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# HARRISONVILLE *Highlights*

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## HHS students, staff use computers to personalize, expand learning opportunities



*Freshman Geometry students in Mr. Justin Sharp's class accessed the online textbook and resources using their laptops as he explained angles of elevation and depression during a recent class period.*



For students and staff at Harrisonville High School, the use of personal computers is just part of the routine. Just three years ago, the school became a 1:1 learning environment with every student issued a MacBook Air laptop computer. In this edition of Highlights, we asked students and teachers to reflect on the impact of these computers on teaching and learning. For the full article, visit page 13.

**Editor's Note:** We are proud to once again offer a very special edition of Harrisonville Highlights. This edition features a partnership between the Harrisonville Chamber of Commerce, Cass Regional Medical Center, the City, the library, Parks and Rec, and the Historical Society. As always, page 16 includes a Community Calendar of Events for the winter/spring. Also, this edition includes the course listing for the Cass Career Center's Spring Community Education program on pages 5-12. We hope you enjoy this expanded edition and we appreciate the relationship with our partners.

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**From the Desk of Superintendent Frank Dahman**

### Accepting Challenges, Embracing Opportunities



As I sit writing this, I look outside and see that some of the trees are still hold-

ing onto their fall colors, while most have lost them completely. Temperatures are beginning to fall and soon we will be looking at the snow-covered ground. By the time you read this, we will be almost halfway through our school year. It's going by very quickly.

As our school year rapidly passes by, we continue to focus on four goals: Culture, Safety and Security, Technology and being a "Model District."

Our focus on culture centers on the belief that every decision we make begins with the premise that we do what's in the best interest of

our students. We believe a strong positive culture and focusing on our students will keep us centered and allow us to make decisions for the right reasons.

We strongly believe that educating our students and keeping each of them safe are our primary responsibilities as educators. We take keeping our students safe seriously. This is exemplified by our ongoing efforts to evaluate and provide measures that will ensure this safe environment. Over the summer, our district installed devices in each classroom that, in the event of an intruder or active shooter, will increase their chances of being safely secured in an area away from the active threat. We are ongoing in our efforts to identify other potential opportunities to keep our students safe and secure while at school.

Twenty-first century students are exposed to very different ways of obtaining information than we

ever dreamed possible. We thought that a "video phone" and flat screen TV were just ideas we saw on "The Jetsons," never realizing that one day we would be using our 60" TV to talk to someone on the other side of the world using our iPhone and Apple TV. The fact is, these are realities. These devices and many others have a tremendous impact on how our children and grandchildren learn. We are committed to continuing to update our curriculum to include technology that best enhances and assists our students to the realities of 21st century learning.

Finally, I have challenged our district faculty to become a "Model District." We want to be a district that other districts aspire to emulate. This concept can take on many shapes, i.e., innovative ways in which we educate our students to finding ways to interact with and develop ways to partner with our

community. Two examples of this are our new garden bars which allow our students healthy, desirable food choices for lunches and our middle school students who have taken on service learning projects where our students develop innovative ways to meet needs within our community.

At the beginning of the school year, we as a district adopted the motto: Accept the Challenges and Embrace the Opportunities. The Harrisonville School District is committed to face any challenges that may come our way and embrace them in an ongoing effort to create a positive environment that puts the educational interests of the children of our district and making educating all our students our top priority.

Educationally Yours,

### Athletic Booster Club open to all parents, supports all programs

The Harrisonville Athletic Booster Club supports district sports and activities and is open to any and all parents who would like to participate.

The Booster Club has provided over \$163,000 in funding to activities' programs over the last five years. Major purchases include drop-down volleyball nets, wrestling mats, soccer nets, high jump pit mattress, uniforms for basketball and football, Special Olympics bowling equipment, weight room equipment at HMS and HHS, and laptops for activities usage.

The Booster Club oversees the concession stands at sporting events

which is the group's major fundraiser. In recent years, they have reconfigured the concession area at Memorial Stadium and built a new storage facility at the stadium to improve the concession experience.

One of the most visual signs of the Booster Club are the Big Blue buses which provide transportation for many student groups from sports teams, to band and choir, to DECA and debate. The Booster Club owns two buses and contracts with the district to provide transportation to events.

The Booster Club meets on the third Wednesday of each month at

6:30 p.m. at Harrisonville High School. Officers include Rocky Lee, president; Heather Eickhorst, vice president; Stacey Borgic, secretary; Angie Dawson, treasurer and board members Nicolette Hollingsworth, Charlie Blalock, Kevin Byrd, Mechelle Blalock, and Matt Donovan.



For more information, contact Rocky Lee at [rockylee59@embarqmail.com](mailto:rockylee59@embarqmail.com) or 816-352-0439





## Criminal Justice program provides students training, experience for future

A new program at Cass Career Center is providing students with opportunities to explore a new field of interest. The Criminal Justice/CSI program is in its first year. Thirty students are enrolled in the course with 15 taking the morning block and 15 enrolled in the afternoon block.

The students are learning about a variety of areas related to criminal justice. Areas already covered this year include criminal justice system, Bill of Rights with focus on the 4th, 5th, 6th, 8th and 14th Amendments, basic patrol procedures as it pertains to radio traffic and basic traffic stops for law enforcement, and the court system.

The class provides many hands-on experiences that students enjoy.

Senior Kristen Storm said, "I enjoy the practical aspect of the class that gives you practice on what you will do everyday as a police officer, lawyer, or within other criminal justice jobs."

The students have also had the chance to hear from a variety of guest speakers including Joel Sealer with the FBI; Courtney Totte who talked about the hiring process and demonstrated a polygraph; and Kim Case, a victim advocate, who talked about her personal story of survival and the impact the criminal justice

system can have on victims.

Senior Baylee Streit said, "When we had Kim Case in class it was really eye opening. It was scary and awful, but it made me think and now I have a better understanding of what it is like as an officer to approach someone in that much distress and pain. I also loved the traffic stop unit because it gave me an idea of what it is like to be an officer."

Beyond criminal justice skills, the students are also learning skills that are important in any field.

"I enjoy the amount of teamwork that has to be done in the law enforcement branch. We are shown how important it is to communicate with other students and how teamwork could mean life or death in the field of police work," said junior Dylan Bell.

Parents are also seeing the benefits of the program.

"My student loves this class. His interest in the program grows more with each topic they learn," said Shawn Wright. "He has a desire to succeed in this class. I have never seen him so passionate about a subject throughout his academic career."

Local law enforcement agencies including the Cass County Sheriff's Office and the Harrisonville Police

Department have pledged support to the program with field trips to each facility scheduled.

Many students are planning to pursue criminal justice studies beyond high school.

Streit said, "I enrolled in this class because I knew I was going to major in criminal justice, and I felt it was a perfect opportunity to really get to know what I was majoring in. I knew that if I took this class and loved it, I would have confirmation for my future job, but if it wasn't meant to be I would know as well."

"I think this class is truly great in the way it helps prepare the individuals for the field they are wanting to go into along the lines of law enforcement," said senior Brittany Wagner.

Criminal Justice/CSI is taught by Officer Chandra Kelly. Officer Kelly graduated from the Johnson County Regional Police Academy



and was an officer in Johnson County, Kansas for 10 years working for both the Overland Park and Olathe Police Departments. She was a defensive tactics, ASP and PPCT instructor at Overland Park.

"Officer Kelly has blown me away with her dedication and teaching abilities. For being her first time in a school, it's like she has been teaching for years," said Streit. "They couldn't have hired a better person for the job."

*Pictured above: Hunter Giles, Ben Clary, and Brittany Wagner practice the Walk and Turn test as part of their unit on field sobriety testing.*

## District Basketball Champions to be honored on Jan. 13

The Wildcat Basketball programs will be honoring teams who brought home the District Championship honors at the Night of Champions at the Friday, Jan. 13, 2017, games.

