



# Falcon Flyer May 2016



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## Mohican Outdoor School

Sixth grade students and teachers (pictured above and below) took a trip to Mohican State Park on Friday, May 13. They participated in various activities including hiking and team building exercises. The students were accompanied by HHS FFA members and other community members who facilitated learning stations.



## Right to Read Week!

The PTO arranged for the Elementary School to celebrate Right to Read Week by having Neon Day, Crazy Hat & Hair Day, Mix Match Day, Hero Day, and Falcon Day. They also encouraged children to track their reading minutes at home.



Pictured above are some of the kindergarten and fourth grade students with their Crazy Hair and Hats!

## Pre-School Update

The HES pre-school students enjoyed a Field Trip to the Akron Zoo.



They also participated in Bike Day, where they were able to bring their own bikes to school. Luckily it stopped raining long enough for them to ride!



## Spanish Club

The Spanish Club and Spanish III classes attended a variety of field trips this year entitled "Diversity Tours". The goal was to experience the concept of culture outside of the classroom to support our ideas of culture and diversity in the world. The diversity group has gone on four of these "Diversity Tours" this year and would like to express thanks for whoever paid for the bus to take us. Two of the tours were in April. The sights and sounds we experienced on these trips were worth more than 1,000 words. There were tastes, smells, music, speeches, exhibits, discussions, tours. Probably a million or more words to describe the impact of the experiences. We will never forget it!



**The Cleveland International Film Festival (above)** in April draws 8,000 students every year and was our chance to view a host of Spanish language films. During this experience, a professor from Cleveland State University discussed diverse themes and engaged the high school students in critical thinking discussions. Mrs. Snow's speech class came along to view films for speech class and it was awesome!



**The West Side Market** in Cleveland gave more opportunities for students to experience actual culture as it pertains to food and the marketplace in urban settings. Students bargained for things, talked to vendors, and experienced some of the best of culture and diversity in Ohio!

Finally, the students stopped for lunch at a "random" burrito stand and visited the Mexican store next door. *Muy buena comida!* Since life is often random, this was perfect!



In Columbus, Ohio we attended one of the most well-known traveling Hispanic events, *The Flamenco Ballet: The Soul of Spain*. During this experience, students learned about the historical significance of the flamenco dance, guitar, and general styles. There were talented dancers and musicians! To top it off, Hillsdale's own Liberty Garber busted some moves on stage with the dancers!



### National History Day

On April 30, Ava Carnegie, Allison Daugherty, and Ethan Stack participated in the state competition at National History Day held at Ohio Wesleyan University as part of a class assignment for Mr. Miller’s class. Ava Carnegie’s project, a website called “The Dust Bowl: Surviving the Storms,” placed second in the state and earned her a trip to the national competition to be held from June 12-16 at the University of Maryland. Ava is the first person from Ashland County to receive such an honor.



Pictured above are HMS students Madeline Kellogg and Alyssa Cordes. They are rotating the Fluvial Storm Sphere at the Great Lakes Science Center. All sixth graders traveled to the Science Center on Tuesday, May 10. They were also able to eat lunch while enjoying a view of the lake!

## Drive Your Tractor to School Day

2016 marks the 28<sup>th</sup> year the Hillsdale FFA has sponsored “Drive Your Tractor to School Day.” On Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, thirteen students drove (or pulled, as you see in the picture) their tractors to school. This is a great event that the students and staff look forward to each year. In years past, the students have also driven the tractors to the elementary and middle schools to show off for the younger Falcons. Students are required to have a driver’s license or to pass a tractor safety course in order to drive their tractor to school.



On May 5, many of Mr. Miller’s students visited local historical sites in the district. Places they visited included the Copus Massacre, JeromeTown, Hayesville Opera House, the grave of Mabel Verra, a famous Vaudeville Star, the Vermillion Institute, the location of the Battle of Cowpens, and the former site of Jeromesville High School, now Fickes Furniture Store. Here they are posing in front of the Mifflin Jail.



### Hillsdale's FFA Chapter Banquet

On March 12th, 2016, the Hillsdale FFA held its annual member and parent banquet. There were around 450 guests, making it the chapter's biggest banquet yet! This banquet is held every year to recognize the chapter members' hard work and gratitude to the parents and chapter supporters.

The Star Chapter recipient was Shelbi Long. Ben Raudebaugh was awarded the Star Agriculture Business. Blayne Bartter was awarded the Star Greenhand for the freshmen. During the night five members received the Outstanding Member award.

The FFA chapter would not be where it is today without the support from others and awards are given out to show gratitude. Receiving Honorary Degrees were Jodi Long, Dan and Julie Raudebaugh, and Superintendent Steve Dickerson. Mick and Ellen Heiby, and Mark and Jody Payne were given plaques for distinguished service.

The Hillsdale FFA Alumni also gave out awards from the judging of record books and class notebooks. Winners chosen for these awards were based on grade level and were given a plaque.

During the banquet the new officer team for the 2016-2017 school year was announced and inducted. The chapter would like to say THANK YOU for the previous officer team's hard work. The newly elected officer team is looking forward to a successful year of hard work and service.

## Retirement News!



The Hillsdale Local School District would like to thank **Kathy Atterholt** (left) and **Bobbie Echelberger** (right) for their years of faithful service in our district. They have touched many hearts and shaped many minds and will be greatly missed by those around them. We wish them the best of luck in their upcoming retirement and hope they can relax and enjoy time with their families and friends. Please come back to visit us often!



## Second Grade Music Program!



The second graders did an amazing job at their spring concert! They learned songs in many different languages including Spanish, Japanese, and Swahili.



HES third graders have been experimenting with solids and liquids in science class. As a culminating activity, they made ice cream, showing how to change a liquid into a solid. The students were also excited to use their hands as "machines" for mixing! It was a fun (and delicious) science lesson!



## Zoology Class

Recently, Zoology students were able to Skype with Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium in Sarasota, Florida to learn about shark research. They also got a visit from *Our Zoo to You*, based out of Medina, OH, who brought in animals for them to learn about and interact with, including chinchillas, corn snakes, panther chameleon, tegu, groundhog, kinkajou, desert tortoise, blue & gold macaw, and several others. They are currently wrapping up their curriculum for the year by dissecting a shark, snake, turtle, pigeon, and rat. They have completed several virtual dissections, using computer software paid for by the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation grant.





Academic Challenge Team

Middle School students participated in the Wayne County Jr. Academic Challenge Contest at Green Middle School.

Pictured: Front row (l-r): Sarah Yeater, Lauren Ohl, Josie Rowland, Amy Reyes-Gomez, Ava Carnegie  
 Back row (l-r): Jayden Jones, Clay Schoen, Ty Williams, Kooper Koster, Ethan Stack, and Ethan Drugan.

## First Grade Music Program!



The first grade students traveled to the high school auditorium on Tuesday, May 10. They put on an amazing sports-themed performance for the senior citizens and parents. They worked very hard to learn the poems, songs, and cheers, and we are very proud of them!

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!



**It's hard to believe that another year has already passed! I wish to thank you all for your continued support of our students and school. It takes a community engaged in their schools, a positive staff, and parent support to be successful. Together we are making a difference for our students! Our recent report card demonstrates that we are doing a good job. We realize we can always improve, and as a team we will strive to do so. Thank you again for an awesome 2015-16 school year. I am looking forward to an even better 2016-17! I wish all a very enjoyable summer. Please make sure you take time to enjoy family and friends.**

**Go Falcons!**

**Steve Dickerson, Superintendent**

The Elementary PTO would like to thank everyone for their support this school year! Have a safe and fun summer!

