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**LINKS PROGRAM
CREATES COMMUNITY**

FEBRUARY & MARCH 2023

KIM GLUPKER RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Sandyview teacher named a finalist for Personalized Learning Classroom of the Year



By: Zach Harig

It's no secret that no two students are the same, especially when it comes to learning; everyone learns differently. Some students learn by reading or listening, while others learn through hands-on activities or through using music, movement, or art. In a Personalized Learning Classroom, students choose how they will learn.

In Hamilton, there is no better example of it than Kim Glupker's fourth grade classroom at Sandyview Elementary. In conversations with Mrs. Glupker, you will hear all about giving her students a "voice and choice" in their learning.

"Personalized learning is having the kids being accountable for their own learning and having a voice and choice of how they learn," Glupker said. "They learn all of our standards but they get a choice on how they learn it, practice it, and evidence of what they've learned. It's not a full math lesson, everybody is kind of in a different spot within their lesson and standard."

This personalized learning for students allows for Mrs. Glupker to spend one-on-one time with students who may be struggling with certain lessons. Meanwhile, students who are ahead in learning are able to take practice tests and create games that help illustrate their understanding.

"This is not kids being on screens all day," Glupker explained, "There are options for being online, but a variety of options are not online."

Earlier this school year, Mrs. Glupker was nominated for the Personalized Learning Classroom of the Year award which includes teachers who have best implemented personalized learning strategies and created a learner-centered culture in the classroom. In early February, Glupker was recognized as one of three national finalists for the award at the National Conference on Digital Convergence in Colorado Springs. Though she did not win the overall top prize, it was a credit to the great things happening in room 10 at Sandyview Elementary.

"I was honored to be even nominated and then to become a finalist was just amazing, it was great. I didn't win the actual top prize but I'm excited for other people to see what we're doing here and hope it catches on to other classrooms, even beyond our district. It's just amazing to see how our kids are owning their learning."

Congratulations to Mrs. Glupker and all of her outstanding students!



HAMILTON ELEMENTARY LINKS COME TOGETHER TO HELP FRIENDS WITH AUTISM

By: Zach Harig

LINKS Program ensures each student thrives, both socially and academically



Once per month, the Hamilton Elementary LINKS hold a full group meeting in Mrs. Bufka's classroom to discuss their latest experiences being a partner of a classmate who has Autism. These LINKS work with their fellow classmate to ensure that they fit in socially, but can work also with them academically.

Several of the students share success stories from recess, gym classes, and general classes but they also discuss some of the things they're struggling with as well. The goal of the program is to promote socialization and independence while understanding each other's behavior to know how to respond to it and assist their peer.

"The friendships that I have seen built because of this program and just the overall sense of acceptance that has happened, not only with my Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) students, but with all the students is amazing! I could go on and on," said Amy Bufka, ASD classroom teacher and LINKS supervisor.

The LINKS Peer to Peer program is credited with building a stronger community inside of Hamilton Elementary and other district buildings, promoting independence for ASD students, and increasing their understanding of individual differences.

"I would describe it as connecting with somebody and helping them be more confident in learning," said fourth grade LINKS helper Emden Reister.

The groups also meet in small groups, which typically feature two or three LINKS helpers with their ASD student. The time is usually spent simply talking and playing games together.

"It's a really fun time to connect with your peers and it makes it a really fun experience," added fourth grade LINKS helper Eva Rivard.



Scan the QR Code for a video of a LINKS small group and the fun they have together!

“I would describe it as connecting with somebody and helping them be more confident in learning,”
~Emden Reister
4th Grade LINKS Helper



SNAPPING THE DROUGHTS

Boys Basketball team makes history with conference, district titles

2013 Hamilton High School graduate Nick Kronemeyer has led his alma mater's boys basketball team to new heights. On February 24, the Hawkeyes found themselves in a winner-take-all battle against Coopersville for the outright OK Blue conference championship. Tied 54-54 with just seconds left, Thano Klett passed out to fellow senior Brant Goodpaster who knocked down a three as the buzzer sounded to give Hamilton a 57-54 win and the program's first conference title since 1988.

"It means more than anyone can even imagine," Klett told FOX 17 after the game. "It has been 35 years, we've been talking about this since we were kids, we knew we were the team that could do this."

Two weeks later, the Hawkeyes entered district play with an 18-4 overall record and it was time to snap another drought. After wins over Holland Christian, South Haven, and Allegan in the district championship on March 10, the Hawkeyes took home the program's first district title since 1987.

"It is hard to put into words," Nick Kronemeyer told the Holland Sentinel after the 80-51 win over Allegan. "For the community, we knew they wanted this. It was magic to happen. This is what we set out to do. The Hamilton community will come out and support you if you do it the right way - and we did it the right way."

The Hawkeyes would fall to South Christian in the regional final. Congratulations to the Hawkeyes on this special season!



