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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, and the library. Page 8 includes a Community Calendar of Events for the spring.



HARRISONVILLE *Highlights*

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Spring 2023

Fine arts take centerstage this spring

Over the spring months, our students will perform concerts and plays showcasing their talents. All performances will be in the high school Performing Arts Center, 1504 E. Elm and most are free to the public. All performances are at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. First up, HHS will present *Little Women*, April 6-8. Additional events include McEowen 5th Grade Concert on April 18, Kindergarten Music Program on April 20 at 6 and 6:45 p.m., HMS band concert on May 9, HHS band concert on May 11, Music Mania on May 13, HHS choir concert on May 16, and HMS choir concert on May 17. Pictured is the February performance



of *The Rules of Comedy* by our middle school students. In this scene, Hamlet reenacts his father's death

using Barbie dolls. For the first time this year, HMS performed the annual play in the Performing Arts Center.

Senior Day of Service set for May 16; jobs sought

Harrisonville High School will once again host Senior Day of Service. The Class of 2023 will be available to help with projects in the community on Tuesday, May 16 from 9-11:30 a.m.

The high school is seeking “jobs” for the students. Examples of projects could include landscape work, cleaning/organizing, yard work, painting, putting together kits/pack-

ets, etc. Job sites are expected to have a representative on hand and provide all the materials/tools needed.

To submit a job, go to the district website www.harrisonvilleschools.org, then Senior Day of Service Job Submission Form or call/email Jill Filer at 380-2727, ext. 1224 or jill.filer@harrisonvilleschools.org.

When completing the form, consider how many students can work the full 2.5 hours in order to complete your job. Also, please be as specific as possible when describing the job.

Job submission closes on Wednesday, April 19. Since the majority of projects will take place outside, inclement weather would cause the event to be canceled and it will not be rescheduled.

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Harrisonville High School
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Mark Rorivg, Principal

Cass Career Center
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Grades 9-Post-Secondary
Dr. Anne Hickman, Director

Harrisonville Middle School
601 S. Highland • 380-7654
Grades 6-8
Chris Grantham, Principal

McEwen Elementary School
1901 S. Halsey • 380-4545
Grades 4-5
Beth Love, Principal

**Harrisonville Elementary
School**
101 Meghan Drive • 380-4131
Grades 1-3
Dr. Tricia Falke, Principal

Early Childhood Center
500 Eastwood Rd. • 380-4421
Grades Preschool - Kindergarten
Becky Campbell, Principal



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From the Desk of Superintendent Paul Mensching

Superintendent reflects on success, looks to future of education



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Wildcat
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help but think of the famous line
penned by William Shakespeare,
“good night, good night, parting is
such sweet sorrow”. It is sweet to
imagine a little more time for travel
and other exciting activities. It is
sweet to look back on the achieve-
ments that our community was able
to accomplish over the last five
years.

The passage of Propositions I
and N in June of 2020 will always be
something that I am grateful for. We
were able to develop a much-needed
increase in salaries for our staff and
improve the safety and maintenance
of our buildings during one of the
most tumultuous times in our
country’s history. In addition, we
were able to produce and develop a
strategic “Blueprint” plan that has
provided a strong foundation for the
future of our schools. Included in
that plan is a key partnership with
the Kauffman Foundation for the
Real World Learning grant that has
helped shape the college and career

readiness paths for our students for
years to come.

The sorrow of leaving is the
sense of the many things left on the
table to accomplish. Fortunately, the
Board of Education has hired a tre-
mendous leader for the future of our
students and community in Dr.
Chastain. I look forward to seeing
the great things to come for the
Harrisonville School District!

This being my final letter to the
community, I would be remiss if I did
not take the opportunity to discuss
current elections and political issues
impacting schools in the state of Mis-
souri. School board elections will be
held on the first Tuesday in April. We
have six candidates who have taken
the time to get involved and throw
their hat in the ring for three avail-
able seats. Please get to know them
as much as possible to make an in-
formed decision on election day and
remember to vote for three!

The legislative session is in full
swing during this time of year as
well. School issues are at the fore-
front of many peoples’ minds in
Jefferson City. Three specific issues
being debated are open enrollment,
parents’ bill of rights, and vouchers
(or education savings plans). All
these bills are versions of bills
authored at the national level by vari-
ous political factions and introduced
in multiple states. I would again urge
our community to examine all these
issues in-depth as each has potential
pitfalls.

Open enrollment does exist in

many of our neighboring states and
has the potential to be a benefit to
families. A key concern in Missouri
though is how that transfer is paid
for. Not all public schools in Mis-
souri have the same set tuition. Ru-
ral schools are generally more ex-
pensive. If a student were to come
to Harrisonville from a district that
receives less money, which district
pays the difference? Is the amount
that follows the child the full tuition
amount, or simply the state amount
of \$6,400? Frankly, there are still
questions that I have which are un-
answered.

