



'Howdy Partner'

Pictured: First-grader Keaton Kalman with his impersonation of a county music star

'Welcome to dress up days'

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Dear residents,

I am writing to you this month with a tremendous amount of good news about the fantastic accomplishments and outstanding work going on in our school district. The tenacity, teamwork and talent exhibited within our Hornet community is something we all should collectively celebrate. These examples of the amazing students and staff in our school community are an excellent reminder of just how much we have to be proud of. I think you'll agree...



Michael J. Rullo
Superintendent of Schools

- Darren Florance, 10th grade, wrestled his way to a NYS Championship at 102 pounds. The championships were held at the MVP Arena in Albany, where Darren entered the tournament as the #1 seed in the state. Even with a swollen, colorful eye throughout most of the tournament, Darren showed everyone that he was, in fact, the best 102 pounder. Way to go, Darren!
- Congratulations to Kayleigh Cluck on earning a birth in the NYS Indoor Track Championships. The Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex in Staten Island, NY, hosted the championships where Kayleigh finished 19th overall in the 1500m race. But she was not done there. Kayleigh recently signed a National Letter of Intent to run for Division I Canisius College. We look forward to hearing of your running successes in the future, Kayleigh.
- The RoboHornets are returning to the VEX Robotics World Championships after a season filled with several top-finishes and a ton of overall success. The all-senior team of Zachary Pike, Kyle Colsten and Jacob Risoli-Clark, supported by Nico Hadlick, won the Northern New York State Skills Championship at the state tournament held at The Oncenter Arena in Syracuse. This championship earned them a berth at the Worlds held in Dallas, Texas, in early May. Also making the trip to Dallas for the middle school division will be Liem Donahue, supported by Connor Rowe. Liem, a 7th grader, won the Excellence Award at the state championships. The future is bright for the RoboHornets. Thanks to advisor Bruce Salisbury for ensuring the students were able to travel throughout the state for the various robotics competitions to make sure they not only qualified for the state championship tournament but were ready to compete at a high level. Best of luck at the Worlds!
- McKena Giles, 12th grade, took 1st place finish in Culinary Arts at the SkillsUSA Regional competition. This earned McKena a spot in the NYS SkillsUSA State Championship competition coming up in the near future at the NYS Fairgrounds in Syracuse. McKena, your accomplishments in the culinary program are impressive and we wish you all the best in the upcoming competition. We are proud of you (and we want some of your food too)!
- The In-Motion Arts Guild performed "Money to Burn" the last weekend in March and it was hilarious! The comedic talent exhibited by this group was nothing short of remarkable. This was the first play to be performed in our newly renovated auditorium and it was simply amazing! The jam-packed theater was filled with genuine laughter provided by a crowd that was clearly happy to be together again supporting our cast and crew. Thanks to Mr. Peterson and Ms. McDonald for their support of our students in their artistic endeavors. Here is the list of cast & crew members that definitely deserve our recognition: Ben Williams, Allena Rowe, Gabby Riewerts, Trinity Brewster, Alana Nannery, Madison Nesbit, Sawyer Lusk, Sarah Young, Oliver Rutherford, Liliane Harkins, Airabelle Merritt, Emery Stack, Jasper Heier, Abigail Fargo, Ash Hunt, Abigail Affify, Charlotte Quick, Lilian Taylor, Autumn Bolster, and Ephram Rowe.
- The New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) recently announced the Winter 2022 Scholar-Athlete teams across the state. To qualify as a Scholar-Athlete team, the team's grade point average (GPA) for 75% of the roster must be greater than or equal to 90%. "The Scholar-Athlete teams and individuals honored for their work in the classroom this winter deserve our praise," said Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director. "The young men and women who balance schoolwork and athletics and receive this recognition are some of the most dedicated student-athletes we have here in New York State." I am pleased to announce that both our boys and girls varsity basketball teams earned this scholar-athlete honor. Thanks to coaches Ed Livermore and Pat Kelly for their support of our student-athletes.
- In mid-March, W.A. Olmsted Elementary received Primary Project National Certification. This certification, valid through March 2025, is provided by the Children's Institute. The Primary Project work focuses on strengthening the social and emotional health of our children in kindergarten through grade 2. Our school counselor, Ashley Bianchi, and



paraprofessional, Breanna Potenza, in collaboration with their K-2 colleagues, are to be commended for the work they've sustained over the past three years to earn this recognition. Moreover, the impact that this work has had on more than 140 students is profound! Please join me in recognizing and thanking this committed group of professionals for their work.

