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HILLSDALE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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We appreciate your support throughout another great school year. We know as a district that we can continue to improve and will work hard to do so. You can play a major role in this by filling out the online survey located at:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/HillsdaleLocal or at the link located on the district home page of the website. The survey will be open through May 24, 2017.

Wishes of a smooth end of the school year and to all and have a great summer!

- Steve Dickerson, Superintendent

Hillsdale School Website:

<http://www.hillsdale.k12.oh.us/>

Family Math and Reading Night

The Elementary School held their annual Family Math and Reading Night on May 4th. Students and their families played reading and math games that focused on the state standards. The K-4 teachers appreciated everyone who came and participated!



In the spring semester of Culinary Fundamentals class, our students have been busy learning about such topics as: food safety, food-borne illnesses, nutrition, ways to make recipes healthier, proper measuring skills, and popular food trends. Guest speakers have included a chef from the Columbus Culinary Institute and a Food Sanitation Inspector from the Ashland County-City Health Department. Culinary students have created many tasty dishes and treats. Some of their favorites included: chicken fajitas, smoothies, desserts, chicken noodle soup, and spaghetti sauce.



Personal Finance students have been actively learning about the daily management of money. Students were given the task of keeping track of all of their expenditures for an entire month and many were surprised to see how much money was spent on food and other disposable items. Other topics have involved credit cards, credit scores, leasing vs. buying, insurance, taxes, budgeting, and consumer protection strategies. Speakers have included: Directions Credit Union ("Finances 101" budgeting activity), Livelsberger Financial Advisory, & Westfield Insurance.



Mrs. Grissinger and the students of the Family & Consumer Sciences Department thank the Hillsdale community for a successful first-year return to HHS! We look forward to more great things to come during the 2017-2018 school year!

Mrs. Raines and her students worked together in the HHS library to create Earth Day greeting cards. All of the cards were made with recyclable materials!



PTO Information

The PTO meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Monday of each month in the elementary school cafeteria. If you would like to sign up for the PTO's "Remind" updates, please text @fc7572 to the number 81010.

THEATRE at Hillsdale Middle School!

Two nights of original dramatic works will be presented at HMS. Family and friends are welcome to attend.

The HMS drama club will perform, "The Timekeeper's Apprentice" on Friday, May 19 at 7 PM. This modern classic tells the tale of a timekeeper who gets it all wrong. A colonial family shows up at a modern salon, aliens visit the science fair, and cavemen enjoy the school dance.

The 5th and 6th grade ACCENT class will perform their play, "The Dare," on Tuesday, May 23 at 7 PM. A group of students break into the school on a dare only to find the janitors practicing for a dance competition and puppets that have come to life from a chemistry potion gone wrong. Mayhem ensues until everything is straightened out.

Please join us to see the culmination of months of writing scripts, rehearsing parts, building sets, and sewing costumes. These are truly once in a lifetime performances!



On Sunday March 26th select members of the Hillsdale High School Chorus performed the National Anthem at a Cleveland Monsters game in the Q Arena.



7th Grade Homework Party!

Hillsdale Middle School 7th graders enjoy some activities at the Kroc Center in Ashland for their academic achievement during the 3rd and 4th nine week grading periods.



The 6th grade students spent the afternoon on April 28th, 2017, at the Founder's Tree Dedication. The students listened to Mayor Spade talk about some of the history of Jeromesville. Also, each student wrote a note about where they think they will be in 2040. The note was placed in a time capsule and will be dug up in 2040.





Congratulations to our 2017 Graduates!!!!!!

Cheyenne	Marie	Adams
Faith	Gabrielle	Belcher
Kyleigh	Marie	Bonnell
Riley	David	Carpenter
Cole	Mark John	Casdorph
Laci	Bryanna Marie	Chavez
Craig	Andrew	Cline
Jenna	Marie	Conrad
Shane	Jeffrey	Cook
Zoe	Grace	Farnsworth
Brayden	Roger Thomas	Fath
McKayla	Jade	Fink
Sean	Allen	Fitzsimmons
Lyndsey	Rae	Fowler
Summer	Rayne	Frost
Ethan	Cole	Garber
Daniel	William	Garn
Aidan	Matthew	Graham
Austin	David	Hamilton
Reganne		Heffelfinger
Nathan	Lee	Heifner
Madison	Marie	Heller
Austin	Mikeul	Holbrook
Calvin	Joseph	Hord
Jacob	Andrew	Kahl
Halley	Breanne	Kirby
Luke	Ryan	Kocab
Alta	Nichelle	Lee
Paige	Marie	Lewis
Jessica	Vonne	Lieb
Sarah	Nichole	Lifer
Lacey	Ann	Luikart
Ryan	Douglas	Markley
Adrianne	Kellie	McPhillips
Duncan	Foster	Meloche
Jerry	Dean	Mercer
Robert	Aaron	Merchant
Danielle	Faith	Morgan
Whitney	Nicole	Nichols
Amelia	Rose	Oswalt

