

HUNTINGDON AREA HIGH SCHOOL

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"ALL LEARNERS, ALL FUTURES"

To: Learners, Parents, and Guardians
From: Mr. Travis R. Lee, High School Principal
Re: HAHS School Update
Date: May 10, 2021

Greetings HAHS Bearcat Families!

Please see below for updates and reminders as we move into the final weeks of the school year. With just over four weeks left in the school year, it's important for our learners to continue to focus and complete this challenging year on a positive note. We can then all look forward to an enjoyable summer and some well deserved rest!

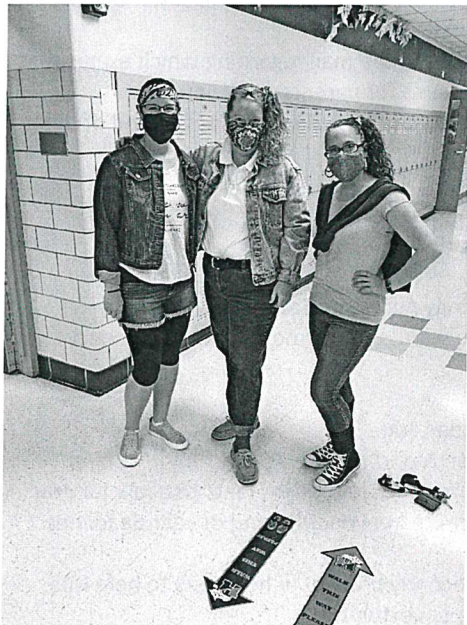
Notes and Updates:

- **Teacher Appreciation Week!**
 - Last week was Teacher Appreciation Week! Our teachers at HAHS have done a phenomenal job continuing to support our learners and to keep learning moving forward throughout the pandemic. They deserve more than a week of recognition, but it's still nice to dedicate time to show them our appreciation
 - Teachers at HAHS had themed dress down days - see the ADDENDUM for pictures!
 - As part of Teacher Appreciation week, **Nurse's Day was celebrated on Thursday, May 6.** Thanks to Mrs. Hiquet and Mrs. Tharp for the care and support that they provide to our learners!
- **Keystone Exams**
 - The spring Keystone Exams are next week. The Literature Exam will be on Tuesday, May 18, Algebra I on Wednesday, May 19, and Biology on Thursday, May 20
 - Learners taking the exams received individualized letters in the mail regarding which exams that they will be taking, as well as information about the exams for parents and guardians
 - Emails with testing locations and additional info for the learners will be sent at the end of this week
- **AP Exams**
 - AP Exams began last week and will continue through Friday of this week
 - We wish all students taking the exams the best of luck!
- **Grade Review and End of Year Dates**
 - Grade deficiency notices were posted to Skyward Family Access on Saturday, May 1
 - Grades can be reviewed at any point in time using Skyward, but, the next official deficiency posting will be on Friday, April 21
 - End of Year grades
 - Grades for seniors will be finalized on Thursday, June 3
 - Grades for underclassmen will be finalized on Monday, June 7
 - It's important that learners follow teacher deadlines for assignments to allow for grading purposes. Late assignments may not be accepted beyond the end of year deadlines
- **Animal Science Activity**
 - HAHS junior and FFA vice president Kaitlynn Kester recently brought in her goats to help Mrs. Sellers' Large Animal Class. This was a great learning opportunity!
 - Please see the ADDENDUM for pictures

