



TIGER NATION NEWS

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RUSH TO THE RESCH

Mitch Huntley | HHS Junior

After being one game shy of the 2018 state tournament, the Lady Tiger Volleyball team would not be denied a bid to Green Bay. After going undefeated in conference play and taking the solo title of Scenic Bluffs Champions, they then went on to defeat Wonewoc Center and Alma Center Lincoln to claim the Regional Title. Soon after, they played their conference rivals, the Royall Panthers, in a highly anticipated and gym packed Sectional Semi-Final game in which they won in four sets. The Lady Tigers had earned their spot in the Sectional Final game against Iowa-Grant in Richland Center for a chance at state. After dominating the first set, the Tigers were up 1-0, and then won a thrilling second set in which senior Molly Crandall helped stop an I-G Panther comeback. After dropping the third set but still leading the match 2-1, the Tigers finished off the game after dismantling the Panthers' defense, winning the fourth set 25-11. They had rightfully earned their place at the Resch Center for the first time since 2012. With the whole community behind them, the team traveled to Green Bay, having earned the #3 seed. However, the Tigers were unable to overcome the height and athletic ability of Catholic Central, dropping the match 3-1. Because of their play throughout the season, many Tigers earned all-conference honors. Seniors Molly Crandall, Abigail Nemec, and Sierra Johnson earned first-team all conference honors. Sophomore Malia Liska earned second team while junior Grace Holthe and freshman Toni Mitchell earned honorable mention. Because of her amazing play at the state tournament, Grace Holthe was named to the 2019 Division Four All-State Team! On top of being named first team all conference, Molly Crandall was also awarded Scenic Bluffs Conference Player of the Year and because of her dominance on the court throughout the year, was named to the 2019 All-State Honorable Mention list.

Way to go Tigers on an amazing season!



DISTRICT IMPROVEMENTS

Curt Bisarek | Superintendent/Interim Elementary Principal



We have had a wonderful start to the 2019-20 school year. We are excited about the improvements we have been able to make as a result of the community support through last year's referendum, the improvements we have made in the day-to-day instructional practices we are using and the many successes our students have already experienced this year. As a learning community, we are continually looking to improve. One source we use to reflect on our strengths and areas for improvement is the School and District Report Cards developed by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI).

The DPI generates a School Report Card and District Report Card for every publicly funded school and district in the state. These public report cards can be found online at: <http://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-cards>. The Report Cards are intended to help schools and districts utilize performance data to target their improvement efforts so that students are ready for their next educational step – including the next grade level, graduation, college, and careers.

The current **School Report Card** is primarily based on last year's performance, the **2018-19 school year**. At the foundation of the report cards are four priority areas. Schools and districts receive a score for each priority area:

Student Achievement proficiency in English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics on the annual state assessments

School Growth measured by year-to-year progress in ELA and math achievement

Closing Gaps in performance between specific student groups (comparing English learners, low-income students, students with disabilities, and members of a racial or an ethnic group with their peers)

On-Track and Postsecondary Readiness showing reliable predictors of how many students are on-track to graduate from high school and student readiness for post-high school success

Schools and districts are also evaluated on their level of student engagement – chronic absenteeism rates and dropout rates – when applicable.

The priority area scores are aggregated into an overall accountability score, from 0 to 100. This score is displayed in the top left corner of the School or District Report Cards. It is important to note that the 0 to 100 accountability score is not a “percent correct” measurement. Based on its score, a school or district receives one of five rating categories, from *Fails to Meet Expectations* to *Significantly Exceeds Expectations*, as well as corresponding one to five stars.

Here are the overall scores from the 2019-19 report cards:

<i>District Report Card</i>	<i>MS/HS Report Card</i>	<i>Elementary Report Card</i>
64.2 Meets Expectations	61.0 Meets Few Expectations	69.0 Meets Expectations

Beyond the overall scores, which we are continually working to improve, there are some successes to highlight. First of all, our scores for all three of these has increased in comparison to the 2017-18 report card. The overall scores increased from 61.1 to 64.2 (District), 57.4 to 61 (MS/HS) and 65.4 to 69 (Elementary). Additionally, we continue to seek ways to increase our Math and English/Language Arts scores. Our efforts have seen improvements in the “School Growth” and “Closing Gaps” priority areas of the report cards. Specifically, we have increased our daily minutes of instruction in math for K-8 students and targeting our professional development to enhance our math instruction at these grade levels.