The boys' teams that will be honored are those from 1933, 1958, 1962, 1970, 1978, 1997, 2010, 2011, & 2014. The girls' team earned the

championship in 1982. If you played on any of these teams and would like to attend, please contact Jill Filer at (816) 380-2727, ext. 1224 or [jill.filer@harrisonvilleschools.org](mailto:jill.filer@harrisonvilleschools.org).

The Night of Champions will include current Wildcat boys and girls JV and varsity match-ups with Butler. The JV boys' game and varsity girls' games will begin at 5:30 p.m.

with the JV girls' game and varsity boys' games to follow at approximately 7 p.m. The JV games will be played in the auxiliary gym and the varsity games will be played in the main gym.

The District Championship teams will be recognized between the varsity games in the main gym.

Prior to the games, team mem-

bers are invited to enjoy dinner in the cafeteria.

The following day, January 16, the basketball programs are planning a 3v3 tournament. For more information or to register, contact Todd Mercer, [todd.mercer@harrisonvilleschools.org](mailto:todd.mercer@harrisonvilleschools.org) or 380-2727, ext. 6857.



### Parents As Teachers open to all district families

Harrisonville Parents As Teachers is a home-school-community partnership designed to give all children the best possible start in life. The program is open to all families in the Harrisonville School District with children ages birth to kindergarten.

Harrisonville Parents As Teacher provides a variety of opportunities for participants including personal visits, group meetings, screenings, and a referral network.

PAT certified parent educators, trained in early childhood development, provide personal visits to each family's home. The educators help parents understand each stage of their child's development and offer practical tips on ways to encourage learning. Parents discover simple, everyday activities - meal time or a trip to the grocery store - are opportunities to develop their child's basic skills.

During group meetings, parents

get together to gain new insights and to share their experiences, common concerns, and successes. Group meetings also provide families the opportunity to participate in parent-child activities.

Each week that school is in session, PAT holds Sharing Times Playgroup on Tuesday morning from 9:15-10:15 a.m. This is open to parents and children, and it is also a great time for grandparents and home child care workers to connect with others too. Children have the opportunity to socialize through play, hands-on activities, and snack time.



In addition, PAT holds regular evening activities. In September, families participated in Transportation Fun and Safety Night featuring vehicles from a variety of agencies including the fire and police departments, Durham School Services, the library, and animal shelter.

In November and again in February, families can take part in Wild and Wacky. Wild and Wacky is an event focused on physical activity at which children crawl, climb, and slide through an obstacle course made up of large soft ob-

jects. The next Wild and Wacky events are scheduled for February 13 at 6 p.m. and February 14 at 9:15 a.m.

PAT also offers periodic screening of overall development, language, hearing, and vision. The goal is to provide early detection of potential problems to prevent difficulties later in school.

Finally, PAT helps families link with special services, if needed.

The Harrisonville PAT program is led by Parent Educators Leigh Ann Friedrich and Lanagayle Kirkemo and is housed at Harrisonville Early Childhood Center, 500 Polar Lane. For more information, call 380-4421, ext. 2804 or visit the PAT Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/HarrisonvillePAT](http://www.facebook.com/HarrisonvillePAT).

*Pictured, Jake and Tyler Ritter enjoying a book in the library bookmobile during the PAT Transportation & Safety Fun Night.*

#### Shopping Online? Support the Foundation

The Harrisonville Public School Foundation is

now a part of the AmazonSmile program.

When you shop at [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com), you'll find the same prices, selection, and shopping experience as [amazon.com](http://amazon.com), but you'll have the added bonus of donating to the Harrisonville Public School Foundation.

You can use your [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) account, and your shopping cart, wish lists, and other account set-



tings will remain the same.

During your first visit to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), you'll have to select the Harrisonville Public School Foundation as your charity of choice. From then on, the site will remember your selection and donate a portion of your purchase to the Foundation.

The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5 percent of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases.

#### HMS hosts annual Veteran's Day Assembly



The Wildcat Chorale performed a medley of military songs as part of the annual Veteran's Day assembly at Harrisonville Middle School. During the event, the school presented a check for \$1,070.43 to the Veterans Community Project. The monies were raised during a student coin war. The assembly was attended by students, parents, veterans, and community members.





## Community Education 2017 Spring Classes



1600 E. Elm St.

Harrisonville MO 64701

Office hours - 7:00am - 3:00pm

Monday - Friday

816-380-3253 x7223

[www.harrisonvilleschools.org/communityeducation](http://www.harrisonvilleschools.org/communityeducation)

Use your smart phone to register for classes! Scan below!





## CASS CAREER CENTER *Community Education*

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION **3 WAYS TO REGISTER!!!**

**MAIL:** Complete registration form. Mail with course fee  
**Please write a separate check for each class.**

**IN PERSON:** Adult/Community Education Office  
1600 E. Elm St.  
Harrisonville MO 64701  
Office Hours: Monday-Friday 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**ONLINE:** [harrisonvilleschools.org/communityeducation](http://harrisonvilleschools.org/communityeducation)

**NOTE:**  
*Registration is complete ONLY upon receipt of registration fees*

### REFUND POLICY — PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

- 1) Full refund if Community Education cancels the class.
- 2) Full refund, less \$5 processing fee if we receive notification at least 24 hours prior to start of class.
- 3) NO refund issued if notification received after start of class.

### DISCOUNTS

A 10% Discount Applies if you're...

- At least 65 years of age
- A veteran (with appropriate veteran identification)
- Harrisonville School District employees

**Discounts apply to Enrichment & Fitness classes only. Discounts cannot be combined or used on 1-session classes.**

### NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

The Harrisonville Cass R-IX School district does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, disability, age or any other characteristic protected by law. For complete policy, please go to [harrisonvilleschools.org](http://harrisonvilleschools.org) and choose About Us, click on School Board.

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**FEES-** Classes must be self-supporting. Registration fee does not include cost of books, supplies, or materials unless otherwise stated. **FEES MUST BE PAID before you are considered enrolled.** We accept cash, checks, money orders, VISA and Master Card - you may now pay online with credit or debit card.

**WHO MAY ENROLL?** Adult/Community Education courses are designed for adults (18 years of age or older). Under 18 may be permitted to register with prior consent of instructor and Community Education Coordinator - the student may be required to have an adult register with them.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATION**—If Harrisonville School District schools are closed, adult classes will be cancelled. Cancellation will be on local network TV and radio stations. If in doubt, contact CCC at (816)380-3253 x7223. A recorded message will provide cancellation information. Cancelled classes will be rescheduled.

### **Registration Form**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Class Name \_\_\_\_\_ Fee: \_\_\_\_\_  
Class Name \_\_\_\_\_ Fee: \_\_\_\_\_  
Class Name \_\_\_\_\_ Fee: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

**Check:** Make check payable to Cass Career Center— mail or drop by office—

**Credit/debit card**—go online to [harrisonvilleschools.org/communityeducation](http://harrisonvilleschools.org/communityeducation) or call 816-380-3253 x7223



**HEALTHCARE OCCUPATIONS**



LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSING  
www.casscareercenter.com

Enrollment for the 2017-2018 Practical Nursing class has begun! Go to [www.casscareercenter.com](http://www.casscareercenter.com) and click on "Practical Nursing" to get more information or to request an information packet. Upon satisfactory completion of the program, graduates are eligible to apply to the Missouri State Board of Nursing for permission to take the licensing examination. A passing score on the exam qualifies the graduate for Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) status in Missouri.

