

Superintendent's Weekly Wrap-up: May 22-29, 2015

Thank You For 15 Excellent Years! - As most of you know, this is my final year with the Hamilton Local School District. My Ranger journey began as principal of Hamilton Middle School in 2000, and ends with me serving as your Superintendent for 11 years.

It has been more than a decade since I was selected to lead this district, and it is safe to say that we have surpassed goals and have plenty of momentum heading into the future.

My focus as your Superintendent has always been to do what is best for the children I am serving, and to make certain I am working closely with our district treasurer to make certain that finances are managed consistently and wisely.

As a district, Hamilton Local is constantly evolving through updates to curriculum, maximizing available resources, and doing all that we can to offer additional educational opportunities to our students and their families in the best facilities and well maintained grounds. Our overall goal is to see each child reach his/her full potential while being educated in the Hamilton Local School District.

In the summer of 2004 we developed our mission of *"Improving Achievement Through Total Accountability and High Expectations"*. I can truly say that I have worked hard during my tenure to achieve this mission.

Continuity of employees maintains stability throughout our operation in terms of reliability and understanding expectations. Students can count on their teachers and staff being there for them as they advance through grade levels.

Hamilton Local School District has become a destination district that continues to attract the best and brightest employees this state has to offer.

Thank you for trusting me to lead your school district over the past 11 years. My experience was as rewarding as it was challenging, but I am confident in the promising future ahead for the Hamilton Local School District.

State Board of Education recommends framework for report card

composite grade - The State Board of Education's Accountability Committee voted Thursday, May 21 to recommend a framework for calculating the overall grade schools will get on the A-F report card to place greater emphasis on achievement and progress measures. Following the 2015-2016 academic year, schools will receive their first-ever composite grade on the A-F system. Composite grades will be derived by combining grades on six component measures: achievement; progress; gap closing; prepared for success; graduation; and K-3 literacy.

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HAMILTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

HTHS Support Staff Member of the Quarter - Mr. Matt Lowe

"Look in the dictionary under team player and you will see Matt Lowe's picture. Mr. Lowe does whatever is asked of him without asking why. Matt takes on Alternative Academy students, HTHS students with credit deficiencies or

behavior problems, teaches middle school students, monitors ISS when Savino is testing, coaches, administers tests, covers guided study, to being written in 504 plans responsible for assisting our handicapped wheelchair bound student to the restroom usually twice a day. This takes a true team player and one that is simply here for the kids. I recommend Mr. Matt Lowe for the HTHS Support Staff Member of the Month." - HS Staff

"I strongly recommend Matt Lowe as Support Staff Member of the Month. During testing, Matt served in many capacities such as tutor, monitor, and assistant. Also his rapport with students is unmatched." - HS Staff

"I would like to nominate Mr. Lowe for Educator of the Month. He does such a great job with the students that he works with. He gets the kids that are having a lot of trouble in a regular classroom situation and gets them to work for him. He has such a great attitude with these kids and really works with them not just on school work but on life situations. I am so happy that we have such a caring teacher on our staff that goes above and beyond with these troubled kids." - HS Staff

"Mr. Lowe is deserving of the staff member of the month. Those challenging students that have difficulty being successful in the regular ed setting are sent to Matt. His ability to work with them and motivate them enough to earn HS credit and even graduate is outstanding. This takes a special skill, patience." - HS Staff

Mr. Lowe stated, "I appreciate being nominated for the support staff member of the quarter. I feel very fortunate to be part of such a great staff not only at the High School but the whole district. The hard work and dedication of the teachers in this district has contributed to the tremendous improvement that our district has experienced over the years. I am glad that I can help with some students that may have difficulty with classroom settings or students that have anger issues and need to be removed from the class. Hamilton is a special place and I am grateful to be a part of it." - Lowe

HTHS Congratulates Mr. Lowe for earning HTHS Support Staff Member of the Quarter.

HTHS Seniors Say “Farewell” – The graduating class of 2015 wrapped up senior exams this week and completed all last minute assignments and requirements in order to be eligible to participate in the graduation ceremony. On Thursday evening, HS Counselors, HS Administration, District Level Administration, Teachers and the Class of 2015 celebrated during the successful HTHS Graduation Ceremony, which took place at World Harvest Church in Canal Winchester. The graduating class of 2015 earned over \$587,000 in grants and scholarships. The senior class also committed to serving over 23,000 combined community service hours. The Hamilton Local School Staff wish the graduating class of 2015 the best of luck as they pursue life beyond high school. Principal Miller believes this group of young men and women are our future leaders, and he is confident that HTHS has prepared each one of them for the direction they plan to take.

HAMILTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

National Junior Honor Society - On Thursday, May 21, the National Junior Honor Society inducted 22 new members and said goodbye to 24 current members as they move onto the high school. It was a time to celebrate the accomplishments of the current members and set the bar for the incoming members. This year over \$550 dollars was raised for MDA to send kids to camp in central Ohio. They sponsored a Career Week, honored Veterans on Veteran's Day, tutored classmates and continued their fun Ugly Sweater Contest for the holidays. It was a wonderful evening for everyone.

HAMILTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Field Day Was A BLAST - On Friday, May 22th the 4th, 5th and 6th graders attended FIELD DAY. The day turned out to be a great time for everyone! Thank you to the H.I.S. PTO for all your hard work to make the day such a fun memory for our students!

To The Intermediate School They Go - The students who will be attending 4th grade at H.I.S. for the 2015-2016 school year attended Monday evening's 4th grade orientation. Students were given the opportunity to meet the 4th grade teachers and take a tour of the building. The upcoming 4th grade students also received a Hamilton Ranger T-shirt for attending. Thank you to the staff that was able to attend and make the evening such a success!!! [Click here](#) to view photos from the 4th Grade Orientation!

Students Attend Final Honors Assembly - Congratulations to all the students who attended and were recognized for their hard work at the 4th grading period/end of the year honors assembly. There were 360 awards handed out during the final assembly of the year. Your hard work has paid off and now you are ready to move on to the next level! Keep up the great work next year and we hope to see you at the honor assemblies next year! [Click here](#) to view pictures from the event!

HAMILTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Student of the Month – Kindergarten student, Gage Yarnell, was selected as the HES Student of the Month for May. Gage's teacher, Mrs. Tonti, had this to say, "Gage Yarnell has done an amazing job this year! Not only have his academics taken off, but he is one of the most helpful, caring, and respectful students I have had the privilege of teaching. When a student is sad, he comforts them. When a student needs help, he is the first to offer. He always tries to include everyone when at recess or even in the classroom. He is not only an amazing student who loves to learn, but he is a wonderful person." Congratulations to Gage and his family.

Teacher of the Month – 3rd grade teacher, Katie Forrest, was selected as the HES Teacher of the Month for May. The anonymous staff member who nominated Mrs. Forrest had this to say, "I would like to nominate Katie Forrest as the staff member of the month. Katie is one of the most positive individuals I have ever met. I love her personality and her students do as well. Katie is always willing to plan with the team and share her ideas. In addition to being an excellent teacher, she is the chair of our building climate committee and heads up our OAA

tutoring program. Katie is a true asset to the entire building.” Congratulations to Mrs. Forrest.

PTO Sponsors "Fun Day" at HES - Hamilton Elementary celebrated the end of the year with a Fun Day for the students. This marked the 8th annual PTO sponsored Fun Day and it was once again a lot of fun. Students were able to play on a variety of inflatables, take part in a school-wide art project, and play a variety of other games. We would like to thank all of the staff, our PTO, and the multiple volunteers for making this year's Fun Day a success.

DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS

Track and Field District Champion Aaron Johnson Qualifies for OHSAA State Meet - Senior Aaron Johnson qualified for the OHSAA Track and Field meet next weekend at Ohio State University after placing 3rd at the Regional Division I meet on Wednesday evening. Johnson entered finals in 8th place and with a throw of 153'7" jumped into the 3rd spot qualifying him to compete next week. Congratulations to Aaron on this accomplishment.

Also at the OHSAA Regional meet, Freshman McKenzie Long qualified for the finals in the 100m dash. This race will be run on Friday evening at Pickerington North High School. Should McKenzie place in the top 4 in the finals, she will also qualify for the OHSAA state meet. Good luck to both athletes as they continue their impressive seasons.

Middle School Competes at State Track and Field Championships - The Rangers ended a fantastic season at the state track meet this past weekend. Riley Thomas was the 3rd best 7th grader in the state in pole vault and Karmen Long took the number two spot in high jump. Teagan Littrell placed 8th overall in the discus. Austin Young was 4th in the state in the shot put. Taylor Murphy had a record-breaking day in the wheelchair division by taking first in all her events and setting a new meet record in the 400 meter and 800 meter. Congratulations to these Rangers on their accomplishments.

Hamilton Township Hosts Annual Sports Physical Night - On Tuesday, May 26, the Department of Athletics hosted their annual athletic physical night at HTHS. Over 100 student athletes and their parents took advantage of this opportunity. Doctors and staff from Ortho-Neuro and Ohio Health conducted these physicals at a reduced rate for our student athletes. Athletic physicals are required on a yearly basis by the Ohio High School Athletic Association. Thanks to all those helped with the event. A special thanks goes to Ortho-Neuro and HTHS trainer Carly Lee for working to organize doctors and staff for this event.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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