DPI has produced two versions of each Report Card: a quick one-pager labeled “School Report Card” and lengthier, detailed version labeled, “School Report Card Detail.” Both versions can be accessed online at <http://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-cards> along with resources that explain the report cards.

We look forward to working with you to make 2019-20 a successful school year for your child!

MUNSON FINISHES SEASON AT SNOWY STATE MEET

Savannah Urban | HHS Senior

For the first time since 2013, the Hillsboro Cross Country team hosted the Scenic Bluffs Conference Meet at Spring Valley in Union Center on October 17, 2019. Overall things did not go as planned for the Tigers as the girls team placed third overall and the boys team placed fifth. Brookwood's boys and girls teams both placed 1st overall.

After conference, the sectional meet was held at Westby this year where Hannah Munson ran the 5k in 20:48 which led to her getting fifth place overall and earned her another trip to the state meet. At her third consecutive state meet, Munson ran a 20:59 in the snow and placed 38th out of 142 participants.



WELCOME TO AMERICA

Grace Stockwell | HHS Senior

Melissa (Mel) Viola Prado Santos comes from a small town in Brazil where she lives with her mom, dad, and sister. She currently lives with Paula and Tom Parker. Mel's hobbies in Brazil include playing soccer, skateboarding, singing, dancing, and playing instruments. She has carried on many of those activities to her experience in Wisconsin as she is in the school choir, participated in the musical, and played in the local fall soccer league. Mel said that she was excited to try new things during this trip abroad. She tried out for Hillsboro's volleyball and basketball teams and has a goal of trying a new kind of candy every weekend. Though these were exciting for her, Mel's most memorable moment in Wisconsin is seeing snow for the first time. She is loving her experience and already knows that leaving at the end of the school year will be hard as she has made many friends and enjoys the "American sense of humor."



LET'S DANCE

Gunner Hynek | HHS Senior

On October 11, the Hillsboro High School Spanish three and four classes took a trip to the Barrymore Theater in Madison to see the Hispanic Flamenco Ballet. The performance showcased live music and dances from Latin America including Mexico, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Venezuela, Columbia, and Brazil. Students after the show talked about the dancers' exquisite costumes and intricate dance moves. Eli Stokes and McKenzie Bell were the golden ticket winners and were able to dance with the professional dancers on stage. After the show, students went to eat at Jose's Authentic Mexican Restaurant in Baraboo. Students munched on tacos, fajitas, and enchiladas. Overall, the trip was a success in learning about Latin American cultures.



THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

Abigail Nemec | HHS Senior



"Toto, I've got a feeling we're not in Kansas anymore". That is what could be heard coming from Dorothy's mouth on the weekend of November 15th and 16th in a packed Hillsboro High School gymnasium as the music department put on a production of "The Wizard of Oz". Paula Parker directed the musical with the help of her assistant director, Brooks Mitchell, as well as the help of a pit band under the direction of Zach Bartsch. The music department sold a total of 531 tickets for both shows. The cast consisted of students in grades 2-12 along with a real dog to play Toto and Paige Verbsky playing the lead role of Dorothy. Other lead roles included Ethan Huffman as the Lion, Erich Mobley as the Scarecrow, Billy Filler as the Tinman, Molly Crandall as the Wicked Witch, Grace Holthe as Glinda, and Teresa Couey as the Wizard of Oz. Numerous attendees reported that this musical was "the best musical they have seen" produced by Hillsboro schools.



FOOTBALL TEAM WINS OUT TO QUALIFY FOR PLAYOFFS

Eli Stokes | HHS Senior

After a shaky start to the 2019 football season and starting 0-4, the Tigers went on to beat Cashton, Wonewoc, Necedah, New Lisbon, and Royall to finish the regular season 5-4. That five game win streak helped earn them a spot in the playoffs for the first time since 2017. They were given the 7th seed and faced Lourdes Academy at the University of Oshkosh's Titan Stadium. They were unable to match Lourdes' skill level and lost 64-7 in their final game of the season. Although the season ended on a bad note, many tigers were rewarded with all conference honors.



For offense, Noah Feala and Kenton Dvorak were awarded first team all conference. Also, second team all conference quarterback was awarded to Trent Thorson as well as second team all conference for Cade Jensen. First team all conference for defense was awarded to Trent Thorson. Second team all conference awards were given to Bronson Borchardt and Kenton Dvorak. Honorable mention awards were given to Eli Stokes, Cade Jensen and Rey Mora.



