated and a nursing information form filled out and signed by each student. Please include the student's Social Security number, parent's e-mail address, cell phone number and at least one local emergency contact other than the parent(s) listed.
3. Book rental fees are expected to be paid in full at the time of registration. Remember, book rental fees are based on a student's schedule. If you are unable to pay in full, a contract stating payment due dates must be signed. If you are planning on applying for the free or reduced-lunch program, this needs to be done at registration.
4. You will have the opportunity to add money to existing lunch accounts, purchase sports passes and pay class dues.

### High School Student Meal Costs

Breakfast	\$1.15
Lunch	2.10
Milk	.55



### All-School Calendar, 2009–10

Aug. 18	..... First Teacher Day
Aug. 19	..... First Student Day
Sept. 7	..... Labor Day (no school)
Oct. 21	..... First Grading Period Ends
Oct. 22	..... Second Grading Period Begins
Oct. 26–27	..... Parent/Teacher Conferences After School; Elementary Students Dismiss at 1:45 p.m.; Full Day for MS and HS Students; Lunch Served to All Students (Conference times: Elementary from 2 to 6:30 p.m.; middle and high school from 3 to 7:30 p.m.)
Oct. 29–30	..... Fall Break
Nov. 26–27	..... Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 21–Jan. 1	..... Christmas Break
Jan. 2	..... School Resumes
Jan. 8	..... Second Grading Period and First Semester End
Jan. 11	..... Third Grading Period and Second Semester Begin
Feb. 12	..... Makeup Day #1 or Vacation Day
Feb. 15	..... Presidents Day (no school) (Educational Progress-Plus) Writing Assessment
March 1–10	..... ISTEP+ (Indiana Statewide Testing for Educational Progress-Plus) Writing Assessment
March 22–26	..... Spring Break
March 29	..... School Resumes; Fourth Grading Period Begins
April 2	..... Snow Makeup Day #2 or Vacation Day
April 26–May 5	..... ISTEP+
May 28	..... Last Student Day; Second Semester Ends
May 31	..... Memorial Day
June 1	..... Last Teacher Day or Makeup Day #3
June 3	..... Graduation

Sophomore Mollie Lindeman will return soon to a clean locker and a clean academic slate at Hebron High School.



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Things are looking up this new school year for sophomores Ashlyn Wheeler, Krista Check and Alex Shrun. They'll be adding to their knowledge of technology innovations.

## HIGH SCHOOL and MIDDLESCHOOL

### Community Supports Graduating Seniors

Mark P. Lutze, Principal, Hebron High School—

This spring 75 percent of the Hebron High School graduating seniors reported they will attend college in the fall. The Boone Township community has expressed its support for these students by providing scholarships, with 24 students receiving locally generated scholarships at the annual awards program in May.

Liz Egolf, chair of the Hebron Community Scholarship Committee, reported sufficient resources this year to support every student who applied for a scholarship. In addition to this fund, individuals and organizations from the community also provided scholarships to students. Through these scholarships, students are enjoying the support of the community even as they begin a new chapter in their lives.

### HHS Athletes Sweep PCC Awards

The Porter County Conference awards a Mental Attitude Award for each sport at the end of each season. To win this award, nominated students not only are judged on their athletic performance but on their activities when not playing a sport, including academic excellence, involvement in clubs and community groups, and their ability to serve as a role model.

This year, two girls from Hebron—Molly Marshall and Stacy Blank—were awarded all of the Mental Attitude awards for each of the girls sports. PCC athletic directors indicated that this is the first time that students from one school have swept the awards.

Hebron High School students will register for the upcoming school year on Aug. 10–11. New students should call the Guidance Office at 996-4771, ext. 119, to make an appointment to register on Aug. 13.



### Hebron Middle School Welcomes New Principal

Lori Pavell, the new Hebron Middle School principal, comes to MSD of Boone Township from the Portage Township School Corp. where she served 29 years as a teacher and administrator. Pavell was one of 32 candidates who applied for the position. MSD Boone Township is the second school corporation Pavell has served in Northwest Indiana.

During her educational career, she has been a business teacher, guidance director and assistant principal at the high school level (during her tenure at Portage Township). We welcome her to her new administrative position at Hebron Middle School.

### 'Harmony' Coming to All Hebron Schools

We're looking forward to the new student management system, Harmony, which will be implemented in stages throughout the upcoming school year. Teachers will be using the online grade book and also will send attendance reports to the office each day via Harmony.

