



Dear Hudsonville Public Schools Families,

Despite the heaviness that is still in our hearts for the Uvalde Community, yesterday we took time to celebrate the graduation of 479 high school seniors and the impact they leave on our school system. They have performed in the classroom, on the stage, in the field, and throughout our community. I want to congratulate all our seniors for how they have represented Hudsonville Public Schools. Thank you for allowing our staff to be a part of your educational career, and we wish you all the best life has to offer for your future. These students have been resilient throughout all the challenges thrown their way, and every one of them will make our world a better place.

Once again, this summer, we will be occupied filling open positions, deep cleaning our buildings, and seeing our construction projects continue. The additions at the high school will continue to evolve, and the new 5/6 building is well underway. In addition, we still have major construction plans for Park and Bauer Elementary, and the new gym at Forest Grove Elementary should be completed in early 2023.

Earlier in May, we sent an email to all parents seeking feedback regarding our district. We sent a similar survey last fall and are looking to compare them to identify strengths and areas requiring growth. If you have not had a chance to complete this [survey](#), we ask you to complete it by June 2, 2022.

Hudsonville School District Voters approved our Non-Homestead Millage for the 2023 school year. I appreciate everyone who took the time to come out and vote. This millage did not affect residences and agricultural land but instead was a tax on businesses and second or rental homes. This raised approximately six million dollars for our general fund.

As you start to make your summer plans, keep in mind that we will be excited to welcome the students back on our first day of school on Monday, August 22. The school calendar for next year is posted on our [website](#).

I hope you all enjoy the last weeks of the school year and have a fantastic summer. Thank you for making Hudsonville an amazing place to live and grow.

Sincerely,

Dr. Doug VanderJagt
Superintendent



Highest Honor Graduates for the Class of 2022



Judah Akers

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude

GPA: 4.035

Awards:

Excellence in English Literature and Vocal Music



Owen Atkins

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude

GPA: 4.147

Awards:

Excellence in English Academic Writing Performance and LINKS



Carlina Bender

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude

GPA: 4.108

Awards:

Excellence in English Literature, LINKS, and Math



John Bushman

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude

GPA: 4.112

Awards:

Excellence in English Performance, Social Studies, and World Language Chinese



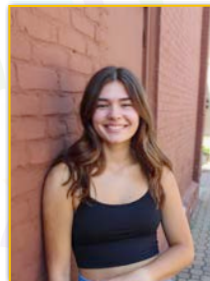
Bradley Clifton

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude

GPA: 4.469

Awards:

Excellence in English Academic Writing, Math, and Social Studies



Riley Applegate

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude

GPA: 4.133

Awards:

Excellence in Art, English Academic Writing, and Social Studies



Micah Bayle

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude

GPA: 4.237

Awards:

Excellence in English Creative Writing, Math, and Social Studies



Tyleigh Burns

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude

GPA: 4.163

Awards:

Excellence in Academic Writing and Math



Aubrey Ciolek

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude

GPA: 4.141

Awards:

Excellence in English Academic Writing, Social Studies, World Language Spanish



Rebecca De Souza

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude

GPA: 4.014

Awards:

Excellence in Social Studies



Highest honor grads continued...



Whitney Diep

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.126
Awards:
Excellence in Social Studies and World Language Chinese



Olivia Dieppa

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.129
Awards:
Excellence in LINKS and Social Studies



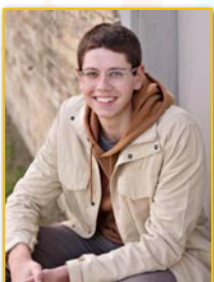
Emery Draggoo

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.012
Awards:
Excellence in World Language Chinese



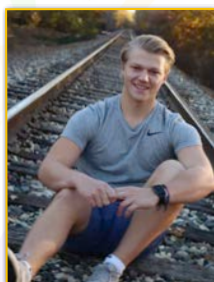
Tristan Dyke

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.007
Awards:
Excellence in Social Studies



Jacob Ellis

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.289
Awards:
Excellence in Business, Academic Writing, English Literature, Math, and Science



Clayton Feyen

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.125
Awards:
Excellence in World Language Spanish



Noah Finkbeiner

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.129
Awards:
Excellence in Math and World Language German



Shelby Flory

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
United States Military
GPA: 4.207
Awards: Excellence in Academic Writing, Orchestra, Social Studies, and Spanish



Joesph Fogt

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.192
Awards:
Excellence in Math and World Language German



Rachel Foster

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.188
Awards: Excellence in Academic Writing, Instrumental Band, Math, and World Language Spanish



Elaina Fuzi

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.22
Awards: Excellence in Academic Writing, Creative Writing, English Literature, Orchestra, World Language Chinese



Jackson Gemmen

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.165
Awards:
Excellence in Academic Writing and Vocal Music



Highest honor grads continued...



