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From the Superintendent

Winter Blues

This time of year I really start wishing for spring! Not because I want time to fly by, but the early morning drives, and decisions to delay or close seem to vanish. We had nine delays or closings in a stretch of 15 days in January and February. I know this causes extra burden on parents, but I do appreciate your understanding as we consider the safety of our students and staff. We have missed seven days of school and will utilize February 18 and April 22 as make-up days. Any additional days to be made up will be added at the end of the year starting with May 30. Have a safe rest of the winter!

Hope Lodge

(pictured above)

Hillsdale teachers and staff members collected donations which were sent to the Hope Lodge in Cleveland. These items will help families and their loved ones undergoing cancer treatment.

Each Hope Lodge offers cancer patients and their caregivers a free place to stay when their best hope for effective treatment may be in another city. Not having to worry about where to stay or how to pay for lodging allows guests to focus on getting better. Hope Lodge provides a nurturing, home-like environment where guests can retreat to private rooms or connect with others. Every Hope Lodge also offers a variety of resources and information about cancer and how best to fight the disease.



Happy sounds are floating through the hallways of Hillsdale Middle School, thanks to the new ukulele choir. 15 5th graders are learning to play the instruments, which were provided by the Ashland County Community Foundation. The choir is open to any interested student. In addition to learning a stringed instrument, the choir offers students a chance to laugh, relax, and enjoy some company during the school day. Choir member Vanessa Harned says, "It's fun. I like the sound. The tunes get stuck in my head." Landon Thomas says, "I already play the saxophone, and it's nice to learn another instrument. I like the melody of 'Wipeout.'" Come hear the choir at the Hillsdale Fine Arts Night April 10th!



Million Words Club!



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5th Grade

Tessa Butcher
Sara Lewellen
Sara Nebergall
Mikayla Simmons

6th Grade

Ava Bolen
Madison Emminger
Makayla Hammond
Peyton Hyatt
Lincoln Jones
Ethan Miller
Delaney Painter
Serenity Smith
Baylee Weber
Carlee Young

7th Grade

Hailey Stow

8th Grade

Jonathon Bowman
Paige Meck

9th Grade

Christopher Bump
Nathan Derodes
Jaeger Jolliff
Alyssa Maki
Lillian Nixon
Amy Potter
Brianna Pryor
Padriac Teague

10th Grade

April Potter
Kayla Vistucis
Jesse Zimmerman

Lori Ayers

Alyson Baker
Lisa Bicker
Sherri Brown
Jamie Butcher
Tamara Butcher
George Gilmore
Violet Gilmore
Carmen Greene
Betty Harner
Sondra Hays
Jenny Helbert
Brittany James
Karen Kaufman
Vella King
Alicia Metzger
Debra Miller
Janet Mowery
Tiki Peterson
Rebecca Sankoe
Jenny Stump
Sue Tibbs
Keara Copenhaver

Deputy Freelon visited Mrs. Klenk's third grade class with his K-9 dog, Kimber. Third graders had read a non-fiction story about working dogs. Deputy Freelon was happy to bring Kimber in and show us what she can do. The kids had great questions for them!



Third grade students also celebrated Grinch Day right before Christmas Break. They focused on "choosing kindness" like the Grinch does and made Grinchy ornaments, snacks, and crafts.



The 7th Grade classes have a new STEM elective this year – working with Edison robots. Purchased through a grant from PPG, the Edison is a perfect fit to teach beginning programming concepts and critical thinking skills! The 7th grade teams learned how to make Edison move, detect clapping, follow lines, and avoid obstacles. Using the EdWare programming, students created a series of programs to overcome a large number of real world problems – things such as elevator door sensors, paper towel dispensers, motion detecting lights, ride counters, radioactive waste locators, and automatic train headlights were just a few of the challenges they encountered. In addition, students designed custom games, writing their own programs and making their own game rules of operation. They presented these games at the January Senior Citizen Breakfast and finished the class with their own SumoBot Double Elimination Competition. This course is the second of our three year Engineering/ Technology/Robotics program.



