



A Message from the Superintendent, Joseph Murphy

This is our fourth and final HISD Board Newsletter for the 2017-2018 school year. I hope these newsletters have kept you up to date on what is happening at the HISD. The goal of this newsletter is to improve communication with our local school districts. We are currently updating the HISD Strategic Plan and will continue to focus on improving communication. I am proud of the dedicated and caring staff we have at the HISD and the quality programs and services we provide. We will continue with our board Newsletters in the fall of 2018. Should you have any feedback, questions, or suggestions for how the HISD can improve communication I would love to hear from you. I hope you had a great 2017-2018 school year. Enjoy your summer!



Professional Development Summer Offerings Available



Effective May 1, the summer professional learning opportunities available through the Huron ISD are available on our website, [www.huronisd.org](http://www.huronisd.org). The professional development link is on the home page and each listing includes a flyer with details about the session as well as a link to register.

Visit our website often to find out about trainings, upcoming events, local data, and so much more!

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Two Core Reading Programs Under Consideration



At the request of several local schools, we have spent the past 8 months reviewing Core Reading Program materials for K-5. At this time, Core Knowledge Language Arts, both the Skills and the Knowledge strands, and BookWorms are top contenders. We are currently asking teachers to teach sample lessons from these two programs and are collecting feedback from them. We hope to make a recommendation to school leaders based on the online research we have done and teacher feedback. We have searched university reviews, peer-reviewed journal articles, and several government review sites. In addition, we have visited schools using some of the programs, done multiple web-trainings, and reviewed actual program materials from many. We are looking at how well the program explicitly teaches decoding and phonological awareness skills; the balance between fiction and non-fiction; how well it teaches vocabulary, background knowledge, and comprehension; the ability to differentiate; decoding instruction tied to spelling instruction; alignment to the Michigan Standards for ELA; formative assessment included; parent components; and ease of use for student. It's an overwhelming process but exciting to see that while NONE of the programs are perfect, several look better than what we are currently using in the county. Several area schools have signed on to be K-2 Pilot Schools starting in the Fall 2018. For more information, contact Marilyn Pepinski or Karen Currie at (989) 269-6406.



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**GSRP Programs  
Continue To Expand**



Pre-Kindergarten options in Huron County continue to expand. Education leaders are recognizing the needs of young children and families in the communities they serve and their district's capacity to support their youngest learners through offering quality preschool, child care, and parent support resources at their school.

Ubyly School is in the process of establishing a second preschool classroom at their school, creating the option to serve all children, regardless of income or other factors. If a child is 3 or 4-years-of-age, they will have a preschool placement offered to them. North Huron started offering this model in the 2017-18 school year as did Harbor Beach. Owen-Gage has been providing this option for many years. Each district is structured a little different, regarding tuition rates for families who do not meet the income eligibility guidelines for the free preschool options, Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) and Head Start. Please call the local elementary office for tuition information.

The Huron Learning Center in Bad Axe, and Caseville and Laker Schools plan to continue to host or provide GSRP and/or Head Start programs during the 2018-2019 school year. In the next column is a list of Great Start Readiness, Head Start, and Tuition Based preschool programs either provided or hosted by a public school in Huron County.

To apply to one of the preschool programs listed, families can complete an online application at [www.greatstarthuron.com](http://www.greatstarthuron.com), pick up a paper application at one of the above locations, or call 989-269-6533 or 989-269-3485.



