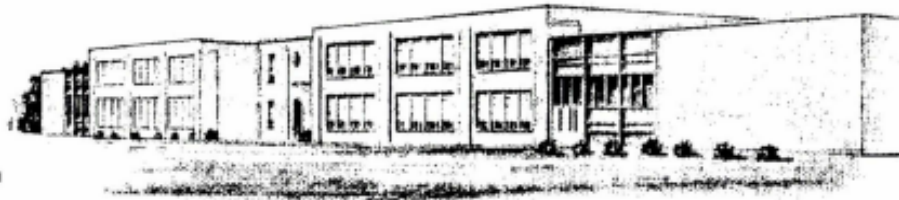


# Your School



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## Reminder to Parents:

No student will be admitted in the school building prior to 7:30 a.m. Students eating breakfast may enter the building at 7:30 a.m. The doors will open at 7:45 a.m. for all other students.

## Upcoming Events

Sept. 24 - Oct. 1 - Spirit Week  
Sept. 30 - Homecoming  
Oct. 6 - Picture Day, JH/HS  
Oct. 7 - Picture Day, Elementary  
Oct. 10 - No School, Teacher Inservice

## From The Desk of Geoff Palmer, Superintendent



I am very proud to announce that, for the second consecutive school year, Hopewell-Loudon Local School District was recognized by the Ohio Department of Education as an "EXCELLENT" school district. The efforts of you as parents, our students, staff, and building administration have most certainly paid off. This is a tremendous accomplishment and one of which we all should be extremely proud!

In achieving the "EXCELLENT" rating we:

- were, once again, the only district in Seneca County to achieve this highest level,
- were one of only 20 "EXCELLENT" school districts in the entire Toledo Blade coverage area (the NW Region of Ohio), and
- showed improvement as the Elementary Building moved to the "Excellent" level.

I am confident our building administrators and staff will closely evaluate the testing results from last year and take steps to insure our students are prepared to perform at an even higher level on this year's tests.

With the school year well underway at this point, I would like to take this opportunity to commend our students, staff and administration on yet another "Job Well Done" starting the year off so smoothly.

We are continuing to focus on providing the safest possible environment for our students. We are finalizing plans for the move of the student parking lot to the west side of County Road 7 and work on the new softball field is progressing well. We are also looking at other ways to provide a safe, secure educational setting for our students. Additional security cameras and an alarm system are examples of measures being considered.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns or comments, do not hesitate to contact me at school (937-2216 Ext. 312) or by email ([gpalmer@hlschool.org](mailto:gpalmer@hlschool.org)).

Let's do all we can to meet the goals of our motto:

"We are an excellent school, striving to become better."



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## ***Core Beliefs***

The purpose of these principles is to ensure that we as a board and the administration as a whole, continue to make decisions that are in line with how we want to operate as a district. The guiding principles are not only important to current board members and administration, but also for future members. Over the past year or so, the Board of Education and administration have been working on the development of “Core Beliefs” which will be used to help guide important decisions made in the district.

This process actually started during the summer of 2004 and led to the community phone survey during that November. This survey provided data reflecting the views of our community on several important topics such as curriculum offerings, strengths and weaknesses, and school funding. Also, district employees were provided an opportunity to participate in the community survey. After reviewing and discussing the survey results, follow-up questions were asked of the district employees during the spring. While this was going on, the Board and administration continued their work on the Core Beliefs, coming to a consensus in June and formally approving them at the September 14 Board Meeting.

These new “Core Beliefs” will be the “lens” we use as we look at all aspects of the Hopewell-Loudon Local School District and make decisions which will impact us both today and into the future. Initially, the results of the spring staff survey will be analyzed, specifically looking at “opportunities” which could further improve the district, as well as “obstacles” which exist to prevent us from becoming the best we can be.

We will continue to take the necessary steps to provide the best opportunities for the students of our district!



## ***Hopewell-Loudon Local School District***

*An Excellent School Striving to Become Better!*

### ***Core Beliefs***

In Striving to Become Better We Will:

- Focus on Students First
- Seek Academic Excellence
- Promote Open Communication
- Promote the Development and Maintenance of Positive Relationships
- Operate in a Fiscally Responsible Manner
- Act with Integrity



## HOPEWELL HAPPENINGS



Welcome all students and staff to the 2005-2006 school year. Before we look ahead, I would like to congratulate all of our students and staff for their continued success on the state report card. Once again the district received an excellent rating by the Ohio Department of Education. Congratulations to all.

