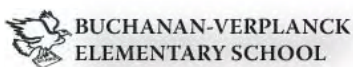




HENDRICK HUDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT SOUNDINGS



BUCHANAN-VERPLANCK
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



FRANK G. LINDSEY
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



FURNACE WOODS
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



BLUE MOUNTAIN
MIDDLE SCHOOL



HENDRICK HUDSON
HIGH SCHOOL

Celebrating Successes and New Beginnings

Dedication and Commitment Key to Success for Valedictorian and Salutatorian

You are likely to find this year's valedictorian, **Kyle Monk**, in any number of places. He is not just an accomplished student, but an accomplished athlete and active volunteer as well. Regardless of the endeavor, you can guarantee that at any given moment he is fully committed.

As an athlete, Kyle was a two-year captain of the basketball team in addition to being a two-year member of the varsity baseball team. He was All-League in both sports as well as All-Section Honorable Mention in baseball. He won the Con Edison Athlete of the Week award for basketball for his dedication to athletics, scholarship, and community service. Finally, for his success on and off the field he was selected to the Court of Excellence in basketball by the LHBCAA, the Diamond Nine team in baseball by the Section 1 coaches, and was honored as the recipient of this year's Section 1 Athletic Administrators Association Award winner.

Despite Kyle's commitment to sports and a heavy course load, which included



Valedictorian Kyle Monk



Salutatorian Fiona Ewing

Among her many accomplishments are being named a National Merit Finalist, serving as President of the Hispanic Honor Society, and serving as an editor and writer for the school newspaper. Outside of the classroom, Fiona enjoys playing the piano, which she has played for more than ten years. When she was in ninth grade, she won a piano competition that allowed her to play at Carnegie Hall. She is also a talented violinist, and has been concertmaster of the school

orchestra for the past four years. In addition, she has been a member of the Greater Westchester Youth Orchestra Association orchestras for seven years, and this year she was a member of the Area All-State orchestra.

Despite her musical accomplishments, Fiona feels that her most rewarding high school experience has been playing on the girls' varsity tennis team. She played second singles, served as one of the team's co-captains, and earned the title of All-Conference player. Fiona also enjoyed volunteering at elementary school tennis clinics run by her coach, Mr. Fredman.

Travelling and community service are two of Fiona's biggest passions, and she was fortunate enough to combine the two when she volunteered to help rebuild communities in New Orleans during her sophomore summer and in the Dominican Republic during the summer of her junior year.

Fiona will attend Dartmouth College in the fall, where she hopes to pursue the college's Mathematics and Social Sciences major. She also intends to study abroad in either the United Kingdom or China, in order to explore her parents' respective cultures.

nine AP courses, he found time to be active in other ways as well. Kyle served as Co-President of the National Honor Society, Vice President of the Hispanic Honor Society, and Treasurer of the Future Business Leaders of America, in addition to being a member of Student Government. He was also a National Merit Commended Scholar.

Outside of school, Kyle is an Eagle Scout, math tutor, and active member of his church. He volunteers as a Sunday School teacher for K-5th grade at his church. Additionally, Kyle has served as a church Youth Elder and volunteered at the church's food pantry.

In the fall, Kyle will attend Emory University where he plans to study Economics and Mathematics as well as play baseball. He hopes to combine these two interests in the future and work as a sports statistician and analyst.

Kyle has left his mark at Hen Hud both in and out of the classroom and we can surely expect the same from him in the future.

Fiona Ewing, this year's salutatorian, is a self-motivated and well-rounded individual who has found success academically, musically, and athletically.

In This Issue...

- **School Highlights**
- **Special Awards Section**
- **Back-to-School**
- **A Message from Our New Superintendent**

Buchanan-Verplanck Fifth Grade Students Organize First-Ever All-Star Basketball Competition

Since Buchanan-Verplanck Elementary School's first year in the district back in 1972, the 5th grade students have challenged the staff members in a basketball game at the end of every school year. This year, 5th grade students Jack Cole, Johnny Glashoff and Alex Williams had an idea to take this tradition to the next level. They wrote a letter to Principal Josh Cohen asking if they could participate in skills challenges similar to those featured in the NBA's All-Star Weekend.

After meeting with Mr. Cohen and Physical Education teacher Derek Kisslinger, the students, along with five other friends, agreed upon the following events for B-V's 1st annual All-Star Competition: Free Throw Contest, Lay-Up Competition and a Skills Competition combining dribbling and passing.



Students had an opportunity to participate in one of the events or be a statistician.

On the day of the All-Star Competition, everyone had a great time participating or cheering on their peers. All the winners received certificates created by the 5th grade organizers of the event. Later in the day, the students pulled off a 72-69 victory against the staff thanks to a late basket by Ethan Courtney! Kudos to the 5th grade students who came up with the idea and followed through in creating an exciting new tradition for B-V!

BMMS Band Receives NYSSMA Gold



The Blue Mountain Middle School Eighth Grade Band, under the direction of Amy Richter, was awarded a gold medal at the NYSSMA Majors festival held on Friday, May 17th, at Pierre Van Cortlandt Middle School in Croton. The 35-member ensemble performed a Level 3 program, including "Colonel Bogey March" by Alford, "Images of Ireland" by Balmages, and "Carpe Diem" by Grice. The students were praised by the judges for their "exceptional tone, clarity, and expressiveness." This is the *fourth consecutive* gold medal awarded to the Blue Mountain band.

B-V Third Graders Visit Wheelabrator Waste-to-Energy Plant

On Tuesday, May 28, 2013, Buchanan-Verplanck Elementary School's third grade classes took a trip to the Wheelabrator Technologies, Inc. waste-to-energy plant located in Peekskill. Wheelabrator is a subsidiary of Waste Management, a world leader in the safe and environmentally sound conversion of municipal solid waste and other renewable waste fuels into clean energy. On the field trip, students learned how garbage is converted into electricity and then supplied to over 80,000 homes in the area. Students commented that one of their favorite observations was the huge crane that picked up the garbage after the trucks dumped it off. Students were excited when they were permitted to ride in a private elevator to see the cranes in action. They saw the incinerator where the garbage is burned and were amazed to learn that the temperature in the incinerator is over 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit. One of the stops on the tour was the control room

which houses the video cameras and computers. As a special gift, students received a pencil case with a pencil, pen, eraser, ruler and pencil sharpener. Thanks to Wheelabrator for making this unique educational experience possible for our students!



Superintendent Joseph Hochreiter Settling in as New Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Joseph E. Hochreiter began his tenure as Superintendent of Schools on July 1st. His appointment in February culminated a search process that began in the fall of 2012, with articulation of goals by the Board of Education, significant community input, and interviews of qualified applicants by a diverse community group and the Board.

"The Board of Education interviewed a number of candidates, and while all had very impressive backgrounds, Mr. Hochreiter stood out as the best leader for our schools," remarked President Mary-Pat Braggi. "We were impressed with his energy and educational philosophy, by his sense of optimism and enthusiasm, and ability to inspire our diverse group of stakeholders. We look forward to working with him in the coming years," she concluded.

