Happenings at “The Creek”
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Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month & HCMS Great Strides Walk

May 10th – HCMS Hot lunch
May 24th: HCMS & FSD157c CF Great Strides Assembly and Walk

Let’s do this Hickory Creek!

Erin Burns summed it up best when she stated, “Next gen CF drugs moving through clinical trials...THIS is what your donations do...they allow science to move along in turn providing hope for those of us praying that in the future, the life expectancy number won’t be a looming factor in our precious child’s life (or in the life of a spouse or parent or friend or family member).”

Cystic Fibrosis Great Strides Walk at HCMS May 24th

- What is CF?
- How and Why do we help others in need?

On Friday, May 24th students and community members will gather as a school to help answer those questions. Each Advisory class has a webpage set up to help raise funds for the HCMS team supporting the CF Foundation. Check the link below for more information and scroll to the bottom to find your student’s advisory class!

http://fightcf.cff.org/goto/hcmstigers2019

Online Donation Link
Nurse’s Notes
From Nurse Schipiour

END OF YEAR MEDICATION PICK UP
We ask that you pickup your child’s medication on or after the last day of school (6/7/19) through June 20th. After June 20th all medication will be disposed of.

6th GRADE- WELCOME

Physical Exam
- Must be on a 2015 State of Illinois Certificate of Child Health Examination Form
- Completed, Signed and Dated by physician
- Health History Completed, Signed and Dated by parent/guardian

Immunizations Up To Date
- Tdap: 1 dose
- MMR: 2 doses
- Varicella: 2 doses
- Hepatitis B Series: 3 doses
- Meningococcal Conjugate: 1 dose ON or AFTER THE 11th BIRTHDAY

Dental- All 6th grade students require a dental exam.

FSD 157-C requires that the school health exam must be turned in to the School Nurse no later than October 15th. Failure to provide the required information, by the deadline, will result in exclusion from school until the necessary Health Requirements are met. Please turn in forms as soon as possible to allow adequate time for the records to be reviewed. Please make a copy and retain for your records.

SPORTS PHYSICALS
All students participating in sports, including tryouts, need to have an up-to-date IHSA sports physical on file. Sport physicals are good for 395 days from the date they were obtained.

ALL FORMS available at  www.fsd157c.org
From the Guidance & Counseling Office-

6th Grade
Our last unit of Mawi talks about having a growth mindset. Students have identified the difference between have a “rock brain” and a growth mindset. Putting a rock and a plant in soil, fed with water and sunlight a plant will grow and a rock will stay the same. Students will feed their brain with new material, challenging material, a good diet and sleep to assist to grow new neurons and neural pathways in their brain.

7th and 8th Grade
In Mawi Learning we have moved into the unit on Impact. We are teaching and discussing how what we do and say impacts other people. A presentation was given on Inclusion and how we can include others into our community at Hickory Creek. This connected with the Mawi lessons on Impact and how we impact our family and community.

Your Community Circle includes people like your classmates, teammates, and teachers. You can have a positive impact on this group by defending others, offering kind words, inviting others to join you, or supporting the work that they are doing.
Making the teacher bags, volunteering in the concession stand, promoting school spirit with Theme Thursdays, making positive locker quotes, and the Fall Social were just some of the amazing things these students took part in with Student Council.

Mrs. Jeglinski and Mrs. Gaertig look forward to working with Student Council members again next year!

Upcoming Meeting Schedule
May 6th is our last meeting of the year. Thank you for a fabulous job!

Theme Thursdays
May 2 – Pajama Day
May 9 – Sunglasses Day
May 16 – Tye-Dye/Neon Day
May 23 – Wear Your Favorite Color Day (from head to toe)
May 30 – Vacation T-shirt Day
Book Notes from the Library

Celebrating School Library Month April 2019

Follow us on twitter!
@HCMSreads #hc157c

READ everyday! It's important!
Team 8A
Mrs. Chugh
Mr. Feehan
Ms. Flynn
Ms. Frederick
Mrs. Gaertig
Mrs. Johnson
Mrs. Krenner
Mrs. O’Hea
Mrs. O’Rourke
Mr. Stein
Mrs. Wojnarowski
Mr. Young

Team 8B
Mrs. Chugh
Mrs. Drozd
Mrs. Matz
Mrs. Rutovic
Mrs. Sommer
Ms. Wilson
Mr. Zemke

8th Grade
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Math:
Eighth grade students will be exploring the relationships amongst angles created by a pair of parallel lines and a transversal. They will then learn to draw conclusions and find relationships between variables as a result of analyzing data.

