

# **Tiger Nation News**

## **JUNE 2017**

## WRAPPING UP AND LOOKING AHEAD...

As the 2016-17 school year comes to a close, I want to extend my sincere appreciation to the students, parents, and staff of the School District of Hillsboro. The hard work and commitment to providing a quality education for all students who attend our school district is a great source of pride.

At the time of publishing this newsletter, the state of Wisconsin has not yet approved the 2017-19 biennium budget, so we are anxiously awaiting the results of the legislative process that will determine school funding for the next two years.

A tradition that has been a part of this District for the past 80 years is coming to a close. Stenerson Buses have dutifully transported our students since 1937 and have announced that at the conclusion of this summer they will no longer be in business. On behalf of the entire District, I extend our great appreciation for the safe transportation they have provided for all of these years. We sent out requests for proposals (RFPs) to 12 contractors and were not able to find a business that was willing to provide transportation services for next year. Therefore, the District is in the process of assuming responsibility for transporting our students. While this will mean an initial investment, we do believe owning our own buses is the most fiscally responsible decision at this time. We have the expectation that we will continue to provide safe and reliable transportation for our students in the years to come.

I would also like to congratulate Debbie Hart (Title Math teacher) and Jan Prenkert (4-yr-old kindergarten paraprofessional) on their retirement. These two have been a key part of the education our students receive at the elementary school and we wish them the very best in their retirement.

Curt Bisarek Superintendent



### **High School Forensics News**

The Hillsboro High School Forensics team recently completed a successful season. In forensics, students choose from a variety of categories that fall under two main headings: public speaking (which involves researching and writing a speech for a chosen category) or performance of literature (which includes acting or expressively reading literature for a chosen category). Students perform three times for three different judges at both sub-district and district and one time at state.

This year's sub-district tournament was held on February 6 at Hillsboro High School. The next level of competition, district, was held at UW-La Crosse on Saturday, March 11. Students who advanced to the state level on April 21 at UW-Madison were Paul-Andrew Griffin, Benna Griffin, Payton Auel, Belinda Griffin, Drew Bisarek, Devon Verbsky, Courtney Fanta, Brooks Mitchell, and Paige Stull.

We would like to recognize our three seniors who have participated in forensics for all four years of high school. Thank you to Belinda Griffin, Bethany Griffin, and Allison Mitchell for your dedication to the forensics program.

Speaker	Category
Paul-Andrew Griffin	Four-minute speech
Benna Griffin	Four-minute speech
Carly Krajco and Grace Stockwell	Group interpretation
Allison Mitchell and Bethany Griffin	Group interpretation
Payton Auel	Moments in History
Belinda Griffin	Moments in History
Drew Bisarek	Moments in History
Devon Verbsky	Oratory
Courtney Fanta	Oratory
Brooks Mitchell	Poetry
Brenden Griffin	Poetry
Kelsi Grivois	Prose
Paige Stull	Solo acting
Hope Huffman	Solo acting

#### Hillsboro High School 2017 Forensics Team





Continuing a 3rd Grade Tradition: Snake Projects

We began this research project at the beginning of May. Students first selected a species of snake they wanted to learn more about. While reading about their snake through books and online research, students took notes about their snake's description, habitat, eating behaviors, and interesting facts they learned.

After taking notes, students created their Google slides presentation, including important information and selecting pictures to make their presentations more visual. Additionally, students created a model snake and its habitat based on the information they gathered through research.

Students also dedicated a lot of time to writing their presentation speeches. They practiced their presentations extensively with their peers in order to make it the best presentation possible for our audience. Parents, grandparents, and families were invited to watch the students present.

We were fortunate enough to also have a lycium offered by Dan Nedrelo, a man who is very knowledgeable about reptiles and amphibians. He brought in live snakes, turtles, salamanders, and a tarantula, all of which the students were allowed to interact with and hold.

This project was developed many years ago, and with modifications, still encompasses the many skills that the students need to know and practice now. We cover the topics of online research, documenting sources, writing, speaking and listening, knowledge of habitats, biomes, and reptiles.



