

Winter 2017 School News

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE:

G.P.S. for Education

Many of us have used a Global Positioning System (G.P.S.) when we take a trip. Unlike a printed map, a G.P.S. provides up-to-the-minute information about where we are, the distance to our destination, how long until we get there, and exactly what to do when we make a wrong turn.

But a G.P.S. can't do any of that without a precise description of where we want to go. Teachers have been thinking about learning targets in the same way. They convey to students the destination for the lesson, how deeply they will learn it, and generally how to demonstrate their new learning.

The target for the lesson is one of the most important things students should know. Without a precise description of where they are headed, too many students are not aware of the intention of the lesson. Students who don't know the intention expend precious time and energy trying to figure out what their teacher expects them to learn.

Learning targets enhance student learning and achievement only when educators commit to consistently and intentionally sharing them with students. As learning targets are implemented the level of understanding by students is enhanced by the checks throughout the lesson by their teacher. This is better known as formative assessment.

Hesperia teachers are committed to developing learning targets and formative assessment practices to help students learn at the highest levels possible. These practices are the G.P.S. of quality education.

Hesperia Community School Begins Strategic Planning Process

The Hesperia School Board selected the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) strategic planning model for their process moving ahead with creating a district strategic plan. The strategic planning process begins with collecting data about the district. This might come in the form of numbers data (quantitative) such as schools of choice rates or characteristics data (qualitative) such as survey data from our parents.

Once data is collected the next step is to define or redefine the vision of our district. This will be accomplished through an all-day (Saturday) meeting that will include the board of education, administrators, teachers, staff, parents, students and community members. After setting our vision, this team will define particular goals and strategies we can implement over a 3-5 year period that will lead our district toward this vision.

The process allows us to take a critical look at where we are now and creates a plan for where we want to go. It places the district on a path for improvement that will have an overall positive impact on our students. The strategic planning process will begin in late February and will hopefully be developed and approved by the Board of Education in May. We encourage parent and community participation through our survey link posted on our webpage and/or Facebook page. The web link is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2017HesperiaSP>. Thank you for helping us set our vision for improvement!

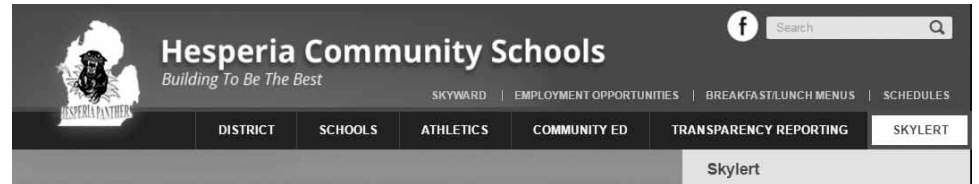
Vaughn White
Superintendent
Thank You, Vaughn White



TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Did you know that you can decide how you want to receive notifications from your school?

Skylert is the district's automated notification system that provides emergency alerts, attendance notifications and other informational alerts via phone call, email, and/or text message. Parents/guardians have a great deal of control over how to receive these messages.



If you already have a log in for Skyward Family Access, choose the Skylert tab from within Skyward and designate which number you want to be contacted for each student.

If you have not already signed up for Skyward Family Access, it's easy! Just download the form from our website at <http://www.hesp.net/skylert>, click Skyward Family Access Application and bring it to the school with a photo ID. More information is available on the web if you have questions or you can always give us a call.

Michigan Art Education Association Region 13 Art show at the NCCA Artsplace in Fremont, MI.
Come see some of our talented student's artwork
The Show - February 1st 9-5:30 pm
Reception - February 9th 5:30-7 pm

ART IN for a few of our students at **Camp Newaygo**
February 22nd High school and February 23rd Middle school
Follow us on Facebook at **Hesperia art program** or **@Hesperiaarts**

Hesperia Students Help Spread Christmas Cheer

Christmas is a time for faith, family, and celebration. However, Christmas can also be a lonely time for certain individuals. This year, the students in Mrs. Arbogast's and Mr. Grodus' classes decided they would spend some time to help brighten the holidays for the residents of St. Ann's Home in Grand Rapids. Junior, Kanin Witte said, "Making these cards and helping others really put us into the Christmas spirit."