BUILDING A SPECIAL CONNECTION

Pair of Hamilton basketball teams volunteer at Special Olympics



On Saturday, February 4, the Hamilton girls junior varsity basketball team took a visit to the new Special Olympics of Michigan headquarters and Inclusion Center. The team assisted the Area 11 'Comets' basketball team with drills, scrimmages, and different fundamentals during the two hour practice.

"Our experience helping out at SOMI was an amazing one," said junior varsity head basketball coach and HHS teacher Mary Ayres, "I think the best experiences in life are those that help provide some perspective. It was a reminder that basketball, and sports in general, bring so much joy into our lives. I think it was also wonderful to see how much joy the SO athletes brought to basketball and to us that day."

Weeks later, on March 11, Hamilton recreation basketball coaches Brant Haverdink and Jake Schrock took their 5th and 6th grade basketball team to the Inclusion Center to assist the Area 11 'Fireflies' youth team comprised of young athletes ages 8-13!

"Sports bring so many people together," said Haverdink. "To share that experience with kids that can look just like our classmates in our own middle school helps to foster the inclusivity and grace-filled empathy that can make Hamilton even more special."

HAWKEYE WRESTLING TRADITION CONTINUES

Hamilton brings home district title, four individual state qualifiers



On Saturday, February 8, the Hamilton varsity wrestling team defeated Holland and Zeeland East to earn the district championship at the Holland Dutch Dome and advance to team regionals. The title gave the wrestling program a second consecutive district title.

Individually, sophomore Malachi Kapenga (113 lbs.), freshman Bryce Morrison (126 lbs.), junior Remington Foster (190 lbs.), and sophomore Shane Dams (215 lbs.) all qualified for the individual state wrestling finals in Detroit on March 3 and 4.

"The tradition of Hamilton wrestling isn't about winning titles. It's about preparing each wrestler physically, mentally and emotionally for the biggest stage," said head coach, Trenton Holyfield. "More importantly, the goal is to develop in each wrestler the capacity to successfully compete in the world outside of athletics."

HAMILTON SOPHOMORE WINS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP



Photos via Jess Rockhold

Hamilton High School sophomore Malachi Kapenga added his name to the state and school history books on Saturday, March 4, winning the Division 2 113-pound state wrestling championship at Ford Field. Kapenga becomes the first Hawkeye to win a state championship since his uncle Andy Cook in 2002.

"I knew it was possible, I knew I'd have to get a lot better throughout the year and put in the work," Kapenga said on Monday.

It wouldn't be easy. In the state championship, Kapenga trailed by one point before tying the match 4-4 in the final seconds, sending it to overtime.

"He gave me the point and in overtime, I was like 'Okay, I'm still in this, I can still win it,'" he smiled. "I just made sure I stayed calm and was smart. When he took a bad shot and I got the points, I couldn't believe it. It felt really good, there was a huge crowd there."

The Hamilton crowd rose to its feet as Kapenga was declared the winner, jogging off the mat into the arms of his coaches, including Andy Cook. "There's no kid that deserved it more than he did," head coach Trenton Holyfield added. "He's a great all around person, on and off the mat. The quest for the title came from countless training hours beginning at a young age. He's respectful, encouraging, accountable, committed, and trustworthy. These characteristics are the ingredients for success."



A MESSAGE FROM DR. LUSK

Hello everyone,

I hope this Transcript finds you well and looking forward to spring. It is always an exciting time when the weather starts to turn warmer and nature starts to bloom again!

Wow, we had quite a winter time period in Hamilton with our athletic and academic teams performing at championship levels, along with Family Fun nights at our Elementary schools. In Hamilton, there are always great things going on to celebrate; that is the Hawkeye Way.

We also have an exciting opportunity in May for our community to vote on a bond which could help replace aging items around the district. Please take the time to review the bond information in this Transcript, along with finding out the facts on our website: www.hamiltonschools.us If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at blusk@hamiltonschools.us, 269-751-5148, or by attending any of the "Scoop with the Supt." events at the Hawk's Nest, which are typically held on the first and third Thursday of every month. We want you to know as much as possible about what the bond could do to help the district before voting time.

Please also consider attending, participating, or supporting our third community event of the school year, the Hawkeye Hometown 5K. This will be another opportunity for the community to come together in a fun way and celebrate the great things going on in Hamilton. Anyone can register to run the event, details are on our website, social media accounts, and on page 9 of this edition of the Transcript.

Take care, please reach out with any questions, and as always #GoHawkeyes!



Bradford Lusk, PhD
Superintendent



'Scoop with the Supt.' Upcoming Dates

9:00 - 10:00 AM at Hawk's Nest Restaurant

Thursday, April 20

Thursday, May 4

Thursday, May 18

Thursday, June 1



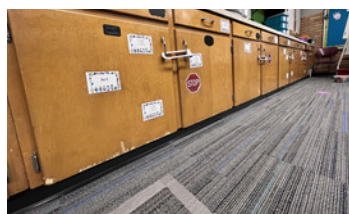
MAY 2, 2023 BOND PROPOSAL

On Friday, February 3, the Hamilton Board of Education unanimously approved placing a school bond proposal on the May 2, 2023 ballot. If approved by voters, this bond proposal would provide \$41,180,000 for district-wide improvements, addressing: Safety and Security, Facility Infrastructure, and Learning Environments.