Parents’ Bill of Rights sounds
great in theory, as it is intended to be
by the national authors. However, as a
parent, the easiest way to find out
what students are learning in their
classes is to ask their child. I en-
courage all parents to continually talk
with their children about what they
are learning in class. If parents ever
have a question, they should contact
the teacher and the school regarding
those questions. Parents are always
encouraged to volunteer where pos-
sible to help as well. Bright Futures
has many ways in which parents can
get involved. Parent nights, PAT, ath-
letic boosters, band boosters, Blue
Note Boosters, etc. are a few more
examples of how parents can get in-
volved in our schools. Other issues
in the Parents’ Bill of Rights are bud-
get, finances, and curriculum. The
Harrisonville School District ap-
proves the annual budget in June of
each year and the tax rate is set at

an annual tax rate hearing in August.
Invoices are paid under “Accounts
Payable” at each monthly public
meeting. All of those school board
meetings and documents are open to
the public and available on the
district’s website under the “About
Us” tab and then “School Board”.

Vouchers, sometimes described
as education savings plans, present
a different set of problems. The
voucher amount for a student is set
at around \$6,400 per child, per year.
The current bills are written to cap
who can apply for these vouchers.
However, the income eligibility cap
is relatively high. For a family of six
(two parents and four children) the
yearly earnings cap to be eligible for
a voucher is currently written at
\$137,604 per year. Anyone making
less than that is eligible to receive the
voucher amount. For four children
that voucher amount would be
\$25,600 to attend a private school or
as a credit for homeschool. Gener-
ally, most families in that income
bracket pay \$2,000 to \$4,000 per year
in property taxes for a modest home
and cars. So, paying that amount in
taxes yearly yields \$25,600 in rev-
enue?! In addition, the tuition to at-
tend one private parochial school in
Kansas City that I looked up would
cost an average of \$14,000 per child,
per year. The voucher “subsidizes”
that amount, but clearly does not pay
the whole bill. People in poverty, or
even of modest means, are not go-
ing to be able to fill that gap to edu-
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New assistant superintendents to begin roles on July 1

Two new assistant superinten-
dents will begin duties in the district
beginning July 1.

Dr. Joseph Parkhurst will be the
Assistant Superintendent of Human
Resources and Operations and Mrs.
Annie Knox will be the Assistant
Superintendent of Academic and Stu-
dent Services.

Dr. Parkhurst is currently the
principal of Holden High School.
He’s also served as Assistant Prin-
cipal and Athletic Director at Holden.
Prior to that, he taught social studies
and coached in the Belton and

Sherwood School Districts.

Dr. Parkhurst earned his
bachelor’s degree from Avila Uni-
versity, his master’s from William
Woods University and his Doctorate
in Educational Leadership from
Baker University.

Dr. Parkhurst and his wife,
Kristine, live in Harrisonville and
have twin boys who are first grad-
ers at Harrisonville Elementary
School.

Mrs. Knox is the current Direc-
tor of Special Services for the dis-
trict and has served in that role for

six years. She began her career in
the Harrisonville School District as
a special education teacher at
Harrisonville Elementary School.
She taught for five years before go-
ing to Clinton to serve as an elemen-
tary assistant principal for two years.
She returned to Harrisonville as a
process coordinator and then moved
on to Lee’s Summit where she was
a process coordinator and program
coordinator for two years before re-
turning to Harrisonville once again.

Mrs. Knox is a graduate of
Harrisonville High School. She

earned her bachelor’s degree from
Southwest Baptist University and her
master’s and specialist’s degrees
from the University of Central Mis-
souri. She is currently pursuing her
doctoral degree in Educational Lead-
ership from Saint Louis University.

Mrs. Knox is married to RJ and
they have two children - Addie, a
sixth grade student at Harrisonville
Middle School and Henry, a third
grader at Harrisonville Elementary
School.



Kindergarten, preschool enrollment set for 2023-24

Harrisonville Early Childhood Center kindergarten enrollment for 2023-24 will be underway soon and preschool enrollment will take place in May. The kindergarten program is open to all students who will turn five by July 31 and who live in the Harrisonville School District. The preschool program is open to all children who turn four by July 31 and live in the district. Kindergarten runs five full days a week, while preschool is a half day program for five days a week- morning classes from 8:50-11:25 a.m. and afternoon classes from 12:50-3:25 p.m.

Current ECC preschool students will be screened for kindergarten while they are at school before their last day of school. A copy of the screening sheet will be sent home to parents following the screening. A packet of paperwork will also be sent home with students for parents to complete. State-issued birth certificates are already on file, but the school asks that immunization records are updated and

submitted to the office as soon as each student receives their “kindergarten shots.”