Ryan Gharajanloo

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude

GPA: 4.063

Awards:

Excellence in Instrumental Band and World Language Spanish



Curtis Gillespie

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude

GPA: 4.042



Johnathan Glass

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude

GPA: 4.17

Awards:

Excellence in Business and Math



Elise Gort

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude

GPA: 4.095

Awards:

Excellence in Art, Academic Writing, English Literature, and LINKS



Emma Grysen

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude

GPA: 4.085

Awards:

Excellence in Creative Writing and Instrumental Orchestra



Suhyun Han

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude

GPA: 4.073

Excellence in English Academic Writing and Math



Donovan Ghysels

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude

GPA: 4.18

Awards: Excellence in English Literature, Instrumental Band, Math, and World Language Chinese



Karis Gillespie

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude

GPA: 4.187

Awards: Excellence in Academic Writing, English Literature, Vocal Music, World Language Spanish



Paige Glass

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude

GPA: 4.114

Awards:

Excellence in World Language Spanish



Elsa Groenink

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude

GPA: 4.059

Awards:

Excellence in Academic Writing and World Language Spanish



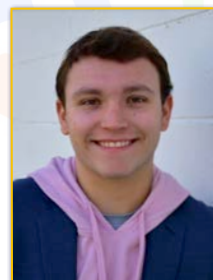
Ava Ham

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude

GPA: 4.062

Awards:

Excellence in LINKS



Noah Hayes

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude

GPA: 4.068

Awards:

Excellence in LINKS, Social Studies, and World Language Spanish



Highest honor grads continued...



Elizabeth Hazard

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.095
Awards:
Excellence in Vocal Music and Creative Writing



Skylar Hogan

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.047
Awards:
Excellence in Academic Writing and Social Studies



Addison Jeltema

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.087
Awards:
Excellence in Academic Writing, Science, World Language Spanish



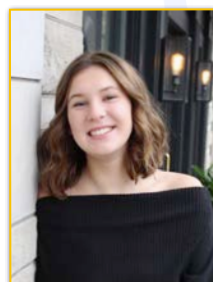
Tyler Johnson

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.042
Awards:
Excellence in Academic Writing and Math



Gabe Jordan

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.216
Awards:
Excellence in Math and Science



Aubrey Keas

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.333
Awards:
Excellence in Academic Writing, Math, Social Studies, and World Language Spanish



Jordan Hoeksema

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
United States Military
GPA: 4.00
Awards:
Academic Writing



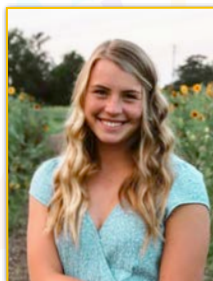
Ethan Holwerda

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.230
Awards:
Excellence in Academic Writing, Creative Writing, Math, World Language Spanish



Delaney Jensen

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.069
Awards:
Excellence in Business and Academic Writing



Eva Joldersma

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.121
Awards:
Excellence in Academic Writing, LINKS, Physical Education, and Social Studies



Gabriel Karel

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.007
Awards:
Excellence in Math and Vocal Music



Elle Kiszka

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.134
Awards:
Excellence in Business and Academic Writing



Highest honor grads continued...



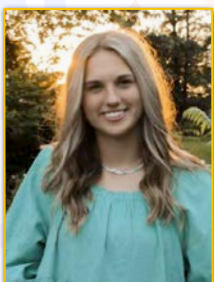
Aidan Klein

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude

GPA: 4.157

Awards:

Excellence in English Literature, Math, World, and Language Spanish



Olivia Kral

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude

GPA: 4.078

Awards:

Excellence in Business, Academic Writing, LINKS, and Social Studies



Matthew Kunzi

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude

GPA: 4.09

Awards:

Excellence in Academic Writing, Instrumental Orchestra, and Math



Cadee Lubbers

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude

GPA: 4.165

Awards:

Excellence in Academic Writing



Samuel Lyon

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude

GPA: 4.023

Awards:

Excellence in Social Studies



Olivia Masson

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude

GPA: 4.075

Awards:

Excellence in Academic Writing, Social Studies, and World Language German



Caleb Knierim

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude

GPA: 4.002

Awards:

Excellence in Social Studies



Jenna Kuiper

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude

GPA: 4.015

Excellence in Academic Writing and Social Studies



Bryce Laning

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude

GPA: 4.172

Awards:

