On April 23, 2018, HMS held the very first Literacy Night event at HMS. Thank you to all who participated and attended.
Service SMAC

~Gwyneth Ramshak

Service SMAC is different from the other half of SMAC. They are dedicated to doing service to the community. They have done some extraordinary things, like they usually go to a nursing home. I have recently interviewed a member, Grace, who is an 8th grader, and has been in service SMAC since 5th grade. Her favorite thing that she has ever done (I shouldn’t say that, should I?) is make a board with the teachers when they were young, and then to the present year. She says that this would be a great thing to try and she highly advises joining. I asked Grace, will you miss Service SMAC and Mrs. Krynock? She said, “Most definitely. It has brought me to where I am today! And Mrs. Krynock? I most definitely will miss her. Best teacher EVER!”

Spirit SMAC

By: Claire Helmila

In Spirit SMAC, they have been busy hanging up posters about the upcoming dress-up days. Spirit SMAC meets on the first Monday of every month. Some of the dress-up days they have planned so far are:

- Vacay Day
- Career Day
- Blue Day (Autism Awareness)
- Purple Day (Empathy)
Do you like to sing? Do you like to work with pitches and solfege? Well, then you’re probably in choir! Choir is the other option instead of band. However, some kids like to switch from band to choir or from choir to band. This is great because it makes for a more well-rounded person.

We already have had one choir concert on December 11, 2017 and some students participated in the AWAKE concert on February 3, 2018 at Silver Lake College in Manitowoc. At the AWAKE concert, songs such as Grow Little Tree and Sisi Ni Moja were performed.

There are also some other choir activities around the school too:

Show Choir: A group where you get to combine dance moves with singing. You must be in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade to participate.

Cub Choir: A group where the group gets to decide on which songs they get to sing and perform.

And, please, participate or attend the last concert of the year on May 3, 2018 at 6:30 pm (5th and 6th grade) or 7:45 pm (7th and 8th grade).
**HEY**

~BY: CLAIRE HELMILA

Do you remember empathy week? Or how about kick-butts day? All of these are examples of a couple things The HEY Group has put on. HEY is a committee that is dedicated to helping kids learn about any problems we have in or out of school. HEY is run by Mr. Fletcher and has members from all the grades.

Some of the activities HEY has put on is:

**KICK-BUTTS DAY** - A day where we got to answer questions about smoking and how much it costs smokers to buy cigarettes.

**HEALING THE HARM DAY** - A day where we got to put band-aids over the bad words and put good words over it.

**EMPATHY WEEK** - A week where we got to learn about empathy. Some of the things we participated in on empathy week are:

- Guess Who's Shoe It Is Contest
- Writing down how you have shown empathy
- The Terrence Tally Assembly
- Student vs. Staff Volleyball Game
- The Charades Empathy Game

The HEY group hopes you can put all the things they taught you to good use. Also, if you see any HEY members in the hallway, make sure you say "Hey" to them!

**FORENSICS**

By: Gwyenth Ramshak

Directed by Mrs. Lynaugh, Forensics extra circular where use their voice to recite poetry, tell stories, give a speech, or present readers theatre. Students can participate individually, with a partner, or small group. The season starts in the beginning of October. It last for 6 weeks, so it ends in November.

Forensics has about 3 competitions a season. To get a blue ribbon you need to get 2 A’s, and for a red ribbon you need to get 2 B’s or an A and a B. I didn’t get a score, but I think that everyone did pretty good at the competitions this year. Also, I think there were about 20 members on the team this year. Now I think that some of you should join Forensics!
Fuel Up to Play 60

By: Claire Helmila

I was able to get some great information from Mrs. Fletcher, our Physical Education teacher, about Fuel Up to Play 60. Maybe, once you learn about Fuel Up to Play 60, you will want to join! So, please keep on reading to find out about this great committee to keep you and others active and healthy!

What is Fuel Up to Play 60?

Fuel Up to Play 60 is a nationwide health and wellness program founded by the NFL and National Dairy Council, in collaboration with the USDA. The program empowers students to take charge in making small, everyday changes at school that can encourage students to eat healthy foods and be active for 60 minutes a day.

How many students are able to be in Fuel Up to Play 60?

Currently, we have 31 members, but we are always willing to add new members.

How do you join?

Talk to Mrs. Fletcher to receive more information.

When do you meet?

Our team meets during ELT on select Fridays throughout the school year.

What activities have you done so far?

