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# Howard-Suamico School District NEWSLETTER

November 2014

## VISION:

The Howard-Suamico School District will excel in developing productive, responsible, civic-minded adults who prosper and serve.

## MISSION:

The mission of the Howard-Suamico School District is to work together with families and community to ensure that our students have the knowledge and skills to succeed in a changing world.

## BELIEF STATEMENTS:

- Every student has the right to learn.
- Instruction must be rigorous and relevant.
- Purposeful assessment drives instruction and affects learning.
- Learning is a personal and collaborative responsibility.
- Students bring strengths and experiences to learning.
- Responsive environments engage learners.

Favor de contactar a Veronica Zarate al (920) 662-9751, si usted requiere alguna información traducida en español.

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## The Power of Giving Thanks



**Damian LaCroix,**  
Superintendent

In her book, *One Thousand Gifts: A Dare to Live Fully Right Where You Are*, author Ann Voskamp challenges the reader to think differently during this holiday season, saying, “Eucharist—thanksgiving—always precedes the miracle.” The Thanksgiving holiday remains one of my personal favorites because it causes me to dwell on the many blessings I enjoy as a citizen of this nation. Today I am thankful for the sacrifices of so many which have contributed to our success in the Howard-Suamico School District.

Excellence is always intentional and requires an investment. We are now a nationally-recognized school system with eight schools and approximately 6,000 students. Our staff and students benefit from the service of over 3,000 district volunteers who put in countless hours in our schools and classrooms to support learning and achievement. Relatedly, fans of athletics and the arts support our students, who devote considerable time on the practice fields and in rehearsal rooms, by attending games and concerts. Financial support from community members and local businesses enriches our students’ experience, expands our faculty and staff resources, and enhances our facilities. As profiled in the October issue of *Money Magazine*, the best places to live in America also happen to have high quality public education systems like ours. Finally, the *Giving Tree* and its benefactors assist families in our villages with school supplies, food, and other needed resources.

I am grateful that community pride in our children and schools is evident. For example, in a recent community survey, more than 95 percent of respondents graded HSSD with an “A” or “B” rating. Moreover, the success of our students is notable. Bay Port High School led the area with an average ACT score of 23.8 - an accomplishment that reflects well on the efforts of all our students and staff, from 4K-to-graduation. Of our graduates, more than 90 percent pursue college options or the military. In recently attending the annual Green Bay Chamber of Commerce dinner event, I was honored to sit near a table of four Bay Port parents, all of whom have sons currently serving as Navy Seals, the most elite branch of the armed services.

Please join me in pausing, reflecting and offering thanks on November 27 for our abundant blessings. In doing so, may we cultivate a perpetual attitude of gratitude for the many miracles found all around us.

**Your Partner in Education,**  
**Damian LaCroix, Superintendent of Schools**

Consider following Damian LaCroix on Twitter at @DLHSSD1

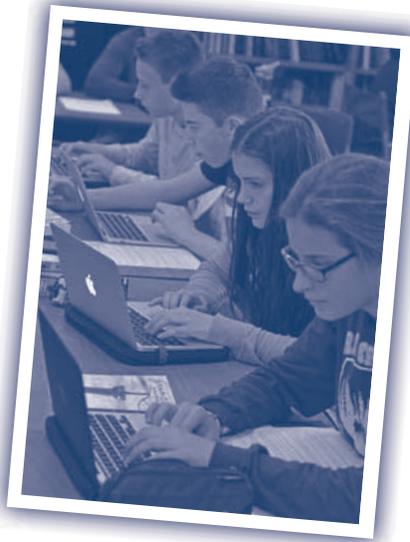


# Wisconsin District and School Performance Reports

Each year, DPI provides public performance reports for all public schools and districts in Wisconsin. The reports each address sections of state or federal reporting requirements. All reports – and the many

and varied indicators contained within – should be considered when reviewing a school or district’s annual progress. While some of the same data appears in multiple reports, each serves a

distinct purpose under state and federal education laws. You can view the School Performance Report at <http://www.hssd.k12.wi.us> under information, and select School Performance Report. A paper copy is available by calling 920-662-7713.



