

**See what's new in Hockinson Community Education!**

Our very popular **5-6 Grade Girls and 7-8 Grade Girls Volleyball** programs are back again this year. Flyers have been sent out to students through the schools and will start on April 15. If you didn't receive a flyer and your daughter is interested in participating, please contact Community Education or look for information on our website.

**Upcoming Spring Classes:**

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| Legos®           | Pen & Ink Class (grades 6-8)    |
| Mad Science      | Beginning Gold Prospecting      |
| Phat Hoops       | Art from the Heart, Session III |
| Wacky Wednesdays | HS Spring Football Camp         |

**Upcoming Summer Camps**

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| UK Soccer Camps             | Safe Sitter              |
| Kids for Kids               | Summer Ceramics Workshop |
| Hawks Football Camp         | Girls Volleyball Camp    |
| High School Volleyball Camp |                          |

Hockinson School District facilities are available after school hours for use or rent by community members, groups, and organizations. Arrangement for all school locations are made through the Community Education office by calling (360) 448-6480. Facility requests must be submitted at least 5 business days prior to use. Schools may be rented for community purposes, provided that such use does not interfere with educational or district programs. The school district welcomes the use of its facilities by members of the surrounding community for various types of activities, which must be consistent with the best interests of the district and not interfere with the regular conduct of the educational program.

For more information on any of our classes or camps, please visit our website at [www.hocksd.org](http://www.hocksd.org), look under the Community link, then Community Education, or you may call Janet Hawkins, Hockinson Community Education at (360) 448-6480. Hours: 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

**Would you like to teach a class? Do you have a hobby or knowledge in a certain subject area? We are looking for instructors to teach new class offerings. Please contact us for more information.**



**HOCKINSON SCHOOL DISTRICT**

To inspire all to live with strong core values, to become competent, responsible learners, independent thinkers, and positive contributors to our changing world.

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**Capital Bond Certified**

The Hockinson School District Board of Directors and Superintendent Sandra Yager would like to thank you, Hockinson Community, for your approval of the Capital Facilities bond measure.

The bond was approved by 62.21 percent of the 2,776 voters who turned out.

The \$39.9 million capital bond will fund replacement of the Middle School, improvements to the High School and athletic facilities, and master planning for the Elementary School. The Middle School is the oldest building in the district and its replacement is eligible for certain state matching funds. We look forward to watching all of these projects take shape in the upcoming months.

This edition of our newsletter is all about our staff and students. We have information from all of our schools to share with you, so please enjoy the articles. We would like the newsletter to be an informative and useful tool. Included inside is a focus on the music department, one of the many programs that will benefit from the Capital Facilities Bond. We would like to keep you informed of our progress through these projects and will highlight different areas in upcoming newsletters.

We have begun the process of enhancing our athletic facilities, the schedule of which will be dependent on things like the County permitting process, bid procurement, etc.

We are very excited to see these changes in our District and to share them with you. Again, thank you for your support!

**Questions?**

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**DATES TO REMEMBER\***

**March**

- 23—Regular Board Meeting, 5:30 PM, DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM
- 24—HHS Spring Band Concert, 7:30 PM HHS MPR
- 26—3rd Grade Concert, 6:30 PM

**March 30 to April 3, 2015**

**K-12 Conferences—3-hour early release**

**April**

- 6-10—Spring Break
- 13—Regular Board Meeting, 6:00 PM DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM
- 14—HHS Science, Art and Poetry Night, 6:00 PM
- 17—PWT Family Fun Night & Dance, 6:00 PM
- 23—4th Grade Concert, 6:30 PM
- 25—Band Booster Benefit Dinner, 6:00 PM
- 27—Regular Board Meeting, 6:00 PM DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM
- 30—2nd Grade Concert, 6:30 PM

**May**

- 7—Kindergarten Roundup
- 8—District Art Show, 5:30 PM, HHS Commons
- 8-9—HHS Musical, 7:00 PM
- 11—Regular Board Meeting, 6:00 PM DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM
- 25—Memorial Day, no classes, DO closed
- 26—Regular Board Meeting, 6:00 PM DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM
- 28—HHS/HMS District Jazz Night, 7:00 PM HHS MPR

**June**

- 2—5th Grade Concert, 6:30 PM
- 4—HHS/HMS District Band Festival, 6:00 PM HHS MPR
- 8—HHS Senior Awards Assembly
- 9—Kindergarten Concert, 6:00 PM
- 12—HHS Graduation
- 15—**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**
- 22—Regular Board Meeting, 6:00 PM DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM

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\*Dates and times on this calendar are subject to change. Please check the web pages frequently for updates.