Excellence in Math and World Language Spanish



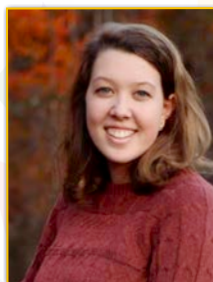
Emmaleigh Lyon

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude

GPA: 4.121

Awards:

Excellence in Academic Writing, Math, and World Language Spanish



Hayley Mack

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude

GPA: 4.083

Awards:

Excellence in Academic Writing and Vocal Music



Sarah McConnell

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude

GPA: 4.14

Awards:

Excellence in Instrumental Band and Math



Highest honor grads continued...



Gabriella McGee

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.094
Awards: Excellence in Academic Writing, English Literature, Family Consumer Science, Social Studies, and World Language Spanish



Lauren Metzger

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.088
Awards: Excellence in Vocational Education, Academic Writing, Math, and World Language German



Samantha Missad

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.314
Awards: Excellence in Academic Writing, math, and Social Settings



Elizabeth Neifert

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.213
Awards: Excellence in Academic Writing, English Literature, and Vocal Music.



Kristen Pikaart

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.255
Awards: Excellence in Academic Writing, Social Studies, World Language Spanish, and World Language Chinese



Ethan Raad

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.127
Awards: Excellence in Academic Writing and Social Studies



Jonathan Meadows

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.09
Awards: Excellence in Academic Writing and Science.



Mikayla Meyer

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.212
Awards: Excellence in Academic Writing, Creative Writing, LINKS, Physical Education, and Social Studies



Lauren Mol

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.005



Katelyn Ninan

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.122
Awards: Excellence in Social Studies and Vocal Music



Caden Raad

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.123
Awards: Excellence in Instrumental Band and Math



Jordan Raffel

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.014
Awards: Excellence in Math and World Language Chinese



Highest honor grads continued...



Cooper Randall

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.088
Awards:
Excellence in Science



Lily Richardt

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.0



Sawyer Rogers

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.125
Awards:
Excellence in Business, Instrumental Orchestra,
and Math



Alicia Sabin

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.196
Awards:
Excellence in Social Studies



Alayna Schulte

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.093
Awards:
Excellence in Science Award



Anthony Spaniolo

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.069
Awards:
Excellence in Social Studies



Todd Raredon

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.205
Awards: Excellence in Academic Writing,
Social Studies, Links, and World Language
Spanish



Clayton Richter

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.087
Awards:
Excellence in Science and World
Language Spanish



Bryn Rougeau

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.063
Awards:
Excellence in Science Award



William Scholten III

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.155
Awards:
Excellence in Business and Math



Lauren Schwallier

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.126
Awards:
Excellence in Business and Math



Zoe Spasaro

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.0
Awards:
Excellence in Academic Writing



Highest honor grads continued...



Ashlynn Stencel

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.035
Awards:
Excellence in Social Studies and World Language Spanish



Elly Sweitzer

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.088
Awards:
Excellence in English Literature, Instrumental Orchestra, and Social Studies



Stella Thompson

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.17
Awards:
Excellence in Math and World Language Spanish



Jaci Tubergen

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.068
Awards:
Excellence in LINKS and Physical Education



Maria Van Eerden

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.01
Awards:
Excellence in Academic Writing, Creative Writing, and Social Studies.



Mikynn Vanderbeek

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.172
Awards:
Excellence in LINKS and Math



Grace Stone

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.147
Awards:
Excellence in Academic Writing and Social Studies



Tessa Tacoma

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.167
Awards:
Excellence in Academic Writing and World Language Spanish



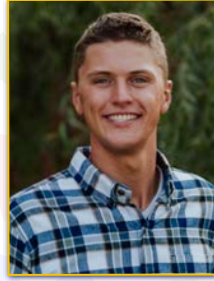
Chase Tremain

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.192
Awards:
Excellence in Vocational Education, English Literature, and Math



Chelsea Van Der Meulen

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.114
Awards:
Excellence in Science, Social Studies, and World Language Spanish



John VanderBaan

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.208
Awards:
Excellence in Social Studies



William Vander Kodde

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.152
Awards: Excellence in English Literature, Science, Social Studies, and World Language Spanish



Highest honor grads continued...



