



PUMA Team,

Here we are at the close of another exciting school year at Helfrich Park! What a fantastic year it has been for our outstanding students. Our Helfrich Park Academic Teams had a superlative season. Our English Team, consisting of Elyse Talley, Hannah Nelson, Grace Gill, and Lela Curtis, earned a STATE Championship! Additionally, this group of young ladies earned the highest total score for all middle schools in Indiana. Congratulations, students and Coach Erica Bateman. Kudos, also, to the Math team for their fourth place State finish. Members were Madeline Schneider, Mathew Vaught, Haley Haynes, Allison Herr, and Lela Curtis. They were coached by Jennifer McDurmon. The Interdisciplinary Team of Elyse Talley, Madeline Schneider, Carlie Hobbs, Lela Curtis, Carmen Alford, and Tensei Nakamura earned a Top Ten State finish. The above teams were also Division II Area Champions, as well as were our Science and Social Studies Teams. Our Science Team consisted of Olivia Frayer, Shannon Lindsey, Zach Schmidt, and Tensei Nakamura. Their coach was Ashlee Deal. Social Studies Team members were Madison Motz, Zoe DeVries, Carlie Hobbs, Ellora Daily, Carmen Alford, and coach Amanda Antey.

Our Track teams had a very successful City Meet. The boys' varsity and reserve teams finished second. City champions follow: Eli Burkhart-reserve 400m dash; reserve 400m relay-Eli Burkhart, Dylan Brown, Marc Vincent, Bryce Weatherford; reserve 1600m relay-Eli Burkhart, Rakyn Hays, Jack Weinzapfel, Bryce Weatherford. Varsity 400m relay-Jacob Currington, Stephen Hazlett, Tanner Myers, Ben Malchioni; varsity 1600m relay-Christian Schmitt, Stephen Hazlett, Matthew Vaught, M.J. Rosado. Girls' champions follow: varsity 800m run-Claire Mattes; varsity 1600m relay-Carmen Alford, Jana Harper, Victoria Garland, Alaina Buroker; reserve 400m relay-Kaelin Douglas, Mackenzie Groben, Madi Eagan, Lily Beyers. Track teams coached by Stan Whipkey and Katie Redd.

Congratulations to the student body for maintaining a 99% attendance rate for the school year! What an awesome job by our students and parents.

The kids have done a fine job this past year. I want to wish all our students and their families a fun-filled, family-oriented summer! Thank you so much for your support.

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### *CITIZENS OF THE WEEK*

**6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:** Amber Durham, Corbin James, Emily Parmenter, Austin Ward, Andrew Crowell, McKenzie Dant, Aidan Kearns, Tyler Smith

**7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:** Grant Holder, Elena Jackson, Brianna Kloenhamer, Anna Markotay, Jenna Wargel, Bailey Menacher, Bailey Wissel

**8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:** John Mills, Gage Wormald, Elyse Talley, Madison Motz

### **FROM THE NURSE**

REMINDER! All medications in the nurse's office need to be picked up by the last day of school, May 22, at 1:15 p.m. Also, parents of incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders or students new to EVSC, please schedule school physicals early and do not wait until August when appointment times are scarce. All immunizations need to be updated for school.

### **6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STARS**

Wow, what a year it has been for the sixth grade! The students have had many wonderful field trips this year: LBL, UE Basketball game, Monkey Kingdom movie, Barker Field Day, Lloyd Pool, and Skate World. As the year comes to an end, we would like to say thank you to the students



for all their hard work in the classroom and a big thank you to the parents and guardians for all your hard work, support, and dedication to your child's education.

In science, the students have learned how to perform the abdominal thrust and CPR for adults and infants. In some classes, the students completed fun, end-of-year projects like buoyance, states of matter, crystals, and several other projects. In math, the students did a field trip WebQuest on their netbooks. They used MapQuest to find the Cardinal direction, distance, and time it takes to get to each field trip destination. They also worked with conversions and mean, median, mode, and range. The students ended the year with a math baseball unit, using statistics of baseball players to create spinners for a baseball game. In language arts, students have been reading *The Maze Runner* and have completed several projects in connection to the novel. Students have really enjoyed reading this book. In social studies, the students have been busy studying World War II and Europe.



