



# HESPERIA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Spring 2017 Newsletter

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## Spring 2017 School News

### SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE:

#### District Strategic Planning Update

The Hesperia School Board is leading the way for positive changes through their approval of the Michigan Association of School Board's strategic planning model. They began this journey with a school and community strategic planning day that took place on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>.



Members of the school board, parents, community members, and staff volunteered for this eight hour day of reflecting and planning. The outcome was the development of new District Mission, Vision, and Belief Statements as well as Goal Statements under the categories of Academics, Operations, Communications/Community Engagement, Learning Environment/Culture, and Personnel/Leadership.

The second significant step in the process was the establishment of goal teams for each of these categories. Members of these teams met Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> for a four hour review and training session to establish the next steps for implementing the plan.

So, what will be the outcome of this work? We cannot expect to improve our district and the education for our students without a solid district focus and plan. The strategic plan provides the goals, strategies and process to make an accountable difference in our education system. In the upcoming months, each team will meet to further develop objectives and strategies. They will report back to the board on progress and to the community through our website.

I truly appreciate the dedication, commitment, and time of these volunteers as we move this plan forward for the next three to five years.



March 25<sup>th</sup> Strategic Planning Day

#### Celebrating High Educational Standards and Programs at Hesperia

Last year, State Superintendent Brian Whiston made it a priority at the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) to visit school districts. He has directed his Deputy Superintendents and each Office Director at MDE to visit at least 10 local districts this school year. Hesperia was fortunate to be one of these districts selected this year. The purpose of the visit was to highlight and celebrate the great things happening in our local schools, and finding out what MDE can do for our local school districts.

Dr. Renee Demars-Johnson, Director Office of Early Childhood Development and Family Education (MDE) visited Hesperia on Monday, May 8. The visit included a review of our innovative and successful programs such as our Literacy bus, afterschool program, our focus on instructional practice (formative assessment, learning targets and standards), our Boot and LED safety project, and successful arts and sports programs. We also spoke about our district Strategic Planning initiative setting the tone for future improvements.

Feedback was also received by MDE on how they might be able to better serve public school districts. We appreciated the visit and hope these opportunities help law makers in our state better understand the benefits of a public school education to our nation's children.

Vaughn White  
Superintendent

#### Escape to India ~ Prom 2017

The HHS Junior/Senior Prom was held Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8:00-11:00 p.m. at The Loading Dock in Shelby. Over one-hundred students were in attendance and enjoyed dancing the night away with classmates and friends. Junior Prom committee members spent their morning and early afternoon on Friday transforming the two-story building into an exotic Indian getaway for the enjoyment of all, especially their senior guests. Committee members included Luis Alvarez, Shelby Follett, Delaney Hussey, Lilah Majersky, Megan Norris, Claire Rumsey, Kevin Schooley, Mikayla Thompson, Gerrit Yates, and Zach Young. Prom guests began arriving just prior to 8:00 p.m. and entered through a pink, orange, and gold curtained walkway. Refreshments provided throughout the evening



included a tropical punch fountain, peacock colored cupcakes, fresh strawberries, a variety of sweet and salty snacks, and a do-it-yourself s'more bar (where more than one marshmallow was burnt. Dancing and a photo-booth were a large part of the night's festivities, which culminated in the crowning of Prom Prince, Gage Balkema, and Princess, Josie Tinkham. Junior class advisors, Kimberly Smith and Kristina Waalkens, would like to thank the many chaperones who volunteered their time that evening, as well as the junior and senior guests for their outstanding attitudes and awesome behavior, which made this "escape to India" a most enjoyable and memorable one.

## 2017 Hesperia Panther Football Golf Outing

- When: Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup>, 9 am
- Check-in begins at 8 am
- Where: Northwood Golf Course
- \$50 a person/\$200 per team
- Scramble Format
- Green and Cart Fees
- Lunch Provided
- Awards for Top Teams
- Hole Prizes
- Raffle Items



To Register, please call Chad Paine (231) 854-6385 ext 8732 or Doug Bolles (231) 729-4350. Outing is limited to the first 20 groups to sign up.