Financial Aid is available to qualified students. Individuals wishing to apply to the program must have a high school diploma or GED and obtain a satisfactory score on a general knowledge entrance exam. (ATI TEAS exam) A \$65 non-refundable testing fee must be submitted to reserve a testing spot for the ATI TEAS exam. Due to limited testing space and class size, potential students are advised to test early. Please go to [www.casscareercenter.com](http://www.casscareercenter.com) and choose Practical Nursing Program. Go to Admissions-How to Apply to fill out an online application, to print reference forms and register for the ATI TEAS exam.

Applicants must take and pass the ATI TEAS exam to be eligible for consideration to the PN program. **PRE-REGISTRATION FOR TESTING IS A MUST!!!**- Exams are given at Cass Career Center. You can test 2 times and you **MUST** allow 21 days between tests. You will not be officially registered until we receive the testing fee. All applications, reference forms and testing must be completed by March 31, 2017.

**Math Refresher**

Taking the ATI TEAS exam and unsure of your math abilities? This course will help you to be ready for the math portion of the ATI TEAS exam. Seating is limited. If you are taking the ATI TEAS exam, this course is strongly recommended. 11 classes- Held at CCC

Registration Fee - \$75

Instructors - Bill Kay and Tracy Scavuzzo

February 6- March 15 - Monday & Wednesday-6:00-8:00pm

(No class February 20)



When you look away for a second during class...

**Medical Coding**

This class will prepare you to work in a number of healthcare settings, such as physician's offices, and other care centers, as a medical coder. In healthcare, there is a numerical code assigned to every medical procedure and diagnosis. Students will learn the

**MEDICAL CODING**



fundamentals of medical coding (CPT, HCPCS, and ICD-10-CM) and dissect medical notes and charts to extract the most relevant information. We use the American Academy of Professional Coders (AAPC®) curriculum that is designed specifically by health care professionals and instructors.

NO PREREQUISITES but knowledge of Medical Terminology and Anatomy & Physiology is **STRONGLY** recommended. The Medical Coding course will prepare students to sit for the Certified Professional Coder (CPC®) exam. You must have an appointment to register for this class. Please email for appointment:

[marsha.ogden@harrisonvilleschools.org](mailto:marsha.ogden@harrisonvilleschools.org) - Held at CCC

Registration Fee - \$1775 (CPC® exam, membership to AAPC® & all required books included)

Must have \$500 down at time of registration

Instructor - Tiffany Morgan, CPC, CPCO, CPC-I, CPMA, CEMC

January 5 - May 18- Monday and Thursday - 6:00-9:00pm

Certification exam Saturday, May 20, 2017 at Cass Career Center

**CNA & CMT CHALLENGE EXAMS**

(By appointment only - 816-380-3253 x7223)

\$150 + certification fee

This exam is for individuals who meet special criteria and want Missouri CNA or CMT Certification. You must have a letter of approval from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.



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## CASS CAREER CENTER *Community Education*

### COMPUTERS

#### **Intro to Computers (PC)**

Learn how to get the computer to do what you want! This class will cover the basics from startup to shut down. Learn common computer terms such as programs, apps, desktop, PC, toolbars, icons, etc. In this hands-on class, you will learn about email and the internet, too! Excludes MACS-4 classes- Held at CCC  
Registration Fee - \$50  
Instructor - Nikki Hertzog  
April 4 - April 25 - Tuesday-6:30-8:30pm



#### **Intro to Excel**

Students participating in the course will be using Excel 2013 to create, store, manipulate and analyze data in organized workbooks for home and business tasks. Students will: \*learn to get started with Microsoft Office Excel 2013 \*Modify and format a worksheet \*Use formulas \*Print workbooks \*Manage workbooks. \$5.00 supply fee to be paid to instructor the 1st night of class for a memory stick loaded with exercises and challenges. 4 classes - Held at CCC  
Registration Fee - \$45  
Instructor - Jennifer Ettlin  
January 18 - February 8 - Wednesday- 6:00-8:00pm

#### **Intermediate Excel**

Using Excel 2013, learn to create, store, manipulate and analyze data in organized workbooks for home and business tasks. Students will: \*create complex formulas and functions \*Sort, Outline and Filter Data \*Work with Charts, Sparklines and Conditional Formatting \*Create Pivot Tables \*Use What-If Analysis. \$5.00 supply fee to be paid to instructor the 1st night of class for a memory stick loaded with exercises and challenges. 5 classes - Held at CCC  
Registration Fee - \$60  
Instructor - Jennifer Ettlin  
March 1 - April 5 - Wednesday - 6:00-8:00pm

#### **Beginning iPad/iPhone**

If you are new to the iPad or iPhone, this course is for you! We will cover the basic iOS features and applications including email, Safari, contacts, camera and Photos, as well as the App Store. Class will be a great overview with tips/tricks to make sure you can enjoy your iPad or iPhone to the fullest. Please update your device to the latest version of iOS. 3 classes - Held at CCC  
Registration Fee - \$40  
Instructor - Nikki Hertzog  
March 7 - March 21 - Tuesday - 6:30 - 8:30pm



#### **Facebook Marketing**

Learning how to take full advantage of Facebook's remarkable marketing power can feel overwhelming, but it doesn't have to be. This class will show you how to use this powerful social media hub to attract customers, turn them into fans, and drive sales. You'll learn to: \*build your email list via Facebook \*use Facebook to pitch, sell and close \*get likes, shares, and comments \*manage your Facebook page efficiently and effortlessly \*Advertise on Facebook and much more! \*\*\*Laptops may be brought to class or you may use a school computer. Having an active business Facebook is highly recommended. 5 classes - Held at CCC  
Registration Fee - \$50  
Instructor - Bethany Sharpton  
April 3 - May 1 - Monday - 6:30 - 8:30pm



### BUSINESS/ENTREPRENEUR



#### **Workplace Skills**

Learn how to strengthen the workplace skills necessary to succeed in your career! Join us as we learn ways to increase your job success and how to avoid common work-related pitfalls. Students will learn: \*Increasing Your Job Success \*Time Management \*Setting Goals \*Business Etiquettes \*Resolving Workplace Conflict \*Building an Effective Business Presentation \*Workplace Communications. 7 classes - Held at CCC  
Registration Fee - \$80  
Instructor - Jennifer Ettlin  
January 23 - March 13 - Monday - 6:00 - 8:00pm  
(No class February 20)

#### **Career Planning**

Are you currently looking for a new career? Students participating in this course will be learning exactly how to outline what they need in a job search plan and how to best manage their search in the job force. You will: \*Discover Your Career Needs \*Explore Career Options in your field \*Learn about Salary Basics for Your Job \*Learn Where to Gain Job Skills \*Make a Career Plan to Follow. 2 classes - Held at CCC  
Registration Fee - \$30  
Instructor - Jennifer Ettlin  
March 14 - March 16 - Tuesday & Thursday - 6:00 - 8:00pm





**Job Search Basics**

The race to get the perfect job is hard and competition is fierce. Get ahead of your competition by learning the tips and tricks of the trade in this fast track class. Students will learn: \*Crafting a Cover Letter \* Building an Eye Catching Resume \*Networking \*Job Searching Tips and Strategies \*Personal Branding and Skills \*Completing an Amazing Job Application \*Interview Types and Procedures to Ace the Interview. 9 classes - Held at CCC  
 Registration Fee - \$99  
 Instructor - Jennifer Ettlin  
 March 30 - April 27 - Tuesday and Thursday - 6:00 - 8:00pm