# Bay Port’s Stadium Among 15 NFL Grant Winners

The Howard-Suamico School District was named among 15 winners of a National Football League Foundation Grassroots Program grant for field renovation of the Bay Port High School athletic field, from a natural grass field to a synthetic turf surface.

“We are thrilled to be selected by the NFL for this opportunity,” said HSSD Superintendent Damian LaCroix. “To be one of only 15 grant honorees nationwide is a testament to the work of our staff and supporters in preparing a compelling application. The new turf field will have a positive impact on many community youth sports programs beyond Bay Port athletics.”

The NFL grant award, presented to the district in July and totaling \$200,000, stipulated matching local funds from the district. Ongoing financial support from Bellin Health, Festival Foods and the Bay Port High School athletics booster club made up the remainder of the renovation costs.



# State Report Card



The State report cards released September 16, 2014 by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) show the Howard-Suamico School District (HSSD) exceeds expectations with a score of 76.1. HSSD has been rated “exceeds expectations” in both years of DPI district reporting.

On the Wisconsin DPI report card, Bay Port High School achieved its highest score in three years, 77.2 rated: “exceeds expectations.” For the third straight year, Suamico Elementary School, rated 84.5 “significantly exceeds expectations.” Howard Elementary School increased its Wisconsin DPI report card score for the third straight year, earning an 83.8 score this year, rated: “significantly exceeds expectations.”

For more information on the Wisconsin DPI school report cards, visit:

<http://reportcards.dpi.wi.gov>

**Coffee with Superintendent Damian LaCroix**

**Fri., Dec. 12 – 7 a.m. Townline Restaurant**

Meet the Superintendent and engage in a community conversation.

**Questions? 662-7709**

## 4-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN

# Howard & Suamico 4K



**Jennifer Trudell,**  
4K Coordinator

The month of October in the 4K (4-Year-Old Kindergarten) classrooms found students enjoying nature in their new shiny muddy buddy rain coats, not letting a little mist slow down the learning process. The children found worms, bright blue fungus and the tallest tree in the world, walked on logs and talked about what might be living in the big hole. They carved pumpkins and made applesauce, too.

If you would like to learn more about the Howard & Suamico 4K Community Collaborative, visit

[www.hssd.k12.wi.us/4K](http://www.hssd.k12.wi.us/4K) or contact Jennifer Trudell, 4K Coordinator at [jenntrud@hssd.k12.wi.us](mailto:jenntrud@hssd.k12.wi.us) (920) 662-7941.



*4K Cuddle Care with new muddy buddy raincoats having fun in rain and nature.*



*4K The Shepherd's Kids learn about grinding and mixing seeds and spices*



*4K KinderCare reading buddies sharing the book "I Love My Hair."*

## Early Childhood

*Ephram and Grace, students in Jackie Korsdasiewicz's Early Childhood class, experiment with a sensory art activity involving finger painting with Karo syrup to make shiny apples during their "All about Apples" unit.*



## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

# Business Services



**Betty Zimdars,**  
Assistant  
Superintendent

■ Equalized tax rate is \$9.30. Equalized taxes on a \$150,000 home are approximately \$1,395 annually.

■ **ENERGY STAR AWARDS** – Bay Port High School and Bay Harbor Elementary School (annual savings of \$100,000 in energy projects).



## Pupil Services



**Jerry Wieland,**  
Assistant  
Superintendent

The influenza and respiratory illness season has started. Enterovirus D68 (EV-D68) is a respiratory illness now present in 12 states and reported recently in the media. While the EV-D68 is not a new virus, it is uncommon, causes respiratory illness, and has the ability to become severe in certain individuals. Both viruses (EV-D68 and influenza) typically peak in fall.

Currently, there is no vaccine available to prevent the

EV-D68 infections. There are yearly vaccines available for influenza; parents should contact their family physician or the Brown County Health Department to set up an appointment for vaccination.

