

# The Appleseed

Dear Hudsonville Community,

As a school community we can achieve amazing results. Many of these accomplishments are highlighted in the Hudsonville Public Schools' 2013 - 2014 annual report which will be available on our website or at administrative offices at the beginning of the school year. This serves as a reminder of the resiliency and dedication exhibited by our students and staff.

Building off the successes of Hudsonville Public Schools' long range plan for improvement, S.O.A.R. I (Strategic Objectives to Achieve Results), we once again gathered data from our constituents to help set our course for the next three years. During the month of June, a team consisting of Board members, district/building leaders, teachers, and students combed through copious amounts of data to support the development of S.O.A.R. II. At the July 10 Board of Education meeting, S.O.A.R. II was unanimously approved. Specific goals were identified in three focus areas: Teaching and Learning, Operations, and Human Services.

We would like to thank the over 3,900 students, parents, staff members, and community members who took part in the planning process by participating in a focus group or completing our needs assessment survey. We would also like to thank the Board of Education and all of the individuals who participated in organizing the data and developing S.O.A.R. II. As Eagles, we aspire to soar ~ and with a clear, focused effort on the outlined goals, we will! A copy of S.O.A.R. II will be available on our website or at any of our school buildings at the beginning of the school year.

Two of the goals outlined is S.O.A.R. I, "Implement the parameters of the 2011 construction bond and communicate progress to all stakeholders" and "Continue to ensure high quality district-wide facilities, including the development of a fine arts auditorium and natatorium", have been realized as a result of our community's commitment to ensuring high quality facilities. We are excited to report that academic wings of the new Freshman Campus are on schedule to open for the fall of 2014, with the auditorium and natatorium to follow in the fall of 2015.

On August 28, 2014, from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., we will hold a community open house with a dedication ceremony starting at 6:00 p.m.. All are welcome to attend and see first-hand the state-of-the-art learning spaces our HPS students will experience. We encourage everyone to follow the construction updates we have posted throughout the project on our website. To date, there are twenty-two Bond Construction Updates with additional updates forthcoming every other month.

We are so blessed to be serving the students of Hudsonville. The staff consider it a privilege and an honor. We hope you have a wonderful summer.

Respectfully,



Nick Ceglarek  
Superintendent

# SCHOOL TO BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> 2014

★ Start date is tentative.

## Daily class sessions are scheduled as follows:

### Grades Pre-K - 5

•8:45 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

### ECSE (Monday - Thursday)

•8:45 a.m. - 11:50 a.m./12:40 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.

### Middle Schools

•7:50 a.m. - 2:40 p.m.

### Freshman Campus (9th)

•7:50 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

### High School (10th - 12th)

•7:50 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

### Late Start Days - Secondary schools only

The dates for late start days are: September 24, 2014, October 22, 2014, March 25, 2015, & May 13, 2015.

### Middle Schools

•9:50 a.m. - 2:40 p.m.

### Freshman Campus (9th)

•9:50 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

### High School (10th - 12th)

•9:50 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

## REGISTERING NEW STUDENTS

Parents of new students to the district who would like to register their children should call the appropriate building or contact 669-1740, ext. #1, for assistance.

### Elementary

Alward Elementary	669-6700
Bauer Elementary	669-6824
Forest Grove Elementary	896-9429
Georgetown Elementary	797-9797
Jamestown Elementary	896-9375
Park Elementary	669-1970
South Elementary	669-9362

### Secondary

Baldwin St. Middle School	669-7750
Riley St. Middle School	896-1920
Freshman Campus	669-1510
High School	669-1500

## SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

### Secondary Buildings

- High School.....August 26 & 27  
2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Freshman Campus.....August 26 & 27  
2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Baldwin St. Middle School.....August 26  
7:00 p.m.
- Riley St. Middle School.....August 26  
7:00 p.m. (Back to School Night)

### Elementary Buildings

- PreK Orientation.....August 25  
6:30 p.m. (Alward, Bauer, Forest Grove, Georgetown, South)
- Kindergarten Orientation.....August 26  
6:30 p.m.
- Grades 1-5 Open House.....August 27  
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.



