



School City of  
**Hobart**

*Focus on Education*



FALL 2008

Superintendent.....Dr. Peggy Buffington

What a wonderful community Hobart is! As the School City of Hobart went through district accreditation last year, the Quality Assurance Review (QAR) Team from North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI) AdvancED gave one of the following commendations:

**A Caring School/Community Culture**

“If it is best for kids, they (school/community) find a way to make it happen.”



This could not have been more evident as the flood waters came this September. The efforts to protect the football locker room on that Saturday by raising everything 4 feet off of the ground proved futile by Sunday morning. However, the efforts displayed were incredible as everyone worked to get all equipment out of the locker room. Assistance came from all parts of the school district and the city. We appreciate the coaches, students, parents and community members, as well as the maintenance, custodial and transportation departments of the School City of Hobart. In addition, the communication and assistance of city officials proved most beneficial in helping us return to a normal schedule in terms of determining the safety of roads and infrastructure for travel in reopening the schools. *To all, a very special heartfelt thank you!*

The school district and the community have so much to look forward to this year continuing with that theme of “**A Caring School/Community Culture.**” This issue of *Focus on Education* shares tips on the emergency calling system AlertNOW on page 2. We also have a national campaign called “**Be There**” that gives great information on how parents can stay “connected” with their children. On page 3 of this newsletter, you can learn how to join our “**Be There Blog**” and listen to podcasts. On pages 4 through 6, the district is proud to announce parent education workshops that are available with expert speakers, as well as career development assistance for the planning and preparation for student success beyond high school. Pages 7-12 offer highlights of academic achievement and special programs in our schools.

Finally, the insert in this newsletter features invitations to “**The Last Dance**” at **Brickie Bowl** on October 17th and **the dedication of the new Hobart High School** on December 14th. We invite everyone to come and celebrate the rich traditions of our past and present, as well as the prospects of a bright future! We are proud Americans who truly believe “**Once a Brickie, Always a Brickie!**”



**Vision for Student Learning**

The School City of Hobart Community will foster intellectual curiosity, natural abilities, critical thinking, and literacy in students while developing respectful and responsible citizens who are excited about the challenges of tomorrow, confident in their ability to chart the future, and dedicated to the pursuit of lifelong learning.

**Our Mission**

- Our Schools Equip Children for Adulthood
- Our Schools Address the Needs of Individual Students
- Our Schools Are Community Schools
- Our Schools Are Committed to Success

*From the Board of School Trustees, Administrators, Teachers and Support Services  
We Wish You a Great School Year! Excellent Opportunities Await Students and You!*



# Keeping You Informed!

The School City of Hobart has adopted the **ALERTNOW Notification Service** which allows us to send a telephone or e-mail message to you providing important information about school events or emergencies. *Besides our web site, we will use ALERTNOW to notify you of school cancellations due to inclement weather*, as well as remind you about various events, including report card distribution, open house, field trips, and more. In the event of an emergency at school, you can have peace of mind knowing that you will be informed immediately by phone.

## TIPS FOR LISTENING TO MESSAGES:

Any background noise will cause the message to stop being delivered and wait for silence again. When it hears silence again, it will replay from the beginning. Background noise can be anything that it hears, people talking, coughing, or even wind from cell phones or earpieces.



Did you know....  
**ALERTNOW**  
can deliver  
**4000** calls

### What you need to know about receiving calls sent through ALERTNOW

The Caller ID will display the school's main number when general announcement is delivered.

The Caller ID will display 411 if the message is a dire emergency.

ALERTNOW will leave a message on any answering machine or voicemail.

If the ALERTNOW message stops playing, press any key 1-9 and the message will replay from the beginning

### You can receive email announcements through ALERTNOW

If you provide an email address, we can deliver messages along with attachments to your preferred account.

The successful delivery of information is dependent upon accurate contact information for each student, so please make certain that we have your most current phone numbers and email addresses. *If this information changes during the year, please let us know immediately.*

We are very excited to incorporate ALERTNOW as a tool to improve parent communication and look forward to having the ability to deliver real time information to you and provide awareness of all the great events that take place within the school.

# Don't Forget to Check Progress Online!

**STIHome** allows parents and students from home to:

- Check grades
- Note attendance
- Review class schedules
- Confirm assignments
- Inspect discipline reports
- Enter course requests (in high school)

Quick links



Simply go to our Web site at <http://www.hobart.k12.in.us> and click on this link for this terrific connection.





# Be Their Favorite Teacher

Learn more by visiting:  
<http://www.hobart.k12.in.us>  
<http://www.bethere.org/>

## Hobart Parents Make All the Difference

**Be There, Make Their Day, Choose Your Attitude, and Play!!!** The School City of Hobart has subscribed to this FISH philosophy for years. This year we are taking “Be There” a step further with our **BE THERE** campaign for our parents & guardians. Join us in this important endeavor to be there for all of our children. The impact will be amazing!