Chelbe	Lea	Painter
Gabrielle	Marie	Paskins
Raven	Cheyenne	Queen
James	Robert	Reyes-Gomez
Gunnar	Dalton	Richter
Adrianna	Alexa	Rogers
Benjamin	Mark	Rogers
Spencer	Mark	Rook
Chase	Edwin	Scott
Brandon	Nathaniel	Sheaffer
Malery	Helayne	Sloan
Austin	Edgar	Smiley
Haven	Sebastian	Smith
Logan	Matthew	Sparr
Alana	Victoria	Stamen
Tyler	Raymond	Street
Hannah	Marie	Strickling
Jared	Lee	Strong
Jacob	Daniel	Tharp
Kyra	Jade	Thompson
Chase	Randall	Witmer
Andrew	Martin	Wolf
Canada	Denise	Wright

**We wish them all the best in their
future endeavors!**

**"I know in my heart that man is
good, that what is right will always
eventually triumph, and there is
purpose and worth to each and
every life."**

~Ronald Reagan





HMS 5th grade Language Arts teacher, Mrs. Weisenstein, will be retiring on May 31, 2017. We asked her some questions about her teaching career, and wanted to share it with all of you.

WHAT MADE YOU WANT TO BE A TEACHER?

I can't remember a time that I didn't want to be a teacher. I remember playing school with the neighborhood children. I also had several great teachers that inspired me throughout my school years.

HOW MANY YEARS DID YOU TEACH?

I've been teaching for 32 years total, 28 of those at Hillsdale.

WHAT SUBJECTS HAVE YOU TAUGHT DURING YOUR CAREER?

For 14 years, I was an Intervention Specialist. In 5th grade, I taught Math, Science, Social Studies, and Language Arts.

DID YOU PARTICIPATE IN ANY EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES WHILE TEACHING?

I coached High School / JV Girls track and High School / JV / 8th grade volleyball. I was a co-advisor for both HMS Student Council and the Pit Crew.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT TEACHING?

I love seeing students realize that they understand a concept or idea. I also enjoy when students share with other students.

WHAT ARE YOUR OWN CHILDREN UP TO THESE DAYS?

- Alyssa – teaching freshman Science in Illinois
- Brent – traveling the world, living in California
- Laura – married to Matt, living in Lucas, expecting our first Grandson in June!

WHAT HOBBIES DO YOU HAVE?

I enjoy gardening, decorating, and reading.

WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO WHEN YOU RETIRE?

I look forward to spending time with my family (Gunner, my grandson; my grandma; my children; and my husband, Gary). I will also enjoy decorating and finding new adventures!

WHAT MATTERS TO YOU MOST IN LIFE?

Family and worshipping God are the most important to me.

WHAT PIECE OF ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO STUDENTS?

It is important to try, but it is OK to fail, as long as you learn from your mistakes.



I would like to take this opportunity to extend to the parents, grandparents, business, farming and community leaders within the Hillsdale Local School my gratitude for working with you these past twelve years. It has been an honor and a privilege to have worked with young people who have graduated from Hillsdale High School and developed into caring, productive adults.

The district motto of "Building Character, Expecting Excellence" is predicated upon a partnership between the school and home to produce young adults with the skills necessary to think critically, problem solve with integrity, and from school activities and experiences, become resourceful and contributing citizens within our community and county. Our staff, both teaching and non-teaching, strive each day to inspire students and promote our district's mission. I would like to believe that we have developed our students & graduates to possess these qualities.

After 31 years in education, the past twelve of which have been at Hillsdale, I am retiring in late June, 2017. The time has come for me to spend time with family, travel and find other opportunities to serve. A friend recently shared a quote with me from Brene Brown that reflects a new phase of my life's path:

"I don't have to chase extraordinary moments to find happiness – it's right in front of me if I'm paying attention and practicing gratitude."

Thank you,

Kevin Reidy

Mrs. Weisenstein and Mr. Reidy,

We wish each of you the very best in this new adventurous chapter of your life. Your Hillsdale coworkers, students, and their parents will treasure the legacy that you have left behind for us!

Teacher Appreciation Assembly!

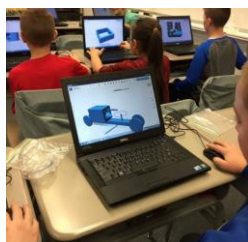


Fourth graders Zoie Albers and Baylee Weber planned a surprise assembly for the teachers and staff members at the elementary school. Each adult was presented with a certificate thanking them for all of their hard work and dedication.

5th grade math students had the opportunity to work with a 3D software program and a 3D printer. First, the students learned about many of the unique ways a 3D printer is used in the real-world.

Next, the students worked on laptops and explored the free 3D software program that was downloaded. The program operates by manipulating decimals and basic geometric figures. They eventually designed their own unique, personalized 3D cookie cutter.

Finally, students followed a recipe for Cutout Sugar Cookies. Using fractional measuring cups, students made the dough, cut the cookies out using their very own cookie cutter, then frosted the cookies...and of course, ate them!



PUPPETS at HES!

The 3rd and 4th grade ACCENT class performed puppet shows for kindergarten and first grade classes at HES. The students learned about puppets and puppetry, enjoyed original shows, and got a behind-the-scenes look at the newly built puppet stage!

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!

Second Grade Program

Mrs. Swisher and the second grade class performed their spring program April 27th. They sang songs about taking care of the earth and friendship. They did a great job!

