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# HILL CITY STUDENTS ARE REGIONAL WINNERS AT BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS OF AMERICA COMPETITION IN GRAND RAPIDS

**COMMUNITY NEWS** 

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Hill City, Jacobson, and Swatara

Fourteen Hill City Students competed on January 24th and 25th at the Timberlake Lodge in Grand Rapids, for the BPA Region 5 Competition. Hill City had a great showing as 6 will be going to the BPA state competition in Minneapolis on March 6th-9th. The following students have placed: Caitlin Crandall - 2nd in Fundamental Accounting & 2nd in Medical Office Procedures, Emily Bounds - 1st in Fundamental Desktop Publishing, Taylor Becker - 2nd in Fundamental Desktop Publishing, Jenna Ihle - 3rd in Fundamental Desktop Publishing, Jessica Ihle - 4th in Fundamental Desktop Publishing, and Tess Hatfield - 2nd in Extemporaneous Speech & 5th in Legal Office Procedures.

Competing with all of these schools was a great experience and we can't wait for state! People who place in state level advance to Nationals in Orlando, Florida in May. Wish us all luck!



Pictured above sitting in the front row: Courtney Welk, Caitlin Crandall, Monika Olson, Tess Hatfield, Emily Bounds, and Mandi McNeil. Standing in back: Mr. Hedlund, Advisor, Haylee Smith, Jenna Ihle, Miranda James-Smith, Jessica Ihle, Phil Niesen, and Taylor Becker. Not pictured: Tyler Klennert and Chantel Huff.



Pictured above from left to right are winners going on to State: Caitlin Crandall, Jenna Ihle, Emily Bounds, Taylor Becker, Tess Hatfield, and Jessica Ihle.

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#### **Committee Assignments for 2013**

#### Committee **<u>Representative</u>** Mark Meyer MSHSL Sue Kaslow (Tom Fasteland, Alt.) Legislative Representative Sue Kaslow, Tom Fasteland, and **Negotiations Committee** Martha Lentz (Brent Welk, Alt.) System Accountability Committee Jessica Lathrop (Martha Lentz, Alt.) **Community Education Advisory Council** Mark Meyer (Tom Fasteland, Alt.) Meet and Confer Tom Fasteland and Mark Meyer (Brent Welk, Alt.) Martha Lentz (Jessica Lathrop, Alt.) Staff Development School and Community Health Team Tom Fasteland and Martha Lentz **Recertification Committee** Brent Welk Sue Kaslow ARCC Comparable Worth Brent Welk NESC Board Sue Kaslow Safety/Transportation Committee Tom Fasteland Athletic Advisory Committee Brent Welk. Tom Fasteland Itasca Area Schools Collaborative Sue Kaslow (Mark Meyer, Alt.)

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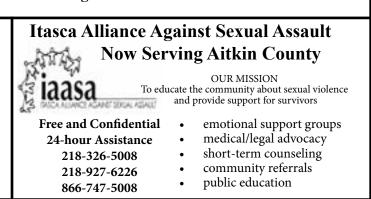
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### **Community Newsletter Deadline**

Just a reminder, if you would like an article put in the Community Newsletter, it must be turned in to the school office by the 15th of the month to be put in the following months' newsletter. Newsletters are generally sent out by the 27th of the month. If you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to contact Patty at (218) 697-2394, ext. 104



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#### INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 HILL CITY, MINNESOTA

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 2, Hill City, Minnesota, was called to order by Chairman Tom Fasteland at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 28, 2013.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Tom Fasteland, Martha Lentz, Jessica Lathrop, Brent Welk, and Mark Meyer. Board Members absent: Sue Kaslow. Also present was Superintendent/Principal Dean Yocum, Business Manager Ellie Hill, Maintenance Supervisor Eric Hill, Community Education Programmer Stacey Johnson, and Stanley Mikles.

- 1. Approved the Agenda as presented.
- 2. Approved the following:

\*Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 17, 2012;

\*Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of January 10, 2013 with correction;

\*December 2012 bills presented for payment;

\*Current bills through 01/24/13;

- \*Investments and wire transfers;
- \*Reviewed the Activity Fund Statement;
- \*Reviewed Cash Receipts including donations.
- 3. No comments or requests from visitors.
- 4. There was no report from the School Attorney.
- 5. There was no transportation report.
- 6. Student Council: Superintendent/Principal Dean Yocum reported that the Student Council met with a Grand Rapids Police Department Investigating Officer who is the organizer of the Polar Plunge and he was encouraging student participation/interest. Student Council approved spending \$300 for books for the 4th of July parade.
- System Accountability Committee: Jessica Lathrop reported they had discussion on the first draft of the school calendar and IASC Common Calendar; area principals met on January 23 regarding evaluations; multi-district day will be February 19; and progress on Improvement Plans will be due in March/April.
- 8. Martha Lentz reported on the School and Community Health Committee meeting of January 4, 2013. The Health Fair date was finalized for March 21, 2013 in the commons and they will give away some of the Wellness Bingo t-shirts, possibly by drawings. They discussed Hornet Hustle for May 4 (details in the February Newsletter). Wellness grant funds will go for water and possibly an after school yoga class. Safety/crisis concerns will be discussed at the Safety Committee meeting on January 16 and the lockdown drill is set for January 9. The next meeting is set for February 15, 2013.