Our team helps with the District Wide Kickoff activities in the fall, we hold cheese competitions during lunches, various trivia competitions during the year and help with the purchasing of new recess equipment.

Is there anything in particular you would like students at HMS and FWA to know about Fuel Up to Play 60?

We are looking for great role models in our school. Students that are active during their recess and gym time and students that make healthy eating choices for snack and lunch.

Thank you to Mrs. Fletcher for giving me all of this wonderful information!
Mrs. Lange is our new vice-principle. I asked her a few things and I now hope you can know her a little better.

1. What was your job/jobs before you came to HMS?
   She was a teacher for 21 years. In this time, she was a High School and Elementary Spanish teacher, a teacher for grades 1 through 8, and was a Literacy coach. She taught mostly in Appleton.

2. What does your family do for a living?
   Mrs. Lange has 1 sister (Kim), and she is a project manager at Tweet Garot. Her parents are Warren and Cheryl Kahler.

3. What was you most memorable trip you have ever had?
   It was when she went to Spain while in college and studied there for 1 month.

4. Are you enjoying working here at HMS/HASD?
   I quote, “Yes, I love it here!” I ask, “Any particular reasons?” She answers, “Because everyone is friendly and the kids are great.

5. What are your future plans?
   To this she replied, “I hope to work here until retirement, and then I hope to travel the globe!”

I personally think Mrs. Lange is awesome, and I believe she is perfect for HMS!
Mrs. ‘Kellie’ Peters is a brand-new addition to our HMS staff this year! She seems brilliant, and I got to interview her, so you can know more about this amazing new 5th grade teacher!

Mrs. Kellie Peters was born in Freedom, Wisconsin. In her childhood, she was a quiet, social girl that found some subjects easy and some challenging. She has a brother and a sister. Her brothers’ name is Michael, who is five years older than Mrs. Peters (who is forty-eight years old), and her sister Kristie who is three years younger than her. Her past childhood was great, and she even did a few sports such as basketball, softball in high school, and she even did the Pom-Poms! She had a few pets as well, like cats, dogs, horses, cattle, and sheep.

Guess what? – Mrs. Peters also has children! Carlie, one of her daughters, is twenty-two years old and attends VW, Madison. She has another daughter name Cassandra who is twenty years old who hopes to do UWM Kennedy 16, which is basically a medical field.

Before HMS, Mrs. Kellie Peters had different jobs, too. She’s worked at wellness hospitals for adults and has also taught at a different district named Seymour Intermediate. She has been teaching for ten years now! Crazy, right?!

You could probably tell Mrs. Peters is enjoying HMS so far, don’t you think? Well, if you were wondering- here’s your answer: she is enjoying HMS! Not exactly a surprise, the Hortonville School District is very welcoming. Thank you for coming up for the job, Mrs. Kellie Peters!

“The main thing about life is to be kind and I always wish to be happy and healthy.”

-Mrs. Kellie Peters
I interviewed the 7th grade teacher Mrs. Kara Peters. She is a track coach.

When did you first start coaching track?

“I originally coached track in the 1990s, but stopped due to raising my son. I began again this year.”

How did you come up with coaching track in/out of school?

“I saw a job opening for the position and applied for it. I enjoy working with middle schoolers and this is an opportunity to do so outside of the classroom.”

What grades have you coached in the past of your track sessions you have lead?

“Track is for 7th and 8th grade. Both time periods of my coaching have been with those grade levels. Many years ago, I coached distance runners. This year I am working with long jump and triple jump.”

Lastly, what are your main tips for track/good things to go by?

“Listen to your coaches, stretch a lot, and practice hard. Always strive for self-improvement.” –Mrs. Kara Peters
I interviewed Mr. Fletcher (health teacher, boys and girls basketball coach) and got some interesting answers.

**Girl’s Basketball**

By Taylor Lilge

7th grade girl’s coaches
Mr. Nault
Mr. Scheppler

8th grade girl’s coaches
Mr. Fletcher
Mrs. Fletcher

How did your season go?
8th grade girls were 10-0

How many kids were on the team?
The girls had 17

What is your favorite part about coaching?
Being around kids that are positive and give their all and want to get better!

How many years have you been coaching basketball?
3 years

What would you say to kids next year if they wanted to join basketball?
We would love to have you! The more the merrier! if you don't mind a little hard work, while having fun, it will be a great experience.