- Last, but not least, I'd like to recognize 4th grade teacher Deb Parker, and 2nd grade teacher Nicole Fuller, for their acceptance by the Columbia University Teachers College (an Ivy League school and top university in the world) to be part of a national pilot. Both teachers were selected out of many, many nationwide applicants. I can also tell you that the students in both classes have been excited to be part of this work, work that will impact teachers and classrooms across the country (and parts of the world). We've received letters from Lucy Calkins and Teachers College recognizing our teachers and our students for their hard work and the impact they will have on teachers and kids everywhere. How lucky are we to have teachers committed to doing this kind of work for the betterment of our students, and students who want to be a part of making literacy-based educational improvements for themselves and for others? Outstanding!

Our students, faculty, and staff are creating moments of growth and success each and every day. I cannot begin to express my sincere gratitude and pride to everyone involved in making sure our students have every opportunity possible to learn and grow, experience new things, and work to fulfill their hopes and dreams. I think you'll agree, our Harpursville Hornets are simply the best and Hornet Pride is alive and well.

Board of Education News

Two seats on the Harpursville Central School District Board of Education will be up for election on May 17, 2022: A five-year term beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2027, the seat currently occupied by Kacie Huston; and an unexpired, two-year term beginning on July 1, 2022, and ending on June 30, 2024, the seat previously occupied by Michael Bennett and currently occupied by Nicole Robertson.

You must meet certain basic qualifications to run for school board

in New York state. You must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old, a qualified voter in the school district, able to read and write, and a resident of the district continuously for at least one year before the election. Those interested in seeking the position can obtain petitions at the Harpursville Central School District Office. Petitions must be returned to the school district's clerk's office by 3 p.m. on **Monday, April 18, 2022.**

The opportunities like those highlighted above are made possible because of the support of our school community. We appreciate the fact that our community works cooperatively to ensure our students receive everything they need to have the best educational experience we can provide. With that in mind, I do want to remind everyone that we are still in the process of developing our budget for the 2022-2023 school year. We encourage your participation. Here are some important dates:

- On April 18, the Board of Education will adopt a final budget
- The board will hold a budget hearing on May 4
- The annual school district vote on the 2022-23 school year budget, bus purchases, and Board of Education seats will occur on Tuesday, May 17.

We remain confident that our proposed budget will continue to reflect the responsible, accurate budgets of the past several years and, moreover, it will continue to provide outstanding academic and extracurricular programs for our students. As you can see above, our students will always come first in everything we do.

Best wishes for a great month ahead and many successes as the school year continues. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, concerns or good news.

Yours in education,

Michael J. Rullo
Superintendent of Schools

Go Hornets!

Board Calendar for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year:

April 18 Board meeting 6 p.m.

May 4 Budget Hearing/Board meeting 6 p.m.

May 17 School Budget and Board Member Election 1:30-8 p.m., W.A. Olmsted Elementary new gym

June 15 Board Meeting 6 p.m.



**W.A. Olmsted
Elementary School
2022-2023**

FALL REGISTRATION

**has begun...
enroll your child today!**



**Universal Prekindergarten
Program (UPK)**

Seats are limited – don't miss out!



Kindergarten

Register at the W.A. Olmsted Elementary Office
Monday-Friday between 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Please call with questions: 607-693-8115



April 2022 menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Weekly Salads: 1/3-7: Chef Salad 1/10-14: Popcorn Chicken Salad 1/18-21: Turkey Bacon Ranch Salad 1/24-28: Chicken Spiedie Salad 1/31: Chef Salad All salads served w/Garlic Croutons. All options served w/same fruit and vegetable of the day	Weekly Sandwiches: M/W/F: Turkey/Cheese T/Th: Ham/Cheese			1 Hornet Muffin Assorted Fresh Fruit 100% Fruit Juice NY Milk Wild Mike's Cheese Pizza Garden Salad w/Chickpeas Assorted Fresh Fruit NY Milk
4 Mini Cinnis Assorted Fresh Fruit 100% Fruit Juice /NY Milk Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Glazed Carrots Fresh NY Apple/NY Milk	5 Breakfast Breads Assorted Fresh Fruit 100% Fruit Juice/NY Milk Marinated Chicken Sandwich w/Lettuce & Tomato Oven Roasted Potatoes Veggie Cruncher Cup w/ Hummus & Dip Chilled Mixed Fruit NY Milk	6 Bagel Breakfast Pizza Assorted Fresh Fruit 100% Fruit Juice/NY Milk French Toast Sticks Sausage Patty Potato Puffs Fresh Orange NY Milk	7 Ultimate Breakfast Round Assorted Fresh Fruit 100% Fruit Juice/Milk NY Thursday! Southwest NY Chicken Chili Corn Bread Poppers NY Baked Potato NY Green Beans NY Sliced Apples NY Grape/Apple Juice NY Milk	8 Hornet Muffin Assorted Fresh Fruit 100% Fruit Juice /NY Milk Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Garden Salad w/Chickpeas Assorted Fresh Fruit NY Milk
11	12	13	14	15