- 9. Tom Fasteland reported on the Safety/Transportation Committee meeting. They discussed McNeil Environmental's visit, lock down procedures, two "soft" drills are coming up and a full lock down with evacuation in the spring. Door locks and times: only door one and four will be open, only until 8:30 a.m., and then only the front door. They are still checking options and prices. All emergency lights were updated. Officer Madsen is working with other area law personnel to familiarize all area buildings.
- 10. Negotiations Committee: HCUE has requested to negotiate. The committee will look at start dates soon.
- 11. Community Education Programmer Stacey Johnson reviewed the handout of upcoming classes and mentioned the expanded hours for the cardio room.
- 12. Maintenance Supervisor Eric Hill stated all is status quo. The boilers have been tuned up.
- 13. No Technology Coordinator update.
- 14. First reading of the 2013-2014 School Calendar. Superintendent/Principal Dean Yocum stated he will have discussion with the staff regarding the common calendar, but so far it seems well received.
- 15. First reading of Policy 903. The question was raised about MSBA format with summer and weekend visitors.
- 16. Discussion was held on technology. The District is looking at what needs upgrading. Twelve computers were recently purchased to put in the computer lab.
- 17. Approved the School Liaison Officer Agreement for the 2012-2013 school year with the City of Hill City.
- 18. Accepted the letter of retirement from Sheldon Hedlund effective May 31, 2013 and approved to post for a secondary business teacher, yearbook advisor, and BPA advisor.
- 19. Accepted letter of retirement from Margaret Gallay effective April 24, 2013.
- 20. Discussion was held on preliminary staffing needs for the 2013-2014 school year. Superintendent/Principal Yocum stated he is working on the 2013-2014 class schedule. There will be a need for business education and industrial arts teachers.
- 21. Adopted the Resolution Directing the Administration to Make Recommendation for Reductions in Programs and Positions.
- 22. Approved the request from Linda Ellis for unpaid medical leave.
- 23. Tom Fasteland attended the 2013 MSBA Leadership Conference on January 17-18, 2013. He stated it was a great conference with many good workshops.
- 24. Upcoming workshops are Officers Workshop on February 22 and Negotiation Workshop on February 12.
- 25. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Complete Minutes of the above Board Meetings and all Board Meetings are on file in the administration office and may be viewed at any time during regular business hours.

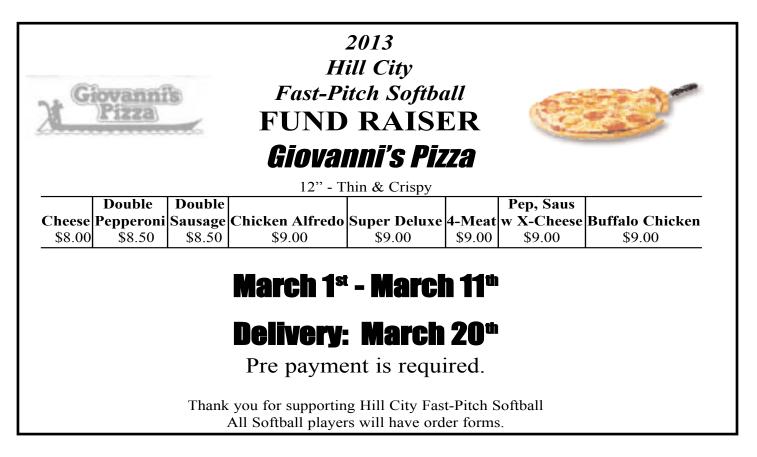
# LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT/PRINCIPAL

As many of you are aware, we were unable to fill our industrial arts teaching position for the 2012-13 school year. It has been a frustration for me and the students. Industrial Arts classes teach students valuable skills for post-secondary education, work, and life in general.

We have been aggressive in our efforts to fill the position. It has been offered to two different individuals; one declined and another had accepted and even moved some of his materials into the shop but at the last minute was unable to accept the position. A third candidate was very interested in the position for the second semester. He even made the trip up from Iowa to be interviewed but had to withdraw for personal reasons. There have been a few other candidates whose qualifications did not fit our needs.

We are continuing the search for an industrial arts teacher. We have the position posted on Ed-Post (the main education job search site in Minnesota). I have also made personal contact with teachers in other districts to get the word out that we are searching for an industrial arts teacher. In addition, I have researched alternative licensure procedures for non-licensed teachers. We will continue to work hard to provide elective options for our students.

Dean Yocum Superintendent / Principal Hill City School



# Wayne Vernon Weller

Interviewed by Hallie Bishop and Brittany Benson on February 5, 2013 at Hill City High School. Mr. Weller served in World War II in the U.S. Navy.



Hallie and Brittany (H & B): Did you enlist or were you drafted?

Wayne Weller (WW): I enlisted.

**H & B:** Where were you living at the time you enlisted? **WW:** I was working on a farm just outside of Rockford, which is south of Hill City and 50 miles from Minneapolis. I worked there for about a year and a half before I enlisted.

H & B: Why did you join the Navy?

**WW:** I hated the Army and was rejected from the Air Force, so what was left was the Navy or the Merchant Marines. I really did want to be in the Navy, because they handled things differently. In the Navy they listed everyone as an individual, whereas in the Army soldiers were listed as groups. All of my orders were for me alone.

**H & B:** Do you remember what it was like arriving overseas?

**WW:** Sure. Before I went over seas I had four months at Northwestern University, training for Morse code. Then I went from Chicago to Treasure Island, in the San Francisco Bay. I spent about a week there and headed overseas in a ship big enough to carry 15,000 people, but we had about 7,500 when we went overseas. The ship was fast and only took 6 days to make it to New Caledonia, which is usually a month's trip. There were Japanese there when we landed and the war was still going on in Guadalcanal.