Students who are new to the Early Childhood Center and who will be five years old by July 31, 2023 can sign up for a kindergarten screening appointment online at www.harrisonvilleschools.org/ecc beginning April 17. The screenings will take place on May 10-11 and May 15-16. There is a link for parents to download the enrollment packet to complete. Packets will be available at the screening appointments for those who are unable to access them electronically. To complete the process, a state issued birth certificate is requested and updated copy of immunizations will be required as well.

Preschool enrollment for the 2023-24 school year will take place in May. Children who are actively enrolled in Parents as Teachers will enroll for preschool classes on May 8 and children new to the building will enroll on May 17. To enroll, a

sign-up will be available on our website on April 17. Parents will sign up for a time to bring in paperwork, birth certificates and immunization records. Paperwork can be accessed from our website beginning April 17 or will be available at school during the enrollment process.

Students do not need to come as they will not be screened until the week of August 22-25. Preschool classes will begin on August 28.

Families with questions about preschool or kindergarten can call Harrisonville Early Childhood Center at (816) 380-4421.


End-of-the-Year Dates; plus 2023-24 school calendar

May 19	Class of 2023 Graduation, 7 p.m., Memorial Stadium
May 24	Last Day of School - Early Release for Students
2023-24 School Year	
July 1-9	All Activities Dead Week
July 29-Aug. 6	Fall Sports Dead Week
August 17	Meet the Teacher Night
August 21	First Day of School
September 4	No School (Labor Day)
September 18	No School - Staff Collaboration & Learning
October 2	No School - Staff Collaboration & Learning
October 23	No School - Staff Collaboration & Learning
Nov. 1-2	No School - Parent-Teacher Conferences
Nov. 3	No School
Nov. 22-24	No School (Thanksgiving Break)
December 21	Early Release for Students
Dec. 22-Jan. 2	No School (Winter Break)
January 3	No School (Staff Professional Development/Work Day)
January 15	No School (MLK Day)
January 29	No School - Staff Collaboration & Learning
February 12	No School - Staff Collaboration & Learning
February 19	No School (Presidents Day)
March 11	No School - Staff Collaboration & Learning
March 25-29	No School - Spring Break
April 1	No School - Staff Collaboration & Learning
April 15	No School - Staff Collaboration & Learning
May 10	Class of 2024 Graduation
May 16	Last Day of School - Early Release for Students
School Hours for 2023-24	
HHS/CCC - 7:35 a.m. - 2:40 p.m.	
HMS - 7:25 a.m. - 2:32 p.m.	
ECC/HES/McEowen - 8:40 a.m. - 3:49 p.m.	

Superintendent encourages interest, research into legislation

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cate their child! I have heard these types of bills called “welfare for the wealthy”. Looking at the numbers, I would have to agree.
In short, please educate yourself on all issues and vote! Many people have fought and died for our freedoms and the ability to vote our conscience. Education is the key to voting responsibly. I am grateful for the teachers that taught me those principles. I am grateful for the many wonderful educators that I have worked with through the years and the communities that

have supported them. Not all things are perfect in education, but I assure you that there are far more good things than bad. The only way to get better is to work together! Thank you for allowing me to lead our wonderful district these past five years. Thank you for your support. As always, it is a GREAT day to be a Wildcat!


Paul Mensching, Superintendent



Six candidates file for seats on Board of Education;

Six people have filed to run for election to the Harrisonville School Board. Candidates are:

- Nancy L. Shelton
- Bing Schimmelpfenning
- Michael Culpepper
- Benjamin Johnson
- Ashley N. Franklin
- Paul W. Bartlett

On April 4, 2023, voters will select three people to serve three-year terms. Board members whose terms expire in 2023 are Cameron Chenoweth, Bing Schimmelpfenning and Nancy Shelton. Information on each candidate is listed below in the order they will appear on the ballot.



Nancy L. Shelton



Bing Schimmelpfenning



Michael Culpepper

Name: Nancy L. Shelton

Occupation/Business: Partner with husband Bill in Shelton & Sons LLC
Educational Background: Business College

Community organizations/member-ships: Rotary Club of Harrisonville (Past President 2 terms), Harrisonville School Board (Past President 2 terms), Current Vice-President, Church on the Rock
Why did you decide to run for school board? Because of my history with the district I believe I have valuable knowledge and input to contribute in order to have our district reach the potential it deserves

Please list three good things about the district. The support from the patrons which enabled the district to complete the recent bond projects, Dedicated staff, Amazing students who give so much back to their community

What do you believe the role of a board member should be? To hire a good superintendent is the number one job and the current board has accomplished that with its current superintendent and the new superintendent who will begin July 1. A board member listens and helps make a decision which becomes a board decision

