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Good to be back!

Enthusiasm, smiles abound as new school year begins

There's something truly special about the start of a new school year.

Joyful anticipation mixes with a few butterflies of anxiety as students and staff return to those halls that at once seem both familiar and new.

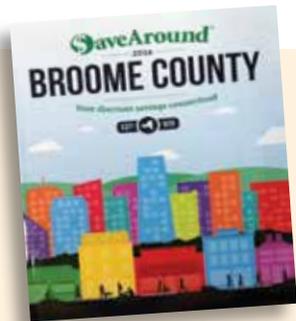
The excitement of reuniting with friends not seen since June is tempered by minor challenges such as finding a homeroom or working the combination of a new locker.

But that new year mood is not easily spoiled, and smiles remain the order of the day (see photo gallery on pages 10-11) as everyone makes the transition from a care-free summer to a more regimented fall routine.

We urge everyone to seize opportunity and commit to making the most of this new school year - aim high and settle for nothing less than success.



More photos pages 6-7



SAVE AROUND COUPON BOOKS FOR SALE

Pre-K through 4th grade Olmsted Elementary students are still selling Save

Around coupon books at \$25 a piece.

BONUS: if you sell five you get one **FREE**.

Contact Heather Medovich at 693-8123

District welcomes new superintendent

Working together, supporting student success

If there is one thing I have learned after working nearly 20 years in public education, it is that the strength of a school district is truly the result of the sum of its parts.

With that in mind, I can confidently speak on behalf of our staff when I offer sincere thanks to the many who contribute to the success of our schools and to the success of each and every student.

Looking forward, the 2015-2016 school year is off and running and, if its beginning is any indication, we can expect to have another outstanding school year.

As I reflect on the past month and ponder our future, my optimism for this wonderful district is matched only by my feelings of pride, enthusiasm, hope and humility. It has been a true honor and privilege



Michael Rullo, superintendent

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New (from page 1)

to serve the students of our district since 2008, and I look forward to my continued service to the district as superintendent.

It is ever-so clear to me that our schools are succeeding in promoting the individual growth and development of every child. Year after year, as I have watched our students grow and strive toward graduation, this sense of promise is renewed and celebrated. Our commitment to excellence is unwavering, and are dedication to ensuring the social, emotional and intellectual development of every student is unquestioned. Rest assured that we will continue to build on that

tradition of excellence and work to be sure every student is ready to graduate and succeed at college or a chosen career path. In other words, as students continue their educational journey down these hallways, our guiding mission is to help them develop all the knowledge, skills and habits necessary to not only chase, but achieve their hopes and dreams.

I look forward to working together with our families and staff to make sure our students receive the opportunities they need to learn, grow and prosper. I am proud to be the superintendent of our district, and I am eager to embrace the challenges ahead. I have every

confidence that, together, we will realize the positive results that are sure to come from our collective hard work, dedication and drive for success.

Please know that my office door is always open and I welcome your questions, concerns, suggestions and compliments. Feel free to contact me by phone or email. I wish each of you the best and I hope you enjoy the fall season.

Yours in education,

Michael J. Rullo
Go Hornets!

News and notes from the Jr./Sr. High School office

Join the club

There really is something for everyone at Harpursville Jr. Sr. High School. Students quiet and attentive during homeroom time will hear our flag bearer and flag defender, Peyton Woloszyn and Alec Peterson, read our morning announcements regarding the wide array of clubs and class announcements. Every student received a free agenda on the first day of school containing their class assignments. This handy tool will serve as a reminder of their meeting times. On any given day, there may be announcements for any of our 17 clubs, six classes and various athletic teams. For more information about club memberships and other activities, feel free to contact the Jr. Sr. High School office at 693-8105.

Help our school earn classroom supplies with Tools for Schools



To register your Price Chopper AdvantEDGE card and/or double check your enrollment status, go to www.pricechopper.com and click on 'Tools for Schools' link under the 'Savings' tab. By registering, you can help our school earn free classroom supplies. Our school code is 17047.

We earn double points for Price Chopper and Central Market brand products. Questions or help needed? Call Tabatha Rhodes in the Jr. Sr. High School office at 693-8105. As always, we thank you for your continued support.

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David Groover



Adult basic education, high school equivalency classes available

Are you interested in earning a high school equivalency diploma or want to improve your reading, writing and math skills?

If so, free educational services are available through the Afton Central School District's Adult and Continuing Education program.