### 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE M&MS

Mrs. McDurmon, Mrs. Todd, and Mr. Hartmann thank each and every seventh grade math student for their hard work this school year. From Acuity testing, homework, virtual homework, ECA testing, projects, and ISTEP, the students have handled each challenge with determination. As we enter the summer, it is time to reflect on a great year and look forward to the new school year. We wish all of our students the best of luck in the future.

Science students are currently studying resources, climate, and energy. These topics will help students prepare for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade science curriculum. Students will begin the 8<sup>th</sup> grade year studying energy, motion, and physics to apply their knowledge at the West Side Nut Club Fall Festival.

Social Studies held the first ever Eastern World Culture Fair at Helfrich Park and it was a HUGE SUCCESS!!! Thank you to the students who put in hours of time creating their displays and researching the countries. Thank you to the parents who helped with the displays and making food.

Many ELA students are in the middle of the *Legend* series by Marie Lu. It would be a great summer read for your child to finish. Don't forget to join the summer reading program at the Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library. There are many great programs for young adults throughout the summer.

Seventh grade students have started signing up for the field trip of a lifetime to Washington D.C. and New York City. There have already been 40 people sign up and we can take the first 50 that register. Sign up early for only \$49 and also receive a \$100 discount. We look forward to an exciting year as they come back as 8<sup>th</sup> graders next year. Contact Mr. Loveless for more information.

### 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE G8TORS

The ELA team has wrapped up the year by reading *Legend*, a story that has captivated our students and has a sequel that would make perfect summer reading: *Prodigy*. Students have also finished writing a creative piece and sharing it with the class. As we prepare to say goodbye to the 8th graders, the ELA 8th grade teachers want to wish all of our students best of luck and happy learning for the future. We've enjoyed having your child in our class and look forward to next year's beginning!

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade math teachers are very proud of their math students and the efforts that most of them have put forth this school year. We hope they can take what they have learned and apply it to their high school math courses. We want them to do well as they move on to their next step in life. Good luck 8<sup>th</sup> graders!



## DIGI-COM

It has been another amazing year with your children. Digi-Com finished the year with oral presentations and the 8<sup>th</sup> graders have shown improvements in public speaking over the last three years. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders were introduced to Microsoft Publisher and their projects will be used in the fall for the incoming students. As our world gets connected more and more through the internet, Digital Citizenship is becoming a vital part of everyday life and our 6<sup>th</sup> graders are doing a great job at learning the do's and do not's of the "virtual world."

## TECH

Sixth grade technology classes are finishing up with alternative energy projects, and will be making and testing solar cars. Seventh graders are exploring outer space, and building and launching rockets while eighth graders are ending the year designing, building, and racing compressed air dragsters.



## VOCAL MUSIC

This has been the first year in several years that Helfrich Park has had choir classes during the school day. The choir went to the EVSC contest and received a Skilled rating. Job well done!

## P.E.

As we wind down the school year, Mr. Mahan and Mrs. Redd would like to thank all of their students for a great year. May all the 8<sup>th</sup> graders have success in high school! To our 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students, please make sure you wear plenty of sun screen and we will see you next year! For our last units, girls in 7<sup>th</sup> grade had archery and 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades participated in Chinese Jump Rope. Have a Wonderful Summer Break!

## ART



Helfrich art students are winding up the year with comic words and florescent paint. They have learned how to use color while controlling paint. This was challenging to create and great when viewed with 3-d glasses. Each grade also studied the use of line and pattern with "shrinky dinks." The students had lots of fun creating more detail by shrinking the art. If you have a student in art right now, ask them about this project. They turned out great. All students should have come by the art room to pick up their projects. They can come in before or after school or during recess tomorrow, the last day of school. I hope everyone has a wonderful and safe summer, and I look forward to next school year! I have enjoyed creating art with all my students!! Thanks so much, Mrs. Bryant

## FROM THE CAFÉ

The Cafeteria staff would like to wish all 8<sup>th</sup> graders the best as they head to high school. We look forward to seeing the soon-to-be 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders in August, as well as all the new incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Eat Healthy!

