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Dewey's Food Drive!

By: AnnaElise Coffman

Thank you everyone who participated in the Dewey's Food Drive! We're glad lots of students were able to bring canned goods for charity reasons. We gained about 2,400 canned goods – which is amazing! Even though we didn't reach our goal of 5,000, we still think we did very well. We also had a few winners of the most canned goods from individual students, but there is no list available for this event. We give thanks to everyone who decided to join the Dewey's Food Drive 2017! It has a big impact on our school and outside of it.

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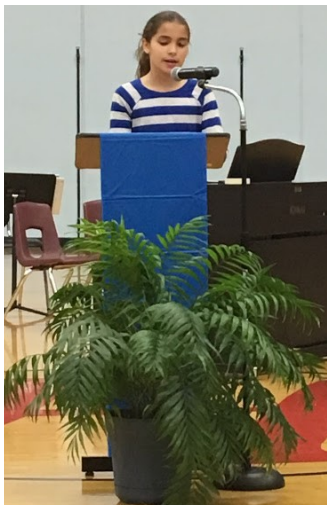
Veteran's Day Program

Presentation of Colors: Hammond-Schmidt American Legion Post 55

Veteran Address: Mr. John Surprise, Hammond-Schmidt American Legion Post 55

Students and a staff member share what they wrote about Veteran's Day.



Elaina Ruiz—5th Grade

Anna Slocum—FWA

Wyatt Skebba-7th grade

Megan Ross-8th Grade

Kate Mooren-6th Grade

Grace VandenHeuvel – Mistress of Ceremonies

A special thank you to all Veterans in attendance and to those who could not be with us. THANK YOU for your service!

Mrs. Kara Peters—HMS 7th Grade Teacher

MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSIC

HMS Choir!

By: Claire Helmila

Directed by Mrs. Gensburg-Sawall (5th grade) and Mrs. Leddy (6th, 7th, and 8th grade), the HMS Choir is amazing! So far, they've had one concert on December 11, 2017. The concert included:

The 5th Grade Choir
The 6th Grade Choir
Show Choir
Cub Choir
The high school Acapella group
The 7th Grade Choir
The 8th Grade Choir

Let's give them a round of applause for such a good concert! Other activities related to choir are:

Cub Choir: A teacher-recommended singing group for 5th through 8th graders.
Show Choir: A choir which has dance moves and singing for 6th through 8th graders.
They also had auditions for the high school musical **Shrek the Musical** for some parts such as young Fiona, teenage Fiona, young Shrek, and a few more.

For those of you who forgot the concert dates or want to come to a concert, here are the dates:

AWAKE Concert: February 3, 2018 from 9:00 – 3:30 at Silver Lake College in Manitowoc, Wisconsin
Spring Concert: May 3, 2018
6:30 pm: 5th and 6th grade choirs, Cub Choir, and Show Choir
7:45 pm: 7th and 8th grade choirs, Cub Choir, and Show Choir

MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSIC

Band Section!

Anna Coffman & Gwyneth Ramshak

Band is a great experience for lots of middle schoolers! Every instrument has a certain kind of lifestyle or theme to it, and mostly it suits the player very well! Our amazing band teachers are Mrs. Juhl, Mr. Manly, and our sub teacher (and teacher for individual band lessons) Mrs. Cole. All three of these music teachers are very well organized with their jobs. Sometimes they may be strict of course, but that means they care about your band reputation throughout your school years. Here is the schedule of all the band concerts we have/had!

·December 5th – HMS Christmas band concert 6:30 pm

·March 9th – HMS Spring band concert 6:30 pm

It doesn't look like a lot, but they take lots of practice! If you are looking for Choir Concert dates, look into the choir section by Claire Hemila.

If you ever pass by Anna or Gwyneth, let us know what instrument you play! Inspiration is key to picking an instrument. But if you're a Harry Potter fan, basically the instrument is picking you! It's okay to feel guilty if you switched to choir or picked a new instrument. It only means you might not feel comfortable with your instrument, or you just felt like switching because you were bored. If one of your goals is to play every instrument in the band, good luck! There is a lot of instruments to check off your list. I hope this article gave you more inspiration, ideas, or goals for your future in band! Keep up the good work – especially the band teachers!

