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Elementary students learning through hands-on problem solving

Harrisonville elementary students are gaining critical thinking and problem solving skills, while learning math, science, technology and engineering through the new Project Lead the Way curriculum.

Project Lead the Way seeks to introduce science concepts through hands-on learning. Students begin each unit or module with a story featuring a challenge that students will work together to solve through a series of activities.

For example, in their first unit on the human body, kindergarten students listened to a story about a child who suffered a broken arm.

Kindergarten teacher Lauren Peterson said, "During our module we got to learn about how many bones we have and why we have so many bones in our hands; we got to explore the lungs, stomach,

muscles in our arms; we also got to explore how x-rays work and make our own x-ray of our hand."

The final problem for the students was building a cast for the student in the story that met four criteria - soft, comfortable, strong, and waterproof using materials such as bubble wrap, cotton, tape, gauze, and short dow-



els (pictured: Kindergarten students Henlee Morris & Marlee Schroeder work to make a cast).

Teachers are excited about the possibilities.

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Editor's Note: We are proud to once again offer a very special edition of Harrisonville Highlights. This edition features a partnership between the Harrisonville Chamber of Commerce, Cass Regional Medical Center, the City, the library, Parks and Rec, and the Historical Society. As always, page 20 includes a Community Calendar of Events for the winter/spring. Also, this edition includes the course listing for the Cass Career Center's Spring Community Education program on pages 5-16. We hope you enjoy this expanded edition and we appreciate the relationship with our partners.

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HARRISONVILLE *Highlights*

From the Desk of Assistant Superintendent Jason Eggers

Providing the best learning environment for our students

It is a Great Day To Be A Wildcat! Since moving to Harrisonville in 2015 and be-



coming a part of the Harrisonville and Wildcat community, I truly believe this statement. I am excited about the accomplishments we have had in the past, and look forward to helping lead the district forward to many more accomplishments, achieving excellence in education.

I am privileged to be serving the Harrisonville School District this year as Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Operations. Like any change, it brings about many challenges and opportunities. I truly enjoyed the 17 years I spent as a high school principal and miss the energy the students brought to

my life each day. However, I embrace this new opportunity as a way to continue to build on the great Wildcat traditions, making each day the best day to be the best and definitely a great day to be a Wildcat.

This year, one of the focuses of the district with our staff have been the four pillars of the "Fish" philosophy. In short these are: Choose your attitude; Make their day; Be there; and Play. These four pillars, if followed each day, have the power to make great positive change with all of the people in our learning community. The purpose of the Harrisonville School District, in partnership with parents and community, is to ensure that ALL students are college and career ready when they graduate from our district. If each of us as employees, students, parents and patrons keep these four pillars in the forefront of our thoughts, as well as our district's purpose, we as a district will achieve

excellence in education.

Last spring, board member (President at the time) Chad Reynolds wrote in Harrisonville Highlights about the Districtwide Facilities Needs Assessment completed last school year. This document will continue to be the basis for facility improvements of the future. We have many great facilities that we as a school community can be very proud of. But, those facilities require a great deal of regular maintenance and upkeep. Our goal is to have facilities that provide a safe, secure and comfortable learning environment for our students. Mr. Reynolds also mentioned that the school board had refinanced our 2007 General Obligation Bonds. This planning and foresight is necessary to keep the district in position to financially provide the upkeep and maintenance needed for our facilities. I plan to continue to work with the board to prioritize our

needs and develop a plan that will help us financially meet those needs.

Our students are successful in many facets of education both in and out of the classroom. As an administrator in the district, I want to "be there" and "make their day" by providing our students the best learning environment. The partnership between the school, parents and community is vitally important for our students to be successful and achieve excellence, becoming the present and future leaders of our society.

If I can ever be of assistance or can answer any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me anytime. It is truly a "Great Day To Be A Wildcat!"

Jason Eggers
Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources and Operations

Royal Regiment completes successful competition season

The Harrisonville High School Royal Regiment Marching Band wrapped up a successful season at the end of October. The band brought home trophies from every competition.

At the first competition at Carl Junction in late September, the band competed against 16 bands. They won first in their division, best color guard in their division, and advanced to finals. In finals, they earned fourth place out of all bands in all classes, as well as best overall drum major and best overall color guard.

The Royal Regiment had three weekends of competition in a row during the month of October follow-

ing their appearance in the Burnt District Festival Parade during the first weekend of the month.

At Park Hill, the band earned second in their division and fifth overall. The following Saturday, the band traveled to Odessa and brought home another second place in their division and fifth overall out of 18 bands. The color guard was also honored with the Outstanding Color Guard award.

To bring the competition season to a close, the band traveled to the University of Central Missouri and earned first in their division, best color guard, best drumline, and best drum majors. They also qualified for

finals.

The Royal Regiment was led by Drum Majors Haley Fordyce and Jill Bachman. The band directors are Ben Johnson, Emily Schaeffer, and Arielle Orme.

Pictured are Color Guard members Tori Bratcher and Kalli Morgan, along with Drum Majors Jill Bachman and Haley Fordyce with awards at the Carl Junction competition.





From the Desk of Assistant Superintendent Dan Erholtz

Focusing on Essential Standards, attendance

Greetings from the Student Services Department. We hope you and your family have had a great



start to the school year. It is amazing how fast time goes by. I am excited to be in my 18th year in the District, third as Assistant Superintendent. This year I have moved over to Student Services which includes Curriculum/Assessment, Professional Development, and Federal Programs to name a few areas we work in.

We have many focuses in curriculum and instruction this year in the effort to improve student learning. Last year teacher teams created District Essential Standards for each

grade level in English language arts (ELA), math, and science. These Essential Standards are based around the Missouri Learning Standards and are what, we as a district, believe to be the most important learning for each grade level. The Essential Standards for each grade and subject can be found on the District website, by going to Departments, Academic Services, then clicking on the Curriculum and Instruction link.

As simple as it sounds, we are focusing our instruction around these Essential Standards. Teachers are developing lessons and planning activities around them; principals are having discussions with teachers about resources and professional development needed to teach the Essential Standards; and we are monitoring student progress on the Essential Standards.

The way we are monitoring stu-

dent progress on Essential Standards is through the use of Mastery Connect in grades K-8 and USATestprep in the high school core classes. Elementary and middle school parents received Mastery Connect progress reports at Parent/Teacher conferences after first quarter. Parents can track their own student's progress in Mastery Connect anytime at Masteryconnect.com. Core Teachers (ELA, math, science, and social studies) at HHS are creating tests around our Essential Standards in USATestprep. Much like Mastery Connect, this program allows teachers to drill down to individual student progress on specific standards. As a District, we believe tracking progress on our Essential Standards gives everyone a clearer picture of what our students have, and have not, learned. Thus, allowing us to assign support and enrichment to

individual students.