# HOCKINSON *Music News*

**On behalf of Mr. McEnry and present and future band students at Hockinson High School, we would like to offer our sincerest thanks to the Hockinson community for approving the Proposition 1 School Bond on February 10. We are excited to finally have dedicated music space at the High School for rehearsing and growing as young musicians. With your support, the Hockinson Band Program will continue its traditions of excellence in music and in supporting and enriching our school and community.**

**Seven HHS musicians** were selected to participate in the 26th annual Pacific Lutheran University Northwest High School Honor Band. These students traveled to PLU the weekend of January 9th to rehearse with students from over 80 other high schools in the Pacific Northwest. Guest conductors for the event included Dr. Sarah McKoin of Texas Tech University and Dr. Damon Talley of Louisiana State University. The students selected were Elena Allison, Caidin Cheney, Caty Cook, Monica Krubeck, Josh Morris, Deena Oubari, and Dylan Rankin.

**For the FIFTH year in a row**, the Hockinson High School Jazz Band took first place in the AA division at the 53rd annual Clark College Jazz Festival this past Friday. This is a major accomplishment by all of our students, but particularly by our senior class who have never in their high school career placed lower than 1st at this festival! Band members Caidin Cheney (trombone) and Josh Gonzales (drums) also took home awards for outstanding soloists. They competed on Saturday, March 14 at the Newport High School Jazz Festival in Bellevue.

**The Hockinson Middle and High School** music programs, in conjunction with the Hockinson Music Boosters and Music World, coordinated and hosted the 2nd annual North County Honor Band February 20-21, 2015 at Hockinson Middle and High Schools. Select middle and high school students from the Hockinson, Battle Ground, Ridgefield, La Center, Woodland, Camas, and Washougal school districts rehearsed for the weekend and presented a free concert in the HHS Auditorium on Saturday, February 21. These students were selected based on recommendations from their directors, as well as short essays about their musical accomplishments and future goals. The middle school honor band was conducted by longtime Oregon music educator and current Portland State University faculty member, Dan Ogren. The high school band was under the direction of Dr. Christopher Chapman, director of bands at Oregon State University.

**More than 30 high school students** participated in the annual Lower Columbia River Music Educators Association Solo and Ensemble Festival on Saturday, February 28 at Union High School. Soloists and groups of students prepared a piece to play for a judge, with one student on each instrument scoring high enough qualifying for the state solo and ensemble competition at Central Washington University on April 24 and 25. Students from all high schools regardless of school size competed against each other. At Hockinson, freshman oboist Shannon Dally was chosen as the outstanding soloist in her category and will represent our region at the state competition. Senior trombonist Caidin Cheney was selected as 1st alternate to state. Other solos and ensembles receiving superior scores included the HHS Percussion Ensemble, the HHS Saxophone Quartet (Alexander Lee, Christopher Dahdouh, Jesse Smith, and Will Gaines), and soloists Dennis Baciuc (trumpet), Caty Cook (flute), and Riley Lyons (trombone).

**The HHS Wind Ensemble traveled to Western Washington University** in Bellingham, WA on Friday and Saturday, March 6 and 7, to participate in the WWU Concert Band Invitational. The Wind Ensemble was one of only 8 bands selected to participate in this festival and the only band from Southwest Washington. The band also did a private clinic on the way to Western at Pacific Lutheran University with members of their music faculty. The band would like to thank the Hockinson School District and the Hockinson Music Boosters for their financial support in making this trip happen.

**Mark your calendars for the 8th annual HOCKINSON MUSIC BOOSTER BENEFIT DINNER, CONCERT, AND AUCTION!** The event will take place Saturday, April 25 at Hockinson High School and feature performances by the various ensembles in our award-winning music program. The evening will feature music, activities, and decor fitting our "Classic Television" theme, and in addition to a gourmet dinner will include exciting raffle and silent auction items. Tickets will go on sale soon at [www.hockinsonmusic.com](http://www.hockinsonmusic.com) and space is limited, so don't delay! We are also actively searching for donations. If you have a vacation home you would be willing to donate for a weekend, a specific skill or hobby that you could share in a lesson or provide certain times worth of service, or if your business or work would donate items for the silent auction, please contact [hockinsonmusicboosters@yahoo.com](mailto:hockinsonmusicboosters@yahoo.com).