# A Message from Title I Reading: Read!

Losses from the Summer Slide-learning or reading skill loses during the summer months increase each year, creating a wider gap between proficient and less proficient students. By the time a struggling reader reaches middle school, summer reading loss has accumulated to a two-year lag in reading achievement.

# Summer Reading Opportunities in Hillsboro

K-2 Summer School June and August Session

3-5 Summer School August Session

Elementary Title 1 Book Exchange (Open during Summer School - Hours 8:30-12:00)

Hillsboro Public Library Summer Reading Program - Begins on Tuesday, June 6th

Free Little Libraries located on:

Knower Avenue Hillsborough Avenue Lake Street (Veteran's Memorial Park) Hillsboro Hotel



## Students Come to Life!

On May 9th, 2017, cultures from around the world came to life during the Second Annual Middle School Wax Museum. This event involved all middle school students and was a collaborative effort between Middle School Social Studies and Language Arts departments. The process began weeks before when students chose a culture to research. They then spent time locating resources, writing a two page paper, creating a backdrop, constructing a money container and designing a costume. The students used their knowledge, and the props they created, to "become" an individual from their culture during a 90 second presentation they wrote and memorized. Patrons of the Wax Museum made the statues "come alive" by dropping \$.25 in a student's money container. The event was also a service learning project. Students chose a local charity to receive the profits from the evening and \$264.00 was donated to The Good Samaritan.



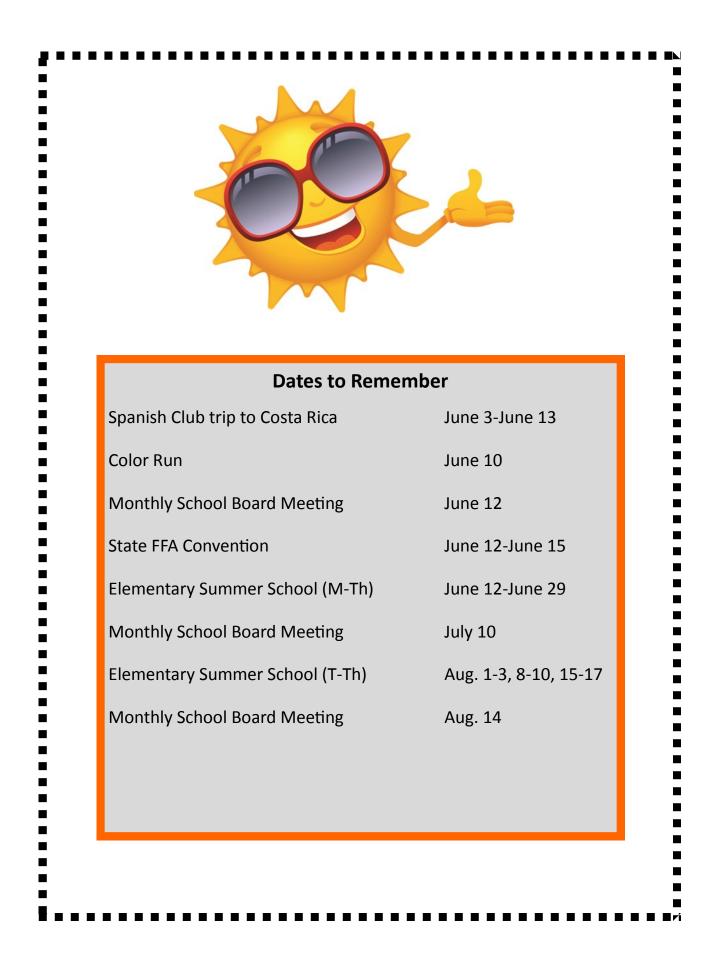




Next year, the Third Annual Middle School Wax Museum will take place from 4-6:30 during the District Education Fair in and around the High School/ Middle School gym.