An area we continue to look to improve on is student attendance. It is so important for learning that students to be in school whenever possible. Every minute counts! It is hard to make up for lost instruction when a student misses a lesson. Also, attendance is one of the areas we are graded on by the State Department of Education. In the 2016-17 school year our District received 7.5 out of 10 points possible from the State for attendance. If we met our goal of 90% of our students being in school 90% of the time, we should receive all 10 points next year. In our current school calendar, a student can miss eight full days of school and still make 95% attendance. Our overall district attendance for the year was 93% as of Thanksgiving break.

It's not just full days, but every
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HHS students featured weekly on radio show

Each week, Harrisonville High School students are featured on a radio show. The Sonic Locker Room Radio Show - Harrisonville Wildcats edition airs at 4:45 p.m. on 1030 AM every Monday.

HHS is one of 17 Kansas City area high school to have a time slot with the Sonic Locker Room Radio Show. Other area high schools participating include Raymore-Peculiar, Pleasant Hill, Oak Grove, Grain Valley, Lee's Summit (3), Blue Springs (2), and Independence (3).

HHS has been a part of the program for three years. During the year, each sport and activity at the school gets at least one week to spotlight their program. The show usually features the head coach or sponsor and one or two students.

The shows are also archived online for the entire school year at www.soniclockerroom.com. This year's shows and featured guests include...

Aug. 21 – Activities Director Brent Maxwell
Aug. 28 – Football - Coach Maxwell, Nicholas Laughlin
Sept. 11 - Girls Golf - Coach Barbee, Jillyan Talmage
Sept. 18 – Band - Director Ben Johnson, Nick Austin, Makayla Strong
Sept. 25 – Girls Tennis - Coach Draper, Carly Reynolds
Oct. 2 – Softball - Coach Hix, Bethany Nichols

www.harrisonvilleschools.org

Oct. 9 – Boys

Soccer - Coach Coleman, Devin

Schrock, Connor Blentlinger

Oct. 16 – Volleyball - Coach Lyons, Nicole Phelps, Odessa Williams

Oct. 23 – Cross Country - Coach Gibbs, Joey Lasure, Kaylee Harp

Oct. 30 - Fall Play (Shrek) - Director Beth Keith, Alek Baker, Briana Chiodini, John Coday

Nov. 6 – Boys Soccer to State - Coach Coleman, Seth Wiebusch, Alex Bearden

Nov. 13 – Students of the Month - Mason Scrivener, Audrey Welhoff, Anna Saffels, and Nicholas Laughlin

Nov. 27 – Cheer

Dec. 4 – Boys Basketball

Dec. 11 – Girls Basketball

Dec. 18 - Wrestling

**student names unavailable for Nov. 27-Dec. 18 shows as show was taped after print deadline*



SONIC Locker Room



Harrisonville
Mondays, 4:45 pm



HARRISONVILLE *Highlights*

District staff gives back during Day of Service

More than 200 teachers, staff, and administrators from the Harrisonville School District spent the afternoon giving back to the community in early November. The event is an effort to thank the community for their ongoing support of our schools and students. They provided more than 525 volunteer hours.

During the Staff Day of Service on November 3, staff members fanned out across the community to

sacking groceries and goods and other odd jobs at Price Chopper and Sutherlands; painting at Eagle Creek Church Harrisonville and Cornerstone Community Church of Harrisonville; cleaning at St. Peter's Episcopal Church; washing police cars and cleaning out the garage at the Harrisonville Police Department; cleaning buses at Durham School Services; working at the Shepherd's Staff Food Pantry; painting nails and helping with social activities at Crown Care Center; and painting, cleaning, and organizing at Harrisonville Trade Fair.

The benefits from the day were numerous, as not only did staff members complete projects, they learned about resources within the community.

"It was cool to work at Casco, and we started with a tour. I loved seeing what they offer and how they serve our community. Our students will definitely benefit from this relationship. It was great to help them out! I will definitely do it again!" said Harrisonville High School Special Education teacher Carrie Ginther.

Harrisonville Early Childhood Center secretary Sarah Baker said, "The Cats Basement really fills a void in our community, so many kiddos can't afford new school clothes. It is great to see that the kids can just feel 'normal' and not worry about not having this necessity."

A sense of pride and community was another benefit of the day.

Cass Career Center marketing teacher Amy Schroeder helped out at the Harrisonville Trade Fair. "I enjoyed working with a business

that was impacted by the flood. Being able to give back to the community was beneficial to the business and to myself, both personally and professionally."

HHS social studies teacher BryAnn Middleton helped hang Christmas lights at the City Pool. "I'm looking forward for when they turn the lights on and my girls can say 'Mom helped with that' every time we drive by."

HHS communication arts teacher Valarie Ellsworth added, "It is so gratifying to give back. What a wonderful afternoon!"

The staff members also enjoyed building relationships with colleagues from other buildings who they don't see as often.

"It was fun to spend a little time with other staff from around the district doing something positive for our community," said HHS choir director Kip Mathew.

The jobs sites were just as positive about the experience as the staff

members.

One job site provided this feedback from the day, "We love that your staff commits to service projects in the district!"

Another stated, "The teachers that were here did a great job and truly went above and beyond."

The district will host another



help with a variety of projects including painting picnic tables and hanging Christmas lights at the city park; yard work and clean-up at Casco Area Workshop, Inc., the Harrisonville Fire Department and Harrisonville Senior Housing; putting up holiday decorations, cleaning, and doing laundry at Harrisonville Animal Shelter; stuffing dental supply bags at the Cass County Dental Clinic; preparing for the Thanksgiving dinner at Our Lady of Lourdes church; moving and organizing a new classroom at Headstart; sorting, laundering and organizing at the Cats Basement; sorting and shelving book donations for Bright Futures Harrisonville;



Day of Service in April with the senior class. More information will be available in March.

Adult & Community Education

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Instructor Profile

Bill Shaumeyer

Bill Shaumeyer is the Firefighter 1 and 2 instructor for both the daytime high school program and the adult education night program at Cass Career Center. He has been an instructor here for three years. Bill has his Bachelor of Science in Education from the University of Kansas. His professional experience includes 16 years of firefighting, mostly in the Kansas City metropolitan area, including nine years as firefighter/paramedic, then captain, followed by assistant fire chief at the Claycomo Fire Department. Bill currently serves as the Fire Marshall for the Village of Birmingham Fire Department. His many certifications through the Missouri Division of Fire Safety, Train-the-Trainer courses, the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians, the National Incident Management System, as well as many other certifications, make him a highly qualified teacher. In his spare time, Bill enjoys wood-working and stained glass.



Spring 2018 *Healthcare Occupations*

Licensed Practical Nursing • Full Time Program Aug 6 - Jun 21 • Monday's - Friday's • 8am - 3:30pm



Enrollment for the 2018-2019 Practical Nursing program has begun! Individuals wishing to apply to the program must have a high school diploma or GED, and obtain a satisfactory score on a general knowledge entrance exam (ATI TEAS Exam). A \$75 non-refundable testing fee must be submitted to reserve a testing spot for the ATI TEAS Exam. Due to limited testing space and

class size, potential students are advised to test early.