After watching a Fox17 News story asking for Christmas cards to be sent to the residents of St. Ann's, Mrs. Arbogast's and Mr. Grodus' classes created Christmas cards for the residents. These cards were sent and delivered before Christmas Day. Gage Balkema, a senior in Mr. Grodus' English 12 class said, "I really enjoyed the opportunity to brighten up someone's holiday."

Fox 17 News had a follow up story showing the happy and delighted faces of the St. Ann's residents when they received their cards. Hundreds of cards were delivered and Hesperia High School students were excited to be a part of sharing the joy and spirit of the season with those residents. Megan Norris, a junior in Mrs. Arbogast's Advanced Spanish 2 class said, "I'm really happy that I was able to make their Christmas better."



MUSIC NOTES

The Hesperia Bands have been very busy.

On Saturday November 12th we sent 11 Middle School students to the MSBOA District 1 Solo and Ensemble Festival held in Cadillac. Students performing a solo were Sierra Cechura, Kyle Eerdmans, Trinity Graham, Lily Hart, Billy Jordan, Timothy Jordan, Aubrey Keuvelaar, McKenna LaCount, Kyle Poole, Maria Priese, Hayley Wolgamott. They all received superior and excellent ratings.

Thirteen HHS band students participated in the Central State Athletic Association (CSAA) day long High School Honor Band held at Kent City High School on November 21st. Kelsee Blount & Methzy Castro, flute; Alissa Tracy, oboe; Kaylee Vereeke & Kirsten Clark clarinet; Natalie McGahan, Alto Sax; Miguel Escobedo & Camryn Johnson, trumpet; Logan Robertson, Horn; Brandon Fairchild & Margaret Anderson, Euphonium; Tanner Grell, Tuba; Luke Kruppe, percussion

On December 6th, eight of the Hesperia band students attended the day-long MSBOA District 1 Middle School Honor Band held at Shelby High School. Those students were Sierra Cechura, Kyle Eerdmans, Timothy Jordan, Aubrey Keuvelaar, McKenna LaCount, Kyle Poole, Maria Priese, Hayley Wolgamott.

The Annual Christmas Concert and Craft Fair had a Hawaiian theme this year. The Hesperia Beginning, 6th grade, 7th/8th, Jazz and High School bands performed. There was even a visit from Santa Claus. Vendors offered a nice variety of crafts, jewelry, home goods, foods and clothing.

Seven high school students performed solos and a trio in the MSBOA Solo and Ensemble Festival held in Cadillac on Saturday, January 28th. They were Karlee Blount, trumpet; Kelsee Blount, flute; Erica Conley, clarinet; Logan Eerdmans, trombone; Miguel Escobedo, trumpet; Camryn Johnson, trumpet; Logan Robertson, trumpet.

The 5th and 6th grade bands will be going to play for the Newaygo County Medical Care Facility and the Green Acres Assisted Living on Tuesday, February

7th. They will perform some of the music they are working on in class and will hand out homemade Valentine's Day cards to the residents before returning to school.

The 7th/8th and High School bands had their pre-district festival evaluation concert on Monday February 13th. Students performed their three required district evaluation pieces as well as a sight-reading piece. The festivals will be held on March 1st or 2nd in Shelby for the 7th/8th graders and on March 8th/9th in McBain for the high school students.

The jazz band has been invited to perform in the 5th Annual Newaygo County Jazz Band Concert on Monday March 27th at 7:00 p.m. at the Grant Fine Arts Center. Tickets are \$10 for Adults and \$5 for ages 18 and under. Proceeds are split between the Hesperia Band program and the White Cloud Rotary Club to benefit their scholarship program. Tickets can be purchased from any jazz member or in the band room. Advertising sponsorship is also available for \$30, of which we receive \$15.