**Money Basics**

Just starting out on your own financially? Or are you established and just need tips for financial security? Join us as we learn how to become healthier financially. Students will learn: \*Daily Money Activities \*Tax Documents \*How Are You Managing Your Money? \*Creating a Budget \*Credit \*Managing a Saving Account \*Planning for Retirement \*Investment Options \*Buying a House \*Staying Out of Debt \*How to Get a Free Credit Report \*How to Pay Your Taxes Online \*Free Options \*How Much does that Dream Job Cost? \*Online Banking \*and much more!  
 13 classes - Held at CCC  
 Registration Fee - \$120  
 Instructor - Jennifer Ettlin  
 January 17 - February 28 - Tuesday & Thursday - 6:00 - 8:00pm

**Travel Basics: How to Plan Your Next Trip**

Whether for business or vacation, everyone needs to be prepared for their next trip. Students in this class will plan for business and pleasure travel, learning tips and tricks of the trade. Come join us and have fun planning your next outing. Included in this class is: \*Choosing Where to Go \*Where to Find the Best Deals \*Budgeting \*What to Wear: Intro to Capsule Wardrobes \*Around Town \*Booking Hotels \*Understanding Reviews and Discounts.  
 3 Classes - Held at CCC  
 Registration Fee - \$45  
 Instructor - Jennifer Ettlin  
 April 3 - April 24 - Monday - 6:00 - 8:00pm (No class April 17)



**TRADE**

**Basic Small Engine Repair**

Fix small engines on your own! Save money and get the convenience of doing your own repairs on equipment, including lawn mowers, weed eaters, chain saws and leaf blowers. The best part? You can even bring your own small engine for small repair projects - 4 classes - Held at CCC  
 Registration Fee - \$60  
 Instructor - Lynn Dines  
 April 19 - May 3 - Wednesday -6:00-8:00pm

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**SAFETY**

**AARP Driver Safety**

MUST call or email to register for this class! This is a defensive driving class for seniors. The classroom refresher course is designed for drivers age 50 and over. Course participants may be eligible to receive an insurance discount. Consult your insurance agent for further details. 2 sessions  
 1 class each - you choose the date -Held at CCC  
 Registration Fee - -\$15 (for AARP members) \$20 (for non-members)  
 Instructor - Alvin Poisal  
 April 25 - Tuesday - 8:30am - 12:30pm  
 May 16 - Tuesday - 1:00 - 5:00pm



**Hunter Safety**

If you were born after January 1, 1967 you must have an approved hunter education certification card to purchase a hunting license. The following sessions are both skills sessions-you must go online to complete the knowledge portion or you can complete a self-study guide. You must bring paperwork with you to class. Contact Missouri Department of Conservation with any questions. Certification is limited to 11 years of age or older. Those under 16 bring proof of age. - 2 sessions  
 1 class each - Held at CCC  
 YOU MUST CONTACT Missouri Department of Conservation @ [mdc.mo.gov](http://mdc.mo.gov) to register for a class. No Registration Fee - taught by the Missouri Department of Conservation. Class fills fast - register early.  
 March 9 - Thursday - 6:00 - 10:00pm  
 April 4 - Tuesday - 6:00 - 10:00pm

**Drivers Education**

Need help learning to drive? This 2-week class will help prepare teens and new drivers for the Missouri behind-the-wheel driving test. The class will consist of 15 hours of classroom instruction as well as 6 hours of in-car observation and 3 hours of behind-the-wheel drive time. Students must be 15 years of age with a permit. Driving schedules will be given to students the 1st day of class. Observation & behind-the-wheel driving begins the 2nd week of class. Students may have the option to select from morning or afternoon session during Week 2. Many insurance companies offer a discount for completing the course. Please contact your agent for more information. To enroll in this class, please call us at 816-380-3253 x7223.-  
 Held at CCC  
 Instructors- Ryan Cook/Alvin Poisal, Certified Driving Instructors  
 Cost - \$230  
 Monday thru Friday - May 30 - June 12- 9:00am - 12 NOON - 1st week classroom lecture;  
 2nd week will be observation and behind-the-wheel time - 9:00am-12 NOON OR 1:00pm-4:00pm



## CASS CAREER CENTER *Community Education*

### COOKING



#### Using Your Holiday Leftovers!

A fabulous feast is a highlight of the holiday season, when families gather together and celebrate with a spread of festive food. But when the holidays are over, most everyone wonders what to do with the delicious leftovers! Don't let them go to waste! We've got a host of delicious ideas to turn your leftovers into tempting meals you'll love to eat a second time around! \$10 supply fee payable to the instructor the night of class. 1 Class - Held at the home of Cricket Kroenke

Registration Fee - \$20

Instructors - Cricket Kroenke & Norma Keltner

March 14 - Tuesday - 6:30 - 8:30pm

#### 30-Minute Mozzarella

Learn, through hands-on experience, how to begin with fresh, raw milk to make delicious mozzarella cheese. It does not require a lot of equipment and is something you can do in your own kitchen. You'll also learn recipes that incorporate your freshly made mozzarella! \$10 supply fee payable to instructor the night of class. 1 class - Held at the home of Cricket Kroenke

Registration Fee - \$20

Instructors Cricket Kroenke & Norma Keltner

April 11 - Tuesday - 6:30 - 8:30pm

### DANCE AND FITNESS

#### Line Dancing

This class will cover many social and beginner line dances. Enjoy an excellent mental and physical workout while having a fabulous time! No partner required. Tennis shoes or boots recommended. No previous experience necessary. 8 classes-Held at Harrisonville Elementary School

Registration Fee - \$60

Instructor--Erin Malwitz

February 1 - March 22 - Wednesday - 6:30-8:00pm



**MONOPOLY  
TOURNAMENT**  
March 4 - 8:30am - 2:00pm  
at Cass Career Center

Registration cost - \$25 (Lunch included)

Proceeds to benefit Jerry Tabb Memorial Scholarship Trust  
[www.harrisonvilleschools.org/communityeducation](http://www.harrisonvilleschools.org/communityeducation) to register



#### Gentle Yoga

This class is designed to build strength, balance and flexibility. It offers a mixture of passive and active postures, executed in slow, carefully orchestrated movements. It's perfect for all levels to practice a slow paced yoga sequence in a fun and calming environment. 2 sessions -8 classes each-Held at CCC

Registration - \$60 per Session

Instructor - Andi Wiltshire

Session 1- January 12 - March 2-  
Thursday - 6:15-7:15pm

Session 2 - March 16 - May 11 -  
Tuesday - 6:15-7:15pm (No Class  
March 23)



#### Restorative Yoga

This meditative style of yoga typically involves fewer poses, supported by props that allow you to completely relax and rest for longer periods of time. Calm and heal your mind and body with this restorative approach to yoga.

4 sessions - 8 classes each-Held at CCC

Registration Fee - \$60 per session

Instructor - Andi Wiltshire

Tuesdays:

Session 1 - January 10 - February 28 - Tuesday- 7:30-8:30pm

Session 2 - March 14 - May 9 - Tuesday - 7:30-8:30pm (No class March 28)

March 19 class will be held on Monday, March 20

Thursdays:

Session 1 - January 12 - March 2 - Thursday - 7:30-8:30pm

Session 2 - March 16 - May 11 - Thursday - 7:30-8:30pm - (No class March 23)

### PHOTOGRAPHY

#### Watch the Sky Fall in August!

In August 2017, we will have the unique opportunity to witness a total solar eclipse in our region. Total solar eclipses are not rare, but to have it occur in our region certainly is! Usually you have to travel across the U.S., or even around the world to witness the totality of the eclipse; when we get a solar eclipse in our area, it is only a partial eclipse. But in August, the sun will be totally "blacked out" in our area. Hotels are already being booked and this will be a major astronomical event! In this class, you will learn what an eclipse is (both solar and lunar), how it occurs, the best places to view it, and most importantly, how to safely view it. We will also touch on photography tips for capturing the eclipse. 1 night class - Held at CCC

