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April 2024

Way to go, Darren!



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Letter from the superintendent

Dear Members of the Harpursville School Community,

This time of year is always bustling with excitement and activity within our school community. With that in mind, I'd like to take a moment to share some congratulatory news and updates on our budget development process.

First and foremost, our schools continue to thrive thanks to the dedicated efforts of our students, parents, and staff. Here are a few highlights of recent accomplishments at Harpursville:

Congratulations are in order for Nicole Cole and Christopher Campanella, as 20 students in grades fifth through 12th participated in the All-County Music Festival. Their hard work is steering our music program in a positive direction.

We also recently hosted our inaugural Junior/Senior High Attendance Matters Game Night, which was a resounding success. Unlike the elementary school event, secondary students had the chance to win gift certificates instead of prize baskets. I extend my heartfelt thanks to all who contributed their time and resources, particularly Jill Andrews and Melanie Allen, for spearheading the game night concept.

On the same evening as the Jr./Sr. high school game night, W.A. Olmsted Elementary held its first-ever Let's Glow Crazy Night. This festive occasion brought together students from grades third through sixth for an evening of fun and games in the WAO Gymnasium. My gratitude goes to Nicole Cole and the WAO student council for organizing this event.

Additionally, our fourth annual Harpursville Student Career Expo featured 19 speakers from various career fields, all of whom were Harpursville alumni. I'm immensely grateful to our alumni for sharing their professional journeys and to Megan Harrington and Karen Slesinsky, our Jr./Sr. high school counselors, for coordinating the day.

Kudos to all our RoboHornets VEX robotics teams for their ongoing success! Three teams traveled to Queensbury, NY, for the Northern New York State VRC Over Under Championship, and I'm thrilled to announce that Bruce Salisbury's team qualified for the VEX World Championships in Dallas. Best wishes to Liem Donahue, Alex Afify, Jacob Rueffer, and Glenn Miller as they represent our school and community at the global level.

I'm incredibly proud to recognize Darren Florence for securing his third New York State Wrestling Championship!

Darren's achievements have been remarkable, and his legacy will undoubtedly endure. To celebrate his accomplishments, we unveiled a banner in the gymnasium during a ceremony attended by all secondary students. Broome County Executive Jason Garnar joined us to proclaim March 13 as Darren Florence Day in Broome County. Congratulations, Darren, on your outstanding achievements.



Heath Georgia,
Superintendent

As we continue with the development of the district's budget for the 2024–2025 school year, we face challenges stemming from the proposed budget by the state's executive branch, which could significantly reduce funding for our district. Given this, we value input from our school and community members regarding our programs. To facilitate this, we'll be hosting an additional Board of Education budget workshop on April 15.

Rest assured, our commitment remains unwavering to providing exceptional educational and extracurricular opportunities while fulfilling our fiscal responsibilities. I encourage your participation in the remaining budget meetings to gather information and offer input. The budget calendar is available on the district's website under the "District - Budget and Tax Information" tab. Our final budget hearing is scheduled for Monday, May 8, followed by the annual vote on May 21. Your presence and participation in the voting process are highly encouraged.

In closing, I wish you a delightful spring season and a successful conclusion to the school year. Should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to my office.

Sincerely,

Heath Georgia
Superintendent of Schools



School Board Seats available

Petitions for those interested in running for one of the two school board member seats (Nicole Robertson, Russell Weist) still are available in the district clerk's office. Please make an appointment to pick one up by calling 607-693-8112. Signed petitions are due back to the district clerk by 3 p.m. April 22. Additional election details are outlined on the school webpage at <https://www.hcs.stier.org/BoardofEducation.aspx> More information on becoming a school board member can also be found at NYSSBA.org.

Board of Education calendar for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year:

- April 15 budget workshop 6 p.m. Jr./Sr. High room 101

- April 21 BOE candidate petitions due to District Clerk by 3 p.m.
- April 22 JPEG photo, BOE candidate biography due to District Clerk by 3 p.m. for budget newsletter
- May 8 budget hearing/board meeting 6 p.m. Jr./Sr. High room 101
- May 21 budget vote 1:30-8 p.m. elementary new gym
- June 12 board meeting 6 p.m. Jr./Sr. High room 101

Meeting dates are subject to change.