If a family member develops respiratory virus symptoms, the individual should stay home until the worst of the symptoms have subsided and fever is gone for 24 hours without the use of medications. Parents should consult with a physician regarding



ongoing health concerns and **report to the emergency room if a family member has difficulty breathing.**

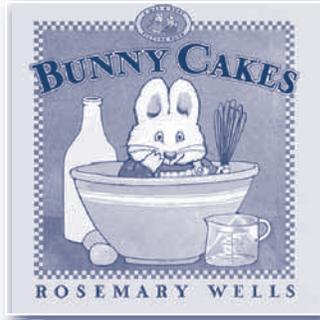
For additional information, visit the Howard-Suamico School Nurse web page which has information on health resources as well as communicable diseases at

[www.hssdschoolnursewebly.com](http://www.hssdschoolnursewebly.com) or visit [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) and enter EV-D68. For further information, parents may call the Brown County Health Department at (920) 448-6400.



# Read for the Record

Over 450 4K and elementary school children participated in the National Read for the Record October 21. Most classrooms used the eBook version of *Bunny Cakes* by Rosemary Wells while some had guest readers.



*Mrs. Sorenson, Principal from Forest Glen Elementary School, was a guest reader in the 4K classroom at Cuddle Care.*



*Supt. Damian LaCroix reads to 4th graders at Howard Elementary School.*



# At-A-Glance HSSD Calendar December 2014-March 2015

Calendar events and school lunch menus are available on Google Calendar and the HSSD mobile app. The Howard-Suamico School District Mobile App is available for the iPhone, iPad, and Android devices in both the iTunes App Store and also on Google Play. The app can also be downloaded from our website at: [www.hssd.k12.wi.us](http://www.hssd.k12.wi.us).



**December** 12 K-4 Early Release Day 1:20 p.m.  
24-31 **NO SCHOOL** – Winter Break

**January** 1-2 **NO SCHOOL** – Winter Break  
05 School Resumes  
16 K-4 Early Release Day 1:20 p.m.  
22 Second Quarter Ends  
23 **NO SCHOOL**

**February** 06 K-12 Early Release Day  
Grades K-4 – 1:20 p.m.  
Grades 5-6 – 1:08 p.m.  
Grades 7-12 – 12:35 p.m.  
12 Parent/Teacher Conferences  
17 Parent/Teacher Conferences  
20 **NO SCHOOL**

**March** 13 K-4 Early Release Day 1:20 p.m.  
27 Third Quarter Ends  
30-April 6 **NO SCHOOL** – Spring Break

# Holiday Concerts



## BP PAC - Bay Port High School Performing Arts Center

|       |                          |   |        |
|-------|--------------------------|---|--------|
| 11/24 | BV Winter Choir Concert  | 7:00 p.m.   | BP PAC |
| 12/1  | FG Winter Concert        | Kindergarten 5:30 p.m.<br>1st Grade 6:30 p.m.                     | BP PAC |
| 12/2  | BP Bands Holiday Concert | 7:30 p.m.   | BP PAC |
| 12/4  | BH Holiday Concert       | 9:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.   | BH     |
|       | HO Winter Concert        | 9:30 a.m. & 1:45 p.m.   | HO     |
|       | FG Winter Concert        | 2nd Grade 5:30 p.m.<br>3rd Grade 6:30 p.m.<br>4th Grade 7:30 p.m. | BP PAC |
| 12/8  | MB Holiday Concert       | Kindergarten 5:00 p.m.<br>1st Grade 6:00 p.m.                     | BP PAC |
| 12/9  | BV Bands Holiday Concert | 8th Grade 7:30 p.m.   | BP PAC |
| 12/11 | MB Holiday Concert       | 2nd Grade 5:00 p.m.<br>3rd Grade 6:00 p.m.<br>4th Grade 7:00 p.m. | BP PAC |

|       |                              |  |        |
|-------|------------------------------|--|--------|
| 12/16 | LV Band Holiday Concerts     | 5th Grade 6:00 p.m.<br>6th Grade 7:00 p.m. | LV Gym |
| 12/18 | SU Holiday Concert           | 9:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.                      | SU     |
|       | BP Orchestra Holiday Concert | 7:00 p.m.                                  | BP PAC |

