



## *A Thoroughly Modern Play*

By Kallie Hansen

Costumes on the floor, props askew, and shouts of “break a leg” filled the air- this is not the sight of a natural disaster- but the backstage of Harbor Springs High School Performing Arts Center. The audience awaited another grand performance as the curtains were slowly beginning to rise and the clacking of heels hit the stage. When the spotlight

was turned on, the actors were drawn to it, like a fly to a lantern. As the opening number began, the audience slipped into a comfortable state to enjoy the show.



For a few months, Harbor youth took a step into the a 21st century musical, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. Based on the 1967 film, it tells the story of a small-town girl exposed to the flapper lifestyle in The Big Apple during the 1920's. Ragtime, romance and riches aren't the only themes in this off-Broadway production. Scandal and drama ensue when Millie finds trouble right under her nose. Artistic acting, dance numbers and the vocal chords

of the harmonious student group combined to create an unforgettable performance. With songs like “Gimme Gimme” and “Jazz Baby” the audience was quickly captivated.

The picturesque performances of Amanda Furstenberg, Nikki Keck, Mike Phillips and Aaron Ross in the lead roles helped turn a high school auditorium into a classic 1920's dance hall. An additional 60 students and community members took part in this production. The choreographers, directors and technical operators collaborated to make these performances admirable and gratifying. The works of directors and producers Bill and Eileen Lindsley, choreographer Andi Comden and musical director Dorie Furstenberg helped this musical jump off the pages of the script.

Though there was much chaos backstage, these talented youth worked collectively to give an impressive performance.



## *Celebrating 100 Days of School...*

This little kindergartener celebrated the 100th day of school by decorating his hat with 100 items and enjoying a snack of 100 goodies for his trail mix.



## Champions Night 2008

Halftime of the Boys' Basketball game on Tuesday, March 3 was an exciting time, as the Harbor Springs High School athletic champions from the 2008 calendar year were recognized. Each team that won conference, district, regional, or state championships had its moment in the sun, as did student-athletes that received All-State Awards.

### LAKE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

Girls' Track  
Boys' Cross Country  
Girls' Cross Country

### DISTRICT CHAMPIONS

Boys' Basketball  
Boys' Golf

### REGIONAL CHAMPIONS

Boys' Cross Country  
Girls' Cross Country

## Award Winners

STATE RUNNERS UP  
Boys' Ski

STATE CHAMPIONS  
Girls' Cross Country

ALL STATE

Boys' Ski:  
Drake Doherty  
Ben Tolzdorf  
Sam Davis

Girls' Ski:  
Alli Mooradian  
Andi Shepherd

Track:  
Tec Adams

Boys' Cross Country:  
Tec Adams (State Champ!)

Girls' Cross Country:  
Maddie Buntin  
Caitlyn Reeves  
Alivia Murphy



## Girls' Ski Team 2008-09 Lake Michigan Conference Champions!

Congratulations to the 2008-09 Girls' Ski Team on their Lake Michigan Conference championship! Led by All-Staters Andi Shepherd, Alli Mooradian, and Cooper Dendel, the girls followed up on their conference win by qualifying for the state finals. Thank you to their coaches Jane Ramer, Allen Talcott and Brett Doherty, and congratulations to all team members, including Kaia Olson, Laura Repasky, Cecile Walsh, Morgan Mooradian, Mackay Mooradian, Hadley Cunningham and Kylah Johnston.

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# High School



## Michigan Youth in Government

Our 9th year of MYIG ended with another successful trip to Lansing. This year 30 delegates and 3 advisors attended the conference, fulfilling a variety of tasks including written press, lobbyists, a committee chair, a committee clerk, a member of the governor's cabinet, as well as the usual senators and representatives. Our delegates came away with four awards: Elle Tompkins as honorable mention for best representative in the Freshman/Sophomore House, Maggie Walker as best representative in the Freshman/Sophomore House, Jamison Cronk as the outstanding senator, and Ashley Wiggins as the outstanding member of the governor's cabinet. Many others also contributed admirably to the discussions at both the committee and full session levels.

We arrived back in Harbor, tired but proud of what our delegation had accomplished.

## Stratford Theater Trip

High school students may reserve a spot for the Stratford trip next fall. The trip is scheduled for the weekend of **September 11-13, 2009** leaving right after school on Friday. This year's fare includes the following plays: **MACBETH, CYRANO** and **WEST SIDE STORY**. A \$100 deposit (check made out to Harbor Springs Public Schools) saves your spot; the total expense will be approximately \$300. For more information, please contact Ms. Seacord, Mr. Broughman or Ms. Davis.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

## Congratulations Band Members

The High School Concert Band traveled to Petoskey to perform at the 2009 MSBOA District Band and Orchestra Festival on Saturday, February 28th. Music played at the festival included *Havendance* by David Holsinger, *His Honor* by Henry Fillmore and *English Folk Song Suite* by Ralph Vaughn Williams. The band received one "Superior" rating and three "Good" ratings from the four adjudicators for an overall rating of "Good."