The Afton program sponsors two classes per week in many area schools and libraries. You can join a class at any time. Classes are free and the work is individualized.

For those unable to attend a class, a mail-in program called GRASP (Give Ready Adults a Study Program) is offered. This program is designed for motivated individuals age 21 or older who work well on their own and possess good reading skills.

For more information, contact program Director June White at (607) 639-2811 or 1-800-792-2145.

Santa's Workshop

The student council, honor's society, French club and Yorkers club, working in conjunction with the PTO, are currently looking for donations to help with Santa's Workshop in December.

Items needed:

- Wrapping paper
- Gift Bags
- Gift Tags
- Scotch tape



It's never too early to begin thinking about this wonderful program.

Donations can be dropped off in the elementary main office or the district office. Thank you 😊

Christ's Bounty

Free Holiday Food Basket Sign-ups

Nineveh Presbyterian Church, Route 7, Nineveh.
for families in the Colesville, Harpursville and Nineveh area.

**Families must sign up on
Saturday, Nov. 7**
from 10 a.m. to noon.

Please bring proof of address.

Quantity limited to 125 baskets, and one per household.





A message from the new assistant principal

Dear W.A. Olmsted families,

As we welcome the start of the 2015-2016 school year, I am proud to introduce myself as the new assistant principal at W. A. Olmsted Elementary and as the newest member of the Harpursville school community.

I come to Harpursville from the Vestal Central School District with 25 years of teaching experience in the elementary grades. I have a son, Matthew, who is 24, and a daughter, Malori, who is 18. My husband and I spend time with our family doing many outdoor activities. I enjoy reading while curled up next to my dog, doing artwork and cooking for

our large extended family.

It has always been my privilege and passion to serve in the business of education, working for the best interest of kids. From the moment I stepped into this building it has felt like home. It is evident that the students here are at the heart of every teacher, administrator, parent, and community member. I know our students are in a great place.

I believe all students can learn. I am committed to the health, safety, and academic success of our children. I am dedicated to working together as a school community to ensure the very

best learning experiences for our students. I look forward to meeting more of you. I encourage you to stop by and say hello.

It's going to be a great year!

My best,

Bobbi Jo Hatton



Bobbi Jo Hatton, assistant elementary principal

A note about safety at parent pickup times

For the safety of our children and to prevent confusion, we ask families to use the following procedures for **parent pickup** at dismissal: Parents/guardians or other designated individuals are to enter through the front doors. Parents/guardians should arrive between 2:45-2:50 p.m.. Students will be called to the cafeteria at 2:48 p.m. Parents/guardians should go directly to the table that will be in the lobby. At

the table, parents/guardians should sign the sign-out sheet. Your child will be called from the cafeteria and you may exit the building. Once your child has been released, please exit quickly to avoid congestion in the building and parking lot. Thank you for your understanding and support in our efforts to keep your children safe.

Sponsored by the Harpursville PTO

Family Movie Night

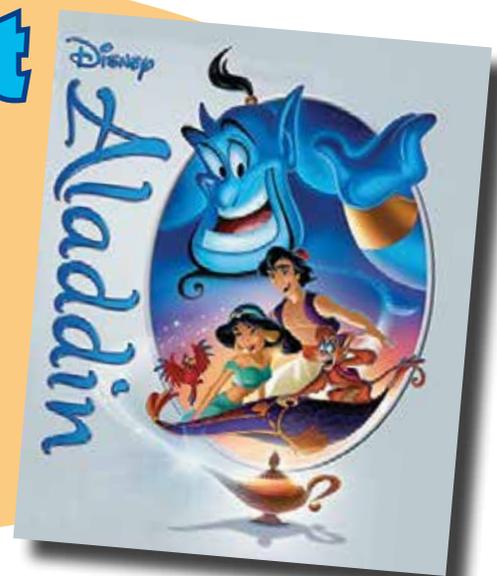
Friday October 16
Show starts at 7 p.m.