Mr. Hochreiter most recently served as Superintendent of Schools in the Elmira City School District. He served in that capacity from 2009. Previously, he held the position of Deputy Superintendent from 2006-2009 in Elmira as well. At Elmira,

Mr. Hochreiter saw his district through challenging times and demonstrated leadership in a district with a wide range of diversity, cultures and needs. His leadership focused on implementing the strategic plan, improving the curriculum, and increasing graduation rates. Mr. Hochreiter improved student achievement at Elmira and authored numerous grants. He also spearheaded the development of a multi-million dollar capital project that included more than \$14 million in technology upgrades for all schools, which passed in 2006.

Mr. Hochreiter began his public education career as a special education and social studies teacher at Greece Olympia High School in the Rochester area. He then worked as a Middle School Assistant Principal and then High School principal, both in Dansville, New York. While at Dansville High School, he implemented initiatives such as flexible scheduling, partnerships with post-secondary institutions and effective alternative education programs.

He has published numerous articles on educational leadership and has

presented at many national conferences.

Mr. Hochreiter received his B.A. in Inclusion Education and Social Studies from Niagara University and an M.S. from Niagara University in Educational Administration and Supervision. He completed coursework for his doctorate at the University of Rochester and is completing his dissertation. Mr. Hochreiter and his wife Kerry, also a school administrator, look forward to relocating to this area.

"I am honored that the Hendrick Hudson Board has selected me for this important role at such a critical time. The District has an outstanding record of accomplishment in academics and co-curricular areas," said Hochreiter. "In my short time in Hen Hud, I have met with scores of staff, parents and community members. I am in awe of the level of professionalism and excellent work that has occurred here. I am extremely thankful to Dr. Monahan, the staff and Board of Education for spending quality time with me to ensure a smooth and successful transition," Hochreiter concluded.

Kimberly Dunkin and Jamie Ferrari win Dean's Awards for Excellence in Teaching from SUNY New Paltz

The State University of New York at New Paltz and the Hendrick Hudson community salute the hard work of two of our elementary teachers! Both Kimberly Dunkin, an elementary chorus and music teacher, and Jaime Ferrari, a first grade teacher at Furnace Woods School, were recently recognized for their outstanding work in the educational field. Within the past ten years, these two women have made grand contributions to the lives of hundreds of students, as well as to the school community as a whole. The content of their character and the degree of professionalism which both of these teachers exemplify is truly noteworthy, commendable, and all around award-winning!

Since 1984, the School of Education at SUNY New Paltz has collaborated with area school districts to recognize teachers in the Mid-Hudson Valley for excelling in their fields and endeavors. Teachers are recommended by area

school administrators and award recipients are selected by a committee of education faculty and professionals. As recipients of this award, each teacher will receive an honorary appointment as an adjunct clinical professor with the SUNY New Paltz School of Education. The winners will be honored at a special reception at New Paltz and again at the Mid-Hudson School Study Council's Awards for Excellence Dinner in October.

Congratulations to Ms. Dunkin and Ms. Ferrari for this well-deserved recognition. The district thanks them for their diligence, continuous efforts, and overall dedication to our community!



Kimberly Dunkin, left, and Jamie Ferrari.

Sensational Season for Hen Hud Speech Team!

Congratulations to Sanford Jones and Noah Ruff who won a combined 12 first place speech championships, including States and Nationals, during the 2012-2013 Forensics season!

The intense rigor involved in preparing for Forensics competitions makes Hendrick Hudson High School's Speech Team's accomplishments this year all the more amazing. "Speech" is the competitive acting/interpretation component of Forensics Speech & Debate. This year, the Hendrick Hudson team competed in four Speech categories, each category having specific criteria and challenges:

- **Declamation (Dec)** – The speaker presents, in a personal style, a memorized speech that has already been written and delivered, without imitating the initial deliverer;
- **Duo** – Two speakers perform a memorized selection, portraying characters without touching or making direct eye contact as they move;
- **Oral Interpretation (OI)** – The speaker prepares two pieces, one prose piece and one poetry piece, which are performed alternately in rounds. A coin toss determines whether prose or poetry begins rounds for a tournament. A script is allowed, but the speaker must demonstrate familiarity with the

material by balancing script and audience contact and interpreting the reading;

- **Dramatic Interpretation/Performance (DI)** – The speaker presents a memorized selection from a play or literature portraying characters and pantomiming any needed props or scenery elements (props or costumes may not be used). In some tournaments, dramatic and humorous pieces are separated and a category of **Humorous Interpretation (HI)** is offered.

Each Speech Team member prepares pieces for at least two performance categories. Creating a piece involves finding published material of enough depth and length to craft a unique presentation which will fully engage and transport an audience for 8 to 10 minutes; a presentation that will tell a story, enlighten, and entertain. Once pieces are created, students begin to work on the styles of presentation they need to compete in their categories.



Noah Ruff, left, and Sanford Jones at Nationals

Because the material is so crucial to successfully competing, students continue to fine-tune the structure of their pieces all season.

Our Speech Team competes in local, northeast regional, and college tournaments. Each tournament has preliminary and advanced rounds, the number of which depends on the number of entrants. For preliminaries, all of the students entered in a category are divided into smaller

Sensational Season continued on page 5



Choral Director Erica Denler surrounded by Hen Hud's Awards

HHHS Music Students Enjoy HUGE Success at Regional Competition

The Hendrick Hudson High School Choral groups Concert Choir, Harmonizers and Treble Makers, led by Choral Director Erica Denler, and the HHHS Band and Wind Ensemble, led by Band Director Benjamin Acrish, competed against other high school choirs and bands at the *Music in the Parks* adjudicated competition in Massachusetts on Friday, May 24th. The result – HHHS took home more awards than any other school!

The Wind Ensemble earned 2nd place with a rating of "Excellent." Concert Choir earned a 1st place distinction with a rating of "Excellent." Harmonizers also earned a 1st place distinction with a rating of "Superior." Treble Makers received 1st place with a rating of "Superior" as well as the honor of being the highest overall scoring choir. Senior Rafiq Taylor was recognized as Outstanding Soloist. In

addition, our students brought home the *Esprit de Corps* award, which is given to the one school out of all schools competing whose students demonstrated the most maturity, poise, decorum, spirit, cooperation and talent. Mrs. Denler remarked, "Congratulations to all the students for their hard work and dedication! YOU DO US PROUD!!!"

In the last edition of *Soundings*, the following students were inadvertently omitted from the list of Hen Hud musicians that participated in Area All-State Orchestra: Sam Cooperman and Fiona Ewing. We sincerely regret the omission and congratulate these two students on this outstanding achievement.

Sensational Season *continued*

competition groups of five to eight, with at least one judge for each small group. The judge completes a ballot for each student with written notes for improvement and ranks the performances of the students in the group. For each subsequent preliminary round, students rotate into different smaller groups with different judges and perform again. In larger 2-day tournaments, our speech team double-enters, which means a student will perform in one category event, ask to be excused to another round, cross campus and perform in a second category event. This is a continuous process until the 8 to 10 preliminary rounds are finished. Not only does this take tremendous physical energy and a love of performing, but also tremendous discipline, focus and talent.

For OI, there's the additional challenge of keeping track of whether one is going to perform one's poetry piece or prose selection. And students are required to compete in formal attire!