Prior to the start of school, students were able to pick up schedules on August 18, 2005. Parents who attended were able to pay fees as students picked up their schedules. A total of 338 students picked up a schedule on the evening of the 18th. Future plans are to distribute handbooks, and possibly have school pictures taken during our opening night. Our goal is to have all of the housekeeping items out of the way so we can focus on classroom activities.

### Upcoming Events

September 21 is our first mid-term grading period. Mid-terms will be given to students at school throughout the year and all report cards will be mailed home. Also on September 21, staff will be involved with the first 2-hour delay for in-service. During this delay teachers in grades 7-12 will start working on the 2005-2006 Building Level Improvement Plan. Our committees will be formed and begin discussions based on our building goal of writing across the curriculum. In addition, staff will meet to discuss the results of the OGT and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade achievement tests. Teachers will review those results and focus in areas that we can improve on to better meet the needs of our students.

Spirit week is September 24-October 1. The bonfire on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> will kick off the week's events and conclude on September 30 with the homecoming game against Tiffin Calvert and the dance on October 1.

On October 10, staff will be involved in a full day in-service, therefore students will not be in school. Staff in grades 7-12 will focus on writing across the curriculum. With assistance from the North Central Ohio Educational Service Center, staff will be lead in activities that will create writing prompts that can be used in all curriculum areas, and will give our students the opportunity to perform better in class and on the state standardized tests.

### Student Activities

On Friday, August 26 the first pep rally took place to start the fall season. Students are showing more spirit and taking part in the rallies. To continue gaining a positive school spirit, beginning with the home football game against Gibsonburg, students will have a place of their own at games. In an effort with Student Council President, Melia Reinhart, we have asked students to show their school spirit and support the team from the student section behind the end zone at the west end of the stadium. Students are encouraged to get out to all events and show your support for their classmates and their school.

On September 16, in conjunction with the elementary, guest speaker Jim Taylor, a retired history teacher came to Hopewell-Loudon for Constitution Day. Thanks to Mrs. Nye for inviting Mr. Taylor to speak.

### Community Items

In an effort to improve communication with parents and the community, families now have the opportunity to sign up and have our daily announcements e-mailed home. If any parent would like to have our daily announcements e-mailed home, please e-mail your name and e-mail address to [bdobbins@hlschool.org](mailto:bdobbins@hlschool.org). Your address will be added to our distribution list which will allow our announcements to be delivered. If you have not received announcements within a week of sending your information please call the high school office so we may correct any errors.

Thank you to all of the community for your support of our students, and have a great school year.

Bill Dobbins, Principal

## WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBERS!

You may have noticed several new faces at Hopewell-Loudon this year. We would like to welcome the following new members to the Hopewell-Loudon staff. Our best wishes for a successful school year.



*Mrs. Herr,  
HS Guidance*



*Mr. Hoelzle,  
HS Social Studies*



*Mr. Oswalt,  
HS Science*



*Mr. Heckler,  
Jr. High Science*



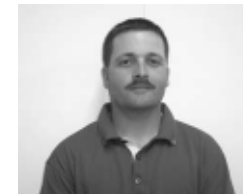
*Ms. Bollenbacher,  
Bus Driver*



*Mrs. Bodart,  
HS Librarian*



*Mrs. Gamertsfelder,  
Cafeteria*



*Mr. Swanagan,  
Grade 6*



*Mr. Zender,  
HS English*



### Reminder to Parents:

When your child is absent from school, please notify the office by phone in the morning on the day of the absence. Please send a note to the office with them on their first day back following their absence, stating the reason for the absence.

Please be sure to notify the office if you move, or have a change of phone number.

Thank you.



### Read All about It!

News From the Library Media Center



The 2005-2006 school year has started out smoothly. Students are using the library, checking out books for pleasure as well as research and making use of the LMC computers for high school (and college) classroom assignments! We are getting ready to send out an order for new books to add to our elementary and high school collection. Hopefully the students will be as thrilled as we are!