Eighth grade honors math students will be solving quadratic equations, inequalities and linear systems of inequalities. They will then finish out the year with a look at our imaginary and complex number systems.

Social Studies:
We will be finishing up WWII and move into the Cold War where students will learn about conflicts in Southeast Asia - Korea and Vietnam. The last part of our year will also allow us to take some time to reflect upon the Civil Rights Movement in the US.

Science:
Students will begin investigating the chemical components of food and exercise. We will discover the chemical process by which our bodies are provided energy and nutrients, and the effects of exercise on our body systems. Students will be applying the information they discover to their own experiences and real-world connections related to food and exercise.

ELA:
The rest of 4th quarter is an exciting one. ELA classes. Students will be choosing their next novel soon after a quick "Speed Dating" session with the books. We will also be starting our college and career unit research soon and ending with final look at "The Hero's Journey" in Honors classes.
Seventh Grade

Team 7A
Mrs. O’Hea
Ms. Dyokas
Mr. Stein
Mrs. Ruffing
Mrs. Donovan
Mr. Finan
Mrs. DeHaan
Ms. Hardy
Mrs. Gatsios

Team 7B
Mrs. Bunnell
Mrs. Klutcharch
Mrs. Niendorf
Mrs. Fletcher
Mrs. Faulkner
Mrs. Ryan

Stay Gold!
### Seventh Grade

#### ELA
Students continue to work on their current Word Within the Word list while reviewing our previous lists. Argumentative writing is our focus for writing this quarter. Your child chose their topic based on his/her passion. Students will be book tasting very soon to make sure their book club book is just the right fit!

#### Regular Math
Students will be continuing to learn about three dimensional figures. Slicing and dicing to determine the remaining shapes.

#### Honors Math
In Honors math we will continue to delve into the 8th grade standards and continue with statistics and probability as well as functions.

#### Science
Students are spending 4th quarter learning about what makes the weather change. They have been tracking the unusual Frankfort weather the past few weeks and identifying certain weather conditions that affect the daily weather. Students have learned about conduction and convection and have drawn some excellent models of both.

#### Social Studies
Time for our Illinois Constitution Unit! Students will explore the ‘Land of Lincoln’ thru inquiry and basic understanding of government in our state. To wrap up the unit, we will visit Springfield for an experience of learning and memories of seventh grade S.S.
STAY GOLD

Seventh Grade
Discovering
6th Grade

Jaclyn Brendlinger - Math
Carolyn LeGrand - Math
Amy Cumbee - ELA
Renee Grady - ELA
Pam Swierczewski - Social Studies
Rebecca Schumacher - Science

21st Century Skills

Investigating

We "Rocked the IAR Tests Karaoke Style!

Team 6A
Diane Jeglinski - Math
Maggie Sayles - Math
Ellen Hogan - Math & Co-taught
Mary Kay Bohms - ELA
Sean Bouck - ELA
Cari CLousing - ELA Co-taught & DI
Erin Nemeth - Science
Suzanne Sandowski - Social Studies
Cherie O’Brien - Math Support

Team 6B
Jaclyn Brendlinger - Math
Carolyn LeGrand - Math
Amy Cumbee - ELA
Renee Grady - ELA
Pam Swierczewski - Social Studies
Rebecca Schumacher - Science
Adam Tourlakes - ELA Co-taught & Reading Support
Cherie O’Brien - Co-taught Math
We’ve Been Busy Learning

6th Grade

**Math:** The sixth grade math students are concluding their volume and surface area unit on 3-D objects. The next unit will cover statistical data in Chapters 15 and 16 of the Carnegie text.

**Essential Question:** What if your world changed in a day?

**Reg ELA:** The ELA class are diving into some very interesting reading and writing assignments about people's lives changing through unexpected happenings. Throughout the quarter students will read a variety of short and long text revolving around the quarter’s essential question. Texts for regular ELA will either address homelessness or center around an introduction to the Holocaust survivors of WWII. Regular ELA students will also be introduced to Lesson 1 in the “Word Within A Word” series presently taught in Honors ELA. Writing will focus on informational text.

**Honors ELA:** Honors students will be exploring the same essential question reading the novel, Shooting Kabul. Lessons 1-3 in “Word Within the Word” will be completed and reviewed for mastery. This is a cumulative program, so the 6th grade stem lessons will continue to be tested in grades 7th & 8th.