At the end of preliminaries, rankings are added to determine which students advance, or "break." A student needs to rank in at least the top three in every round to advance, so breaking is difficult. Advanced rounds use panels of judges, adding to the difficulty of breaking. In local contests, there are six to nine judges. In college and regional contests, students typically experience sixteen judges ranking them.

Students qualify to compete in State and National tournaments by advancing in prior tournaments during the season, or by

placing in qualifying competitions. At States, not only did we have seven students qualify, but Sanford Jones and Noah Ruff double-qualified and double-entered – and had double wins! Nationals elevates students to another level by its sheer number of "the best" who are competing and by the number of judges involved in rounds over a period of two days. Noah Ruff placed in the top 24 in the country in Dramatic Performance! Sanford Jones competed in four preliminary rounds and four advanced rounds with twenty-six judges ranking him, and won First Place nationwide in Dramatic Performance!

Hendrick Hudson Speech Team's 2012-13 Advanced Rankings

Yale Invitational, September 21-23

1st Place Dramatic Interpretation – Noah Ruff
Quarter Finalists: Sanford Jones – DI;
Noah Ruff – OI; Rafiq Taylor – HI

Regis High School New York Catholic

Forensics League (NYCFL) Kick-off, September 29

1st Place Dramatic Performance – Sanford Jones

Bronx Prep & Bronx Science NYC Invitational, October 20-21

1st Place Dramatic Interpretation – Noah Ruff
3rd Place Dramatic Interpretation – Sanford Jones
Semi-Finalist: Sanford Jones – OI
Quarter Finalists: Noah Ruff – OI; Rafiq Taylor – DI

Princeton Classic, November 30-December 2

1st Place Oral Interpretation – Noah Ruff
5th Place Oral Interpretation – Sanford Jones
2nd Place Dramatic Interpretation – Sanford Jones
3rd Place Dramatic Interpretation – Noah Ruff
5th Place Humorous Interpretation – Rafiq Taylor
Semi-Finalist: Rafiq Taylor - DI

Chaminade Invitational, January 5

1st Place Dramatic Performance – Noah Ruff
5th Place Dramatic Performance – Sanford Jones

Regis High School Fr. Rippon Memorial, January 19

1st Place Varsity Oral Interpretation – Sanford Jones

Columbia University HS Invitational, January 26-27

1st Place Oral Interpretation – Noah Ruff
5th Place Dramatic Interpretation – Sanford Jones
Semi-Finalist: Lily Evans – DI
Quarter Finalists: Sanford Jones – OI; Noah Ruff – DI

Convent of the Sacred Heart, February 2

3rd Place Varsity Oral Interpretation – Sanford Jones
Honorable Mention: Catherine Barra – Dec

UPenn Liberty Bell Classic, February 15-17

1st Place Dramatic Performance – Sanford Jones
3rd Place Dramatic Performance – Jacob Buckner
3rd Place Oral Interpretation – Sanford Jones
Semi-Finalists: Lily Evans & Jacob Buckner in Duo

Mid-Hudson Regional Qualifying Tournament,

March 2 (qualifier for States)

Qualified: Lily Evans & Jacob Buckner – Duo;
Madeline Lee – J.V. OI; Adrianna Tiberi – Dec

NCFL Speech Grand Tournament, March 16

(qualifier for Nationals*)

1st Place Dramatic Performance – Noah Ruff
3rd Place Dramatic Performance – Sanford Jones
Semi-Finalists: Rafiq Taylor – Dramatic Performance;
Lily Evans & Jacob Buckner – Duo

(Only students who "final" are eligible for Nationals.)

NYSEFL (New York State Forensics League) 2013

State Championship Tournament, April 13-14

1st Place Dramatic Interpretation – Sanford Jones
5th Place Dramatic Interpretation – Noah Ruff
1st Place Varsity Oral Interpretation – Noah Ruff
6th Place Varsity Oral Interpretation – Sanford Jones
Semi-Finalists: Lily Evans & Jacob Buckner – Duo
Quarter Finalist: Madeline Lee – J.V. OI

NCFL Grand Nationals, May 25-26*

1st Place, National Champion, Dramatic Performance – Sanford Jones
Quarter Finalist (top 24): Noah Ruff – Dramatic Performance

**At Nationals, states are in competition with one another and are ranked according to total points earned. Our students were part of the New York State team which took first place overall with the highest number of total points earned!*

Hen Hud's Speech Team Coach, Kathy Sponseller, couldn't be more proud of her students' performances. She remarked, "I wish all success to seniors Sanford Jones, Noah Ruff, and Rafiq Taylor as they graduate. Their accomplishments will be an inspiration for many years to the Speech Team members who will follow."

Congratulations to Mrs. Sponseller and the entire Hen Hud Speech Team for an outstanding year!

HHHS Senior Athletes Playing College Athletics



Front row (left to right): **Sean Tandy**, Men's Club Lacrosse; **Sarah Mendelowitz**, Women's Tennis; **Jessica Pelaccio**, Women's Volleyball; **Hunter Glashoff**, Baseball; **Angela Marriott**, Women's Soccer and Women's Lacrosse; **Lindsey Luposello**, Women's Lacrosse; **Kennedy Sherman**, Women's Lacrosse. Second row (left to right): **Joe Fraietta**, Men's Lacrosse; **Michael Quinoy**, Men's Track and Field; **Jessica Sincero**, Women's Volleyball; **Matt Ledwin**, Men's Lacrosse; **Megan Jahoda**, Softball; **Kyle Monk**, Baseball. Third row (left to right): **Ben Schwartz**, Football; **Jamie Costello**, Cheerleading; **Gabbi Rossi**, Cheerleading; **Steven Pinski**, Men's Soccer; **Kevin McDermott**, Men's Lacrosse; **Brett Dalton**, Men's Lacrosse; **Robert Carey**, Men's Soccer; **Brad Barthelmes**, Men's Track and Field; **Josh Kraft**, Football. Not pictured: **John Margiotta**, Men's Lacrosse; **Craig Rizzo**, Men's Lacrosse; **Dana Knapp**, Cheerleading.

The Hendrick Hudson High School Athletic Department is proud to announce that 25 student-athletes from the Class of 2013 will be continuing their athletic career at the college level. "These student-athletes worked extremely hard over the past few years. I am very proud of their accomplishments, and I look forward to following their careers at the next level. On behalf of the entire Hendrick Hudson community, we thank these student-athletes and wish them the best of luck," remarked Hendrick Hudson Athletic Director Tom Baker.

The 25 athletes will be represented at the Division 1, 2, and 3 Level, including some club sports and one college in Europe. Baker continued, "It is truly an honor to play collegiate sports, and I firmly believe they will represent their institutions so well."

Frank G. Lindsey Students' Portrait Tiles Adorn Cafeteria Wall

The latest tile wall in the Frank G. Lindsey Elementary School cafeteria has been completed! Beginning in February, every student in the school completed a self-portrait under the guidance of art teachers Doreen Halsall and Jessica Nash. Students first learned the art of creating a self-portrait using mathematical concepts such as symmetry and measurement. Students then studied their own facial features and applied what they learned in class to create their own likenesses. The portraits were turned into ceramic wall tiles by the company Art to Remember. A donation by the FGL PTA enabled every child (and most teachers!) in the school to receive a tile. The result – over 490 tiles

were made! PTA coordinator Rebecca Quigley worked with custodians Tim Pierce and Brian Baisley to install the wall over one weekend in the spring, along with the "Sailor blue" wood frame. The original tile wall was created six years ago in 2007, so the kindergarteners pictured are now the graduating 5th graders. FGL parents are welcome to stop by and find their child on the wall among the diverse mosaic of wonderful faces!