Family: Husband Bill; Son Isac HHS Grad (Sarah); Ella (HHS grad) Isabelle and Alexa; Son Kyle (Heather) Corwin; Daughter Naomi (HHS Grad)(Mer) Sylvie

Name: Bing Schimmelpfenning

Occupation/Business: Executive Director, Harrisonville Chamber of Commerce

Educational Background: 1988 Graduate Harrisonville High School; 1992 Graduate University of Missouri Kansas City, Bachelor of Arts & Science

Community: Harrisonville Cass R I-X School Board Member 2017-Present; Assistant District Governor Rotary District #6080, 2020-Present; Harrisonville Economic Enterprise Zone Board – President 2020 - Present; Cass County Coalition of Chambers President 2016 – Present; United Methodist Church Member–1990 – Present

Why did you decide to run for school board? I am running because I want to continue to lead the district into the future. I believe that parents have the right to know what is being taught to their children as well as who is teaching them. I am excited to see the district have a strong financial footing and am thankful to be part of that progress. Our students are being prepared for the future with the inclusion of our district in the Kauffman Foundation Real World Learning program. I was the catalyst for our district joining that program and in turn receiving \$75,000 in grant money from Kauffman. The middle school students have begun “career explorations” and this will

expand to include those at McEowen in the near future. As the Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, I worked with educators at the Cass Career Center to create a Marketing Internship for our students. So far, 3 students have been through the internship. Our students not only deserve to FEEL safe but to BE safe at our schools. Thanks to the community, our district was able to provide secured entrances for all of our buildings. As a member of the district Safety Committee, that has been our number one priority, the safety of our students, and staff. I will continue to work to find ways to keep everyone in our district safe. I will continue to listen to the parents and fight for the direction they want our district to go in. When C team sports were eliminated, parents and community members were upset, I fought until C team sports were reinstated in the district. New challenges are facing our district from an increase in mental health issues to curriculum standards. I have the experience to guide our district through these challenges and ask for your support.

Please list three good things about the district. There are of course more than 3 good things about our district, but having to pick, I’d say without a doubt number one are our kids, followed by our staff and community.

What do you believe the role of a

board member should be? The role of a School Board Member is to work with the community to make sure that our students are receiving a world-class education that prepares them for the future.

Family: My immediate family is my Sister and Mother, however I feel everyone in our community to be an extension of family.

Name: Michael Culpepper

Occupation/Business: Director of Supply and Logistics with Hunters Pride Construction in Harrisonville, MO.

Educational Background: General Diploma, Harrisonville High School-2005; Bachelor of Science in Physical Education, Missouri State University- 2010; Master of Science in Education- Educational Leadership, University of Central Missouri- 2015

Community organizations/member-ships: My family is actively involved in Hope City Church; Member of Harrisonville Chamber of Commerce
Why did you decide to run for school board? My family has deep roots in Harrisonville. My parents met and graduated from Harrisonville, where they then raised their family. I met my wife while attending Harrisonville where we are now raising our children. This community is a great place to raise a family and the school district is a big part of that. I devoted over 10 years as educator in our



Voters to elect three to board on April 4



Benjamin Johnson



Ashley N. Franklin



Paul W. Bartlett

school district and although I have paved a new career path, my dedication and passion for this school district runs strong. I have seen both sides of the story, being a parent and community member as well as working firsthand with our students and teachers in our district. I am running for school board to ensure that those who wish to raise their families here can count on the Harrisonville School District to provide a marketable education, along side teachers, who have the tools to educate their students and the salary/benefits to provide for their families.

Please list three good things about the district. The talented and dedicated teachers that serve our community. The variety of career pathways our students can explore. Our generous and supportive community.

What do you believe the role of a board member should be? Above all, a school board member must be an advocate for our teachers and students. This includes collaborating with the superintendent, ensuring he or she has the resources and support for the district to run effectively, both academically and fiscally. A board member must actively be involved in our community. Our community deserves someone that can actively listen to their questions or concerns.

Family: I am married to my wife Leslie, and have three children, Calvin (8), Bowen (5) and Hattie (2).

