

**Hayden Elementary School
2019/2020 Panther Pluses**

Hayden Elementary 3rd Grade Teacher, Ellen Capes, was awarded the 2019 Jennings County School Corporation Teacher of the Year. She will represent the corporation in the running for the Indiana State Teacher of the Year. Congratulations Mrs. Capes!

Molly Wathen was the HES 6th grader who won the essay contest sponsored by the Jennings County Community Foundation. Her exceptional essay on community involvement earned her a Walmart gift card and her class a \$100 stipend for classroom activities and a pizza party. Congratulations, Molly! We are proud of you!

Congratulations to 4th graders, Peyton Collett and Charley Childress, for being chosen as a Radio 96.3 top essay winners. Their essays on "What Makes Thanksgiving Special" was recorded by them and was broadcast at various times throughout the Thanksgiving season and on Thanksgiving morning.

The Hayden Elementary Sharpshooters finished in 1st place at the county tournament with a score of 3209 points! In the Male Elementary Division, Jacobi Haislup earned 1st place with a score of 281 and Blake Templeton earned 2nd place with a score of 280. In the Female Elementary Division, Isabella Evans earned 1st place with a score of 275 and Mikailah Fries earned 3rd place with a score of 273. Other top scorers were: Emma Maxie (272) Amilia Gresham (268) Trayton Hulse (267) Raelyn Castor (265) Ryley Sullivan (264) Cameron Tichenor (256) Emmi Barber (255) and Emma Wathen (253). Also, our 6th grade scorers were: Molly Wathen (282) Riley Ramey (278) Drew Zohrlaut (274) Brooke Nolan (273) Gavin Chandler (266) and Carol Vojkufka (258). Congratulations to all of our archers!

Congratulations to the newly elected Student Council Members for the 2019/2020 school year! Co-Presidents are Graci Ross and Molly Wathen. Secretary is Carol Vojkufka. Treasurer is Kamberie Maschino. 6th Grade Representatives are: Braxton McClanahan, Ella Hubbard, Aubri Ritchie, Caty Murphy, Gwyn Lakins, Mackenzie Robinson, Riley Ramey and Chloe Franks. 5th Grade Representatives are: Rylee Sullivan, Raelynn Castor, Amilia Gresham, Audrey McDonald, Abby Vance and Emmi Barber.

In February, Sydney Speer and Jayden Matlock represented Hayden Elementary in the District Spelling Bee held at Brush Creek Elementary. Jayden Matlock won the County-Wide Spelling Bee and was eligible to participate in the Ford Motor Company Spelling Bee on March 14, 2020 held in Louisville, KY. Congratulations, Jayden!

Thanks to Mrs. Erin Green and Mr. James Howard for coaching the girls and boys basketball teams this year. Members of the girls' teams were: Maggie Stoner, Molly Wathen, Kamberie Maschino, Graci Ross, Izzy Logan, Kaydee Ritchie, Ella Hubbard, Addiston Grunden, Sydney Speer, Amilia Gresham, Chloe Franks, Carol Vojkufka, Mackenzie Mullikin, Aaliyah Henline, Isabella Evans, Brooke Nolan, Audrey McDonald and Danica Marling. Members of the boys' team were: Gavin Chandler, Kelly Claycamp, Ryley Sullivan, Guy Pickett, Dawson Leak, Adler Stearns, Rider Ruddick, Keegan Wheeler, Eli Shadday, Braxton McClanahan, Andy Vogel, Adam Haines and Reed Wilson. Great job, Haymakers!

Hayden Elementary once again hosted the annual Veterans Day Program. Each year a veteran from the Hayden school family is invited to be the keynote speaker. This year's speaker was Mr. Robert Sullivan. The impressive tribute to our veterans was attended by many of our local veterans and family members.

On September 13, 2019, Grandparents Day was celebrated at Hayden Elementary. K through 3rd grade grandparents attended the morning session and 4 through 6th grade grandparents attended the afternoon session. Activities in the classrooms were shared by students with their grandparents and other adults who attended that day.

Twenty-four next-year kindergarteners attended Hayden Elementary's Next Year Kindergarten Visit the second Tuesday of each month. Each visit found the future HES students learning a new "school" skill such as learning how to carry a lunch tray, learning how to ride a school bus, learning how to walk in a straight line, etc. These visits increase the comfort zone of our youngest students on the first day of school. Welcome to our new kindergartners who will be attending Hayden Elementary next year!

Hayden students proved their generosity this school year by raising funds and volunteering in many capacities. Some of the contributions HES students made to the community and beyond are as follows:

- HES raised \$1,200 for the American Heart Association's Hoops for Heart campaign. We are proud of HES students' efforts.
- Hayden's Student Council, under the sponsorship of Mr. Cody Robbins collected over 800 food and non-perishable items for the Jennings County Coordinating Council during the holiday season. Congratulations for a job well done!

The Hayden Elementary PTO held a Fall Festival (not to be confused with the Scholarship Auction) on October 25, 2019. This event was in place of the typical brochure fundraiser and it was a hit! We want to thank our PTO for purchasing each child's school supplies at the beginning of the year and for the wonderful support they provide our school.

The Spencer Township Volunteer Fire Departments provided the Smokehouse experience to HES students on Thursday, October 10, 2019. The firemen and firewomen of the community care that our students know what to do in case of a fire in their homes or other buildings. Thank you, firemen(women), for all that you do for us!