Before Christmas, HMS 7th grade students participated in a charity project for our local community. They collected, decorated, and donated Christmas shoeboxes to Hillsdale Cares. The boxes were distributed and well received. Thank you to our 7th grade students and parents for your generosity!



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

Father / Daughter Mother / Son Dance

FATHERS – FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 6-8pm

MOTHERS – SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 6-8pm

AT HILLSDALE HIGH SCHOOL

2ND - 6TH GRADE STUDENTS

\$10 PER COUPLE (\$5 PER ADDITIONAL PERSON)

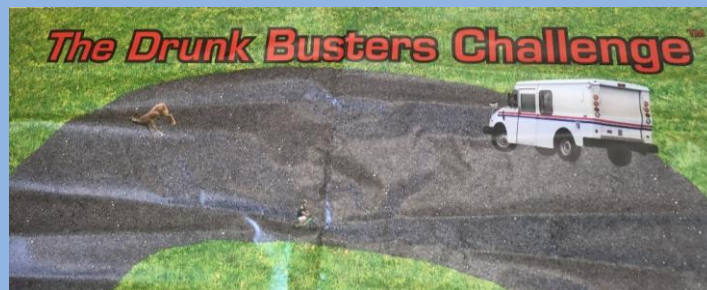
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO HILLSDALE'S 5TH GRADE CAMP NUHOP

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

SOME GAMES WILL ALSO BE SET UP

DENNIS CRIDER PHOTOGRAPHY WILL BE TAKING COMPLIMENTARY PHOTOS

Officer Martin brought the “Drunk Busters Challenge” to Mr. Colter’s HHS Health classes. Students wore goggles representing .06 to .08 breath alcohol content and navigated the obstacle course. No one passed!



The 7th Grade Science course is split into three components: Physical Science led by Mrs. Greene, Earth and Space Science conducted by Mrs. Metzger and Life Science taught by Mrs. Stump. Here is one section of students working on a life science lab. In this lab, students are learning basic microscope use and examining Elodea specimens that will later be used to study the production of carbon dioxide and oxygen in a study of photosynthesis and cellular respiration. 7th grade is a critical time for students to explore the world of nature with hands-on opportunities such as this microscope lab! This is also an excellent time to develop proper scientific method skills of observation and data collecting. Students design a "lab report" that will mirror the expectations of science classes at the high school while they enjoy learning more about the world around them!



On Saturday December 15th, the Hillsdale FFA took two Parliamentary Procedure teams to the state competition, which was held at The Ohio State University. Parliamentary Procedure CDE is an assessment of students' abilities to participate effectively in a business meeting or other group decision-making situations. Novice team members include: President Brody Schoen, Vice President Brayden Bartter, Secretary Lacey Fickes, Treasurer Katelynn Smeltzer, Reporter Makayla Moody, Sentinel Ethan Goodwin, Student Advisor Madeline Kellogg, Members Vin Johnson, Mackala Krichbaum, and Cassian Filbrun. The Novice Team placed fourth in the prelims. The advanced team members are President Blayne Bartter, Secretary Lauren Ohl, and members Shawna Barr, Clay Schoen, Josie Rowland, Sarah Yeater, Megan Schwendeman, Alex Becker, Lilly Bolen, and Caleb Murawski. The Advance Parli team placed third in the State.



On December 8, 2018 the Hillsdale FFA Chapter held their annual Santa Breakfast. We would like to thank Heffelfinger Meats for donating breakfast sausage, Kenyon Tree Farm for donating the frazier trees, and Jeromesville Lions Club and Bendon Publishing for donating the activity books. The Hillsdale FFA Chapter collected \$375 and 20 pairs of pajamas to donate to Hillsdale Cares. We would also like to thank Kitty Runkle for her time in the kitchen preparing the breakfast. Thank you to all of the FFA members who dedicated their time to help Santa Breakfast be a success.



Under the direction of Alyssa Crytzer, the Hillsdale FFA Chapter conducted a community service project of donating all school supplies to the first graders that attend the Hillsdale Elementary. On August 18th Alyssa Crytzer and Hannah Way volunteered at the First Grade open house to represent the Hillsdale FFA chapter as well as the Hillsdale Community.



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