One week later, the Middle School Concert Band performed and received straight "Superior" ratings at the festival. Their repertoire included *Lone Eagle March* by John Edmondson, *Three Scottish Folk Songs* by John Edmondson, and *Among the Clouds* by Brian Balmages. Congratulations to both bands on their excellent performances.

With festival over, the bands will now begin focusing on their final concert on May 6th at 7:30 pm at the Performing Arts Center.

**Final Band  
Concert  
May 6th**

# Middle School



## Middle School Academic Olympians

Academic extra-curricular activities are an important part of the enrichment opportunities here at Harbor Springs Public Schools. In addition to the Spelling and Geography Bees in which all students participate at the classroom level, we offer MathCounts!, Math Olympiad, and Science Olympiad as extra-curricular activities. These activities provide students with an opportunity to deepen and extend their classroom learning.

Math Olympiad is an activity for sixth graders who want to practice solving problems. The competition is at the individual level, as each student attempts to better their score on a series of tests over several months. MathCounts! and Science Olympiad are team events in which students compete with other schools across northern Michigan. The Harbor Springs Middle School placed 7th overall at the MathCounts! competition held in Traverse City on February 14th.

The Science Olympiad competition was held on February 28th at Alpena Community College. Our team participated in 23 different science-related events, won many individual medals, and placed fifth overall.

Whether it's working on spelling, improving math skills, or applying science knowledge, these academic extra-curricular activities are an important part of the middle school experience.



## To Mongolia and Back

The seventh grade had a real "taste" of Mongolian culture in February. Asia is an important part of Michigan's grade level content expectations for seventh grade. To bring the culture of central Asia closer, our seventh grade journeyed to the Denno's Museum in Traverse City where they experienced a performance of AnDaUnion, a dance troupe from Mongolia specializing in traditional Mongolian dance and singing.

Upon their return to school, the students were treated to a Chinese banquet that was prepared by Chang's Cuisine of Harbor Springs.

## Books of Hope

A good book can change the world. Our eighth grade students are helping make the world a better place here in Harbor Springs and halfway around the world in Uganda while honing their understanding of various literary elements such as alliteration, simile, imagery, and personification.

Harbor Springs Middle School eighth graders are writing and illustrating children's stories to send to the Minja Primary School outside of Gulu, Uganda. The people of northern Uganda have had their lives torn apart in a vicious civil war. In one of the most tragic humanitarian crises in the world, tens of thousands of children have been stolen from their families and forced to serve in the rebel army. Minja Primary School serves 623 students, of which 205 are orphans and 50 have been rescued from captivity. Unfortunately, this school is severely lacking in materials. The books our students are providing will serve as important materials in the school library.



In addition to helping the students at Minja Primary School, our eighth grade students shared their books with all the Blackbird Kindergarten classes as well as a few first grade classes. We'd like to thank Books of Hope, a nonprofit organization, for providing the opportunity for our students to put their literary knowledge and creative writing skills to good work.

# 2009 Spring Sports Schedule

Varsity Baseball		
Th	4.9	4:30
Tu	4.14	4:30
W	4.15	4:30
F	4.17	4:30
Tu	4.21	4:30
F	4.24	4:30
Tu	4.28	4:30
F	5.1	4:30
Tu	5.5	4:30
Th	5.7	4:30
M	5.11	4:30
Tu	5.12	4:30
Tu	5.19	TBD
Th	5.21	4:30
	5.26, 30-31	4:30

JV Baseball		
Th	4.9	4:30
S	4.11	12:00
Tu	4.14	4:30
F	4.17	4:30
M	4.20	4:30
Tu	4.21	4:30
F	4.24	4:30
Tu	4.28	4:30
F	5.1	4:30
Tu	5.5	4:30
F	5.8	4:30
Tu	5.12	4:30
F	5.15	4:30
Tu	5.19	4:30

Softball		
Th	4.9	4:30
Tu	4.14	4:30
W	4.15	4:30
F	4.17	4:30
Sat	4.18	9:00
Tu	4.21	4:30
F	4.24	4:30
Tu	4.28	4:30
F	5.1	4:30
Tu	5.5	4:30
Th	5.7	4:30
Sat	5.9	10:00
M	5.11	4:30
Tu	5.12	4:30
Tu	5.19	TBD
Th	5.21	4:30
	5.26, 29-30	4:30