www.harrisonvilleschools.org

Name: **Benjamin Johnson**
Occupation/Business: Realtor, Homeland Realty
Educational Background: Masters of Science in Education from Southwest Baptist University. Bachelors of Music Education from the University of Missouri at Kansas City - Conservatory of Music. I am also a 17 year public school teacher the last 6 of which were in Harrisonville. I also received "Educator of the Year" from the Harrisonville Chamber of Commerce in 2018.
Community organizations/memberships: Member of the Harrisonville Chamber of Commerce, Member of HMS Bright Futures Board
Why did you decide to run for school board? I wish to make a positive difference in the community for our children, students, and families. Harrisonville deserves to have the best public schools in the area and I would like to work towards that goal.
Please list three good things about the district. We have some fantastic teachers and students. We have many programs to be proud of. We have made great strides in building improvement and teacher pay.
What do you believe the role of a board member should be? Students First. Teacher Support. Transparency. Common Sense Best Practices. First and foremost, our district exists for our students. As a teacher for 17 years I always tried to put the

needs of the students first. While I was a band teacher, I always believed that I taught kids through band. I wanted them to be good people; band was my method of teaching that. For many students this comes from a different outlet and this is perfectly okay. We need to ensure that our students are supported and taken care of in all activities and educational areas. This will ensure they are being prepared to be productive members of society and whole and complete individuals. Providing teachers and staff support is vital to taking care of our students. Teachers and support staff are the main point of contact for most students. Our teachers and support staff need to know the district is there to support them, so they can continue to best support our students. As a teacher I was in many situations where I felt very well supported; however, there were sometimes situations where I felt under-supported. I can guarantee that my students had a better experience when I was supported. It's the old adage of "you can't pour from an empty cup." Transparency is another big goal of mine, both in terms of school finances and school policy. I can't tell you the number of times my fellow teachers and I felt like we had no idea what was going on above us in the district. This is true of many school districts. It always seemed like school policy and financial decisions

were decided behind closed doors. While I realize there are public records and policies in place for transparency, I think we can do better. Parents, students, community, and school employees have the right to know everything that is going on in the district at every level within the confines of district policy and state laws. It helps to create an honest and open environment which in turn goes back to being able to best care for our students in all areas. Next, common sense should prevail. There is no "one size fits all" in public education. We must create policies and procedures that allow for flexibility in many situations. There are many policies in place that are great policies and need to be in place; however, as a district we should be able to make adjustments as needed to ensure the maximum benefit for all students at all times.

Family: Wife - Kate Johnson, Daughter - Lyra Johnson, 8th Grade

Name: **Ashley Franklin**
Occupation/Business: Branch Manager, Hawthorn Bank
Educational Background: Harrisonville Alumni 2001, College (General Studies) Southwest Baptist University
Community organizations/memberships: Lunch Buddies with Bright Futures, help with raising support for Bright Futures, active with BOCC (Businesses of Cass County), Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis, and my family and I are members of Cornerstone Community Church in Harrisonville.
Why did you decide to run for school board? Harrisonville is the community I was raised in. It is the community my husband and I have the privilege of raising our two sons in. My heart is to be an advocate for our students and their parents, as well as for the teachers and administrators of the Harrisonville School District, who are striving together each and every day to help our kids grow into responsible adults who can make wise decisions as they pursue their own

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Spring activities lead to future events; mark your calendar



Harrisonville Parents As Teachers hosted Tool Time in early March. Children and their parents could choose to build a jeep, toolbox or birdhouse. PAT is a free program for all district families with children under school age. For more information, call (816) 380-4421. Pictured above is five-year-old Evan Anderson and his father Sean. Evan will be a kindergarten student at Harrisonville Early Childhood Center next year. Kindergarten enrollment for Evan and all incoming kindergarten students begins on April 17. For more information, see page 3.



Earlier this year, students in the Technical Theatre class at the high school combined lessons in history, fashion design, and theatre production. The students studied costume construction and worked in pairs to build Civil War era costumes to be worn in the HHS production of Little Women. In addition to the construction of the costume, students were responsible for analyzing the script and researching civil war era fashion to select appropriate fabric for their costumes. The community can see the costumes on stage during the performances of Little Women April 6-8 at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.



Cass Career Center junior Preston Baker provides an overview of his FFA SAE project on diversified horticulture to the Cass County Master Gardeners earlier this year. Preston gave the presentation and works on his project in the CCC Greenhouse which will be the site of the annual FFA Plant Sale, May 5-6. The hanging baskets in the photo, along with a variety of other plants will be on sale to the public beginning May 5 from 3-7 p.m. and May 6 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Community partnerships play important role in student learning



Second grade students at Harrisonville Elementary School performed a bit of surgery - nonfiction text surgery, that is. Students took apart a Missouri Conservation magazine to find the parts of nonfiction text. Also, students continued with contraction surgery where they cut out the extra parts of the two words to make one word and added an apostrophe bandaid. The surgery gowns were donated by Cass Regional Medical Center.



The Harrisonville Rotary Club is a Bright Futures Classroom Partner with Mrs. Jimenez's class at McEowen Elementary School. Club members visit once a month to provide positive adult interactions. Pictured, Rotarian John Foster works with a group of students to build a bird feeder. The class donated the birdfeeders they built to a local nursing home.