Safe, Dry, Warm



- Replace Aging Infrastructure: Roofing, electrical systems, fire alarms, lighting, flooring, plumbing and restrooms, boilers and mechanical systems, doors, interior finishes, and lockers
- Community Pool Dehumidification System and Electrical Equipment
- Glass Security Film



Learning Environments



- Deconstruct 1950s wing of Hamilton Elementary and replace with 8 new classrooms
- Physical education classroom redesign at Hamilton High School
- Classroom casework, finishes, flooring, and ceilings
- Playground equipment and extended fencing
- Classroom educational technology

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Building specific project listings and videos, and additional information are on display at each school, at the district Administration office, and online at hamiltonschools.us

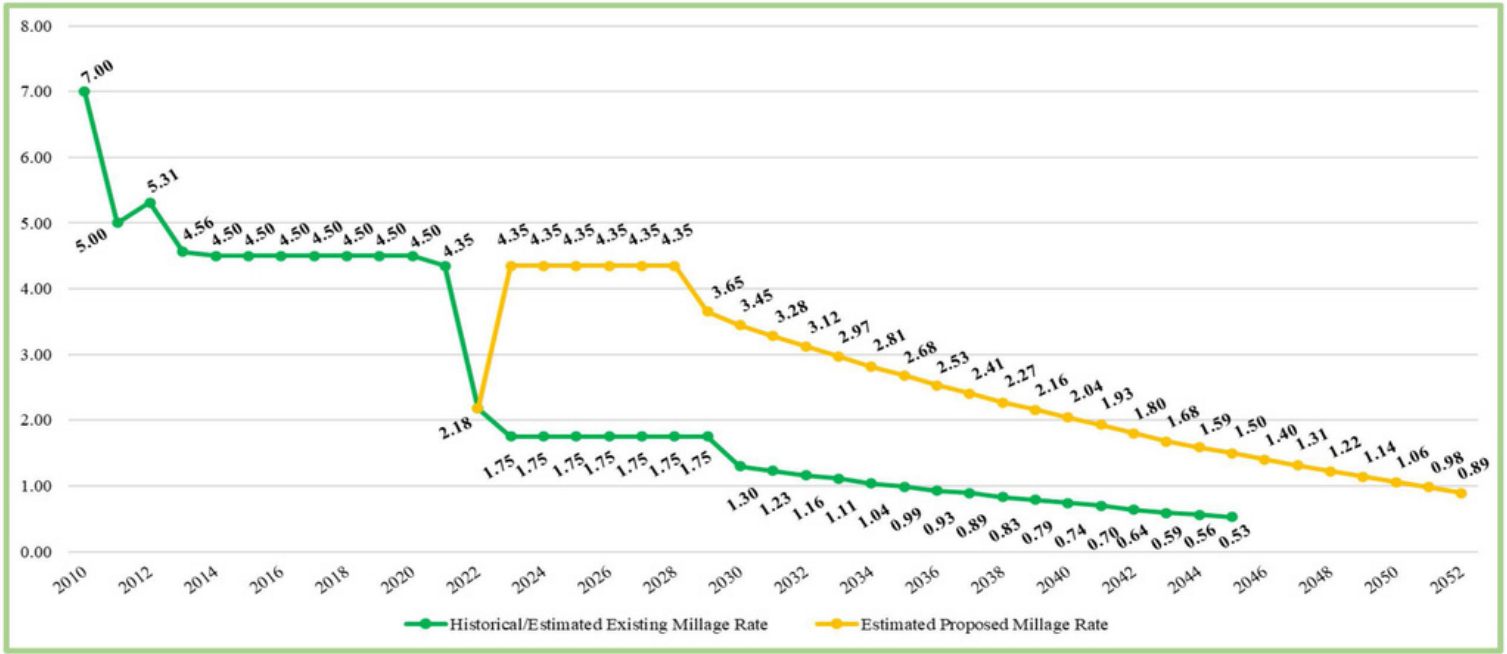
Contact Bradford Lusk, Superintendent, at blusk@hamiltonschools.us or 269-751-5148

Scan for more information:



ESTIMATED PROPOSED BOND MILLAGE RATES

If approved by voters, it is projected that the first year's debt tax rate would increase by approximately 2.17 mills over the current debt tax rate.