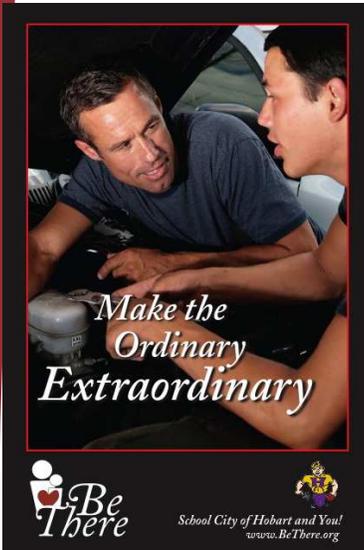
Choose to be your child’s first teacher. Our community and your child will reap the rewards. Your involvement means the world to your child’s

achievement throughout their school years and beyond. Teachable moments are everywhere if we are on the lookout for them. The beauty of these moments is that they cost nothing, but provide lasting memories and results.

You will begin to notice different billboards in our community that illustrate the **BE THERE** campaign. For instance, turn off the blackberries and cell phones and talk to each other in the car. Cook dinner together and turn grocery shopping into a study trip. Younger children can create lists and “spy” items while

older ones can estimate the amount of money you will spend.

We will share ideas with you monthly, but we would also love to hear about ways that you find to **BE THERE** with your children each day. Please share your experiences and ideas with all of us! Send us an email and join the **BE THERE** blog, or listen to a podcast by clicking on this icon on our web site.



### Parental involvement facts:

- Family provides the child’s primary educational environment
- Parents involved in formal education improves student achievement
- High scoring schools and districts have high levels of parent involvement
- The benefits last a lifetime! Involved parents show results

**SCHOOL AND HOME ARE CONNECTED**



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



SCHOOL CITY OF HOBART AND YOU!

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# Parent Education in Hobart

The School City of Hobart welcomes Susan Magestro, Magestro & Associates, to Hobart to enlighten parents, teachers, and students about “Who’s Running The House?” and “The Many Faces of Bullying.”

Susan Magestro is a criminologist with an education background. Ms. Magestro consults with parents, teachers, and students in the areas of high risk behaviors, victims of bullying, physical violence and anger, gang violence, minors, anger, reality visualization of consequences, and techniques parents can use with out-of-control teens. She will share her expertise during two parent meetings in January.

## “Who’s Running The House?”

The first Susan Magestro presentation titled “*Who’s Running The House*” will be on January 27th from 6-7:30 at the new Hobart High School Board Room.

“*Who’s Running The House*” is a presentation for parents and professionals focusing on today’s teens and the many challenges they face. We will explore the domains of their lives, family, school, friends, media, community, and mental health. Learn about the “Doors of Anger”, “Safety Nets”, “Masking”, “Media Violence”, “Peer’s Influence”, and more.

Spend an evening with other parents and professionals learning tips and strategies to help make it through those teen years. End the session with a renewed sense of confidence about “*Who’s Running The House!*”

## “The Many Faces of Bullying”

The second Susan Magestro presentation will take place on January 28th from 6-7:30 at the new Hobart High School Board Room.

“*The Many Faces of Bullying*” provides a unique opportunity to look at bullying through the eyes of the victims, bystanders, parents, and bullies. The audience will have an opportunity to get inside the hearts and minds of victims and their parents as they hear and see some of their stories.

After gaining an in-depth understanding of what constitutes bullying, we will provide techniques and strategies to stop bullying and avert potential tragedies by working with the victims. Victims can be taught to stop bullying and prevent years of ongoing anguish.



Sherry Finnerty, MS. Ed., will present the following workshops. To RSVP or for more information, please call Sherry at 942-4251 ext. 202 or 942-7263 ext. 247.

**"Family First Workshop"** - Your step-by-step plan for creating a phenomenal family. Thursday, Nov 13th from 6:00-7:30 at George Earle Elementary. Babysitting will be available.

**Cooperative Parenting and Divorce**  
**"Shielding Children from Conflict"**

The series will be held on January 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, February 3rd & 10th from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at George Earle.

# Raising Drug/Alcohol-Free Children

*A six part series that raises some important questions and provides needed answers.*

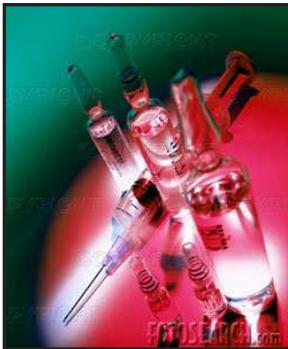
Spend a few evenings with other parents and professionals learning tips and strategies to raise healthy, drug and alcohol resistant children. Hear local and national experts share their knowledge of this subject. Please join us at the *new* Hobart High School Board Room for the life-saving topics outlined below. Programs run from 6:00 -7:30 pm. Child care will be provided.