**Social Studies:** During our study of China, students will be exploring various philosophical ideas and the leadership styles of the Chinese dynasties. We’ll end the year with a self-directed study of Greece and Rome. Students have been very involved with inquiries and skill-based activities. They are ready for 7th Grade!

**Science:** Students are continuing their investigations on why some eggs hatch into chickens while others do not. Next week we will be receiving our chicken eggs and begin studying the development process. We will also be hatching an unknown organism which students will be identifying as part of their final summative! Students are so excited to continue our embryology unit!
This year’s Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at Breidert Green in downtown Frankfort on Monday, May 27. All HCMS Band students will report in full concert attire at 9:30 a.m.

Come hear the combined forces of the Hickory Creek Bands as we remember those who have served.
Jazz Band

HCMS Spring Jazz Concert
You are invited...

The Orchestra’s Spring Concert will be held at HCMS on Tuesday, May 21. Come hear the group’s culminating performance!!
HCMS Presents:
“Beauty and the Beast”

Show dates:
May 17, 2019, 7:00 p.m.
May 18, 2019, 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
May 19, 2019, 2:00 p.m.

This production is perfect for the whole family and includes over 140 HCMS students in the production!

For tickets contact Cori Chojnacki at:
corimchojnacki@comcast.net

Good luck to the HCMS Varsity Chorus, Advanced Choir and Show Choir on your performances at the IGSMA State Choral Festival!
We have been playing the guitar and using it to learn about different types of genres, harmony, melody, and many different ways to articulate and play music!

Music Production

We have been busy! We’ve been working on our 3rd and 4th projects. During these projects we have been using MIDI keyboards and Soundtrap to compose and arrange Music.

7th Grade Music

What a great quarter! We are just getting started with our 2nd unit: Melody and Harmony! During this unit we will be reading, writing, and playing unique and diverse melodies using Orff Instruments and guitars!
8th graders were challenged to represent themselves in a variety of ways. Sculpture/Design students are creating a figure in action. Drawing/Painting students created a self-portrait in ink and then added designs to show their likes, interests, and dislikes.
6th Grade

In 6th grade, we are currently working on our Días, Meses, Estaciones, Tiempo unit! Students have learned how to talk about days of the week using phrases such as today is, tomorrow is, and yesterday was in Spanish. Now, we are using prior knowledge of numbers and months to talk about the date, birthdays, and weather in different seasons.

7th Grade Quarter

The students have been learning the Days and Months and using our previous unit on numbers to talk about dates and their birthdays. They have been learning songs and chants to help them remember the days of the week. We have been completing speaking activities to talk about the day and date. The students will continue our next unit on Greetings to have a short conversation.
7th Grade Extension
We are smack dab in the middle of our vocabulary unit ¿Qué te gusta? Students are learning how to talk about things that they like or dislike, and to expand on their thoughts by explaining why. We are starting to dive deeper into grammar concepts, such as using gusta/gustan correctly and working with adjective agreement. We are finishing the year strong and the students are continuing to work hard!

8th Grade
The 8th graders have really enjoyed our current unit as we are discussing “La Comida” (food). The students have practiced ordering food and taking an order. They really enjoyed learning about different kinds of foods and expanding their vocabulary. We are continuing the unit so the students can make commands using verbs associated with food and cooking.
On Wednesday, April 25th the Spanish teachers attended the Biliteracy night at the high school where seniors were awarded the Seal of Biliteracy. Each year the middle school teachers nominate a student for their outstanding achievements, effort, enthusiasm, and passion for learning the Spanish language. We are very proud of our 3 nominees that accepted their awards!

Kamryn Wilkerson    Olivia Martin    Legacy Washington
8th Grade- Take Flight!
Students were introduced to the many facets of engineering and design involved in the manufacture of a commercial jet aircraft. Now, they are exploring what it takes to get an aircraft off the ground by testing airfoils that represent wing design!

7th Grade- Secret Communication
Students acted as international researchers who learned to decode symbolic encryption devices, specifically the “Pig Pen” cipher. Next up, students will consider the possibilities when creating combinations and permutations in the unit “Locking Onto an Idea”.

6th Grade- Medieval STEM
Students studied the importance of farming and the technological advances that occurred during the Middle Ages. Next up, Marco Polo Top Trader! Students will travel the “Silk Road” to buy and sell goods using multiple currencies.
Physical Education

Pickleball Champions!