**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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**ADMINISTRATION**

Nick Ceglarek .....669-1740 Superintendent	Kevin Wolma.....669-1500 Athletic Director	To Be Determined .....896-9375 Jamestown Elementary Principal
Dennis Baine.....669-1740 Director of Business & Finance	Bill Ross.....896-1920 Riley St. Middle School Principal	Brian Field.....669-1970 Park Elementary Principal
Karla Akins .....669-1740 Director of Curriculum & Instruction	Matt Baer .....896-1920 Riley St. Middle School Dean of Students	Mark Heagle.....669-9362 South Elementary Principal
Scott Smith.....669-1740 Director of Human Resources/ Assessment	Dave Powers.....669-7750 Baldwin St. Middle School Principal	Jane Bykerk .....669-7757 Transportation Supervisor
Megan Decker.....669-1740 Director of Special Education	George Murphy .....669-7750 Baldwin St. Middle School Ass't. Principal/Middle School Athletic Director	

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATES**

The regular Board meetings of Hudsonville Public Schools are held at the Administration Offices located at 3886 Van Buren St., at 7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting dates for the 2014-2015 school year are scheduled as follows:

- August 14, 2014
- September 11, 2014
- October 9, 2014
- November 13, 2014
- December 11, 2014
- January 8, 2015
- February 12, 2015
- March 12, 2015
- April 16, 2015
- May 14, 2015
- June 11, 2015
- July 9, 2015

**LUNCH PROGRAM INFORMATION  
TO BE SENT VIA SCHOOL MESSENGER  
THE FIRST PART OF AUGUST**



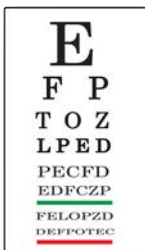
The Jenison/Hudsonville School Food Service Department will be sending an email via School Messenger with all the lunch information for the 2014/2015 school year. In addition, our webpage has links to the free/reduced lunch application, the September menu, and additional information about the lunch program. This email will go to all families who have a current email address on file with the district. New families to the districts can go directly to the webpage or pick up an information packet in their local school office or the administration building after August 18. **If you have not received an email, please feel free to go to our webpage at [www.jenhudfood.org](http://www.jenhudfood.org) to get the information.** We encourage parents to file online, mail, or bring their free/reduced lunch application to be processed before school begins so that they know their status early. **A new application needs to be filled out every school year.** After the school year begins, applications will have a 5 day processing period. You can mail the application to: Food Service, 2140 Bauer Rd., Jenison, MI 49428 or stop in our office. **The food service office will be open starting Monday, August 18, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.** Our regular school year hours are Monday through Friday, 7:30 am to 4:00 pm.

Lunch prices for elementary students will be \$2.25 per day and \$2.50/\$2.75/\$3.00 for secondary students. Milk only prices are \$.50 per day. Adult lunches are \$2.75 at the elementary level. Breakfast will be offered in all of the Hudsonville buildings starting on September 2. Breakfast prices are \$1.25 for elementary and \$1.50 for secondary students. A menu and letter that describes the menu options and price structure at the secondary buildings are available on our website. A reminder that you can check student lunch account balances by setting up a free online account at [www.sendmoneytoschool.com](http://www.sendmoneytoschool.com). Please call the food service office at 457-2400 after August 18 if you need your student's ID number. You can make deposits online using the [www.sendmoneytoschool.com](http://www.sendmoneytoschool.com) website. There is a \$2.00 flat fee for using this service but the fee will be waived for deposits made from August 4 through September 7.

**KINDERGARTEN  
VISION/HEARING SCREENING**

Vision/hearing screenings are required prior to Pre-K/Kindergarten entrance by the Michigan Public Health Code. Proof of these tests must be provided to the building your child will be attending.

This service is provided free of charge by the Ottawa County Health Department. Services will be provided by appointment only.



**Hudsonville Office  
669-0040  
3100 Port Sheldon**

**SPECIAL EDUCATION UPDATE**

The School Code of the State of Michigan requires that local public school districts provide services to nonpublic school children. The services offered to those students qualifying for special education services must be comparable to those services offered to public school children within the district.

These services may include:

- Multi-disciplinary evaluations for children suspected of having a disability
- Teacher Consultant Services
- Teacher of Speech and Language Services
- Services to the Homebound and Hospitalized
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy

If you know of a child, birth - age 26, who you suspect has a school related disability and not receiving public education, please contact our Special Education Director, Megan Decker, at 669-1740, ext. #5.