Visit casscareercenter.com and click on the "Practical Nursing" link to request an information packet, learn more about the TEAS Exam & the exam dates, and learn how to apply for the program.

Upon satisfactory completion of the program, graduates are eligible to apply to the MO State Board of Nursing for permission to take the licensing examination. A passing score on the exam qualifies the graduate for Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) status in Missouri.

Financial Aid is available to qualified students. Applicants must take and pass the ATI TEAS Exam to be eligible for consideration to the PN program. PRE-REGISTRATION FOR TESTING IS A MUST! TEAS Exams are given at Cass Career Center. Student may test two times, but must allow 21 days between tests. Student is not officially registered for TEAS Exam until testing fee of \$75 is submitted. **All applications, reference forms and testing must be completed by March 31, 2018.**

Math for Nursing Students • \$60 • 6 Sessions January 24 - March 7 • Wednesdays • 6-8pm (No class January 31)

This class covers fundamental math skills needed to prepare students for basic nursing courses, as well as nursing entrance exams, such as the TEAS test. Instructor: Bill Kay

IV Therapy • Call 816.380.3253 x 7223

If you are interested in obtaining your IV Therapy certification in Missouri, please call us at 816.380.3253 x 7223.

Medical Coding • \$1800 (5 Sessions)

January 8 - May 17 • Mondays & Thursdays • 6-9pm

This class will prepare you to work in a number of healthcare settings, such as physician's offices, and other care centers as a medical coder. In healthcare, there is a numerical code assigned to every medical procedure and diagnosis. Students will learn the fundamentals of medical coding (CPT, HCPCS, and ICD-10-CM) and dissect medical notes and charts to extract the most relevant information. We use the American Academy of Professional Coders (AAPC®) curriculum that is designed specifically by healthcare professionals and instructors. NO PREREQUISITES, but knowledge of Medical Terminology and Anatomy & Physiology is STRONGLY recommended. The Medical Coding course will prepare students to sit for the Certified Professional Coder (CPC®) exam. You must have an appointment to register for this class. **\$500 Deposit is due at enrollment - A payment schedule may be requested for the remaining balance.** Instructor: Tiffany Morgan, CPC, CPCO, CPC-I, CPMA, CEMC



Ask about
financial
assistance for
Healthcare
classes!

Certified Nursing Assistant • \$450 + Fees

January 10 - March 14 • Wednesdays • 8am - 4:30pm

Clinical Hours will vary

This program prepares students to perform basic nursing skills for individuals in long-term care facilities, adult daycare centers, hospitals or homes. The course consists of a minimum of 75 hours of class-room instruction. A minimum of 100 hours of on-the-job training in a long-term care facility (approved by the Department of Health & Senior Services) is also required. Clinical hours will start after student has completed 18 clock hours in the classroom. Instructor: Helyn Agee
\$100 Non-Refundable Deposit Due at Registration.



CNA & CMT Challenges • \$150 + Certification Fee By Request Only • Call 816.380.3253 x 7223

This exam is for individuals who meet special criteria and want Missouri CNA or CMT Certification. You must have a letter of approval from the MO Dept. of Health & Senior Services.

LIFELONG LEARNING

Spring 2018 Computers & Software



Intro to Computers • \$60 • 5 Sessions

February 5 - March 12 • Mondays • 6-8 pm

First time with a computer? In this course, students will be learning to put together, operate and utilize either a laptop or desktop computer for home and business tasks. Students will learn: •About hardware basics •About software basics •How to set up your first computer •How to use the Internet •Safety & Maintenance. Instructor: Jennifer Ettlin

Intro to Excel • \$50 • 4 Sessions

February 6 - February 27 • Tuesdays • 6-8 pm

Students will be using Excel 2013 to create, store, manipulate and analyze data in organized workbooks for home and business tasks. Students will learn the following: •How to get started with Microsoft Office Excel 2013 •Modify & format a worksheet •Use formulas •Print workbooks •Manage workbooks. *Please bring a \$5 supply fee to the instructor on the first night of class for a memory stick loaded with exercises and challenges so you can work without issue and for practice.* Instructor: Jennifer Ettlin

Intermediate Excel • \$60 • 5 Sessions

March 13 - April 17 • Tuesdays • 6-8 pm

(No class March 27th)

Building on Intro to Excel, students will be using Excel 2013 to create, store, manipulate and analyze data in organized workbooks for home and business tasks. Students will:

•Create complex formulas and functions •Sort, Outline and Filter data •Work with Charts, Sparklines and Conditional Formatting •Create Pivot Tables •Use What-If Analysis.

Please bring a \$5 supply fee to the instructor on the first night of class for a memory stick loaded with exercises and challenges so you can work without issue and for practice. Instructor: Jennifer Ettlin

iPad Basics • \$60 • 5 Sessions

February 1 - March 1 • Thursdays • 6-8 pm

Welcome to the world of iPads! Designed specifically for the beginning iPad user, this course will cover the following:

•Getting started with an iPad •Installing and managing apps •Security and general settings •Syncing •Apple apps

Please bring your iPad with you to class for practice.

Instructor: Jennifer Ettlin

Intro to Photoshop CS6 • \$95

Most classes have monthly start dates!

To Register, go to: ed2go.com/casscc

Learn how to use Photoshop CS6, the world's best graphics program for photographers, to edit photos and create original images. This course has detailed, step-by-step instructions that you'll have no trouble following—even if you've never used a computer graphics program before!

Online!

Intro to Word • \$60 • 5 Sessions

January 24 - February 21 • Wednesdays • 6-8 pm

Students will be using Word 2013 to create, store and manipulate documents in organized workbooks for home and business tasks. Students will learn: •How to get started with Microsoft Office Word 2013 •Text & formatting basics •How to share documents •How to print documents •How to add hyperlinks and page specialties. *Please bring a \$5 supply fee to the instructor on the first night of class for a memory stick loaded with exercises and challenges so you can work without issue and for practice.* Instructor: Jennifer Ettlin

Intermediate Word • \$50 • 4 Sessions

March 14 - April 11 • Wednesdays • 6-8 pm

(No class March 28th)

Building on Intro to Word, students will be using Word 2013 to create, store and manipulate documents for home and business tasks. Students will learn: •How to Insert & Format pictures •How to add textboxes, tables and charts •How to create document protections and track changes •How to manage Themes and Styles. *Please bring a \$5 supply fee to the instructor on the first night of class for a memory stick loaded with exercises and challenges so you can work without issue and for practice.* Instructor: Jennifer Ettlin

Quickbooks • \$75 • 6 Sessions

February 8 - March 15 • Thursdays • 6-8 pm

QuickBooks is the leading accounting software for small businesses. Its intuitive interface is easy to understand, even if you lack an accounting or financial background. We will be using QuickBooks Online which can be accessed from your smartphone or any computer with an internet connection for this class. In this class, you will learn about: company setup, integrating with bank accounts, creating invoices for customers and recording receipts, writing checks and recording expenses, running reports and getting support from Quickbooks. You may use the computers in the classroom or bring your own laptop. Instructor: Susan Uchtman

Spring 2018 Computers & Software

Buying & Selling on Ebay • \$45 • 4 Sessions

March 6 - April 3 • Tuesdays • 6-8 pm
(No class March 27th)

Use Ebay to sell your unwanted items or as a side business! Learn: • how to set up a seller account, • how to post items for sale • the best practices for mailing items and follow-up procedures, including tracking income & expenses. Instructor: Susan Uchtman

Intro to Computers • \$45

February 17 • Saturday • 9am - 2:30pm
30 minute lunch on your own

First time with a computer? In this one day workshop, students will be learning to put together, operate and utilize either a laptop or desktop computer for home and business tasks. Students will learn: •About hardware basics •About software basics •How to set up your first computer •How to use the Internet •Safety and maintenance. Instructor: Jennifer Ettlin

One Day
Workshop!

