

Montgomery C. Smith Middle School

R. Groat, Principal; M. Suttmeier, M. Brenneman, Associate Principals

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

MAY

- 5 NYS Written Science Exam Gr. 8
- 8 DARE Graduation 9 am
- 11—15 Authors' Fair & Nat'l Children's Book Week
- 12 BOE Mtg 7 pm
- 16 Hudson Children's Book Festival HMS 10 am—4 pm (see page 3)
- 18 PTO Mtg 3:15 pm
- 19 BOE Mtg 7 pm
BUDGET VOTE
- 25 Memorial Day—SCHOOL CLOSED
- 28 Jr. National Honor Society Induction 7:30 pm

JUNE

- 2—3 NYS Social Studies Exam Gr. 8
- 3 Spring Concert Gr. 7/8 7:30 pm
- 10 Spring Concert Gr. 5/6 7:30 pm
- 22 Foreign Lang Proficiency Exam
- 23—25 Half day Gr. K-8—Awards 9 am

Summer Stretch!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This is our final newsletter from the Hudson Middle School as we have come to know it. While we look forward to the new configuration of our campus, it is always difficult to say goodbye to students and colleagues. We want to thank all of our staff for their dedication and wish all students well next year.

The first annual Hudson Children's Book Festival will take place on Saturday, May 16. Reading is an important part of all of our lives and we are excited to welcome over 50 authors and illustrators to our campus. We hope to see you there!

As we welcome warm weather, we would like to caution that your child must be dressed appropriately for school each day. No revealing clothing (tank tops, short skirts, etc.) is acceptable in an educational setting. A general "rule of thumb" is to have shirt straps at least 2 fingers wide and skirt length at or below fingertip level when arms are relaxed at side. Students will be required to change if needed. We appreciate your assistance in this regard.

We will be recognizing students for their achievements in June with awards assemblies and invite you to join us at these events to celebrate our students. Assemblies will begin at 9:00 a.m. as follows: Grade 5 on June 23, Grade 7 on June 24 and Grade 6 on June 25. The big occasion for 8th grade is the Moving Up Ceremony on Tuesday, June 23 @ 7 pm. Students must arrive by 6:30 that evening. In order to participate in the ceremony, students must be at rehearsal the morning of June 23.

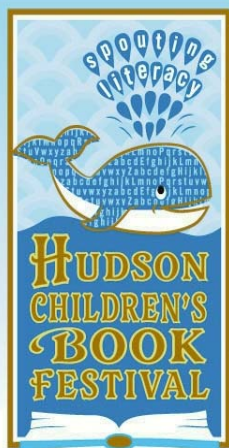
The fourth quarter marking period is a final evaluation of your child's progress. It is imperative that he/she is in school on time each day. Final exams given during this period factor heavily toward final report card grades.

We wish everyone a fun and safe summer!

Sincerely,

Mr. Ryan Groat, Principal

Ms. Maria Suttmeier & Mr. Mark Brenneman, Associate Principals



Festival Highlights

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Hundreds of books to browse

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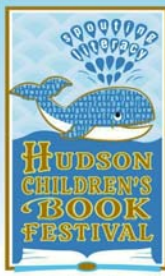
As the school year progresses toward June, many students have accumulated excessive absences or tardiness. Be aware of the school attendance policies. We will continue to monitor student attendance. We also ask that you send a note or phone us at 828-4650 Ext. 1108 and leave a message indicating parental authorization when an absence or tardy is legitimate. Please understand that we need your help to insure a successful end of the school year for your child.

First Annual Hudson Children's Book Festival

Saturday, May 16, 2009 10 am—4 pm

- **FREE** admission
- **Over 50** authors/illustrators in attendance!
- **Hundreds of books** to browse
- **Radio Disney!**
- **Author & illustrator presentations**
- **Arts & crafts, cooking & other workshops**
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For more information, call Festival Directors, **Lisa Dolan** or **Maria Suttmeier** @ 828-4360 Ext. 1112




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ENTER TO WIN \$100

Come to the Hudson Children's Book Festival

Play Name the Whale Contest

Go to www.hudsonchildrensbookfestival.com to submit your entries or fill-in the coupon below.



A whale without a name is like a fish out of water.



Saturday, May 16th • 10 am to 4 pm
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NAME THE WHALE

ENTRY FORM

NAME _____

PHONE _____

NAME THE WHALE _____

MAIL ENTRY FORM TO: Investments in Youth, P.O. BOX 204, Hudson, NY 12534
Enter as many times as you like. Must be received by April 30th. If winning name is submitted by multiple entries there will be a drawing on May 1st to determine the winner. Winner will be notified by phone and featured in event program.