SPRING BREAK

18 Mini Pancakes Assorted Fresh Fruit 100% Fruit Juice/NY Milk Cheeseburger on a Bun w/Lettuce & Tomato Savory Sweet Potato Fries Green Beans Fresh NY Apple/NY Milk	19 Cinnamon Bun Assorted Fresh Fruit 100% Fruit Juice NY Milk NY Hot Dog on a Bun Oven Baked Crinkle Cut Fries Baked Beans Cucumbers & Tomatoes Chilled Pears /NY Milk	20 Breakfast Pizza Assorted Fresh Fruit 100% Fruit Juice/NY Milk Lupo's Chicken Spiedie Sub NY Potato Chips Veggie Cruncher Cup w/Hummus & Dip Fresh Banana /NY Milk	21 French Toast stks w/Syrup Assorted Fresh Fruit 100% Fruit Juice/Milk Cheese Lasagna Garlic Bread Stick Steamed Broccoli Chilled Peaches NY Grape/Apple Juice NY Milk	22 Hornet Muffin Assorted Fresh Fruit 100% Fruit Juice/NY Milk Pepperoni Pizza Garden Salad w/Chickpeas Assorted Fresh Fruit NY Milk
25 Apple or Cherry Frudel Assorted Fresh Fruit 100% Fruit Juice/NY Milk Chicken Nuggets w/ Dipping Sauce Wheat Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes Glazed Carrots Fresh NY Apple/NY Milk	26 Breakfast Breads Assorted Fresh Fruit 100% Fruit Juice/NY Milk Taco Salad w/Assorted Toppings Taco Seasoned Rice Corn Chilled Mixed Fruit NY Milk	27 Bagel Breakfast Pizza Assorted Fresh Fruit 100% Fruit Juice/NY Milk Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Fresh Cucumbers w/Dip Fresh Orange NY Milk	28 Snack'n Waffles Assorted Fresh Fruit 100% Fruit Juice/NY Milk NY Thursday! Loaded NY Nachos Corn Confetti Salad Fresh NY Apple NY Grape/Apple Juice NY Milk	29 Hornet Muffin Assorted Fresh Fruit 100% Fruit Juice/NY Milk Cheese Pizza Garden Salad w/Chickpeas Assorted Fresh Fruit NY Milk

Milk Choices:
 Unflavored—1% & Fat Free
 Menu subject to change

Chocolate— Fat Free

Served daily:
 PB & J Sandwich Yogurt Meal w/Cheese Stick
 4 oz Yogurt, String Cheese served w/Homemade Granola



Blues



Country music





Rock n Roll





Harpursville celebrates ‘Music in Our Schools Month’

To kick off Music in our Schools Month, music teacher Nicole Cole’s students competed in the Music Olympics.

Three events were offered to students in grades 2-4: “Singing Specialty” (each student was trying to hold the longest note), “The Name Game” (a race to name the lines and spaces on the Treble Clef staff correctly), and “The Rhythm Race” (students had to match the correct rhythm sounds with their pictures).

Competition was fierce- but the following students took the prize in the 2022 Music Olympics:

Singing Specialty: Longest time wins

- 2nd grade- Michael Mason (17.43 secs)
- 3rd grade- Amara (19.26 secs)
- 4th grade- Carly Bagg (19.69 secs)

Rhythm Race: fastest time wins

- 2nd grade- Alex (1 minute 44 secs)
- 3rd grade- Jameson Daly (31secs)
- 4th grade- Ethan Russell (1min 30 secs)

Note names: fastest time wins

- 3rd grade-Garrus (49 secs)
- 4th grade- Adaleigh S. (56.19 secs)

**Special Mention to the Jr/Sr High chorus students who wanted to compete:

- Eva DiRosa and Airabelle Merrett- top rhythm racers for grades 7/8
- Jordan LaVergne- Singing Specialty (22.33 secs),
- Allena Rowe- Note Names (32.36 secs),
- and Karlee Gross- Rhythm Race (27.97 secs)

All participating students were awarded a gold medal, and the top grade level winners received their choice of candy.

General Information about Music in Our Schools Month (March)- also referred to as MIOSM

Information taken from <https://nafme.org/programs/miosm/>

Every day, in music classrooms across the United States, music educators dedicate themselves to reaching all students with life-changing musical experiences. What parents, administrators and the wider community have not always had the opportunity to observe, however, is the months of practice and rehearsals, and the process of learning that takes place in the music classroom—whether virtual or distanced in person.

Since 1985, MIOSM has been observed as an annual month-long celebration when schools and communities

celebrate music in their local schools and the educators who dedicate themselves to bringing music into the lives of students every day. With the continual threat of budget cuts, it’s important now more than ever to recognize the significant influence music education has on school-aged children.