Starting in February it gets really busy in the art room. Our students have been busy entering art into a lot of area shows

**MAEA State adjudication winners:**

Olivia Prado wins at the state level  
Her artwork is on display at the Michigan department of education building in Lansing, April 2017 through April 2018

Katie Skok is one of the top 100 in the state of Michigan.  
Her art will be on display at Western Michigan University in South Korman Hall from June 10-17

**High school and Middle school students participated in a life drawing event at Camp Newaygo. (See pictures)**

**Newaygo County Victims rights week poster contest**

Olivia Prado placed 2nd and Fiat Whattanachai was in the top 5

**CSAA awards**

Jaden White and Olivia Prado with all state recognition.

Follow us on Facebook at Hesperia art program or @Hesperiaarts 



**MAEA State Show**

This competition is put on by the Michigan Art Education Association. It is understandable that some people do not understand the significance of this to our school and students. These shows are like the athletes going on to win state. Just for Art students instead.

- First, teachers choose their students artwork they feel is the best. Only 5 pieces per grade level can be entered (High school, Middle school and elementary = 15 pieces total)
- Then they are entered in the region show. Where only the top pieces are chosen. The number of entries is based off of how many teachers entered work into the region show. These are picked by 2-3 different judges not associated with any of the schools. The ones that do not place at this level then come home to the classrooms.
- Then those chosen go to Lansing to be adjudicated again this time by a professional judge and placed into different shows (see below). These finalists are the ones that have won at the state level. The ones that do not place at this level then come home to the classrooms. Below is a list of the shows the students can be put into.

**Middle school:**

**State wide show**

June 10-17, 2017

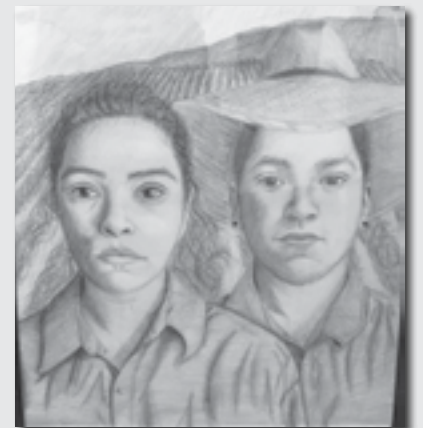
Western Michigan University Fine Arts building.

Special workshop for these students to be held on June 17th.

**High school categories:**

1. The Governor's Traveling Show or GTS consists of the top 30 pieces. In this collection, we have the top 18 as well.
2. Top 100 of the state
3. Michigan Department of Education (on display for a year at the Michigan Ed. Association headquarter in Lansing.)

I am proud to announce the Hesperia winners of the High school "State" level art competition and Middle level top honors.



**State winner**

**Olivia Prado** (Michigan Department of Ed show) on display for a year at the Michigan Ed. Association headquarter in Lansing.



**Middle school top honors**

**Katie Skok**

**Get immunized before the next school year!**

District Health Department #10 nurses will be on hand to get your kids caught up on immunizations before school starts in the fall. Kids K-12 welcome.

**Hesperia Community Schools**  
**August 9th**  
**9:00-11:15 a.m. and 1:00-3:00 p.m.**

*\*Room location announced soon.*

**Call 231-689-7300 for appointment.**

*Appointment required. We bill most insurances, Medicaid, and offer Vaccines for Children for those without insurance.*







**Fremont Area Community Foundation  
and NC RESA recognizes ...**

## **Outstanding Educators in Newaygo County**

**Hesperia's Community Awards Recognition  
goes to Ben Westgate, Jim Cherry and Becky Kamphorst!**

**WE CONGRATULATE BEN WESTGATE AS  
"TEACHER OF THE YEAR"!**



### **STAFF AND COMMUNITY RECOGNITION**

Congratulations to RTC  
Coordinator, Janet Fairchild,  
on receiving the LEON  
BRUNNER Award for the  
OUTSTANDING SUPPORT  
PROFESSIONAL in the state  
of Michigan.

Congratulations to Vicki Hawes on being selected as one of  
the winners of the EPICS (Exceptional Person in Community  
Schools) award for the state of Michigan!