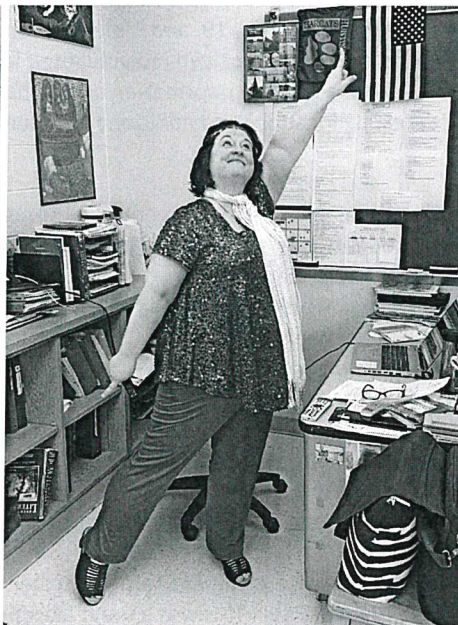
- **Environmental Science Activities**
 - The environmental ambassadors, under the guidance of Mrs. Conaway, sponsored a “Green Week,” the week of April 19 at HAHS in conjunction with Earth Day, which was Thursday, April 22.
 - Mrs. Conaway and Mr. Gabriel’s environmental science classes had a “field trip” to the HAHS front lawn and sidewalk to apply their learning to an environmental scenario. Students were led through activities by Juniata College student teachers, under the direction of Dr. Kathy Jones. Please see the ADDENDUM for pictures
- **Roses**
 - On Friday, May 7, learners were greeted with a replica rose when they entered HAHS. This act of kindness, sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Lynn and Sharon Conaway, was well received by our students. One learner was overhead in the hallway saying “wow, this is the first flower that I’ve ever received!”
 - The flowers were a great gesture, and many looked to share them with their mothers for Mother’s Day. See the ADDENDUM for a picture of the office bouquet
- **May is Mental Health Awareness Month**
 - Our County commissioners have proclaimed May to be Mental Health Awareness Month
 - Juniata Valley Behavioral and Developmental Services are sponsoring the Light the Way campaign, May 3 - May 28. Please see the ADDENDUM for additional details as this group kicks off the Out of the Darkness campaign
- **HAHS Art Alumni Recognition**
 - Shannon Harrington, Kent State University senior (HAHS Class of 2017) and Dawlton Nelson, Washington and Jefferson College senior (HAHS Class of 2017) recently completed senior projects and were recognized for their accomplishments at their respective universities. Their work stemmed from the ability to work with HAHS art staff and community partners while in high school, and from teacher professional learning experiences, to personalize and customize their art experience to align to their interests and pursuits
 - We will look to provided an overview of this experience by showing a video during our Senior Art Show on Friday, May 21

ADDENDUM

Teacher Appreciation Week Photos

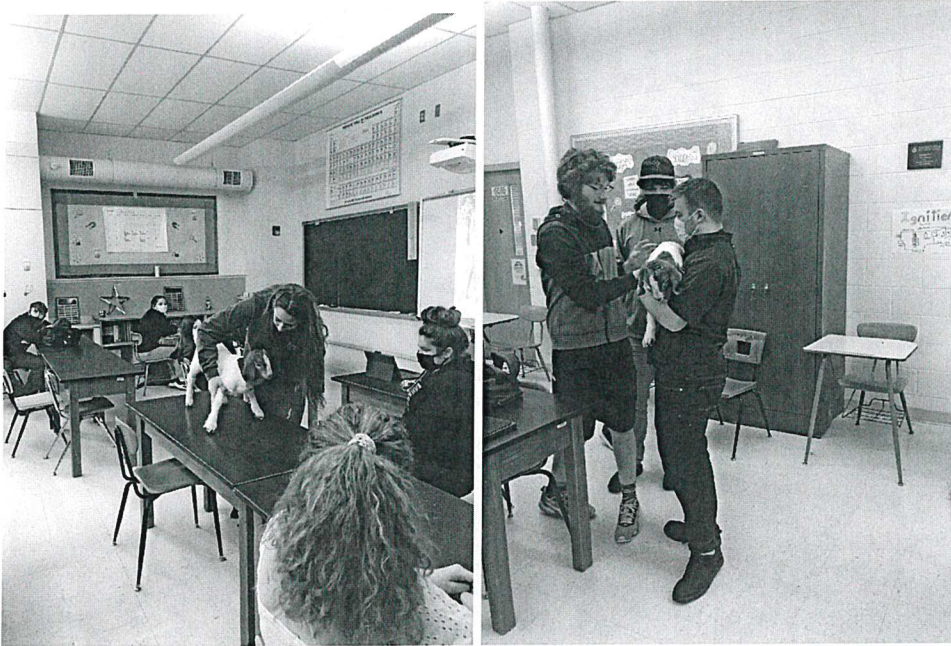


Mrs. Kester, Mrs. Ardrey, and Mrs. Buczynski



Mrs. Werner

Animal Science Pictures



Environmental Science Activities

EARTH DAY SPIRIT WEEK

Monday- Earth Week! Wear GREEN today!