PE Units This Months:
- Bowling which includes a field trip to Laraway Lanes ($5 on RevTrak)
- Softball
- Fitness Testing
- Track & Field

Please continue collecting box tops and bringing them into your P.E. teacher! Each box top is worth 10 cents, and is used to supplement equipment.
Athletics

UPCOMING TRACK AND FIELD DATES

MAY 2nd - DPVC Championship @ Joliet Memorial Stadium

May 11th - IESA Sectional Meet @ Rich South HS

May 17th & 18th - IESA State Meet @ Eastside Centre (Peoria)

Athletics

BOYS BASEBALL FALL 2019 TRYOUT DATES AUGUST 7, 8, 9, & 12

6th, 7th, and 8th graders welcome

JV: Coach Josh Purpura jpurpura@fsd157c.org

Varsity: Coach Matt Zemke mzemke@fsd157c.org
Rain, Rain, go away! The rain and snow hasn’t dampened the spirits of the HCMS girls track team. As the Tigers head into conference, we wish them luck on their road to qualifying for state.
Sixth grade track was a new addition to the 7th & 8th grade established track teams at HCMS. With participation and interest growing yearly, adding the 6th grade teams allowed for students to develop their talents in track and field within their own grade level. It was a very successful first year.

Numerous sixth graders have also earned spots on the 7th & 8th grade teams. Great happenings on the horizon for these young athletes!
The HCMS Bowling Team ended another successful season bowling great games which qualifies both teams for state level competition.

Girls: Faith Nagy, Daniella D’Aversa, Katie Stewart, Sanai Tyler
Boys: Collin Jungles, Liam Edgin, Charlie Zdanek, Tyler Lisota

Sanai Tyler and Daniella D’Aversa placed at the IESA Sectional bowling competition, both finishing in the top 10. Charlie Zdanek (not pictured) Finished 6th at sectionals

Senai Taylor placed 10th in State!
Congratulations!

Congratulations to Cameron Fultz on winning our team medal at our last meet of the regular season for scoring the most points in our meet against Martino.

Way to go Tigers!

HCMS Scholastic Bowl had a great season and finished strong with their last few meets at home. The overall record for regular season was 7 wins and 3 losses. Way to go Tigers!
Congratulations to the HCMS Scholastic Bowl Team!

HCMS Scholastic Bowl wins Regionals on Wednesday, April 24th! This amazing group of young scholars will now advance to Sectionals on Monday, April 29th.

Well done, Tigers!
Best Buddies is an international non-profit organization dedicated to establishing one-to-one friendships for intellectuals with developmental disabilities. Best Buddies meets once a month to help develop these friendships and set time aside to learn more about our peers. At our April meeting, we worked on team building skills and uniting our friendship bonds. Our last meeting is May 21st.

Best Buddies is all about building friendships and supporting everyone. Making friendship bracelets was the perfect way to show it.

Tower building in teams with marshmallows, spaghetti, and pieces of tape! What a challenge!
National Junior Honor Society

Service Hour Reminders

Service Hours Requirements for all NJHS Members can be achieved in one of the following combinations:

- 5 Service Hours Per Semester
- 4 Hrs through HCMS/FSD157c School Hours
- 1 Community Hour (Registered Non Profit Organization) OR
- 5 Hrs through HCMS/FSD157c School Hours

*Service Hour sheets can be printed from NJHS Google Classroom. Each service task must be listed individually and signed on the date it was completed.

Friday, May 3rd 5th: Executive Board Meeting 7:15-7:40 Room 2812

Friday, May 10th: Mandatory General Membership Meeting Room 2:15-3:30 Room 2612 (8th graders must have all requirements met by this time, so we can submit your information for graduation)

Tuesday, May 21st: Members running for NJHS president & VP, need to submit Powerpoint Slides & declare candidacy

Thursday, May 23rd: NJHS 8th Grade Lunch (library)

2019-20 Election Voting: May 23rd - 24th

Our students put in hundreds of hours of service each month for the school & community. We are so proud of their contributions.

Faculty Advisers: Stacy Rutovic & Renee’ Grady
Administrative Adviser: William Z. Seidelmann

NJHS welcomed 83 new members to the organization on April 25th. Congratulations to those individuals. We will be electing a new president and vice president in the month of May, with the other office elections occurring in the fall.
FSP 157c Exploration Night

What: “Animals”

When: The event is May 9th

Time: 5:30pm - 8:00pm at Chelsea

All 157c family members welcomed. Events for all ages!

Come take a walk on the wild side and learn about local and exotic wildlife.
FSP has had another great year and plans are already underway for the 2019–20 school year. Kris McGuire is hoping to expand the “Around the World” event even more. If you would like to join this ever expanding cultural event, please contact FSP through the district website.
May Newsletter HCMS
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