Intro to InDesign CS6 • \$95

Most classes have monthly start dates!
To Register, go to: ed2go.com/casscc

Learn how to use Adobe InDesign CS6, the industry-standard desktop publishing software program, to design professional-quality letterheads, brochures, and more.

Online!

Creating Webpages • \$95

Most classes have monthly start dates!
To Register, go to: ed2go.com/casscc

Create and post your very own Web site on the Internet using HTML in this extensive, hands-on, six week workshop. First, you'll learn about the capabilities of the World Wide Web and the fundamentals of web design. Then, with your instructor's patient guidance, you'll plan the content, structure and layout of your Web site, create pages full of neatly formatted text, build links between the pages and to the outside world, and add color, backgrounds, graphics, and tables.

Online!

Introduction to Windows 10 • \$35 • 2 Sessions

February 6 & 8 • Tuesday & Thursday • 6-8pm

If you've recently purchased a new computer, there is a good chance it came loaded with Microsoft's updated operating system, Windows 10. There are many differences between this version of Windows and its predecessors, not the least of which is what it looks like to the average computer user. You will also learn about transitioning from an older operating system to Windows 10 while keeping your files compatible with the new software. Bring your laptop that is running Windows 10 and explore this system designed with touch screens in mind. Instructor: Kyle Wise, Owner of Service Tech Solutions

Safety Courses

Hunter Safety • Free

February 21 • Wednesday • 5-9pm
OR

March 5 • Monday • 5-9pm

If you were born after January 1, 1967 you must have an approved hunter education certification card to purchase a hunting license. Sessions are both skills sessions. You must go online to complete the knowledge portion or you can complete a self-study guide. Must bring paperwork with you to class. Certification is limited to those 11 years of age and older. Students under the age of 16 must bring proof of age. Contact the MO Department of Conservation for questions.

Register by phone: 816.655.6250
or online: mdc.mo.gov



AARP Driver Safety • Pick a date below

\$15 for AARP Members or \$20 for Non-Members

April 10 • Tuesday • 8:30am - 12:30pm

May 3 • Thursday • 12:30pm - 4:30pm

This is a defensive driving class for seniors. This classroom refresher course is designed for drivers age 50 and over. Course participants may be eligible to receive an insurance discount! Consult your insurance agent for further details. Instructor: Alvin Poisal



Driver's Education • \$240

May 30 - June 12 • Tuesday - Monday

First Week (Classroom lecture): 9am - 12pm

Second Week (Driving & Observation): 9am-12pm or 1-4pm

This 2-week class will help prepare teens and new drivers for the MO Behind-the-wheel driving test. This class will consist of 15 hours of classroom instruction, 6 hours of in-car observation, and 3 hours of behind-the-wheel drive time. Students must be 15 years of age with a permit. Observation & behind-the-wheel begins the 2nd week of class. Many insurance companies offer a discount for completion of the course. **Call us for more information or to obtain an enrollment form at 816.380.3253 x 7223.** Instructor: Alvin Poisal

LIFELONG LEARNING

Spring 2018 Health & Fitness

Gentle Yoga • \$60 Class 1 • \$53 Class 2

Class 1: January 30 - March 20 • Tuesdays • 6:15 - 7:15pm

Class 2: April 3 - May 15 • Tuesdays • 6:15 - 7:15pm

Class 1: 8 Sessions & Class 2: 7 Sessions

This class is designed to build strength, balance and flexibility. It offers a mixture of passive & active postures, executed in slow, carefully orchestrated movements. It's perfect for all levels to practice a slow paced yoga sequence in a fun & calming environment. Instructor: Andi Wiltshire

Restorative Yoga • \$60 Class 1 • \$53 Class 2

Class 1: January 30 - March 20 • Tuesdays • 7:30 - 8:30pm

Class 2: April 3 - May 15 • Tuesdays • 7:30 - 8:30pm

Class 1: 8 Sessions & Class 2: 7 Sessions

This meditative style of yoga typically involves fewer poses, supported by props that allow you to completely relax & rest for longer periods of time. Calm & heal your mind and body with this restorative approach to yoga. Instructor: Andi Wiltshire



Enroll Early!
Classes
fill fast!

Line Dancing • \$30 Class 1 • \$30 Class 2

Class 1: February 21 - March 14 • Wednesdays • 6:30 - 8:00pm

Class 1: April 4 - April 25 • Wednesdays • 6:30 - 8:00pm

Class 1: 4 Sessions & Class 2: 4 Sessions

This class will cover many social & beginner line dances. Enjoy an excellent mental and physical workout while having a fabulous time! No partner required. Tennis shoes or boots recommended. No previous experience necessary. Instructor: Erin Malwitz

Classes held at Harrisonville Elementary School in the cafeteria.

Line Dancing
Located
at HES
Cafeteria

Food Enthusiasts

Cake Decorating • \$50 + Supplies • 4 Sessions

February 27 - March 20 • Tuesdays • 6:30 - 8:30pm

Learn the basics of cake decorating. We will be making various borders, roses, and other flowers, along with tips on icing. A supply list will be available at registration. Instructor: Judy Schrock



30-Minute Mozzarella • \$20 • 1 Session

February 6 • Tuesday • 6-8pm

Learn, through hands-on experience, how to begin with fresh, raw milk to make delicious mozzarella cheese. It does not require a lot of equipment and is something you can do in your own kitchen. You'll also learn recipes to incorporate your freshly made mozzarella!

\$10 supply fee payable to instructor the night of class.

Class held at the home of Cricket Kroenke.

Directions provided at enrollment.

Instructors: Cricket Kroenke & Norma Keltner

Located at
the home of
Cricket
Kroenke

Photography

Digital SLR Photography • \$60 • 6 Sessions

April 2 - May 7 • Mondays • 6:30 - 8:30pm

Learn how to add mood and uniqueness to your photos through simple lighting and exposure controls & how to make better in-camera compositions. Discuss additional means of photo controls, such as special functions/controls found on many cameras today & the use of filters. This is an entry-level course and is appropriate for digital SLR cameras (film camera users will also find most of the class information relevant.) Be familiar with your camera & bring it and its user's manual to class.