**H** & **B**: What was your job when you got to your location?

**WW:** I had learned Morse code and had become a radioman at Northwestern University. I had the rating of radiomen at  $3^{rd}$  class. The first couple months at

Guadalcanal I handled a voice radio circuit to the ships in the immediate area. After that we moved to the radio station NGK, which had communication by Morse code, from Hawaii to California and from Singapore to the West coast of the United States. We had big headphones that we had to listen to while turning the dials, you listen to the Morse code and typed back what you heard. It's a lot like a telephone operator. We had to learn how to be a fast typist and also learn Morse code.

H & B: What was your average day like?

**WW:** We had what we called watches for six hours at a time, four times a day. We also had four groups of radiomen. We had receivers and the transmitters were twenty miles away because of bombers. Any planes flying overhead could pick up signals that we were hearing from the ground and drop a bomb over us, that's why they put the transmitters several miles away. We had radio communication between other stations. Sometimes you had the midnight watch, from midnight to six in the morning, then you would go off duty for six hours and then back on for six more hours. We only had one day off out of four days. We didn't have cooking or dining facilities attached to our camp. We were just a bunch of radiomen so we had to go to another camp in the area for our meals.

**H & B:** Were the other camps very far?

**WW:** We went to the Marine camp where we got good food and they had more service people. There were mostly Marines and Army men. For a good three months, we had nothing but Spam; Spam three times a day and we would get sick of it. But we would go swipe some local bread and jelly and bring it back to the station and make sandwiches and that would be our dinner. For bathing and washing facilities, there was a river right by our camp. At the start of the day, one of the men in our group would let us know if it was midnight.

**H & B:** Did you have any other free time activities?

**WW:** When we got the twelve hours off, there would be time. There would be some Marines and Army men but they were so far away that we couldn't keep in contact with them.

**H & B:** Are there any experiences that you would like to share with us?

**WW:** It was very hot while we were in Guadalcanal, so none of us could sleep, so we took a tent and put it on top of the other to make space for air, so we could sleep during the day time. The temperature went between seventy and ninety degrees. It would be so hot out that a couple of us would take off running from the tent and (continued on next page) into the river. The air would be the same temperature as the water.

**H & B:** Did you keep in contact with your family a lot? **WW:** We wrote v-mails and the letters were exposed to anyone who came in contact with them. They were censored; every one that was received and sent was censored. My sister, who is a year or two younger than I am, sent me one every day. Every once in a while I would get a letter from my mother and that was all the mail. People always wanted to send cakes and cookies, but all the packages were put into a Quonset hut so they never received them like they were sent, they were most likely flatter than a pancake. We wouldn't get much out of the cake, we used to have to laugh at that.

**H & B:** What was it like coming home, what do you remember from the first day you got home?

**WW:** When I got back home, I didn't know what to expect. My family had moved while I was in the service. My grandmother had died and the Red Cross didn't notify me. Irene's (his wife) family had moved to Grand Rapids. She and my sister became really close friends in high school, so the two of them met me as I got off the bus. I didn't know what to expect, I didn't

know where my family would be, I didn't have any knowledge of my family. When I got off the bus, I took that first step down and looked; there were two of the most beautiful smiling faces smiling at me as I got down.

**H & B:** What kinds of jobs did you do when you got back from the war?

**WW:** I went to Dunwoody Industrial Institute under the GI bill. I went there to be a carpenter. The classes were all full, I couldn't get in for a month, and I didn't want to wait that long. But there were classes open in Architecture, so I joined that. After I finished there, I started planning and designing houses, I even planned and designed a house for Cedric Adams. I never saw it afterwards.

Thank you very much for the interview!

\*\*Mr. Weller was on the Honor Flight Northland in September and has kindly shared his posters with us. They will be on display in the trophy case through March, so stop by and take a look!







Will City Hornet bustle For Hunger 5K Walk/Run!Image: City City City City City City City City				
Hill City School Health Fair	JUMP ROPE FOR HEART Thank you to the twenty-six students in			
March 21, 2013	grades K-6 who raised money for the American Heart Association during Jump Rope for Heart and to the community members that			
1:30-3:00	donated to the cause. \$1,964.51 was raised for the American Heart Association. There was a tie for the top money raiser. The two			
School Commons Area	students raising the most were Raven Miranda in second grade and Cole Miranda in fifth grade. The class raising the most money was			
<ul> <li>✓ Blood Pressure Checks</li> <li>✓ Nutrition Information</li> <li>✓ Healthy Snack Ideas &amp; Samples</li> <li>✓ Smoking Cessation Information</li> <li>✓ Stress Management Information</li> </ul> Please come and join us!	Fifth Grade with only five students raising money for their class for a total of \$590.00. Again, thank you students and community members for a job well done!!			

Newsletter #1

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#### FAST FACTS

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# ASSETS: 40 Keys to Effective Parenting

Assets are 40 key building blocks that help youth grow up healthy. The more assets youth have, the more likely they are to succeed.

62% of youth curveyed by Search Institute have just 20 or fewer of these assets in their lives-

What Are Assets? Assets are 40 key building blocks to help kids succeed.

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# **Building Assets: A Powerful Parenting Approach**

It's easy to get scared as a parent. Watching the news, we see crime, drinking and driving, teen pregnancy, gang warfare, suicide. We wonder what's going to happen to our children.

