



# Falcon Flyer

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### From the Superintendent

The Hillsdale Local School District could see substantial revenue from the pipeline project that passes through our district. There are many factors that weigh into just how much revenue will be collected over what period of time. I am currently gathering as much information as possible so that we can make some informed decisions in a timely fashion. At 6:00 p.m. on March 13, 2018, I will be having an informational meeting in the high school auditorium in order to update the community about what we know concerning the pipeline revenue.



On Friday, January 26th, select 7th-12th grade choir members traveled to Cleveland to perform the national anthem and give high fives to the Cleveland Cavaliers as they took the court. The students all had a great time and enjoyed representing the music department and Hillsdale Local Schools in front of over 10,000 people! More pictures may be found on the Vocal Department website, <https://hillsdalevocaldept.weebly.com>

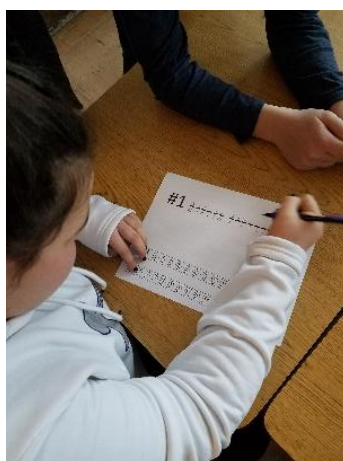


## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA Update!

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade ELA students have been busy learning with their laptops.

At Thanksgiving time, students used the internet to integrate information from two sources to create their Oreo turkeys. They used Kahoot, an online game-based classroom response system, as their culminating project for their literature unit.

Students constructed paper "fortune tellers" to practice their skills with the themes of texts. Lastly, students had to crack the code of their Escape Room by reading and answering questions from multiple texts.



### 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!



Congratulations to Ethan Stack, who placed fifth in the state in *The Voice of Democracy* contest sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Ethan also won the local and district contests to advance to the state. He will receive a \$2,500 scholarship. VFW Post 1067 in Ashland conducted the local contest.



Congratulations to Ava Carnegie, who is a state winner in the Americanism & Government Test. Ava also won the local and district contests. The Americanism & Government Test is sponsored by the American Legion of Ohio. Ava will receive an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. and related areas, which she will take this spring. Jerome Post 749 sponsored the test for Hillsdale High School.





A scene from Hillsdale Middle School Drama Club's original play **"Peanuts, Pretzels, or Poison."**

The Hillsdale Middle School Drama Club has begun another critically acclaimed season. Forty-five 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders interested in drama are currently taking part. Students meet weekly during lunch to learn beginning elements of acting, writing, and performing. Club members write their own scripts and also dabble in set design, lighting, and costuming. It is great to have so many students involved in the program. We hope you will join us for our next show on March 1<sup>st</sup>!

## New Teacher at HMS!



Alyson Baker is the literacy coach for grades 5 and 6. She grew up in Loudonville and went to college at Kent State University. She first became a literacy coach by doing extra training and reading. She wanted to become a literacy coach because she likes to help kids and to improve their reading skills. She has worked at three schools: first in New York City, then in Delaware, Ohio, and now at Hillsdale Local Schools.

When Mrs. Baker isn't teaching at school she likes to do all sorts of things such as traveling, hiking, and playing with her three children. She also enjoys helping her children take care of their cows for 4H on her parents' farm.

The most enjoyable part of her job is getting to know the students!

*By Gabbi Spillman and Adley Grabowski*

The HES 3rd graders read an informational text about an officer and his K-9 partner. We had the pleasure of having Sergeant Freelon and his K-9 partner, Kimber, come to our classrooms to answer questions and compare the text to our real-life experience.



## MRS. HARTSEL'S PRESCHOOL NEWS!

We just finished up our transportation unit, in which we had an auto shop within our dramatic play center. We built a car, painted it as a group, and then placed it in our auto shop for repairs. We talked about the different roles played out in an auto shop and what each role does (receptionist, mechanic, and customer). We sorted and counted parts, wrote friends' names for appointments, counted money, wrote numbers to create receipts, and read and wrote mechanic reports. We also learned to take turns, share, work as a team and problem solve.



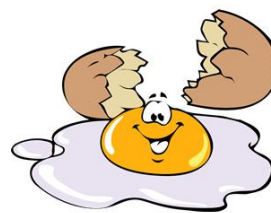
## FFA NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Hillsdale FFA sent three teams to the National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. These included a Food Science team, a Junior Quiz Bowl team, and a Senior Quiz Bowl team. The Food Science team placed 4th in the nation, and received a gold rating. Blayne Bartter, Joshua Davis and Taylor Rebman all received a gold rating. Sean Fitzsimmons received a silver rating. The Junior Quiz Bowl team placed 26th and the Senior Quiz Bowl team placed 10th in the nation.

Before going to convention, students toured Sechler's Pickle Factory, and then proceeded to Indiana. While at the Convention, members attended sessions where they were given the opportunity to listen to inspirational speakers Mick Ebeling and Laila Ali. Members also attended the Buckeye Bash, the career show, and got to meet and make new friends from across the country. While in Indiana, members also got to tour Dallara Indycar Factory and Hunter's Honey Farm. On Wednesday, students had the opportunity to attend the World's Toughest Rodeo.

Our chapter also had five recipients for the American Degree award. They were Bethany Heiby, Shelbi Long, Kate McGovern, Ben Raudebaugh, and Matthew Way. Each member crossed the stage with their degree and shook hands with the 2016-17 National FFA President, David Townsend.

The Hillsdale FFA chapter would like to thank the Hillsdale FFA Alumni for their donations to help cover expenses for our trip.



