

HILLSDALE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER ISSUE #2 MAY 2015



The teachers, staff, and administrators of the Hillsdale Local School District would like to thank all who voted in the May 5th election. We truly appreciate your continued support for our students! ☺

#FalconsForever



The first graders and Mrs. Ayers' reading group attended the Senior Citizen Breakfast on Tuesday, May 19th. The first graders performed their music program and Mrs. Ayers' reading group performed a reader's theater of the story "The Great Kapok Tree". Both groups did an awesome job!

Hillsdale Elementary School students participated in Right to Read Week from May 11-15. Students and teachers spent time each day reading quietly by themselves but also had a lot of fun! Monday was Crazy Neon Day, Tuesday was Crazy Hair and Hat Day, Wednesday was Book Character Day, Thursday was Mix + Match Day, and Friday was Falcon Day! On Friday afternoon, we wrapped up Right to Read Week by having an Ice Cream Dance Party! The staff and students at HES would like to thank the PTO for making this fun week possible!



Hillsdale Elementary School students, in partnership with United Way of Ashland County, participated in a penny bank drive. Our building worked together to raise \$2,781.87 for local families in need!

All students who participated in the penny bank drive were rewarded with a doughnut and juice party, which was sponsored by United Way. Pictured to the left are United Way representative Ev DeVaul and lots of children ready to "chow down" on doughnuts and juice!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this worthwhile cause! Every little bit helps!



PIO Fun Night at the Kroc Center!



Upcoming Events Hillsdale Elementary School

Safety Town: June 8-11

Fabulous Falcons: May 27

No School: May 22 and 25

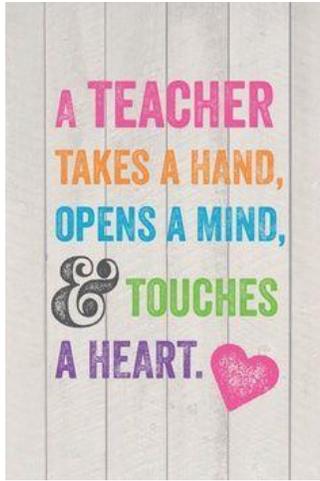
Last Day of School: May 29

Have a Safe and Fun Summer!



PTO Information

The PTO meets at 7:00 p.m. on the third Monday of each month in the elementary school cafeteria. If you would like to sign up for the PTO's "Remind 101" updates, please text @fc7572 to the number 81010.



The teachers, staff, and students of Hillsdale Local Schools would like to thank Linda Nethero and Connie Vogler for all of their years of service! They will both be greatly missed! We wish you the best of luck (and lots of relaxation) in your upcoming retirement.



Linda Nethero



Connie Vogler

COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS

We are excited to announce the addition of College Credit Plus courses for the 2015-2016 school year! College Credit Plus allows current eligible 7th grade - high school students to earn college credit by taking a course offered at Hillsdale High School for both college and high school credit. HHS is working with North Central State College to provide this great opportunity for free college credit.



Sixth graders went to the Great Lake Science Center on their May 13 field trip. Students got to explore the NASA Glenn Visitor Center. The students got to experience The Cleveland Clinic OMNIMAX® Theater that features the most sophisticated and powerful motion-picture projection system in the world, providing super-sized images and exceptional visual and audio quality. The theater features a six-story-high domed screen, while an IMAX theater has a flat screen. Students also explored many hands-on experimental stations.

8th grade science students worked on an engineering activity in which they constructed balsa wood bridges that were built using 1/8 inch square wood pieces. Students had many different parts to complete in this activity including a plan, a drawing, and an estimate of the material used in their bridges. In their planning process, students had to follow and incorporate specific criteria. After their plans and drawings were created and completed, students were given the materials to build their structures. Once all bridges were completed, we tested them by hanging weight from each and then calculated the efficiency of each bridge design.



HMS Students of the Month!

April: Hudson Heller, Julia Ferrell, Caleb Murawski, Emma Bell, Max Davis, Audrey Hower, Luke Honaker, Emily Crossen



The Hillsdale Middle School will have their 3rd Annual Relay for Life on Thursday, May 28th, from 8-10:30 a.m. Our students will hear a speaker that day and participate in activities like walking on our track, minute-to-win-it games, a health fair, and relay races. Cancer has touched many lives in our community and this is our way of supporting them. Any residents that would like to join us that day are invited to come! We will be collecting donations for the American Cancer Society.



Students in sixth grade ELA classes were challenged to double their reading minutes for the month of April. Thirty-one students accomplished this goal with a reward of some delicious Reese Cup brownies! Sixth graders are also enjoying their literature circles this month with some good books. Students are reading Brian's Winter, Julie of the Wolves, A Wrinkle in Time, and Holes.