Book Club

By: Taylor Lillge

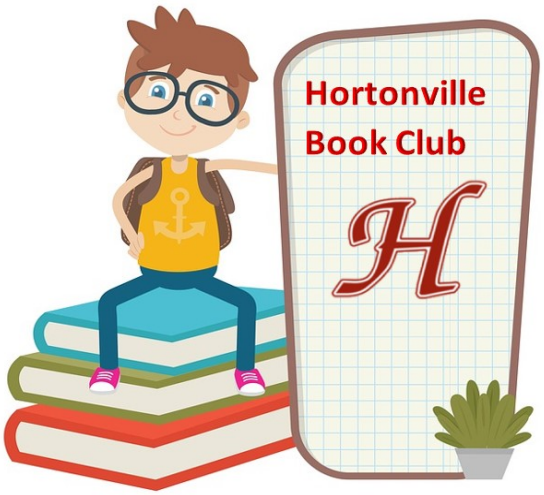
Book club started in October and it ends when they finish their last book.

The students get to choose their books but they have to decide as a group on what to read. The books are about 100 pages long. The club leader is Mrs. Diem.

After each book, they watch the movie for the book, and have lots of snacks. Each meeting, they talk about the book and set a new chapter to be done with by the next meeting.

The meetings start after school Wednesday and ends at about 4:15. When they watch the movie for the book the meetings end at around 6:00.

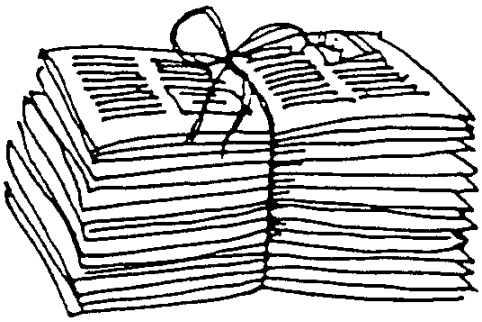
I want to give a special thanks to Mrs. Diem (The club leader) and Savannah Bauman (club member) for giving me information on book club. If you like reading, and fun, and movies, and snacks, book club is the club for you.



Magazine sale

By Taylor Lillge and Anna Coffman

The magazine sale was part of an overall fundraiser for HMS. We raised about $6,000 in magazines, candy, etc. which is more than Greenville! We will use the money for stuff like prizes, end of the year picnics, pizza parties, and upcoming trips or events planned for classes or grades. We have been doing the Magazine Sale for about 15 years and we will probably do it for 15 more! Our top sellers were Karlee N., Kiara M., Ethan S., and Joey H. They were all so helpful! Maybe **YOU** could be our top seller for next year.



S.M.A.C!

By: Claire Helmila

S.M.A.C. (Students Making Activities Count) is a program in which you can work together to plan activities and dress-up days as well as help our community and others in a variety of different ways.

There are three committees:

The service committee, led by Ms. Krynock, is where you help out around the school and the community.

The spirit committee, led by Ms. Miller, is where you plan fun dress-up days for the school.

The social committee that works with Mr. Gromala to plan fun events for the school.

The spirit committee has planned dress-up days such as:

- Green Bay Packers Spirit Day
- Red, White, and Blue Day
- Country Western Day

The service committee has rung bells for the Salvation Army on December 11, 2017.

I think S.M.A.C. is going to make this a fun school year!

SPORTS

Cross Country

By: Gwyneth Ramshak

7th and 8th had astonishing seasons. You have likely heard all about the Cross Country meets on the stereo. If I might say so myself, they are the BOMB! So good, is what I mean. Here are their scores:

1st meet: Bonduel 3rd

2nd meet: De Pere 5th

3rd meet: Seymour 3rd

4th meet Shawano 5th

5th meet: New London 3rd

6th meet: Brillion 3rd

Here are the names of your amazing 2017 CROSS COUNTRY ATHLETES!!!!

7th Grade

Noah Kramer, Joey Lantz, Collin Lund, and Savanah Hurlbutt.

8th Grade

Ava Zaug, Trevor Lange, Chase Laughlin, Trent Harlow, Micheal Cronce, Brodie Rabideau, and CJ O'Connell.

You all did amazing!!

SPORTS

Volleyball Interview

Bu: Anna Coffman

I have gotten the chance to interview Mrs. Fletcher, a P.E teacher and a volleyball coach. She allowed me to have more information on the girls' volleyball team.

My first question was, "How many girls participated the girls' volleyball team?"