## ADVISORY TO ALL PARENTS - PEST MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Hudsonville Public Schools has adopted an Integrated Pest Management Program. Inherent with this are the District's efforts to reduce pesticide use as much as possible. While it may occasionally be necessary to apply a pesticide, these will only be used as a last resort. This program does not rely on routine pesticide applications to resolve problems. We use various techniques such as habitat alteration, sanitation, mechanical means, exclusion, etc. to prevent pests from becoming a problem.

You will receive advance notice of the application of a pesticide, other than bait or gel formulations at your child's school. This advance notice of the application will be given 48 hours before the application. The law requires us to do this notification by using two methods. The first method required by law is the posting at entrances to your child's school. The entrances that will be posted are the primary entrances to the building from the parking lot(s). The second method we are going to use is the posting in a common area located by the main office of the school. Parents are also entitled to receive this notice by first-class United States mail postmarked at least 3 days before the application. If you would like to be notified by mail please complete the following form below:

\*In an emergency (for example, bees nest), pesticides may be applied without prior notice, but you will be provided notice following any such application.

You may review our IPM program or pesticide application records for your child's school by calling or emailing Lee Arntz, Director of Buildings and Grounds, at 662-1477 or larntz@hpseagles.net. This number or email may also be used when school is not in regular session.

Please fill out the following and return it to: Hudsonville Shipping & Receiving, Attn: Amy Alward, 5040 - 40th Ave., Hudsonville, MI 49426: (please print)

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PESTICIDE PRIOR NOTIFICATION REQUEST

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please select the appropriate response:

Yes, I/we only want to be notified whenever any scheduled major pesticide application is made such as turf, aerosol spray.

Yes, I/we want to be notified even when an ant trap, small bait application or other least-toxic application is made.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## SCHOOLS-OF-CHOICE

Hudsonville Public Schools is accepting Schools-of-Choice applications for residents of Ottawa County and under Section 105c (residents outside Ottawa County) for Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade for the 2014-2015 school year. **Acceptance will be determined by space available at the building and grade level requested. Some requests may be denied due to overall building capacity.**

### Parents can apply by:

Completing and returning the application to Hudsonville Public Schools Administration Office between August 1-31. If applying for grades PK-8th, be sure to indicate an alternate building choice in case there is not room available at their first building choice. Parents will be notified if their child is accepted into the district no later than September 5, 2014.

Important considerations for parents & students applying for Schools-of-Choice:

- Transportation is not provided for schools-of-choice enrollees; parents must provide their own transportation to and from school for children accepted for enrollment.
- According to the rules of the Michigan High School Athletic Association there is a 90 school day ineligible period for athletic participation for Schools-of-Choice enrollees in grades 10-12.

## PARTICIPATION FEE

Due to increased budget constraints, the Board of Education has instituted an increase in the participation fee for Middle School and High School athletes beginning in the Fall of 2014.

### The Fees: - must be paid prior to the first contest

- One time annual fee (no fee for second and/or subsequent seasons)
- High School fee \$100
- Middle School fee \$75
- Family Cap \$250 per year

### Details:

- Students qualifying & applying for free lunch will not be charged.
- Students qualifying & applying for reduced lunch will be charged half of the fee.
- Marching band members will not be charged.
- Does not apply to club sports.
- All fees are non-refundable.
- Payments can be made to Middle School or High School Athletic Department Secretary. Cash and personal checks accepted.

## SEVERE WEATHER POLICY

During severe weather, the following school policy is in effect:



### Tornado Watch

Students normally will not be dismissed early. They will dismiss at their regular time. Weather conditions will be closely monitored. After-school activities will be canceled during a tornado watch.

### Tornado Warning

Students will not be dismissed during a tornado warning. All students will go to areas designated by the building principal and take cover. If the warning is lifted during school hours, all students will be dismissed at their normal time and bus students will be transported home. All athletic practices and events are canceled until the warning is lifted. Athletic practices and events in progress when a warning is issued will be stopped and all athletes will be moved to designated cover areas.

Additional Information:

- Feel free to pick up your child(ren) at any time during severe weather. Report to the office to do so.
- Please do not call the school unless an emergency exists to keep the phone lines open.

## ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW

The Hudsonville Public School District has conducted an extensive asbestos survey of all its buildings. Based on the findings of this inspection, a comprehensive management plan has been drafted. This plan details the response actions that the district will be taking regarding asbestos-containing materials found in its buildings.

This plan is available for inspection at the Administration Offices without cost or restriction during normal business hours. If you desire to have a personal copy, please notify the main Administration Office and it will be supplied to you within five working days at a cost of 30¢ per page.

## Fifth Grade Showcase

South Elementary had a special performance for just 5th graders this year. It was our first annual "Fifth Grade Showcase: A Celebration of Art and Music at South Elementary". It



was a capstone presentation of what students have learned in music and art classes while at South. Many things go into being a musician, like learning how to match pitch and becoming beat competent, being able to hear and identify changes in tonality and meter, and eventually making independent choices, and being able to express oneself through music. Becoming an artist means using critical thinking and creative problem-solving skills, being able to show self-expression through artwork, and comprehending and utilizing important art principles and elements. Providing students with a solid foundation of art and music in their youngest years is crucial to their overall development as human beings. We can be proud that Hudsonville values this foundation.



The 5th graders did such a great job performing for students during the school day and their parents in the evening. Each student had a piece of artwork on display, either that they completed on their own at home or did in art class. They sang and played many songs as a whole group with their ukuleles (thanks to South's PTC and the Hudsonville Education Foundation). Several students also chose to do a small group or solo performance. We even had a few students who wrote their own songs! The showcase was a testament to how hard our students have worked in music and art over the years. South students rock!

**5TH ANNUAL**  
**HEF FUN FEST**  
**FUNDRAISER**  
 - HOME FOOTBALL GAME VS. ROCKFORD  
 - SEPTEMBER 19, 2014  
 - AT THE FOOTBALL STADIUM  
 - 4:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

**DUNK TANK**    **FACE PAINTING**  
**RAFFLES**  
*and more!*

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## Food Bank Luncheon Provides 192,000 Meals for Local Families

At its Many Hands Against Hunger fundraising luncheon Tuesday, June 10, Feeding America West Michigan Food Bank raised \$48,000, enough to provide 192,000 meals to food-insecure families in West Michigan and the Upper Peninsula.

Judge Sara Smolenski gave a keynote speech that wove anecdotes from her years on the 63rd District Court together with a plea to care for those struggling in our midst.

To cap the program, Smolenski invited nine-year-old Owen Ronning to join her on stage. Ronning talked about how receiving food at a Mobile Food Pantry motivated him to become a Food Bank advocate. Last year, Ronning raised money to sponsor his own Mobile Pantry in Jamestown Township, feeding 117 families. His third grade class sold popsicles to bring a second distribution to the community.

If a nine-year-old can make a difference in the fight against hunger, Smolenski said, imagine what all of us can do.

The program also featured a performance by local artists Rebekah Rhys and Mark Sala, and an award presentation that honored Buist Community Assistance Center, Golden K Kiwanis, Country Fresh and the Northwest Food Coalition for their partnership with Feeding America West Michigan. Sysco and Kiollbassa Provision Company donated food for the event.

Many Hands Against Hunger was underwritten by Meijer with support from Metro Health Hospital and Star Truck Rentals.

About Feeding America West Michigan Food Bank. One of the nation's largest and most effective food banks, Feeding America West Michigan Food Bank reclaims edible surplus food from farmers, manufacturers, distributors and retailers. It distributes that food through a network of 1,200 local food pantries and other hunger-relief agencies in 40 Michigan counties from the Indiana border through the Upper Peninsula. More than 100,000 households receive food from Feeding America West Michigan. For more information, visit [feedingamericawestmichigan.org](http://feedingamericawestmichigan.org).

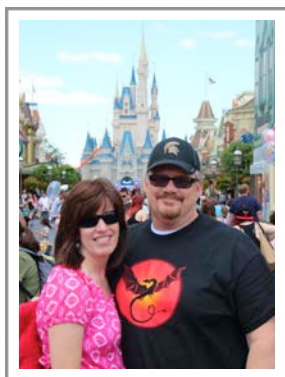


Judge Sara Smolenski and Owen Ronning banter at June 10 luncheon.

## Hudsonville Band and Orchestra Travel to the Magic Kingdom

The Hudsonville Marching Band performed in Orlando on April 9, 2014. The band performed at 2:30 in the afternoon as part of a parade at Magic Kingdom. The students had an incredible performance in front of thousands of spectators.