Over the summer some exciting transformations have taken place in the LMC! A huge thank you goes out to Tom and Denice Daniel for donating the money to have the reading room in the elementary library painted. The reading room ("Always and Forever" room) is dedicated to all children from Hopewell-Loudon whose futures were ended before graduating. This room is now painted with wonderful storybook characters, such as the Cat in the Hat, Curious George and many more. Lori Zoeller toiled many hours to make this space warm and inviting for our students. Come check it out (look for secret shapes in the clouds)! We will be updating you on more changes that are still to come!

#### FAVORITE PICKS FROM MRS. BODART AND MRS. JOHNSON:

The Edge Chronicles Series, by Paul Stewart & Chris Riddell  
- a must read for elementary and up

Speak, by Laurie Halse Anderson

Any of Margaret Peterson Haddix's books



Elementary students enjoy the "Always and Forever Room."

### From the Tech Desk

Steve Acton, Technology Coordinator



A new school year always brings new challenges for the never ending process of improving and maintaining technology. I have removed a majority of the old Macintoshes out of the elementary. Next summer we should 100% PC with the exception of Broadcasting. There were a lot of repairs done over the summer, 8 power supplies, 4 hard drives, 9 CD-Roms and 2 logic board replacements. I would like to thank Tiffin University who donated 12 used working monitors to the district, at a value of \$1200.

Progress Book is in use and teachers are using it to manage student data. Teachers with students in the district are requesting parental access for themselves so they will better be able to help you when we open parent access in January of this school year. I would like to thank Cathi Kelbley, Janine Meisner and Joni Jordan for taking time out of their busy schedule to assist fellow staff members.

This fall we will be enhancing the junior and senior high classroom presentation abilities for teachers and students. By hooking our computers to the televisions, our staff and students will be able to communicate their ideas more effectively to each other. In closing, I am glad to see the life back in the building. You do have some amazing sons and daughters that demonstrate a strong desire to succeed. You have a great staff that provides them the tools to do so. That is why I enjoy my job as your Technology Supervisor here at Hopewell-Loudon Schools.

### Board of Education Meeting Highlights

June 8, 28, July 1, 13, Aug. 10, 22, 2005



**Classified Staff Approved:** Mary Mora, Pamela Ley, Carol Vaughn, Laura Young, Alicia Swartzmiller, Kathy Wise, sub. secretaries/aides; David Beleny, in-school suspension monitor; Jeff Schaade, Alicia Swartzmiller, Tom Wilkinson, Lori Cholodewitsch, summer intervention bus drivers; Kathi Bollenbacher, sub. bus driver, full-time bus driver; Shannon Gehrisch, elem. football; David Hossler, jr. high football, jr. varsity boys' basketball; Maria Reffner, full time bus driver; Shana Hambey, Robert Swartzmiller, Cecelia Schleter, sub. custodians; Amanda Cutnaw, 7th gr. volleyball; Laura Jesko, jr. high cheerleading; Rick Breidenbach, jr. high football; Nate Keller, var. asst. boys' basketball; Randy Fry, jr. varsity girls' basketball; Bob Gase, freshmen girls' basketball; Chris Seibert, 8th gr. girls' basketball; Arden Clouse, elem. girls' basketball; Analea Davis, 9th gr. volleyball; David Miller, JV volleyball; Diane Johnson, up to 5 extended days for library transition; Linda Gosche, sub. teacher calls; Brett Arnold, student aide/grant funded; Mary Burgess-Todd, spec. ed. aide; Carol Burns, Sheri Burns, Carol Fruth, Charlotte Brickner, sub. cafeteria; Steve Depinet, Tom Wilkinson, Greg Arbogast, John Dell, Jerry Boes, sub. bus drivers; Kelly Fittro, flag corp; Unpaid volunteers: Nate Colatruglio, football, Courtney Burke, Claudia Chapman, volleyball

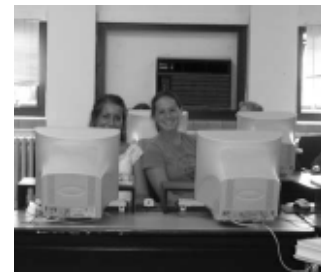
**Classified Staff Resignations:** Maria Reffner, bus driver; Jeff Schaade, bus driver; Shannon Gehrisch, elem. football