In the High School Auditorium
Admission is only \$ 1

All Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Concessions by French Club

PTO chairperson Heather Medovich, 693-8123





| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| <p>AVAILABLE DAILY M,W, & Friday: Ham & Cheese Sandwich T & TH: Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Wednesday Only: Salad of the Week Daily: Yogurt Meal & Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich Menu subject to change</p> | |  | <p>1 <i>Cinn. Glazed Pancakes/ fruit & juice</i> E: Fruit & Yogurt Parfait (Cheese stick, carrots, cinn. round)/Mixed fruit HS: Chicken Sausage</p> | <p>2 <i>Hornet Muffin, Chilled fruit & juice</i> Homemade Pizza Garden Salad w/chickpeas Fruit</p> |
| <p>5 <i>Mini pancakes, Chilled fruit & juice</i> Chicken Patty on a roll French fries Baby carrots Apple</p> | <p>6 <i>Breakfast Pizza/ fruit & juice</i> Chicken Tacos w/toppings Seasoned rice Corn Peaches</p> | <p>7 <i>Cinn. Roll w/yogurt OR cereal, Chilled fruit & juice</i> Fr. Toast sticks Sausage Tator tots Orange wedges Chicken Bacon</p> | <p>8 <i>Mini waffles/ fruit & juice</i> St. Crust Pizza Garden Salad w/ chickpeas Fruit</p> |  |
|  | <p>13 <i>Breakfast Pizza/ fruit & juice</i> Chicken Nuggets Garlic Breadstick Mashed potatoes Broccoli Mixed fruit</p> | <p>14 <i>Cinn. Roll w/yogurt OR cereal, Chilled fruit & juice</i> BBQ Rib on a roll Potato wedges Baby carrots Apple Chef Salad</p> | <p>15 <i>Fr. Toast sticks/ fruit & juice</i> Bosco sticks w/ pasta & sauce Garden salad w/chickpeas Applesauce</p> | <p>16 <i>Hornet Muffin, Chilled fruit & juice</i> Homemade Pizza Garden Salad w/chickpeas Fruit</p> |
| <p>19 <i>Mini pancakes, Chilled fruit & juice</i> Popcorn Chicken Garlic Breadstick Potato wedges Baby carrots Apple</p> | <p>20 <i>Breakfast Pizza/ fruit & juice</i> Taco salad w/toppings Seasoned rice Corn Peaches</p> | <p>21 <i>Cinn. Roll w/yogurt OR cereal, Chilled fruit & juice</i> Tomato soup Grilled cheese sandwich Broccoli Banana Popcorn Chicken</p> | <p>22 <i>Fr. Toast sticks/ fruit & juice</i> Calzonettes w/ pasta & sauce Cucumbers Pears</p> | <p>23 <i>Hornet Muffin, Chilled fruit & juice</i> St. Crust Pizza Garden Salad w/chickpeas Fruit</p> |
| <p>26 <i>Mini cinnis, Chilled fruit & juice</i> Cheeseburger on a roll w/ lettuce & tomato Sw. p[otato wedges Corn Apple</p> | <p>27 <i>Breakfast Pizza/ fruit & juice</i> Orange Asian Chicken Rice Broccoli Pineapple</p> | <p>28 <i>Cinn. Roll w/yogurt OR cereal, Chilled fruit & juice</i> Fr. Toast sticks Sausage Tator tots Orange wedges Chicken Bacon</p> | <p>29 <i>Cinn. Glazed pancakes/ fruit & juice</i> Pasta w/meat sauce Garlic breadstick Carrots & Broccoli w/dip or hummus Mixed fruit</p> | <p>30 <i>Hornet Muffin, Chilled fruit & juice</i> Homemade Pizza Garden Salad w/chickpeas Fruit</p> |
|  | <p>Happy Halloween!</p> | | <p>Meal prices Breakfast: \$1.30 Lunch K-5: \$2 6-12: \$2.25 3 Charges + No payment = Alternate lunch</p> | |



First day back bri





ngs lots of smiles





The National Art Honor Society is off and running. We have been busy with homecoming, getting new members, and electing new officers.

We are generating goals for this school year and ideas for activities and field trips.

~The Harpursville Chapter of the National Art Honor Society~Amy Rossie-Ashbaugh

Watch for our “Art News” (always good news) in the next district newsletter. We will have exciting things to show you and share with you.

As always, we thank you for supporting the arts in our school and community.