In our fear, we may end up scaring our kids so that they live in fear as well. Or we may look the other way, thinking that these things would never affect our families.

Whatever the approach, most parents feel uncertain at times. We would like to know the secrets of healthy parenting in a world that often seems very unhealthy.

The idea of 'developmental assets,' introduced by Search Institute in Minneapolis. gives a new sense of hope and practical direction for parents. Researchers at the

# How to Start

Search Institute has identified eight types of assets that are crucial for helping young people grow up healthy:

- Supporting and loving your child.
- Empowering your child.
- Setting clear and realistic boundaries and expectations.
- Helping your child use her or his time in meaningful, constructive ways.
- Encouraging your child to develop a commitment to learning.
- Instilling in your child positive values.
- Developing social competencies in your child.
- Encouraging your child to form a positive identity.

Each area involves several specific assets. See the "asset quiz" for a list of all 40.

institute have identified 40 assets that have a powerful, positive impact on young people. Children and teenagers who have a lot of assets get involved in very few at-risk behaviors-the kinds of problems we worry about. And when young people have a lot of assets, they are much more likely to do the positive things we value.

Assets do make a difference. By incorporating them into your parenting, you can help your child grow up healthy and competent. Future issues of this newsletter will explain further and give practical information on each asset.

> Quick Tip: Focus on the positive and your children will, too.

# **Assets: How Does Your Child Rate?**

Jake this quiz to see how many assets you think your child has. Check each statement that you feel is true

- My child receives high levels of love and support from 1. family members. 2. My child and I communicate positively, and my child is
- willing to seek me out for advice and counsel
- ъ My child receives support from three or more nonparent adults.
- My child experiences caring neighbors.
- My childs school provides a caring, encouraging, 5 environment for my child.
- 6. Larn actively involved in helping my child succeed in ischool.
- My child perceives that adults in the community value 7 youth and children.
- My child is given useful roles in the community. 52 My child serves in the community one hour or more per й.
- 10. My child feels safe at home, at school and in the neighborhood.
- Our family has clear rules and consequences, and 81. monitors our childs whereabouts
- My childs school provides clear rules and consequences 12 Our neighbors take responsibility for monitoring my 11 childs behavior.
- I and other adults model positive, responsible behavior. 14
- My childs best friends model responsible behavior 15
- I and my childs teachers encourage my child to do well 16
- My child spends three or more hours per week in \$7.
- ons or practice in masic, theater, or other arts. My child spends three or more hours per week in sports. UK. clubs, or organizations at school and/or in community organizations.

- My child spends one or more hours per week in 19 activities in a religious institution
- My child is out with friends 'with nothing special to do' 20 two or fewer nights per week
- My child is motivated to do well in school 21
- 22 My child is actively engaged in learning. My child does at least one hour of homework every
- 23 school day.
- My child cares about her or his school, 34 My child reads for pleasure three or more hours per 25
  - wee
- My child places high value on helping other people. My child places high value on promoting equality and 22
- reducing hunger and poverty My child acts on convictions and stands up for her or his 38 beliefs
- 250 My child tells the truth even when it is not easy
- My child accepts and takes personal responsibility. My child believes it is important not to be sexually active iù.
- 31. or to use alcohol or other drugs
- My child knows how to plan ahead and make choices D.
- My child has empathy sensitivity and friendship skills 71
- 34. My child has knowledge of and comfort with people of different cultural racial and ethnic backgrounds My child can resist negative peer pressure and 35
- dangerous situations.
- My child seeks to resolve conflict nonviolently. 16. My child feels he or she has control over 'things that -22 appen to her or him."
- My child has a high self-esteem. 10
- My child reports that 'her or his life has a purpose. 39 My child is optimistic about her or his personal future. -40.

Scoring Give yourself one point for each 'true.' Total up the number of points. This is the number of assets you think your child has. Now ask your child how he or she would answer

This checklist is an educational, awareness-raising tool. It is not intended nor appropriate as a scientific measurement of developmental assets of individua ental assets of individuals.

#### FINAL WORD "Assets inoculate young people against a wide range of risk-taking behavior." -Peter L. Benson, Ph.D., president of Search Institute

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- I. If your child had a magic wand, what would she change about the world?
- 2. Have everyone write down two positive things about each member of the family. Read your lists aloud at dinner.
- 3. Let your child cut off the top of a carrot and put it in a shallow saucer of water. Watch the top sprout.
- 4. At bedtime, ask your child about the hardest and best parts of his day.
- 5. Pay your child a compliment today.
- 6. Review spelling words with your child tonight.
- 7. Ask your child to put on a talent show with her friends.
- 8. Dedicate a day to helping the environment.
- 9. Start a family library. Let your child choose his own shelf for books.
- 10. Ask your child to put dry beans between damp paper towels. Keep moist. In a few days, check to see if they've sprouted.
- 11. Start a change collection in a jar. Brainstorm together about how to use the money when the jar is full.
- 12. Ask your child to figure out how many miles your car goes on one gallon of gas
- 13. Use math to give your child instructions. For example, ask your child to pick up 3 + 2 + 1 toys.
- 14. Make up a short question. Ask your child to answer with a sentence that thomes.
- 15. Ask your child to write down the items you need before you go to the grocery store.
- 16. Take your child to the library today.