Registration Fee - \$20

Instructor - Jim Braswell - Show Me Nature Photography

April 18 - Tuesday - 6:30 - 8:30pm







**Portrait Photography**

Whether you own a DSLR or a point and shoot camera, this course will help you improve your portrait photography techniques. We will discuss general ways to prepare for portrait sessions as well as tips to succeed in specific photography situations. 4 classes-Held at CCC  
 Registration Fee - \$50  
 Instructor Amy Boden - Boden Photography  
 February 21 thru Mar 14 - Tuesday - 6:30-8:30pm

**Cell Phone Photography**

We all tend to shoot more photos with our cell phones than with any other cameras we own. Why not make sure the photos are great? Whether you own an android or an iPhone, this course will help you improve your camera phone techniques. 2 classes - Held at CCC  
 Registration Fee - \$30  
 Instructor Amy Boden - Boden Photography  
 April 18 thru April 25 - Tuesday - 6:30-8:30pm

**ENRICHMENT**

**Essential Oils 101**

What are essential oils? How can they benefit my family? The answers to these and many other important questions will be answered during our introductory course. This class will take a fun and educational look into the history, products and benefits of oils, as well as how to use them topically, aromatically and internally. 1 class - Held at CCC  
 Registration Fee - \$20  
 Instructor - Andi Wiltshire  
 January 30 - Monday - 7:00-8:30pm



**Essential Oils Make & Take**

Discover the uses of essential oils at our Make & Take workshop! In this class we will be making everyday useful items using various essential oils. This is a great class for those who already use oils and also for those new to the oil world! \$20 supply fee payable to the instructor the night of class. 1 class - Held at CCC  
 Registration Fee - \$20  
 Instructor - Andi Wiltshire  
 February 6 - Monday - 7:00 - 8:30pm



**Magnificent Mosaics! Glass on Glass**

In this class participants will learn basic techniques for glass on glass mosaic art. A 4x4 mosaic will be completed in the first 2 classes, using small pieces of stained glass glued to a glass base. The final class will be

grouping your art. \$10 supply fee payable to the instructor the 1st night of class. Have you already taken this class? Join us again and you can choose an all new pattern to make! 3 classes - Held at CCC  
 Registration Fee - \$30  
 Instructor - Mary Peterson  
 March 1 - March 15 - Wednesday - 6:00 - 8:30pm

**Baby Booties and Blankets!**

Join us as we make adorable baby booties and a blanket! Best of all, you don't have to have sewing experience to be able to take this class! We provide the sewing machines and the blanket fabric!! You only have to purchase a few inexpensive supplies to be able to make the baby booties! These booties and blankets will make sweet baby shower gifts! Gather your friends and join the class for a fun Girls Night Out! Supplies needed: 1 square wool felt (any color), 1 skein of embroidery thread to contrast the felt, spool of thread (neutral/off white) 4 classes - Held at CCC  
 Registration Fee - \$45  
 Instructor - Veronica Johnson  
 January 25 - February 15 - Wednesday - 6:30 - 8:30pm



**Needle Felting**

Create 2 dimensional and 3 dimensional pieces using needle-felting techniques. Projects include a landscape scene or floral design ready for framing, applique for fabrics and creative critter. You will be taught how to use Needle Felting techniques to repair holes in garments or simply embellish them. You will need a wood sweater that you never plan to wear again. Supply kits

will be available for purchase the first night of class (\$15-\$18).  
 3 classes - Held at HHS  
 Registration Fee - \$35  
 Instructor - Melissa Chaney  
 March 2 - March 16 - Thursday - 6:00 - 8:30pm

**Have a Blast Making the Blast Quilt!**

Blast: An enjoyably exciting experience, occasion or event. What do you have when you are in a room filled with quilters??? The easy answer and truth...you have a Blast! This large block quilt looks complicated but come have a blast and see how easy it really can be! 6 classes - Held at CCC  
 Registration Fee - \$50  
 Instructor - Denniele Bohannon  
 January 10 - February 21 - Tuesday - 6:00 - 8:00pm  
 (No class February 14)



## CASS CAREER CENTER *Community Education*



### Tiny Tuffets

Join us as we make this fun and useful tiny tuffet! Perfect for your favorite 18" friend or as a "Pincushion with Attitude"! Bring a staple gun, needle nose pliers, a hammer and basic sewing supplies. Fabric requirements will be emailed to you prior to class starting. This class is limited to 7 students! Enroll early! \$48 Supply fee to be paid to instructor the 1st night of class. 3

Classes - Held at CCC  
Registration Fee - \$30  
Instructor - Denniele Bohannon  
February 4 - Saturday - 9:00am - 3:30pm (30 minute lunch break at noon)  
**Can't join us on February 4? This class will repeat in April! Join us on Tuesdays, April 25-May 9 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

### **\*\*NEW! Sewing Classes For Kids Ages 8-18!\*\***

#### Quilting with Kids - Make a Pillow!

Come join us to learn your way around a sewing machine. Create your own personal chenille pillow to take to sleepovers, camp or to decorate your bed! You'll always know which pillow is yours! Held at CCC - sewing machine, supplies, and lunch provided!

Registration Fee - \$40  
Ages: 8-18  
Instructors- Denniele Bohannon & Ginger Friesz  
February 11-Saturday-9:00am-3:30pm (30 minute lunch break with lunch provided)

### ONLINE CLASSES FROM...



Too busy to attend class? Online classes may be the answer! Choose from hundreds of exceptionally affordable programs that are comprehensive and self-contained. Learn in the comfort of your own home with the support of knowledgeable and caring instructors.

#### Introduction to Microsoft Word 2013

Learn how to add, move through, and edit text; move words from one part of your document to another; work on two or more documents simultaneously; change the size or appearance of text; change margins and tab settings; automatically center, right align, justify, and indent text; use tools such as the grammar checker, spell checker, and thesaurus; and save, retrieve, copy, organize and print your documents. By the time you're done with the step-by-step lessons and hands-n activities in this course, you'll be able to use Word confidently at home or on the job. 24 hours/six weeks  
Enroll online at <http://ed2go.com/casscc>  
Fee- \$95

#### Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint 2013

Take your PowerPoint presentations from ordinary to extraordinary! In these lessons, you'll learn how to use Microsoft PowerPoint 2013 or PowerPoint 365 to create professional-quality slide presentations that grab and hold your audience's attention from start to finish. You'll see how to plan a presentation for your audience, format it with themes and color, and use slide and layout masters to make global changes. You'll embellish your slides with text and objects, including pictures, shapes, WordArt, and SmartArt, and learn to add multimedia effects to create animated presentations. And that's just the start! 24 hours/six weeks  
Enroll online at <http://ed2go.com/casscc>  
Fee- \$95

#### Introduction to Microsoft Publisher -2013

This course is perfect for beginners who want to learn how to produce professional-quality newsletters, fliers, letterheads, and brochures. As the course progresses, you'll learn about different kinds of publications Publisher can help you produce. You'll see how to create documents from scratch, but you'll also learn how to modify existing templates so you can create customized documents more easily. Finally, you'll learn all about

printing your publications and how to share Publisher documents electronically. 24 hours/six weeks  
Enroll online at <http://ed2go.com/casscc>  
Fee- \$95

#### Introduction to Microsoft Outlook 2013

Want to learn Microsoft Outlook 2013 quickly? Want to become a confident and productive user of this powerful program without having to memorize a lot of technical mumbo-jumbo? In this course, you'll see what's new in Outlook 2013 and get up and running with the most important aspects of the program, starting with mastering the new Windows 8 style look and feel. From there, you'll quickly learn how to manage your email, calendar, and contacts, and how to streamline and automate your work with keyboard shortcuts, rules, Search Folders and Quick Steps. 24 hours/six weeks  
Enroll online at <http://ed2go.com/casscc>  
Fee- \$95

