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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Hillsdale Educational Endowment Fund

In the spring, the Hillsdale Educational Endowment Fund Committee will be awarding the first round of grants. Annually, in May, the committee will review and award grants to the staff of the Hillsdale Local Schools for creative projects or activities for their students. This newly established fund is a component fund of the Ashland County Community Foundation. In the beginning, we will have limited dollars to award, but as the fund continues to grow, more opportunities will be available. This is an excellent opportunity to give a gift that keeps on giving, as grants will be awarded only from the earnings generated from donations to the fund. The committee is currently developing a brochure to promote the fund.

If you would like more information you may contact Steve Dickerson at 419-368-8501 or by email at hill_dickerson@tccsa.net. If you would like to donate, your tax deductible donation may be made online at www.accfdonations.org by searching for the Hillsdale Educational Endowment Fund and then clicking on "donate." You may also send checks directly to the foundation or the school. Checks are made out to the Ashland County Community Foundation. Please write Hillsdale Educational Endowment Fund on the memo line. I am excited for the future experiences this fund will bring to our students.

I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Steve Dickerson



On Saturday, December 3rd, the Hillsdale FFA hosted a *Breakfast with Santa* for pre-school, kindergarten, first, and second graders and their parents. With the support of the community the FFA was able to collect \$265 and 19 pairs of new pajamas to be donated to Hillsdale CARES!! The Hillsdale FFA would like to thank those in the community who attended and would also like to thank Buckeye Country Creamery for donating the milk and Heffelfinger Meats for donating the sausage.

HHS FFA "Breakfast With Santa" helpers are pictured above left.

Thank you, Veterans!

To honor our veterans, the third grade classes put on an amazing Veterans Day Program! Children performed various patriotic songs and honored local veterans who were in attendance. Each branch of the military was recognized by students, staff, teachers, and family members. Mrs. Swisher did a great job coordinating this program.



Falcon 5th Graders: Camp Nuhop



In 5th grade, we take our students for an Outdoor Education Adventure at Camp Nuhop. Last year was our first experience, and we went for 2 full days and 1 night. It was such a successful experience and so much fun that this year, we are going for 3 full days and 2 nights! We'll be gone May 10-12, 2017. Camp tuition is approximately \$142.50 per student. This covers their meals, lodging, and outdoor instructors, which teach our students all about Geology, Archeology, Shelter Building, Compass Class, Sensory Awareness, Astronomy, etc. All of their activities align with our 5th grade core curriculum in a hands-on way. Also available are "Challenge by Choice" activities like a giant swing, high ropes course, zip line, etc., in which students can choose to participate.

There are a few fundraising projects we do as a class to help lower the cost that each student has to come up with in the end. We have done 2 of these projects so far: the go-second Buehler's Shopping Spree and the Hillsdale Craft Show. In the spring, we are planning to host Father/Daughter and Mother/Son dances at the High School for grades 2-6. More information coming soon!



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.



HHS has begun a Drug Free Clubs of America (DFCA) program this year, which is sponsored by Tri-County Educational Service Center. The program is designed to encourage students to make healthy life choices instead of succumbing to peer pressure. Each week, Mr. Reidy, coordinator of the program, creates incentives for students who possess a club card. These incentives can be anything from getting to be at the front of the lunch line, to a midday snack, to a perfect parking spot raffle. According to DFCA, "Positive reinforcements celebrate drug free decisions and motivate members to stay on the right track." There is still time to join DFCA before the end of December. In order to join, students need to fill out a form and pay the \$20 fee. The fee covers incentives and drug screens. Drug screen results are not distributed to the school, but if failed, students must return club cards to the association.



Scarlett Raines is the new media specialist at HHS. Scarlett joins us after subbing for the district for several years. She is the mother of two Hillsdale graduates and has a son, Landen, in third grade.



Linda McCoy is the new Greenhouse teacher for HHS. Linda has two sons, Colt and Cameron, who attend HES and her daughter, Cayden, will be starting school soon!

Third Grade Field Trip!

Third grade students visited *Lahmer's Dairy* and enjoyed all the activities planned by *The Ashland County Farm Bureau*.



Members from the Ashland Symphony Orchestra performed for elementary students on November 17th. They played songs from movies such as "The Incredibles" and "Despicable Me 2." The musicians taught the students about their instruments and how each one is played.



Cleats and Treats!



HHS football players and cheerleaders held their annual Cleats and Treats celebration in October. The athletes signed autographs and posed for photographs with their fans. Ice cream, with LOTS of different toppings, was served to attendees.

Hillsdale FFA News

On November 16th, the Hillsdale FFA held their annual Greenhand and Chapter Degree Ceremony in the Hillsdale High School auditorium.