"24 girls in 7th grade participated in volleyball this school year", Mrs. Fletcher explained. "At the 7th grade level, girls are equally divided into 2 teams."

My next question was, "When does your volleyball class start?"

"Starting the first day of school, volleyball runs until mid-October. Practices are held Monday through Friday After school. A few weeks into the season, game play begins on Tuesdays and Thursdays", she answered.

The third question I asked was, "What are your team's best records?"

"Both HMS's 7th grade teams, Red Team and White Team had records of 8-2", she told me. She gave me very detailed answers.

My fourth question was, "What do you think of teaching volleyball?"

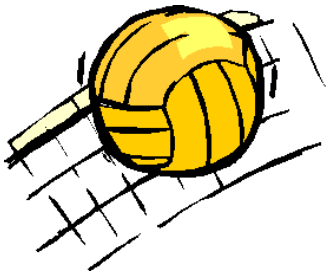
"I really enjoy the opportunity I'm given in creating a positive experience for these girls", Mrs. Fletcher explained. "Being their first chance in middle school athletics, I want them to learn the sport, enjoy the sport, benefit from exercise and have fun with friends."

Next, I asked "What's your advice you would like to share?"

"Make the most of your middle school years", she replied. "Try everything out whether it could be athletics, music, Forensics, Student Council, Book Club, etc. You may find a new passion." These were wonderful responds!

The last question was, "How long does your volleyball class go on?"

"Middle school sports only last 6-8 weeks but in the short amount of time, it's so awesome to see how these athletes improve."



I enjoyed interviewing Mrs. Fletcher, her amazing responses, and thank her. I also thank the girls who participate in the girls' volleyball team, and keep up the good work!

New Middle School Staff

Mrs. Coenen

By: Claire Helmila

Mrs. Coenen is a 5th grade teacher here at HMS. She has 10 brothers and sisters and got into teaching because she liked teaching them new things. She has been married to her husband, Jeremy, for 14 years. They have 5 kids, Jack, Brooklyn, Raegan, Mya, and Ava. She graduated from UW Green Bay and Marian University. Before she taught here she taught at St. Mary's. Her hobbies include cooking, gardening, and watching sports. The most surprising thing about her is that in 2011 she and her 10 brothers and sisters competed on the Sing Off on NBC. Here are some fun facts about Mrs. Coenen:

Favorite Food: Sushi **Favorite Holiday: Easter**
Favorite Color: Blue **Favorite Season: Summer**
Favorite Sport: Baseball **Favorite Restaurant: Nakashimas**
Favorite Candy Bar: 3 Musketeers

So, if you are ever in the 5th grade hallway, say hello to Mrs. Coenen!

Mrs. Hans

By: Gwyneth Ramshak

Mrs. Hans has a brother that is a former LA detective, and her sister was a teacher, Mrs. Nancy. Some of the 8th graders might know her. Before becoming an art teacher, she was a 1st grade teacher, a 2nd grade teacher, a 4th grade teacher, television station worker, a cook, paper mill person (college), a car dealer, a DJ for WRST Oshkosh radio, an eye doctor/fix glasses, entered data for a professor, and FINALLY became a teacher. Her favorite trip as a child was one long Yellowstone/ Oregon/ Washington/ California road trip. She was born and raised in Menasha. Get this! Her mom was also a teacher in Menasha! Plus, her daughter is a substitute teacher for the district! (She has teacherness in her genes!!!)

5th Grade Kindness Retreat

By: Claire Helmila

"I really liked it and I think it definitely teaches you how to be kind," says 5th grade student Anna Coffman. She is talking about 5th grades kindness retreat! It was full of high fives, laughter and, of course, kindness! Every student loved it and thought it was very funny. The program was put on by Youth Frontiers and our very own Hortonville High School Seniors. The seniors helped out by leading small group discussions. So, I hope you all will be kind to others and they will be kind to you! And for all of you 6th, 7th, and 8th graders who couldn't go on the field trip, here are some tips on how to be kind:

-Do to others as you would want them to do to you

-Compliment them

-Don't bully

-Say hello

-Be Respectful

-Smile!

Presidential Dreams?

By: Anna Coffman

Have you ever dreamed of being president of the U.S.A? Well, I found some data that might just get you in the Presidential Election! I hope this article does you well in the future, as you might just get the shot to be in charge of your whole country! So, here are the requirements you need to know:

Prove you are a natural born U.S citizen.

