

**Hayden Elementary School  
2023/2024  
Panther Pluses**

**Congratulations to the newly elected Student Council Members for the 2023/2024 school year! President – Haley Collett, Vice President – Gavin Ross, Secretary – Rylee Peacock, Treasurer – Violet Reecer. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Representatives: Londyn Brauer, Corbyn Chandler, Aubrey Clapp, Cansas Clark, Christian Lee and Landan Pittman. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Representatives: Eli Coquerille, Liam Easler, Finn Gresham, Brynlee Littrell, Brently Lucas, Zayden Lucas, Emma Stoner and Konner Woodard.**

**The Spencer Township Volunteer Fire Department provided the Smokehouse experience to HES students on Friday, October 27, 2023. 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 and firewomen, for all you do for us!**

**Hayden Elementary hosted the annual Veterans Day Program on November 11, 2023. Each year a veteran from the Hayden school family is invited to be the keynote speaker. This year's speaker was Mr. Luke Coquerille. The impressive tribute to our veterans was attended by many of our local veterans and family members.**

**Thanks to Mr. Brett Woodard and Mr. Cole Sigler for coaching the boys' 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade basketball teams this year. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade team members were: Cayleb Bishop, Eli Coquerille, Finn Ebinger, Rylan Fields, Finn Gresham, Brently Lucas, Zayden Lucas, Liam Mull, Jackson White and Konner Woodard. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade team members were: Corbyn Chandler, Kacen Marsh, Bryson Mefford, Landan Pittman and Titus Roberts.**

**Thanks to Mrs. Sydney Gerkin for coaching the girls' 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade basketball team this year. This school year Hayden & Scipio combined girls to make a team. Members of the team were: Abby Arnott, Aubree Clapp, Cansas Clark, Oakleigh Robinson, Jordan Speer, Sophia Ernstes, Karmyn Newell and Gracyn Updike.**

**On February 15<sup>th</sup>, our school spelling bee winners were 6<sup>th</sup> grade student, Cali Ritchie and 5<sup>th</sup> grade student, Hartlynn Foster. The alternate was 6<sup>th</sup> grade student, Haley Collett. The winners represented Hayden Elementary in the District Spelling Bee held at North Vernon Elementary on March 26, 2024.**

**Hayden Elementary's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher, Tammy Galloway, was awarded the 2024 Hayden Elementary Teacher of the Year. She will represent the corporation in the running for the Indiana State Teacher of the Year. Sherry Hughes was awarded the 2024 Classified Staff of the Year award for Hayden Elementary. Congratulations to both!**

**The Hoppin' Haymakers Jump Rope Club was sponsored by Tiffany Thurston. Members of the team were: Julian Engelking, Adalie Engelking, Scarlett Reecer, Reighan Tatum, Meagan Earnest, Titus Roberts, Abrianna Mendoza, Zoey Kiefer, Sawyer Ryan, Presleigh Thurston, Jordan Speer, Briston Eaton, Kyler Stidham, Cason Robertson, Rylee Green, Adalynn Gibson, Aubrey Perkins, Bryndle Foster, Shelby Liggett, Lexi Clapp, Riley Hartwell, Abbi Arnott, Aidee Munoz-Hankins, Vivian Wagster, Courtney Keebler, Kloe Bishop, Tucker Wathen, Bristol Branum and Vada Stearns. The team performed at a JCHS basketball game during halftime on February 17, 2024.**

**The Spell Bowl team was coached by 4th grade teacher, Tricia Richey and a competition was held on November 13, 2023. Members of the team were: Haley Collett, Cansas Clark, Landan Pittman, Reighan Tatum, Eli Coquerille, Finn Ebinger, Hartlynn Foster, Aubree Hitchel, Olivia Hitchel, Liam Mull, Oakleigh Robinson, Jordan Speer, Jackson White and Conrad Cope. They came in 1<sup>st</sup> place at the competition. Great job students!**

**The Math Bowl team was coached by 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Cody Robbins, and a competition was held on April 9, 2024. Members of the team were: Cansas Clark, Haley Collett, Carliegh Collins, Christian Lee, Landan Pittman, Violet Reecer, Cali Ritchie, Braxton Walls, Eli Coquerille, Finn Ebinger, Olivia Hitchel, Xavi Perez, Jordan Speer and Konner Woodard. Congratulations to all these students who put in a lot of extra time preparing for this event! The team tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the competition. Congratulations students!**

**The National Elementary Honor Society held an induction ceremony on April 16, 2024 at Hayden Elementary School. Congratulations to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade inductees: Maddison Alexander, Xavier Capps, Eli Coquerille, Finn Ebinger, Aubree Hitchel, Olivia Hitchel, Xavi Perez, Jordan Speer and Konner Woodard. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade inductees were: Aubree Clapp, Amy Moreno Garrido and Cali Ritchie. Also, congratulations to 6<sup>th</sup> grade members: Abigail Arnott, Cansas Clark, Haley Collett, Carliegh Collins, Landan Pittman, Violet Reecer, Gavin Ross and Izzabella Tascott.**

**A big thanks to the Purdue Extension Staff for providing many reading, recycling and other educational activities such as Captain Cash throughout the school year to our HES students.**

**Nineteen 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 students raised over \$4,000 for the American Heart Association's Hoops for Heart campaign. This activity was held in February during each grade levels' PE time. We are proud of our HES students' efforts!**
- Hayden's Student Council, under the sponsorship of Mrs. Tricia Richey, collected over 2,100 food and non-perishable items and \$198 cash donations for the Good Samaritan Food Pantry during the holiday season. Congratulations for a job well done!**
- Hayden's Student Council, under the sponsorship of Mrs. Tricia Richey, held a "Penny War" fundraiser in April for Mercy Rescue. Each classroom collected money and cleaning supplies for Mercy Rescue. Lots of cleaning supplies were donated and the total dollar amount collected from this fundraiser was \$493.04. This was a great and fun way to support Mercy Rescue.**

**On May 3rd and 4th, the fifth and sixth grade students presented “Frozen JR” to family and community members. The production was outstanding and made for a perfect evening of entertainment. The entire cast and crew are to be congratulated for an excellent performance. Special thanks goes to Mr. Jonathan Stoner, music teacher, and Mrs. Erin Stoner, 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, for donating their time toward the production. Another special thanks to Sherry Hughes and Penny Sullivan for spectacular costume, prop and set designs and to Erin Green for make-up application to the cast. Also, a huge thank you to Mike Waskom for lights and sounds. You are the greatest!**

**The Hayden Elementary PTO awarded eight scholarships (a total amount of \$6,000) to seniors who were former HES students. This school year a Chili Supper and a Scholarship Auction were held on November 17, 2023 to raise funds for this scholarship fund. Over \$9,000 was raised for the Scholarship Fund.**

**The Hayden Elementary PTO purchased each HES student’s school supplies at the beginning of the school year. We want to thank our PTO for the wonderful support they provide to our families and our school!**