Congratulations to Greg Sherburn for his selection as the  
CARE recipient for volunteerism for our school community.

## **MS STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

### **February Students of the Month**

5<sup>th</sup> grade: Gabriel Alvarez Molina, Alveron Badger, Madyson Druso, Molly Norris  
6<sup>th</sup> grade: Lacy McCullum, Marcy Tanner, Natalee Taylor, Silver Schmitz  
7<sup>th</sup> grade: Bayleigh Anderson, Jessica Cupps, Amber Mangold, Madison Norberg  
8<sup>th</sup> grade: May Cuddeback, Kohen Heckman, Braden Nielsen, Rachel Romero

### **March Students of the Month**

5<sup>th</sup> grade: Bryce Billings, Mackenzie Bradfield, Emerald Everding, Jonathon Lyons  
6<sup>th</sup> grade: Haevynn Boisvert, Kolby Fuller, Carter Monroe, Jenna Turner  
7<sup>th</sup> grade: Hailey Frost, Bailey Hren, Timothy Jordan, Emmi Tinkham  
8<sup>th</sup> grade: Rebecca Castillo, Allison Homfeld, Nathan Martinez, Riley Taylor

### **April Students of the Month**

5<sup>th</sup> grade: Isaac Eaves, Maci Kies, Evin Valdes, Corrisa Whelpley  
6<sup>th</sup> grade: Noelle Evans, Alex Gleason, Tara Helmer, Olivia Huffman, April Jewett,  
Michael Romero  
7<sup>th</sup> grade: Jaiden Blamer, Aubree Druso, Hailey Robbins, Kaitlyn Skok  
8<sup>th</sup> grade: Rylee Gleason, Trinity Graham, Maria Priese, Isabelle Rumsey

## **2017 Regional Spelling Bee Hosted by NC RESA**

Newaygo County Regional Educational Service Agency (NC RESA) hosted the 2017 Regional Spelling Bee on February 16 with Newaygo County's six district-level winners and runners-up competing for the regional title. The overall winner, Aiden Anderson from Grand Middle School, correctly spelled the word haversack in Round 10. Aiden won last year's Regional Bee and will once again advance to The Greater Grand Rapids Spelling Bee on Tuesday, March 14 at Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum in Grand Rapids.

Students ranging in grades 4 - 8 will have the opportunity to compete at the Scripps National Spelling Bee held in Washington D.C. through advancement at three levels: their local School District Bee, NC RESA Regional Bee, and The Greater Grand Rapids Bee. These spellers spend hours preparing for the different levels of competition and are commended for their determination. For more information, visit Scripps National Spelling Bee website at [www.spellingbee.com](http://www.spellingbee.com).



### **We are proud to acknowledge the district level spellers**

**(front row L to R):** Hanna Elder, Newaygo Middle; Jorja Baker, White Cloud Elementary; Brooke Ringler, White Cloud Elementary; Madilyn Boyd, Fremont Dairy Brook; Carolina Ovalle, Grant Middle; Coy Booth, Grant Elementary; Jonathan Grover, Hesperia Middle.  
**(back row L to R):** Josiah Long, Newaygo Middle; Aiden Anderson, Grant Middle; Jonathan Anderson, Fremont Middle; Landon Wall, Fremont Middle; Georgia Sparks, Fremont Dairy Brook; Not pictured: Katelyn Lotz, Hesperia Middle; Lucero Orduna-Rivera, Grant Middle; Samuel Wynn, Big Jackson.



Funded in part by a grant from Fremont Area Community Foundation.



## **Middle School Volleyball**



At the season ending MSVB tournament, Emily Bayle and Kyra Sayer were selected by the officials as part of the 2017 All-Tournament Team!



The 2017 8th grade Volleyball team completed their perfect season by winning the 2017 season-ending MSVB tournament!