Photos for a formal band composite will be taken this year on Thursday, February 16th for all 7th - 12th grade band members. Pictures may be purchased and are a fun keepsake.

All-Star Band will be on Tuesday, March 14th in Manistee. Names have not been released yet.

Select members of Hesperia's Jazz Band will be performing in the Frauenthal Theater's West Michigan Showcase on Wednesday and Thursday, March 22nd and 23rd and Skyler Eitniewski will be singing Vienna by Billy Joel. Members include Zach Achterhoff-Failing, Margaret Anderson, Riley Bostrom, Tesa Bradfield, Kirsten Clark, Camron Dunbar, Logan Eerdmans, Dakota Follett, Natalie McGahan, Camryn Johnson, Logan Robertson, Heather Schafer, Catlynn Tomaras, Hayley Wolgamott.



CSAA Honor Band



Solo and Ensemble

Middle School Spelling Bee Winners

2nd Place: Jonathan Grover
1st Place: Katelyn Lotz
Moderator: Dan Postema



2017 High School Student Heart Screenings

March 15 • April 26 • July 27 • August 9 • August 23



Mercy Health High School Student Heart Screenings are FREE and open to any high school student from ninth to twelfth grade or entering ninth grade in the fall. Each student must have a parent or guardian's consent to undergo the screening. The screenings take place at our Hackley Campus in Muskegon and are completed in about 15 minutes.

Heart screenings are a simple, quick method to identifying pre-existing heart conditions that could increase a student's risk of complications during physical activity and/or athletic competition.

Each screening will consist of a blood pressure check, 12-Lead EKG, physician exam and, if needed, an echocardiogram.

For any questions, please call 231-672-3047

This program is made possible by Mercy Health Physician Partners West Shore Cardiology and Mercy Heart Center.

Register at MercyHealth.com/StudentHeart

IMPORTANT: Students must bring both the signed consent and signed healthy heart check history questionnaire to the appointment. Parents are welcome to accompany their students.



**NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, and
JANUARY
MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS
OF THE MONTH**