## 2018-2019 PRESCHOOL



Bad Axe Head Start 1299 S. Thomas Road Bad Axe, MI 48413	<b>3 and 4 year old program</b>
Caseville Eagle's Nest Head Start & GSRP 6609 Vine Street Caseville, MI 48725	<b>3 and 4 year old program</b>
Harbor Beach Head Start & GSRP 402 5 <sup>th</sup> Street Harbor Beach, MI 48441	<b>3 and 4 year old program</b>
Harbor Beach Public School's Little Pirates Preschool, Tuition Based 402 5 <sup>th</sup> Street Harbor Beach, MI 48441	<b>3 and 4 year old program</b>
Huron Learning Center GSRP 1299 S. Thomas Road Bad Axe, MI 48413	<b>4 year old program</b>
Laker Head Start 6436 Pigeon Road Pigeon, MI 48755	<b>3 and 4 year old program</b>
North Huron Head Start 69 Michigan Street Kinde, MI 48445	<b>3 and 4 year old program</b>
North Huron School GSRP & Tuition Based 3 & 4-Year-Old Program 69 Michigan Street Kinde, MI 48445	<b>3 &amp; 4 year old program</b>
Owen-Gage GSRP & Tuition Based 3 & 4-Year-Old Program 7166 Main Street Owendale, MI 48754	<b>3 and 4 year old program</b>
Ubyly Head Start 4440 North Washington Street Ubyly, MI 48475	<b>3 and 4 year old program</b>
Ubyly School GSRP & Tuition Based 3 & 4-Year Old Program 4440 North Washington Street Ubyly, MI 48475	<b>3 and 4 year old program</b>





## Mid Michigan Community College Dual Enrollment Program Going Strong

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There were sixty-three students who participated in either the first or second year cohort through the Huron Area Technical Center. These students earned between 18 and 22 college credits for the year. There are currently 18 students participating in spring classes.

The Mechanical Architectural Engineering and Design program had fourteen students complete Drafting 120 - Introduction to AutoCAD and 21 students complete Drafting 210 - Introduction to Solid Works. These classes will be offered again next year to first year students.

There are currently 32 second-year students returning for the 2018-19 school year. They will be joined by 24 new first-year cohort members. College biology will be offered to the second-year students and efforts are underway in offering a chemistry class in the spring of 2019 which would allow students to complete the full Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA). Interested students are still able to enroll. Call Clark Brock or Sandi Smith at 989-269-9284 for more information.

Scholars List recognition is for students who earned a letter grade in six or more but fewer than 12 college-level credit hours with a 3.5 or higher Grade Point Average (GPA) for that semester. The following students receive this honor:

**Bad Axe:** Gabriella Beeler, Morgan Etzel, Madison Kociba, Madelyn Smalley, Katrina Stevenson, Robert Sutton

**Bay Port:** Lance Gascho, Halle Keim, Andrew Smith

**Cass City:** Abigail Schuette, Grace Tuckey

**Elkton:** Cody Brownell, Hannah Hammond, Sarah Hammond

## Dual Enrollment

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**Harbor Beach:** Kaylin Cady, Krystal Castro, Griffin Emerick, Alyssa Guza, Ashley Kociba, Daniel Lanfear Jr., Paul Rayment

**Owendale:** Luke Retford

**Palms:** Cole Anderson

**Pigeon:** Andrew Davis, Aubrey Dickens, Ethan Eichler, Nathan Pobanz, Colin Truemner

**Port Austin:** Ellen Preston

**Sebewaing:** Jade Androl, Aaron Fahrner

**Ubyly:** Haili Gusa, Ryché Roggenbuck, David Sorenson

Well done students! May today's achievements be the beginning of tomorrow's success. If you happen to see these students, be sure to say congratulations!



## Local College Access Network (LCAN) Program Moving Forward

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The Planning Grant has been completed and the leadership committee is in the process of applying for the two-year Implementation Grant. Work has begun on creating a LCAN Job Posting with the goal of having a LCAN coordinator in place by the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year. The coordinator will be creating action teams prioritizing the following areas: Career Exploration and Creating a Culture of Post-Secondary Credentials (Middle School target), Enrollment and Financial Readiness with emphasis on FAFSA Completion (High School target). The action teams will include different representatives from a variety of community sectors.