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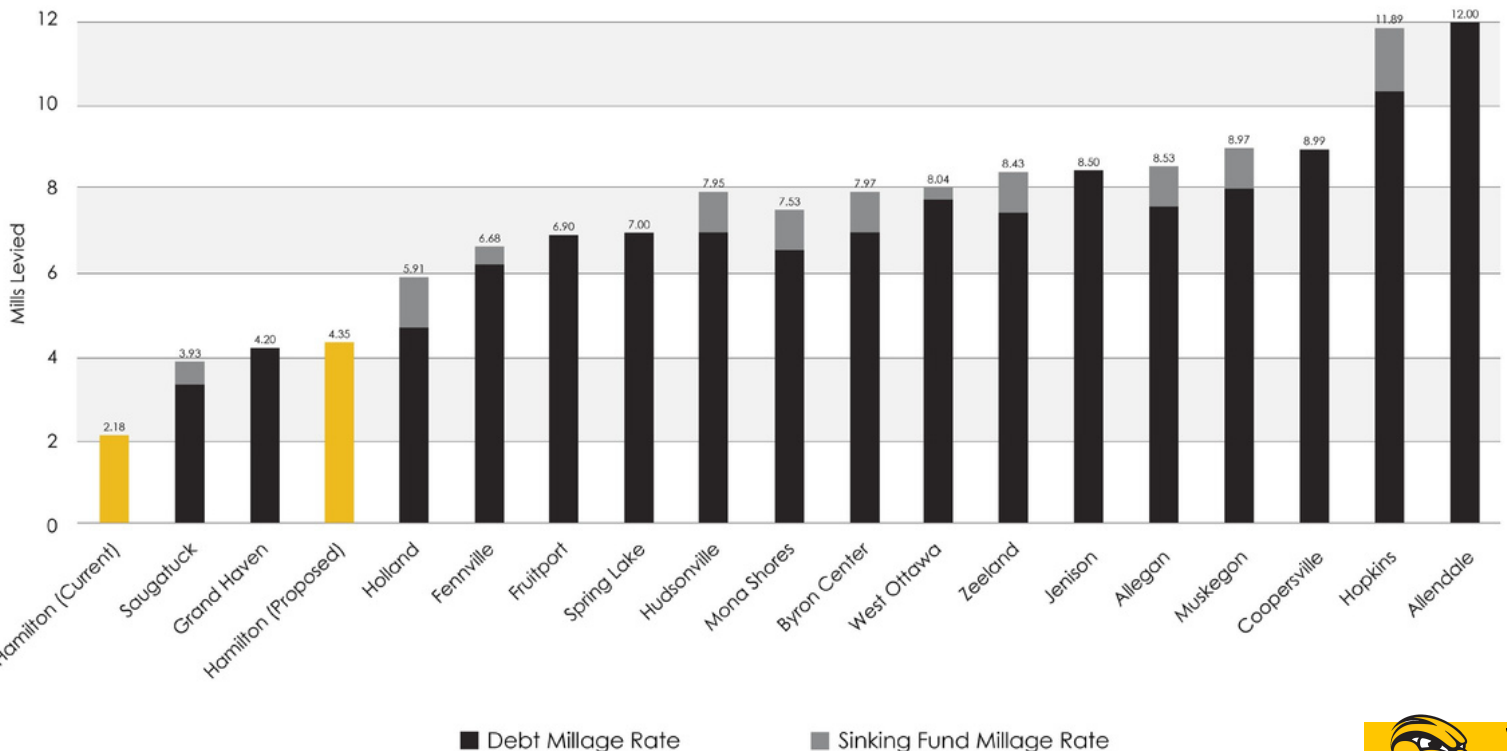


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2022 DEBT AND SINKING FUND MILLS LEVIED

Hamilton Community Schools currently levies one of the lowest debt millage tax rates in the area and does not levy a Building and Site Sinking Fund millage. If the proposal is approved by voters, Hamilton Community Schools would still maintain one of the lowest debt millage rates in the area.



MR. BOSMA INTRODUCES 'WORKOUT WEDNESDAY'

Students get moving during math class at Hamilton Middle School!



For every day of the week, Mr. Duane Bosma has something to engage his students at Hamilton Middle School. From 'Motivation Monday' to 'Tough Thursday' and now, he has introduced 'Workout Wednesday'. It's not your every day 8th grade math class but it's something Mr. Bosma is a big believer in.

"As with many initiatives that our school pushes out, it only works as well as it does because of the awesome students we have," Bosma said. "I am proud of the students that I work with, and they have made our "Work Out Wednesdays" as WOW as possible. The idea stemmed from our Phys Ed teachers doing a school-wide promotion of FUTP60 (Fuel Up To Play 60) which is a nationwide program to get students active for 60 minutes a day. I mathed it down to be fueling up to move for 60 seconds instead, so we didn't interrupt our entire math class period. We do three 20-second HIIT-type movements to get the blood moving, the brain active with many cross-body movements, and hopeful smile a bit in order to brighten students' days."

A LOOK AT MR. MOUSEL'S "SMART START" AT HMS



It's not a gym class, and Mr. Bill Mousel is not a physical education teacher. Instead, 'Smart Start' at Hamilton Middle School allows for all fifth and sixth grade students to get up and active in creative ways.