**Certified Staff Approved:** Brett Swanagan, elem. teacher; Lori Scott, summer braille tutor; Tracie Herr, hs guidance, honors night, National Honor Society; Joseph Hoelzle, hs social studies, asst. varsity football; Tim Oswalt, hs science; Deb Weaver, elem. cross country, musical publicity; Ruth Stiverson, athletic trainer; Lisa Gelinis, Red Ribbon Coordinator; Mary Lucius, Tutor for Literacy and Math; Eric Beidelschies, fall wt. room, SADD advisor; Tom Weaver, asst. var. girls' basketball; Tony Swanagan, var. baseball; Theresa Lucius, yearbook; Tom Wilhelm, student council; Teri Miller, FCCLA; Jess Nelson, marching band, pep band; Brenda Burns, broadcasting; Candace Haack, traveling ensemble, musical; Tom Weaver, K-12 asst. principal; Jeremy Zender, hs teacher, 1-yr. limited position; Anne Arnold, talented and gifted, Title V

**Certified Staff Resignations:** Roger Beaudet, guidance; Deb Reynolds, hs librarian; Dorothy Berg, social studies - retirement

**Donations Accepted:** From the H-L Athletic Boosters: \$3363.09 to Athletic Dept. for refurbishing of football equipment, \$9537.50 to Athletic Dept. (divided equally among all sports) from concession stand profits; Donation of time from Barry Hammer and Dr. Tim Beidelschies for conducting sports physicals; \$3530.00 from H-L PTO to Elementary for playground equipment; \$625.00 from the Angelena Daniel Memorial to the Library/Media Center

**Other Action:** Authorized legal bidding on new parking lot; approved 2005-2006 bus routes; approved the following overnight trips: Cross country team to Hueston Woods State Park and Centerville, JV/Varsity Volleyball team to Lakota (Cincinnati) High School, Sixth grade class to Temple Hills; Entered into agreements with WSOS for services, and Logan County ESC for services; Commended the district on winning the MAL All-Sports Award for the first time in school history



## From the Transportation Department Lori Cholodewitsch, Coordinator



It's that time of year again. Summer vacation is over and school buses are rolling! I hope that everyone had a wonderful summer. There are a few changes in the transportation department this year. Kathi Bollenbacher has been hired as a new full time bus driver. Welcome Kathi!

Several bus routes have been changed to insure the safety of our students. Bus routes on State Route 587 have been changed so that no students have to cross the highway to enter or exit the bus. All students on State Route 587 are now riding bus 10, with driver Dave Reinhart.

Upon arrival to school in the morning, students may be excused from their buses at 7:45 a.m. to have breakfast. These students are to go directly to the cafeteria. If students do not wish to have breakfast, they will not be dismissed from the bus until 7:50 a.m. Parents dropping off students in the mornings are asked to please stay back by the tree in the north drive to allow plenty of room for buses to park. Please do not double park in the drive. This makes it very difficult for buses to safely enter the drive. Parents, please remind your children to stay on the sidewalk at all times and to never walk between buses.

### *Parents, please review the bus rules with your children:*

1. The bus driver may assign seats.
2. Students shall be courteous to the bus driver and other students.
3. No profanity will be permitted.
4. Do not eat or drink on the bus.
5. Students shall help keep the bus clean.
6. Any form of violence is prohibited.
7. Keep the aisle clear of all items and feet.
8. No smoking.
9. Students shall keep their hands and heads in the bus.
10. Students shall not destroy school property or the property of other students
11. Students shall not distract the bus driver through misbehavior or loud noise.
12. No spitting, on the bus or out the window.
13. Students should be at the bus stop 5 minutes before the bus is to arrive. Stand at your point of safety, do not run around or play. Pay attention to traffic. If you are unsure as to where your point of safety is, ask your bus driver. (Point of safety is 10 feet from the road.)
14. No talking at railroad crossings.
15. Stay out of the danger zone. (Danger zone is 10 feet all around the bus.)

Let's have a safe and happy year!