Clare Carey Selected by NHS Students as 2012-2013 Most Influential Staff Member

Food Service Director Clare Carey was recently selected for recognition as the Most Influential Staff Member by the senior members of the National Honor Society. After a month's consideration, students selected Ms. Carey, a beloved member of our district community, to receive this honor based on whom they felt had influenced and inspired them the most to become who they are over the course of their time at Hendrick Hudson. The NHS students recognized Ms. Carey for her hard work and efforts on behalf of all Hen Hud students, as well as her perseverance and ability to overcome obstacles as she continues to do anything and everything she can to support our students – acting as a second mom to some, counselor to others, and always a source of humor to everyone around her – and all the while battling Parkinson's disease. She is an inspiration to all of us!



HHHS Business Students Attend Future Business Leaders Camp at Mercy College

A total of seven Hendrick Hudson High School business students recently attended the Business Leaders Academy, a five-day intensive Business Studies immersion camp at Mercy College. Kristen Ellis, Camelia Pecchia, Jacqueline Tosi, and Brandon Wickel attended a session of the camp from June 24 - 27, 2013 while Alex Levy, Peter Pinque, and Benjamin Solnick attended a session of the camp that ran from July 14 - 18. Top high school students from around the country experienced hands-on business practices as they attended workshops, field trips and business simulations led by senior business executives from notable corporations and institutions, including Goldman Sachs, MTV, Ralph Lauren, Bloomberg, Price-waterhouseCoopers, the Federal Reserve Bank, Abercrombie, Time Warner and several New York City advertising agencies. Kristen Ellis stated, "We took multiple classes and really enjoyed the week. We've learned so much and it has been a rewarding experience and taught me a lot about pursuing a career in business."



Pictured here, left to right: Brandon Wickel, Camelia Pecchia, Kristen Ellis and Jacqueline Tosi in New York City while visiting Price-waterhouseCoopers and Goldman Sachs

Ten business students were initially nominated to attend the camp by Mrs. Maura Koch, HHHS Business and Computer Education Teacher. Students who had taken a course in the HHHS Business program and had shown a high level of interest and diligence in their studies were eligible to be nominated. From the ten students nominated, seven were chosen to attend the highly selective camp after a review of applications and personal interviews by Dr. Ed Weis, Dean of the School of Business at Mercy College. Mrs. Koch adds, "I am proud of these students and I am hopeful they will learn to embrace their entrepreneurial spirit that was evident in class this year."

Oh, the Places They'll Go!

Hen Hud seniors accepted at colleges across the nation and abroad

In the fall, the Hendrick Hudson High School Class of 2013 will be venturing out to colleges around the nation, Canada and even Great Britain. Our graduates have chosen to further their education at the following institutions:

American University	Elmira College	Johnson & Wales University	Pace University	University of Delaware
Auburn University	Emmanuel College	Lesley University	Penn State	University of Maryland
Bard College	Emory University	Manhattan College	Rice University	University of Massachusetts
Barnard College	Fashion Institute of Technology	Manhattanville College	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Missouri
Bentley University	Florida Atlantic University	Marist College	Roger Williams University	University of Pennsylvania
Binghamton University	Franklin and Marshall College	Marymount Manhattan College	Sacred Heart University	University of Rhode Island
CUNY	Georgia Institute of Technology	McGill University (Montreal)	Sage College	University of Tampa
Boston College	Hamilton College	Mercy College	Salisbury University	University of Vermont
Boston Conservatory	Hampshire College	Mount Ida College	Southern Connecticut State University	Villanova University
California University of Pennsylvania	Harvard College	Muhlenberg College	St. John's University	West Virginia University
Central Connecticut State University	Hofstra University	Nazareth College	SUNY schools all across NY state	Westchester Community College
College of Mt. Saint Vincent	Hope College	NY Institute of Technology	Stony Brook University	Western New England University
College of Westchester	Indiana University	Newcastle University (London)	Syracuse University	Wheaton College
Cornell University	Iona College	Northeastern University	Tompkins Cortland Community College	
Dartmouth College	Ithaca College	Nyack College	Towson University	
Dutchess Community College	James Madison University	Oklahoma City University	Union College	
East Carolina University	Johns Hopkins University	Onondaga Community College	University of Colorado	

As you can see, the class of 2013 is attending a broad range of institutions in their quest to fulfill their dreams, evidence of our success in maximizing the potential of all students! Acceptance of a number of our top students at Ivy League schools such as Cornell, Dartmouth, Harvard and Penn as well as other prestigious schools around the country is a testament to the rigor of our academic program. We couldn't be more proud of our graduates! Congratulations and best of luck to the Class of 2013!

Two Hen Hud Elementary Students Win Kohl's Cares Awards for Volunteerism

Michael Tosi, a fifth grade student at Buchanan-Verplanck Elementary School, and Isabel Begun, a fifth grade student at Furnace Woods Elementary School, were among the 101 store winners in the Kohl's Cares Scholarship Program statewide and 2,300 nationwide in 2013. Every year, Kohl's recognizes and rewards young volunteers across the country for their amazing contributions to their communities. Students between the ages of 6 and 18 may be nominated and winners are chosen based on the benefits and outcomes of their volunteer service. Students who enter have the chance to win a \$50 Kohl's gift card, a \$1,000 scholarship or \$10,000 in scholarships.



**Michael Tosi with the
'Helping Hands' eagle**

Michael Tosi, moved by the devastation caused by Hurricane Sandy, developed the 'Helping Hands' Project to help victims of the storm. "I was very devastated by Hurricane Sandy and the damage done to people's homes, towns and lives. The fact that people were homeless, and I did not even lose power seemed unfair to me. I felt like I needed to step in and help," Michael stated.

He sent a letter to B-V's principal, Josh Cohen, asking if the school could donate money, food and clothes to help the victims of Sandy. They met to discuss the idea and came up with 'Helping Hands,' the purpose of which would be to give out paper hands to the students. The students would write their name on a hand, decorate it, attach a donation, and send it down to the office. Michael, Johnny Glashoff and several other students went down to the office every day after recess to count the amount of money raised that day. When the project ended, they put the paper hands collected in the shape of an eagle (B-V's school mascot) and hung it up. Michael was very excited to find they had raised \$1,500 to purchase supplies for Sandy victims! The students decided to send the supplies to the American Red Cross, and a few weeks later, a woman from the American Red Cross Program visited B-V to personally thank the students for their donation.

Michael commented, "I was shocked at the amount of money that was raised and the amount of people that participated in 'Helping Hands.' I really want to thank everyone that donated, especially Mr. Cohen, Mrs. Flannino, Mrs. Youman, Mrs. Weinheim, Ms. Irwin, Johnny Glashoff and the entire B-V School for making this all possible. This was a wonderful experience for me and I hope my actions can help many of the people affected by Hurricane Sandy."