NEWS FROM THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Please be aware that due to the upcoming school transition and reconfiguration, foreign language will no longer be offered at the 6th grade level. Students will receive 1st year foreign language on an everyday schedule starting in 7th grade and continue through the 8th grade. This program will meet state requirements and will allow the students to sit for the foreign language proficiency exam. If you have any questions, please contact the Guidance Department at Montgomery C. Smith or the new Junior High campus @ 828-4360.



NYSSMA SOLO FESTIVAL- (NY State School Music Association)

Eight students from Hudson Middle School will participate in the NYSSMA Solo Festival held on May 1st and 2nd hosted by the Chatham School District. These eight students study and rehearse a selected NYSSMA vocal solo for weeks before the festival. Each student will sing for a NYSSMA adjudicator and receive a written evaluation and grade for their performance. In addition to their solo performance they are also graded on their ability to “sightsing” musical phrases. This ability is something students work hard to achieve. This annual event motivates music students to work toward completing the next NYSSMA music level each year. H.M.S. students participating this year are: Jordynn Grossman, Emily Haigh, Carly Martin, Amber Craver, Shannon LaChance, Zachary Davi, Kulton McCall, Danielle Delamater.

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS INDUCTION

The Hudson Middle School Chapter of the National Honor Society will hold it's second annual induction on Thursday, May 28 in the Middle School auditorium beginning at 7 p.m. Students are selected based on four criteria; academics, community service, character, and behavior.

Please join us as we honor these outstanding citizens!

PRINCIPALS' AWARD BREAKFAST CLUB

Hudson Middle School firmly believes that *Character Counts...everywhere...all the time.*

The Character Counts program was first introduced to the district nine years ago and is an integral part of each day. We recognize students on a daily basis who exhibit the six pillars of character:

Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship.

Students can be nominated for the Principals' Award Breakfast Club each month. This program began in 2006 with generous support from Investments in Youth, a local not-for-profit organization, directed by Maria Suttmeier.

Students who demonstrate an effort in their academic studies and who express consistent good character are role models for others and are recognized each month as long as they continue to show their best self.



Students receive a free T-shirt and are treated to breakfast with the principals and a free lunch snack each month.



FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT

We hope you enjoyed this year's art show at C-GCC. We enjoyed your company at the reception and appreciate the positive feedback. Our next major show will be at the Columbia County Fair in September. If you attend, please stop by the school exhibit house to see more work done by our many talented students.



HUDSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Montgomery C. Smith Middle School
102 Harry Howard Avenue
Hudson, NY 12534

Main Office: 518-828-4650 Ext. 1112/1113
Guidance: Ext. 1117
Attendance: Ext. 1108
Health Office: Ext. 1118
Transportation: Ext. 2103
After School Program: Ext. 3192/3193

Fax: 518-697-8434

CAFÉ PRICES!

Breakfast \$1.35

Lunch \$2.00

Reduced price still .25 cents

All milk .40 cents



TOGETHER WE CAN!

Nurse's Corner

**Attention Parents of
Grade 5 Students turning age 11 this year**

There is a new requirement for students in grade 6 and born on or after 01/01/94...specifically, a Tdap booster. The Varicella vaccination is also still required.

If you have any questions about this vaccine, please feel free to call me at school. My extension is 1118.

*Pam Adamo
School Nurse*



08/09 Year Books on Sale

Beginning June 8th

\$25.00 each

~ cash sales only ~

Purchase while supplies last!

BELL SCHEDULE

PD 1	8:05 - 8:54	
PD 2	8:57 - 9:37	
PD 3	9:40 - 10:19	
PD 4	10:22 - 11:02	
PD 5/6	11:05 - 11:45	7/8 Lunch
PD 6/7	11:48 - 12:28	5/6 Lunch
PD 8	12:31 - 1:11	
PD 9	1:14 - 1:54	
PD 10	1:57 - 2:37	

Students have 3 minutes between classes which allows sufficient time for all students to arrive to class on time.

Basic Reminders

Please familiarize yourself with the full Code of Conduct

NO "REVEALING CLOTHING"!!

NO BEADS, BANDANAS, OR HEAD-GEAR OF ANY COLOR

NO CLOTHING THAT PROMOTES VIOLENCE, DRUGS, ALCOHOL OR SMOKING

NO COATS ARE TO BE WORN IN CLASSES

NO SKATE BOARDS, IN-LINE SKATES OR SNEAKER SKATES

NO ELECTRONICS (i.e., CELL PHONE, IPOD, etc.) DURING SCHOOL HOURS

NO PAJAMAS!

Bus Safety

- Students should cross 6 feet in front of bus in full view of the driver.
- Students must remain seated.
- Excessive noise, pushing, shoving & fighting will not be tolerated.
- Students must ride on assigned bus.
- ALL students MUST have a bus pass to ride.