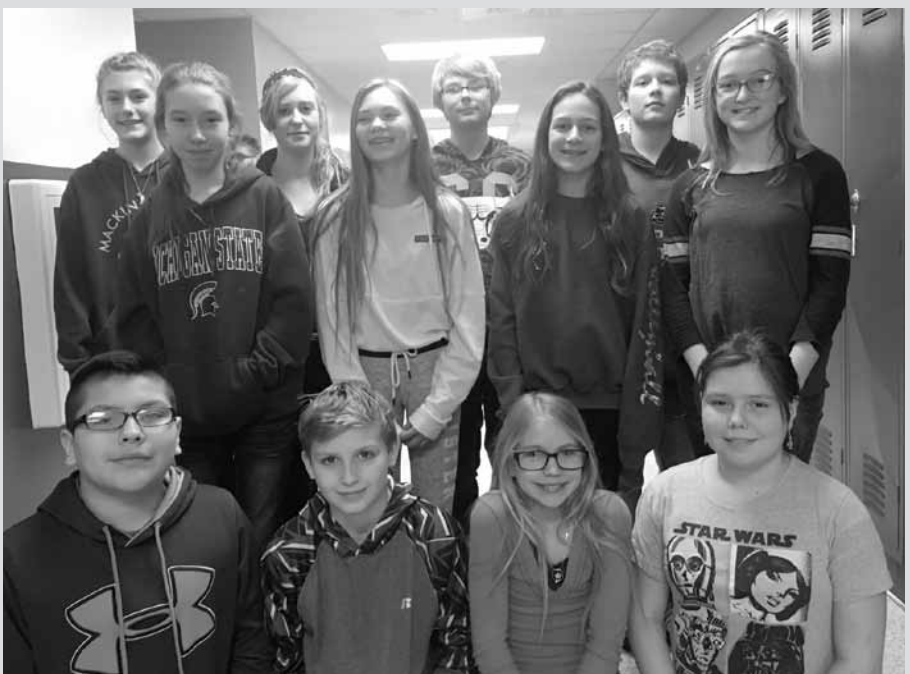
November Students of the Month

8th grade: Miranda Anderson, Isaac Parker, Gabe Prado, & Delaney Yates
 7th grade: Samuel Koch, Audrey Mey, Libby Pearson, & Brandon Quinn
 6th grade: Gabe Gould, Sydney Hasted, & Hunter White
 5th grade: Robert Enbody, Lauren McKivitz, Lona Richards, & Andrew Rosema



December Students of the Month

8th grade: Jarrett Budde, Karissa Klemundt, Maddie O'Neil, & Jake Smith
 7th grade: Kaitlyn Bergman, Samuel Brasser, Deagan Dodge, & Kelly Huston
 6th grade: Hope Bolan, Christian Fuentes, Alex Sayer, & Triniti Tanner
 5th grade: Nataleigh McGahan, Mia Milner, Daniel Romero, & Tyler Terabinski



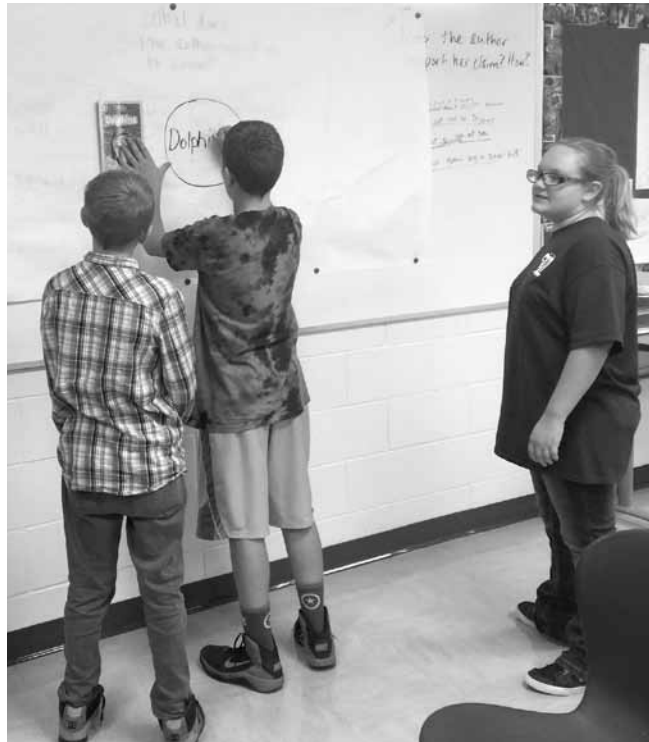
January Students of the Month

8th grade: Jordan Bradfield, Stephen Miller, Layla Richards, & Aria Thomas
 7th grade: Caitlyn Frees, Elliana McAree, Jamie Rossman, & Taylor Stapel
 5th grade: Kaylea Demrow, Blake Hernandez, Jozlyn Nichols, & Christopher Verhoy



2017 HMS Geo Bee

7th grader Zach Achterhoff-Failing won the 2017 HMS Geo Bee for 5-8 grades, which was held on January 12th. He will be taking an online test to see if he qualifies for the State Geo Bee in Lansing.



Mrs. Prado's middle school students Trenton Willis, Ryan Smith, Jordan Bradfield, and Trinity Graham explore non fiction text here through text mapping, a cooperative experience that tests the groups' knowledge of the content and structure of a book. Students have been displaying these maps in our middle school lobby area since the beginning of the year.

Congratulations
**to the STEM Christmas Tree Tower
 Challenge Winners!**

This tree was over 200 cm. tall!