**“He who works with his hands is a laborer.
He who works with his hands and his head is a craftsman.
He who works with his hands and his head and his heart is an artist.”**

– St. Francis of Assisi

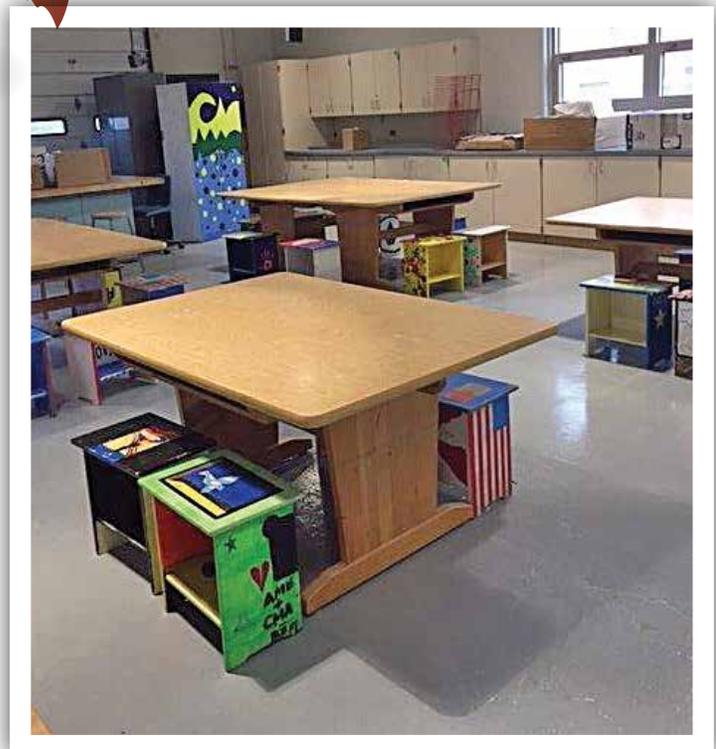


New art room a welcoming place for creative minds

Contractors were busy at work this summer all over campus. One area of renovation was the tech wing. I was very anxious for the new space and tried to wait “patiently” for the workers to reveal the finished rooms. Walls were moved, lighting, plumbing, and cabinets were installed. Finally everything was in its place. The stored boxes of supplies were delivered and stacked in the huge new storage room. It was time for me to move in.... I unpacked the essentials to start the school year and welcomed my students.

This is a wonderful new space. I can’t wait to fill all the shelves, drawers and cabinets and start creating! Everyone is welcome to visit and imagine with me the possibilities this room holds. It will be a haven for inspiration and creativity. Stop by throughout the year and see what great things are happening!

~Ann McDonald, Jr./Sr. High School art teacher



Crazy Hair Day!



In the lead-up to Homecoming, Spirit Week produced a fun and exciting assortment of activities and events, one of them being "Crazy Hair Day." Here are some

images captured that day by music teacher and roving "Hornets' News" photographer Nicole Cole.

Rylan Steinbrecher



Morgan Rutherford



Scarlette Taylor



Mara Warren



Denise Talbot



Megan Cole



Varsity volleyball team wins, makes history at JC tournament ~Coach Tim Strantz

The varsity Hornets volleyball team made history September 26 when it won the 1st place silver trophy at the Johnson City Tournament. It was the first time in school history that the Hornets have taken the JC trophy.

In the round robin, Harpursville racked up wins against Waverly and Oxford to advance to the quarter-finals. As the top silver seed, the Hornets had to beat Elmira in the semi-finals and then Bainbridge-Guilford in the finals to take the trophy.

The team was led by Sarah Miller, who had 11 aces and 26 kills, followed by Amanda Greenwood, who had one ace, 31 kills and three Blocks. Tienna Avery had five aces, six kills and one block, while Emma Davis had four kills. Nicole Haynes led the team in assists with 56 and Chloe Dodd had one Ace and four Kills.



Front row from left: Connor Humphrey, Amelia Reuter, Sarah Miller, Amanda Greenwood, Emma Davis. **Back row from left:** Abbie Miller, Brittany Palmitter, Chloe Dodd, Cassie Rincavage, Dallas Ferhman, Tienna Avery, Nicole Haynes, **Coach** Tim Strantz.

I am very proud to coach this wonderful group of young athletes from Harpursville and Afton. They played as a cohesive unit and represented our districts faultlessly. Great job girls!

Technology programs enhanced with new wing, staff

Our new Tech Wing is open and operational. We welcome our new tech teacher, Julie Fehleley. She replaces Mike Ramsden, who took a position with another district, and will run the new computer room to teach Tech 8, DDP, CAD, photography/ Photoshop, and The World of Technology.

Teachers Bruce Salisbury and Ann McDonald are settling into their new spaces as well. McDonald says she is especially grateful for her wonderful new big space and looks forward to a great year.



Julie Fehleley



The new tech wing will get a lot of use



French Club members prepare for annual trip to Montreal

Nous allons à Montréal! The French Club is making plans to go to Montréal, Québec, in March. We are very excited about this opportunity, since it gives us a chance to practice our French and to observe a Francophone (French-speaking) culture in a very natural way.