On Read Across America Day in early March, community volunteers visited kindergarten students at Harrisonville Early Childhood Center to read books. Pictured is Detective Chance from the Harrisonville Police Department. In addition to the police department, volunteers came from the Cass County Sheriff's Office, the City of Harrisonville, Lions, Kiwanis, Rotary, and Bright Futures.



Summer school set for May 31- June 28

The Harrisonville School District will be offering summer school to students entering grades K-8. Summer School is set for May 31-June 28. There will be no school on June 19.

Daily hours are 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. for grades 1-8 and 8 a.m.-12 p.m. for incoming kindergarten students.

Summer school will be held in the following buildings...

Kindergarten-Harrisonville Early Childhood Center

Grades 1-3-Harrisonville Elementary School

Grades 4-5-McEowen Elementary School

Grades 6-8-Harrisonville Middle School

This year the district will once again partner with Catapult to offer Summer Journey. The program provides a combination of core academic courses and enriching Journey classes which include STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) courses. In the morning, all students will review skills from this year to help prepare them for the next grade level. In the afternoon, students will rotate through six exploratory classes during the four weeks.

Students entering grades 9-12 will have the opportunity to enroll in Edgenuity (online) courses including Personal Finance and Health, and on-site classes including Lifetime Sports and Driver's Education.

The summer school enrollment deadline is April 24.

HHS students build website for local organization

Harrisonville High School students helped a local business grow and draw in more people with a project they completed during the first semester. Mr. Jake Koh's Computer Science Discoveries class built a website for the Harrisonville Golf Club and the club president couldn't be happier.

"The amount of players coming out to play has doubled and phone calls to the club have increased tremendously since the page has been published. When I ask how they heard about us, everybody has said it came up when they were looking for a golf course to play. I am excited to see how this year goes with this being the first full golf season the web page will be available. I cannot express enough how grateful and thrilled I am that the class accepted our challenge and rose above and beyond our dreams of having a web page for the course," said Todd Hamilton, club president.

The partnership all started with an email. Mr. Hamilton was using the district website for another project and saw HHS technology teacher Jake Kohl's name and title. He decided to see if there might be students interested in helping with the creation of a website.

After multiple emails and giving the students a few months to learn the basics of computer design including HTML coding, the project began.

Mr. Hamilton said, "Our main goal was to have a web page that would show off the course with pictures, show pricing to play, and be able to have people search 'golf near me' and have our course come up. With some luck, maybe even have a calendar to post tournaments or weekly league nights and also have a way people could pay their green fees online. One of the big things for us was we wanted the website to appeal to younger people and fit into

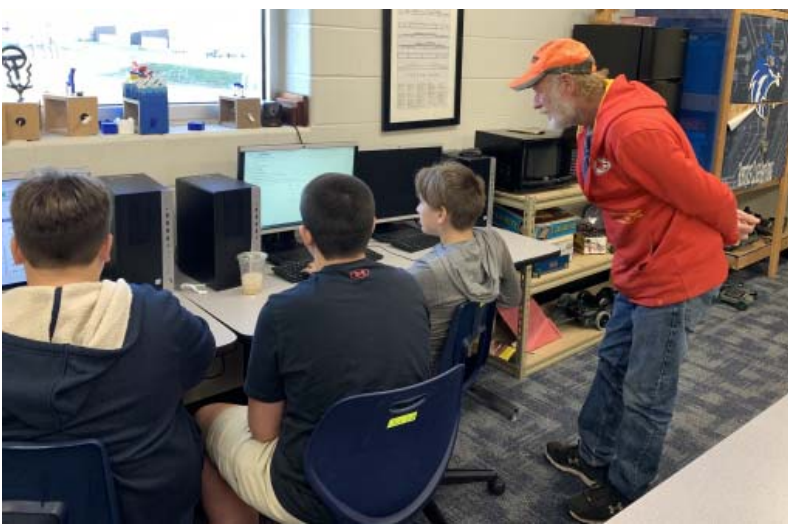
the process the younger generations would use to find us, like phones and search engines."

The class worked together to develop the components of the website and then three students - freshmen Alden Davis and Ayden Holt and sophomore Emmitt Enderle - took the lead in bringing it all together into a finished website.

"The hardest part of the project was applying everyone's creative vision and ideas for the website. With a two-month project timeline, and only recently learning HTML, we had to let some ideas go."

Even though students learned HTML, they needed to find a format that would allow club members to update the site regularly moving forward. There was an old site created using Weebly.com, so the students used Weebly to create the new site.

Mr. Kohl said, "The students had learned basic HTML through the class but they had to research to create a website that met the requirements of their client. This included editing drone shots of each hole and loading that video into the website so videos worked each time. The students had to create a webpage that allowed members to pay membership dues online, develop a Google Map integration, graphics to update the scorecard and figure out how to drive



search engines to the Harrisonville Golf Club official website."