## Extra Yearbooks for Sale!

Extra copies of the 2005 Hopewell-Loudon Yearbook are for sale while quantities last. The price is \$45.00. Please contact yearbook advisor Mrs. Lucius at 419-937-2216, ext. 112.



## 2005-2006 Parent Educational Meetings

Sponsored by the Seneca-Wyandot Parent Mentor Program of The North Central Ohio Educational Service Center and The Seneca County Help Me Grow Family Support Specialist. All Parent meetings will be held at The Family Learning Center at Sentinel, 797 E. Twp. Rd. 201, Tiffin from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - unless further noted.

**Tuesday, October 18, 2005**

“Autism”

By: Brenda Kane, M.E.D., Intervention Specialist

**Tuesday, November 15, 2005**

“Holiday Make-It/Take-It” **ADULTS ONLY!!!**

Spend a relaxing evening making holiday crafts.

All supplies are furnished FREE.

**December 2005 - No Meeting**

## News From the Red and Grey Café



The cafeteria has a new employee, Brenda Gamertsfelder. She is a server/helper and joins six other cafeteria employees. Joanne Love is the supervisor and has worked at Hopewell-Loudon for 32 years. Deb Dell is the cafeteria secretary and is also a cashier, working at H-L since 1990. Gretta Rumschlag is a cook/server, and has worked here over twenty years. Vickie Berrier is a server/helper, working in the cafeteria for 15 years. Julie Schetter is a cashier/helper and has 4 years of experience, and Cecelia Schleter was hired in 2003 as a server/helper.

The staff is dedicated towards providing nutritious breakfasts and lunches for your children.

**Hopewell-Loudon Local Schools  
2005-2006 Winter Schedules**

\* = league contest, R=Thursday

**Varsity / Junior Varsity Boys Basketball**

Varsity: Brad Britton  
Varsity Assistant: Nate Keller  
Junior Varsity: David Hossler

Date	Day	Opponent	Time	Site
11/26	S	MAL Preview @ Old Fort		
12/02	F	Vanlue	6:00	A
12/03	S	Cory-Rawson	6:00	H
12/09	F	Carey *	6:00	H
12/15	R	Bettsville*	6:00	H
12/20	T	Gibsonburg	6:00	A
12/23	F	Calvert*	6:00	A
12/27	T	Van Buren	6:00	H
12/30	F	McComb	6:00	H
01/06	F	Old Fort *	6:00	H
01/07	S	Cardinal Stritch	6:00	A
01/13	F	North Baltimore *	6:00	A
01/14	S	Lakota	6:00	H
01/19	R	St. Joseph CC *	6:00	H
01/27	F	Seneca East*	6:00	A
01/28	S	Colonel Crawford	6:00	A
02/03	F	St. Wendelin*	6:00	A
02/10	F	New Riegel *	6:00	H
02/11	S	Monroeville	6:00	A
02/17	F	Mohawk*	6:00	A
02/24	F	Arcadia	6:00	H

**Varsity / Junior Varsity Girls Basketball**

Varsity: Jeff Ritzler  
Assistant Varsity: Tom Weaver  
Junior Varsity: Randy Fry

Date	Day	Opponent	Time	Site
11/19	S	MAL Preview @ New Riegel		
11/26	S	Lakota	6:00	A
11/29	T	Liberty-Benton	6:00	H
12/01	R	Carey *	6:00	A
12/08	R	Bettsville *	6:00	A
12/13	T	Upper Sandusky	6:00	H
12/22	R	Old Fort*	6:00	A
12/29	R	Elmwood	4:30	H
01/05	R	North Baltimore *	6:00	H
01/07	S	Calvert*	1:00	H
01/12	R	St. Joseph CC *	6:00	A
01/16	M	Gibsonburg	6:00	A
01/20	F	Seneca East *	6:00	H
01/24	T	Fostoria	6:00	A
01/26	R	St. Wendelin*	6:00	H
01/30	M	Northwood	6:00	H
02/02	R	New Riegel*	6:00	A
02/07	T	Van Buren	6:00	H
02/09	R	Mohawk*	6:00	H
02/11	S	Oak Harbor	1:00	A
02/16	R	Arcadia	6:00	A

