

Falcon Flyer

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From the Superintendent

Last March I hosted a community meeting regarding potential revenue from the Rover Pipeline project. During this meeting I mentioned a date of October 1 for figures to be released by the Department of Taxation (DOT). The DOT sent the figures to the county auditors on that date, however, upon review by the auditors in Wayne and Ashland County, they noticed some inaccurate information concerning revenue to entities that did not have the pipeline in their districts. They have notified the DOT and we are currently waiting for corrected figures. Based on information I have sought from other schools, I believe we will still be having conversations concerning new facilities. I want to thank the 233 people who participated in the "New Facility Survey." 91% of respondents believe we need new school buildings. The results from the question concerning when to start a project were as follows: 62% are ready to go immediately (if projections show being able to pay for it), 13% want to wait a year, 6.5% want to see 25% of the cost of the project in the bank, 8% want to see 50% in the bank, and the rest wanted all 100%. 85% of those surveyed were fine with spending funds up front for research and design. These are exciting times for the Hillsdale community!

~Mr. Steve Dickerson

Hillsdale students, teachers, and staff members are working hard to "BE THE ONE" this year! All students, from pre-school to high school, can proudly wear their "BE THE ONE" shirts as they incorporate this important message into their daily lives.

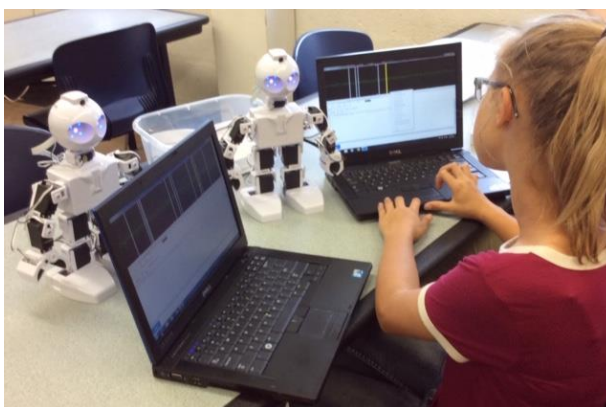
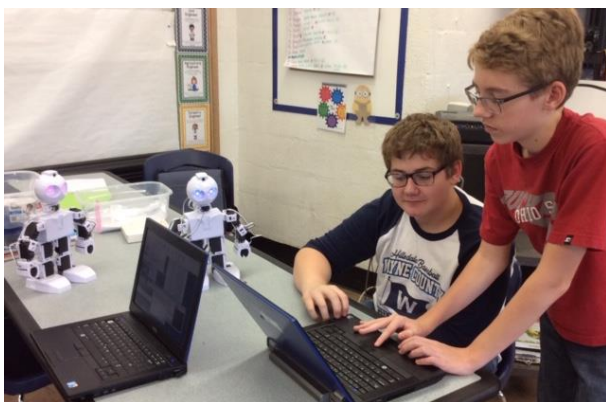
Doug Shenberger, a Hillsdale volunteer for over 20 years, is an amazing example of what it means to BE THE ONE. Doug was recently recognized by the Northeast Region OSBA as Volunteer of the Year. He received his award in front of representatives from 19 counties.

Thank you, Doug, for your countless years of service and your continued support of our district. We would be lost without you!





The newest robots to our STEM collection are called JD (the humanoid robot) and SIX (the hexapod). Students learn the basics of each bot command, including face or speech recognition and training of objects. The students compete in teams through a series of challenges. In these challenges bots are made to dance, run an obstacle course, or perform specific tasks. A big thank you to the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation for funding these robots from the Drive Mind Group in North Canton. We look forward to many exciting adventures with JD and SIX!



The Agricultural Soils Career Development Event (CDE) is an educational activity designed as a practical method of teaching students to evaluate land and soil and to make decisions when faced with soil-related issues that affect agriculture. Members of the Hillsdale FFA team who competed on September 26th were Adda Bickel, Alena Arnold, Alyssa Crytzer, Brock Hoverstock, Clay Schoen, Hannah Way, Jacob Chio, Jessie Raubenolt, Logan Kessinger, Mike Garn, Pete Crites, and Zach Bernard. The Hillsdale FFA team placed fourth, while Mike Garn placed fourth place individually.

Alena Arnold is a semifinalist in the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Competition. Congratulations, Alena!



CURIOUS CRITTERS



David FitzSimmons

Author Visit!

David Fitzsimmons is a local award-winning author who is scheduled to visit our schools and community on December 4th. Mr. Fitzsimmons will share his unique books and writing style with the elementary and middle school students during the day.

In addition, he will provide a presentation for all community members to attend in the evening. Be sure to mark your calendar for a fun night for all!



Congratulations to our 2018 Homecoming Queen,
Kennedy Martin!



PTO INFORMATION:

The PTO meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Monday of each month in the elementary school cafeteria. See us on Facebook for more information!