Middle/High School Principal Message

FORMATIVE ASSESSMENTS FOR MICHIGAN EDUCATORS

In August 2016, seven teachers at Hesperia Community Schools joined together to form a Formative Assessment Team (F.A.M.E). The Formative Assessment Process relies on teacher's and student's use of assessments that have formative or beginning features and are connected to core area instructional standards (English, math, social studies, and science)

Effective teaching and implementation of these assessments significantly influences teacher lesson planning, constructive feedback to students about their learning, and teacher revisions to their future instructional practices.

The essential purpose of formative assessments as a practice is to move students' learning forward while their learning is still in the process of developing.

The Teachers' Role – Formative Assessment is only effective when teachers are clear about the intended *Learning Targets* for a lesson. A focus centers on what students will learn, as opposed to what students will do. To achieve maximum transparency for students, teachers share the *Learning Targets*, or actively create them with students at the beginning of a lesson. With clarity about the Learning Target, teachers can then decide on how they will gather evidence of emerging learning.

Student Feedback – Student Feedback is a crucial component of Formative Assessments. Feedback obtained through planned or spontaneous evidence is an essential resource for teachers to shape new learning through adjustments to their instruction. Feedback is important so students can take active steps to advance their own learning. Feedback to students can be understood as instructional action.

The Students' Role – The students' role in Formative Assessment beings when they have a clear understanding of the *Learning Target*. Just as the teacher is collecting evidence in relation to the target, so are students through the self-assessment process. In self-assessment, students engage in metacognitive activity, a hallmark of effective learning. Metacognition actively involves students in thinking about their own learning while learning. Students are generating internal feedback that tells them when they need to make adjustments to their learning strategies.

The students' role also includes peer assessment. In peer assessment, students give feedback to their classmates that is intended to be constructive and to help them progress toward the *Learning Target*. Students need to have opportunities to use the feedback given to them. It is important that students reflect on their learning and use the feedback to advance their learning. We are excited about the learning opportunities our teachers and support staff provide to their students each and every day!

David LaPrairie, Secondary Schools Principal

HESPERIA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS SCHOOL CALENDAR 2017

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■ FIRST DAY – August 29

■ LAST DAY – June 8

■ NO STUDENTS
■ HOLIDAY BREAKS

■ LATE START WEDNESDAYS

- Feb 17 & 20 Mid-Winter Break
- Mar 28 & 29 Spring Conferences -- 5:00 - 8:00
- Mar 30 Half Day students (AM)
Comp Day (PM)
- Mar 31 - Apr 7 Spring Break
- Apr 14 Good Friday (No School)
- May 29 Memorial Day
- June 7 & 8 Last two days of school (½ days)
- June 9, 12 - 15 Flex Days - Make-up Days if Required
- 180 Student Days
- Nov 4 (47) End of 1st Marking Period
- Jan 20 (43) End of 2nd Marking Period/Semester
- Mar 24 (43) End of 3rd Marking Period
- June 8 (47) End of 4th Marking Period/Semester





WINTER GREETINGS FROM PATRICIA ST. CLAIR ELEMENTARY

Follow Us on Twitter: #PSCpantherpride #PSCpantherPD

It is my privilege to provide you with some highlights from our school year so far.

First, a Big Thank You! To parents and staff, because of you, our fall Parent Teacher Conferences participation was over 90%!

After four months of school, our Elementary Strategic Schedule continues to be a success.

There are a few lessons we've learned so far, that we will use to make adjustments for next year. The Strategic Schedule provides a common time for each grade level's literacy block as well as a common time for students to get their Title support. This ensures that students who need extra support will not continue to be pulled throughout the day and throughout various subjects minimizing additional potential gaps. An added benefit is that grade level teachers, title staff, and specials staff have common prep to plan instruction with their colleagues.

Our K-12 STEM-Literacy Night was attended by over 200 people.

Several families and staff members donated holiday meals and presents to families in need.