We are really looking forward to several parts of the trip, including:

- *Visiting Vieux Montréal and the Basilique Notre-Dame de Montréal*
- *Learning to dance at a hip-hop dance workshop*
- *Riding up the world's tallest inclined tower*
- *Shopping in the Underground City*
- *Observing different ecosystems at the Biodôme*
- *Taking part in a 17th Century-style meal and dance tradition at La Sucrierie de la Montagne (a sugar shack where maple syrup is produced)*
- *Learning about the history of the famous staircases and graffiti in the city of Montréal*
- *Participating in a scavenger hunt at the Jean-Talon farmers' market*
- *Eating delicious meals at l'Académie and La Petite Marche*
- *Speaking French with native French speakers*

Participants: Remember that your deposit of \$100 is due October 16.

We can't wait to share stories and pictures of this amazing experience. Look for them in the April and May issues of the newsletter.

Harpursville chapter of French honor society begins its first full year

La Société Honoraire de Français

The 2015-2016 school year is the first full school year for the Harpursville Chapter of SHF (National French Honor Society). This branch of the French Club will be responsible for organizing and facilitating activities within the school and within the community that promote French language and culture. We are currently working on plans for National French Week, which will take place in early November. Watch for more news about our activities as we get started with our inaugural year.

One way to love winter

Ski club sign-ups are underway and any student in grades 5-12 can join.

You do not need your own equipment and can rent skis or snow boards, boots and helmets. Lessons are also available.



For six weeks, the ski club will travel weekly to Greek Peak in Virgil, N.Y. starting January 10. The bus loads at the Harpursville High School at 8:30 a.m. and returns by 4:30 p.m. Interested parents or students should contact Kim Rusnak in the Junior Senior High School (room 309) at 693-8105 or krusnak@hcs.stier.org.

Make someone's winter a little warmer

The National Honor Society at Harpursville will be conducting its annual coat drive from now through the end of November.



Donated items will be distributed to children in our school as well as to the Colesville Ambulance Squad's food pantry. Please look through your closets for any gently worn coats, hats, or mittens that could help to make a community member's winter a warmer one.

Clean donations may be delivered to the school. For questions, contact Kim Rusnak at 693-8105 or krusnak@hcs.stier.org.

Class of 2019 cookie dough sales

The Class of 2019 will be selling cookie dough from October 1 to October 20th. The cost is \$16 for a 2.7 pound tub. We have 20 different varieties, including gluten free peanut butter. Students will be selling them at many school functions, including the Varsity home football game vs Tioga on October 3rd and during Open House on October 15th just to name a few. This year, you can pay when you order or you can pay when your cookie dough is delivered. If you would like to order cookie dough, please contact Jason Lyon, the freshman class advisor, at 651-8318 and he will find a 9th grade student to contact you. The Class of 2019 would like Thank You in advance for your support. Our goal is 300 tubs sold.





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District communication guidelines

Frequently, parents and other community members request help in knowing the best way to communicate with the school. The chart below will serve as a helpful resource. By contacting the following people in the prescribed order, you can be assured that your questions will be answered.

| For questions about | 1 st Contact | 2 nd Contact | 3 rd Contact | 4 th Contact |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Academics | Teacher | Guidance Counselor | Building Principal | Superintendent |
| Athletics | Coach | Athletic Director | Jr./Sr. Principal | Superintendent |
| Behavior | Teacher | Assistant Building Principal | Building Principal | Superintendent |
| BOE policies | District Clerk | Superintendent | Board of Education | |
| Budget | District Treasurer | Superintendent | | |
| Building Use | Administrative Assistant | Building Principal | Superintendent | |
| Cafeteria | Director of Food Services | District Treasurer | Superintendent | |
| Classroom Procedures | Teacher | Assistant Building Principal | Building Principal | Superintendent |
| Bus Behavior | Bus Driver | Director of Operations | Superintendent | |
| Co-Curricular | Advisor | Building Principal | Superintendent | |
| Facilities | Director of Facilities | District Treasurer | Superintendent | |
| Health Office | Building Nursing Office | School Nurse Practitioner | Grade Level Principal | Superintendent |
| Scheduling | Guidance Office | Jr./Sr. Principal | Superintendent | |
| Special Education | Teacher | Grade Level Principal | CSE/CPSE Chairperson | Superintendent |
| Transportation | Director of Operations | District Treasurer | Superintendent | |