ASK ME....SEE ME....BE ME

## I'M DRUG FREE

Red Ribbon  
Campaign Week  
October 23-31

Red Ribbon Week is an ideal way for communities to take a visible stand against substance abuse. Show your personal commitment to a drug-free lifestyle through the symbol of the red ribbon. October 23-31, 2008



**Be There!**

### January 15<sup>th</sup> - Who's Doing What?

Presented by: Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) Agent Joseph Mele & Dr. Peggy Buffington, Superintendent of School City of Hobart

- What are kids in Hobart involved with?
- How do you start to address the problem?
- Stakes involved when issues aren't addressed

### January 27<sup>th</sup> - Who's Running the House?

Presented by: Magestro & Associates

Criminologist Susan Magestro

- What are "The Doors of Anger?"
- What are the "Safety Nets?"
- How are children influenced by their peers?

### February 10<sup>th</sup> - Stop It Before It Starts

Presented by: Choices! Counseling Services

Paula Dranger, President

& Bonnie Ouellette, Director of Assessments & Addictions

- How does addiction work?
- What are the dangers of early drinking?
- Saying no and making it stick.

### February 24<sup>th</sup> - Give Kids A Way Out

Presented by: SPORT SAFE Testing

Matthew K Franz, Director of Operations Service & Team LEAD

- Should I test my children?
- Hear real-life testimonies
- Drug testing and peer pressure

### March 10<sup>th</sup> - Choices

Presented by Paula Dranger, Choices! Counseling Services & Nancy Starewicz

- Developing refusal skills
- How to manage "bad feelings"
- Being strong and responsible

### March 24<sup>th</sup> - Good Connections-The Best Protection

Presented by Nancy Starewicz

- How families prevent substance abuse.
- Feeling good about being a parent.
- Practical ways to connect with your kids.

Please register and receive a free copy of the book, **Raising Drug-Free Kids**. Call Rachel Nicoloff at 219-942-8885 or e-mail [rnicoloff@hobart.k12.in.us](mailto:rnicoloff@hobart.k12.in.us)

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School City of Hobart  
Augustana Foundation

## *The School City of Hobart's Calendar for Career Development Assistance*

School City of Hobart will explain and reinforce the steps needed throughout the K-12 education process to prepare parents and students for post-high school opportunities. We will present a full array of activities to assist you with planning and preparing for career and/or college. Our guidance faculty is ready to serve you! Mark your calendar!

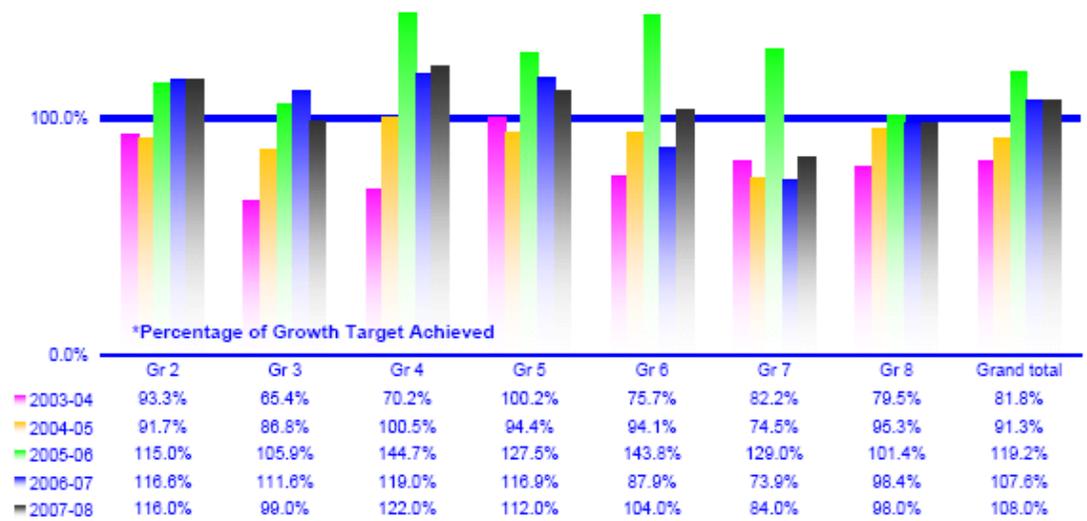
Elementary Information  
  Middle School Information  
  High School Information  
  Information for All Students