## HATC Students Crowned State Champions at SkillsUSA



On April 20, a host of Huron County students from the Huron Area Technical Center arrived in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to participate at the 2018 SkillsUSA State Conference. Students spent the following two days competing in a variety of professional skill trade evaluations. Students were tested and ranked on their skills and abilities at the state and professional level.

Two Hospitality/Food Services students, Natasha Dubs and Jason Mierop, competed. Jason took first place winning a state championship in Action Skills. He prepared a speech and



Pictured above from left to right: Terry Jimpkoski, Izabel Rodriguez, Claire Pineau, and Jason Mierop.

demonstrated a program specific skill. The competition included top high school speakers from other regions. Jason Mierop will go on to compete at the National Competition in Louisville, Kentucky, at the end of June as a member of SkillsUSA Team Michigan. Jason earned a \$16,000 scholarship to Sullivan University and a \$10,000 scholarship to the Culinary Institute of Michigan at Baker College. Natasha Dubs participated in the baking division. She baked pies, decorated a birthday cake, made a braided bread loaf, dinner rolls, sugar cookies, and assorted danishes. All in a three-hour period.

Students from the Mechanical, Architectural, Engineering, and Design Program competed in Architectural Drafting. Hunter Gembariski and Megan Fritz submitted a resume and performed specific tasks related to designing a residential structure or addition. They included detailed floor plans, hand lettering, major elevation drawings, and wall sections. In addition, the drawings had to be ADA compliant and had to plot a PDF file.

Rachael Schmitt represented the Professions in Education Program competing in the Early Childhood Competition at SkillsUSA. She prepared a social studies lesson and used materials to demonstrate her lesson for the judges. Racheal took a test pertaining to early childhood, participated in an interview, and completed a book reading in front of judges.

The Cosmetology Program was well represented at SkillsUSA with a number of students participating. Emma Johnson placed second overall in the Cosmetology competition. Emma performed a long-hair design, 90-Degree Haircut, Men's Trend Cut and Style, Women's Trend Cut and Style, gave an oral presentation and took a written exam. Two teams competed in Nail Care competition with Tiffeny Schack competing and Sara Koglin serving as the model and Shania Klee competing with Renee Gehring serving as the model. They completed a basic pedicure, pink and white acrylic, sculptured nails, French Tip gel nail enhancement, polish application, nail art, took a written exam and gave an oral presentation on Natural Nail Care. In Esthetics, Peyton Guigar competed with Madison Breismesiter serving as a model and Ashley Treder competed with Cheyenne Cielinski serving as a model.



They completed daytime make-up application, transition to evening make-up application, an oral presentation. Peyton Guigar won first place claiming the state championship and will be competing at the National Competition.



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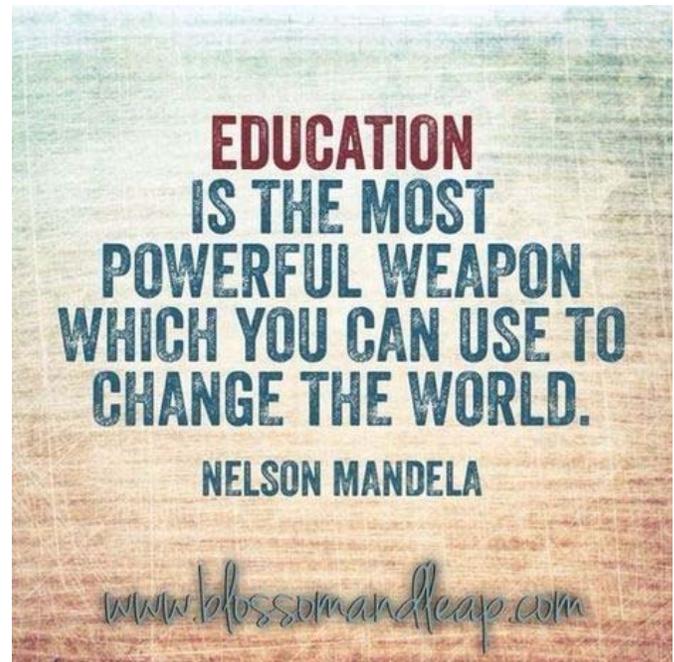
Peyton Guigar with her model