## Giving the "Boot" to High Electricity Bills

Hesperia Community Schools is scheduled to be the first public school to have a district-wide integrated lockdown and lighting system. The Michigan based, LockOut Company has bridged two important tasks facing schools today: safety and energy efficiency. The Lockdown Company, the creators of The Boot™ have developed their product to connect with LecConnect's LED bulbs via Bluetooth Low Energy "IoT" semiconductor technology. The Boot™ is a rectangular plate anchored by two steel pins that fit into corresponding spring-loaded floor sleeves, creating a barricade for interior doors that can withstand up to 16,000 pounds of pressure from the opposite side to prevent an intruder from entering. This device, which garners support from various law and fire officials including Homeland Security, provides the maximum protection against the entrance of an unwanted intruder. The Boot™ has been installed in schools throughout Michigan, Ohio, and other states since its origin in 2013.

The other portion of Hesperia's project is the installation of LecConnect's LED lighting tubes replacing the current florescent system. Likewise, LED technology is also becoming prevalent in public schools to save energy. What makes the project unique is the communication of The Boot™ with the LEDs. The closed system runs through a mesh network module located on The Boot™ and in the LED fixtures. The system signals the LED lights to turn red upon the deployment of The Boot™ or any other trigger of the lockdown protocol. Not only does the room where The Boot™ is deployed go red, but a signal is sent throughout the district so that everyone is notified to initiate the lockdown protocol simultaneously, which alleviates the need to call "lockdown" over the intercom. Likewise, when the assurance of safety is confirmed the lights will turn green communicating the okay to remove The Boot™. This is significant for safety because anyone noticing danger can immediately communicate the danger through the deployment of The Boot™ much like a fire alarm can be pulled to signal a fire. Once the district has deployed lockdown, administrators with support of law enforcement, can utilize provided software and selectively control and direct students, teachers, and staff to safety.

This system, through cell phone applications, will communicate directly with administration and staff within the school and law enforcement officials upon its deployment. Through careful consideration and collaboration, law enforcement will know the exact location of the initial placement. In addition to The Boot™ and LED lighting, numbered placards will be placed on all internal and external entrances so that everyone who enters our facilities will have clearer indication of room identification. Lastly, Ballistic Shields with the school's emblem will be placed over exterior door glass to limit glass breakage and enforce facility safety.

This safety and energy saving project was made possible through a loan with Shelby State Bank, which will be paid for by the savings the district will see in the electric bill after the installation of the LED lights. Our district anticipates savings between \$25,000-\$32,000 per year, with an anticipated payoff period of six years; we will continue to see these savings over time long after we see our energy savings pay for the upgraded systems.

The Hesperia School Board would like to thank Bob Farber, (former Oceana County Sherriff) for his direction toward the initiation of this project as well as Shelby State bank for their financial support. The Boots™ are currently in place with LED lights, placards and shields coming at the end of the month or early June.

Photo of the LED lights



Photo of the Boot



Pictured back row: Bob Farber (Oceana County Sherriff retired), Joe Thiel (The LockOut Company) Pat Budde (Business Manager), Scott Wenberg, (Board Trustee), Robert Fisher (Shelby State Bank), Pete Slovinski (Shelby State Bank) Front Row: Robert Couturier (The LockOut Company & Inventor of The Boot™), Dale Gibbs (Police Chief), and Vaughn White (Superintendent)

## VICKI HAWES IS THE WINNER OF THE 6th Annual EPICS Award

"Not only does Vicki have a good, trusting relationship with the students and staff here in our school, she also has one within our community. Last year, she was nominated by our elementary staff to represent our building as 'Teacher of the Year'"



## FIRST GRADERS USE GREEN SCREENS

Mrs. Balkema's and Mrs. Kammer's first grade classes experimented with green screens in their classroom recently by using the app "Do Ink". Their students completed book reviews about their favorite books and then were recorded by their teacher with an iPad, in front of a green screen. Later, the teachers inserted pictures of their favorite book behind them in the app, just as weather forecasters insert weather maps. When done, the videos were attached to QR codes for parents to scan with their smart phones/tablets to watch.

The students were so excited with the project that they couldn't wait to do more! They are now incorporating writing into this format as well. If you have time, scan these codes with a free "QR Reader" app on your own device at home.