**Isabel Begun with some of her fellow 5th grade students
on 'Blue-out Against Bullying' Day**

Isabel Begun's year-long independent research project on bullying for her Horizons class came with an unexpected benefit – the Kohl's Cares Award! She decided to pick bullying as her topic after she found out so many children are affected and that cyber-bullying was causing it to become even more widespread. Through her research, Isabel noticed that some schools in Massachusetts have a 'Black-Out Bullying' Day in which students wear black as a commitment to 'black-out' bullying. Isabel decided to organize a day like this for FWS entitled "Blue-Out against Bullying" since the school colors are blue and white. She prepared a speech which included facts about bullying as well as helpful tips about bully prevention and presented it to the entire fifth grade. Isabel encouraged her fellow students to wear blue on Friday, January 25th to stand united against bullying. She also explained that it was a day in which they would be kind and respectful to each other. On the 25th of January, every fifth grade student at FWS came to school wearing blue! It was wonderful to see all the children come together for an important cause. And Isabel's hard work did not end there. She spent the rest of the school year researching bullying and spreading the importance of bully prevention!

Commenting on her award to a local news source, Isabel stated, "When I found out (about the award) I was really excited that I made a difference and that my community recognized it." She continued, "I don't like that kids feel uncomfortable in their environment, whether they are at school or just anywhere. (The day) was a sign that nobody was going to be mean to each other, there was no fighting and everyone was going to try to be friends for one day, and hopefully for a long time too."

***The entire Hendrick Hudson School District congratulates Michael and Isabel for their efforts
and for their well-deserved recognition by Kohl's!***

Hen Hud FBLA Students Place 5th at Nationals

Three Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) students from Hendrick Hudson High School attended the FBLA National Leadership Conference from June 25 to July 1, 2013 in Anaheim, California. Over 10,000 students from across the United States participated in the conference meetings, workshops and over sixty competitions. Seniors Bradley Barthelmes and Kevin Kiley and sophomore Taylor Crisci took part in the Entrepreneurship team competition, having earned the right to compete at Nationals by placing 2nd in the New York State FBLA conference in Rochester in April.

In the Entrepreneurship competition, the Hen Hud team successfully completed a first round written test and then moved to the final round, which involved analyzing a case study of a once prominent company that had faltered during the downturn in the economy. The students had 20 minutes to review the case study and create talking points and then present their findings in a seven-minute oral presentation to a panel of judges. Their presentation earned them 5th place in the nation in the



Pictured here, left to right: Kevin Kiley, Taylor Crisci and Bradley Barthelmes

Entrepreneurship category in this prestigious competition!

"The knowledge these students gained through the high school business courses they have taken along with additional independent studying helped bring the team to the forefront of the competition," said Hendrick Hudson FBLA advisor Mrs. Meg Jandrasits. "We wish Kevin and Brad luck in their business courses in college and wish future success to Taylor and the other members of FBLA in the coming years."

FGL Parent and Scientist Dr. Matthias Quick Brings His Expertise to the Classroom

Dr. Matthias Quick, a scientist from Columbia University's Division of Molecular Therapeutics and a Frank G. Lindsey parent, took some time away from his busy lab schedule to share some of his expertise with the students in Mr. Leonardo's first grade class. Part of the first grade Science 21 curriculum includes the investigation of the different states of matter and how they



can change. To help the children explore these changes, Dr. Quick demonstrated how water can alter its state through heating and cooling. He also guided the students in an experiment that revealed how different sodium chloride levels in water can have an effect on the heating/cooling results. The students thought it was very exciting to learn from a real scientist. Thank you, Dr. Quick!

BMMS Seventh Graders Explore Historic Lower Manhattan

In June, our 7th grade students went on a walking tour of lower Manhattan, where they experienced historical Revolutionary and Civil War sites. They began their tour in Bowling Green Park, the first official park in New York. As they continued their tour through the city, they came across Fraunces Tavern, which played a prominent role in the American Revolution. They also visited St. Paul's Chapel, the New York Stock Exchange and many other wonderful sites. The tour ended at the South Street Seaport, where students enjoyed their lunch sitting on the grass, socializing with friends and enjoying a beautiful view of the Brooklyn Bridge. Thanks to the Blue Mountain Middle School PTA for providing the funding necessary to make this trip possible!



Visit us on Facebook
www.facebook.com/henhudschools

A Message from Superintendent Joseph Hochreiter

Dear Hen Hud Community,

It is a privilege to be officially on board as your Superintendent of Schools and an honor to be associated with such a pride-filled community that values education.

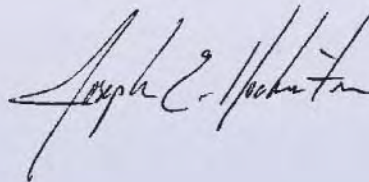
I was so incredibly fortunate to have the opportunity to spend quality time in the Hen Hud schools this spring before my official start date. I met many talented teachers, smart and involved parents, dedicated administrators, and collaborative community members. I am especially appreciative of the time that Interim Superintendent of Schools Dr. Brian Monahan and Board of Education President Mary-Pat Braggi were able to spend with me. The district has been enriched by Dr. Monahan's communication efforts, spirit and wisdom. Similarly, the community should feel confident in the direction of the district under the leadership of President Braggi and the Trustees. Because of this, I am confident that my ongoing transition into the district will continue to be very positive and welcoming.

Additionally, since starting on July 1, I have visited our elementary and high school summer programs, toured FGL, FWS and BMMS, attended various community events and met absolutely outstanding people associated with Hen Hud. Personally, my wife and I continue to search for our permanent home within the Hen Hud district. We're really excited to get settled in the district.

Please contact me to share your Hen Hud success stories, share advice and perspective on our school system, or just to introduce yourself. I can be reached at the contact information below.

I look forward to working with you in partnership to build upon the educational program for which the Hendrick Hudson School District and community is known.

Regards,




Stay Connected with Superintendent Hochreiter

Superintendent Joseph Hochreiter is taking steps to increase communication with all stakeholders of the Hen Hud community. "Communicating important information from the district, as well as providing additional avenues for stakeholders to be informed is vitally important," Hochreiter stated. "It is my sincere hope that parents, community members, staff and students will feel a bit more connected to the activities of the district and that I am accessible through these initiatives."



If you have a Twitter account, you can find Superintendent Hochreiter and follow him @HenHudSupt. Additionally, you can read his posts by clicking on the Twitter tab on the right-hand side of the district's webpage www.henhudschools.org. "This is yet another communication

vehicle to keep everyone informed as well as to celebrate the many successes of our students," Hochreiter commented. "It is a great tool to communicate important information in a timely manner to large groups of constituents," he concluded.



Like all staff, the superintendent can be reached at the district's traditional email address format: Joseph.Hochreiter@henhudschools.org. More simply, the superintendent can be reached at the following address: Superintendent@henhudschools.org.

"I do not have the easiest or most traditional last name to spell. We took the guesswork out of it by creating this additional email address," Hochreiter added.

APPR Ratings: What are they, and will they affect my child?