## 2015

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|------|-----------------------------|--|--|
| 1/17 | LV Orchestra Solo Recital   | 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.                       | UWGB Weidner Ctr.,<br>Fort Howard Hall |
| 1/19 | BP Winter Choral Concert    | 7:00 p.m.                                  | BP PAC                                 |
| 1/20 | BV Winter Orchestra Concert | 7:00 p.m.                                  | BV Auditorium                          |
| 1/22 | LV Choir Concert            | 5th Grade 6:30 p.m.<br>6th Grade 7:45 p.m. | BP PAC                                 |
| 2/14 | HSSD Music Festival         | 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.                        | BV                                     |

# You & Youth

**Volunteer & Community Involvement Program**

Howard-Suamico School District



**Diane Schmidtke,  
Volunteer &  
Community  
Involvement  
Coordinator**

Thank you for a great start to the school year! Each day brings new volunteers, both individuals and businesses, into the schools. Our thirty-five first semester Junior Achievement classrooms are all staffed; many reading/math tutors are placed; and a number of new business partnerships have been created.

We are always in need of additional tutors and welcome opportunities to interact with area businesses. To volunteer, donate to any project, or provide business opportunities for our students, please contact Diane Schmidtke at 662-8186 or e-mail [dianschm@hssd.k12.wi.us](mailto:dianschm@hssd.k12.wi.us).

Do you need to update your on-line volunteer profile? Go to the volunteer web page – [www.hssd.k12.wi.us/Volunteer](http://www.hssd.k12.wi.us/Volunteer) -- and click on "How to update your on-line application" in the left-hand column or e-mail Diane Schmidtke at [dianschm@hssd.k12.wi.us](mailto:dianschm@hssd.k12.wi.us) with the schools you wish to be registered with.



*Parent volunteer Sue Reinholtz and Festival Foods volunteer Haley Hanson get set to start the adult trike races during the NFL Fuel Up to Play 60 kickoff event organized by the physical education teachers at Bay View. The adult trikes were provided by Jake's Jumpers.*



*Dr. Matthew LeMay, Harmony Point Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine, discusses his career field during Mrs. Swinford's Science Career Fair held at Bay View.*

## Howard-Suamico Board of Education Meetings

Meetings are held in the Forum Room, Bay Port High School, 2710 Lineville Rd., 6 p.m.

|                          |                       |                      |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>December 15, 2014</b> | <b>March 9, 2015</b>  | <b>May 11, 2015</b>  |
| <b>January 12, 2015</b>  | <b>March 23, 2015</b> | <b>June 8, 2015</b>  |
| <b>January 26, 2015</b>  | <b>April 13, 2015</b> | <b>June 22, 2015</b> |
| <b>February 16, 2015</b> | <b>April 27, 2015</b> |                      |

## Speak Up 2014 Survey

Survey is open through December 19, 2014 at:  
[www.speakup4schools.org/speakup2014](http://www.speakup4schools.org/speakup2014)



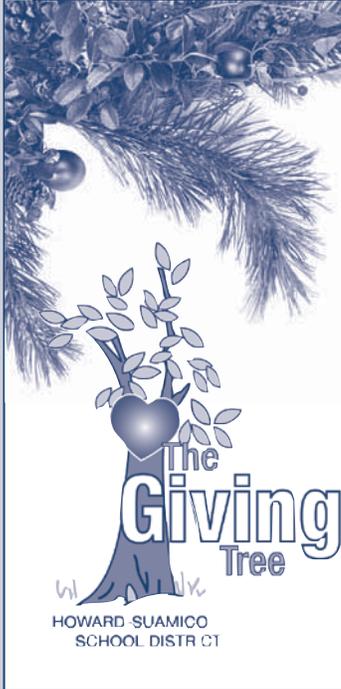
The feedback we received from students, parents, staff, and community members who participated in the Speak Up Surveys for the past two years have helped the District Digital Learning Transformation. Join the conversation about the use of technology for learning through Speak Up National Research Project.