## Student Led Conferences this spring at the Hockinson Middle School

The Hockinson Middle School is pleased to announce that this spring, they will be holding student led conferences. For those of you who may be new to this process, this empowers the student to direct and report on his/her progress at school. It is a research-based practice used in many exemplary middle schools. The benefits of student led conferences are:

### Overall benefits:

- Provides quality parent-child time
- Provides time to focus on learning instead of behavioral issues

### Specific benefits for the student:

- The student goes from non-participant or passive observer to leader of the conference
- Increases student motivation
- Provides students a voice in their assessment of their learning
- Encourages students to accept personal responsibility for their academic performance.
- Allow students to learn new skills
  - Teaches students the process of reflection and self-evaluation
  - Develops students oral communication and organizational skills

### Specific benefits for the Parent(s):

- Helps parents understand what is taking place in the classroom
- Enhances communication between parent and child
- Parents are more inclined to attend a student-led conference
- Parents become more actively engaged in discussions with their child rather than the teacher

The student-led conference process is much different from the traditional parent-teacher conference in which the teacher does most of the talking and the parent does the listening. Often in such conferences, the student is not even present. The role of the teacher in a student-led conference is one of coach, mentor, and advocate while the student is leading the conference.

Our teachers have been trained to assist, direct, and support our students throughout the preparation process. They have coached, critiqued, and evaluated their students in order to have them ready to present to their parents and guardians. In short, the students will be running the show. Often several conferences will be taking place at one time within the same room. The teacher will circulate and be present for specific questions on issues that the students may not be able to answer. We believe that the student-led conference process puts the responsibility for reporting learning where it needs to be and that is with the student.

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## HOCKINSON ROBOTICS TEAM MEAN MACHINE Update

By Eirik Huset

Hockinson robotics Team Mean Machine 2471 is in the middle of another season. The team is based out of Liberty Middle School in Camas and has 35 students from Camas, Hockinson, and Washougal High Schools. The First Robotics 2015 Competition KICKOFF, was January 3, 2015. This is where the teams first learned about this year's themed game competition and ultimately, what kind of robots they will build.

This year's themed game competition is called Recycle Rush. Robots score points by stacking totes on scoring platforms, capping those stacks with recycling containers, and properly disposing of pool noodles, representing litter.

Their first district competition was February 26-28, 2015 in Oregon City, Oregon. After the random-draw competition rounds, they qualified 3<sup>rd</sup> as an individual team and ended up 3<sup>rd</sup> in the finals. They also won the Industrial Safety and Design Award. The team's second district competition was held at Wilsonville High School, March 12-14, 2015 where they took 2<sup>nd</sup> overall. Now they are on to regional competition at Eastern Washington University, April 1-4, 2015 and they have every ambition to make it to World's Competition in St. Louis for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row!

Another team that we need to support is; Team Robo Lyon 5553 from France. Our own 2014 HHS graduate and Team Mean Machine president, Azriel Achterbosch and 2014 foreign exchange student Antonie Dailly are the leading contributors on that team. Azriel was asked to go over to France and help Antonie's school start A FIRST Robotics program after they were teamed up last year on the Mean Machine. Azriel is a team coordinator and Antonie is the team President. It is such a big hit in their town and school that they were recently interviewed on the local news station. I don't know French, so I could not translate, but the looks on their faces and tone of their voices is proud, and it should be. Their first match was March 18 – 21, 2015 in Montreal, Québec, Canada.

There are several websites where you can follow these teams; [team2471.org](http://team2471.org), [robolyon.com](http://robolyon.com), [usfirst.org](http://usfirst.org), [oregonfirst.org](http://oregonfirst.org) and [thebluealliance.com](http://thebluealliance.com). The following link is a presentation video of Team Mean Machines Tote-O Stackins. Check it out!

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=jKCi7nu20BU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=jKCi7nu20BU)

## District Highlights

### Staff and Students

Recently, the **Middle School PWT** (People Working Together) group assembled and installed four new outdoor picnic tables in the HMS recess area, along with three new tetherball poles, new basketball hoop nets, and two new outdoor benches. Also purchased were new recess balls and games, two digital cameras for the yearbook class, a drying rack for the art department, and new die cuts for the office.



This is all thanks to the very successful bingo and auction night fundraiser held in November. PWT raised just over \$15,000. More purchases are coming in the future. HMS Bingo Committee members Dawn Gill Hoover, Mary Barrett, and Dawn Woolcott are pictured above right.

**Middle School** students were commended in an assembly for their fundraising efforts with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's "Pennies for Patients" drive. Hockinson is the number one school in fundraising totals in SW Washington!

Theirs was the highest total amount for a one-year period, meaning that no other school has ever raised this much EVER in the thirteen year history of the fundraiser. The national average was \$3.64 per student; we tripled that with \$11.42 per student. Locally, the average is \$904 per school and ours was \$1,240.

Congratulations to the following **High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)** members for qualifying for the State Business Leadership Conference: Chase Benson, Xenon Berkeley, Chase Bradley-West, Thomas Brennan, Bailey Erickson, Rachel Freiburger, Kristen Fletcher, Codi Fortier, Matthew Phillips, Kali Pohle, and Joshua Reese.