Alice Gottlieb, EdD, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Personnel



The APPR, formally the Annual Professional Performance Review, is not new. Teachers and principals have received annual evaluations for as long as we've had schools. The stakes have become much higher this year, with new requirements from the state, both in how the evaluations are written and how results are available to families.

Teacher and principal ratings are based on student scores on state and local assessments, and on teacher/principal effectiveness as measured using state-approved instruments such as the Danielson rubric (see table below). All of these scores are then combined to gain a "HEDI" rating out of 100 points; HEDI stands for "Highly Effective, Effective, Developing, and Ineffective."

How are the HEDI ratings compiled? Of the 100 possible points, 20 are based on either a state assessment or other test that measures student growth, 20 are based on a local measure of student achievement, and the final 60 are based on administrative observations. Specific examples follow:

	0-20 points— Student Growth	0-20 points— Local Assessment	0-60 — Other Measures of Student Achievement
Grade 2 Teacher	AIMS Web Reading and Math	Narrative writing, Math benchmark	Principal observations, recorded on
Grade 5 Teacher	NYS ELA and Math Assessments	Narrative writing, Math benchmark	Charlotte Danielson's <i>Framework for Teaching</i> rubric
MS Music Teacher	Written assessment of content knowledge	Peer reviewed performance	Examples of student and teacher work
HS Global Studies Teacher	NYS Regents Exam	Document Based Question — writing benchmark	

Because this is the first year for the new APPR in New York State, we are not completely sure what the scores will mean. What we do know, however, is that effectiveness is more than a number on a scale. When we receive the results from the state in late August, we will analyze them carefully. Obviously we'll need to study each professional's effectiveness score, but we'll also need to study the efficacy of our measures. In other words, are our assessments measuring what they're supposed to measure? This will certainly be a learning experience for all of us. The APPR plan is subject to an annual review process by New York State, so the district will have an opportunity to refine the plan based on the results.

New York State law allows parents and legal guardians of a student to request the effectiveness scores and final ratings of teachers and principals to which the student is assigned for the current school year. Requests for this information have to be in writing, using a form that will be available on our district website.

In a perfect world, all of our teachers would be highly effective, and our children would not even know that such a process exists. However, our current APPR environment is highly stressful for teachers, our students are taking more tests than they ever have, and the community will undoubtedly be talking about teachers, principals, and HEDI ratings. At this point, we need to see how the process works, learn as much as we can from the first year, and keep our eye on the target: ensuring the best possible education for our children.

If you would like to read more about the APPR or about the Common Core, please visit these websites:

<http://www.henhudschools.org/district.cfm?subpage=1344633>

This is the link for the Hendrick Hudson School District's 2012-2013 APPR plan.

<http://www.engageny.org/parent-and-family-resources>

This link brings you to Parent and Family Resources on Engage New York's website.

Keep reading!

Alice Gottlieb

A Message from Mary-Pat Briggi President, Board of Education



Well, we're more than halfway through summer – almost to the point where both parents and students alike cannot wait for school to be back in session. Once again, the end of the school year was a successful, positive time for our District, as our students looked back on what they'd accomplished and forward to the next step. It was a bittersweet time for me as I

watched another son graduate from high school ready to start a future beyond Hen Hud, and away from home. I will miss him,

but recognize that this is his time and I am so appreciative to all the teachers and staff that have made a difference and helped him arrive at this point. With the rest of his graduating class, they're now looking ahead to significant changes and great opportunity. The same can be said for the incoming kindergarteners who will take their place in the Hen Hud educational system. As one class goes out and another one enters, they're all on the edge of their own version of greatness and excited about the future. Parents watch proudly – ready to help, protect and support them, no matter what end of the continuum and at each grade in between. The other

A Message from Mary-Pat Briggi continued on page 16

Awards and Honors of the Class of 2013

Parent Teacher Student Association Award to the Valedictorian
Kyle Monk

Parent Teacher Student Association Award to the Salutatorian
Fiona Ewing

Christopher Columbus Society Ladies Auxiliary Award to the 3rd Ranking Senior
Amy White

Woman's Club of Peekskill-Cortlandt Award
Cecilia Kaplan

Peekskill Rotary Club Outstanding Students Scholarship – Kyle Monk Fellowship – Fiona Ewing

Richard Albert Scholarship Award
Leslie O'Neill

Hendrick Hudson High School Faculty Award
Joshua Kraft

Buchanan Senior Citizens Scholarship Award
Bradley Barthelmes

Verplanck Residents' Scholarship Award
Joseph Ritornato

Principal's Award
Joshua Kraft
Stephanie Yeagley

Robert J. Hill Memorial Scholarship Award
Stacey Sternberg

Cheryl R. Lindenbaum Memorial Award
Julianna Miller

Stephen C. Keenan Memorial Award
Amber Gordineer

New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli Achievement Award
Conor Briggi
Jamie Spock

Nita M. Lowey Congress of the United States Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition
Carolyn Smith

Yara Louise Heston Memorial Service Award
Audrey Block

Patriotic Service Community Award
Mark Grant

Diane Tangen Scholarship Award
Ian Barnas

Buckner Award for Understanding, Acceptance, and Compassion
Jacqueline Ward

Wienkoop Family Scholarship Award
Jasmine Redd

United States Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award
Kevin Kiley

HHCEF Scholarship Award
Darren Feron
Meghan Mastroddi

Wise Senior Award
Sydney Murphy

Sally Schecter Debate and Speech Award
Sanford Jones
Noah Ruff

George W. Kiefer Scholarship Award
Megan Jahoda

Parent Teacher Student Association Graduation Award
Ian Barnas
Amber Gordineer
Jonathan Margiotta
Jasmine Redd

American Association of University Women Outstanding Student Award
Shannon Ho

Ed Carter Memorial Award
Julianna Miller



Awards and Honors of the Class of 2013

Art/Music Department Awards

Douglas Mowbray Art Award
Susan Goetz

*Parent Teacher Student
Association Academic
Excellence in Art Award*
Maya Feero

*Parent Teacher Student
Association Dedication
to Art Award*
Sarah Appleyard

*Parent Teacher Student
Association Band Award*
Benjamin Schwartz
Carolyn Smith

*Semper Fidelis Award for
Musical Excellence*
Noah Ruff

*Parent Teacher Student
Association Orchestra Award*
Fiona Ewing

*Parent Teacher Student
Association Choral Award*
Sarah Ann Duffy
Rafiq Taylor

Performing Arts Award
Jennifer Morris
Noah Ruff

Ema S. K. Price Music Award
Martin Rubin-Weiss

Athletic Department Awards

*Rotary Club Senior
Athlete Award*
Kevin McDermott
Kennedy Sherman

*Irwin J. Mayer Memorial
Award – Scholarship and
Athletics*
Male Athlete – Kyle Monk
Female Athlete – Amy White

*Irwin J. Mayer
Participation Award*
Male Athlete – Ben Schwartz
Female Athlete –
Lindsey Luposello



*Vincent Verdeschi
Memorial Award*
Male Athlete – Matt Ledwin
Female Athlete –
Jayme Green