Mr. Hamilton visited the class several times to collaborate on the project.

"The process of working with the students was extremely easy. I came in and met with the class and presented them with a list of ideas of items we would possibly like to have. I told them they had free reign to do whatever they thought would be good and to set it up how they would like to see it. After that I was along for the ride, enjoying the sight of watching their work progress."

And now, the Harrisonville Golf Club website is live at <https://www.harrisonvillegolfclub.com>.

Alden, Ayden and Emmitt said, "This project was different from any other project we have and most likely will do because it applied to a real-life scenario. We gained real-world skills for possible job opportunities for our near futures. And we appreciate Mr. Kohl for making it possible."

Beginning next year, the district's Real World Learning initiative will seek projects like this from local businesses and organizations. Through a newly approved class at HHS called Client Connected Projects, students will work to solve real world issues for clients throughout the community.



HARRISONVILLE *Highlights*

Community Calendar of Events

March 28	Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m., Admin Office
March 30	Parents As Teachers Playgroup, 9:30 a.m., ECC
April 3	Lego Night, CCPL, 6:30 p.m., grades K-5
April 4	Adulting 101 (General Etiquette), CCPL, 5 p.m., teens
April 5	HHS Advisory Conferences, 3-8 p.m., HHS
April 5	Chocolate Tasting, CCPL, 6 p.m. adults
April 6-8	HHS presents Little Women, 7 p.m., HHS PAC
April 6	Underground Teen Storytime, CCPL, 3 p.m.
April 6	Parents As Teachers Playgroup, 9:30 a.m., ECC
April 6	Chamber Mouse Races, 5-7 p.m., Elks Lodge
April 7	Chamber First Friday Coffee, Beck Events Center, 7:30 a.m.
April 7	No School
April 8	Dungeons and Dragons, CCPL, 2:30 p.m.
April 10	Messy Monday, CCPL, registration required, 6:30 p.m., grades 1-4
April 11	Adulting 101 (Online Etiquette), CCPL, 5 p.m., teens
April 12	ECC Breakfast with Books, 8:15 a.m.
April 12	Tree of Life Wreath, CCPL, 5 p.m., adults
April 13 & 14	Kindergarten Field Trip
April 13	PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m., McEowen
April 13	Parents As Teachers Playgroup, 9:30 a.m., ECC
April 13	Underground Readers Book Club, CCPL, 3 p.m.
April 15	ACT, 8 a.m., HHS
April 17	Kindergarten Enrollment opens
April 18	McEowen 5th grade Concert, 7 p.m., HHS PAC
April 18	Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m., Admin Office
April 18	Adulting 101 (Job Etiquette), CCPL, 5 p.m., teens
April 20	Parents As Teachers Playgroup, 9:30 a.m., ECC
April 20	Kindergarten Music Program, 6 & 6:45 p.m., HHS PAC
April 20	Teen Poetry Slam, CCPL, 3 p.m.
April 20	Chamber Coalition Luncheon, Community Center, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m.
April 21-22	City Wide Brush Drop Off, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., City Park
April 22	Dungeons and Dragons, CCPL, 2:30 p.m.
April 24	beTween the lines book club, CCPL, 6:30 p.m., grades 4-6
April 25	Adulting 101 (Special Event Etiquette), CCPL, 5 p.m., teens
April 26	FFA Banquet, 7 p.m., HHS
April 27	Parents As Teachers Playgroup, 9:30 a.m., ECC
April 27	Underground Anime, CCPL, 3 p.m.
April 27	CRMC Foundation Boots & BBQ, 5:30 p.m., Cider House
April 29	Prom, 7 p.m., Beck Events Center
May 1-5	Staff Appreciation Week
May 1	Lego Night, CCPL, 6:30 p.m., grades K-5
May 3	CCC Awards, 7 p.m., HHS PAC
May 4	PAT Field Trip to Alpaca Farm
May 4	Underground Teen Storytime, CCPL, 3 p.m.
May 4	Family Heirloom Show-And-Tell, CCPL, 10 a.m., adults
May 5	HES Career Day
Mat 5	Chamber First Friday Coffee, Crown Care Center, 7:30 a.m.
May 5-6	CCC Plant Sale
May 9	Last Day of Preschool
May 9	HMS Band Concert, 7 p.m., HHS PAC
May 10-11	Incoming Kindergarten Screenings
May 10	Not Just Cucumbers, CCPL, 5 p.m., adults