Madison Walcott

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.042



Amanda White

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.172
Awards:
Excellence in English Literature, LINKS, and Science



Olivia Wilcox

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.058
Awards: Excellence in Vocational Education, Creative Writing, Instrumental Orchestra, and World Language German



Marissa Witte

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.216
Awards:
Excellence in Creative Writing, Math, and World Language Spanish



Paige Zuverink

Highest Honors Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 4.137
Awards: Excellence in Academic Writing, Instrumental Band, Math, and World Language Spanish



Annual Salmon Release

Green Team held its annual Salmon release Wednesday, May 4 after school. 65 Chinook Salmon were released into the Grand River at Grand River Park in Jenison. Christine Webster at Hudsonville High School has participated in the DNR's Salmon In the Classroom Program for over 15 years. Students enjoy watching the lifecycle go from eggs in Nov. to newly hatched Alevin to Young Salmon Fry that end up about 3 -5 inches in May. There are several times during the year in both Biology and AP Environmental Science classes that the salmon can be very beneficial to have. Students also help with weekly water changes, chemical testing, and the release. It's truly science in action. Thank you to Ms. Webster for being the Green Team advisor.





Color the Park

Park Elementary's Parent Club organized the ever-popular Color the Park Run, which raises money for needed classroom supplies, school functions/celebrations, and teacher grants. This year they hosted over 500 kids and families for a run through Hughes Park with a splash of color. Teachers manned color stations, throwing color as kids and families ran by. Families also enjoyed food trucks, music, dancing, and celebrating our wonderful school community. At the end, the annual "color bomb" was enjoyed by all.





Read by Grade 3 Information

In an effort to boost reading achievement, Michigan lawmakers passed Public Act 306 in October 2016. The Read by Grade 3 Law requires extra support for K-3 students who are not reading at grade level. The law also states that a child may be retained in 3rd grade if they are one or more grade levels behind in reading at the end of 3rd grade, as measured by the 3rd grade ELA M-STEP test. The law does set a performance standard on the 3rd grade M-STEP. However, local school districts have the authority to modify the retention provision.

While we are happy to report that Hudsonville Public Schools has not had more than three students annually, district-wide, fall below the state proficiency goal in recent years, our systems of support will continue. Our system of instructional supports for all students (MTSS) establishes solid core instruction and provides specific targeted intervention for students who demonstrate need and comply with the high expectations of the law. Our teachers, support staff, and principals have utilized a team approach in measuring student reading progress and providing individualized support for struggling learners for over a

decade. When students continue to struggle after interventions, we work actively with our families to increase every possible support for student learning. We want to assure families that the Read by Grade 3 Law will not change our systems of support for students or the partnership we strive for with our families.

Upon completion of testing this spring for our third-graders, building principals will contact the parents of any 3rd-grade student, although we expect it to be few, who do not meet the M-Step proficiency expectation set by the state. The building principal will work closely with each family to determine the next steps to ensure each child's specific reading needs are met.

If you have any questions or concerns, please never hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher or building principal. As partners in your child's education, we encourage you to communicate regularly with the appropriate school staff about his or her progress. Together we will ensure our students develop critical literacy skills necessary to thrive in our diverse and ever-changing world.

2022 Hudsonville High School Prom

We lost our venue several days before Prom this year which created quite a stir. Luckily with the hard work of Ms. Jesky, and the other student council advisors, a new location was secured at 20 Monroe Live. Although the venue had never had a prom, they were very accommodating and helped make the night unforgettable for our students.





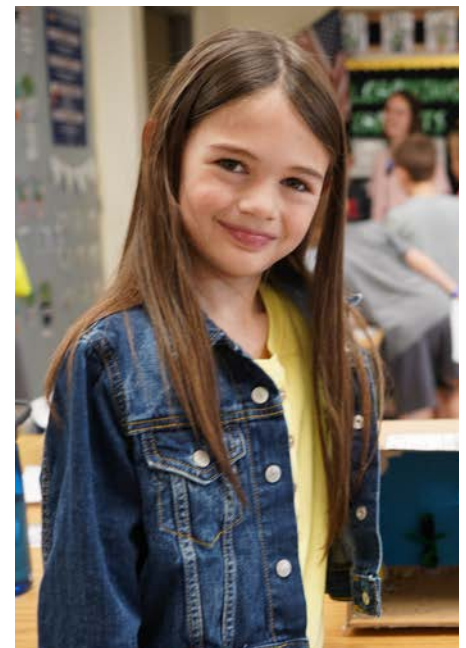
Students Organize LINKS Prom

On April 15, 2022, there was an incredible event at Hudsonville High School. Students who participated in Adaptive PE this past school year joined other high school students with special needs to dance, eat pizza, laugh, and celebrate. Adaptive PE is a class held every trimester where general education students are paired with students with special needs. The class includes swimming, bowling, and other fun and enrichment activities. Seniors Olivia Dieppa and Mikayla Meyer were the student organizers for this event and reported it was a huge success. "It was fun seeing all the kids hang out in one big group," said Dieppa. "It was great to see everyone having a fun time and just being themselves," added Meyer.