This is something very important in order to become president. If you were from a different country, you will be excluded right away, as you might not exactly know about America and its concerns that would be necessary to talk about as president.

Turn 35 years old.

Well, we all know we wouldn't be safe if we had a 5 year-old in our White House! This is also extremely important, as being under age thirty-five could make you pretty reckless. Even a prodigy child wouldn't be able to make the cut as president, their parents might be behind a dirty trick!

You must have lived in the American Community for 14 years or over.

This also may connect to the first requirement. If you haven't experienced concerns and problems going on in the U.S, you may not know exactly what to solve. Of course you could plan, though you would probably still be rejected by U.S Presidential Rights.

You must have a well-balanced education.

Not having a wise president would definitely be a problem. Especially for pointing out things that might have some math, science, etc. to deal with it. It would make you feel guilty to be less smart than an American citizen, right?

You must have an older career/business that is related to being president.

Well, it doesn't always have to be related to being president. Though, it's always a good idea to have a real job experience, so you know how to handle problems. To make it clear -it must be a REAL job, volunteering for McDonalds won't make the cut. Sorry!

Well, I hope this article did you well. If you were a reader of this and you became president twenty-six years later, I wouldn't be surprised! Or let's just hope you'll make it to the election,

at least. Well, have fun on thinking about that awesome presidential life!

Stress Relieving Tips

Anna Coffman & Claire Helmila

~Calm down your thinking.

~Breathe slowly and lower your blinking pace.

~Fidget with your fingers if necessary.

~Hug yourself if you're in the mood.

~Count inside your head, talking or venting will not help.

~If you feel like explaining to a grownup in private, do so.

~You may take a break, only if you have permission.

~Getting a nice laugh in you can do the trick sometimes.

~Try moving your body a little, it can relieve your bones.

~Talk to a friend \family member

~Think of something funny

~Play with a friend, sibling, or pet

~Do something you love to take your mind off it

~If you are stressed about a test, tell yourself you can do it!

~Make up a story, song, riddle, or a joke

~ THINK POSITIVE!

Respect Tips

By: Gwyneth Ramshak

- Don’t let anyone change your personality
- Be kind (NO bullying!!!)
- Be YOU!
- If someone is getting bullied, I.C.I. (Interupt, Compliment, and Invite Away.)
- Stay strong, because teachers will help you no matter what.
- Trust your friends, because they are amazing! (You better believe it!!)
- No cyber bulling!!!!!
- Be the BEAR you are, because that's YOU!!!!!
- ALWAYS follow the golden rule!!! Your teachers deserve it!!!