## Regional Science Olympiad Tournament

Excelling at the Regional Science Olympiad Tournament, Hesperia High School students headed to the State S.O. Meet at Michigan State University on April 29, 2017. The team received an invitation to compete at the state level after besting local rival Shelby, as well as, eleven other teams in our region. Hesperia High School teacher and Science Olympiad coach, Jennifer Sherburn, commented on her team's success prior to the meet, "I am so proud of this group of students! They worked very hard on their individual events and the extra time and effort paid off. I see so much talent in these students. It is great to see their interest in science, technology and engineering develop. It is exciting to these students take their love of science and pursue future careers in STEM fields."

At the State Science Olympiad Tournament, students compete against other students that placed at the top of their regional tournament. Mrs. Sherburn said, "We competed against 60 other teams, regardless of district size or demographics, from all across the state that were at the top of their regional tournament." She said, "I am proud that our students received an invitation and the opportunity to compete at this level. It is a great experience and wonderful way to get our students more involved." Top finishers at the State Meet were Camryn Johnson and Delaney Hussey in *Anatomy and Physiology*, McGwire Cechura and Hailey Keely in *Material Science*, Claire Rumsey and Megan Norris in *Write It; Do It*, Eli O'Neill and Nichole Kinney in *Towers*, and Camryn Johnson and Olivia Erlewein in *Invasive Species*.



Front, pictured left to right: Seniors, Eli O'Neill, Alissa Tracy, Olivia Prado, Camryn Johnson, Olivia Erlewein, and Coach Jennifer Sherburn. Middle row, left to right, Claire Rumsey, Megan Norris, Delaney Hussey, Logan Robertson, Hailey Keely and McGwire Cechura. Top row, left to right, Luke Kruppe, Nicole Kinney and Noah Saxton.



# Hesperia Students Compete in the Oceana County Mathematics Competition

The Oceana Mathematics Competition was held on March 14, 2017 on the campus of West Shore Community College. 209 students from Hart, Pentwater, Walkerville, Shelby and Hesperia were participants in this year's event. The event was sponsored by the Mason-Lake Oceana Mathematics and Science Center and the five participating school districts. Awards are presented to the top five individuals in each mathematics course of study as well as the top five teams in each. We took a total of 51 Hesperia Panthers to compete and brought back a total of 23 awards!





## Project FOCUS brings the 4<sup>th</sup> annual STEAM Competition to Hesperia

On Saturday, March 11, 2017 there were over 200 people from six after school programs who met in Hesperia to showcase projects that they had been working on for about two months previous. Students from Hart, Walkerville, Muskegon Heights, Baldwin, White Cloud, and of course Hesperia went head to head in order to compete for medals! The students competed in wind-powered turbines, FOCUS Tank (like shark tank), a STEAM-based art competition, and a team challenge that was announced on the day of the event.

Other activities offered at the 4<sup>th</sup> annual STEAM Competition were the John Ball Zoo Mobile Zoo, six activities offered by the Ann Arbor Hands-On Science Museum, a mobile planetarium offered through the Steven Wessling Observatory, and a rock exhibit offered through the Kropscott Farm Environmental Center.

Students had the goal of visiting all exhibits during this busy time, and students who attended enough events were entered into a raffle for some really great prizes. Top prizes included a camera ready drone, and some engineering based science kits. Each school brought home medals, and the event was a huge success! We look forward to a bigger and better STEAM Competition for 2018!



Students test their wind-powered turbines for output voltage



John Ball Zoo showcasing some of their traveling exhibits



Kaylyn Hasty and Gary Simington pitching their FOCUS Tank invention



Just a small portion of the art that was brought to the competition



Students from Hesperia who participated in the STEAM Challenge

## National Archery in the Schools Program returns to Hesperia High School

The National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) has returned to Hesperia High School. The archery program is a 3<sup>rd</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum taught by certified instructors to introduce Archery to students across the country. Hesperia High School Physical Education teacher Chad Paine recently secured a grant to reintroduce the program to high school students. In cooperation with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the West Michigan Chapter of Whitetails Unlimited, Hesperia High School received a new kit for the NASP program. The new kit includes 11 new Mathews Genesis bows, five Morrell Block targets,

Easton arrows, a backstop behind the range and a bow rack. Jim Kurdziel, Field Director of West Michigan Chapter of Whitetails Unlimited was happy to help Mr. Paine in reintroducing Archery to Hesperia Schools. "Eighty percent of our Whitetails Unlimited banquets are for helping kids get involved with shooting sports and the great outdoors. Anytime we can help kids focus on the outdoors, we are helping preserve the hunting and outdoor tradition" said Kurdziel. Mr. Paine's high school physical education classes participate in a two week Archery unit each semester.