The Speak Up National Research Project annually polls K-12 students, parents and educators about the role of technology for learning in and out of school and represents the largest collection of authentic, unfiltered stakeholder voice on digital learning. Since 2003, over 3.4 million K-12 students, parents, teachers, librarians, principals, technology leaders and district administrators have shared their views and ideas through Speak Up. Data findings are shared each year with federal, state and local policymakers to inform education programs, policies and funding.

## The HOWARD-SUAMICO COMMUNITY POOL is CLOSED for remodeling!



# Our Community



**THE GIVING TREE  
Holiday Store**

**We are very excited to bring back  
The Giving Tree Holiday Store this  
holiday season!**

*The Giving Tree* Holiday Store, located at Green Bay Community Church, will again accept gift donations that allow moms and dads from *The Giving Tree* and other pre-selected families in need from the community to shop for their own children at costs that are affordable. The money collected from these families will be donated back to *The Giving Tree* to continue to fulfill its mission.

How can you help the almost 600 students in our district whose families are registered with *The Giving Tree*? Complete the form available at <http://www.hssd.k12.wi.us/GivingTree>

## Crime Prevention

The Howard-Suamico School District donated \$1,000 of the gate receipts from the October 10, 2014 Bay Port football game to the Crime Prevention Foundation of Brown County.

The Crime Prevention Foundation benefits a number of programs including DARE, Neighborhood Watch, Crime Stoppers, and has given back over \$145,000 in grants toward crime prevention efforts throughout the County.

Howard-Suamico has made the annual donation since 2008 and has given a total of \$7,000 to the Foundation.



Howard-Suamico representatives, Activities Director, Otis Chambers, and Superintendent Damian LaCroix present the donation to Brown County Crime Prevention Foundation Board members, Sheriff John Gossage and Bay View Middle School Principal, Steve Meyers.

## Food Services



**Kari Alvey,  
Food Service  
Manager**

The Howard-Suamico School District's lunch program has been including farm-fresh foods in the lunch line to encourage students to eat more fruits and vegetables. The Food Service team also collaborated with area school food service workers in a recent workshop on processing locally-purchased produce for use in school meal programs.



## EMERGENCY CLOSINGS AND DELAYS

*Inclement weather may necessitate the closing or delay of schools. Please listen to local radio or television stations for school closings or delays.*

*Such weather may also deter students from going outside during the school day. Please be sure that students are dressed appropriately for the weather. In addition to local radio and television, weather conditions can be checked on-line at*

[www.hssd.k12.wi.us](http://www.hssd.k12.wi.us).

*Click on the Wunderground link for local weather conditions and forecasts.*



# IT'S ALL GOOD - *Highlights & Accomplishments*

## Bay Harbor Elementary School



The bess beetles and pill bugs arrived at Bay Harbor Elementary School in Mrs. Rosenthal's first grade class. The students are learning about organisms through the Einstein Project science kit. They build terrariums for their beetles and pill bugs, aquariums for the guppies and snails, and build community through teamwork activities. The students are observing and learning about these organisms hands-on.

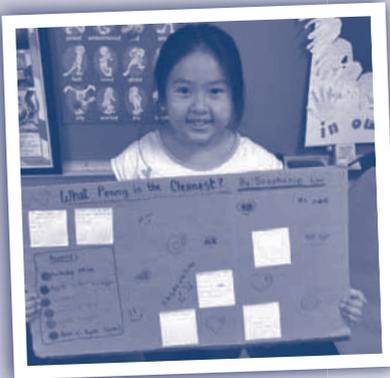


## Forest Glen Elementary School

Sara Hawker's 4th grade class at Forest Glen used the **Explain Everything™** app to make questions for the government unit and study for their test.



## Howard Elementary School



Vonnie Voight's Howard Elementary 4th graders learned about a scientific method using PHEOC, an acronym for **PROBLEM**: Scientists start with a problem and form a question from the problem. **HYPOTHESIS**: Scientists make a scientific prediction about the results of an experiment. **EXPERIMENT**: Scientists make a plan to solve the problem and put it into action. **OBSERVATION**: As the experiment is taking place, a scientist will watch what happens and take notes on what is happening. **CONCLUSION**: After the experiment is over, scientists make a final statement about the results.