Girls' Tennis		
Th	4.9	4:30
Tu	4.14	4:30
Th	4.16	4:30
Tu	4.21	1:00
Th	4.23	4:00
Sat	4.25	9:00
Tu	4.28	4:30
Th	4.30	4:30
F	5.1	TBD
Tu	5.5	4:30
Th	5.7	4:00
Sat	5.9	8:00
M	5.11	4:30
Tu	5.14	TBD
W	5.20	TBD
	5.29-30	TBD

Track & Field		
M	4.13	4:00
M	4.20	4:00
W	4.22	4:00
F	4.24	4:00
W	4.29	4:00
F	5.1	4:00
M	5.4	4:00
Th	5.7	3:00
Sat	5.16	TBD
W	5.20	3:00
Sat	5.30	TBD

Middle School Track & Field		
Th	4.16	4:00
Tu	4.21	4:00
F	4.24	4:00
M	4.27	4:00
Th	5.7	4:00
M	5.11	3:30
Th	5.14	3:00

Golf		
Tu	4.14	4:00
Sat	4.18	12:00
M	4.20	10:00
M	4.20	4:30
W	4.22	4:30
Sat	4.25	10:00
M	4.27	4:30
Th	4.30	9:00
S	5.2	9:00
M	5.4	4:30
W	5.6	1:00
Sat	5.9	9:00
M	5.11	4:30
F	5.15	TBD
Th	5.21	TBD
Th	6.5-6.6	TBD

Girls' Soccer		
W	4.8	5:00
Th	4.9	5:00
M	4.13	5:00
Th	4.16	5:00
M	4.20	5:00
W	4.22	6:00
Th	4.23	5:00
M	4.27	5:00
Th	4.30	5:00
M	5.4	5:00
Th	5.7	5:00
M	5.11	5:00
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Th	5.21	5:00
	5.26-30	TBD

**Please Note:** All dates and times are subject to change or cancellation. Please check the Athletics page of the website at [www.harborps.org](http://www.harborps.org) for updates.

**Bold** print indicates HOME games.

## Coming to the Harbor Springs Performing Arts Center

April 19 3:00 pm	Northern Michigan Chorale's Spring Concert For ticket information, call Kathy Hart at 231.330.0154.
June 12-13 7:00 pm	Spring Dance Recital The Dance Department
June 14	Young Americans in Concert Check in May for ticket information and curtain time.
July 15, 17, 18 7:30 pm	<i>Disney's Beauty and the Beast</i> presented by the Association of Harbor Arts and the Little Traverse Civic Theatre. For ticket information, call 348-1850 or go to <a href="http://www.harboraha.org">www.harboraha.org</a> or <a href="http://www.lctc.org">www.lctc.org</a> .
July 19 2:00 pm	<i>Disney's Beauty and the Beast</i>
July 21 & 22 7:30 pm	<i>Disney's Beauty and the Beast</i>

For more information and for questions regarding renting the Performing Arts Center, please contact Pat Stedman at 231.881.5553 or visit the Performing Art Center page at [www.harborps.org](http://www.harborps.org).

## Spring 2009 Pool Activities

<b>Lap Swims</b> Monday, Wednesday, Friday Mornings Tuesday and Thursday Mornings Monday through Sunday Evenings	6:00-11:00 am 7:00-11:00 am 5:30-6:30 pm
<b>Recreational Swims</b> Monday, Friday, Saturday Evenings Sunday Afternoons	6:30-8:30 pm 3:00-5:30 pm
<b>Senior Citizens Water Aerobics</b> Monday, Wednesday, Friday Afternoons	11:00-12:00 pm
<b>"On your Own" Aqua Therapy</b> Tuesday and Thursday Afternoons	11:00-12:00 pm
<b>Specialty Classes:</b> Water Polo • Spring Board Diving • SCUBA • Kayak Lifeguard and W.S.I.	

Please contact the pool office at 526-4824, or visit the Community Pool page at [www.harborps.org](http://www.harborps.org) for more information regarding specific classes.



## ...from John's Culinary Corner

It's hard to believe that spring break has come and gone already! Listed below are a few services that the HSPS Food Service department can provide for your family.

**BAG LUNCHES** - We provide bag lunches for your children to take on field trips or after school events.

**CATERING** - We cater any event from fundraisers to special dinners and anything in between. Contact me at 526-4736 to find out more.

It is not too late to fill out free and reduced meal applications for this school year. Applications are available at the school offices, online at [www.harborps.org](http://www.harborps.org) or stop in and see me at the Shay/Middle School Cafeteria.