## Hope to see you there!!





Healthy meals for kids and teens. FREE

SUMMER FOOD

No need to sign up or apply—just show up and enjoy!

## Location and Time(s) of Meals: HILLSBORD HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

BREAKFAST: 8:00-8:45 am. LUNCH: 11:45 am-12:30 pm. DATES: June 12-15, 19-22, 26-29, 2017. August 1-3, 8-10, & 15-17, 2017.

## Contact:

\*\*Hillsboro High School Kitchen Office (608) 489-1518

\*\*Please call by 9:30 am if attending lunch at theHillsboro High School Cafeteria.

\*\*All Meals Must Be Eaten On Site.

## More Info:

wisummerfood.org or call 211

Text: 'food' to 877-877 for meals near you.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Summer Food Service Program Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

## **Class of 2017 Scholarships**

On Friday, May 26th Hillsboro High School held commencent ceremonies for graduating seniors. The following scholarships were awarded to the Class of 2017.

Congratulations!

#### **Belinda Griffin:**

Joan Stahlkoph Memorial Scholarship Western Technical College Foundation Scholarship

#### **Bethany Griffin:**

Byron and Ellen Shear Scholarship Farmers State Bank Memorial Scholarship Community Foundation Scholarship Robert and Ruth Hofmeister Scholarship

#### Schae Jensen: Timber Creek Studio Scholarship

UW Platteville Scholarship

#### Ean Levy:

Dr. Keith H. McDonald Scholarship John and Mabel Hassler Scholarship Indiana Wesleyan University Achievement Sch. Indiana Wesleyan University Choral Service Grant

#### Shelby Levy:

Vernon Electric Scholarship Hillsboro Women's Civic Club Scholarship Star Spangled Celebration Scholarship Wisconsin Masonic Foundation Scholarship Roots for Success Scholarship NHS-Joyce Schroeder Memorial Scholarship Leita and Arland Marshall Memorial Scholarship Farmers State Bank Memorial Scholarship Picha Family Memorial Scholarship Hillsboro School District Employee Scholarship H-Club Scholarship Indiana Wesleyan University Deans Sch. METCO Scholarship Mandi Ganshert Memorial Scholarship

#### Danyelle Minor:

METCO Scholarship WALLEYE North America Scholarship Mandi Ganshert Memorial Scholarship

#### Allison Mitchell:

Vernon Electric Scholarship Hillsboro Women's Civic Club Scholarship United Cooperative Scholarship John and Mabel Hassler Scholarship Roots for Success Scholarship Byron and Ellen Shear Scholarship Farmers State Bank Memorial Scholarship Hynek Family Memorial Scholarship Bisarek Family Scholarship Hillsboro School District Employee Scholarship H-Club Scholarship Lions Club Scholarship FBLA Scholarship

Mitchell Morris: Technical Excellence Scholarship

#### Justin Muller:

METCO Scholarship American Legion Post 223 Scholarship Vernon Electric Lineman's Scholarship H-Club Scholarship

#### Justin Nemec:

John and Mabel Hassler Scholarship Roots for Success Scholarship Byron and Ellen Shear Scholarship Farmers State Bank Memorial Scholarship Community Foundation Scholarship Lions Club Scholarship Academic Excellence Scholarship

#### Kelly Parish:

Cesky Den Scholarship Farmers State Bank Memorial Scholarship Robert and Ruth Hofmeister Scholarship **Zach O'Hair:** Gordon and Margaret McCoy Scholarship Scott Fanta Memorial Scholarship Hillsboro Fire Department/Todd Kuester

#### Austin Shore:

Rockton Sportsman's Club Scholarship Viterbo Access Grant **Kennady Verbsky** Cesky Den Scholarship Roots for Success Scholarship Farmers State Bank Memorial Scholarship Community Foundation Scholarship

#### Ben Weber:

METCO Scholarship Roots for Success Scholarship Leaders Promoting Agriculture Scholarship

## **Total Amount for Class of 2017**

\$146,350







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(our Twitter feed can also be seen on the school website)

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