Activity	Description	Responsibility	Calendar and Location
<b>Legacy Foundation Incorporation Lake County's Community Foundation</b>	How will you pay for college? Students and parents will find out how to start planning now. This free workshop will provide answers to all kinds of questions. It is never too early to start. Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors and their parents should attend. Questions? Call 219-736-1880. No registration required, just show up!	Parents/Students	Part 1: Saturday, October 18th Part 2: Saturday, December 13th 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Lake County Public Library on Rt 30 in Merrillville Lower Level
<b>Edward Jones</b>	It's never too late to learn about college.	Parents/Students	Nov. 12th-Joan Martin @ 7:00 pm March 10th-HHS @ 6:00 pm
<b>ACT Registration</b>	Applications available in the Guidance Office at HHS <a href="http://www.actstudent.org">www.actstudent.org</a> for future test dates and information	Students	November 7th, January 6th, February 27th , May 8th
<b>ACT</b>	Take the ACT Test (College Entrance Exam)	Students	Dec 13th, Feb 7th, April 4th, June 13th
<b>PSAT Test Date</b>	Take the PSAT at HHS	Students	Saturday, October 18th
<b>SAT Registration</b>	Applications available in the Guidance Office at HHS <a href="http://www.collegeboard.com">www.collegeboard.com</a> for future test dates and information	Students	Nov. 5, Dec. 26, Feb. 10, March 31, May 5
<b>SAT</b>	Take the SAT Test (College Entrance Exam)	Students	November 1, December 6, January 24, March 14, May 2, June 6
<b>Career &amp; College Fair</b>	Over 50 colleges have booths set up at HHS and are ready to share information on programs, costs, and admission.	Students/Parents	Wednesday, October 29th-HHS gym (6:00 - 8:00 p.m.)
<b>Local Scholarship Booklet</b>	Available December 15th in the Guidance Office	Students/Parents	January 9th due to Guidance
<b>Financial Aid Meeting</b>	Free application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) forms are available that evening with question and answer time with an expert.	Students/Parents	Thursday, January 8th-HHS café (6:00 p.m.)
<b>College Goal Sunday</b>	Parents can obtain one-on-one financial assistance with their FAFSA form for FREE!	Parents	Sunday, Feb 15th-2:00 p.m.at Purdue Calumet 2300 173rd St. Hammond
<b>Porter County Career and Technical Center</b>	Tours of Porter County Career and Technical Center programs are offered. The School City of Hobart provides transportation to these off site career classes during the junior and senior year. Students sign up in the Guidance Office for tours. <a href="http://www.porterco.org/pcve">www.porterco.org/pcve</a> for info	Students	January and February <i>(To Be Announced – Watch for Announcements)</i>
<b>Incoming Freshman Orientation at HHS (Calling All 8<sup>th</sup> Graders and Parents)</b>	How does high school life begin? Information on Career Pathways, high school athletics, clubs, vocational training, and other important programs are explained to prepare parents and students for filling out the freshman class schedule. Appointments are scheduled at freshman orientation for scheduling conferences.	Students/Parents	February 17th in the HHS Auditorium (6:00—7:00 p.m.)
<b>Incoming Freshman (All 8<sup>th</sup> Graders) Scheduling of Classes</b>	Parents and students plan with counselors what courses to take the freshman year.	Students/Parents	Feb. 23rd - 27th at Hobart Middle School. Appointments are scheduled at freshman orientation.
<b>Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)</b>	The ASVAB scores students in four critical areas - Arithmetic Reasoning, Word Knowledge, Paragraph Comprehension & Mathematics Knowledge determines whether one is qualified to enlist in the U.S. military. Students sign-up in the Guidance Office at HHS. (No Charge) <a href="http://www.asvabprogram.com">www.asvabprogram.com</a> for information	Students	April 16th (1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> hours at HHS)
<b>Crisis Mode – Junior Parent Night for College &amp; Financial Planning</b>	College bound juniors and parents learn the steps to plan for college admission and various methods to pay for school in this workshop.	Students/Parents	March 24 in the HHS café (6:00 - 7:00 p.m.)
<b>Middle School Orientation</b>	How does middle school life begin? From academics to sports to clubs, come learn about Hobart Middle School.	Incoming 6th Graders (5th Graders & Parents)	Time: 6:30-7:30 May 4 - Ridge View    May 6 - J. Martin May 11 - George Earle    May 13 - Liberty
<b>E-Transcripts</b>	Secure Transcript™ is the safe, paperless way to electronically order official transcripts for colleges, universities and scholarship funds nationwide. It's easy, it's secure, and available on the HHS web site.	Students/Parents	Available 24/7
<b>The Twenty-first Century Scholars Program</b>	This began in 1990 as Indiana's way of raising the educational aspirations of low- and moderate-income families. The program aims to ensure that all Indiana families can afford a college education for their children. Income-eligible 7th- and 8th-graders who enroll in the program and fulfill a pledge of good citizenship to the state are guaranteed the cost of four years of college tuition at any participating public college or university in Indiana.	Parents	June 30 of the 7th or 8th-grade year Students and their parents must complete and return the application. Students may request applications for the Twenty-first Century Scholars Program from Hobart Middle School, the web site: <a href="http://www.in.gov/ssaci/programs/21st/index.html">http://www.in.gov/ssaci/programs/21st/index.html</a> , or call Twenty-first Century Scholars Central Office by calling 1-888-528-4719.