**Fall In Love With Reading**  
Howard Elementary 4th graders used a Schoology course to follow some reading links and share with their parents and classmates about different reading strategies being used in the classroom during the Fall "in love" with Reading Night held on October 10.

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## Meadowbrook Elementary School

Meadowbrook Elementary had 188 students participate in the Walk to School Event. During an all school assembly students from Mrs. Crabb's, Mrs. Style's and Ms. Heim's classes spoke about the benefits of walking. Students compiled research on exercise as well as what Live54218, the sponsor of Walk to School, stood for. The students presented their researched facts to the rest of the students at the assembly and some students did a graphing project using foot prints that walkers signed when they arrived at school. These footprints can now be found hanging all around school.



Third-grade students at Meadowbrook Elementary School recently put a creative twist on their book reports. Instead of writing about their book, students were able to turn an ordinary pumpkin into an extraordinary character from their book. After reading a book of choice, they chose a character, incorporated writing using the beginning, middle and end of the story as well as highlighting character traits. The pumpkin project was the culmination of the whole character trait unit.



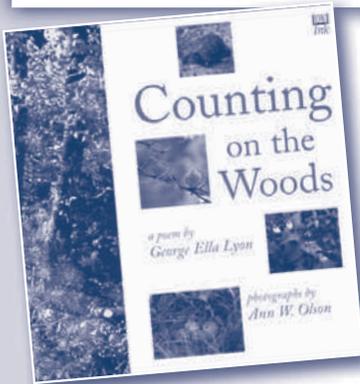
Mrs. Tousignant's 3rd graders learn about phases of the moon.



Meadowbrook Elementary School 4th graders are making flashlights as part of their science electricity unit.

# IT'S ALL GOOD – *Highlights & Accomplishments*

## Suamico Elementary School



Suamico Elementary 1st graders read “Counting on the Woods” by George Ella Lyon and later explored the school forest to create their own digital version taking pictures of objects found in the woods. They wrote

a sentence using a number word and describing word about their picture and recorded their voices while reading the book.



October was Fire Safety/Prevention month and the Suamico Fire Fighters visited 1st graders to discuss fire safety. Mrs. Lisa Hallam, teacher, tries on a firefighter’s suit.

## Lineville Intermediate School



Lineville Intermediate 5th graders took a field trip to 1000 Islands Nature Center in Kaukauna.



Foreign exchange students from Hamburg, Germany shared their life in Germany with 6th graders at Lineville Intermediate School.

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## Bay View Middle School



Mr. Kelly is using JA (Junior Achievement) Finance Park with his 7th graders. It is a personal finance simulation where students learn about financial institutions, savings, investing, and spending. During the online exercise, students receive a fictional life situation that spells out their gross annual income, age, marital status, and number of children. They use this information to make choices in seventeen budget categories ranging from housing to transportation to groceries to entertainment and much more.

Bay View Middle School SWAG (Student Wellness Awareness Group) was awarded \$1000 from Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board to assist them with physical activity and healthy eating projects.



Bay View Middle School was recognized as a National "Let's Move Active School" and received a grant for \$1000 to put toward heart rate monitors.



The students in Mrs. Schmol's 8th grade Apollo House Pre-Algebra II classes used their iPads to watch, at their own pace, videos on different strategies used to solve proportional relationships.

# IT'S ALL GOOD - *Highlights & Accomplishments*

## Bay Port High School



International Baccalaureate Program (IB) Visual Arts student Marshall on the potter's wheel. IB is an international organization helping schools world-wide create a rigorous pre-college academic program with a truly international perspective. Check out the many educational opportunities our IB program at Bay Port has to offer.



Mr. Stubbe's Biology students measured trees during class to determine the value of the ecosystem services they provide. These include increased property values, electricity saved from shading the building, storm/water interception, air purification, etc.



Shaquinn and Alex, Bay Port High School Biotechnology students in Ms. Barnes' Agriculture class, make models of DNA before collecting their own.



Caitlin, Grade 10, and Sam, Grade 9, are building a robotic arm while in Mr. Vander Velden's Robotics class.

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