If you would like to join basketball next year go to any of the coaches, boys or girls, it only takes a little determination, teamwork and fun to be on a team. I also want to thank Mr. Fletcher for letting me interview him. We hope to see you next year on the Hortonville basketball team.

**Boy’s Basketball**

I interviewed Mr. Fletcher (health teacher, boys and girls basketball coach) and got some interesting answers.

How did your season go?
7th grade grade boys were 3-7

How many kids were on the team?
The boys had 28

What is your favorite part about coaching?
Being around kids that are positive and give their all and want to get better!

How many years have you been coaching basketball?
3 years

What would you say to kids next year if they wanted to join basketball?
We would love to have you! The more the merrier! if you don't mind a little hard work, while having fun, it will be a great experience.

If you would like to join basketball nest year go to any of the coaches, boys or girls, it only takes a little determination, teamwork and fun to be on a team. I also want to thank Mr. Fletcher for letting me interview him. We hope to see you next year on the Hortonville basketball team.
Should Kids Wear School Uniforms?

By: Claire Helmila

Yes! Now, before everyone gets mad, please listen to my reasons. School uniforms would be great for us because there would be no more picking on people for what they wear, you wouldn’t have to spend much time to decide what to wear, and it would help us not go against the school dress code. Once you are done with this article, read Gwyneth’s article for what she thinks of school uniforms.

Everyone loves name-brand clothes, but some people can’t afford it. This sometimes results in kids getting picked on for what they wear. This is a terrible thing . . . it should never matter what someone wears! So, if everyone wears the same thing, the bully can’t pick on someone because he/she is wearing the same thing!

My second reason is that school uniforms would limit the time you spend picking out clothes. Once kids get into middle school, deciding what to wear can be a difficult task. If you are like me, picking out what to wear is not a fun thing! Especially with having gym twice a week and wanting to be dressed in active wear on those days. School uniforms would reduce the time it takes kids to pick out their clothes because there won’t be as many choices. This would cause less stress for kids and give kids more time to do something they enjoy.

There are a lot of rules about what kind of clothing you can wear to school. But, sometimes they can be a little hard to follow. School uniforms can help kids always follow those rules because each pair of clothing will follow the dress code. This would give parents, teachers, and school administrators one less thing to worry about as well!

In conclusion, I feel that school uniforms would be a positive addition. I think that kids have a negative feeling about school uniforms because they think of skirts and ties when they think of school uniforms. But, school uniforms can be sweatpants and sweatshirts too. So, how about we show a little school spirit with school uniforms!
Okay. I see you over there. You must be reading Claire's article. Well she is wrong. School uniforms are so not for public schools. Why should we have to all look alike? That doesn’t let us express our true self! Plus, our parents would have to spend more money on your uniform, and the rest of your clothes would be going to waste.

Think of how many uniforms you would have! Your closet wouldn’t even look like a proper closet! And then it would be so much easier to get picked on! Picture this: your mom accidentally pulled some strings loose. The popular kids like everything precise, and today they want to point out imperfection. The first thing they find are the loose strings. And to top it all off, they are having a good day, so they’re going to be extra-mean.

What happens next? You get bullied, that’s what. Now I don’t think anyone wants to get bullied! No way! I have every reason to think that we should NOT have school uniforms. Claire, on the other hand, doesn’t see that uniforms are NOT a good idea. The whole concept just doesn’t work. The school would have to design the uniforms, then get someone to make them, (which if you didn’t know that costs a lot of money) and then would have to make sure every student got at least 3 uniforms! NOT a good idea.

Hey girls, I’m pretty sure that we would end up in skirts, and I do NOT want to where a skirt for the rest of middle school, and boys, you’ll probably get stuck with pants and a tie! I don’t think that is your most ideal outfit. Then there will be no more dress up days (most likely we will still do Halloween), so that means no more pajama day, either! I definitely do NOT want uniforms, as you can tell.
Have you ever been in piano? If you haven’t, this is a great article for you. I’ve been in piano myself for almost 6 years! Here are some things I can tell you about, so you might have an idea on how, who, when, and where you want to start.

How?

This should be the easiest step. You just send an application, or maybe you’ll see a flyer for piano lessons with the teacher’s number on it, so you can call. Usually, there are flyers with applications on it – and the teacher’s number. Of course – you need a piano or keyboard at your house!

Who?