VETERANS DAY A SUCCESS

Cade Jensen | HHS Senior

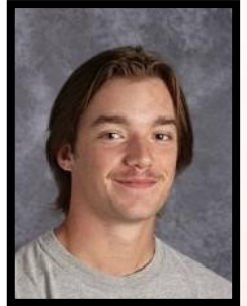
Veterans Day is a day that we use to thank our veterans for all that they've done for our country. November 11th this year in Hillsboro found a Hillsboro High School gymnasium full of thankful students and excited veterans. The Veteran's Day program consisted of performances by the high school band and choir, junior high band, and the elementary students. All of the veterans were ecstatic to be part of such a special program. The school and the community were very grateful for the pleasant surprise that was Lieutenant Colonel Scott Harold Southworth as the guest speaker. Southworth led the 32nd Military Police Company on a deployment to the Middle East in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, accepting responsibility for the rebuilding of the Iraqi Police Service in northeast Baghdad from 2003-2004. Southworth talked about his experiences in the Middle East and how his journey led him to eventually returning to Iraq to adopt his son Ala'a. The community was very fortunate to have guest speaker Southworth, to share his story and experiences. It was a great day for Hillsboro Schools getting our veterans to join in a celebration and thanking them for all they've done for us.



CLASS OF 2020 ON THE ROAD TO GRADUATION

Bronson Borchardt| HHS Senior

Hello again Tiger Nation News. My name is Bronson Borchardt, and I will be your tour guide as we review what is happening in the class of 2020's road to graduation. Several 2020 grads have been working diligently on filling out college applications, requesting letters of recommendation, and filling out FAFSA forms. I sent a questionnaire email to my fellow classmates asking, "What are you going to do after high school?" as well as "What are you most looking forward to in the near future?" As for me, I am going to study apparel design and development at UW-Stout. I am looking forward to the baseball season and our senior class trip. I was also fortunate enough to gather insight from a few other seniors. Here is what I learned...



Trent Thorson

"Study Exercise and Sport Science at UW - La Crosse. I am looking forward to living in a new city and meeting new people."



Teresa Couey

"I am going to UW-Platteville for Elementary Education. I'm looking forward to being the first member of my family to go to college."



Cade Jensen

"After high school, I plan to attend UW - Eau Claire to major in education. I plan to become a fifth or sixth-grade teacher in the future. I'm most looking forward to basketball and baseball season in the near future. But as far as after high school, I'm looking forward to creating new friendships in the real world and strengthening the ones I already have."



McKenzie Bell

"I will attend college to major in marketing and hopefully earn my masters degree. In the near future, I am looking forward to traveling, and hope to do a study abroad program."



Grace Stockwell

"I am going to Viterbo University. I am looking forward to graduation."

SAVE THE DATE!

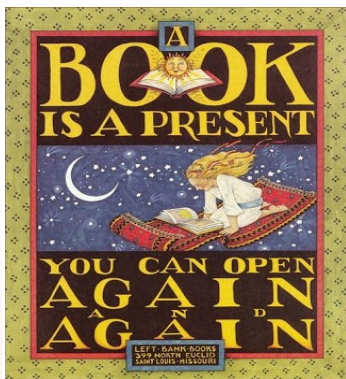
Lori Cherf | Title Interventionist

C.A.R.E.S. (Community Advocates for Reading Enrichment and Success) and Title I will be hosting their Annual Holiday Book Exchange at Hillsboro Elementary on Wednesday, December 18th from 8:30-11:30 A.M. Teachers will bring their classes down to the Learning Lab, Room 116 (books for PK-2nd grade readers) or the Elementary Library/Stem Lab (books for 3rd-5th grade readers). Note: The Early Childhood and 4K students will have the Book Exchange brought to their room if they are not here in the A.M. of the 18th.



Students interested in participating should bring 2-6 books in good condition (no tears or stains please) to any of the Intervention teachers by Tuesday, December 17th, 2019. Students who bring in books will then receive ticket(s) for each book they brought in to “purchase” gently used books with. This is a perfect opportunity for students to share the love of reading with a gift for a friend or family member.

With the holidays just around the corner, we will have wrapping stations available for books that are gifts. We are collecting donations of books, wrapping paper, scotch tape, and gift labels. These items can be dropped off at the Elementary School Office. All donations are greatly appreciated.



Who: Students in PK-5th Grade

What: Holiday Book Exchange

When: December 18th 8:30-11:30

***Special accommodations will be made for those young students who are not in school the morning of the 18th.**