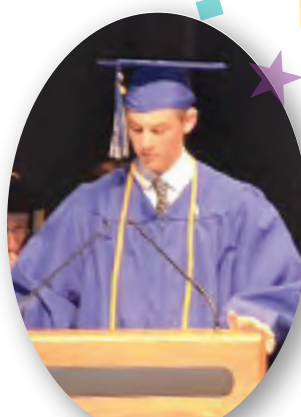
*Hendrick Hudson Athletics
Perseverance Award*
Male Athlete – Ed Tandy
Female Athlete –
Angela Marriott

*Hendrick Hudson Athletic
Department Dedication Award*
Male Athlete – Hunter Glashoff
Female Athlete – Megan Jahoda

Sailor Pride Award
Male Athlete – Dillon Persaud
Female Athlete – Megan Curtis

*Hendrick Hudson
Athletic Program Award*
Male Athletes –
Christopher Barra
Kyle Ferguson
Zachary Shapiro
Female Athletes –
Tara Boyle
Jessica Pelaccio
Katie Trend

Athletic Department Award
Male Athletes -
Joe Fraietta
Sean Tandy
Female Athletes -
Stephanie Smith
Bailey Stewart



*Athletic Department
Service Award*
Male Athlete – Carson Cole
Female Athlete –
Jessica Sincero

*Athletic Department
Leadership Award*
Male Athletes –
Brad Barthelmes
Brett Dalton
Female Athletes –
Manuela Casuriaga
Julianna Miller

*United States Marine Corps
Distinguished Athlete Award*
Male Athlete – Steven Pinski
Female Athlete –
Jamie Costello

*Hendrick Hudson Heisman
Scholar Award*
Rebecca Kolesar

Varsity Club Award
Bradley Barthelmes
Michael Quinoy
Benjamin Schwartz
Amy White

*MSG Varsity Student/Athlete
Achievement Award*
Mark Grant

*Hendrick Hudson Hall Of
Fame Scholarship*
Conor Briggi
Kennedy Sherman

Scholar Athlete Awards

Conor Briggi
Megan Curtis
Fiona Ewing
Jayme Green
Kevin Kiley
Kyle Monk
Michael Quinoy
Rebecca Schwartz
Stephanie Smith
Amy White

English Department Awards

*Parent Teacher Student
Association Academic
Excellence in English Award*
Maia Silber

*Parent Teacher Student
Association Dedication to
English Award*
Fiona Ewing

*Parent Teacher Student
Association ELL Award*
Sally Ma

*American Association of
University Women
Excellence in Writing Award*
Maia Silber

Mathematics Department Awards

*Parent Teacher Student
Association Academic
Excellence in Math Award*
Kyle Monk

*Parent Teacher Student
Association Dedication to
Math Award*
Amy White

*Math Honor Society
Senior Award*
Conor Briggi

*Hendrick Hudson High School
American Mathematics
Competition Award*
Eva Baransky



Awards and Honors of the Class of 2013

Foreign Language Department Awards

Parent Teacher Student Association Academic Excellence in Spanish Award
Christopher Williams

Parent Teacher Student Association Dedication to Spanish Award
Kyle Monk

Parent Teacher Student Association Academic Excellence in French Award
Maia Silber

Parent Teacher Student Association Dedication to French Award
Cecilia Kaplan

Parent Teacher Student Association Academic Excellence in Italian Award
Rebecca Kolesar

Parent Teacher Student Association Dedication to Italian Award
Danielle Ciofalo

American Association of Teachers of Italian Excellence in Italian Award
Kevin Kiley

Social Studies Department Awards

Hendrick Hudson High School Historical Award
Shannon Ho

William Stern Post #70 Jewish War Veterans of U.S.
Matthew Eichler

Parent Teacher Student Association Academic Excellence in Social Studies Award
Danielle Green

Parent Teacher Student Association Dedication to Social Studies Award
Conor Braggi

Thomas L. Fedele Dedication to Success Award
Cyndi Petrocine

Science Department Awards

Parent Teacher Student Association Academic Excellence in Science Award
Amy White

Parent Teacher Student Association Dedication to Science Award
Céline Garandeanu

Tech Center Awards

CSEAUUnit 9162 Scholarship Award
Male – Fionn Quigley
Female – Gabrielle Rossi

Parent Teacher Student Association Tech Center Award
Fionn Quigley

Business Education Awards

Parent Teacher Student Association Academic Excellence in Business/Computer Award
Stephanie Smith

Parent Teacher Student Association Dedication to Business Award
Todd Lee

FBLA Business Award
Bradley Barthelmes

George Penza Business Award
Hunter Glashoff

Academic Achievement Awards

High Honor Roll 15 Times
Audrey Block, Conor Braggi, Alyssa Cascone, Manuela Casuriaga, Megan Curtis, Fiona Ewing, Céline Garandeanu, Shannon Ho,

Cecilia Kaplan, Kevin Kiley, Rebecca Kolesar, Kyle Monk, Michael Quinoy, Rebecca Schwartz, Maia Silber, Stephanie Smith, Amy White, Christopher Williams

Honor Roll 15 Times
Lance Altman, Tara Boyle, Nicole Campise, Stephanie Cope, Carlee Corkery, Danielle Green, Mackenzie Kear, Robert Kornfeld, Matthew Ledwin, Todd Lee, Lindsey Luposello, Leah Mancini, Maria Manzo, Julianna Miller, Sydney Murphy, Leslie O'Neill, Steven Pinski, Elena Scarmozzino, Kennedy Sherman, Jessica Sincero, Carolyn Smith, Jamie Spock, Sean Tandy, Eden Zilker

2013 President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement
Christopher Bohuniek
Stephanie Yeagley

2013 President's Award for Educational Excellence
Lance Altman, Eva Baransky, Audrey Block, Tara Boyle, Conor Braggi, Nicole Campise, Alyssa Cascone, Manuela Casuriaga, Carlee Corkery, Leandre Eberhard, Fiona Ewing, Céline Garandeanu, Danielle Green, Shannon Ho, Cecilia Kaplan, Mackenzie Kear, Kevin Kiley, Rebecca Kolesar, Robert Kornfeld, Matthew Ledwin, Todd Lee, Alexis Mangual, Maria Manzo, Julianna Miller, Kyle Monk, Sydney Murphy, Leslie O'Neill, Steven Pinski, Albertina Qelaj, Michael Quinoy, Noah Ruff, Elena Scarmozzino, Rebecca Schwartz, Maia Silber, Carolyn Smith, Stephanie Smith, Jamie Spock, Stacey Sternberg, Alec Struver, Amy White, Christopher Williams, Eden Zilker

The College Board 2012/13 National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholars
Alexis Mangual
Michael Quinoy

Finalists in the 2013 Competition For National Merit Scholarship
Fiona Ewing
Maia Silber
Amy White

Commended Students National Merit Scholarship – 2013
Conor Braggi
Leander Eberhard
Matthew Ledwin
Kyle Monk

Hendrick Hudson Educational Secretaries Association Scholarship
Jacob Koch

Michael W. Lynch, Sr. Memorial Scholarship
Edward Tandy

Walter Peek Memorial Scholarship
Martin Rubin-Weiss

Buchanan-Verplanck Elementary School PTA Alumni Scholarship
Megan Jahoda
Amy Kendel

