



# Hawk Talk

For the week of  
June 6, 2022

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Hello Hawks,

Here we are in our last full week of school. And what a full week it will be. This week we are having our first spring spirit week. The Student Council has selected some great ideas for theme days. (The details of each day will be listed below.) The 7th graders are going on their field trip to release their salmon. Our 8th graders will be having their dance on Friday.

We will have our final band concert of the year which will also be our last concert with Mr. Flegel as he is retiring at the conclusion of this year after many, many years of teaching kids to love music at Hermon Middle School and Hermon High School. We wish him health and happiness in his retirement. Thank you, Mr. Flegel!

Melissa Biehn

GO HAWKS!

Fun Fact #2 - Mr. Flegel was my chorus teacher back when I was a junior in high school. That experience solidified my love of the Beatles!

# HMS SPIRIT WEEK 2022!

HMS STUDENT COUNCIL IS EXCITED TO SHARE OUR SPIRIT WEEK PLANS AND THEMED DRESS DAYS! FESTIVITIES WILL END ON MONDAY, JUNE 13<sup>th</sup> WITH AN ASSEMBLY IN THE GYM!

**PIE IN THE FACE FUNDRAISER:** We will be running a pie in the face fundraiser. You will be able to pay \$1 for 1 ticket. You will get to pick which teachers name you put your tickets in for. On Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> we'll pick 1 ticket for each teacher participating. The students ticket we pick will get to put a pie in that teachers face! All of the money we raise will go to the Hermon Neighbors Supporting Neighbors Pantry.

**REMINDER:** Outfits and any props with them need to follow the school dress code rules in the handbook. Also, please keep in mind that you may be asked to put props away if they're distracting during class time.

## MONDAY, JUNE 6TH NATIONAL EYEWEAR DAY



Wear all the neon you have, but don't forget your shades, it'll be a bright day!

## TUESDAY, JUNE 7TH NATIONAL VCR DAY



Do you know what a VCR is? It's how most of us used to watch movies, before DVDs were a thing! Let's celebrate this day by dressing us as your favorite movie character!

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8TH NATIONAL BESTFRIEND DAY



*"Things are never quite as scary when you've got a best friend" -Bill Watterson*  
To celebrate this day, grab a friend and dress the same, it's TWIN DAY! If you're not sure who to ask, ask someone new and you'll make a new friend!

## THURSDAY, JUNE 9TH NATIONAL DONALD DUCK DAY



Let's celebrate Donald Duck by dressing up as him, one of his Disney friends, or just in your favorite Disney wear!

## FRIDAY, JUNE 10TH NATIONAL FLIP-FLOP DAY



To celebrate it being national flip-flop day and it almost being summer vacation, let's dress up like we're going to the beach!

## MONDAY, JUNE 13TH HMS SPIRIT DAY!



Let's end our spirit week festivities with a Hermon Spirit Wear day! Wear any Hermon gear, blue, and yellow!

# *aMAZEing Robotics!*

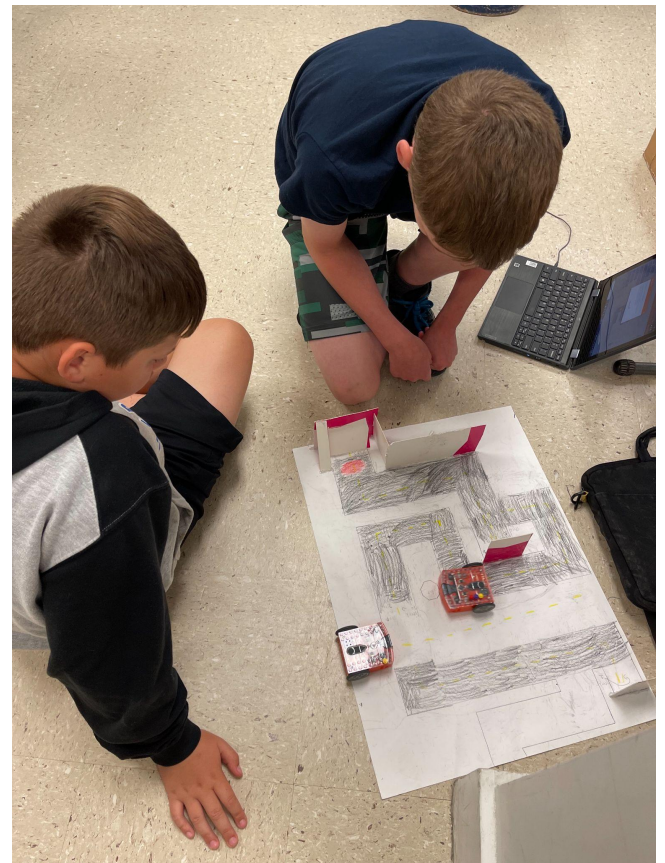
Last week, I got the chance to visit some sixth graders during one of their specials - Robotics with Mr. Fratini. What I saw was amazing! I actually saw mazes that students built for the Edison robots that THEY CODED to travel through. I saw soccer field mazes, Pac-man mazes, and 3-D mazes. Not only were the mazes incredibly creative in their purposes but the kids coded the robot vehicles to do so many things. They could program the robots to travel at different speeds, stop, spin, and turn. They need to calculate the length (in inches or centimeters) of travel before a turn was needed and the degrees of the angles that the robots had to make. When Partners used two robots, they could time the coding of each car to wait while the other passed. The robots could be coded to blink their lights and make sounds. One pair made their vehicle play Harry Potter music!