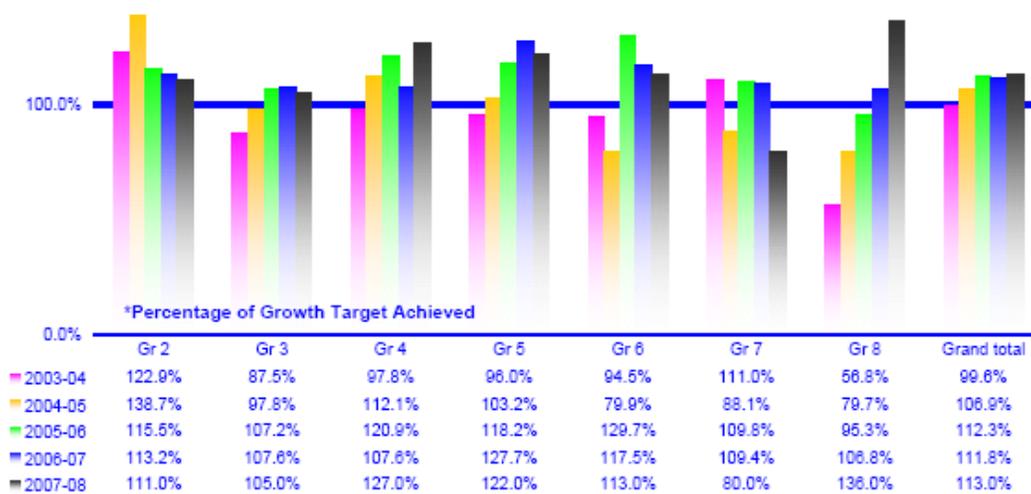
# 2007-2008 NWEA RIT Scores Show Growth Target Achieved

These graphs represent the percent of the growth target achieved by School City of Hobart for the 2007-2008 school year. An example of interpreting follows: A group that achieved 110% of its target would have growth that exceeds its collective RIT range growth norm by 10%. A group that achieved 85% of its target would have growth that fell short of its RIT range norm by 15%. Success can be measured by growth!

NWEA Fall to Spring Growth Reading



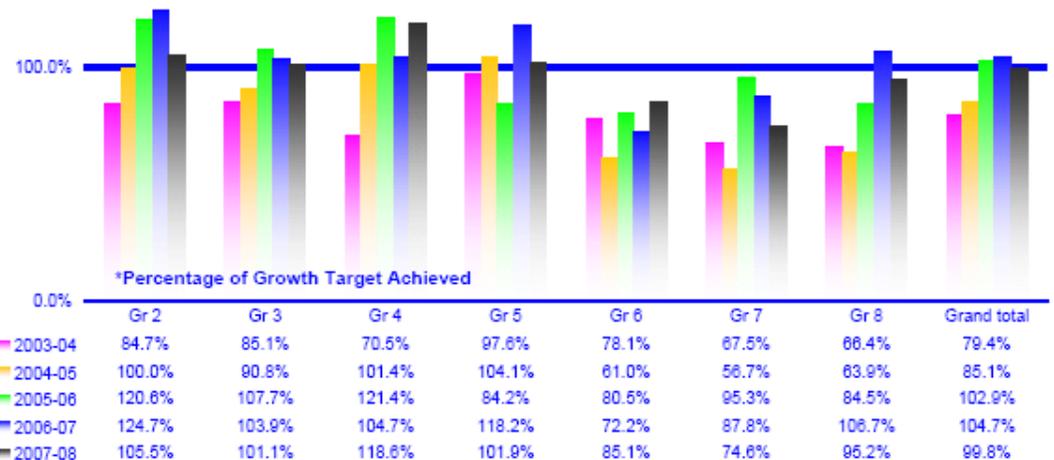
NWEA Fall to Spring Growth Language Usage



*Reading – The district exceeded targeted growth achieved in grades 2 and 4-6. The district exceeded targeted growth overall by 8% in grades 2-8.*