I hope your child's meal experience has been and continues to be an enjoyable one. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any question or concerns about the food service program.

Thanks,  
John Ruemenapp,  
Food Service Director

# Shay Elementary

On March 2, third grade students celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday and Read Across America Day in one full sweep by participating in many Seuss activities, wearing pajamas to school, and bringing their favorite book to read during class time.



Fourth grade students entered into a very serious "Battle of the Books" this month! Children read a wide variety of books and answered many comprehension questions. Mrs. Austin's "Rocket Readers" took first place!



Our fourth grade students took an overnight field trip to Camp Wolverine. They learned about Indian life inside a sweat lodge, pioneer tools, cooperation, and participated in outdoor activities.



Fifth graders stop to rest while snowshoeing with the Little Traverse Conservancy at Good Hart Farms. The class used compasses to navigate their way through the area and create a map like the early explorers of our country.



Don't miss the **Shay Carnival**  
**Friday, May 8th**  
**5:30-8:00 pm**

# Blackbird Elementary

We are going on a Second Grade Scavenger Hunt!



Our annual dress-up day brings out the finest attire throughout the entire school. A very special Valentine lunch, complete with a redecorated cafeteria, helps complete this special day.

Mrs. Swanson's first graders love to dance the Cha-Cha.



Kindergartners had fun at a pretend dental office during Dental Health Month.



The kindergartners at Blackbird Elementary were delighted to host a very special group of authors and illustrators. Mrs. Keiser's 8th grade Language Arts students came to Blackbird to share children's stories they had written and illustrated for a class project. We enjoyed stories about courage, love, and understanding. Thanks, 8th graders!

## Schedule of Events

April 10	½ Day of School – Good Friday	May 14	Blackbird Art Show
April 14	Middle School Talent Show 7:00 pm – P.A.C.	May 19	Undergraduate Awards Night - 7:00 pm P.A.C.
April 15	Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:00-5:00 pm High School only	May 25	No School - Memorial Day
April 16	Parent/Teacher Conferences 5:00-7:00 pm High School only	June 2	Middle & High School Choir Concert 7:00 pm - P.A.C.
April 22-24	Kindergarten Round-up	June 3	Honors Convocation - 7:00 pm - P.A.C.
May 2	Prom	June 4-5	All Schools Art Show
May 5	Middle School & Fifth Grade Band Concert 7:30 pm – P.A.C.	June 5	Baccalaureate – 7:00 pm – Holy Childhood of Jesus Church
May 6	High School & Sixth Grade Band Concert 7:30 pm – P.A.C.	June 7	Graduation - 2:30 pm - Ottawa Stadium
May 8	Shay Carnival – 5:30-8:00 pm	June 8-10	1/2 Days of School
May 12	Fourth Grade & Multiage Michigan Concert 7:00 pm – P.A.C.	June 10	Last Day of School
		August 2-7	Marching Band Camp at Lake Superior State University

## 2009-2010

### Pre-School & Kindergarten Round-Up

AT BLACKBIRD ELEMENTARY

WE'RE LOOKING FOR 4 AND 5 YEAR OLDS

Pre-schoolers must be 4 on or before 12/1/09

Kindergartners must be 5 on or before 12/1/09

REGISTRATION & ROUND-UP

April 22-24

231-526-4600

Please call to register your child for pre-school or Kindergarten and sign up for a Kindergarten round-up appointment. Please allow approximately one hour for this appointment.



# GIVE Celebration May 13th

Everyone is invited

One measure of a successful school and community is the willingness of its members to give their time, energy, ideas, and resources to its success. By that measure, Harbor Springs Public Schools are blessed to have many in our community who give unceasingly to our students and schools. In recognition of our wonderful community, we are planning a special new event to celebrate those who give so much. This event is a chance for HSPS to "give back" to our community.

This event called GIVE will take place Wednesday, May 13th at Harbor Springs High School. Refreshments and snacks will be served in the cafeteria starting at 6:30 p.m. The program will start at 7:15 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.

The agenda will consist of music from our students along with GIVE presentations:

**Goals** Superintendent Mark Tompkins will briefly review what was accomplished this school year and what we are planning for next year.

**Inspiration** Middle School principal Wil Cwikiel will introduce you to individuals who have inspired us this year.

**Volunteers** Elementary School principal Karey Scholten has the honor of recognizing some of our many wonderful volunteers.

**Excellence** High School principal Susan Jacobs will recognize individuals whose excellence we should celebrate.

*Please mark your calendars for May 13th...we hope you can attend this wonderful event!*



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