Key

**CCPL - Cass County Public Library*

**CRMC - Cass Regional Medical Center*

**PAC - Performing Arts Center*

May 11	Underground Readers Book Club, CCPL, 3 p.m.
May 11	HHS Band Concert, 7 p.m., HHS PAC
May 11	CRMC Mills Cancer and Rheumatology Center Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting w/Chamber, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
May 13	City Wide Clean Up (Trash), 8 a.m.-4 p.m., GFL facility on 291
May 13	Music Mania, 7 p.m., HHS PAC
May 15	HHS Band Awards, 7 p.m., HHS PAC
May 15-16	Incoming Kindergarten Screenings
May 16	Senior Day of Service
May 16	Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m., Admin Office
May 16	HHS Choir Concert, 7 p.m., HHS PAC
May 17	Preschool Enrollment opens
May 17	HMS Choir Concert, 7 p.m., HHS PAC
May 18	Teen Taste Test Challenge, CCPL, 3 p.m.
May 18	HHS Senior Excellence in Academics Ceremony, 7 p.m., HHS PAC
May 18	Chamber Luncheon, Mayor's State of the City, Community Center 11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.
May 19	Graduation, 7 p.m., Memorial Stadium
May 20	City Wide Clean Up (Trash), 8 a.m.-4 p.m., GFL facility on 291
May 24	Last Day of School, Early Release
May 24	School's Out For Summer Celebration, CCPL, 12:30 p.m.
May 25	Underground Anime, CCPL, 3 p.m.
May 31-June 28	Summer Journey
May 31	Summer Library Program begins, CCPL
June 2	Chamber First Friday Coffee, Hawthorn Bank, 7:30 a.m.
June 5	Summer Library Program Kick-off Party, CCPL, 6 p.m.
June 7	Cass County History 101, CCPL, 6 p.m., adults
June 10	Teen Summer Program, CCPL, TBD
June 12	Mad Science (registration required), CCPL, 6 p.m.
June 13	Tech Help for Seniors, CCPL, 10 a.m., adults
June 17	Household Hazardous Waste Removal, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., 1403 S Indep.
June 19	Big Truck Night, CCPL, all ages 6 p.m.
June 22	Chamber Foundation Wine Crawl, 5-8 p.m., Historic Square
June 26	Animal Wonders, all ages, CCPL, 6:30 p.m.
June 28	Bingo for Books, CCPL, 6 p.m., adults
June 29	Chamber Golf Tournament, Creekmoor, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

CCPL Regular Programs
Toddler Storytime, Tuesday, April 4-May 16, 11 a.m., 18-36 mos.
Preschool Storytime, Wednesday, April 6-May 17, 9:30 & 11 a.m., through K
All Together Now Storytime, Wednesday, June, 9:30 & 11 a.m., through K
Open World Game Time, Wednesdays, April, 3 p.m., teens
Teen Summer Program, Wednesdays & Thursdays, June, 3 p.m.
Girls Who Code, Tuesdays, June, 3 p.m.
Mystery Book Club, 2nd Tuesday, 4 p.m., adult
Brown Bag Book Club, 2nd Thursday, 12 p.m., adult
Loosely Bound Book Club, 3rd Friday, April & May, 2 p.m. adult
Open Minds Book Club, 3rd Friday, April & May, 3 p.m., adult

Community Center/Parks & Rec Programs
Kids Night Out, 3rd Thursday, 6-9 p.m., Ages 5-12, Registration Required
Summer Camp, May 25-August 22, 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Ages 5-12, Weekly Registration
After School Summer Camp, May 31-June 28, 2-6 p.m., Weekly Registration
Private & Group Swim Lessons
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Board of Education candidates share insights

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hopes and dreams.
Please list three good things about the district. There are several things to list. The district is very open for community support through Bright Futures, booster clubs, and fund raisers, to name a few. The district is engaged in keeping students active with a great variety of extra curricular activities, clubs, and organizations, as well as great resources for early vocational training. The District has a consistent and effective communi-

cation process in place to keep parents informed on big picture outlooks as well as day to day happenings around our schools.
What do you believe the role of a board member should be? School board members need to work on behalf of the public in order to help meet the needs of students in our district. They should be able to put their personal preferences aside in order to act in the best interests of the student body, and ultimately the community at large.

Family: My husband's name is Matt Franklin, and our two active sons are Kaden and Jesse.
Name: **Paul Bartlett**
Occupation/Business: Retired
Educational Background: Harrisonville High School, Class 84
Community organizations/memberships: Antioch Southern Baptist Church Member
Why did you decide to run for school board? I want to be able to represent the parents and protect and

serve the children
Please list three good things about the district. The Kids. The Parents. The Teachers
What do you believe the role of a board member should be? To be the voice of the parents and students.
Family: Wife Angie; Children Ashleigh-32 Zach -31 Alex-29 Mathew-27 Sarah-24 Hannah-23 Rebekah-21, Leah-20 Olivia-13. All but Olivia who is in 7th grade have graduated from HHS.