Math teacher Bill Mousel creates different games that get students up and moving during class every morning, including a game called 'Battleship'.

"This game is structured like a video game and is really motivating. Anybody, no matter what kind of shape they're in, can do something to benefit their crew. The scooters deliver balls to their ship and onboard the ship, you're trying to knock down other team's pins and when you do, you advance to the next ship," Mousel explained.

Once your ship is sunk, you must complete a lap around the gym either running or walking before you re-enter the game.

"I try to come up with games so that everybody will want to move, I'm really thinking of the reluctant mover. I'm trying to convince them that it's worth moving and overcoming whatever pain their body is experiencing."



SPECIAL DELIVERY!

Dr. Lusk delivers donuts to Bentheim Elementary students on 'Comfy Day'



On Tuesday, February 28, Hamilton Community Schools superintendent Dr. Bradford Lusk delivered donuts to all Bentheim Elementary students on 'Comfy Day'. The donuts were donated by the Bentheim PTO and were a huge hit for the students and staff!

Thank you, Bentheim PTO!



HAWKEYE HOMETOWN



Who: Anyone can sign up!

What: 5K (3.1 miles) run/walk & food truck!

When: Saturday, April 29, 2023 | 10:30 AM Start

Where: Hamilton Transportation Building
(Follow middle school west driveway straight back)

How: Follow the QR code to sign up! \$20 registration per runner includes a t-shirt!

April 29, 2023
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Featuring the Porter's
Smokehouse Food Truck!

Register using
this QR code!



HAMILTON TEACHING ASSISTANT PROGRAM HELPS STUDENTS LEARN AND GIVE BACK

Back to her roots: Kyra Kleinheksel returns to her kindergarten classroom to help

Jana Zweering has fond memories of Kyra Kleinheksel as a kindergartner in her classroom in 2011. Fast forward 12 years, and Mrs. Zweering is getting a chance to teach Kyra yet again, only this time as a teacher's assistant.

"I now get to work with Kyra again as a senior," Zweering added, "It has been really fun to see this come full circle, I'm so proud of Kyra and young woman she has become."

Kleinheksel, who plans to attend Hope College in the fall, is still undecided on her major, which she has narrowed down between education or accounting. This experience as a teacher's assistant is helping her determine that choice.

"This prepares me because I get to be around students and help them each day, and just be a part of their lives. I've always had a love for teaching and having Jana as my supervisor has been absolutely amazing," Kyra smiled.

Every day of the school year, Kleinheksel joins the class for the final two hours of the day. The students clearly adore 'Miss Kyra', both inside and outside of the classroom.

"We've followed her through all of her sports this year, including basketball," said Zweering, "It was really fun at the ABC Community night, the students got to sit by me and watch Kyra and were super geeked to get her playing cards and a poster of the team, that was extra special."

Miss Kyra is one of six Hamilton High School seniors working as a teacher's assistant inside of Hamilton Community School buildings this year joining Jacob DeGroot, Cheri Dykstra, Kennedy Perrin, Brady Tebo, and Kaylie VanderHulst. Way to go, students!

"C LUNCH!"

HHS Teacher Travis Pertner gives students a different lunch option

Hamilton High School teacher Mr. Travis Pertner has never been lacking on ability to make connection with students. However, the past couple of school years, he has been going above and beyond. Every Tuesday and Friday during the school year, Mr. Pertner welcomes students to eat lunch with him. During that time, they typically share stories and any happenings in their lives.

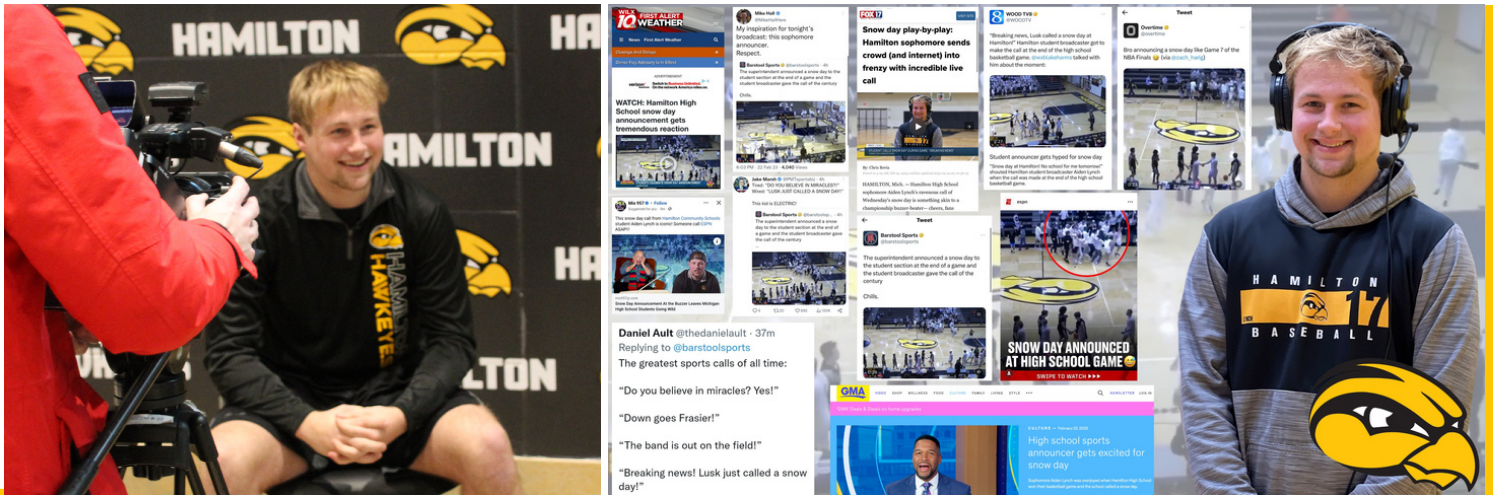
"I feel as if kids these days are missing a lot of genuine connection with one another and staff," Pertner said.



