Does your student have GRIT?

At HFA we believe that academic success is not something that just comes to students effortlessly, but rather it's the result of hard work and never giving up. The brain is like a muscle - it needs to be worked out everyday! At HFA, the staff has studied the idea of Growth Mindset, meaning that every student can succeed if they believe that hard work and dedication will get them there. Students may fail sometimes, but the important thing is to learn from your mistakes and keep going. We also call this GRIT - taking a bad grade and making it a learning lesson, buckling down and studying for 2 hours for a big test, putting down the video games and working all weekend on that big project. In our school-wide VIP sessions, we studied grit - talk to your student about words like perseverance and resilience and make sure grittiness is part of their approach to school.

HFA Foreign Language Travels Abroad

Each year, HFA students apply for and participate in study abroad programs, including the GAPP exchange in Pfullendorf, Germany and the Spanish Trip, visiting sites such as Spain and Costa Rica. See World Languages teachers for eligibility requirements.
Alumni Spotlight:
John Puterbaugh

John Puterbaugh, who graduated from HFA in 2013, has been an extremely active volunteer for both FIRST Robotics and HFA’s Robotics Team, volunteering at many activities and events. Last year, John volunteered and worked an event every weekend during the “build” season, including working at the State Robotics Championship. This year, FIRST in Michigan asked him to become a Field Technical Advisor, a highly visible role with significant responsibility. John has been mentoring HFA’s Robotics students mechanically and on CAD (Computer Aided Design), having seamlessly made the transition from student to mentor. This year he generously purchased and donated over $1,000 of computer monitors for students to use at our CAD stations! In addition, John is making available for HFA’s team a new projector, Bluetooth speakers, and a projection screen that he recently purchased. After graduating from HFA, John attended Michigan Technical University. He holds Unigraphics NX CAD certification from Siemens and works at International Design Corporation in CAD. Please join us in applauding John for his service and “giving back” to HFA!

HFA Students attend Wayne State University MLK Tribute

On Friday, January 19th, thirty-five HFA students attended Wayne State University's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Tribute at the Fisher Theatre, featuring former US Attorney General Loretta Lynch (under President Obama). Thank you to an HFA parent for donating this experience! Right: HFA Alumni and WSU Student Alexis Brown asks a question to Loretta Lynch and Local 4's Kimberly Gill.

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