#### Daily Learning Planner: Ideas Parents Can Use to Help Children Do Better in School—Try a New Idea Every Day!

- 17. Watch a TV show with your child. Keep track of how much time the commercials take up.
- 18. Ask your child to draw a picture about her day.
- 19. Go on a walk with your child.
- 20. Call your local fire station to set up an upcoming tour for your child.
- 21. Talk about the Golden Rule with your child.
- 22. Write a nice note and tuck it into your child's backpack.
- 23. Have each member of your family make a "me" paper bag puppet. Let the puppets discuss good things about family members.
- 24. Have your child teach you something he's learning.
- 25. Have your child write directions for making her favorite sandwich, then follow them together.
- 26. Let your child read you the directions for a recipe.
- 27. Count the days until a special event. Link that number of paper strips to make a chain. Remove one link each day leading up to the event.
- 28. Practice counting to 10 in another language with your child.
- 29. Talk about tricky pairs of letters. Help your child distinguish between w and m, n and u, b and d, i and l.
- 30. Tie a string between two chains. Use a balloon and play indoor volleyball with your child.
- 31. When grocery shopping with your child, teach him to look at the expiration dates



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Hill City Elementary School Go Hornets!

# Use creative questions to improve your child's thinking skills

One of the best ways to boost your child's comprehension and critical thinking is to ask questions. The trick is to seek the right kinds of information and make it interesting! A well-known classification system, called Bloom's

Taxonomy, describes six human thinking skills. Parents should ask questions that focus on each of these skills:

- Knowledge. Talk about facts. Focus on basics, such as who, what, when and where. "When did the war start?" The answers are clearly right or wrong.
- Comprehension. Test how well your child understands the subject. She might describe, explain or predict something. "If we were a family of tadpoles, where would we live?"
- Application. Have your child connect previous learning to new experiences. "Chickens hatch from eggs. What happens with ostriches?"
- Analysis. Discuss how things work or how they're organized. "If you had to build a house, what parts would you need?"
- Synthesis. This involves thinking about old information in new ways. "Where could Christopher Columbus explore if he lived today?"
- 6. Evaluation. Help your child make a judgment or decision about the information she learns without worrying about right or wrong. "If you could go back in time, what would you do during the Civil War?"

Source: \*Improving Your Child's Thinking Skills,\* FamilyEducation.com, http://school.familyeducation. com/gifted-education/cognitive-psychology/38660.html.

# Early absences have a big impact

When a child misses school in the early grades, it can greatly impact his education throughout the rest of his school years. Studies show that early absences create a cascading effect from which students seldom recover.

Students learn and master basic information and skills in the early grades. Kindergartners who miss just one day of school every two weeks score lower in reading, math and other knowledge at the end of first grade. Early absences also set a pattern. Kids who get in the habit of missing school continue that pattern, which leads to missing even more learning. Studies show that missing school is one of the strongest predictors of dropping out of high school.

To learn at school, children must be at school. Make sure attendance is a priority for your family!

Source: S.D. Sparka, "Early Grades Become the New Front in Absenteeism Wars," Education Week, http:// tinyurl.com/9fjuSov.

# Teach these test-taking tips

As standardized testing season approaches, review these tips with your child:



- Look over the entire test before beginning.
- · Answer what you know first.
- Ask if there's a penalty for incorrect answers.

Source: G. Gruber, Gruber's Essential Guide to Text Taking, Grades 3-5, Sourcebooks, Inc.

## Tackle the most difficult homework first

Your child has math homework, a book report and his least favorite, spelling. Have him do the spelling first. Here's the reason:

- Hard tasks are inevitable. We all have to do things we don't like. Talk about jobs you dislike but have to do anyway.
- All it takes is a push. Have him set a timer for 15 minutes and start his spelling. A short amount of time may make it less painful.



 Finishing that dreaded task will feel great. Encourage your child to focus on how he'll feel when the job is finished.

Source: R. Emment, The Proceedinating Child: A Handbook for Adults to Help Children Step Patting Things Off, Walker & Company.

# **Respect builds character**

Help your child understand that being respectful of others is character-building. When she respects her teacher, classmates and herself, she is learning important traits that will help her in school and in life.

Encourage her to:

- Practice the Golden Rule.
- · Speak politely.
- · Appreciate diversity.
- · Discuss important values, like honesty.

Source: "My Child's Academic Success: What Does 'Strong Character' Mean' II—Helping Your Child Become a Responsible Citizen," ED gov, www2.ed.gov/parents/ academic/help/citizen/part5.html.



# A How can I keep asthma from affecting my child's learning?

Q: My son was just diagnosed with asthma. He does not want anyone at school to know because he still wants to "have fun with his friends" at recess. How can I work with his teacher without having my son singled out—and make sure it doesn't affect his schoolwork?

A: Asthma is a serious health problem. It's the biggest reason children miss school. Asthma causes nearly 14 million absences a year. For safety reasons, you need to work with your child's teacher to create plans that will protect his health and safety while making sure that he stays focused on doing well in school.

First, check about rules for medicine at school. See the school nurse or talk to someone in the office. Be sure that your son knows how to take his medication.



Plan with his teacher for times when your son

may be at risk. Recess is often a time that can trigger an attack. Teach your son to self-monitor so he avoids situations that bring on an attack.

Pay attention to times of the year with more frequent asthma attacks. Allergies, for example may trigger attacks. At these times, your son will need to pay extra attention to how he feels.

Asthma should not prevent your son from having fun at recess-or from learning. But he needs to learn his own limits so he can stay healthy.