Greenhand recipients met these requirements: being enrolled in an agricultural class, learning the FFA creed, and having set plans for a future supervised agriculture experience. The Greenhand recipients were: Drew Adams, Hunter Gervig, Lauren Ohl, Brady Ashby, Alex Glass, Megan Phillips, Shawna Barr, Trevor Goody, Jessica Raubenolt, Allen Bigley, Hallie Goon, Evan Rottman, Carsten Betson, Aidan Graham, Clay Schoen, Olivia Betson, Haden Heller, Hattie Stamen, Alex Casdorff, Brock Hoverstock, Trey Turner, Levi Catron, Gage Iceman, Jacob Chio, Isaac Kanzig, Max Davis, Logan Kessinger, Elizabeth Derr, Dylan Killey, Payton Fickes, Andrew Miller, Jacob Frost, Madisyn Lewis, Briar Funk, and Jarrod Lifer. They are pictured below.



The Chapter degree recipients met these requirements: previously receiving the Greenhand degree, having a satisfactory SAE project, and demonstrating parliamentary law correctly. The Chapter recipients were Alena Arnold, Colton Harper, Braxton Slagle, Collin Bachmann, Jadyne Hawks, Garrett Smith, Blayne Bartter, Austin Johnson, CJ Tafur, Alex Becker, Grace Keets, Hannah Way, Addelynn Bickel, Tim Krebs, Peyton Young, Lexi Courtney, Felicity Miller, Garrett Crites, Molly Moffett, Alyssa Crytzer, Chandler Petush, Madison Eaton, Alyssa Piper, Mike Garn, Zach Raudebaugh, Aubriana Gibson, Ben Rogers, Garrett Goodwin, and Conner Rook. They are pictured below.





Meet Mrs. Grissinger!

I am very pleased to have joined the HHS Staff this year! Previously, I taught at Ashland City Schools for 15 years. I also worked at Ashland University in the Education Department and at Ashland Parenting Plus. I reside in Ashland and am married to Heath (a Biology teacher at Ashland H.S.) and we have two children, ages 10 & 5.

The **Family & Consumer Sciences** classes have been actively learning about topics of career development, college selection, entrepreneurship, workplace ethics, job search skills, and family relationships. In celebration of Veterans Day, students in *Transitions & Careers* classes volunteered to bring in special sweet treats for the veterans and then helped serve breakfast to local veterans. Students in the *Career & College Readiness* class are taking a field trip to Kent State University to tour and experience a 4-year public school setting. Several community members will be joining the class in December to share their "career stories" with the students. During the remaining part of the semester, each of the classes will be practicing their cooking skills and learning how to make healthy choices in their daily lives. It's been a fun fall semester having FCS classes return to HHS! We look forward to new classes (Culinary Fundamentals & Personal Financial Management) in the spring.



Veterans Day Breakfast Volunteers

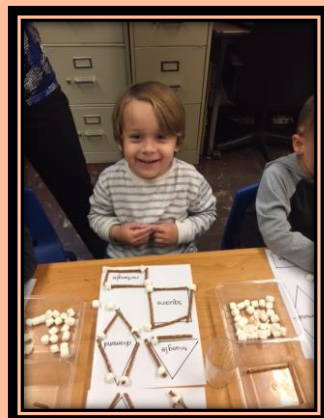
(From left to right) Amy Reyes-Gomez, Madi Tafur, Shelby Taylor, Clay Schoen, Jordan Taylor, Kooper Koster, Chloe Mutchler, Evan Rottman, Caiti Donagh, Lizzy Herte, & Kennedy Martin



Cooking Lab

(From left to right) Ryan Markley, Chelbe Painter, Lacey Luikart, & Gabrielle Paskins

Pre-School Update



Connor Siloy (above) is busy making shapes with pretzels and marshmallows.



Carter Riley (above) celebrates Grandparents Day with his grandma and grandpa.



Westin Frazier (above) experiments with magnets at the discovery table.



It's Magic!



As a reward for participating in the Fall Fundraiser, HES students were treated to a performance by magician and escape artist Charlie Myrick. Charlie has performed on *The Tonight Show*, *Good Morning America*, and *That's Incredible*. He was also named World's Best Magician! With the help of Hillsdale students and teachers, Charlie performed many amazing tricks. Throughout the assembly, he spoke to children about the importance of following their dreams. He also encouraged students to treat others with kindness and respect.



Throughout the month of November, Hillsdale competed against Loudonville in a canned food drive. Our district collected 11,095 food items, which were then donated to Hillsdale CARES. These food items will be shared with people in the Hillsdale District who are in need. Thank you SO MUCH for your kindness and generosity!

P.S. WE BEAT LOUDONVILLE! 😊

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*!

The **HHS BOOK CLUB** has been created to promote literacy at HHS and to challenge deeper, thoughtful readers. The advisor, Ms. Raines, oversees monthly meetings in the HHS Library and welcomes any book donations from the community. Pictured below, Book Club members created a display encouraging others to read about history and current events.