Unfortunately, rainy weather caused the staff at Disney World to cancel the performance for the orchestra and the concert band. The two groups were scheduled to perform on April 8 at Epcot.



Two hundred fifteen students from the orchestra and band spent almost a week enjoying the theme parks in Orlando. The students and chaperones spent time at Universal Islands of Adventure, Hollywood Studios, Epcot, Magic Kingdom, and Disney Quest.

There were many great experiences in each of the parks, but the students were the highlight of the trip. Hudsonville students were polite, courteous, and well behaved the entire week. This made it an amazing trip for everyone who went. The next band trip is being planned for spring break 2017, while the orchestra is scheduled to go in 2018.

The students would like to thank the chaperones, boosters, and Hudsonville administration for their support. A special note of thanks goes to Dave Feenstra and his wife, Dawn, who traveled with us.



## SOWA STRONG

All families have challenges, but for the Sowa family of Jamestown, they are faced with a different challenge than most families in our community. Steve and Christina Sowa have three boys, all of which have been diagnosed with Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis. It is a chronic disease that affects over 10,000 children in Michigan. Christina Sowa shared that, "Arthritis effects not only their joints, but it's an Autoimmune disease that affects many organs. It is the #1 cause of disability." It is extremely rare for a child to be diagnosed, let alone three in one family.

It is especially rare considering the parents don't have a history of arthritis. Conner (4th grade), Ryan (2nd grade) and Brayden (4 years) are challenged with daily tasks that many take for granted. Tasks like tying their shoes, walking up the stairs, playing on the playground at recess, and many others. The family was getting ready to participate in the Walk to Cure Arthritis that took place in Grand Rapids on Saturday May, 3 by raising funds and awareness. The Sowa boys wanted to share their story with friends and teachers who otherwise may not have known. To show support for the boys, each of their classrooms took special time to view the FOX 17 news story about the Sowa boys shown the week of the walk. It was at that time student's and staff wanted to do more. Both boys were able to share their story with the class. Each student in both classrooms decorated an Arthritis Walk bone with colors and encouraging messages for the boys to take to the walk. The outpouring of support from the community gave this family hope that they had not seen before. "I want to thank everyone at Jamestown Elementary for their continued support and prayers through this rough time. The boys feel a sense of relief since opening up to friends and teachers. For a parent this is priceless," expressed Christina Sowa. Though you can't tell from the outside, on the inside the boys are in a lot of pain, but they take each new day as brave and confident children with a hope that someday there will be a cure to their silent pain!

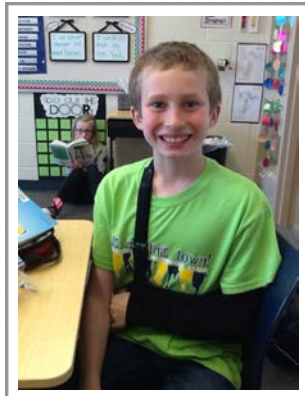


## WE LOVE TO READ!

### FUTURE EAGLE TRACK STAR

Congratulations to Tristan Dyke, 4th grader at South Elementary School for finishing 20th out of 155 runners in the 13-under age group at the 5/3 River Bank Run! Impressive! Tristan also ran the Eagle 5K and finished well ahead of most runners, but even more impressive, he did it with a broken collarbone!

Way to go Tristan, we are proud of you!



Book Clubs are for kids who love to read! Jamestown and South Elementary Schools have been making good use of their relative location. Nine students from South and ten students from Jamestown have been walking to each other's schools and holding Book Clubs. These accelerated readers are expected to finish one novel per week. Some of the assignments they have completed are a character comparison paper, research about a topic within their book, and a poem that relates to their story.



Students and parent volunteers enjoy sharing their favorite parts of the books and they have created an impressive book recommendation list. The best part was the last meeting held and walking to Little Dipper to have some ice cream and celebrate the hard work that pays off when you LOVE TO READ!



Hudsonville Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, height, weight, marital status, handicap, disability, or limited English proficiency in any of its programs or activities. The following office has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies:

Human Resource Director, Hudsonville Public Schools, 3886 Van Buren, Hudsonville, MI 49426, (616) 669-1740