"BREAKING NEWS! LUSK CALLED A SNOW DAY!"

Hamilton sophomore Aiden Lynch goes viral with epic live broadcast

By: Zach Harig



For Hamilton High School sophomore Aiden Lynch, broadcasting has always been something he found intriguing. In November, prior to the boys and girls basketball season beginning, Lynch turned his hobby to reality. After conversations with Hamilton Athletic Director Eric Talsma and Covering Hawkeye Sports teacher Mark Behnke, Aiden received permission to get on the mic and call the action. Every varsity boys and girls basketball home game, Lynch was heard on the Hamilton Hawkeye Athletics YouTube page broadcasting live for both the Hawkeye faithful, and their opponents.

Despite being new to the craft, Lynch has already received more attention than most broadcasters can only dream of. On Tuesday, February 21, during a game against West Catholic, the boys varsity basketball team cruised to a 57-45 victory. However, it wasn't the game or Aiden's basketball knowledge that made the news, it was what happened as the clock hit zero.

After a performance in the school play in the neighboring auditorium, Hamilton Community Schools superintendent Dr. Bradford Lusk popped into the gym to check in on the game. Immediately, the Hawkeye student section spotted Dr. Lusk and began chanted "Dr. Lusk" followed by "Snow Day". With impending weather on the way overnight and several neighboring districts already closed for the following school day, Dr. Lusk knew the snow day was inevitable and told the students they could have their snow day.

And that is when the sophomore broadcaster lost his marbles. "BREAKING NEWS! LUSK CALLED A SNOW DAY!" echoed across the broadcast to over one-hundred viewers. "NO SCHOOL FOR ME TOMORROW!" Aiden continued to exclaim as part of his minute long elation. Minutes later, the clip of the snow day call was posted online and became an instant sensation. Within hours, local news stations FOX 17 and WOODTV 8 reached out to use it on the air. However, it was the day after when things really got crazy with Good Morning America, Barstool Sports, Inside Edition, ESPN, FOX & Friends, CBS Sports, and even Jimmy Kimmel Live!

"Going viral for something so little was such a crazy thought to me. Waking up every day to see more and more people reaching out was such a cool experience," said Lynch. "I got so many lessons out of this and even the smallest things can make a big difference. The people who support you and are by your side while you're small are the people to keep the closest and I couldn't have navigated this without the help of so many people.

It was easier to keep track of where Aiden's call wasn't being posted than where it was. Yet, Lynch says he'll still be the same person he was before it.

"Being viral only lasts so long, don't let it affect who you are and don't let it make you who you are. Be the person you've always been and be humble."

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Scan the QR Code for an article to all of the links to Aiden's call, and a video of Jimmy Kimmel & GMA!