## BOYS' TRACK

BOYS VARSITY TRACK TEAM IS DISTRICT 2 CHAMPIONS; 2<sup>ND</sup> IN CITY

The varsity boys' track team won the District 2 Championship held on May 6 at Harrison High School. They blew away the field, winning by 71 points over Plaza Park, Washington, Lodge, McGary, and Glenwood. Varsity track team members include:

Ben Malchioni	Nathan Grief
Tanner Myers	Montana Darr
Christian Schmitt	Tanner Bell
Warren Dunlap	Jacob Washington
Bryon Adams	Dalton Miller
M.J. Rosado	Josh Craddock
Stephen Hazlett	Devin Smith
Matthew Vaught	Will Barnes
Andrew Harris	

## BOYS RESERVE TRACK TEAM FINISHES RUNNER-UP IN DISTRICT 2; 2<sup>ND</sup> IN CITY

The reserve boys track team finished a close second to Plaza Park in the District 2 meet at Harrison High School. Reserve track team members include:

Eli Burkhart	Will Barnes
Marc Vincent	Jacob Cree
Logan Martin	Eric Dietsch
Bryce Weatherford	Conner Alford
Dylan Brown	Dylan Guffey
Jack Weinzapfel	Jesse Meier
Rakyn Hays	Connor Feagley
Elias Courter	Thor Taylor
Owen O'Reilly	Lucas Lynch
Kyle Hartmann	Reese Wines
Isaiah Snyder	Brady Johnson
Sebastian Miller	Hardin Mills
Jordan Jarvis	Joe Durham
Carter Loveless	

## HELFRICH PARK CROSS COUNTRY



Helfrich Park STEM Academy invites all students to be a part of our Cross Country Team. Practices will begin the second day of the school year, August 11. We practice until 4:00 p.m. each day, Monday through Thursday. Runners will increase speed and endurance as we participate in several meets during the first few months of school. If you have any questions, please email Mr. Hartmann at [chad.hartmann@evsc.k12.in.us](mailto:chad.hartmann@evsc.k12.in.us) or call him at 812-868-0753.

We will also have a Summer conditioning program beginning on Monday, July 20. We will run three days per week (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday) from 8 to 9 a.m. This is a lead up to the real season starting. See below.

## Helfrich Park Cross Country Summer Conditioning



Come run over the summer! We will work on adding mileage and endurance to prepare for the fall season.

Where: Helfrich Park STEM Academy

Days: Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Time: 8:00 am - 9:00 am (to beat the heat)

Beginning July 20

Contact Mr. Hartmann if you have any questions - [chad.hartmann@evsc.k12.in.us](mailto:chad.hartmann@evsc.k12.in.us) or (812)-868-0753.

(Note: Summer Conditioning is optional. Cross Country Team practice begins August 11.)

## HELFRICH POOL SWIM TEAM

Helfrich Swim Team **sign-ups** will be at the pool on Saturday, May 30 from 9-11a.m. and Tuesday, June 2 from 9-11a.m. and 5-6 p.m. The team fees are \$45 for the first participant, \$40 for the second, and \$35 for any additional swimmer per family. Practices will begin on June 2.

## TARGET® REDCARD™

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## SCHNUCKS eScrip

Together, you and Schnucks can make a difference! Pick up an eScrip card and support our school. It's easy ... 1) Visit Schnucks and request a Community Card. 2) Register your card at [www.escrip.com/schnucks](http://www.escrip.com/schnucks). 3) Present your card to the cashier when you shop at Schnucks. That's it! The more you shop, the more we earn; for every dollar you spend, Schnucks will contribute up to 3% of your purchase amount!



### **DON'T FORGET ...**

Forest Hills Back to School Give-Away @ HP	Aug. 2, 2-4 pm
Back to School Picnic @ HP	Aug. 6, 5-7 pm

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – AUGUST 2015



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6 Teachers Meetings	7 Teachers Meetings	8
9	10 First Day of School	11 Cross Country 2:30-4 VB Open Gym 2:30-4	12 Cross Country 2:30-4 VB Open Gym 2:30-4	13 Cross Country 2:30-4 Speech 2:30-4 VB Try-Outs 2:30-5	14 VB Try-Outs 2:30-5	15
16	17 Cross Country 2:30-4	18 Cross Country 2:30-4	19 Cross Country 2:30-4	20 Cross Country 2:30-4	21 Cross Country 2:30-4	22
23	24 Cross Country 2:30-4	25 Cross Country 2:30-4 Student Council 2:30-4	26 Cross Country 2:30-4	27 Cross Country 2:30-4	28 Cross Country 2:30-4	29
30	31 Cross Country 2:30-4					

\*Cheerleading Try-Outs to be announced in August. All times are subject to change.

