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From the Superintendent

We are very excited to announce that Hillsdale Local Schools has partnered with FinalForms, an online forms and data management service. FinalForms allows you to complete and sign enrollment, back-to-school, and athletic participation forms for your students. The most exciting news is that FinalForms saves data from season-to-season and year-to-year, meaning that you will never need to enter the same information twice! FinalForms also pre-populates information wherever possible, for each of your students, saving you time. You may review your data at any time to verify that it is current. You will be required to sign your forms once per year and after any update. We are asking ALL parents to use FinalForms. You will be receiving additional information once all our forms are uploaded in the FinalForms system. Thank you for your assistance in streamlining our paperwork processes at Hillsdale Local Schools!

First grade students traveled to Malabar Farm. While there they went on a nature hike, took a guided wagon tour of the property, had a picnic with play time, and visited many baby animals in the barn!





The North East Ohio School Board Association will hold their annual fundraiser to raise money for the Lester Morrison Book Scholarship Award. The fundraiser will take place at the Lake County Captains game on July 7th. The game starts at 7 PM and there will be fireworks that night and tickets are selling for \$10.00 each. There will also be 50/50 tickets sold at the game for which you do NOT need to be present at the time of drawing. The theme for the night is Frozen Night and there will be a post-game concert by Holden Laurence.

Our Middle School Student Council has 20 members, and we have done some cool things this year! We've packed breakfast bags for Mrs. Paullin, led a canned food drive to benefit Hillsdale CARES, designed Spirit Week events, helped out at Kindstock, as well as spending an afternoon helping out at the Elementary School - we feel that we have accomplished a lot. But one of our favorite activities was going on our annual trip to the Columbus Blue Jackets NHS and Student Council Day at Nationwide Arena in Columbus, Ohio. First, all attending students watched a video on the amazing legacy of Blue Jackets founder John H. McConnell. Afterwards, we headed out to the humongous lobby where we sat in on a Q+A session from workers at the Columbus Blue Jackets. Next, we went ice skating on the actual arena floor...a few of us fell down! After ice skating we had dinner at BD's Mongolian Barbeque. It was delicious. Finally, we wrapped up the day by watching part of a Columbus Blue Jackets game. Overall, it was an amazing day!

-By Landon Allis, Student Council President



**Please join us for the
2nd annual Back-to-
School**

FUNFEST!

**Saturday, August 18,
2018**

**3:30-6:30 pm at HHS;
followed by Meet the
Teams at 7:00 pm**

**Food, fun, games,
information, and
more!**

Mr. Lewellen's Middle School Accent class wrote and performed a play for HMS and HES students. The play was a result of many people's ideas, inspiration, creativity, and hard work. The class worked well together to make a story, write a script, build a set, find a soundtrack, and produce a production of this kind.





Lucy will be Hillsdale's new therapy dog beginning with the 2018-19 school year! Kelly Hohler, our K-8 guidance counselor, searched for and adopted Lucy, who met the necessary criteria to train to become a therapy dog. Mrs. Hohler received a grant through Ashland County Community Foundation's Norma E. McKinley Citizenship Program for training through ZDM Dog Training. She also received several generous donations from the Hayesville Lion's Club, from community members, and from the Methodist and Lutheran Churches of Jeromesville to help with Lucy's upkeep, her school supplies, and her programming with students.

Lucy will be utilized in a myriad of ways including individual counseling, group counseling, some reading initiatives, classroom lessons, and citizenship education.



HMS students enjoy spending time with Lucy!



Taylor, Jaycee, Danny, and Allie meet with Lucy during Kindstock.

3rd and 4th grade students took part in the annual AIR Bowl at Hillsdale Elementary School. The Air Bowl is a competition between classes where the games represent test taking tips. Students had a "Skip It" competition encouraging them to skip questions they are struggling with and come back to them. They also had a relay race wearing pajamas while carrying a food tray of breakfast items to encourage them to get a good night's sleep and eat a good breakfast.



What a great year we've had in Mrs. Hartsel's preschool classes! I hope everyone has a great summer and wish those moving to kindergarten the best of luck!



On March 24th Hillsdale's Equine team (Olivia Traylor, Taylor Rebman, Hattie Stamen, Maggie Vesper, Aubriana Gibson, Felicity Miller, Luke Ryan, Chandler Petush, and Tazney Kahl) competed in the State FFA Equine Management prelims at the Ohio Expo Center and placed 6th. The Equine Management Career Development Event (CDE) is an educational activity designed as a practical method of teaching students current horse evaluation and selection techniques in addition to developing management skills necessary for success in the equine industry. In this CDE students evaluate classes of live horses, identify equipment and tools used in the equine industry as well as take a general knowledge test. On April 27th Hillsdale's Equine team competed in the state finals at Ohio Expo Center and placed fourth. At the competition Taylor Rebman placed 19th, Olivia Traylor placed 21st, Aubriana Gibson placed 22nd, and Maggie Vesper placed 27th. The team will now compete at the regional contest in September at the Big E in West Springfield, MA. Congratulations to all the team members!



Pictured L to R: Taylor Rebman, Olivia Traylor, Maggie Vesper, and Aubriana Gibson

Fourth graders traveled to the high school where they completed a special project with FFA students. Pairs of fourth graders worked with FFA chaperones, nailing together precut pieces of wood and assembling birdhouses. Each fourth grade student was able to take home his/her handmade birdhouse to paint and hang.



Students and teachers are voting to select a male and female student from each grade level (4th-8th only) to receive the Norma E. McKinley Citizenship Award. Winners possess many qualities of outstanding citizens including kindness, compassion for others, responsibility, honesty, and good behavior. Student recipients will receive their awards in a special assembly during the last week of school. Congratulations!



Hillsdale's 1st Annual Kindstock Celebration took place on Saturday, April 21st. KINDSTOCK is an outdoor festival of music, talent, and charity, much like Woodstock of 1969. This celebration included all ages, genders, and races who came together to celebrate art and music at Hillsdale High School. Throughout the day, visitors listened to music, completed arts and crafts projects, enjoyed good food, and visited with friends and family. With donations and support from our local community, the Kindstock Committee was able to raise over \$2,000 for residents in need! Thank you for your help and kindness – we look forward to seeing you again next year at Kindstock 2019!



Recently the Hillsdale FFA Floriculture team participated in the District and State competitions. The Floriculture Career Development Event (CDE) is an educational activity designed as a practical method of teaching students to identify various horticulture plants, disorders, insects and diseases that affect the floriculture industry. The skills students learn in evaluating floriculture products provide opportunities for them to become better producers and consumers of these products. The district contest was held at the Lorain County JVS on April 12th and the contestants were: Payton Fickes, Elizabeth Derr, Shawna Barr, Hannah Way, Adda Bickel, Madison Eaton and Julia Harper. FFA members designed a pin-on corsage in 15 minutes while following specific guidelines. They also had to identify plants, diseases, disorders and floral equipment. The Hillsdale FFA team placed second and competed at the State competition, which was held on April 24th at the ATI Ohio State Branch in Wooster. Four members, Hannah Way, Madison Eaton, Adda Bickel, and Shawna Barr placed 3rd in state. These members performed planted root cutting and had to identify plants, diseases, disorders and floral equipment. Congratulations to all of the team members.



Top: Shawna Barr, Hannah Way, Elizabeth Derr, Payton Fickes

Bottom: Madison Eaton, Adda Bickel, and Julia Harper

Second grade students have been very busy! Below you can see them acting and singing with Mrs. Swisher during their Earth Day musical. They are also pictured while participating in an interactive lesson with Kris Hickey, leader of our Too Good For Drugs Program.



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 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!