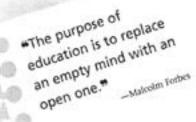
#### Parent P Quiz P Are you teaching your child to be a good decision-maker?

We all want our children to make wise choices. When the time comes, we hope they'll say no to peer pressure and yes to positive things, which will help them achieve in school. Are you doing all you can now to teach your child to make these wise choices? Answer yes or no:

- \_1. Do you give your child opportunities to make choices every day?
- \_2. Do you talk about family decisions together?
- \_3. Do you think out loud when you are making a decision and talk about how you are making the choice?
- \_\_4. Do you encourage your child to ask questions? Questions build his critical thinking skills and encourage him to evaluate choices.

\_5. Do you teach your child that every choice he makes has consequences?

How did you score? Each yes means you're helping your child make better choices today and in the future.



## Tickle your child's funny bone to encourage reading

Enjoy the lighter side of reading by having a Funny Reading night. Here are two activities to try:

- Take turns reading jokes and riddles.
- Have your child write a variety of words on small pieces of paper, then place them in a row on the floor. Help her arrange the words into a funny sentence. Fill in words like a, to, of and the.

# Effort leads to success

Students who believe they can get smarterparticularly through effort-are more likely to:

- · Tackle challenges enthusiastically.
- · Enjoy learning.
- · Undertand that everyone makes mistakes.
- See mistakes as opportunities to improve.
- Respond to failure by trying new approaches.

Send the message that hard work and persistence build intelligence. And remember that effort counts more than the final result.

Source: D. Stipek, Ph.D. and K. Seal, Motioural Minds: Raining Children to Low Learning, Henry Holt and Company.

# Chores build responsiblity

Help your child develop a sense of responsibility through chores. Even simple tasks have a big impact. Chores:

- Teach life skills.
- · Build a sense of investment.
- Help children feel pride in their work.
- Help children improve in school.
- Remind children that they're needed.

Source: W. Sears and M. Sears, The Successful Child: What Paronts Can Do to Holp Kids Turn Out Well, Hachette Book Group.

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# **JACOBSON COMMUNITY NEWS** www.jacobsonnews.com

# **MARCH 2013**

#### St. Urho's Day Pancake Breakfast

Saturday March 16, 2013 Jacobson Community Center 7:30-10:30 a.m. Donation of \$7.50 Kids under 7 eat free Supplement funding applied for from THRIVENT Central Lakes Chapter See us on Face Book

#### **Community Easter Party**

Saturday March 23, 2012 Jacobson Community Center 3:00 activities 4:00 potluck See us on Face Book



### **Jacobson Seniors**

Seniors regularly meet every Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with a potluck at noon. Come for the cards, coffee and conversation

### **Jacobson Civic Club**

Will meet on March 11 at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Ginny Ekstrand. Want to join us? Call Marsha 326-6865.

### **Ball Bluff Township**

Ball Bluff Township Board meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Jacobson Community Center. All residents are encouraged to come and participate.

**Jacobson Community Center Hall** and Kitchen is available for rental. Call Vickie Herman 752-1151.

#### EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL LIBRARY OUTREACH PROGRAM 10:00 – 10:30 A.M. MARCH 12 AND 26 JACOBSON COMMUNITY CENTER

## **Jacobson Food Shelf**

March is bonus month. Your donation counts twice. Jacobson Food Shelf will be open on the first and third Thursday at Carmel Lutheran from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. February 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. For information or emergency service, call 218-426-4799 or 218-426-4712.

## **Jacobson Fire & Rescue**

Call Chief Dale Thompson 752-6560 Meetings are at the Fire Hall at 7:00 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday monthly: Business Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday monthly: 1<sup>st</sup> Responder & Fire Training

## **Jacobson Churches**

Jacobson Community Church The public is invited to the "little white church in downtown Jacobson." Sunday mornings: 9:30 a.m. to 10:20 Sunday School - all ages 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Worship Bible study on Wed. evenings at 7:00 to 8:00 PM.

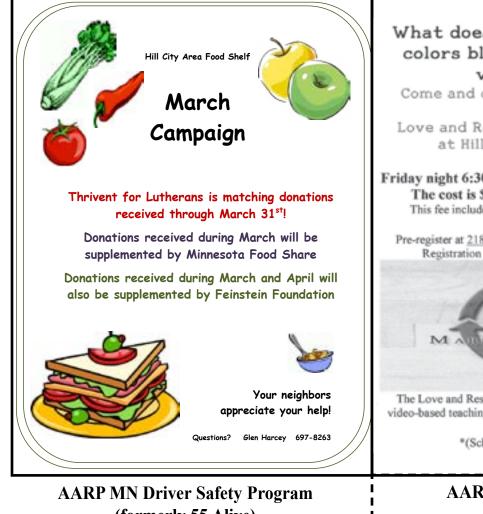
### **Carmel Lutheran Church** Everyone welcome.

Sunday mornings: 9:30-Adult Sunday School 10:00 children's Sunday School (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun) 11:00-Worship, 12:00-Fellowship Quilters and crafters meet every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. WELCA meets the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. Council meets 3rd Thurs. of the month@ 7:00 p.m. Vicar Mark Wagner & Brenda Wagner Home phone: 218-246-3179

> Carmel Lutheran Church Soup Supper Wed. Mar, 20. Soup @ 6 pm. service @ 7 pm. Good Friday Service March 29 at 7:00 p.m. Everyone welcome!