## Second Grade Egg Drop Projects

HES second graders used their engineering skills to construct Egg Drop projects. Their goal was to create a "helmet" for their hard-boiled egg in order to keep it from breaking when dropped from the gym stage. The students had a lot of fun going through the design process to perfect their projects!





## 'FALCON FACTOR 7'

Submitted by Ethan Stack

*"It's not about what's behind the curtain that ultimately matters. It's what's in front."* This slogan has always served as the tagline for Hillsdale's Falcon Factor. In December, Hillsdale High School hosted Falcon Factor 7, the seventh rendition of the school's annual talent show.

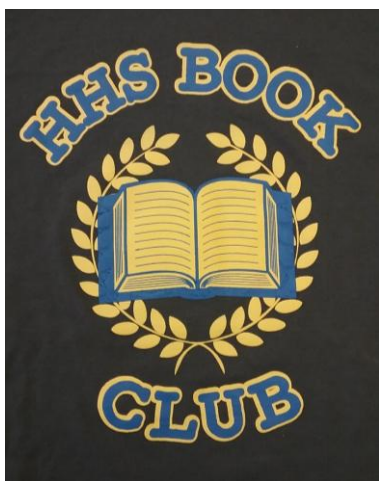
This year's show, hosted by eccentric seniors Libby Hohler and Josh Davis, featured an amazing lineup of talented individuals from Hillsdale. The 2017 show had tons to offer, from singers, to dancers, to comedic skits. This year's celebrity judges included Hillsdale's own DJ SILLY SNOW, Polynesian demigod 'Maui' from the 2016 film Moana, and Australian animal expert extraordinaire, Steve 'The Crocodile Hunter' Irwin. Falcon Factor 7 was certainly not to be missed.

Starting off the show strong was Josh Sipe, who performed an amazing drum accompaniment piece to Luis Fonsi's 'Despacito.' Hosts Josh Davis, Libby Hohler, and an entourage of fellow students performed 'Choice Two,' an original comedy sketch. Alena Arnold, accompanied by Andrew Brown, serenaded the audience with piano and vocals to 'Hallelujah.' Maryellen Bliss showed off her skills with slam poetry, with her reading of 'Welcome to Life.' Flag twirlers Haley Johnston and Audrey Sermulis did a flag routine set to the tune of 'Believer' by Imagine Dragons. Bryan Tibbs and Jacob Chio gave the audience a solemn performance of 'Sound of Silence' by Simon and Garfunkel, with Zach Robinson backing them up on the piano. Andrew Brown, a returning Falcon Factor champion, came back to the stage to sing 'Home' by Michael Buble. Hillsdale's own rapper 'Drizzy' got the crowd amped up with an original rap. The Blackbirds, a rock group consisting of Logan Leab, Ethan Stack, and Josh Sipe, rocked out with Led Zeppelin's 'Rock and Roll.' Alison Daugherty and Bryan Tibbs showcased a yet unseen talent, tap dancing, with an original routine set to the song 'Hot Chocolate' from The Polar Express. Tori Foss, a first-time performer, showed her beautiful voice to the masses by performing 'The Climb' by Miley Cyrus. Ethan Stack did a guitar and vocals presentation of 'If You Could Read My Mind' by Gordon Lightfoot. Maryellen Bliss blew the audience away with a flag routine rendition of 'Waving Through a Window' from Dear Evan Hansen. Last but not least, Logan Leab got up on stage and shredded the guitar to Joe Walsh's 'Rocky Mountain Way.' Once the judging took place, Hillsdale's staff-comprised band 'Thuh Teechers' rocked out to 'Dead or Alive' by Bon Jovi.

Once 'Thuh Teechers' concluded their performance, the winners were announced. Josh Sipe won third place for his fabulous presentation of 'Despacito' on the drums, and Logan Leab won second place for rocking out to 'Rocky Mountain Way.' Falcon Factor 7 was also the first to have a tie for first place. The grand prize was shared between returning champion Andrew Brown and newcomer Tori Foss.

With another Falcon Factor come and gone, Hillsdale can't wait for the next show, and for the next crop of Hillsdale-born talent to step into the spotlight at Falcon Factor 8!





**HHS Book Club continues to be very active in promoting literacy in creative ways. Recently we...**

- have read with HES students at the Connections after school program.
- have transformed the HHS Library into "STARBOOKS CAFÉ."
- have read books to residents at Kingston of Ashland.
- have provided concessions for Falcon Factor 7.
- have presented Free Library, read a book, and encouraged reading at our Senior Breakfast.
- have donated a Free Library Box and books to Ashland County Wildlife Conservation League.
- have continued to create and donate bookmarks for students, staff, and our community.
- have donated books to, and reorganized the library of, Kingston of Ashland.
- have created displays and bulletin boards promoting the books in the HHS Library.
- have created a web page to inform and encourage reading outside of the HHS hallways.

<https://hhsbookclub2017.wixsite.com/hhsbc>



On Saturday, December 2, 2017, the Hillsdale FFA chapter held its annual Santa Breakfast at the Hillsdale Elementary School. Admission to this event was a pair of pajamas or a monetary donation. All proceeds went to Hillsdale CARES. Hillsdale's preschool through third grade families were invited. Many FFA members had the opportunity to participate in this event. They served breakfast to community members who attended and helped the children make crafts. Children also got to meet Santa Claus.

We would like to thank Mrs. Raubenolt, Mr. Hughes, Mrs. Runkle, Mrs. Schuck, and the HES Staff for helping and donating their time to make this event possible. We would also like to thank Heffelfinger Meats and Buckeye Country Creamery for donating sausage links and milk to the Santa Breakfast.

HES first graders have been learning about timelines. All three first grade classes worked together to create a *Timeline of Birthdays* in the cafeteria. We enjoyed seeing how many birthdays were in each month – and couldn't believe how many "shared" birthdays we had!



**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!**