

**Hayden Elementary School
2024/2025
Panther Pluses**

Congratulations to the newly elected Student Council Members for the 2024/2025 school year! President –6th Grade Representatives: Eli Coquerille, Xavier Capps, Hartlynn Foster, Meridian Stearns, Bayleigh Burton, Finn Ebinger, Jordan Speers, Emma Stoner and Aubree Hitchel. 5th Grade Representatives: Sophie Ebbing, Hayden Ramey, Kasen Chandler, Maci Clapp, Averiee Castor and Mya Wheeler.

The Spencer Township Volunteer Fire Department provided the Smokehouse experience to HES students on Friday, October 18, 2024. 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, 2024. Each year a veteran from the Hayden school family is invited to be the keynote speaker. This year's speaker was Mr. Tyler Campbell. The impressive tribute to our veterans was attended by many of our local veterans and family members.

Thanks to Brett Woodard, Chadd Capps, David Baurle and Bob Sullivan for coaching the boys' 5th and 6th grade basketball teams this year. The 5th grade team members were: Braydon Simmons, Brody Watts, Corbin Creech, Ethan Merry, Ian Baurle, Jake Sullivan, Kasen Chandler, Raylon McGlothlin, Zach Walters, Jayse White and Zander Capps. The 6th grade team members were: Cayleb Bishop, Eli Coquerille, Finn Ebinger, Jackson White, Konner Woodard, Liam Mull, Rylan Fields, Xavier Capps and Zayden Lucas.

Thanks to Mrs. Erin Green and Mr. Jeff Stoner for coaching the girls' 5th and 6th grade basketball teams this year. The 5th grade team member was Vivian Wagster. The 6th grade team members were: Brynna Blevins, Emma Stoner, Hartlynn Foster, Jordan Speer, Josie Petro, Kendall Earnest, Madie Hadley, Meridian Stearns, Aubree Hitchel, Olivia Hitchel, Oakleigh Robinson and Shelby Liggett.

On February 28th, our school spelling bee winners were 6th grade student, Oakleigh Robinson and 3rd grade student, Aaron Jackson . The alternate was 5th grade student, Danadi Riley. The winners represented Hayden Elementary in the District Spelling Bee held at JCMS on March 19, 2025.

Hayden Elementary's 6th grade teacher, Erin Stoner, was awarded the 2025 Hayden Elementary Teacher of the Year. She will represent the corporation in the running for the Indiana State Teacher of the Year. Pam Wilson was awarded the 2025 Classified Staff of the Year award for Hayden Elementary. Congratulations to both!

The Hoppin' Haymakers Jump Rope Club was sponsored by Tiffany Thurston with assistance from Parapro Kayla Sturgill. Members of the team were: Rylee Elmore, Molly Gray, Oaklee Stoner, Emma Barriger, Ava Gibson, Kamry Phillips, Kaymn Stidham, Grayson Stoner, Lena Watts, Kloe Bishop, Ryder Cowins, Bristol Eaton, Easton Juengst, Julianna Massie, Scarlett Reecer, Vada Stearns, Lexi Clapp, Zoey Kiefer, Ryleigh McGlothlin, Zoe McKean, Abrianna Mendoza, Alayna Ruddick, Tyler Speer, Leah Spurlock, Presleigh Thurston, Isabella Zarate, Bristol Branum, Adalynn Gibson, Rylee

Green, Connor Lee, Sawyer Ryan, Cason Robertson, Charley Summers, Jake Sullivan, Vivian Wagster, Brynlee Littrell, Jordan Speer, Sydney Speer and Paisleigh Thurston. The team performed at a JCMS basketball game during halftime on January 29, 2025 and again at a JCHS basketball game during halftime on February 28, 2025.

The Spell Bowl team was coached by 4th grade teacher, Tricia Richey and a competition was held on November 18, 2024. Members of the team were: Eli Coquerille, Finn Ebinger, Hartlynn Foster, Aubree Hitchel, Olivia Hitchel, Liam Mull, Josie Petro, Oakleigh Robinson, Harper Berman, Averiee Castor, Maci Clapp, Sophie Ebbing, Danadi Riley, Henry Coquerille, Knox Ebinger, Rylee Green, Emma Peacock, Sawyer Ryan and Charley Sumemrs. The team came in 1st place at the competition. Great job students!

The Math Bowl team was coached by 6th grade teacher, Cody Robbins, and a competition was held on April 15, 2025. Members of the team were: Tucker Wathen, Jacob Sullivan, Sophie Ebbing, Daizee Perez, Maci Clapp, Zayden Lucas, Finn Ebinger, Liam Mull, Eli Coquerille, Aubree Hitchel, 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 came in 2nd place at the competition. Congratulations students!

The National Elementary Honor Society held an induction ceremony on April 22, 2025 at Hayden Elementary School. Congratulations to the 5th grade inductees: Averiee Castor, Maci Clapp, Corbin Creech, Sophie Ebbing, Nolan Egloff, Jacob Sullivan, Tucker Wathen and Brody Watts. The 6th grade inductees were: Zayden Lucas and Liam Mull.

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 \$3,700 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. Erin Stoner, 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!**

On May 2nd and 3rd, the fifth and sixth grade students presented “Disney Dreamland” 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, 6th grade teacher, for donating their time toward the production. Another special thanks to Sherry Hughes for 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 ten scholarships (a total amount of \$7,500) to seniors who were former HES students. This school year a Chili Supper and a Scholarship Auction were held on November 22, 2024 to raise funds for this scholarship fund. Over \$5,800 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!