#### Speed Spanish

Imagine yourself speaking, reading and writing Spanish. Now you can with Speed Spanish! This course is designed for anyone who wants to learn Spanish pronto. You'll learn six easy recipes for gluing Spanish words together to form sentences. In no time at all, you'll be able to go into any Spanish speaking situation and converse in Spanish. Que Bueno! 24 hours/six weeks  
Enroll online at <http://ed2go.com/casscc>  
Fee- \$95

#### Beginning Conversational French

This course will teach you how to communicate easily and comfortably with those who speak French. You'll learn practical, common phrases that will make your trip to the many French-speaking regions of the world more pleasant. You'll learn dialogue specific to various settings, and you'll be surprised how easy it can be to speak another language! 24 hours/six weeks  
Enroll online at <http://ed2go.com/casscc>  
Fee- \$95





## HHS students, teachers reflect on addition of student laptops

The 2016-17 school year marks the third year for Harrisonville High School as a 1:1 school. All students are given a laptop computer to use and the initiative has definitely changed classroom learning. We asked a few teachers and students to share their thoughts...

### How has teaching and learning changed/improved since students received personal devices?

Before 1:1 you had to plan pretty far ahead if you wanted to include any type of technology. Computer labs booked out weeks in advance. Now, if you think of something on the way to school you can easily adjust your lesson to be more tech friendly. Kids love looking up information and I try to give them the chance to do it as often as possible. - Mrs. Emily Terwilliger, social studies

The best example for me of this initiative is the Google Classroom and the capabilities it gives to learning. I had kids turning in assignments at 10 p.m. on a Friday night to meet the due date before midnight. These kids are being trained to be a part of this 21st century and the opportunities technology gives us. We are busy people and our kids are so involved in so many different things. With their MacBooks, they can stay connected with each other at any time of day. - Mrs. BryAnn Middleton, social studies

As for foreign language, students can hear the pronunciation of the words more than just from the teacher. They can then practice it more as well. Students can do different activities that are computer generated and graded so they get instant feedback. It creates more individualized learning and students can work at their own pace. We use multiple electronic educational games both in

and out of the classroom, which creates an environment with higher student engagement. - Mrs. Jenny Wickstrom, Spanish

Most of the teachers in the high school use either Google Classroom or Canvas as a learning management system. Students can have access to every assignment, worksheet, PowerPoint, and notes without being in the class. Having a personal device allows students to access the Parent Portal and keep up with their grades and missing assignments in their courses. - Ms. Allison Willson, math

The classroom has become very digitalized. More assignments are due at 11:59 p.m., instead of the next day of class. - Senior Baylee Streit

What are the benefits to being 1:1?  
We live in a digital world and a BIG part of our job as a public institution is to train these kids for the real world. Technology is only going to increase in these kids' lives and before long everything is going to be paperless, so we must teach these kids how to do things electronically and how to have self control over their technology. Yes, it can be a huge distraction at times, but back in the 90's note passing was a distraction. - Mrs. Middleton

Not all families can afford a device like the Mac. The memory, the ease of use, and the ability to get online has leveled the playing field significantly for some of our kids. - Mrs. Terwilliger

Many of our freshmen walk through our doors not knowing how to send and receive emails, upload and download files, change file formats, and maneuvering around the computer. As our seniors leave us, they have

computer skills that will make them competitive in any job market. - Mrs. Willson

I believe having a 1:1 high school experience will help me later on because it has taught me to be responsible with an item that is necessary for my work. I learned how to be held accountable for having and maintaining my computer and knowing how to use it. This is similar to the expectations that most jobs and colleges will have, and I feel more prepared to meet those demands. - Senior Ty Cook

What difficulties have you encountered?

Some kids learn better by writing out the information they need. Using the computers causes them to have to do double duty because they type their notes in class but re-write them to review. - Mrs. Terwilliger

I face difficulties with knowing the balance between paper and computer. When to take notes down by hand or when to quickly type them. - Senior Baylee Streit

Students have had to adjust fairly quickly to using a computer to do an assignment that would have been on paper before. For students who are not frequent computer users this is a very slow learning process. - Mrs. Terwilliger

I had a difficult time getting used to a MacBook, since I had minimal experience with computers. The MacBook also raises expectations for keeping track of our school materials and assignments. - Senior Ty Cook

It has become harder to do classroom management due to having computers. Students get sidetracked very

easily with games, messaging, etc. They would get distracted before the laptops, but it is worse now. - Mrs. Wickstrom

When students or teachers have technical difficulties and the lesson is computer-based, the teacher must have an alternate lesson ready to go or be flexible while the problem gets fixed. - Mrs. Wickstrom

### Board of Education candidate filing opens December 13

Filing for Harrisonville School Board of Education candidates begins Tuesday, December 13 at 8 a.m. at the Administrative Offices, 503 S. Lexington. Some of the requirements for candidates for the Board of Education are as follows: must be a citizen of the US, a resident taxpayer in the Harrisonville Cass R-IX School District, and at least 24 years of age. Candidates must have lived in Missouri for at least one year preceding the election. For a full list of candidate requirements, go to <http://harrisonvilleschools.schoolwires.net/Page/98>

Filing closes on January 17 at 5 p.m. Offices to be filled are three (3) three-year positions. Board members whose terms expire are Jerald Dickey, Chris Wray and Susie Yoder.

The Board election is April 4, 2017.



### District shares winter weather, emergency procedure reminders

As the temperature turns cold, the district prepares for the potential of winter weather.

When winter weather strikes, the district monitors temperatures, wind chills, and road conditions, and will inform parents as early as possible if a decision is made to cancel school. Cancellation information will be shared through the district's automated calling system (SchoolMessenger), Wildcat Alerts text messaging, Facebook, Twitter, the district app, and the website and on local TV stations.

Safety is priority number one when making the determination to cancel school on any given day due to inclement weather. If snow, ice, or extreme cold make conditions unsafe, the district will cancel school.

There may also be days when the decision is made to delay the start time of school as conditions are expected to improve.

On these days and other days

when it's very cold, there are a few reminders for parents...

- Please make sure that your children come to school dressed for the weather, with winter coats, hats, and gloves.

- If a child walks to school, we ask that parents try to make arrangements for the child to be given a ride to school. In some neighborhoods, parents form emergency carpools and this works well.

- If the child is a bus rider, we again encourage parents to make sure their child is dressed appropriately. We also encourage parents to let the child wait in the car with them until the bus comes (or, again, make arrangements so that several children can wait together in one car).

Being in school is important for many reasons, including that instructional time is valuable to all students. Additionally, schools are safe places to be for students. Students have adult supervision throughout the day

and, should they stay home on a cold day, in some cases there may be no supervision available.

In addition to preparing for winter weather, the district also continuously reviews safety procedures for other emergency situations. Students and staff participate in drills throughout the year including drills for tornado, fire, and lockdown.

In an emergency, student and staff safety is the primary focus. The district will communicate with parents as quickly as possible with the information available at the time. The district will use the district's automated calling system (SchoolMessenger) and Wildcat Alerts text messaging to communicate during an emergency.

Parents are encouraged to refrain from calling or coming to the school as it is important to keep the streets, parking area, and phone lines open for emergency responders and communication.

During a lockdown (including weather-related lockdowns), no one will be permitted to enter or leave the building with the exception of district personnel, law enforcement, and first responders. Once it has been determined that the threat has passed (all-clear), the school will resume normal procedures.