Frank G. Lindsey Pride Alumni Scholarship
Brett Dalton
Leslie O'Neill

Furnace Woods School PTA Alumni Scholarship
Tara Boyle
Stephanie Smith

BASF Awards for Science
Michael Quinoy
Stacey Sternberg

Hendrick Hudson Lion's Club/Sarah F. Donovan Scholarship
Conor Braggi

Margaret McCorry Memorial Scholarship
Jamie Spock

Awards and Honors of the Class of 2013

*Hendrick Hudson Education
Association Scholarship*
Megan Jahoda
Carolyn Smith

*Jack McGuire
Memorial Scholarship*
Sadie McMurrin

*The Rev. Dr. G. Franklin Wiggins
Memorial Scholarship*
Kyle Ferguson

*Buchanan Engine Company
Annual Scholarship*
Kennedy Sherman

*Cortlandt Community Volunteer
Ambulance Corps Annual
Scholarship*
Allison Kadin

*Judith C. Armisto
Scholarship*
Sadie McMurrin



HHHS PTSA Fashion Show • March 15, 2013

Blue Mountain Middle School Eighth Grade Awards *Excellence in Subject Area*

English
Ellen Gruber
Jisun Reiner

Math
Gabriela Pogyo
Jaclyn Raguso

*Science -
Living Environment*
Alyssa Bleakley
Danielle Guida

Social Studies
Max Borchardt

*Wendy Yu
Spanish*
Daniel Maloney
Jillian O'Reilly

Italian
Sofia Cuccia
Danielle Guida

French
Kirstin Loh
Integrated Algebra
Jillian O'Reilly
Julian Weissman

Geometry
Danielle Guida

Other Awards and Honors

*Margaret Zupp Award
6th Grade*
Candace Crowley
Dennis Emmanuel

Fontana Award
Taylor Highbloom

Gary Mercer Award
Carole Sinacore

*Perfect Attendance
Three Years*
Randi Blitzter
James Dong
Jazmin Emmitt
Nicholas Velez

*Outstanding Service to
Student Organization*
Daniel Regueiro
Nicole Zilker

The Counselor's Award
Georgia Mastroddi
Most Outstanding Athlete
Kathryn Kenny
Thomas Maloney

*Most Outstanding
P.E. Student*
Jacob Anstett
Sophia Brown

*Most Outstanding
Band Student*
Ellen Gruber

*Most Outstanding
Orchestra Student*
Sebastian Nikischer

*Most Outstanding
MOVAPA Student*
Shoshana Nuwesra

*Lion's Club
Kay Chalk Award*
Kristen Bartolomeo
Kelsey Byrne

American Legion Award
Michael Crowley
Molly Lesnick

*Cortlandt Volunteer
Ambulance Corps
Achievement Award*
Grace Crisci
Lauren Mandelkow

*Women Band
Directors' Association
Middle School Award*
Tiffany Cornely

*Debbie Miller
Spanish Award*
Melanie Porras

PTA Award
Demetra Price
Nick Velez
*American Association of
University Women Math
and Science Award*
Melanie Porras
Jisun Reiner
*New York State Comptroller
Achievement Award*
Michael Cudahy
Peter Maselli

*BMMS 20th Century Learner
and Library Award*
James Dong
Fadeke Kalejaye

*Collaborative
Learner Award*
Douglas Reyes

A Message from Mary-Pat Briggi continued on page 11

constant is the teachers, staff and administrators who will be there for these children, ready to teach and guide them in this journey. The start of the school year is a new opportunity for everyone to learn and grow – to continue mastering things you love and do well, and to improve and learn from past mistakes. It's a chance to start fresh – to make the most of the opportunities available and to recommit to do our best. It is with this optimism and the combined efforts of committed students, parents and teachers that we are best poised to succeed.

Another change that we will have this fall is a new Superintendent. Mr. Joseph Hochreiter officially joined Hen Hud on July 1st. The Board and the community search committee were impressed with his experience and command of curriculum, his ideas for continuing the strides we have made in the past several years, and his enthusiasm for and understanding of our district. He has spent time visiting our schools, meeting our staff and community, and establishing plans and goals. The Board looks forward to working with him to make the most of the opportunities that exist for our district and our students. Please join us in welcoming Mr. Hochreiter and wishing him well – because his success is our success. May everyone enjoy (the remainder of) a restful, healthy summer.



Mary-Pat Briggi
President, Board of Education

A Back-to-School Note from Transportation

- ❖ Please be standing at the bus stop at least 5 minutes prior to the designated time, rain, snow or shine. When the bus has to wait at the bus stop for a student, e.g., sitting in a car, it creates a “domino effect” on the rest of the run(s) and our timely arrival to other students’ stops and their school. If the bus is at the bus stop at the scheduled time and the student is not ready to board, we will continue on the run and you will be responsible for your child’s transportation.
- ❖ It is illegal to pass a school bus with its red lights flashing whether you are driving on the road or on school property. Let’s work together to keep the students safe as they load and unload from the bus.



SAVE THE DATE!
HEN HUD’S FIRST-EVER
DISTRICT-WIDE
CLEAN-UP DAY
SEPTEMBER 21, 2013
9 am - 12 pm

Parent and student volunteers needed!
Contact Beth Gruber at
beth.gruber@henhudschools.org
for more information or to volunteer.



Hendrick Hudson School District

61 Trolley Road • Montrose, New York 10548

www.henhudschools.org



www.facebook.com/henhudschools

Hendrick Hudson Mission Statement

The mission of the Hendrick Hudson School District, a dynamic, innovative, and supportive educational community, is to ensure each student is an engaged, passionate learner who achieves his or her maximum potential and contributes to society.

This is accomplished in a system characterized by:

- A culture of the highest expectations for all;
- A rigorous, articulated curriculum;
- Diverse, effective instructional strategies and resources;
- An educational environment that is challenging, creative, exploratory, accessible, and nurturing; and
- A fully engaged, supportive community.

Hendrick Hudson School District Administration

Board of Education

Mary-Pat Briggi, President

Barbara Pettersen, Vice President

Carol Popolow Abraham

Carson Jacobs

Laurie Ryan

Charles Thompson

Marion Walsh

District Administrators

Joseph Hochreiter

Superintendent of Schools

Mathew Swerdloff

Director of Technology

Dr. Alice Gottlieb

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Personnel

Thomas Baker

Director of Athletics

Enrique Catalan

Assistant Superintendent for Business

Anthony Merlini

Director of School Facilities, Operations and Maintenance

Kathleen Coughlin

Director of Pupil Personnel Services

Jim Christie

Interim Director of Transportation

Clare Carey

Director of Food Services

Contacting Us is Easy

District Office Building

61 Trolley Rd.
Montrose, NY 10548
(914) 257-5100

Buchanan-Verplanck Elementary School

160 Westchester Ave.
Buchanan, NY 10511
(914) 257-5400

Frank G. Lindsey Elementary School

57 Trolley Rd.
Montrose, NY 10548
(914) 257-5500

Furnace Woods Elementary School

239 Watch Hill Rd.
Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567
(914) 257-5600

Blue Mountain Middle School

7 Furnace Woods Rd.
Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567
(914) 257-5700

Hendrick Hudson High School

2166 Albany Post Rd.
Montrose, NY 10548
(914) 257-5800

**Visit us on the web at www.henhudschools.org
for the latest news and information**