Why National Music In Our Schools Month Is Important

Music can make you smarter

Studies have shown that music helps to wake your brain up. There’s also been research that indicates listening to music may be linked to increased academic scores. So, the next time you need some serious brainpower, try turning on Mozart.

Music helps you relax

We can all use a little relaxation in our lives. Research has shown that playing a musical instrument can be a fantastic stress reducer. If you feel overwhelmed, put on some soothing, classical music and feel the tension melt away.

Musical education increases college acceptance rates

Researchers believe that there is a link between musical appreciation and test scores. One study indicated that students who have received exposure to music education scored significantly higher SAT scores than their non-music listening counterparts.



3rd graders (Amara Mason, Jameson Daly and Garrus VanGorder)



2nd graders (Alex Reynolds and Michael Mason)



4th graders (Ethan Russell, Carly Bagg, and Adaleigh Steinbrecher)



9-12th grade chorus winners (Jordan LaVergne, Allena Rowe, and Karlee Gross)



Binghamton University has partnered with the Harpursville School District to offer a fun and interactive after-school club for our middle school students.

and the analysis of artifacts. They have listened to Native American story tellers, studied and created tools, thrown spears, and gone on nature walks.

Students in grades 6-8 have been participating in an archeology club where they are learning about local history

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Student voices join together in celebration of song and language

These awesome fifth and sixth graders traveled to Sherburne-Earlville on March 19 for a full day of singing. Joining with students from nine other school districts in the Chenango County area, the girls learned three songs and two languages (Swahili and Spanish). They did an amazing job representing the Harpursville music program.



Pictured (l-r): Lexie Welch, Savannah Neer, Natalie Dibble, Corrine Hine, Gabrielle Piester, Megan Cole, Addison Williams, Kelsey Brewster, and Harmony Mosher



Students, guests explore the regions of France at annual fun night

The annual French is Fun Night, this year highlighting the regions of France, took place on February 24. Families, friends, and students of the French Club got to play pétanque in Bretagne, view some of the most famous monuments in the world on the Ile-de-France (created by the students in the

class of 2026), Wii Ski in the French Alpes through ski club and decorate masks in the Hauts-de-France region (sponsored by theater and NAHS). The participants then finished their tour by eating a traditional French crêpe sponsored by the French Club.



Madison Fleming and Addison Lawrence



Katie Fowler playing Pétanque



Lloyd Byers, Karlee Gross and Jeanette Steele at the crêpe station



Ben Williams, Sarah Young, Abby Lyon and Lloyd Byers at the crêpe station



(L-R) Lukas McKnight, Andrew Fowler, Ryan McCormack, Vincent Risoli-Clark and Gaidyn Dahlgren



Character Strong



Jim DiMaria
Elementary Principal

Happy Spring!

W.A. Olmsted Elementary kicked off a "Character Strong" program on March 14. We are beginning our work to become "Purposeful People" through this program, which merges social-emotional learning and character education into the daily lessons of everything we do at WAO.

For the remainder of this school year, we are focusing on four traits: *respect, kindness, empathy and responsibility*. For the month of March, we are working on the trait of:

Kindness: the choice to act with words, gifts or actions to bring appreciation, positivity and encouragement to ourselves and others.

Our students are taking steps to becoming "Purposeful People" school-wide, including the lunchroom, playground, hallways and buses. All classrooms are actively participating in developing these traits through implementing the **S.E.R.V.E.** model.

Start intentionally

Thoughtful ways to begin the month, the week and the day related to this month's character trait.

Engage relationally

Activities that get students connecting, playing and engaging with a focus on the monthly character trait.



Respond with empathy

Part of our work as educators is responding to our students with empathy – to meet their needs with intentionality and flexibility by adapting to their social, emotional and physical needs during the school day alongside their academics.

Values practiced consistently

Experiential learning designed to put abstract values into practical action to help students see what this month's character trait looks like, sounds like and feels like.

Exit intentionally

Effective ways to end the month, the week and the day related to this month's character trait and create a safe, positive, consistent classroom routine.

There is a home component for each trait as well, so please ask your student's classroom teacher for reinforcement materials if you wish. Our goal is to have each of these traits woven into the school day and become a regular part of conversations and learning within our school.

Beginning in September, we will focus on 10 traits (*courage, respect, perseverance, gratitude, honesty, kindness, empathy, responsibility, cooperation, creativity*). We are thrilled to begin this work together. Look in your student's classroom newsletters for updates and news on the Character Strong program.

Every day 
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with attendance



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WOOT! WOOT! WAGON

Harpursville School District thanks its teachers and staff for their love, dedication and hard work in providing drinks and snacks from our traveling "woot! woot! wagon." Students helped our community school coordinator, Doug Overton, and the counseling team show their appreciation with music and a dance party.