BMS Parent-Teacher Organization Update

The BMS PTO is excited to welcome **5th-grade students and families from Park, Bauer, Georgetown, and Alward Elementary** to Baldwin Street Middle School this fall! The transition to middle school is an exciting time, but we understand that it may come with a bit of anxiety both for you and your student. To help with a smooth transition, we are inviting you and your student to **an open house on Monday, May 23 from 6-8 pm** at Baldwin Street Middle School. This will be a very relaxed time where you will be able to take a look around the school and ask questions before summer break starts. Baldwin Street Middle School will still host the typical open house and walk-through just before the beginning of the school year. We simply wanted to offer an earlier opportunity for incoming sixth-grade students and their parents to become a bit more familiar with Baldwin Street Middle School in hopes of easing any fears about the transition to middle school. We hope you will take this opportunity to stop by, introduce yourself and take a look around our building.





Congratulations Class of 2022 HEF Scholarship Recipients!

The Hudsonville Education Foundation is pleased to provide the following graduating seniors with a \$1,000 scholarship to further their education. Congratulations to Joseph Fogt, Hope College, Elsa Groenink, Secchia Institute for Culinary Education at Grand Rapids Community College, Mikayla Meyer, Michigan State University, and Elizabeth Neifert, University of Michigan Ross School of Business.

Congratulations Scholarship Recipients



Joseph Fogt



Elsa Groenink



Mikayla Meyer



Elizabeth Neifert



Making Beautiful Music Outside of the Box

The dedication of our students and staff is on full display at Riley Street Middle School. Mr. Davis is pictured here with 6th graders Dakota Koeman and Eden Davidson. Eden was diagnosed with cancer and hasn't been able to attend school in person. Ms. Lenhart helped to set-up these outdoor practice sessions so Eden is able to continue to learn to play the Cello.



Up on the Roof!

Ms. Stefanich spent an entire workday on the roof to reward Jamestown Lower Elementary students for their fundraising efforts





Hudsonville Education Foundation Awards \$5,000 in Teacher Grants

The Hudsonville Education Foundation awarded almost \$5,000 in grants to teachers to enrich learning across the district. HPS students have benefited greatly from the new resources in their classrooms over the last 6 months.

Happy Numbers Math App Subscriptions
Ms. Amber Lundvick, Jamestown Lower Elementary

"Thanks to the HEF grant, our second graders have been able to participate in differentiated Math practice on a daily basis which has led to greater math success." ~ Ms. Amber Lundvick

Morning Soft Start Manipulatives
Ms. Jodi Dunham, Park Elementary

"The 'soft start' sensory manipulatives provide educational fun while I'm checking in with individual students about their evening or morning. I'm so thankful for HEF." ~ Ms. Jodi Dunham

Decodable Books Pilot Project
Ms. Kelsey Becksfort, Early Childhood Center
Ms. Rebecca Conner, South Elementary
Ms. Aubrey Anderson, Jamestown Lower Elementary

"I'm thankful for the grant from HEF because I now have a tool to support my students for reading interventions!" ~ Ms. Rebecca Conner

Adapted Seating
Ms. Sandy Roelofs, Special Education

Puppet Theater/Market Play Shop
Ms. Jessica Sterling, Early Childhood Center

For more information about teacher grants and how you can join the effort to support academic opportunities for students at HPS, go to www.hudsedfound.org/donate.





Free Meals End on Last Day of School

A friendly reminder that **FREE MEALS ARE ENDING** as of the last day of school in June. Many families have not filled out the Free & Reduced Meal Application in a few years. If you think you would qualify, please [APPLY TODAY](#) in order to secure your child's meal benefits for the summer and the first 30 days of next school year. There are several programs that may offer discounts based on what you qualify for, such as: Pay to Play Sports Fees, Summer School, Testing Fees, and potentially your home internet service. Applications are based on your household's family size, before-tax income, and how often you are paid (weekly, bi-weekly, etc). [Here are the income guidelines](#). You can apply after July 1 for the 2022-23 school year. Application approvals will begin in August.

Act now so that you do not incur unpaid meal charges when school begins. It adds up fast.



SOARing at the Early Childhood Center

During our last month of school at ECC, we celebrate our student's hard work and success in the area of PBIS through Bubbles and Snowcone celebrations and celebrating national superhero day. These are an opportunity to enjoy some fun after a busy year. We use SOAR to support classroom routines and student learning.

