

It's the Village that Makes HSPS Great!

We have all heard the saying “It takes a village to raise a child.” For HSPS, we know it’s the “village” that makes us one of the best school districts in all of Michigan. The many programs and services we offer our students could not be funded or run without the leadership and devotion of numerous parents, community members, and retirees. Let’s just take a look at this past week, February 12-18, and see what a critical role our parents and community members play in programs for our children:

- February 12** **Outstanding Sixth Grade and Middle School Band Performances at the Performing Arts Center:** The parent-run Instrumental Music Partnership provides uniforms, instruments, scholarships and other resources for this growing program involving 60% of our middle schools students.
- February 13** **Brown Jug Middle School Ski Meet:** This annual meet, involving 200 skiers from twenty school districts across Northern Michigan, is hosted by Nub’s Nob and the Ski Boosters.
- February 14** **Community Against Substance Abuse (CASA) Monthly Meeting:** This active parent group annually raises a significant amount of dollars for programs, counseling and resources to combat alcohol and drug use among our students.
- Girls Scout Troup Presentation at the Weekly Kiwanis Meeting:** Troup 313, comprised of 18 girls that have been together since first grade, could not be possible without key parent volunteers and funding from Kiwanis.
- Regional High School Ski Meet:** Another major meet hosted by Nub’s Nob and our Ski Boosters (Boys - first place, Girls - third place! Way to go!).
- February 15** **Wrestling Club Practice – M.S. Gym:** Parents have organized a Wrestling Club for elementary and middle school boys.
- February 15, 16** **Middle School & High School Ram Boosters:** Parents facilitated the sale of concessions at the home volleyball and basketball games. Dollars are raised annually by the Ram Boosters for all our athletic programs.
- February 16** **Set-up for the Scholastic Book Fair:** Blackbird parents coordinated the set-up for this week’s Book Fair.
- February 16-18** **Frostbite Weekend Student Retreat:** Over 50 volunteers, including many parents, were actively involved in running this three-day retreat held at the high school and middle school for over 170 students.
- February 18** **Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast:** The Kiwanis Club, who devotes the majority of their fundraising dollars to our students, held their annual pancake breakfast fundraiser at the high school cafeteria. They fed 170 hungry Frostbite attendees!

Wow! This is just one week’s snapshot showing the dedication and allegiance that the parents and community have toward our schools. HSPS could not be the great district that it is without this support and devotion.