We're really excited about the parent portal, which we hope to have up and running by second semester. Parents will have a password to access Harmony and will be able to view their child's grades, homework, and attendance and discipline reports. During the 2010–11 school year, grade cards will be computer-generated.

Another feature of the software is an e-mail system for parents and teachers to use, which will enhance parent-teacher communication. Eventually, the corporation may purchase the lunch account module so parents can check their child's lunch account balance and pay online.

Weighing in with a science experiment last spring were eighth-graders Jenna Sarkey and

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### Elementary Start Time Moved 10 Minutes

Jim Martin, Principal, Hebron Elementary School—

Hebron Elementary School's official start to the student day will begin at 8:20 a.m. instead of 8:10 a.m. as last year. The change comes as a result of the Indiana Department of Education doing away with early dismissal days, which were used for training and in-service for teachers.

The new start time will enable teachers to meet in Professional Learning Communities every Wednesday from 7:30 to 8:10 a.m. to learn about new educational techniques and analyze student data. By analyzing such test scores as ISTEP+ (Indiana Statewide Testing for Educational Progress-Plus) and Terra Nova, grade level teacher groups can make sound decisions on how to address weaknesses or gaps in the curriculum.

The teachers and staff of Hebron Elementary School consider it a privilege to educate your son or daughter and encourage parents to partner with us. Together we can provide opportunities that will make a significant difference in your child's life.

Involvement in your child's education can be as simple as:

- Reading to your child and listening to him or her read.
- Checking homework every night.
- Discussing your child's progress with the teacher.
- Becoming a volunteer at school.
- Attending extracurricular activities.

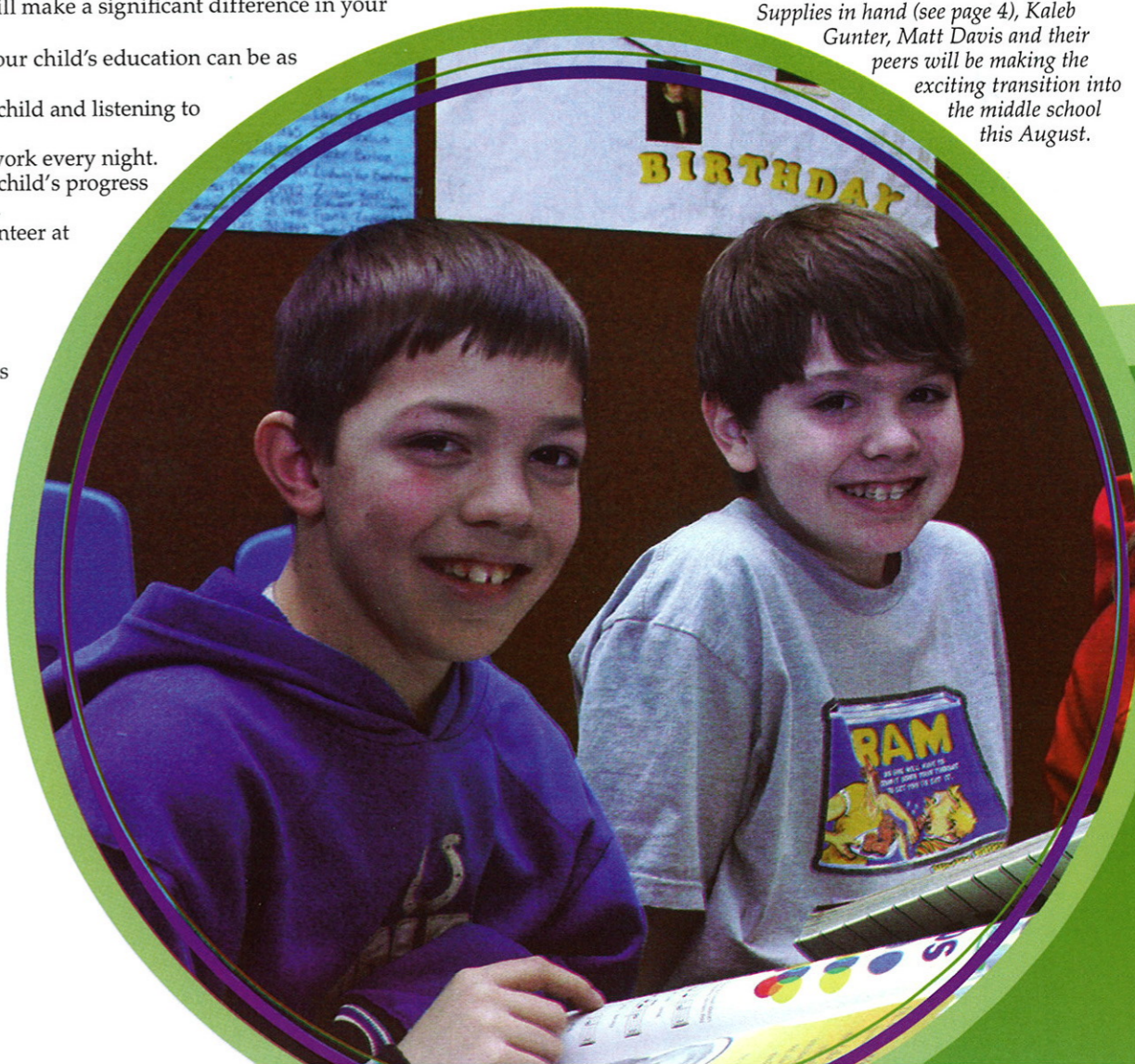
My door is always open, so drop by if you have concerns or suggestions. Let's all make it the best year ever at Hebron Elementary School!