*Language – The district exceeded targeted growth in grades 2-6, and 8. The district exceeded targeted growth overall by 13% in grades 2-8.*

NWEA Fall to Spring Growth Mathematics



*Math – The district exceeded targeted growth achieved in grades 2-5. The district scored 99.8% if rounded up to 100% to meet targeted growth overall in grades 2-8.*

# Super Kid Community at Joan Martin: A School Within a School

This school year Joan Martin Elementary will begin a pilot program for forming Small Learning Communities within the school. Another way of stating this is, Joan Martin will start a smaller school within the big school. Research has shown that achievement and social skills improve in smaller school settings. The goal is to increase academic success and relationships by creating a small school setting for the Joan Martin students. Many teachers have moved rooms to make room for this Small Learning Community called the Super Kid Community. The community will include one second, third, fourth and two fifth grade classes.

Why are we piloting a Small Learning Community? This model allows teachers across grade levels to collaborate and share instructional techniques. It also provides an opportunity for students in other grade levels to work together and collaborate. Not all children perform academically at grade-level; some students perform below while some students perform above grade level. The community environment helps teachers to share remediation and enrichment ideas that will help provide appropriate instruction for the students at all grade levels.

This year the interaction and relationships between different grade level students will be monitored closely. It has been proven that when children are set up to be role models, they rise to the occasion, and the Small Learning Community will provide an opportunity for older students to be role models for the younger students. Research also shows that Small Learning Communities provide an opportunity for improved relationships between students and teachers, which leads to increased achievement.

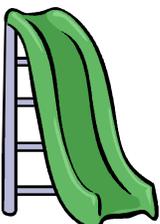
All the students at Joan Martin Elementary will continue to have interaction with their grade level friends at recess and lunch. The teachers will continue to meet on a regular basis to plan lessons and activities within their own grade levels as well so that instruction is shared within grade levels and across grade levels.

The success of the Small Learning Community will be monitored through academic achievement, behavioral data, and input from teachers, students and parents. If interested, you can stay updated on the Small Learning Community pilot by visiting the Joan Martin web site through the district's web site at [www.hobart.k12.in.us](http://www.hobart.k12.in.us).

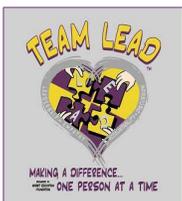


## Liberty Elementary is Bringing Families Back Into School

Liberty Families gathered together for an evening of food and fun at their annual Taste of Liberty event last Friday night! Liberty PTO considers this event a “kick-off” for the new school year. Each grade level participated in running their own food booth and the PTO had several other booths such as colored hair spraying, a wooden jail, music, an 18ft. inflatable slide and much, much more. Families spent the evening enjoying each booth and participating in the many raffles sponsored by community businesses. The Liberty PTO sponsors this event and allows each grade level to keep the money they raised throughout the evening. Families also enjoyed meeting their new principal, Mrs. Sara Gutierrez.



Liberty has made it their goal to bring families together and bring them back into the school by promoting and holding family oriented events and activities throughout the year. Some of the family events being planned are Family Reading Night, Family Movie Night held at the Portage 16 Imax, and Fun Fair.



# TEAM LEAD Receives a Citizenship Award

Members of Team LEAD, a leadership and mentor program, were the recipients of the second Citizenship Award presented by the School City of Hobart Board of Trustees. In addition to highlighting achievements on the elementary, middle, and high school levels, each student and adult mentor were honored with a certificate. Team LEAD's goal is to help one person at a time. The students' certificates reflected the ideals of Team LEAD.



*The Power of One.... The little things you do each day have the power to affect a great many people. You inspire us with your willingness and ability to help others. You take on the world, one day at a time, continuously searching for a way to make things better, seizing the opportunity to improve everyday life. You make a world of difference!*



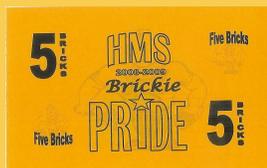
The scope and sequence of the Team LEAD program became much clearer to the audience during the award ceremony. One parent summed up the presentations: "...the Team LEAD presentations left me feeling WOW! Both (of my children) are part of Team LEAD, but it was so important to see how it all fits together. Last night made me review what I want in my professional life – that feeling of making a difference with a purpose."