In some cases, students and staff may need to evacuate the school. Evacuation sites have been established, but the district does not publicize those locations prior to an emergency to maintain student safety. If it is determined that students cannot return to school, the district will begin reunification procedures. At that time, parents will be notified of the reunification site and steps to follow. Only parents or those listed as emergency contacts will be allowed to pick up a student and they will be required to provide photo identification.

### School attendance plays important role in student success

School attendance can have a major impact on a student's academic success starting in kindergarten and continuing through high school. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and in life.

The district emphasizes attendance through information sent home to parents, recognition of students and classes who achieve good attendance, and regular communication to families whose students miss school.

The state measures our district's attendance for accreditation purposes by looking at the percent of students who are here 90% of the time. The goal is for 90% of students to be in school 90% of the time.

The district realizes that some student absences are unavoidable due to health problems or other circumstances. This can be especially true in the winter months. Therefore we encourage students to prac-

tice proper handwashing and sneezing/coughing techniques, avoid sharing personal items or food, and dressing appropriately.

It's not just full days, but every minute a student misses school that matters when it comes to their opportunity for academic success. A few things for parents to consider...

Try to schedule appointments on days off or after school. However, if you have to schedule an appointment during a school day, please try to only take your child out of school for the actual appointment.

Please be sure that your student arrives to school on time every day.

Try to avoid checking your child out early.

The district also wants to stress the importance of developing good attendance as a habit. If students learn the importance of being on time



and at school during their K-12 experience, it can only benefit them as they move into life after high school. Although attendance isn't something you will see

on a resume, it is a skill that employers value.

Cass Regional Medical Center Director of Marketing and Public Relations Sonya McLellend explains the value of strong attendance habits.

"Attendance is a very important factor our managers consider when completing our employees' annual performance reviews. A poor attendance record can lead to a lower evaluation score, which in turn hurts the employee's ability to earn the highest possible pay increase under our merit program. As my former boss and mentor used to say, '99% of success is showing up.' I have

found that to be true time and time again."

A Houston Chronicle article further states the importance of attendance as a habit/skill employers value.

"Although employers are willing to help employees develop skills, most expect workers to already possess work ethics. Employee work ethics -- such as teamwork, respect, appearance, productivity, attitude and attendance -- are behaviors and attitudes people bring to the workplace. Although education, training, and experience are important, employers increasingly look at work ethics as equally important in hiring or retaining employees. Attendance, like all work ethics, affects every aspect of the workplace and the business."

School is our students' first and most important job and attendance matters in their success at this job.

For more information on the district's "Be Here" attendance initiative and additional resources, go to [www.harrisonvilleschools.org/behere](http://www.harrisonvilleschools.org/behere).

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## Bright Futures seeks to reach all children, community

Bright Futures Harrisonville is in its fifth year of supporting students and families in the community. The initiative seeks to help students achieve success by matching student needs with resources through partnerships between the schools and the community.

The Bright Futures network is made up of volunteers from the business, faith-based, social human services, parent, and school partnership areas.

Bright Futures initial work focused on setting up programs and connections to meet student needs. Programs include the Food 4 Thought backpack program, the Cats Basement (a clothing, hygiene and school supply resource area), the Just 4 Me summer food program, the Holiday Adopt-a-Family program and more.

This year, Bright Futures has established three goal areas to expand the work. The goals fall in the areas of providing positive adult role models, expanding education and awareness throughout the community, and creating service learning opportunities for students.

Several programs focus on positive adult role models (see box at left). One in particular is the McEowen Classroom Partner Program. Six classes at McEowen are piloting this program which matches a classroom with a business or organization partner. Mrs. Gordon's fourth grade class is matched with Hope Haven.

"They've provided snacks and supplies for us, but the best part has been the quality of investment poured into the kids themselves. I have been amazed at the positive relationships forged between my students and the staff," said Mrs. Gordon.

In addition to providing resources, representatives from Hope Haven visit the

class regularly and many times bring along their therapy dogs. Students in the class have been part of the Hope Haven float in the Burnt District parade (see photo below) and made ornaments to give to Hope Haven donors.

"We hope that the children have increased confidence and security knowing that a group of adults took an interest in them and their accomplishments, that we want what's best for them and we want to see them succeed, that we care about them unconditionally and that we think they are pretty important," said Hope Haven Executive Director Charlie Jennings.

Other classroom partners include Commerce Bank, Absolute Health Chiropractic, Edward Jones-George Morse, Girl Scouts, and Show Me Auto Mall.

Harrisonville Middle School is leading the charge in the area of service learning. Students began the year by learning the difference between community service and service learning. Each class at the school voted on an area to study, identify problems and seek solutions. Sixth grade chose safety; seventh grade is working on oral health; and eighth grade selected food insecurity.

Interested students can attend a special service learning class once a week during Wildcat Time to re-

search and discuss their issue and work on projects. Some progress has already been made. The eighth graders spent an afternoon at the Shepherd's Staff Food Pantry organizing and shelving food; the seventh graders are working on a partnership with the Cass County Dental Clinic; and the sixth grade helped with an anti-bullying assembly in early December.

All grade levels are finding ways to share the information they learn with the rest of the school, such as posters, flyers, announcements, etc.

In addition, all service learning students have worked on several projects together including writing letters for veterans attending the school's Veteran's Day assembly; painting pumpkins for residents at a local nursing home, and helping with the Food 4 Thought Backpack program.

Many people see Bright Futures as helping only a select group of students and families, however each of these programs works to ensure every child has the tools they need to be successful students who in turn become productive and self-sustaining citizens, loving parents, responsible neighbors, and outstanding employees. By providing positive adult role models and introducing the concept of service learning, Bright Futures is reaching all students.



[www.harrisonvilleschools.org](http://www.harrisonvilleschools.org)

### Volunteer Opportunities

#### Harrisonville Early Childhood Center - Game Buddies

Game Buddies will be matched with a student or two to play games. Volunteers are welcome any school day between 9:15-3:15 at Harrisonville Early Childhood Center, 500 Polar Lane. No RSVP necessary. Questions? Contact Karen Roberts, 380-4421, ext. 2821.

#### Harrisonville Elementary School - Study Buddies

Study Buddies will work with a study on already-prepared activities including reading, spelling words, sight words, and basic math facts. Volunteers are welcome any school day between 9:15-3:15 at Harrisonville Elementary School, 101 Meghan Drive. No RSVP necessary. Questions? Contact Jauna Weber, 380-4131, ext. 3222.

#### McEowen Elementary School - Lunch Buddies

On the first & third Thursday of each month, Lunch Buddies spend 45 minutes with their student eating lunch, playing games, and talking. Applications are available at McEowen Elementary School. Lunch Buddies are asked to submit to a background check and cover the \$20 fee for the check. They will also participate in a one-two hour training session prior to their first meeting. For more information, contact Julie Dahlstrom - [julie.dahlstrom@harrisonvilleschools.org](mailto:julie.dahlstrom@harrisonvilleschools.org) or 380-4545, ext. 4222

#### Middle School After School Program

The Bright Futures After-School Program provides an afternoon of safe, positive activities for middle school-age students on Mondays & Wednesdays from 2:45-3:45 p.m. It is hosted at Harrisonville Middle School. Volunteers can provide a program (craft, hobby, special interest) or simply just come to play a game or interact with students. If you have an interest or have questions, please contact Angela Gibson, [angela.gibson@harrisonvilleschools.org](mailto:angela.gibson@harrisonvilleschools.org)