Students qualified in subject test areas such as Business Communications, Health Care Administration, Personal Finance, and Networking Concepts as well as events that were combinations of tests, performances, and pre-judged materials. Those events ranged from Entrepreneurship, Hospitality Management, Management Decision Making, Marketing, Public Service Announcement, Public Speaking, and Social Media Campaign.

**Middle School** student Kevin Paulsen qualified in Digital Video Production and Braden Greene qualified in Help Desk. The Middle School is in its second year of offering FBLA. The **State Conference** will be held in **Spokane** from **April 14-17**. Students will have the opportunity to listen to keynote speakers, tour local businesses and colleges, attend a college and career fair, perform, network, and have some fun!

### Students helping Students

This year, Mr. Clow's Pre-Calculus math students have been assisting elementary students with open-ended math problems on Wednesday mornings. All five fourth-grade classes and the third-grade Hi-Cap class have the privilege of working in small groups, led by high school students. Elementary students work on applying a variety of math strategies to real-world problems. They focus on showing mathematical thinking and reasoning. Students have positive things to say about this experience. Violet, a fourth grader, said, "I like the high school visitors because when we're working, if we are stuck on a problem, they don't just give us the answer, they help us figure it out. They help us learn a lot about it. I also like it because they make it fun."



Hello Hockinson families!

Spring is in the air and with it the excitement of new possibilities. I am happy to report that our libraries remain busy and our students engaged in reading. Here are some of the things you might hear students talking about:

### Public Library Partnership

As I mentioned in the February newsletter, I have been meeting monthly with our public librarians to find ways of partnering to share our resources and provide more opportunities to all. Some of our efforts include providing public library cards to students, promoting the Summer Reading Program, and providing training to students on the many digital resources available through the public library system, as well as our own.

### Storyline

Did you know we have a *Storyline*, where you can call in 24 hours a day to hear a story? It is updated weekly, and there is no limit on how many times you can call. Currently, the recording is of different groups of students from Mrs. Fern's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class performing Reader's Theatre. Call *Storyline* at (360) 448-6484. What a great way to read!

### Booktalks

When I started giving booktalks this year at the elementary and middle school, I had no idea how popular they would be. A booktalk is basically a commercial for a book, and students love them! If I booktalk a book, it is always checked out and has an average of 18 holds by the end of the day! Even more exciting is that *students* are now giving booktalks. I give them time at the end of checkout for anyone who wants to, and for some classes, I've had to start a waitlist for that too!

### New Books

A BIG thank you to everyone, who supported the Fall Book Fair! It is so much fun to put new books out and watch student's faces light up when they see them. It is also gratifying to see how many of our books have a "donated by PWT" sticker.

Please feel welcome to contact me with any questions, and thank you for your continued support of our libraries!

*Emily Crawford, District Librarian*

The Hockinson **Speech and Debate Team** received the Outstanding Washington Interscholastic Activities Association Scholastic Award for their team's overall GPA.

March 7-8, three students competed at state in Tacoma: Lyndee Johns in Interpretive Reading, Kinzie Johns in Humorous Interpretation, and Xenon Berkeley in Extemporaneous Speaking and Oratory. The weekend prior, Lyndee and Xenon both qualified for Nationals.

## Rugby Comes to Hockinson

Students in **grades 3-5** were introduced to Rugby in early February. Basic skills were taught by **Rugby Oregon's Developmental Professional Stew Magorian** along with Lance Henwood. Stew is a former professional rugby player who played in England and Italy. Lance is a local rugby referee as well as a Hockinson Community member.

Stew's dynamic personality created a great environment for students to be excited and learn some rugby basics. During their brief time together, the students were able to be actively engaged in basic skill drills. These drills included how to hold, run with, throw, and catch the ball. Students were very excited and are already asking when Stew will return. The Elementary School is grateful for the experience and the fantastic donation of equipment to the Physical Education program.

The introduction of the sport was so popular that Hockinson students make up 28% of the 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade teams at the local area rugby club. Rugby is for both boys and girls and local teams start in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and go through high school.

One goal of our local area club is to field enough players to have 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade team next year, and a 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade team the following year. Local teams have started practices and games. If you would like more information about rugby in our area, visit [RugbyOregon.com](http://RugbyOregon.com).



## SAVE THE DATE

### Art Performance Night Friday, April 24, 2015

The **Middle School Jazz Band** will perform from 6:30 - 7:00 PM in the High School Commons.

Following a short intermission, **Comedy Sportz Portland** will perform from 7:30 - 8:30 PM.

**Tickets:** General Admission  
\$10/Person

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**Middle School Teacher Andy Gregg** has been appointed to a five-year term as a member of the Arts Commission. Mr. Gregg has been the Chairman of the Clark County Historic Preservation Commission for the last eight years.