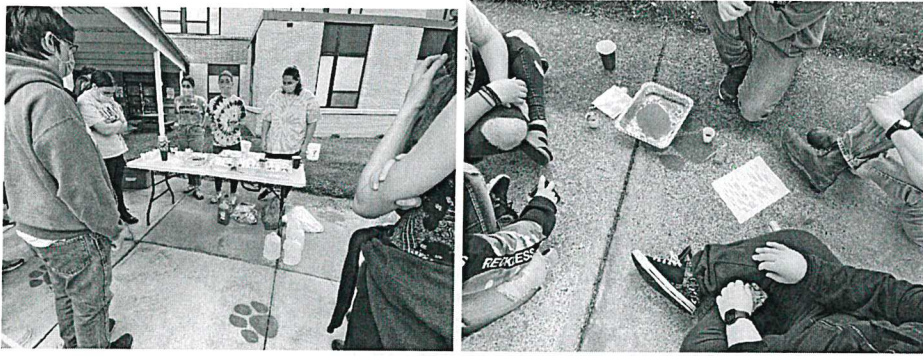
Tuesday- Conserve Energy! Lights out Day- wear BLACK or NEON!

Wednesday- Recycle Day! Wear TIE-DYE or clothing made out of RECYCLED PLASTIC!

Thursday- Save our atmosphere! Wear BLUE to show your commitment!

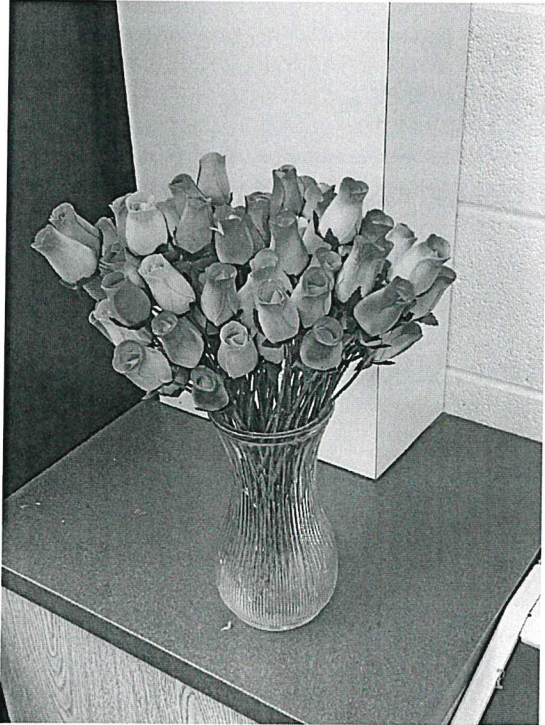
Friday- Blend into the Earth! Wear CAMO!

Earth Day Spirit Week Themes



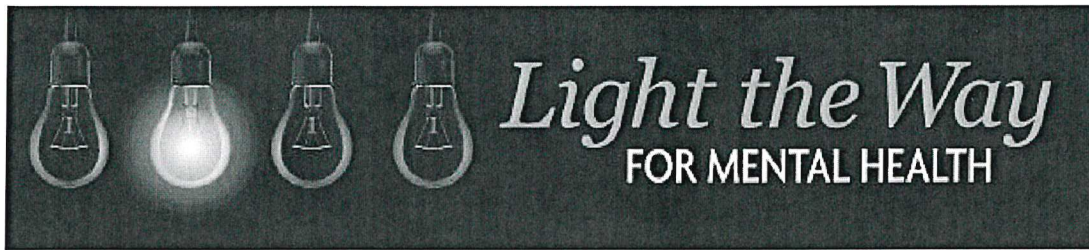
Environmental Science "Field Trip" Activity

Roses



Office bouquet

Light the Way Campaign



May is MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS Month and Juniata Valley Behavioral and Developmental Services is kicking off the *American Foundation for Suicide Prevention OUT of the DARKNESS WALK* events with a **Light the Way for Mental Health Awareness Campaign**. Our 2021 goal is to raise awareness on the importance of good mental well-being and to encourage those in need of support to understand available resources so they can find their best path to recovery.

You are invited to join us as we work to shine the light on mental health! Be part of the movement and get involved!

GREEN LIGHT CAMPAIGN RUNS FROM MAY 3RD THROUGH MAY 28TH 2021!

We are asking residents of Huntingdon-Mifflin-Juniata counties to help us **LIGHT UP GREEN!** We invite you to show your support by replacing inside and/or outside lightbulbs to green.

WE CAN SHINE GREEN!

WE CAN SHARE THE MESSAGE!

WE CAN SHOW OUR COMMUNITY THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD MENTAL HEALTH WELL-BEING!

Take Pictures to share and post on the Walk Facebook pages with #LightTheWay4MH

Help to spark the conversation and fight the stigma. TALK SAVES LIVES!

Register Today!

www.afsp.org/HuntingdonCounty

www.afsp.org/Lewistown (Mifflin & Juniata County)

Sunday, October 3rd 2021

