



HUDSON EXPLORERS CONNECT

News and Updates from the Hudson City School District

WINTER 2025

Hudson High School Students Win Honors for Art Excellence

Five of our Hudson High School art students won a total of ten Gold and Silver Key awards through the Scholastic Art Competition for the Northeast Ohio Central Art Region this year.



Gold Key winners were Annie Lawrence and Carly Nelson, while Silver Key winners included Kaitlyn Bonnette, Lexie St. Pierre, Carly Nelson, Annie Lawrence, and Emma Zheng.



The works of the Gold and Silver Key winners were on display at the Kent State Stark campus for two weeks in January. The Gold Key winners will now have their work judged nationally. Winners from the national competition will be announced in the spring.



HMS "Power of the Pen" Earns 1st Place

In January, our writers traveled to University School and competed against 16 other schools.

Our 8th-grade team, made up of Iti Desai, Zola Ferri, Rithi Hegde, Ceci McNulty, Annie Pelletier, and Marcela Skomra, placed FIRST as a team out of the 17 schools in attendance.

In addition, three of our 8th-graders placed in the top ten.

Power of the Pen is a timed creative writing competition based on open-ended prompts.



The Power of the Pen team is led by instructor Mike Fejes.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IS UNDERWAY

Calling the Class of 2038!

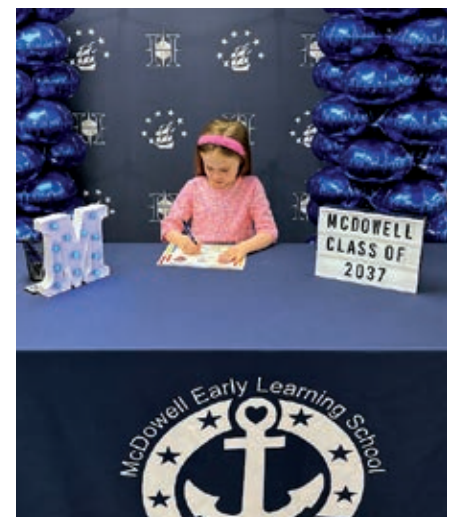
Kindergarten registration is now open online at www.hudson.k12.oh.us/kindergartenreg.

Hudson City Schools offers both full-time and part-time kindergarten options. Children must be five-years-old on or before August 1, 2025.

Look for an email after March 10 with more information about Orientation and Kindergarten Screenings.

Kindergarten Parent Orientation will be April 9, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at Hudson Middle School.

For additional questions, contact McDowell Early Learning School at 330-653-1246.



A kindergarten student signs her "letter of intent" to attend Hudson City Schools.



Kindergarten Classes Celebrate 100 Days of School

On February 7th, some of our youngest learners celebrated 100 days of growing and learning in school. Kindergarten classes marked the occasion in different ways, with some students dressing up as centenarians, complete with grey wigs and mustaches. Other classrooms decorated shirts with 100 items of their choice or participated in special activities.

Harmony Performing Arts Project Offers Donor Opportunities



The Hudson City School District and the Hudson City Schools Foundation are continuing to seek donations in order to move forward with the Harmony Performing Arts Project.

The \$5.5 million dollar project is a joint venture utilizing both public and private funds. The project would involve building a 5,000-square-foot orchestra room addition; renovating both the band and choir rooms; and providing an updated state-of-the-art auditorium with acoustic, lighting, and seating improvements at Hudson High School.

Naming rights are still available for donations and pledges in excess of \$250,000. Other donation options include being recognized on the Harmony Donor Wall, on an auditorium seating nameplate and/or on individual alumni display nameplates. To see donation options and how to contribute, please visit www.hudson.k12.oh.us/harmony.

SCAN TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HARMONY

You can learn more about the project, see additional renderings, and learn how to contribute on the district website: www.hudson.k12.oh.us.



First Grade Class Donates to Humane Society

First grade students in Mrs. Kelly Grannis' classroom learned a little about economics and philanthropy at the same time.

The students at Ellsworth Hill Elementary recently were tasked with the question, "How can we as producers make products to help those in need?"



After voting on a cause, the students chose to support animals in need! They raised funds by creating a pinch pot and chocolate-covered pretzel shop, and used the proceeds to purchase much-needed supplies from the Humane Society of Summit County's wish list.

The class later visited the Humane Society to drop off their donations, meet with representatives, and visit with one of the adoptable dogs.



East Woods Hosts Read-A-Thon

In early February, students at East Woods Intermediate had a read-a-thon to benefit the Orkeeswa School in Tanzania, Africa.

Students were given reading logs and pledge forms, and were encouraged to read 60 minutes each day. We are proud to say that each class met the goal of reading 7,500 minutes during the week.

They celebrated by watching a movie and having a pajama party. Students with the top pledge donations earned a special pass for VIP choice cafeteria seating for a week!

In all, East Woods raised \$10,000. Hudson City Schools has a long-standing relationship with the Orkeeswa School, assisting students there in receiving an education.



Winter Athletics Garner Accolades

Our Hudson winter sports teams are to be celebrated after capturing several coveted titles.

As of the time of this writing, we have earned the following honors:

Girls Swimming & Diving
Suburban League Champions
& OHSAA Sectional Champions

Girls Basketball
Suburban League Champions
(for the first time since 2003!)

Boys Swimming & Diving
OHSAA Sectional Champions



Gymnastics
Suburban League
Runner-Up

Ice Hockey
Baron Cup Tournament
Runner-Up



UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, March 1, 2025

PTO PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Join us for the 68th annual PTO Pancake Breakfast on March 1st at Hudson High School!

The annual tradition includes pancakes, entertainment, artwork, raffle prizes, and more all morning long from 8 a.m. until noon.

Tickets prices are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children. The pancake breakfast is the PTO's largest fundraiser.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW
hudsonpto.org



Saturday, March 15, 2025

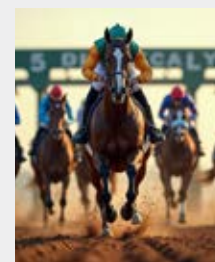
NIGHT AT THE RACES

The Hudson Athletic Booster Club is hosting its annual "Night at the Races" at Lake Forest Country Club on March 15.

The evening includes dinner, a virtual horse racing event, raffle prizes, and more!

Proceeds help fund new athletic uniforms, scholarships, grants, and capital improvements.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW
hudsonboosterclub.org



Drug Free Clubs of America Receives Grant

The Hudson High School Drug Free Clubs of America has received a \$4,000 grant from the Hudson Community Foundation.

The club was started at Hudson City Schools back in 2017. This year, the club boasts 360 student members.



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