Instructor: Jim Braswell - Show Me Nature Photography



Intro to Photoshop CS6 • \$95

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Learn how to use Photoshop CS6, the world's best graphics program for photographers, to edit photos and create original images. This course has detailed, step-by-step instructions that you'll have no trouble following—even if you've never used a computer graphics program before!

Online!

Spring 2018 Needlework & Sewing

Beginner's Crocheting • \$50 • 5 Sessions

March 19 - April 23 • Tuesdays • 6-8 pm
(No class March 26th)

Don't know one end of the crochet hook from the other? Join this class! We will cover hook sizes and types of yarn as well as basic stitches and increases and decreases. Learn how to read a pattern and the abbreviations you need to know when reading patterns. Handouts will be provided. Please bring an H hook & one ball of Peaches & Cream yarn in any color (both can be bought at Wal-Mart in the craft section) to the first class. You will get a list of the needed yarns for the remainder of the projects at the 1st class. Instructor: Jennifer Ettlin

Baskets Quilt • \$50 • 6 Sessions

February 20 - April 3 • Tuesdays • 6-8pm
(No Class March 27)

Baskets, a traditional quilt block. Join us to create your own basket quilt in either a traditional or modern style. Experience with curved piecing will be helpful. Basic sewing supplies needed. A supply list will be emailed to you upon registration.

Instructor: Denniele Bohannon



This Is MY Quilt • \$50 • 6 Sessions

April 10 - May 15 • Tuesdays • 6-8pm

Whether you use a large print fabric or vintage linens, you can create a one of a kind treasure. Great quilt for both beginner and experienced quilters. Basic sewing supplies needed. A supply list will be emailed to you upon registration. Instructor: Denniele Bohannon



Churn Baby Churn • \$45 • 5 Sessions

January 16 - February 13 • Tuesdays • 6-8pm

Churn Baby Churn, a versatile and favorite block. Come explore the many options available when using this block in a quilt. Great class to use up your larger scraps. Basic sewing supplies needed. A supply list will be emailed to you upon registration.

Instructor: Denniele Bohannon



Gathering Up the Fragments • \$45 • 1 Session

February 17 • Saturday • 9am - 2pm

What do you do with those odds and ends of doilies, quilt blocks, and other family treasures you own? You make a quilt, of course! This fun, fast-paced workshop gives everyone a chance to see what sewing with vintage pieces is all about.

Lori brings a special, hand-selected kit of vintage and antique goodies for each student and everybody completes a one-of-a-kind piece. Please bring \$25, payable to the instructor, the day of class. Along the way, learn tips and tricks that Lori has gleaned from more than 15 years of sewing with those fragments that might otherwise be lost, to include care, collage, and ways to incorporate them into new works of art. Although the purchase of a kit is required, Lori encourages you to bring your own pieces so we can discuss ways to use them in your own projects. This class is for the intermediate sewer.

Supplies needed: One yard neutral solid cotton fabric; 24" square cotton batting; sewing machine oiled and in good working order; two full bobbins; fresh machine needles (size 70, 80 or universal); neutral thread to match your solid fabric; off-white thread; scissors; thread snips; one hand-sewing needle and threader; rotary cutter, ruler, and mat; seam ripper; pins and pin cushion. Instructor: Lori East



One Day Workshop!

Apron for Kids! • \$40 • 1 Session

February 17 • Saturday • 9am - 2pm

Ready to add to your sewing skills? We will learn about pockets and embellishments in addition to having fun, making new friends, and eating pizza! All supplies, including lunch, will be provided for this fun, one-day class. Sewing machines are provided. Enroll early! Class fills fast!

Instructors: Denniele Bohannon & Ginger Freisz

One Day Workshop!

LIFE ENRICHMENT

Spring 2018 Arts & Crafts

Necklace for Wine Lovers • Free • 1 Session
March 14 • Wednesday • 6-8pm

One of the hottest upcycling projects today is working with used wine corks. Pull out your saved wine corks and let instructor Gina Smith show you how to create **two** unique necklaces! Bring two (2) wine corks to class. These will be provided if needed. No class fee! **The only cost to you is a supply fee of \$12, payable to the instructor the night of class.**



Mosaic Garden Stakes • \$20 • 1 Session
March 14 • Wednesday • 6-9pm

Design and create your own yard art that you will be proud to show off in your yard! Impress your friends and family as your "inner artist" comes to life. These mosaic designs will be used with a variety of colors available. They will then be melted in a kiln to be a permanent work of art for your flower pot or garden. Each stake measures approximately 10"x2". No skill level is required. Anyone can do this! **Please bring an additional \$12 supply fee to the instructor the first night of class.**

Language

Speed Spanish • \$95

Most classes have monthly start dates!
To Register, go to: ed2go.com/casscc

Imagine yourself speaking, reading and writing Spanish. Now you can with Speed Spanish! This course is designed for anyone who wants to learn Spanish pronto. You'll learn six easy recipes for gluing Spanish words together to form sentences. In no time at all, you'll be able to go into any Spanish speaking situation and converse in Spanish. ¡Qué Bueno!

Online!

Instant Italian • \$95

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This dynamic course will teach you how to express yourself comfortably in Italian. You'll learn practical, everyday words and phrases that will make your stay in Italy more enjoyable. You'll read, hear, and practice dialogues based on typical situations that you're likely to encounter while staying in Italy. The dialogues and follow-up exercises of each lesson will teach you to communicate in Italian in a wide variety of settings. You'll be surprised by how quickly and easily you can learn many useful expressions in Italian!

Online!

Intro to Brush Lettering • \$45 • 4 Sessions
Jan 17 & 31 and Feb 14 & 28 • Wednesday • 6:30-8pm

Brush lettering is a skill that is useful for all types of applications, such as DIY signage, decorations, gift tags and handwriting improvement! This course will teach the basics of brush lettering, along with examples of different applications using brush markers or water pens and paint brushes. You will be given a black marker and practice sheets the first night of class. All other supplies will be provided the second night of class.
\$25 Supply fee due to instructor on first night of class.

Bullet Journaling • \$40

February 17 • Saturday • 9-2pm

Do you BuJo? What even is a BuJo? It's the newest way that people are finding planner peace! A bullet journal is an incredible new way to plan. All you need is a notebook and a pen, or if you want to get fancy, some "extra" supplies. This workshop will take you from starting your very own bullet journal, through completing a whole months worth of layouts to get you started on your own bullet journal journey! We will discuss what a bullet journal IS, HOW you use it, HOW to make it your own, and WHY so many people are using this incredible system to organize their lives!

Supply List:

- Grid or Dot Grid journal (Michaels, Hobby Lobby, or Amazon. Search for dot grid or grid notebook)
- Pack of gel pens (Ink Joy gel pens are recommended)
- Ruler • Pencil • Eraser

One Day
Workshop!