**Freshmen Boys Basketball**

Date	Day	Opponent	Time	Site
12/01	R	Carey	5:15	H
12/05	M	Margaretta	5:15	H
12/12	M	Put-In-Bay	5:15	H
12/19	M	Seneca East	5:00	A
12/22	R	Old Fort	5:15	H
12/27	T	Van Buren	4:30	H
01/05	R	North Baltimore	5:00	A
01/07	S	Calvert	11:00	H
01/10	T	Seneca East	5:15	H
01/12	R	St. Joseph CC	5:15	H
01/14	S	Lakota	4:30	H
01/17	T	Calvert	5:00	A
01/23	M	Ottawa Hills	5:15	A
01/26	R	St. Wendelin	5:00	A
01/28	S	Put-In-Bay	10:00	A
02/02	R	New Riegel	5:15	H
02/04	S	MAL Quarterfinals	TBA	A
02/09	R	Mohawk	5:00	A
02/11	S	MAL Semifinals	TBA	A
02/18	S	MAL Finals	TBA	H

**Junior High Girls Basketball**

Date	Day	Opponent	Time	Site
11/29	T	Carey	4:30	H
12/01	R	Seneca East	4:30	H
12/05	M	Bettsville	4:30	A
12/08	R	Vanlue	4:30	A
12/12	M	Liberty-Benton	4:30	A
12/19	M	Old Fort	4:30	H
12/20	T	Van Buren	4:30	H
01/03	T	North Baltimore	4:30	A
01/05	R	Tiffin St. Mary's	4:30	A
01/10	T	Mohawk	4:30	H
01/17	T	Seneca East	4:30	A
01/23	M	St. Wendelin	4:30	A
01/31	T	New Riegel	4:30	H
02/04	S	MAL Quarterfinals	TBA	A
02/06	M	Mohawk	4:30	A
02/11	S	MAL Semifinals	TBA	A
02/18	S	MAL Finals	TBA	H

**High School Wrestling**

Varsity: Eric Beidelschies

Date	Day	Opponent	Time	Site
12/03	S	Gibsonburg Inv.	9:30	A
12/08	R	Arcadia/Lakota	6:00	A
12/16-17	F / S	Holiday Tourney	5:30 / 10:30	H
01/06-07	F / S	Woodmore	5:00 / 9:30	A
01/20-21	F / S	Van Buren Inv.	TBA	A
01/24	T	Elmwood/C.Raw.	6:00	A
01/27-28	F / S	Western Res. Inv.	4:00 / 10:00	A
02/04	S	N. Balt./C. Stritch	10:00	H
02/11	S	MAL at Calvert	10:00	A

one more contest to be added

**Junior High Wrestling**

Date	Day	Opponent	Time	Site
12/08	R	Arcadia	6:00	A
12/10	S	Mhkw Little Warrior	10:00	A
12/13	T	Lake Middle School	4:15	A
12/22	R	Mohawk	4:30	H
01/07	S	MAL	TBA	A
01/21	S	Fostoria MS Tourn.	8:00	A
01/24	T	Woodmore	4:30	H

more contests to be added

**Junior High Boys Basketball**

Date	Day	Opponent	Time	Site
12/06	T	Bettsville	4:30	H
12/08	R	Carey	4:30	A
12/12	M	Tiffin St. Mary's	4:30	H
12/15	R	Mohawk	4:30	A
12/20	T	Old Fort	4:30	A
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01/14	S	Hardin Northern	10:00	H
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02/18	S	MAL Finals	TBA	H



### From the Desk of Elaine A. Nye, Elementary Principal

Welcome back to school! The school year has begun with 427 students enrolled in the elementary. The class of 2018 has a total of 51 students and we have 32 new students to welcome to our district! You have sent us a wonderful group of children to work with once again this year! Thank you!

This year we welcome one new teacher to Hopewell-Loudon Elementary. Mr. Tony Swanagan is teaching sixth grade. While Mr. Swanagan is not new to the district, this is his first full-time teaching position. Miss Seigley was married over the summer and her new name is Mrs. Snyder.

Three other teachers are in different positions this year. Mrs. Karen Irving has moved from fifth grade to Intervention Specialist for grades four, five and six. Miss Karen Rumschlag is teaching fifth grade this year, moving from sixth, and Mrs. Michele Sayre has changed from second to first grade. I want to compliment the staff on their flexibility and willingness to take on new challenges each year as the needs of our students continue to change.