The 1st-4th Holiday Concerts were a huge success in front of packed

audiences. Congratulations to Mrs. Baker and all of her students. The 5th Grade band has come a long way in a short time. They provided a festive kick-off to the secondary holiday band concerts.

Several elementary teachers have used the snow days to create "Snow Day Challenges" on their class Facebook pages. These are a great way to engage families in fun connections with school. Our School Improvement Team and PTO will look to make these school-wide in the coming months.

We are always in need of donated hats, gloves, snow pants, and coats. Please consider donating and spreading the word.

Consider becoming part of our school as a volunteer or by attending our PTO meetings and events.

Please remember my door is always open and I am always available to chat about any compliments, or concerns.

Mr. Mey
Elementary Principal
Curriculum Coordinator

CATCH Program

This year our elementary school is partnering with Spectrum Health Gerber Memorial to implement the CATCH program. CATCH stands for "Coordinated Approach to Child Health". As a CATCH school students receive educational lessons about healthy eating and physical activity. Helping our children make positive health choices takes the entire school community-teachers, principals, food service staff, and parents working together in a coordinated way. We strongly encourage and welcome your support. As a parent and or grandparent, your role in influencing your child to make healthy choices is extremely important.

A key focus of CATCH is to create an environment that makes the healthy choice the easy choice for our students. Throughout the year, we will promote positive health choices through wellness activities. We hope you will encourage healthy choices at home, too. You will receive CATCH news periodically to keep you up to date on what is happening at school and suggestions you can use at home to build more nutritious foods and physical activity into your child's life. Next school year CATCH will be incorporated into grades K-4.

SPECTRUM HEALTH



WONDER LEAGUE CLUB



Mrs. Bartolini's class recently had a project funded through DonorsChoose.org. They received six new wobble stools for the classroom. Many students shared that our new stools help them concentrate better while doing schoolwork. They also said, "They are really really fun to sit on!"



Lacey Mey enjoying a wobble stool.

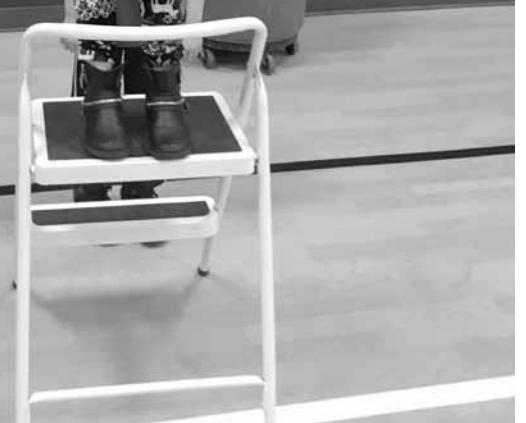
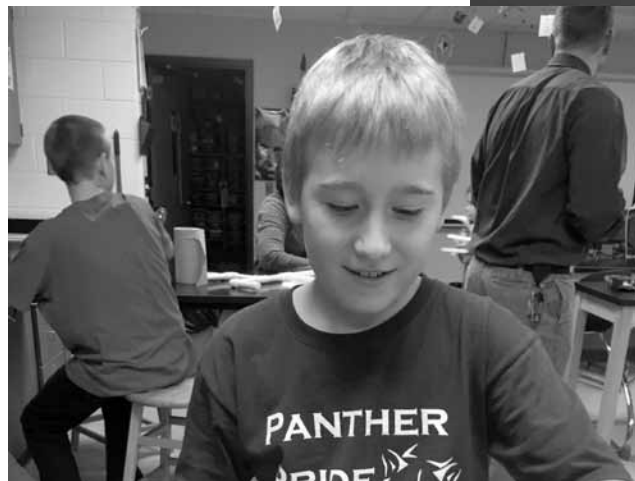
Hesperia Students Present Disney's *Peter Pan* in March

Second star to the right and straight on 'til morning! You can see where that will take you on March 24th and 25th in the Hesperia High School cafeteria. That's right! Auditions have been held, the cast has been announced, and rehearsals are underway for Hesperia Community Schools performance of Disney's *Peter Pan*.