### Two New Elementary Teachers—Plus!

Lydia Clark, who will teach kindergarten at Hebron Elementary, comes to MSD Boone with one year's experience as an elementary teacher in the Kankakee Valley School Corp. She is a familiar face since she replaced third-grade teacher Marilyn Huber at HES in April and May. Clark also will serve as the elementary Math and Spell Bowl coach.

Stephanie Nelson will teach first grade and also will be the varsity girls basketball coach. She comes exceptionally well-equipped as a first-grade teacher, having almost a decade of experience at that grade level. Nelson was the junior varsity coach (2002–05) and varsity assistant basketball coach at Merrillville High School (2005–09) before coming to MSD of Boone Township. She also coached at various levels at Boone Grove High School in the Porter Township School Corp.

Supplies in hand (see page 4), Kaleb Gunter, Matt Davis and their peers will be making the exciting transition into the middle school this August.





## You're Invited!

The public is welcome to attend meetings of the Board of School Trustees for the Metropolitan School District of Boone Township. Regular meetings of the board are conducted at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. If you plan to attend a meeting, please call the Administration Office to confirm the time and date.

## Board of School Trustees

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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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## Our Website Address

[www.hebronschools.k12.in.us](http://www.hebronschools.k12.in.us)

*When Tommy Dillabaugh gets to the bottom of this milk carton, he'll have the energy to rise to the top of his class at Hebron Elementary School.*



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## Civil-Rights Assurance of Equal Opportunity and Non-Discrimination Statements

The MSD of Boone Township is committed to equal opportunity. It does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, religion, gender, handicapping conditions, disability or national origin, including limited English proficiency, in any employment opportunity.

If you feel that you have experienced discrimination, you are invited to make written inquiries about procedures that are available. Complaints alleging such discrimination are directed to the superintendent.

## Notification of Parents and Students of the Implementation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974

On Aug. 21, 1978, the United States Congress adopted an amendment to the General Education Provisions Act called "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974" dealing with student records. The final regulations implementing this act were issued by the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare on June 17, 1976. The act provides for the following:

1. The act concerns the student records of both elementary and secondary students. These include, but are not limited to, report cards, attendance, standardized test data, enrollment, health information and other educational information gathered by the school.
2. The building principal has the responsibility of being the custodian of student records.
3. Parents' rights under this act extend until the student is 18 years old or is enrolled in a post-high school institution; thereafter, only the student may exercise such rights.
4. A record must be kept with each student's file showing who examined it, the date on which it was examined and the purpose of the examination. School officials of the school corporation who have "legitimate educational interest" in a student are exempted from this requirement by the act.
5. Without the written consent of the parent, education records of a student can be forwarded on request to another school system in which a student seeks or intends to enroll. The parent also may request and receive a copy of any records forwarded to another school or school system with a transfer.
6. The following constitutes directory information retained by the school corporation and subject to limited distribution: name, address, telephone number, height, weight, sex, race, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, honor rolls, class projects with student recognition, scholarships, school and corporation newsletters and corporation website. If the parent or eligible student (18 years or older) does not want the above information released, their building principal must be notified in writing by Sept. 8, 2009.
7. A copy may be furnished pursuant to a court order or subpoena, but only if the parents are given advance notice.
8. The parent has a right to have a record corrected if it is inaccurate, misleading or is otherwise in violation of the privacy or other rights of students.