As always, I am available to discuss any questions or concerns you may have about Hopewell-Loudon Elementary. You may contact me at 419-937-2804.

#### School Visitation

Parents are welcome to visit the school. If you would like to visit a classroom, please call in advance to arrange a time that is convenient to both you and the teacher. All visitors must report to the office before entering the school area.

#### Magazine Sales

We kicked off our magazine sales on September 14 and will be continuing our sale until September 28, 2005. This is the *elementary school's* only fundraiser and all proceeds are deposited into an account which pays for new playground equipment, assemblies and other rewards for students. In the past two years we have added two new pieces of playground equipment, plus the required safety surfacing, provided at least three assemblies for students each year, purchased numerous reward items for students including items for Right to Read Week. We appreciated the generous support the community gives to this fundraiser and would like to thank you in advance for your support again this year.

#### Campbell's Soup Labels & General Mills Cereal Box Tops

We are collecting Campbell's Soup labels in the elementary. When sending in labels, please send in only the front portion of the label. We are also collecting box tops from General Mills cereals. We are asking students and their families to save box tops from participating General Mills cereals, snacks and Yoplait Yogurt multi-pack products. Thank you for your help!



### Sixth Grade Camp at Nature's Classroom

As the bus traveled down the road on the two hour trip Wednesday morning, the students could tell the next three days of school would be like no other they had experienced. Unlike the view from their classroom window, the sixth graders were surrounded by trees and rolling hills. It was easy to see the smiles on their faces grow with excitement.

As we arrived, the girls were off to their rooms to get settled in. All the girls were in the same two-story building with three to five people in each room. The boys, on the other hand, had to hike into the woods to find their sleeping quarters. The comfy cabins fit eight to nine boys each.

The schedule of the day was mapped out, and the kids were eager to learn. There were a variety of different classes each student could participate in during the day. Whether the classes were building a dome from equilateral triangle strong enough to support the weight of 18 students or if the students were on a compass treasure hunt, all were involved in hands-on experiences.

After a day full of learning, the appetite of a sixth grader can really grow. Meals were served family style. The "hoppers" were in charge of bringing food to the table and making sure each member of the table had what they needed. A "hopper" was also in charge of clearing the table at the end of the meal. As the meals came to an end, a chanting could be heard all though the camp... "ORT report, ORT report." If you don't know what an "ORT report" is, you will have to ask a sixth grader. Don't believe anything they say about two teachers dancing with buckets on their heads!

Teaching teamwork and responsibility is also one of the goals of Nature's Classroom. The classes and activities were created in hopes students will learn how to depend on their classmates to achieve a common goal. Working together is what the students had to do in order to be successful.

As the day grew into night, it was time for snack and a bedtime story. The students would listen with bobbing heads and heavy eyelids. Starting at 8:00am and ending at 9:30 pm makes for a long day.

Even though the students were exhausted on Friday as they loaded the buses to head for home, their comments were very similar. Many asked "Are we going to camp next year?" and "That was amazing!" But one comment made me smile. A student said, "One thing I liked most about camp is that it felt like we were all a family. It did not feel like you were a teacher and I was a student. We learned to work together in so many different ways!"

It is easy to see that the experiences learned from camp will last a lifetime.



### MARKET DAY: A DELICIOUS SOLUTION FOR BUSY COOKS

The Hopewell-Loudon PTO is continuing Market Day, a monthly fund-raising food co-op. Each month there is a new order sheet with over 150 quality food products including meats, seafood, poultry, breakfast items, family meals, lunchbox items, and desserts. All items are frozen and conveniently packaged to meet the needs of both large and small families.

There are several options for placing Market Day orders. Order forms are available in the elementary or high school office, and completed forms can be returned to the elementary office or orders can be called in to Sue Bodart at 419-435-4924. You can also order on-line at [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com).

The profits from this project have been designated to help purchase new playground equipment. We are planning on having our first equipment installed by December with other pieces to follow as money is available. The pick-up dates are: Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 14, Jan. 25, Feb. 22, March 22, April 26, and May 24.

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