At the end of the class, students explained the concepts and approaches that they utilized while working. The power was not only in seeing that the students were using higher-level thinking skills, but the communication skills needed to describe their work and learning were truly impressive.

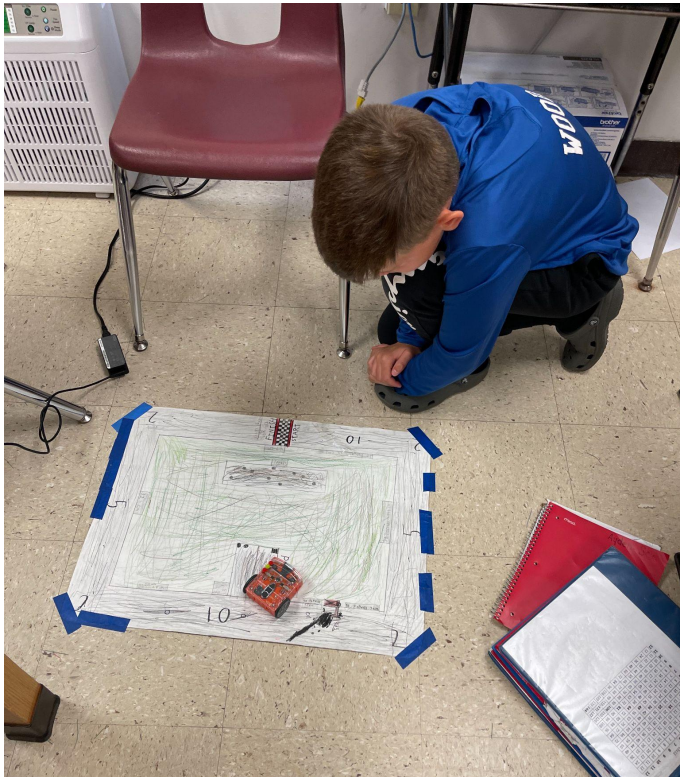
I believe that the most incredible thing that I saw in the class was the engagement and involvement in the tasks. This is a truly aMAZEing opportunity that our students have here at Hermon Middle School!



Check out the  
pictures from  
my visit.







## Concepts



### Patterns

Spotting & using similarities



### Evaluating

Making judgments



### Algorithms

Making steps & rules



### Logic

Predicting & analyzing



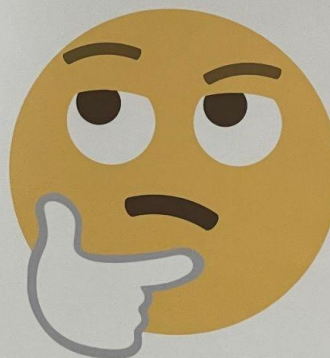
### Decomposition

Breaking down into parts



### Abstraction

Removing unnecessary details



## Computational Thinking



### Tinkering

Changing things to see what happens



### Creating

Designing & making



### Debugging

Finding & fixing errors



### Persevering

Keep going



### Collaborating

Working together

# 4th Graders Visit HMS!

On Friday, June 3, Fourth-graders from the elementary school came for a visit. They got to see the school, visit the 5th-grade classrooms, and meet the 5th-grade teachers. They asked a lot of great questions and got to complete their visit with lunch at HMS! We look forward to seeing them again in August for the 2022-23 school year.

<b>End of the Year Events 2022</b>	
<b>Week of June 6-10</b>	Spirit week
<b>Tuesday, June 7</b>	7th Grade Field Trip to Release Salmon
<b>Thursday, June 9</b>	Band concert @ HHS 7:00
<b>Friday, June 10</b>	8th Grade Dance 7:00 - 9:30 This is a “dressy affair”. T-shirts and jeans should be avoided.
<b>Monday, June 13</b>	Wear Blue and Gold
<b>Tuesday, June 14</b>	8th Grade Celebration - 6:30 - 8:00 @ HHS If the weather is good, students will be on the field and families will be in the bleachers or may bring their own chairs. If it rains, we will be in the HHS gym.
<b>Wednesday, June 15</b>	Field Day & Last day of school (11:30 - early release day)