



## Graduates Get Diplomas; Positively Impact Our School & Community

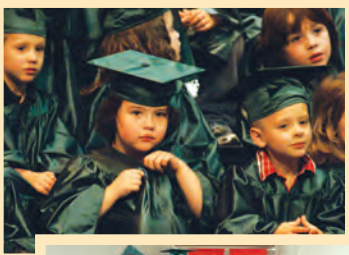
On May 31, Hamilton Township High School held the graduation ceremony for the Class of 2011. This class was comprised of 163 students who made the final walk across the stage to accept their diploma after working hard in school for more than 12 years. Our senior class has continued the

tradition of past Rangers to make a positive impact within the district and community by volunteering their time to make a difference. Combined, our seniors completed more than 20,000 community service hours.



## Preschoolers Ready for Move to Kindergarten

Our youngest Rangers recently walked across the HTHS Auditorium stage to accept their certificates as Hamilton Preschool graduated nearly 110 students during their end-of-the-year ceremony. These students learned many different things while attending Hamilton Preschool, including but not limited to: alphabet; beginning reading skills; understanding and recognizing shapes, colors, numbers and letters; development of interacting and social skills; word rhyming; and word blending.



Hamilton Preschool is now enrolling students for the 2011-12 school year. Contact the preschool's main office at 614-491-8044 x1240.

## Hamilton Township Alumni Association Produces Wonderful Reunion

Hamilton Township High School Alumni Association held its annual reunion festivities to a full house of alumni who enjoyed taking time to catch up with classmates and meet new friends. During this year's ceremony, the HTAA presented scholarships to two graduating seniors, Charles Abram and Maria Brienzi, which totaled \$700 each. Carole Morbitzer was also honored as the newest member of the HTAA Hall of Fame. Before closing their annual business meeting, the HTAA presented a donation to the HTHS Library of nearly \$1,500.



## Six Students Earn Superintendent's Service Award

Superintendent's Award Recipients (400+ hours of Community Service) – Amber Kennedy, Cody Korwisi, Jessica Minniear, Amber Parsley, Kristina Scott, and Courtney Wheeler. These students averaged 471 hours of community service.



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## Hamilton Elementary Students Recognized During Honors Assembly



Every quarter, Hamilton Elementary School faculty and administrators take time to feature students who excel in the classroom, along with those who show strong character traits. They also share birthday wishes with students who celebrated their big day during the nine-week span. Congratulations to our honor roll recipients, our STAR students, and our birthday celebrators! Have a great summer.

## Intermediate Students Enjoy Annual Butterfly Ball

Each spring, young ladies from Hamilton Intermediate School transform into beautiful “Butterflies” for the annual daddy/daughter dance known as the “Butterfly Ball.” This year, the fathers and females packed the school’s commons area to enjoy themselves while dancing to the latest Justin Bieber songs and snacking on cookies and punch.



## History Comes to Life During Yearly 8th Grade Trip

Students in 8th grade at Hamilton Middle School enjoyed their opportunity to take the annual class trip to our nation’s capital, Washington D.C. During the four-day excursion through monuments, museums, and metro stops, our students took advantage of being surrounded by so many historical artifacts. A few of the sites they visited included the Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, and Smithsonian Museums.



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## Board of Education Recognizes Employees for Another Job Well Done

Hamilton Local Schools’ Board of Education took time to say ‘Thank You’ to our district faculty, staff, and administration by providing breakfast and T-shirts during our last late arrival day. All of our employees wore their ‘Teamwork’ shirts all day on Friday before posing for group photos.

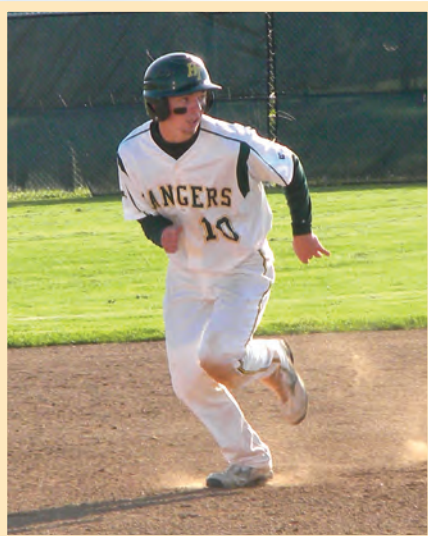


## Spring Sports Teams Produce Multiple Champions & League Honors



Under first year head coach, Adam Jackson, the HTHS Rangers Baseball team completed its season (11-13) after dropping a hard-fought game against DeSales in the 2nd round of the Central District Tournament. Robert Spillman earned 1st Team MSL Buckeye and 2nd team All-District honors for his play this season. Kameron Wright pulled in 2nd team MSL Buckeye and Honorable Mention All-District while Nate Burton (2nd Team) and David Brickey (Honorable Mention) also earned MSL Buckeye recognition for their performance this year.

HTHS Track and Field teams enjoyed much success this season while collecting four boys varsity team championships and one girls team title. The varsity teams combined to place 17 athletes to the Mid State League honor roll with Austin Niemann (400m) and Ashley Freshkorn (Shot Put) earning MSL Championships in their events. Nick Rhodes, James White, and Freshkorn all qualified to compete in this year's Division 1 Regional Track & Field Meet.



### Incoming 7th Graders Required to Receive Td/Tdap Booster Shot

Ohio State Law requires that all students receive a Td/Tdap booster prior to entering the seventh grade. Parents will need to provide and submit documentation of their child having received this immunization to the Hamilton Middle School office no later than August 24, 2011. Incoming 7th grade students who do not receive this booster shot will not be permitted to begin school until this requirement is completed.

# From the Desk of the Superintendent

Eighteen years ago, in May 1993, you voted to approve our current operating levy monies, and we operate with those same dollars today.

As our economy is still trying to work its way out of a recession, I want you to know that our school district is doing all that it can to operate in a financially sound manner. We are committed to making each tax dollar stretch as far as possible while allowing us to continue to operate an excellent school district.

In doing so, we have been able to save our district tax payers over \$600,000 this year, which compounds to more than \$3 million over a five-year financial forecast. I have always worked in a proactive manner, and working with our district's budget is no different.

We are considering another \$250,000 in budget cuts next year. This will show an additional savings of \$1.25 million on our budgeted five-year forecast. All of our district's cuts are made following thorough consideration as to how our decisions will impact student achievement.

Ohio Education Matters, a subsidiary of KnowledgeWorks Foundation, recently highlighted another example of how we are making every effort to maximize our funds in a benchmarking study. The study recognized Hamilton Local Schools as a "benchmark district" in the divisions of Food Service and Maintenance. This designation is given to school districts that are in the Top 5% of, both, efficiency (lowest-cost) and effectiveness (meeting quality standards). I would like to thank our food service and maintenance teams for conducting business at a very high standard while remaining financially responsible at the same time.

These examples give you first-hand knowledge that we are doing all that we can to live within our financial means. While we are working to stretch your tax dollars, we continue to take pride in providing an excellent education to the students of our school district.

Sincerely,  
Christopher T. Lester



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