HAMILTON SUMMER PROJECT BASED LEARNING (PBL) OPPORTUNITY: JUNE 19-23

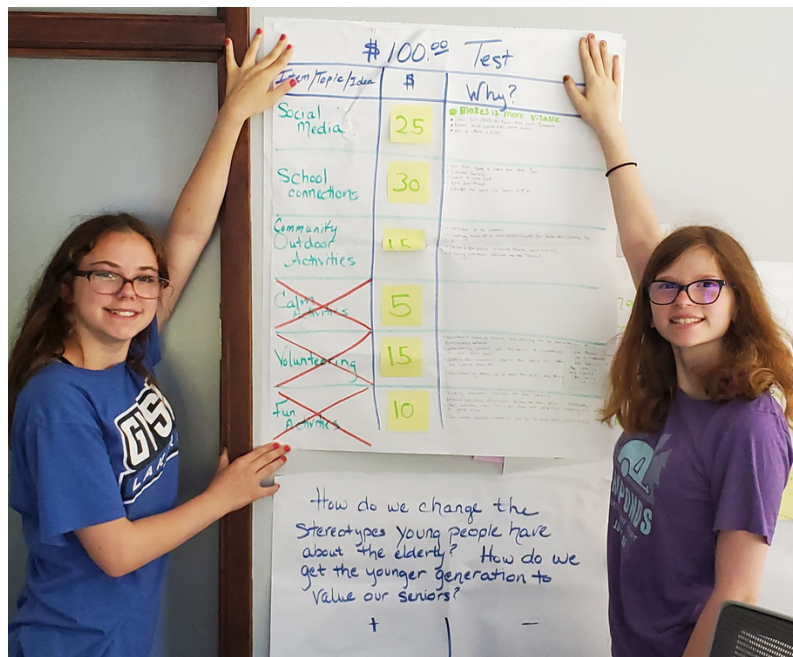
By: Ashley Meyer

Current 7th and 8th grade students are invited to join us for “Hamilton Summer PBL” June 19-23. Working on teams of 6-8 students and an educator, students will be partnered with a local business. While there, students will use the design thinking process to solve a problem given by the business, and pitch out their solutions to professionals at the end of the week.

This experience satisfies a Work Based Learning graduation requirement (“training” category) for any current 8th grade student (since they will be 9th graders this summer when the experience takes place).

Transportation, lunch, and snacks are provided. Students can ride the bus to and from school during this week, and the teacher will drive students from school in a van to a local business.

If you have questions, or would like to sign up your child, please contact Ashley Meyer (ameyer@hamiltonschools.us) and Mat Rehkopf (mlrehkopf@hamiltonschools.us). (Please note that there are only 40 spots available. Current 8th graders are given preference over current 7th grade students as they are working to complete their high school Work Based Learning Graduation requirements).



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Scan the QR Code to access the Work Based Learning website, including a full breakdown of requirements and contacts for any questions!

“When I did the PBL project last year, I had a lot of fun and learned a lot about manufacturing and how many people didn't even expect to be working in a manufacturing career. Because of my experience I want to do the PBL project again this year.”

~Emma Young (Summer 2022 participant)

'JOB SHADOW DAY' GIVE STUDENTS A REAL WORLD WORK EXPERIENCE

By: Ashley Meyer



Hamilton students on a tour to Fogg Filler in Holland on February 2.



Aubanie TenBrink was one of 58 Hamilton students who received their CPR training and certification on February 2 at the Healthcare Showcase!

On February 2, all 9th and 10th grade students participated in the first ever Job Shadow Day. Students had three experiences to choose from (1) Hamilton Healthcare Showcase, (2) Manufacturing Tours, or (3) a job shadow. In all, 58 students attended the Hamilton Healthcare Showcase, 233 students completed a job shadow, and 89 students attended manufacturing tours. In April, our 7th and 8th grade students will also have a job shadow opportunity.

Hamilton Healthcare Showcase:

Students that attended the Hamilton Healthcare Showcase spent the day at Cultivate Community Church completing three two hour segments. The segments were:

- **Healthcare topics and scenarios:** Students interacted with healthcare professionals learning about their role in healthcare and the education required.
- **Hands-on Healthcare:** Students learned about healthcare procedures such as donning and doffing, wound care, dental impressions, and taking a patient's blood pressure with help from professionals from the Careerline Tech Center.
- **CPR Certification:** All students were CPR trained and certified.

Thank you to the many volunteers from Careerline Tech Center, Holland Hospital, University of Michigan Health West, Corewell Health, Atrio Home Health, Lakewood Family Medicine, Hanger Clinic, Family Fare, Holland Pediatric Associates, and many other community members with a career in healthcare.

Manufacturing Tours:

Students that attended the Manufacturing Tours, visited three different companies. In total, five local businesses provided tours for our students. They were able to ask questions and learn about the vast array of career opportunities in Manufacturing. Thank you to Fogg Filler, Metal Flow, Fleetwood, Tennant Company, and JR Automation

Job Shadows:

Students were required to complete a job shadow that was three or more hours in duration with someone other than their parents. Students found job shadow opportunities in a variety of industries ranging from skilled trades, to management, healthcare, education, agriculture, and human services.

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Scan the QR Code to access the Work Based Learning student employment opportunities page!



BLUE STAR FUN NIGHT BRINGS STUDENTS, FAMILIES TOGETHER

By: Kari Huckaby



Enthusiastic students, parents, and teachers filled the hallways of Blue Star for a special evening called Fun Night. Fun Night is like the name says: playing games, eating good food, seeing old friends, and making new ones. Blue Star's PTO sponsored the evening and worked tirelessly to make the evening a special memory the students will not soon forget.

Perhaps the highlight of the evening came when one student said, "I love my school and friends. Can we do this again next week?" I strongly believe that anytime we can gather as a school community to celebrate our students, it is time well spent! Thank you PTO and Blue Star parents, teachers, and staff for making this a fantastic event.

Also in March, Blue Star Elementary teacher Mrs. Reilly was picked to put a pie in the face of fellow teacher Mrs. Marcus as the students were rewarded for their March is Reading Month incentive!