For the past few years, Mr. Miller's eighth grade History class has planted a pioneer garden behind the Middle School. They plant flax plus several varieties of heirloom corn, pole beans, and gourds using the Iroquois Indian method of the "Three Sisters." Students plant and tend the garden and next year's eighth graders will reap the rewards when they harvest the crops! The corn will be turned into cornmeal using hand grain mills, the flax will be turned into linen fiber for cloth, and the gourds will be made into bowls and dippers. Mr. Miller would like to thank Willo'dell Nursery for the donation of 5 yards of compost and to David Bartter & Sons Excavating for hauling it. Pictured above, from left to right, are **Chandler Petush, Michael Adkison, Alex Becker, and Austin Ashby**. Pictured below, from left to right, are **Blayne Barter, Garrett Goodwin, Grace Keets, and Hannah Way**



Sixth graders got a little taste of what it is like to be an entrepreneur while they participated in the seventh annual Falcon Flea Market at Hillsdale Middle School. Teacher Kathleen Atterholt has directed this annual event which is a culmination of their Economic Unit. This activity provides valuable lessons about supply and demand.

Our last Senior Citizen Breakfast was a great success! The Computer Applications classes at the high school presented their Lego and clay animation projects for the breakfast goers. The high school typically hosts the Senior Citizen Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month during the school year. We cordially invite all Hillsdale senior citizens to stop by for breakfast and great entertainment during the 2015-2016 school year. Below, several guests are pictured as they peruse the projects presents by HHS students.



For the last month, Mrs. Snow's freshman English students have been reading and studying Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*, but recently, the students did more than just read as they acted out the climactic trial scene. Students volunteered for roles. Those students who did not play a role served as jury members or courtroom sketch artists. Dramatizing the trial helps students to better understand how the climate of the times played a role in the judicial process and allows students to bring the characters alive.

For years, Spanish Family Night has been a tradition for Hillsdale HS students and their parents. At Spanish Family Night, all of the hard work and accomplishments of the students can be acknowledged. Students dance and sing songs of the Spanish culture. All of the food is made by the students to provide a dinner with their parents. To finish off the night, the newly elected Spanish Club officers take their positions.



On Friday, May 1st, senior students provided landscaping, painting, and general clean-up to several local establishments as a thank you to the community that has graciously supported them throughout their education at Hillsdale Local Schools. It was a great opportunity to spend some time giving back and having fun with their friends. Their efforts were greatly appreciated in all places!



Pictured at the Elementary School are **Taylor Myers and Logan Garber**. Pictured at the Fire Station are **Kody Kirby, Dougy Cline, Alex Johnston, Hayley Sherman, Rayann Queen, Taylor Kirby, and Dylan Phelps**.



This year the Hillsdale FFA had the opportunity to take 29 students to the FFA State Convention. Seven HHS students were awarded with their State Degrees. To earn a state degree the students must meet certain criteria set by the National FFA, including: 1). receive your Chapter FFA Degree, 2). participate in two years of agricultural coursework and 24 months of active FFA membership, and 3). have SAE earnings and investments of at least \$1,000 or at least 300 unpaid hours outside of class time. The Hillsdale members that received this award are pictured above from left to right: **Shelbi Long, Shawnee Koch, Kate McGovern, Hannah Barr, Macy Payne, Ben Raudebaugh, and Bethany Heiby.** Members attended several sessions at the convention and listened to some very inspirational speakers. The convention was a fun and educational experience that students will always remember!

We will bid farewell to the class of 2015 during an assembly Tuesday, May 26th, at 7:15 a.m. Awards and breakfast will follow the assembly. Graduation will be outdoors (weather permitting) on Sunday, May 31st, at 2:00 p.m. **The faculty and staff of Hillsdale Schools wish the senior class success and happiness in all future endeavors!**

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!



One hundred twenty-two students attended *A Night in Paris Prom* on Saturday, April 25th. After the grand march through a 17' Eiffel Tower, prom attendees had a dance and dinner at Memories Party Center in Wooster, Ohio. A huge "THANK YOU" goes out to Ms. Thiebaud, the prom committee, and everyone who helped make this a night to remember!

Michael Morrison, formerly of the NBA, spoke to our high school students and staff Tuesday, May 12th, about staying drug and alcohol free and making positive life choices. Students were given the opportunity to text a professional counselor at SportsWorld.org if they ever needed to talk. A special thanks goes out to Mr. Keib, principal at the middle school, for arranging this assembly for our students.