Cell phone: 218-341-1832





#### AARP MN Driver Safety Program (formerly 55 Alive) Register by: May 14th

Taking this class is an easy and sure way to reduce your motor vehicle insurance premiums. State law requires all auto insurance providers to reduce premiums by 10% for policyholders who are 55 or older, when a certificate of class completion is provided to them. If you have never taken the class before, you need to take the initial 8-hour class first, and then every three years the 4-hour refresher is taken. No tests are given. All participants will be issued a certificate at the end of the class. You must have a valid driver's license with you at the beginning of the class so that a certificate can be issued. (Contact Stacey for a full schedule of local classes if needed)

4 Hour Refresher: May, 15th 5-9pm

Location: Hill City School, Room 227 Min. # Required: 8 Max. #: 30 Cost: \$12 for members \$14 for non members (payable at the door to AARP)



For questions concerning this class, please contact Stacey @ Hill City Comm. Education at 697-2394 X172.

### What does God, air hoses, and the colors blue and pink have to do with marriage?

Come and discover the answer to this and more at the Love and Respect Marriage Conference

at Hill City Assembly of God.

Friday night 6:30pm-9:40pm; Saturday 9:00am-2:00pm The cost is \$10 per person or \$15 per couple.\* This fee includes snacks, beverages and a meal (Saturday).

Pre-register at 218.697.2662 or by e-mail at info@hillcityag.org. Registration by March 3rd will be greatly appreciated.



The Love and Respect Marriage Conference is a Christ-centered, video-based teaching designed to strengthen and nurture marriages.

\*(Scholarships available upon request)

### AARP Driver's Safety Class May 15th

**Register by: May 14th** 

\$12 for members \$14 for non members (payable at the door to AARP)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact info:

Home Phone

Work Phone

Cell Phone

Email

Signature

Date

Send Registration forms to: Hill City School Comm. Ed., 500 Ione Ave, Hill City, MN 55748 For questions concerning this class, please contact Stacey @ Hill City Community Education at 697-2394 X172.

# **PUNCH CARDS**

New policy requires the purchase of a punch card for the use of the cardio room and participation in open gym volleyball and basketball.

You no longer have to remember a \$1 you just need to bring your punch card!

Punch cards can be purchased in \$10, \$25 or \$50 punch quantity.

Student punch cards are \$5

Get your punch card today from Stacey Johnson.

Any questions or you would like to purchase a card please contact Stacey Johnson at sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us or 697-2394 ext. 172

# BASKETBALL OPEN GYM

# Every Sunday Night 6 - 8 pm

New policy requires the purchase of a punch card. Punch cards can be purchased in 10, 25 or 50 punch quantity. See ad on this page regarding punch cards. Get your punch card today from Stacey Johnson.

> Hill City School Gymnasium



# Open Cardio

Room

New policy requires the purchase of a punch card. Punch cards can be purchased

in 10, 25 or 50 punch quantity. See ad on this page regarding punch cards. Get your punch card today from Stacey Johnson.

Mon-Fri 6:30 am - 8 am Sun. Mon. Wed. Fri. 6 pm - 8 pm

Hill City School Cardio room includes:



Treadmills, Elipticals, stationary bicycles and a flat screen tv so you won't miss your shows!

Don't Forget Your Punch Card!



Adult Volleyball Open Gym

New policy requires the purchase of a punch card. Punch cards can be purchased in 10, 25 or 50 punch quantity. See ad on this page regarding punch cards. Get your punch card today from Stacey Johnson.

# Join us every Wednesday evening from 7:00 pm 9:00 pm in the Hill City School Gym

For more information please contact Stacey at 697-2394 ext. 172 or sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us

After School Art!		After School Art! 3:15-4:30pm		
After	School Art is being offered twice a month!	\$10 per month or \$50 per year Name:		
The schedule for after school art is as follows:		Grade: Contact Info: Home Ph:		
	Feb. 28 Mar. 14 & Mar 28 Apr. 11 & Apr. 25 May 9 & May 23	Cell Ph: Email: All Year		
May 9 & May 23 Who: All students are invited!		month by month		
Time: 3:15-4:30pm		has my permission to participate in the after school art program.		
	\$10 per month or \$50 per year s not require registeration but it is helpful to determine the amount of supplies needed.	Parent/Guardian Signature Date		
If you have any questions or concerns or need assistance with fees please contact Stacey at 697-2394 x. 172 or at sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us		If you have any questions or concerns please contact Stacey at 697-2394 x. 172 or at sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us		
ready for the f Firearm Safety students who w Deer License. receive their sa older by Septe certification as	<ul> <li>Sponsored by: Moose-Willow Sportsman's Club, Hill City Lions Club and MN DNR</li> <li>We're thinking ahead – let's get all hunting season now! Mandatory MN State Training is required of all 12-15 year old ish to purchase a Minnesota Archery or Firearms Students must attend the full training in order to fety certificate. Students must be 12 years old or mber 1, 2013. Adults may take the course for a well. If you have any questions, you may at 697-8296. Students will NOT bring guns to</li> <li>Hill City School Room 206</li> </ul>	Fire Arm Safety Registration is REQUIRED         Register at the door or drop off at school office, Attn: Comm Ed.         Students Name:         Age:       Grade:         DOB:         Work Ph:         Cell Ph:		
	7 sessions, Mon & Wed Starting April 8 Guardian must fill out paperwork first night est day April 25 3:30 pm-5:30 pm	Email:has my permission		
Time:	5:30 pm - 8:45 pm	to participate in the Fire Arm Safety Class.		
Ages:	MUST be 11 yrs. old or older Adults welcome	Parent or Guardian Signature Date		
Cost: Registration:	free Registration is REQUIRED	For questions concerning this class, please contact Stacey @ Hill City Community Education at 697-2394 x172 sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us or Mark at 697-8296.		