Above Left: Bobby Castillo and his perfect score. Above right: HS Phys Ed testing new bows.

## HIGH SCHOOL BAND

The Hesperia High School Band attended the MSBOA District 1 Band and Orchestra Evaluations Festival at McBain High School on March 1, 2017. Our band received an A and three B ratings under the state's new grading rubric. This was the band's first year attending as purely a high school band, so it was great to get the feedback, critiques and compliments from the judges. In addition, the Middle School Band attended the MSBOA District 1 Band and Orchestra Evaluations Festival at Shelby High School on March 8, 2017. The middle school received straight B ratings and very helpful advice from the judges. In addition the Newaygo County Jazz Festival took place on March 27 with all five schools in Newaygo County sending their jazz ensembles to perform.

Five members of the high school band attended the District One High School Honors Band Festival held at McBain High School on March 14, 2017. Students attending included Brandon Fairchild, euphonium; Heather Schafer, euphonium; Margaret Anderson, euphonium; Camron Dunbar, horn; and Camryn Johnson, trumpet.

The State Solo and Ensemble Festival was held in Manistee on March 18, 2017. Hesperia was represented by Erica Conley, clarinet; Karlee Blount, trumpet and Miguel Escobedo, trumpet. Each performed a solo for a judge and all of the students received very high marks. Erica received the highest rating of a superior on her clarinet solo. Students were accompanied by Nancy Blount.

Nineteen out of thirty-eight students from the Hesperia 7th & 8th grade band chose to attend the MSBOA District 1 Middle School Solo and Ensemble Festival held in Manistee on April 22, 2017. Students performed a wide variety of ensembles including solos, duets, trios and quartets. They all worked very hard in preparation for this event. The students were provided helpful comments and instruction from the judges with predominantly superior and excellent ratings.

The West Michigan Showcase was held on March 22-23, 2017 at the Frauenthal in Muskegon. Hesperia was represented by Skyler Einiear singing Billy Joel's Vienna accompanied by Heather Schafer, on piano. Members of the Jazz band performed Dance Big'un, Dance by Ralph Ford as a group act.

There were many Hesperia students involved in the musical, Peter Pan which took place on March 23-24, 2017 under the direction of Nancy Blount. We would like to extend a special thanks to our administration, Mr. LaPrairie, Mr. Mey, Mr. White and the School Board for their support. We would also like to thank the following adults: Judi Shedd, assistant director; Thom LaCount, set design and construction; Kim Sytsma, costumes; Rhonda Webb, business manager and promotions; Paige Blount, hair & makeup; Mike Sidor, lights; Tommy Jackson, sound; Andy Everding, realtor; Hesperia Hardware; Hesperia Automotive; Hesperia Chiropractic; Spanky's Pizza; Good Law; Ed's Orchard Market; Jean's Herbs and Things; Two Sister's Closet; Lion Heart Productions; Photos Are Forever By B&B; Outback Auto; Bob's Drugs and Hesperia Baptist Church.

Our spring concert was Wednesday, May 3 in the high school cafeteria with all bands 5th grade through high school performing. The high school band will perform for the community Memorial Day parade on May 29 and High School graduation on June 2. All band members in the instrumental music program will march in the community Fourth of July parade on Tuesday, July 4.