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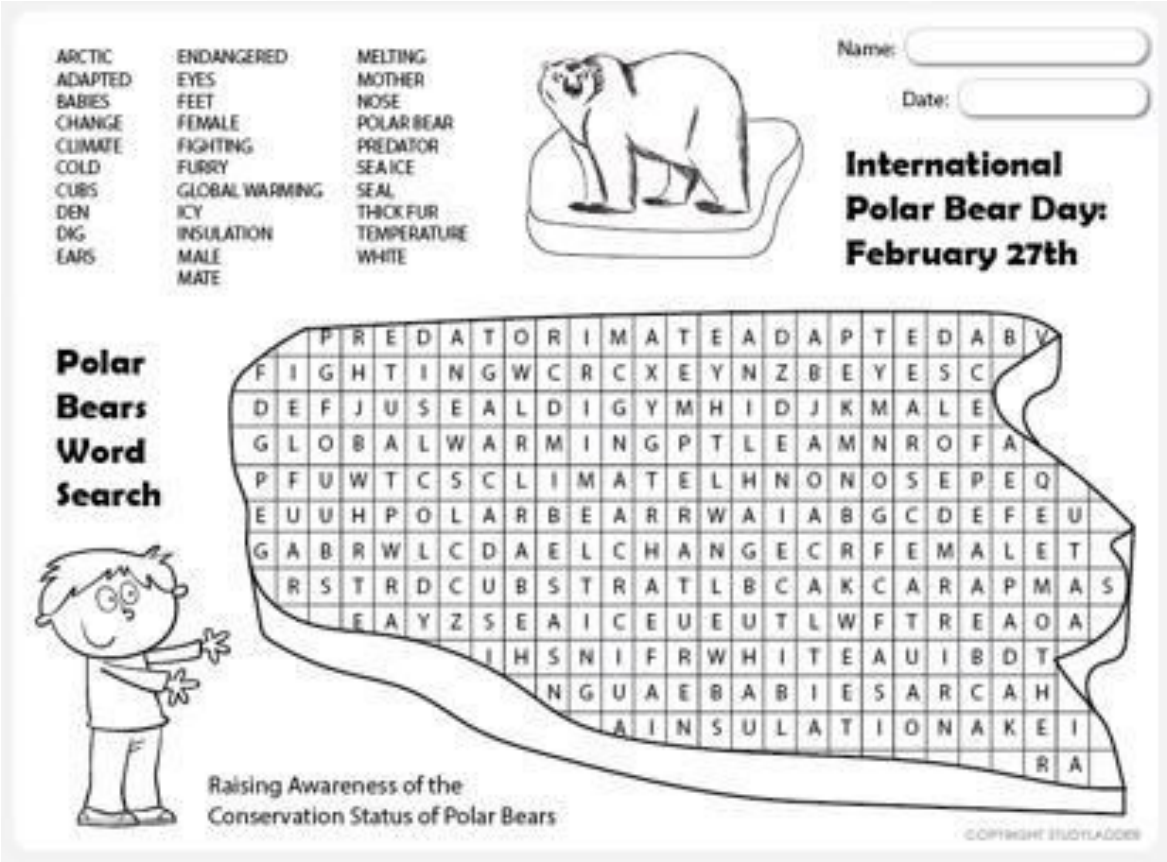
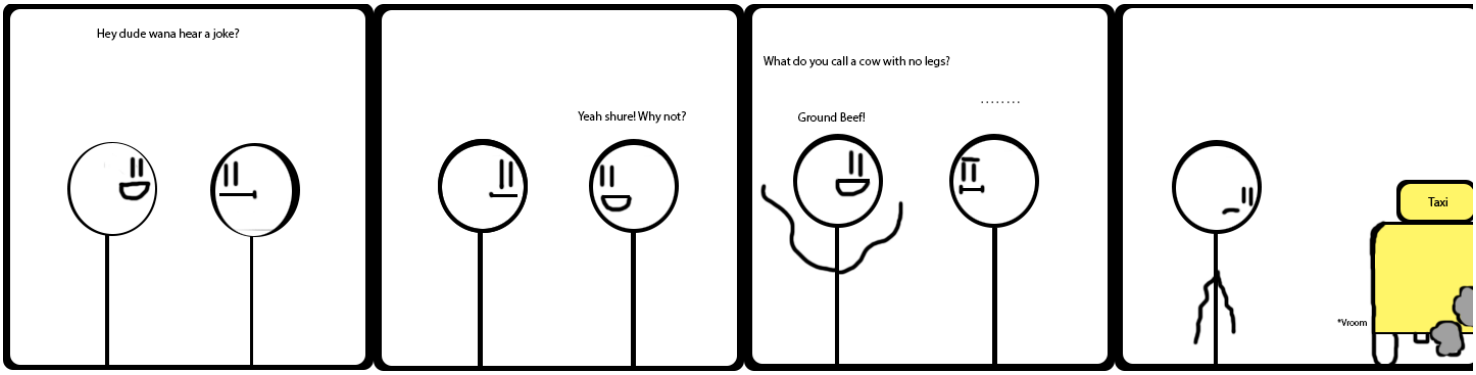
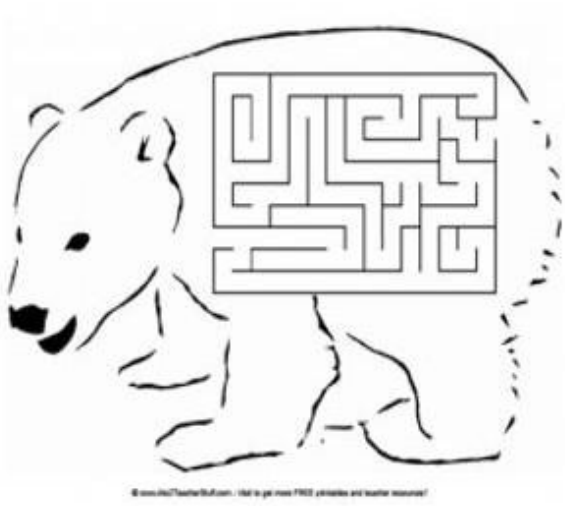


By Robert Kohanski





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