Seven years ago, Hesperia High School brought back the high school musical to our community after a 22 year absence. If you missed *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, *The Wizard of Oz*, Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*, *Willy Wonka*, and last year's *James and the Giant Peach*, then you need to mark your calendar NOW so you will not miss *Peter Pan*.

Highlighting over 50 of Hesperia's talented students, *Peter Pan* will be presented two times: Friday, March 24th at 7:00 PM and Saturday, March 25th at 7:00 PM. Tickets will be available at the door. The cost of tickets is \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for senior adults 60 and over, \$1.00 for all students. We look forward to seeing you there!

Students Participating in Mr. Westgate's CATAPULT CHALLENGE!



HESPERIA

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

TRACK

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
APR. 11	MORLEY STANWOOD	HOME	4:00
APR. 13	INVITATIONAL	NEWAYGO	TBA
APR. 18	HOLTON	AWAY	4:00
APR. 25	WHITE CLOUD	HOME	4:00
APR. 29	INVITATIONAL	WYOMING	TBA
MAY 2	LAKEVIEW	AWAY	4:00
MAY 9	KENT CITY	AWAY	4:00
MAY 11	CSAA CONFERENCE	HOLTON	4:00
MAY 13	SCOTTIE CLASSIC	ALMA	TBA
MAY 20-21	REGIONALS	TBA	TBA
MAY 24	MEIJER ALL STAR CLASSIC	REETHS PUFFER	3:30

MS TRACK

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
APR. 19	CHIPPEWA HILLS/FREMONT	FREMONT	4:00
APR. 26	HOLTON	AWAY	4:00
MAY 3	GRANT/REED CITY	HOME	4:00
MAY 10	LAKEVIEW/KENT CITY	HOME	4:00
MAY 16	INVITATIONAL	MCE	3:45
MAY 17	CENTRAL/MONTCALM/BIG RAPIDS	BIG RAPIDS	4:00
TBA	MEGASTAR MEET	SHEPARD	TBA

GOLF

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
APR. 13	WARRIOR 2 MAN SCRAMBLE	ROYAL GC	10AM
APR. 20	LAKEVIEW	ST. IVES	9AM
APR. 25	LAKEVIEW	AWAY	1:00
MAY 2	KENT CITY	AWAY	1:00
MAY 5	SPARTY CUP	SPARTA	8AM
MAY 9	TRI-COUNTY	AWAY	1:00
MAY 10	COUNTY MEET	SHELBY	1:00
MAY 18	BIG RAPIDS	AWAY	1:00

VARSITY BASEBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
APR. 14	MORLEY STANWOOD	AWAY	4:00
APR. 18	HOLTON	HOME	4:00
APR. 21	WHITE CLOUD	AWAY	4:00
APR. 24	TRI-COUNTY	AWAY	4:00
APR. 25	LAKEVIEW	HOME	4:00
APR. 27	NORTH MUSKEGON	HOME	4:00
APR. 28	KENT CITY	HOME	4:00
MAY 2	MORLEY STANWOOD	HOME	4:00
MAY 4	RAVENNA	HOME	4:00
MAY 5	HOLTON	AWAY	4:00
MAY 9	WHITE CLOUD	HOME	4:00
MAY 12	LAKEVIEW	AWAY	4:00
MAY 13	KEN SMITH TOURNAMENT	HOME	9AM
MAY 16	KENT CITY	AWAY	4:00
MAY 18	GRANT	HOME	4:00
MAY 23	NEWAYGO	HOME	4:00
MAY 25	SHELBY	HOME	4:00
MAY 26	HART	AWAY	4:00

JV BASEBALL

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MAY 25	SHELBY	AWAY	4:00

VARSITY SOFTBALL

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MAY 25	SHELBY	AWAY	4:00

PANTHERS

2017 SPRING SPORTS

ALL SCHEDULES SUBJECT TO CHANGE, CONTACT THE SCHOOL FOR UPDATED INFORMATION

THIS COULD BE YOUR AD SPACE!
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The mission of Hesperia Community Schools is to provide quality education opportunities that empower all students to become responsible, enlightened and productive citizens today and in the future.