## HARRISONVILLE *Highlights*

### Community Calendar of Events

Dec.	HCC Annual December Membership Drive at HCC – 10% off any Paid in Full Membership	Feb. 8	CRMC COPD Support Group, 11:30 a.m.
Dec. 12	Brown Bag Book Club, Noon, CCPL	Feb. 9	Underground Teen Book Club, 3:30 p.m., CCPL
Dec. 12	An Evening with Santa & Mrs. Claus, 6 p.m., CCPL	Feb. 9	HMS/HHS Band Dinner Concert, HMS, 6 p.m.
Dec. 13	Mystery Book Club, 6:30 p.m., CCPL	Feb. 9	Cass County Coalition of Chambers Luncheon, \$12, RSVP 380-5271
Dec. 13	CRMC Alzheimer's Support Group, 6 p.m.	Feb. 11	HHS Show Choir Invitational
Dec. 14	CRMC COPD Support Group, 11:30 a.m.	Feb. 11	Princess Ball, HCC
Dec. 15	Pathfinder Roleplaying Game (Teen Program), 3:30 p.m., CCPL	Feb. 13	PAT Wild & Wacky, ECC, 6 p.m.
Dec. 15	3rd Grade Music Program, 7 p.m., HHS PAC	Feb. 13	Brown Bag Book Club, Noon, CCPL
Dec. 15	CRMC Diabetes Support Group, 6:30 p.m.	Feb. 13	General Book Club, 6:30 p.m., CCPL
Dec. 16	CRMC Community Blood Center Blood Drive, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.	Feb. 14	PAT Wild & Wacky, ECC, 9:15 a.m.
Dec. 20	McEowen Winter Concert, 4th grade @ 6 p.m., 5th grade @ 7 p.m.	Feb. 14	ECC, HES, McEowen Valentine Parties
Dec. 20	Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m., Admin Office	Feb. 14	Mystery Book Club, 6:30 p.m., CCPL
Dec. 21	End of 2nd Quarter - ½ day for students	Feb. 14	CRMC Alzheimer's Support Group, 6 p.m.
Dec. 21	HMS Awards Assemblies	Feb. 15	ECC Breakfast with Books, 8 a.m.
Dec. 22-Jan. 3	No School - Winter Break	Feb. 16	Teen Chocolate Olympics, 3:30 p.m., CCPL
Dec. 22-Jan. 3	Winter Break Day Camp Days for ages 5-12, HCC	Feb. 16	Chamber Luncheon, 11:45-1:00 pm, \$10, RSVP 380-5271
Dec. 26-30	Winter Wonderland Holiday Swim Classes, HCC	Feb. 17	No School
Jan. 2	Ultimate Zumba Dance Party, HCC	Feb. 18	Let's Play, 10 a.m., CCPL
Jan. 2-6	Swimming in the New Year Holiday Swim Classes, HCC	Feb. 20	No School
Jan. 6	Chamber First Friday Coffee, Serenity Care Hospice, 7:30 a.m.	Feb. 21	PAT Playgroup, 9:15 a.m., ECC
Jan. 2-Feb. 15	Adult Winter Reading Program "Pop Open a Good Book", CCPL	Feb. 21	Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m., Admin Office
Jan. 5	Inspirational Book Club, 6:30 p.m., CCPL	Feb. 21-Mar. 7	McEowen Math-a-thon
Jan. 6	HES Awards Assembly, 3:15 p.m.	Feb. 22	Winter Reading Party, 6:30 p.m. CCPL
Jan. 9	PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m., HES	Feb. 23	HES 1st Grade Music Program, 7 p.m., HHS PAC
Jan. 9	Brown Bag Book Club, Noon, CCPL	Feb. 24	Courtwarding, HHS
Jan. 9	General Book Club, 6:30 p.m., CCPL	Feb. 24	HHS Distinguished Alumni Wall of Fame Induction, 5:30 p.m.
Jan. 10	PAT Playgroup, 9:15 a.m., ECC	Feb. 25	CRMC Community Blood Center Blood Drive, 2-6 p.m.
Jan. 10	Mystery Book Club, 6:30 p.m., CCPL	Feb. 27	McEowen Positive Action Assembly, 3:05 p.m.
Jan. 10	CRMC Alzheimer's Support Group, 6 p.m.	Feb. 28	PAT Playgroup, 9:15 a.m., ECC
Jan. 11	eBooks at the Library, 6 p.m., CCPL	Feb. 28	ECC Awards Assembly, 3 p.m.
Jan. 12	Underground Teen Book Club, 3:30 p.m., CCPL	Mar. 1	HES Spring Pictures
Jan. 12	HES Family Night, 5:30-7 p.m.	Mar. 1	HHS Advisory Conferences
Jan. 16	No School	Mar. 2-4	HMS presents Disney's Peter Pan, Jr., 7 p.m., HMS
Jan. 17	PAT Playgroup, 9:15 a.m., ECC	Mar. 3	1st Friday Coffee, 7:30-9 a.m., Harrisonville Christian School
Jan. 17	Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m., Admin Office	Mar. 6-10	College & Career Week
Jan. 18	ECC Breakfast with Books, 8 a.m.	Mar. 7	PAT Playgroup, 9:15 a.m., ECC
Jan. 19	Monogram String Art (Teen Program), 3:30 p.m., CCPL	Mar. 7	HHS Band Concert w/SBU Wind Symphony, 7 p.m., HHS
Jan. 19	CRMC Diabetes Support Group, 6:30 p.m.	Mar. 9	Cass County Coalition of Chambers Luncheon, \$12, RSVP 380-5271
Jan. 19-30	Major Saver Sales	Mar. 10	End of 3rd Quarter
Jan. 20	Health & Business Expo, 6-8 p.m., Mill-Walk Mall	Mar. 14-16	ECC, HES, McEowen Book Fairs
Jan. 24	PAT Playgroup, 9:15 a.m., ECC	Mar. 14	McEowen Donuts for Dads
Jan. 25	CRMC Medical Imaging Open House, 3-6 p.m.	Mar. 14	PAT Playgroup, 9:15 a.m., ECC
Jan. 25-Feb. 16	McEowen All-School Read	Mar. 14	HES Family Night, 5:30-7 p.m.
Jan. 27	McEowen Positive Action Assembly, 3:05 p.m.	Mar. 14	HHS Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences
Jan. 31	PAT Playgroup, 9:15 a.m., ECC	Mar. 14	CRMC Alzheimer's Support Group, 6 p.m.
Feb. 2	ECC Awards Assembly, 3 p.m.	Mar. 16	McEowen Spring Pictures
Feb. 2	Inspirational Book Club, 6:30 p.m., CCPL	Mar. 16	McEowen Family Night/Art Fair/Ice Cream Social, 6:30-8 p.m.
Feb. 2	Chamber Annual Dinner & Award Celebration, 5:30 p.m., Pine Dell Horse Farm, \$20 RSVP to 380-5271	Mar. 16	10 Minute Table Runner Program, 6:30 p.m., CCPL
Feb. 3	HES Awards Assembly, 3:15 p.m.	Mar. 16	Chamber Luncheon, 11:45-1 p.m., \$10, RSVP 380-5271
Feb. 3	Chamber First Friday Coffee, Harrisonville Schools, 7:30 a.m.	Mar. 16	CRMC Diabetes Support Group, 6:30 p.m.
Feb. 6-10	National School Counseling Week	Mar. 17	HES Awards Assembly, 3:15 p.m.
Feb. 7	PAT Playgroup, 9:15 a.m., ECC		
Feb. 7	CRMC Rehabilitation Services Open House, 4-6 p.m.		

\*CCPL Toddler Storytime – Tuesdays at 11 am (starts Jan. 3)

\*CCPL Children's Storytime – Wednesdays 9:30 am & 11 am (Starts Jan. 4)

\*\*CCPL - Cass County Public Library, Harrisonville Branch

\*\*HPR - Harrisonville Parks & Rec

\*\*HCC - Harrisonville Community Center