The 8th Grade Team chose to offer electives to 8th graders in lieu of their afternoon study hall period. In addition to choir and band, students had a choice of signing up for nine-week courses in Life Skills, Pop Culture, Colonial Crafts, Robotics, Creative Writing, Aviation, and Personal Finance. At the end of the grading period, students will start a new elective.



Pictured above and below, students in Colonial Crafts (or basic woodworking) are staining and finishing projects.



Students in Colonial Crafts had a choice of three projects: a step stool, a desktop organizer, or an acoustic speaker for a smart phone. Students learned about hand tool identification, shop safety, and measurement before starting on their project. Finishing their project involved measuring, cutting, assembling, gluing, sanding, and staining.



¡Nueva realidad de Inmersión! HHS Spanish classes have been working to overhaul the new Spanish Space. Thanks to Spanish Club and with help of administration, parents, and students, we are excited to announce the creation of our Virtual Reality Spanish Immersion Lab! What can we do? Walk around Spanish Cities, explore Mayan ruins, and experience the famous Marketplace in Mexico City. We can learn our second language while experiencing the people who live it. We can have endless conversations in Spanish in a virtual world with a variety of artificial intelligence personalities. We can play Minecraft VR in Spanish and build a city. The aim is to build two Spanish VR labs and one for other subjects. Special thanks to Jacob Chio and Tristan Messner, two talented coding and technology students. They are the proud architects of 'virtually' the entire project!

HES students had a coin drive to raise money for victims of the hurricane in North Carolina. They raised over \$850!!!! Participating students celebrated with doughnuts and juice. ☺ This is another example of Hillsdale students who work hard to "Be the One."



One Million Words Club

Students, teachers, parents and community members have all been invited to read one million words this year! Over 60 members have already qualified for reading rewards. They will be recognized November 2nd at HMS.

Are you curious about how many words you are reading? It's not too late... join us today! Go to: studentreading.net and create your own account, OR contact Mrs. Baker at hill_abaker@tccsa.net and she will be happy to help you get started.



Above, left: Makayla Hammond has reached One Million Words and signed her name to the signature board!

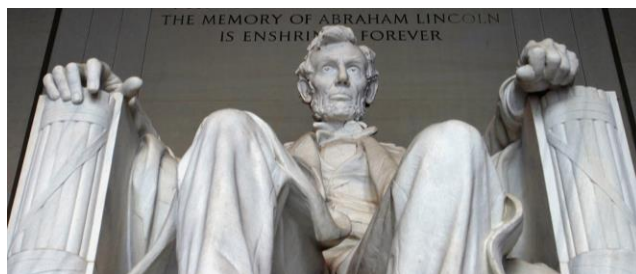


Above, right: Jesse Zimmerman and Mrs. Mowery are signing the Millionaires Club board at the high school. Many high school students are working towards reading 2,000,000 words!!!



8th grade middle school students have had the opportunity to explore lessons in financial education as they prepare for the world beyond high school. Included in the nine weeks elective is the chance to set up a budget and to understand the expenses of the real-world. Students gain an understanding of how debt affects an individual's finances over a period of time. We have also explored strategies for saving money and responsibly managing loan payments. Mr. Hostetler also showed students how to use math concepts such as using percentages to estimate tips, taxes, and interest.

Over the summer, seventh and eighth grade students had the opportunity to tour Washington, D.C. While in Washington, D.C., the students saw Arlington Cemetery, various monuments, Mount Vernon, and other sights. Seventh graders got to see the Martin Luther King, Jr. monument after studying Civil Rights. Eighth graders got to see the Holocaust Museum after studying the Holocaust and World War II.





The Family & Consumer Science classes at HHS are off to a fast start! Students have been busy exploring many topics related to nutrition, colleges, careers, and finance. In the month of September, 30 *Personal Finance* students kept track of all of their expenses. (Students were also instructed to keep track of items purchased for them by their parents.) After one month, the total amount spent on gasoline was \$2,092 and food-related expenses equaled \$2,934. Students were surprised at how quickly daily expenses add up over time. Other topics have included comparing bank features along with recognizing the benefits and dangers of credit cards. Many students decided they may continue keeping track of their expenses in order to save more money for the future. *Culinary* students are learning about nutrition and making safe, sanitary choices in the kitchen while enjoying various cooking labs related to the units of study. *Career & College Readiness* students have researched educational options and career fields to pursue following high school graduation. A recent field trip included students touring Ashland University, OSU-Mansfield, & North Central State College.

The Hillsdale Local Schools would like to thank Bookmasters for making this newsletter possible! Without their help, we would not have been able to print and distribute this amazing Falcon Flyer!

Hillsdale High School is proud to announce the Falcon Tech Club! This group of students is driven to take apart computers, learn software, coding, and different computer programming languages, and that is just a start! Robots, holograms, and virtual reality are on their list too!



Kindergarten students recently traveled to Honey Haven Farm for their field trip! They went on a hay ride, into a petting zoo, through a straw maze, and even saw a pumpkin catapult!