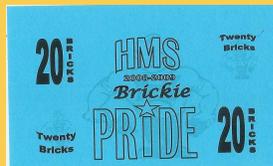
# Brickie Pride

## Hobart Middle School

Brickie "PRIDE" is a Positive Behavior Intervention System (PBIS) that is being implemented at Hobart Middle School for the 2008-2009 school year. In May of this year, a group of middle school teachers and administrators attended a PBIS seminar at Indiana University in Gary, Indiana. This group of teachers and administrators presented the information to the entire HMS staff at their next faculty meeting. The faculty decided on four behaviors that they wanted all of their students and staff to display on a daily basis. This is where "PRIDE" was derived from. The five behaviors that all students and staff are expected to display are "Prepared, Respect, Integrity, Disciplined, and Effort." When students go above and beyond these behaviors, they can earn a "Brickie Buck". The students are allowed to use their "Brickie Bucks" for different rewards throughout the school year. Some examples of the rewards that can be bought with the "Brickie Bucks" include going to lunch early, playing in a faculty versus student volleyball game, gaining an extra pass, and additional awards announced throughout the school year. Along with Brickie "PRIDE", the students are watching short movie clips that focus on character education in their seminar advisory classes. These movie clips help the students to develop the lifeskills that will make them responsible citizens. Brickie "PRIDE" has been well accepted by the students and faculty of Hobart Middle School.



**R**espect



**I**ntegrity

**D**isciplined



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# EXTRA, EXTRA!

## George Earle and Ridge View Providing Reading and Math Support

Ridge View and George Earle are sister schools in many ways. They are both smaller schools with dedicated staff members and awesome students. Both have Title I/Staff Developers and paraprofessionals that provide “**Extra, Extra**” support in reading and math to promote higher student achievement.

Here is what parents are saying about the “**Extra, Extra**” Title 1 support:

“It is a great program, it is a small group or a “one on one” program that helps kids who need it. I love the teachers who really care, put in the extra time, and work with the children on an individual basis. We are lucky to have the program at our school,” said LaShawn Perryman and Sheila Brownfield.

Ridge View and George Earle teachers personalize learning for students in many ways. They monitor and encourage learning by:

- Teaching students in small ability groups
- Conferring with students one on one
- Supporting students in the classroom setting
- Assessing reading levels
- Providing “just right” books
- Communicating with parents



## Looking for a way to help? Here are a couple of ideas.....

### The School City of Hobart Educational Foundation, Inc.

is an independent, not-for-profit organization that continues to fund innovative educational initiatives in the Hobart Schools. You can support them in the following ways:

- Purchase an Education license plate and designate the School City of Hobart as the recipient.
- Each year at Christmas time and during National Teacher Week in May, you can *Honor an Educator* with a donation to the Foundation in his or her name. The Foundation notifies the educator of the gift.
- Make a donation directly to: The School City of Hobart Educational Foundation, Inc. 🍎

Consider making a contribution to the permanent endowment. Call 219-942-8885 or check out the Foundation’s web site at <http://www.hobart.k12.in.us> and then click on Community.

### Brickie Pride Campus Beautification

The School City of Hobart envisions a living testament to our commitment of academic excellence and invites the community to participate in a program called “*Brickie Pride Campus Beautification.*”

Whether you would like to donate a monetary gift for campus beautification at the new high school or be a visitor, please know that the gift of TIME to support and assist the high school with so many of its endeavors is of equal or greater value.

For more information contact Rachel Nicoloff at 219-942-8885 or [rnicoloff@hobart.k12.in.us](mailto:rnicoloff@hobart.k12.in.us)



### AHERA

In accordance with the provisions of the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), the School City of Hobart hereby provides annual notification to occupants of our buildings and to the community of the availability of the Asbestos Inspections and Management Plan for review. Extensive asbestos inspections and testing procedures have been conducted and the findings indicate that, although some asbestos has been detected, we do not have a substantial problem. The inspections are made in order to determine that safe conditions exist at all locations. The management plan may be reviewed anytime during regular school hours. A copy may be found in the principal’s office at each school or in the Office of Support Services.

Another provision of the regulation is to inform workers and building occupants of asbestos inspections, response actions, and post-response action activities. Inspections and periodic surveillance are conducted twice each year. No abatement or response actions are planned at any school at this time.

Any questions regarding the plan should be directed to the Support Services Office at 219-947-2413.

### NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND/NOTICE TO PARENTS Professional Qualifications of Teachers

As a parent/guardian of a student in the School City of Hobart, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the teachers who instruct your child. Federal law allows you to ask for certain information about your child’s classroom teachers, and requires us to give you this information in a timely manner. Specifically, you have the right to ask for the following information about each of your child’s classroom teachers:

- Whether the Indiana Department of Education has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.
- Whether the Indiana Department of Education has decided that the teacher can teach in a classroom without being licensed or qualified under state regulations because of special circumstances.
- The teacher’s college major; whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and, if so, the subject of the degrees.
- Whether any teachers’ aides or similar paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications.

If you would like to receive any of this information, please call Dr. James Thorne, Assistant Superintendent, at 219-942-8885.