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# ISD #2 Lunch Menu March 2013



1Brk: Cinn Roll     2       Fish Patty/Bun     Coleslaw/Broccoli       & Carrots/Peaches     5	
Coleslaw/Broccoli & Carrots/Peaches	
& Carrots/Peaches	
Fresh Fruit/Milk	
<b>3 Breakfast -</b> <u>4Brk: Brk Pizza</u> <u>5 Brk: Oatmeal</u> <u>6 Brk: Fr Toast</u> <u>7 Brk: Oatmeal</u> <u>8 Brk: Cinn Roll</u> <u>9</u>	
OFFERED DAILY: Corn Dogs BBQ Pork/Bun Chili Chicken Taco Hamburger/Bun	
Cereal Assortment Orange Juice or Fruit         Baked Beans         Green Beans or Peas         Corn Bread         Salad Bar         Tater Tots/Pears	
Cheese Slice or Coleslaw/Diced Sweet Potato Tots Tossed Salad Peas Green Beans	
CheeseStick Pears/Apple/Milk Fresh Fruit/Milk Fresh Fruit/Milk Fresh Fruit/Milk Fresh Fruit/Milk	
10 Lunch- 11 Brk: Brk Pizzal 12 Brk: Oatmeal 13 Brk: Lumberjack 14 Brk: Oatmeal 15 Brk: Cinn Roll 16	
OFFERED DAILY: Chicken Strips White Chick Chili Spaghetti w/meat Chick Noodle Soup Beef/Bean Burrito	
Bread Offer-vs-serve for Rice/Broccoli & Tortilla Chips Breadsticks/Green Ham/Cheese Sand Salad Bar/Corn	
Grades 4-12 Carrots/Toss Salad Spinach Salad Beans/Salad Bar Salad Bar Fresh Fruit	
Roll/Fruit/Milk Fresh Fruit/Milk Fresh Fruit/Milk Fresh Fruit/Milk Pineapple/Milk	
17         18 Brk: Brk Pizza         19 Brk: Oatmeal         20 Brk: Fr Toast         21 Brk: Oatmeal         22         23	
Shrimp Poppers         Taco         BBQ Chicken/Bun         Pepperoni Pizza         NO SCHOOL	
Coleslaw/Steamed Salad Bar Salad Bar Spinach Salad Bar	
Carrots & Broccoli Refried Beans Peas & Carrots Green Beans	
Bun/Cookie/Milk Fresh Fruit/Milk Fresh Fruit/Milk Fresh Fruit/Milk	
<b>24/31 25</b> Brk: Brk Pizza <b>26</b> Brk: Oatmeal <b>27</b> Brk: Lumberjack <b>28</b> Brk: Oatmeal <b>29 30</b>	
Tomato Soup Pork Roast Gravy Turkey/Ham Subs Quesadilla NO SCHOOL Mer	enu subject to
	change at
	anytime
Fresh Fruit/Milk or Applesauce/Milk Fresh Fruit/Milk Fresh Fruit/Milk	-



# ISD #2 Activities March 2013



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					BBB vs Walker	
					ABC Home 5:45	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Cardio		-	Cardio Room 6-8		-	
6:00 - 8:00			VB Open Gym			
Open Gym			7:00 - 9:00			
6:00 - 8:00			7.00 - 9.00			
0:00 - 8:00 10	11	12	13 Financial Aid	14	15	16
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Cardio			Night 5:30-7:30			
6:00 - 8:00			Cardio Room 7-9			
Open Gym			VB Open Gym			
6:00 - 8:00			7:00 - 9:00			
17	18	19	20	21	<b>_</b>	23
Cardio		Sys Acct Mtg	Cardio Room 7-9	Elem Spring Arts	NO SCHOOL	
6:00 - 8:00		2:30	VB Open Gym	Program 1:30-3		
Open Gym			7:00 - 9:00	-		
6:00 - 8:00						
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30
Cardio	School Bd Mtg		Cardio Room 7-9		NO SCHOOL	
6:00 - 8:00	7:00 pm		VB Open Gym			
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6:00 - 8:00			7.00 - 7.00			
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# AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING GRADES 7 - 12 FREE

Monday Afternoons 3:30 - 5:00 pm Mr. Olig's Room

**Tuesday Afternoons:** 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm Mrs. Hulteen's Room

Monday and Wednesday Afternoons: 3 pm - 5:30 pm Library with Dan the Math Man

# Students are highly encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity!

For more information contact Stacey at Hill City Comm. Ed., 697-2394 X172 or sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us

# BOOK CLUB



If you enjoy reading and talking with friends this is the perfect opportunity for both!

# Come and Join us March 11th at 4pm at the school in room 205

Please bring a list of books you would be interested in reading and a short summary of those books. If you don't have a list of books please come anyway.

The meeting times and places will be discussed at this first meeting.

If you have any questions please contact Stacey Johnson at sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us or 697-2394 ext. 172



# The more help we can get, the better the program is!

If you are interested in coaching contact Stacey Johnson at 697-2394 ext. 172 or sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us