Beginning Conversational French • \$95

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This course will teach you how to communicate easily and comfortably with those who speak French. You'll learn practical, common phrases that will make your trip to the many French-speaking regions of the world more pleasant. You'll learn dialogue specific to various settings, and you'll be surprised how easy it can be to speak another language!

Online!

Discover Sign Language • \$95

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It's truly amazing that we can communicate just by using our hands! Add different facial expressions, and you have a conversation—the language of Deaf people. In this course, you'll discover how to use this graceful, expressive language to communicate with Deaf people.

Online!

Spring 2018 Hobbies

Small Engine Repair • \$60 • 4 Sessions

April 18 - May 9 • Wednesday • 6-8pm

Fix small engines on your own! Save money and get the convenience of doing your own repairs on equipment, including lawn mowers, weed eaters, chain saws, and leaf blowers. You can even bring your own small engine for small repair projects! The class is limited to 8 students, so enroll early! Instructor: Lynn Dines



Enroll
Early!

Intro to Bees & Beekeeping • \$81 • 2 Sessions

Feb 13 & Feb 15 • Tuesday & Thursday • 6-8:30pm

(Class fee includes a book)

Whether you are a beginner or seasoned professional beekeeper, there's always something new to learn about honeybees and pollinators. This course will focus on the principles of beekeeping. Those principles include the history of beekeeping, honeybee biology, plant and pollinator relationship, and essential equipment and requirements. By the end of the first class, participants will learn how to start their own apiary and assist experienced beekeepers in management of their hives.

Knot Tying • \$50 • 5 Sessions

February 6 - March 6 • Tuesday • 6-8pm

A hands-on introduction to making cordage and rope, including: •knotting •splicing •fancy work (rope splices, back splicing and eye splices with whipping and stoppers) •simple fancy work (lanyard knot, french whipping, monkey fists and turksheads with use of a marlin spike). **Please bring a \$6 Supply fee to be paid to the instructor the first night of class.**

Instructor: John Finn

Observing the Heavens • \$25 • 3 Sessions

(Class price includes \$10 donation to observatory)

March 8 and March 15 • Thursdays • 6:30-8pm (Classroom)

March 16 • Friday • Leave CCC @ 6:30pm (Observatory)

A hands-on introduction to making cordage and rope, Join us as we learn about basic astronomy, the equipment used, where to observe the heavens and an introduction to Messier Objects (a set of 110 astronomical objects catalogued by the French astronomer Charles Messier). The first two nights will be in the classroom at Cass Career Center from 6:30-8 p.m. The third night will consist of a field trip to Louisburg, Kansas at one of the Astronomical Society of Kansas City (ASKC) sites, where instructors will be available to help you find a select few of the marvels of the universe with your binoculars. **Admission to the observatory will be \$6 (not included in the class price).**

We will caravan from the Cass Career Center on Friday, March 16, leaving at 6:30 p.m. The weather will be the determining factor for the date of the field trip.

Alternate dates will be Saturday, March 17; Friday, March 23; or Saturday, March 24.

Online Courses



For more online
courses, please visit
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12 Steps to a Successful Job Search • \$95

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Resume Writing Workshop • \$95

Most classes have monthly start dates!

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Create an effective resume or improve the one you already have. Transform your resume into a powerful tool that will get you interviews. This workshop will lead you through a self-assessment series so you will have extensive knowledge about the product you are marketing YOU! Learn different resume formats and the advantages and disadvantages of each.

Drawing for the Absolute Beginner • \$95

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Have you always been interested in drawing, but never really knew how to get started? If so, then this is definitely the course for you! Gain a solid foundation and understanding of the basics to drawing and become the artist you've always dreamed you could be!

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Spring 2018 Registration & Information

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REFUND POLICY

- Full refund will be provided if Cass Career Center cancels the class
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Student Name _____ Date of Birth _____

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Science goes beyond facts to critical thinking, real-world connections

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“The hands-on approach along with the model which scaffolds student work from structured to free thinking is great,” said McEowen teacher Pat Snider. “I think this program will help develop the critical thinking skills our kids need to solve problems in general.”

No longer are students learning science from a textbook.

“Students are investigating, designing, and modeling through hands-on experiences. This affords them the opportunities to make knowledge active and apply it in real time,” said McEowen teacher Megan Gordon.

An example of the real time learning came when Gordon’s students were doing the energy module. Students were challenged to construct a vehicle, then design and test a restraint system to protect an egg from breaking when being transported and crashing in the vehicle (pictured: fourth graders Keller Johnson and Ben Wooten show off their egg-carrying vehicle).

“They loved it and so did I because of all the critical thinking and problem solving involved,” said Mrs. Gordon. “Needless to say, I

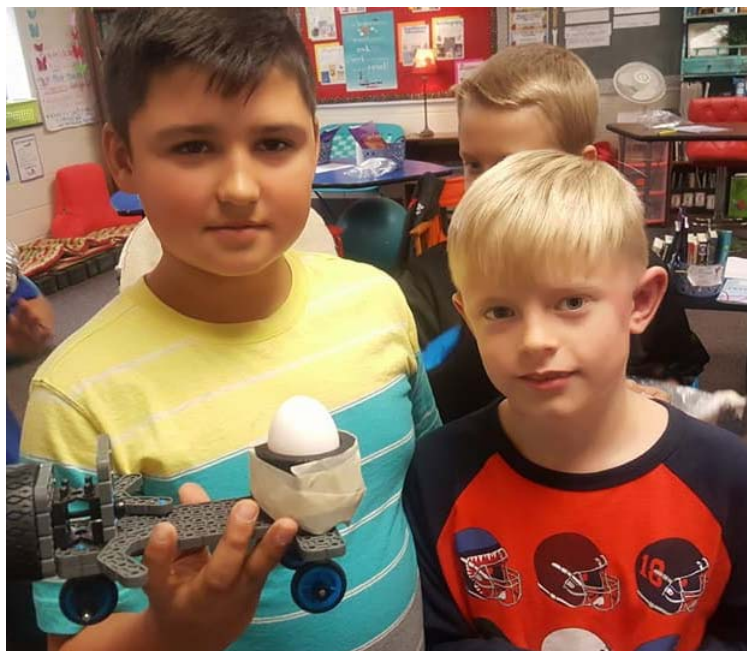
bought extra eggs so we could test the restraint systems as many times as needed. We cracked a lot of eggs and learned a ton in the process!”

She went on to say, “The best part for me was seeing the transfer of information as students understood the connection between the restraints they designed and seat belt safety.”

With students engaged in hands-on learning, the teacher’s role changes.

Harrisonville Elementary School teacher Mishelle Pauley said, “The teacher acts as the facilitator, not the teacher, which allows the kids to control their learning somewhat.”

“We have a lot of conversations



about why students think the way they do and how they could make something better. It has really helped with ‘if at first you don’t succeed try again,’” said Mrs. Peterson.

All the teachers agree that student engagement has increased.