WE BELIEVE

Education is a lifelong process necessary for achievement of each individual's potential. Everyone can learn.
In personal and civic responsibility, accountability and mutual respect.
A safe and structured environment is essential to learning..
All students are entitled to quality education that acknowledges individual differences.

VISION

Building to be the best by honoring the past, embracing the present and reaching for the future.

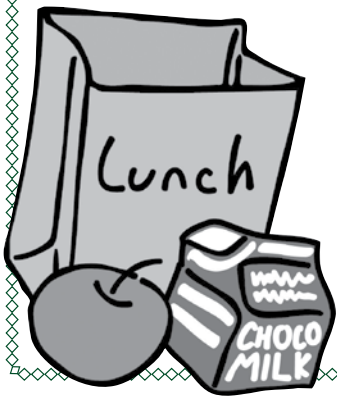
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SCHOOL LUNCH INFORMATION

Hesperia Community Schools participates in the Universal Breakfast Program, which provides breakfast for all students at no cost. For a link to your child's hot lunch account, please visit our website at www.hesp.net or www.lunchdeposit.com. You can apply for free and reduced lunch, review your child's account history and make payments using a credit card. For further information, please contact Deb Muckey at 231-854-0509.



According to state law, If your child has a food allergy you must provide written authorization from your medical provider in order to have special accommodations from the school food service program. Please contact Mrs. Muckey should you have any questions about food allergies and accommodations requested by your doctor.

HESPERIA COMMUNITY SCHOOL ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM

If you are a non-graduate under the age of 20, as of September 1, 2016, and would like to earn your high school diploma, Hesperia Community Schools has the perfect program for you. We offer a self paced program that is computer based with many class offerings, staffed by a certified teacher.

If you are interested in enrolling, or would like additional information on the program please contact us at (231) 854-6185.

Understanding Snow Day Make Up

This has been an active winter for ice on our roads and the result has been a number of days out of school for our children. Let us assume those days at home are used to read books, complete family chores, and connect and develop relationships with loved ones. Even if the truth is not necessarily as described, the one thing we know is that our kids are safe. We certainly want our children in school each day to learn but their safety is paramount.

I have had a number of parents and staff inquire about snow day make up and how it works? The state allows us to miss a total of 6 days due to weather. They mandate 180 school days and 1098 hours for the education of our children. Now that we have missed over the 6 days, we can assume we need to make up any additional days at the end of our school calendar in June.

In the past, the state has offered a waiver to schools hard hit by the winter weather. There is not a guarantee this will be the case this year, however, if offered we could apply for additional "forgiven" school days.

It is usually in the month of April that we find out if a waiver will be offered for this school year. Until then, we have to assume any days beyond the 6 will have to be made up at the end of the school year. So bundle up and keep warm as we weather the weather!



Hesperia Community Schools SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DATES 2017

Month	Work Session Date	Regular Meeting Date
January	9th (Organizational)	16th
February	6th	20th
March	6th	20th
April	10th	17th
May	1st	15th
June	5th	26th
July		17th (Organizational)
August	7th	21st
September	11th	18th
October	2nd	16th
November	6th	20th
December	4th	18th

Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month unless noted above.

Meetings will be held in the High School Media Center at 7:00 p.m. unless posted otherwise.

IMPORTANT SCHOOL PHONE NUMBERS

Superintendent.....	854-6185
Administration Office.....	854-6185
School Nurse.....	854-6715
Elementary Office.....	854-6615
Middle School Office.....	854-6475
High School Office.....	854-6385
Transportation.....	854-9301
Lunch Room.....	854-0509
Athletics.....	854-7100
Technology Office.....	854-6068

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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