It all depends on you – but if you’re stuck and don’t know who to call, I have the BEST piano teacher ever! Her name is Marian Sykes (Mrs. Sykes). You might’ve heard of her. She is the most sweet, steady, caring and most determined person I know! She is also an outstanding baker, and sometimes gives you treats on your lesson days. Just a starter? No problem! She takes any level, age, anyone! If you choose her, you’ll have one lesson each week on your day. For example – I come in every Tuesday. You will come in every week, except holidays. Mrs. Sykes is the best piano teacher! This heading might apply to where you’re going to practice.

When?

Depends who you pick as a teacher. They might have you come in a few times a month, once a week (mostly), or something like once every 2 weeks. If you’re willing to have class once a week, make sure you’re a well – organized person and are motivated in practicing.

I hope you appreciate my information! If you possibly get into a piano class with Mrs. Sykes, let me know! Tell me if you enjoy it!
Did you know that we have a yearbook committee that makes the school yearbook every year? The committee is run by Mrs. Peters and is held in the library almost every day for about three months starting in January. But, before January, pictures are taken for about three months so they can be put in the yearbook.

Claire is on the yearbook committee and she says it is a lot of fun putting the pictures in and positioning them to fit the page. Claire’s favorite part is putting the little decals on the page to really make the page look cool and fun.

Taylor interviewed Savanna Bauman, 8th grade club member, and here is what she said:

Why did you sign up?

I signed up because I thought it would be fun to be able to decide which pictures would be in the yearbook.

About how many kids are in yearbook?

It depends on the year how many people join yearbook. Sometimes there are lot of people, and sometimes there is only seven people doing the whole entire yearbook, so it's awesome when more people sign up.

What’s your favorite part?

My favorite part about yearbook is knowing that I did something to help the school.

How many years have you been doing yearbook for?

I have been doing yearbook for about three years now.

What kind of things have you been writing about?

We work on putting names in the yearbook, other than that we take pictures and have lots of fun!

What would you say to kids if they wanted to join yearbook next year?

I would tell them to go for it! Yearbook is lots of fun and it's nice to be able to take pictures and choose whether they go in the yearbook or not. Convince a friend to join with you! The more people there are, the more awesome the yearbook is!

We want to give a special thanks to Savanna Bauman, 8th grade club member, for the information about yearbook and Mrs. Peters, club leader, for supervising the club.
According to Tass.com, Russia has started a program that will last until 2020, and they are making six new Yasen-class submarines, armed with eight vertical silos for cruise missiles and ten torpedo tubes. Why is this a problem? Well, Russian subs are posing a Pacific threat to the US Navy.

This Project is called project 885 (08850), And they will create 6 Yasen-class fourth-generation multipurpose nuclear submarines. This submarine was developed in the 1990s under the direction of Chief Designer Vladimir Popov. This project is based on the project 705(K)Lira and 971 Shchuka-B. The reason for me writing about this is because Tass.com says the Yasen-class submarine is designed to destroy an enemy’s submarines and surface ships, naval bases, ports, naval task forces and other targets.

DESCRIPTION

According to public sources, the submarine will be near 139 meters long, about 13 meters wide, and the draft will be near 10 meters.
Slime and Sime

By: Gwyneth Ramshak

As we all know the new fad is slime. I will admit it is pretty cool. I'm going to share my secret recipe for slime and sime (mix between slime and sand).

**Slime**

**What you will need:**
- Glue
- Food coloring (your choice of color)
- Borax (about 1/8 teaspoon)
- Water (1/4 cup or more)
- Container with tight lid (Decent sized. Depends on how big of batch)
- Lotion
- Plastic knife

1. Put glue, water, Borax, and food coloring into the container. Screw lid on tightly.
2. Shake hard for 1 minute.
3. Unscrew lid. Add about 5 pumps of lotion in to your slime.
4. Mix well with plastic knife.
5. You might notice there is some flecks, but they’re not a problem.
6. Enjoy!

Lucky! You made homemade slime! :)

**Sime**

**What you will need:**
- Colored sand (If want color) (You can use multiple colors)
- Sand (If want sand colored sime)
- Flour
- Mist sprayer (With water in it)
- Small plastic cup
- Mixing stick
- Patience

1. Put your sand in the plastic cup (Mix colors if you have colors)
2. Spray sand with water and leave sit over-night
3. Add more sand and pour 1 tablespoon of water from the Mist Sprayer into cup
4. Leave it to sit over night
5. Add 1 handful of flour to mix and pour 1 tablespoon of water into cup
6. Stir well until you feel it is good
7. Let sit over night
8. Enjoy!

You may notice that it may smell not the best and is a little messy, but I think it is fun!