## A Trip to The Pathway Café

On March 9th and 10th the second grade students went to The Pathway Cafe at the Career Tech Center. Second graders worked on restaurant reviews as part of their opinion writing unit. Students from the culinary arts program at the Career Tech Center served either breakfast or lunch to our second students depending on when they went. Our second graders were taught restaurant etiquette and were served a delicious meal. After eating at The Pathway Cafe, our second grade students wrote a review of their restaurant. Later these reviews were delivered to the culinary art students at the Career Tech Center. This was the perfect opportunity for our students to experience writing in a purposeful way. A special thank you to Ms. Devon Pettis at the Career Tech Center and the culinary arts program.



## Autism Awareness Hat Day

April is Autism Awareness month. Our elementary and middle school students and staff showed support for Autism Awareness by paying \$1.00 to wear a hat to school on Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. They were able to raise \$200 to donate to the Newaygo County Autism Community. This just goes to show how big of an impact our little community can have for these great causes. Thank you to everyone who participated.

### Did you know?

- ◇ 95% of the brain's capacity is developed by age three.
- ◇ A child develops the ability to reason by the age of five.
- ◇ A young child's brain works on a "use it or lose it" principle, and if the skill is not used or stimulated early it will be lost.
- ◇ Children in high-quality preschool programs begin kindergarten socially and emotionally ready.
- ◇ Children who enjoy high-quality early learning experiences are more likely to stay in school, attend college, earn more money, and be employed in a high-skill job.



We are accepting registration for the 2017-18 school year  
**Register your child for preschool today!**



**FULL DAY PROGRAM**  
to those who qualify

Child must be 4 years old by  
September 1, 2017

Program locations:

Croton  
Fremont  
Grant  
Hesperia  
Newaygo



**PARENT PAID**  
**Three and Four Year Old**  
**Tuition Programs**

Child must be 3 years old  
by September 1, 2017  
or  
Child must be 4 years old  
by September 1, 2017

Program locations:

Fremont  
Grant  
Hesperia  
Newaygo



**To register call 231.652.1638**

*No child will be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, sex, age (within program guidelines), or handicap.*

*Finding the help children need to succeed:*

*Children 0-5 with suspected delays/disabilities can be referred at any time.*

**Ages and Stages Questionnaires**, a parent-completed, child monitoring system, can also be sent upon request to any family. It may be useful to a family who wants more information on their child's development.





*Mission: Hesperia Community Schools exists to provide all students with educational opportunities to become effective and successful citizens.*

**VISION**

Hesperia Community Schools will provide inspiration for learning and prepare each student for success.

**BELIEFS: We Believe ...**

- \* In a culture of mutual responsibility, accountability and respect.
- \* In modeling and celebrating excellence.
- \* Everyone has the potential to be a life-long learner.
- \* Staff and students should expect a safe, fair and equitable environment.
- \* The community has an obligation to support the growth and development of students.
- \* In individual and differentiated education.

*(Proposed for June 26, 2017 board meeting)*

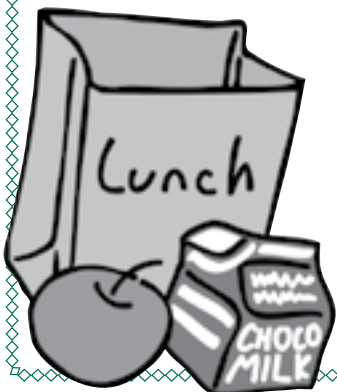
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**SCHOOL LUNCH INFORMATION**

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](http://www.hesp.net) or [www.lunchdeposit.com](http://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 Schools  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DATES  
2017**

| Month     | Work Session Date | Regular Meeting Date  |
|-----------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 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 |



The fourth graders visited our state capitol and learned about Michigan history and government. Mrs. Pendergast pictured.

**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.

**Hesperia Accepts Snow Day Waiver**

Hesperia Community Schools applied for a Snow Day Waiver from the Michigan Department of Education (MDE). We are fortunate to learn that MDE has approved this waiver and we will be able to end the school year with our original calendar date of Thursday, June 8, 2017. We wish to remind parents that Wednesday, June 7th, and Thursday, June 8th are half days for students.

**Check Student's Grades Anytime**

Hesperia Community Schools provides students and parents the opportunity to monitor academic progress at anytime. The "Family Access" site is a secure website containing such information as upcoming and missing assignments, current grades, student schedules and more.

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