McEowen teacher Jacob VanSlyke said, “You can feel the excitement when they find out we are going to the lab for PLTW.”

Mrs. Gordon added, “I believe we are giving our students an edge in the real world that begins now as they experience science in a whole new way.”

Board of Education candidate filing open through Jan. 16

Filing for Harrisonville School Board of Education candidates began Tuesday, December 12 at 8 a.m. at the Administrative Offices, 503 S. Lexington. Some of the requirements for candidates for the Board of Education are as follows: must be a citizen of the US, a resident taxpayer in the Harrisonville Cass R-IX School District, and at least 24 years of age. Candidates must have lived in Missouri for at least one year preceding the election. For a full list of candidate requirements, go to <http://harrisonvilleschools.schoolwires.net/Page/98>

Filing closes on January 16 at 5 p.m. Offices to be filled are two (3) three-year positions. Board members whose terms expire are RJ Knox and Chad Reynolds

The Board election is April 3, 2018.

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HARRISONVILLE *Highlights*

HHS students creating products viewed by thousands;

Harrisonville High School students are running a video production company and gaining real-world skills through an elective offering at the school.

The WCN (Wildcat Network) class has produced numerous videos that have been viewed by thousands of people at sporting events and on Facebook. The students also learn and practice “live” video production at sporting events using the video scoreboards at Memorial Stadium and in the HHS gym.

With only half a school year complete, the small staff of 11 has created seven commercials for scoreboard sponsors, football and basketball hype videos, multiple

‘This Week in our District’ features, a soccer end-of-the-year highlight video, Student of the Month videos, intro videos for football and soccer players, a Wildcat Way commercial and special features for Halloween and the district’s eclipse activities. They’ve also worked and directed “live” productions at 20 sporting events.

Senior Tara Barnard said, “My favorite project so far was making a commercial for Commerce Bank because I got to create something for a local business.”

“Students are motivated to work on projects because they receive immediate feedback from their work,” said WCN teacher Jake Kohl. “The community works with



these students and the students' work is seen by the community.”

One of the major projects of the
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District preps for winter weather

As the temperature turns cold, the district prepares for the potential of winter weather.

When winter weather strikes, the district monitors temperatures, wind chills, and road conditions, and will inform parents as early as possible if a decision is made to cancel school. Cancellation information will be shared through the district’s automated calling and texting system (SchoolMessenger), Facebook, Twitter, the district app, and the website and on local TV stations.

Safety is priority number one when making the determination to cancel school on any given day due to inclement weather. If snow, ice, or extreme cold make conditions unsafe, the district will cancel school.

There may also be days when the decision is made to delay the start time of school as conditions are expected to improve.

On these days and other days when it’s very cold, there are a few reminders for parents...

- Please make sure that your children come to school dressed for the weather, with winter coats, hats, and gloves.
- If a child walks to school, we ask that parents try to make arrangements for the child to be given a ride to school. In some neighborhoods, parents form emergency carpools and this works well.
- If the child is a bus rider, we again encourage parents to make sure their child is dressed appropriately. We also encourage parents to let the child wait in the car with them until the bus comes (or, again, make arrangements so that several children can wait together in one car).

Being in school is important for many reasons, including that instructional time is valuable to all students. Additionally, schools are safe places to be for students. Students have adult supervision throughout the day and, should they stay home on a cold day, in some cases there may be no supervision available.

Attendance is key to student success

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minute a student misses school matters when it comes to their opportunity for academic success. A few things for parents to consider...

- Try to schedule appointments on days off or after school. However, if you have to schedule an appointment during a school day, please try to only take your child out of school for the actual appointment.
- Please be sure that your student arrives to school on time every day.
- Try to avoid checking your child out early.

The district also wants to stress the importance of developing good attendance as a habit. If students learn the importance of being on time and at school during their K-12 experience, it

can only benefit them as they move into life after high school. Although attendance isn’t something you will see on a resume, it is a skill that employers value. By focusing on attendance together, we can improve in this area.

Please feel free to reach out to me with questions about our district and student learning. The success of our students and district depends on all of us, putting forth our best efforts in the area that matters the most, our students!

Dan Erholtz
Assistant Superintendent,
Academic & Student Services



gaining real-world experience in video production

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last several weeks has been a series of commercials for the Harrisonville Police Department's Shop with a Cop program. The videos feature well-known "cops" and their adversaries, along with their famous cars including the Blues Brothers, Dukes of Hazzard, and Smokey and the Bandit.

Senior JT Overturf said, "I love working with all the new people and police officers and of course the super cool cars that we've worked with. It's also amazing seeing my video that my group and I created up on the scoreboard during sports events and the fact that they have been posting them on their Facebook page and getting thousands of views."

Senior Sydney Graves echoed Overturf's sentiment. "My favorite project so far would be Shop with a Cop because we get to help the cops make a video for a good cause."

In addition to the finished product and technical skills, the students are gaining valuable experience working with others.

"Soft skills are an important aspect of this course. As students work with the community, they have to communicate, film and interact in a professional manner," said Mr. Kohl. "They also problem solve how to do shots and turn a vision of someone's idea into a finished production that we hope many people want to watch."

A project still in progress for the Keys to Community program highlighted these soft skills for at least one student.

"I am enjoying it because of the different people I have been able to meet and interview all kinds of people with different backgrounds," said senior Zach Walsh.

Junior Hunter Carlton said his favorite part of the class is "the people because everyone works great together."

Not only are the students learning valuable skills, they really enjoy coming to the class each day.

Senior Chase Laizure said, "This class is different from most of my other classes in multiple ways. We aren't stuck at a desk taking notes and getting restless; we get to hop on computers and edit, go out in the community to shoot video during hour, interview and talk to people we may never have the chance to before, and go in places you typically wouldn't be in."

Walsh said, "This class really allows me to use my imagination with very little to no restrictions other than the restrictions of what you can

think of. It also allows me to get a real world sense of media work."

Students are learning skills that are immediately applicable in the workforce.

"Students learn video camera operation, video editing, operating a live switch (switching from one camera to the another in a live show), and cutting live shots into replays. These are real world skills students can earn scholarships to college and do for a career," said Mr. Kohl. "Some of my students have worked for Fidelity Communications while in high school. Any live sporting event on television has a crew doing the same things these students are learning and practicing right now."

Students outside the WCN class are recruited for the AV team

for sporting events as it takes a crew of 5-6 people to make a "live" event possible.

Barnard said, "My favorite part of the class is getting to film at the sporting events. It is awesome to be a part of something like that and support the teams."

Students will be continuing their work second semester with "live" basketball game productions, more commercials and 'This Week in the District' features, as well as projects they write and create themselves.

To view some of the students' work, visit the Harrisonville Schools Facebook page - www.facebook.com/HarrisonvilleSchools.