Three Power Technology students competed at the State Competition. Bradley Kanaski participated in the Diesel Equipment Technology Competition, which covered all the serviceable systems on Medium/Heavy Trucks and Construction Equipment. Tyler Burkhard and Parker Lipskey competed in Power Equipment Technology, which covered outdoor power equipment. The competition covered everything from string trimmers to fuel-injected, computer-controlled lawn care equipment. The students had to identify and measure parts, determine the cause of failure on damaged parts, check electrical components for proper operation, repair bugged vehicles, and perform a mock interview.

Construction had a strong showing, competing against 14 teams in the Construction Teamwork category and placing third place overall. The team included Mat Edwards, Zack Schweitzer, Kendall Gentner, and Matt Maikrzek. In individual competition, Jordan Sieman finished eighth overall out of 18 competitors.



In Law Enforcement/Public Safety, six students attended the state conference and competed in three different areas. Iza-bel Rodriguez, Faith Yageman, and Claire Pineau competed in the Team CSI (Crime Scene Investigation), placing first in the state (receiving a gold medal) earning the right to attend and compete at the National Competition. Terry Jimpkoski and Justin Slater competed in CJ (Criminal Justice - Police), Terry Jimpkoski placed first in the state (receiving a gold medal) earning him the right to attend and compete at the National Competition in Louisville. Justin Slater placed fourth, missing a bronze medal in Criminal Justice and Darian Gross competed in Fire-fighting.



 **New Faces at the Huron  
Intermediate School District**



Huron ISD welcomes new Speech-Language Pathologists Michelle Bachman and Ashley Glaza. They were hired following successful internships this year. Both these professionals were high school graduates within the county and have returned to provide speech and language therapy services.



**Michelle Bachman** graduated from Central Michigan University in May with a Masters in Speech Language Pathology.

**Ashley Glaza** is a recent graduate of Western Michigan University with a Master's in Speech Language Pathology.



 **Kristen Zagorski** is the new MI-STEM Director. Kristen will serve all public school districts in Huron, Tuscola, and Sanilac counties. Kristen works to connect and integrate schools and local businesses in creating a culture that supports Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. She works with schools to empower teachers and ensure high quality STEM experiences for students.

The Huron Area Technical Center is pleased to announce the hiring of two new instructors. **Casey Turner** was hired as the Visual Communications teacher. Mr. Turner has a wide variety of experience in video editing, production and digital multimedia. **Kayla Champagne** was hired as the new Health Science instructor. Mrs. Champagne is a registered nurse and worked the past five years at the Huron County Health Department. Both instructors are excited and anxious to meet their students this fall. Their pictures were not available at the time of publication.



 **The Huron Learning Center Hosting  
Many Activities and Events**

The First Annual Work Based Learning Appreciation Breakfast took place at the Huron ISD. All businesses that provide work experiences for students were invited to enjoy breakfast, a presentation created by students, and received an appreciation plaque. Early childhood classes held a Spring Learning Carnival and 54 families participated in educational games with family members. They enjoyed treats and left with educational activities to enjoy at home. The end of year Preschool Picnic was also a great success as students celebrated the completion of their preschool program.

Important coming events include graduation ceremonies for the STEPS Program at the HATC and a ceremony for HLC graduates, which will be held on Friday, June 8, at 2:00 p.m., in the HISD Professional Development room. The Special Olympics Annual Golf Outing will be held at Ubyly Heights on Saturday, June 16. If you would like to participate or contribute in any way, please contact Katie Kolar at [kkolar@huronisd.org](mailto:kkolar@huronisd.org).



Be sure to take some time to relax and recharge your batteries. Before we know it, it will be time to gather again for another great year.