# Rescue Technology Class Uses September 11<sup>th</sup> as a Lesson Plan

The Rescue Technology/Fire Science class located at Hobart High School spent two days before September 11<sup>th</sup> studying the lessons learned from 9/11. Students discussed the events of September 11<sup>th</sup> and learned how the lessons of that tragic day can be applied to their own lives. Each student contributed amazing insight into such values as service to others, caring for your neighbors, making your life an example to others, and choosing to do the right thing when courage and circumstances come together. EMS Director/Class Instructor, Robert Lamprecht, was almost left speechless when they expressed how it is possible to be scared and still be courageous. The students realized that doing the right thing is seldom the easy thing.

On September 11<sup>th</sup>, the class walked to the Doughboy Monument and participated in the 9/11 memorial ceremony. JROTC and Civil Air Patrol students in the class wore their class A uniforms. Many other students came in dress clothes. One particular student (Leslie Cook, PHS) attended basic training this past summer and is currently active in the Army. Pictured below is the class at attention in front of an emergency rescue vehicle during the program.



City councilmen, business leaders and citizens came across the street to find out who the students were. The students spoke with these citizens in the most professional, courteous, and respectful manner. In honor of the 9/11 deceased and survivors, the students decided amongst themselves to walk in formation back to the high school.



**The Emergency Rescue  
Technology Academy  
has an ambulance for  
simulated exercises.**

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!



October 17 Brickie Bowl's Last Dance	October 18 <b>Murder Mystery Dinner Vampire Land Challenge</b> There is a limit on tickets so please call Mrs. Cathy Nelson at 942-8521 ext. 333 to reserve yours!		November 13, 14, 15, 16 The HHS Theatre Department Presents <b>TWELFTH NIGHT by William Shakespeare</b> Call Mrs. Cathy Nelson at 942-8521 ext 333	
November 19 Liberty Family Reading Night	November 20 JM PTO & 3rd Grade Performance 6:30 pm	November 22 HS Band Concert HS Auditorium 7:00 pm	December 3 MS Choral Holiday Concert HS Auditorium 7:00 pm	December 9 Ridge View 2nd & 3rd Gr. Music Program 10:00 am
December 10 JM PTO & 2nd Grade Performance 6:30 pm	December 11 MS Band Concert HS Auditorium 7:00 pm	December 14 New HHS Dedication Ceremony 2-6 pm	Liberty Holiday Musicals Dec 16-K & 1st Dec 17-2nd & 3rd Dec 18-4th & 5th	December 18 HS Choir Concert HS Auditorium 7:00 pm

# INSERT TO FOLLOW

- Brickie Bowl's  
Last Dance
- The new HHS  
Dedication Ceremony

# Brickie Bowl's Last Dance 2008



WELCOME TO BRICKIE BOWL			
STATE CHAMPIONS			
1987	1989	1991	1993
STATE FINALISTS		SEMI-STATE CHAMPIONS	
1979	1980	1982	1984
1985	1990	1996	
1979	1980	1982	1984
1985	1987	1989	
1990	1991	1993	1996
REGIONAL CHAMPIONS		SECTIONAL CHAMPIONS	
1979-1985	1987	1989	1990
1991	1992		
1993	1995	1996	
DUNELAND CONFERENCE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS			
1972	1973	1978-1987	1989
1990	1993	1996	1997



Please join in the festivities celebrating the rich tradition of Hobart Football as we play the last home game at Brickie Bowl.

**When:** Friday, October 17th

**Tailgate Chicken Dinner:**

Starting at 5:00 p.m., join us for fun and spirit behind the bleachers at Brickie Bowl. Tickets and additional information are available at the HHS Athletic Office.

**Pre-Game:** At 6:30 p.m. calling all past players, cheerleaders, trainers, and managers from the decades to meet in the east end zone.

**Half-time:** Calling past band and color guard members to perform at half-time. Contact Brian Grenier at 942-8521 \*847.

**Post-Game:** Reflections from Coach Tom Kerr and a Fireworks Celebration



*Once A Brickie, Always A Brickie*

**Hobart Football Boosters**



# Come Celebrate the Opening of the New Hobart High School!



## You are cordially invited to the Dedication Ceremony of Hobart High School

December 14, 2008

2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Hobart High School Gym

Open House to Follow

3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Building tours, music and refreshments will be provided.



Aerial of the untouched 85 acres 2006



Groundbreaking April 19, 2006

***E** DUCATING  
future generations*

***D** ISCOVERING  
new knowledge*

***I** NNOVATING  
through learning*

***S** ERVING  
the community of Hobart*



Locker Bays and Student Entry 2008



Stadium Home Side 2008