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Community Calendar of Events

Dec. 18	Eating Smart, Being Active, 1-3 p.m., Library	Feb. 13	Cass Regional Medical Center
Dec. 21	Christmas Movie Marathon Family Event, 1-5 p.m., Library	Feb. 13	Alzheimer’s Support Group, 6 p.m., Cass Regional Medical Center
Dec. 21	Diabetes Support Group, 6:30 p.m., Cass Regional Medical Center	Feb. 14	ECC, HES, & McEowen Valentine’s Parties
Dec. 27	Happy Noon Year Storytime, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Library	Feb. 15	Chamber Luncheon, 11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m., RSVP to 380-5271
Dec. 21-Jan. 2	No School	Feb. 15	Anti-Valentine’s Day Party for teens, 3:30 p.m., Library
Jan. 4	Inspirational Book Club, 6:30 p.m., Library	Feb. 16	No School - Staff Development
Jan. 5	Chamber 1st Friday Coffee, 7:30-9 a.m., Community Bank of Harrisonville	Feb. 16	HHS jazz band at Jazz at the Junction
Jan. 5	HES Awards Assembly, 3:15 p.m.	Feb. 17	Nevada Show Choir Competition
Jan. 8	PTO Meeting, HES, 6:30 p.m.	Feb. 17	Lego Saturday, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Library
Jan. 8	Brown Bag Book Club, 12 p.m., Library	Feb. 17-24	FFA Week
Jan. 8	General Book Club, 6:30 p.m., Library	Feb. 19	No School
Jan. 9	PAT Playgroup, ECC, 9:15 a.m.	Feb. 20	PAT Playgroup, ECC, 9:15 a.m.
Jan. 9	Mystery Book Club, 6:30 p.m., Library	Feb. 20	PAT Music with Mar, ECC, 6 p.m.
Jan. 9	Alzheimer’s Support Group, 6 p.m., Cass Regional Medical Center	Feb. 21	College & Career Wednesday
Jan. 10	College & Career Wednesday	Feb. 24	MRVC All-Conference Honor Choir, HHS
Jan. 11-24	ECC, HES, McEowen Major Saver Sales	Feb. 24	UCM Jazz Festival
Jan. 11	HES Family Night, 5:30-7 p.m.	Feb. 26	McEowen Awards Assembly, 3:05 p.m.
Jan. 11	Underground Readers Teen Book Club, 3:30 p.m., Library	Feb. 26	beTween the Lines Book Club, 6:30 p.m., Library
Jan. 13	Rock Bridge Show Fest	Feb. 27	PAT Playgroup, ECC, 9:15 a.m.
Jan. 15	No School	Feb. 27	Second Grade Music Program, 7 p.m., HHS
Jan. 16	PAT Playgroup, ECC, 9:15 a.m.	Feb. 28	ECC Breakfast with Books, 8:30 a.m.
Jan. 18	Harry Potter Escape Room for teens, 3:30 p.m., Library	Feb. 28	ECC Awards Assembly, 3 p.m.
Jan. 18	Diabetes Support Group, 6:30 p.m., Cass Regional Medical Center	Mar. 1-3	HMS Play, 7 p.m., HMS
Jan. 19	Chamber & Cass Regional Health & Business Expo, Mill-Walk Mall, 6-8 p.m.	Mar. 1	HES Spring Pictures
Jan. 20	Battle of the Best show choir competition, P. Hill	Mar. 1	Inspirational Book Club, 6:30 p.m., Library
Jan. 20	Lego Saturday, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Library	Mar. 2	Chamber 1st Friday Coffee, 7:30-9 a.m., Cass Cty Council on Aging
Jan. 22	PAT Wild & Wacky, ECC, 6 p.m.	Mar. 2	HES Awards Assembly, 3:15 p.m.
Jan. 22	beTween the Lines Book Club, 6:30 p.m., Library	Mar. 6	PAT Playgroup, ECC, 9:15 a.m.
Jan. 23	PAT Playgroup, ECC, 9:15 a.m.	Mar. 6	Pre-Festival Band Concert, HHS, 7 p.m.
Jan. 23	Bread in a Bag program, 6 p.m., Library	Mar. 8	Underground Readers Teen Book Club, 3:30 p.m., Library
Jan. 24	ECC Breakfast with Books, 8:30 a.m.	Mar. 12	No School
Jan. 26	District Spelling Bee, 1 p.m., HMS	Mar. 12	Brown Bag Book Club, 12 p.m., Library
Jan. 26	McEowen Awards Assembly, 2:30 p.m.	Mar. 12	General Book Club, 6:30 p.m., Library
Jan. 30	PAT Playgroup, ECC, 9:15 a.m.	Mar. 13-15	ECC, HES, & McEowen Spring Book Fairs
Jan. 31	ECC Awards Assembly, 3 p.m.	Mar. 13	PAT Playgroup, ECC, 9:15 a.m.
Feb. 1-3	Spring Play, HHS, 7 p.m.	Mar. 13	HES Family Night, 5:30-7 p.m.
Feb. 1	Inspirational Book Club, 6:30 p.m., Library	Mar. 13	Mystery Book Club, 6:30 p.m., Library
Feb. 1	Chamber Annual Dinner & Award Celebration, 5:30 p.m., Beck Event Space, \$25 RSVP	Mar. 13	Alzheimer’s Support Group, 6 p.m., Cass Regional Medical Center
Feb. 2	HES Awards Assembly, 3:15 p.m.	Mar. 14	College & Career Wednesday
Feb. 2	Chamber 1st Friday Coffee, 7:30-9 a.m., Waddell & Reed	Mar. 14	McEowen Spring Pictures
Feb. 3	Smith Cotton Show Choir Competition	Mar. 15	Chamber Luncheon, 11:45 a.m.-1 pm., RSVP to 380-5271
Feb. 5-9	National School Counseling Week	Mar. 15	Crafternoon for teens, 3:30 p.m., Library
Feb. 5-9	Career & Technical Education Week	Mar. 15	Diabetes Support Group, 6:30 p.m., Cass Regional Medical Center
Feb. 5	Messy Art Family Program, 6-7 p.m., Library	Mar. 15	An Evening of Reader’s Theatre & One-Acts, HHS, 7 p.m.
Feb. 6	PAT Playgroup, ECC, 9:15 a.m.	Mar. 17	Lego Saturday, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Library
Feb. 6	Meal prep program, 6 p.m., Library	Mar. 26	beTween the Lines Book Club, 6:30 p.m., Library
Feb. 6	Mystery Book Club, 6:30 p.m., Library		
Feb. 8	HMS/HHS Band Dinner Concert, HMS		
Feb. 9	Winter Homecoming		
Feb. 8	Underground Readers Teen Book Club, 3:30 p.m., Library		
Feb. 10	HHS Show Choir Festival		
Feb. 12	Brown Bag Book Club, 12 p.m., Library		
Feb. 12	General Book Club, 6:30 p.m., Library		
Feb. 13	PAT Playgroup, ECC, 9:15 a.m.		
Feb. 13	Rehabilitation Services Open House, 4-6 p.m.,		

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*ABC Storytime Wednesdays, 9:30 & 11 a.m., Library, January 2018-March 2018