What a fun way to build fun and community among the students and families at Blue Star Elementary!

33 YEARS OF TRANSPORTATION EXCELLENCE

Diane Breuker has been driving bus for 33 years for Hamilton Community Schools. The long-serving member of the Hamilton Transportation department, Breuker got started when her children were in school.

"I love my job, I like my kids on my bus, we all get along great and they're almost like my own kids," laughed Breuker.

Breuker currently drives bus 17 in the district and now has the pleasure of driving some of her grandchildren to and from school.

"I'm on the second generation of kids in our district already. When I started, they were younger kids and now they've had kids and our community just keeps bringing their kids back to our school. We have a great school here," she added.

While she loves her fellow drivers and the employees around the district, Breuker says she would love to see more drivers apply in Hamilton.

"Our main goal is to get our kids to school safely, we're the first ones to see the kids in the morning to say good morning and we're the last ones they see at night," Breuker said. "Our school district is growing so we do need more drivers here to get more busses on the road. The busses are so easy and nice to drive."

As for retirement, she says she's not even considering it yet! "I could retire but I don't want to retire because I love my job that much, so I'm going to keep on going."



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Scan the QR Code to apply to drive for Hamilton Community Schools!



A COMMUNITY EFFORT TO GIVE BACK



By: Jenna Walbeck

Ottawa Community Schools Network (OCSN) Coordinators at Hamilton Community Schools partners with the schools, community, and families to make sure students and families have what they need to be successful. One way that OCSN connects students, families, and community members to resources is through Feeding America's Mobile Food Distributions, which are held monthly on Monday's at the "Old Bus Garage" in Hamilton. Mobile Pantries are like farmers markets on wheels that provide groceries, including produce, protein, dairy, grains and more, to anyone in need at no charge.

At our distributions you will not only see Feeding America but will also see local community partners coming together at one spot to better meet the needs of our community -Hungry for Christ has been providing supplemental frozen protein boxes, including things like turkey breast, chicken and rice entrees, soup and sandwiches, Haven Reformed Church has been providing free dog and cat food, and Cultivate Church has grilled meals on site to provide "to-go style" dinners.

OCSN Coordinators also recognize that none of this would be possible without the dedicated volunteers from Hamilton Community Schools, including JV and Varsity football, a local Hamilton girl scouts troop, Haven Reformed Church, Corner Bible Church, and Hungry for Christ. OCSN has also invited each building within the district to sign up for a month, so you can also find representation from each building within our district at our upcoming distributions as well!

It is because of the various community organizations, agencies, and volunteers who share a vision with OCSN Coordinators in meeting the needs of individuals and families within our community that this amazing community support is possible.

If you would like to share ideas about additional support you would like to see at our distributions, or if you have any questions about attending or volunteering, please contact OCSN Coordinator and Hamilton Team Lead, Jenna Walbeck at jwalbeck@hamiltonschools.us.

Where: Hamilton's "Old Bus Garage"
3644 48th Street, Hamilton, MI 49419
Lineup begins at 4:45 PM!

Monday, April 24
Monday, May 22
Monday, June 26
Monday, July 24



These dates can always be found on our website www.HamiltonSchools.us and clicking on the 'OCSN' tab!

HAMILTON SENIOR SERVES AS VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER

Hamilton High School senior Lilly Nyhof has made an unbelievable commitment as a volunteer firefighter for the South Haven fire department.

"I started working at the fire department because I have always wanted to help and serve my communities," Nyhof said. "The fire department offers various ways that let me help different communities along with training that prepares me for most emergency situations in life."

It's a way for Nyhof to learn more about her career field ahead of graduation.

"The training also covers several areas of knowledge that have helped me prepare for the Biomedical Engineering field that I would like to pursue after school. It also has taught me how to work under different emergencies and pressures."



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HVS READING ADVENTURE!



Mrs. Hulst's kindergarten and first grade classes at Hamilton Virtual School went on a reading adventure outdoors to start reading month! They also wrote a poem about their reading!

Reading can happen here and reading can happen there, reading can happen anywhere!

We went on a reading walk

Where we did not stop to talk

We took our books and out we went

To read, read, read to our hearts content.

We read on the rocks

We read near the box

We read on the track

We read while eating a snack

We read high and we read low

Hawkeyes read just about every place they go!

STAY UP-TO-DATE WITH ALL DISTRICT HAPPENINGS!



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Hamilton Community Schools continues to use Facebook to provide real-time district news and happenings to the community.



Stay tuned to our District Website!

The Hamilton Community Schools district website homepage hosts articles that will feature the latest news, upcoming events, videos, photos, and much more!



Watch our YouTube Videos!

To give all stakeholders a look into the classroom, we are on YouTube! Check out our videos to see the latest fun events happening in our school buildings, staff spotlights, and much more!

Scan the QR Codes to access the links to these pages!