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Board of Education
webpage



COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES:

Congratulations to **Gracie Bomboy** on her acceptances to the following colleges:

- Keystone College
- Elms College
- Keuka College
- Sweet Briar College
- Allegheny College
- SUNY Morrisville
- Nichols College
- Albertus Magnus College
- Eastern Connecticut State University

Congratulations to **Logan James** on his acceptances to the following institutions:

- Marist College
- Champlain College
- SUNY Canton

*'Thank you for supporting our programs,
Custom Fabrication!'*

*'Thank you for supporting our programs,
Whitney Titus – Colesville Trust Grant Committee!'*

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	5 th contact
Academics	Teacher	Guidance Counselor	Principal	Assistant Superintendent	Superintendent
Athletics	Coach	Athletic Director	Principal	Assistant Superintendent	Superintendent
Behavior	Teacher	Guidance Counselor	Principal	Superintendent	
BOE Policies	District Clerk	Superintendent	Board of Education		
Budget	Business Admin	Superintendent			
Building Use	Admin Assistant	Principal	Superintendent		
Cafeteria	Director of Food Services	Business Admin	Superintendent		
Classroom Procedures	Teacher	Principal	Assistant Superintendent	Superintendent	
Bus Behavior	Bus Driver	Head Bus Driver	Principal	Superintendent	
Co-Curricular	Advisor	Principal	Assistant Superintendent	Superintendent	
Facilities	Director of Facilities	Business Admin	Superintendent		
Health Office	Nurse	Principal	Superintendent		
Scheduling	Guidance Office	Principal	Assistant Superintendent	Superintendent	
Special Education	Teacher	CSE/CPSE Chairperson	Principal	Assistant Superintendent	Superintendent
Transportation	Head Bus Driver	Business Admin	Superintendent		



Sophomores explore CTE programs at BOCES

10th graders visited the CTE (Career and Technical Education) programs at Broome-Tioga BOCES on Feb. 27. Students were able to select three different classes to observe. They loved seeing the hands-on projects and “real-world” learning experiences. Many students are already looking forward to beginning their career training next fall as juniors!



BOCES offers specialized training in over 20 career areas for juniors and seniors including building trades, cosmetology, clean energy, health science, and manufacturing to name a few. See your school counselor for more information!



Field trip to SUNY Oneonta

Thirty Harpursville Jr./Sr. high school students took a field trip with French teacher, Robert Blendinger, to SUNY Oneonta and Proctor Theater in Schenectady on March 21. Group tours offered insight into a SUNY school’s academic rigors, campus life, the majors offered, and associated expenses. Lunch with current Red Dragon students in Wilsbach dining halls was a welcoming experience. The group then took in a Broadway performance of Les Misérables. The fabulous musical’s performance was profoundly appreciated by all. All who attended had a wonderful and fun time!



at PROCTORS



The Harpersville Central School Theater Club is busily preparing for our spring show. This year's show, Mary Poppins Jr. is sure to bring in a crowd on May 3-5. Last year, our production of Annie sold out both nights!

Theater productions are made possible, in large part, thanks to the generous support of local businesses who purchase advertising space in the printed production programs.

Prices for advertisements are as follows:

- \$100 full page
- \$50 half-page
- \$25 business card size

We hope you will demonstrate your support and encouragement of Harpersville area youth by taking advantage of this affordable advertising opportunity.

To advertise we need the following from you:

- Artwork - Camera Ready Graphic artwork is due with payment. This can be emailed directly to our program designer Nicole Cole at ncole@hcs.stier.org.
- Payment - Checks should be made payable to HCS Play and mailed (or dropped off at the Elementary Office) directly to:

Nicole Cole @ Harpersville CSD
54 Main St.
Harpersville, New York 13787

All artwork and payments are due on or before Friday, April 22.

Tickets will go on sale April 15 online. A link will be posted on the school website and Facebook page.

On behalf of the cast, crew, and parent volunteers I want to thank you for your support of the art, music, and theater programs at HCS.

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District Office(607) 693-8112

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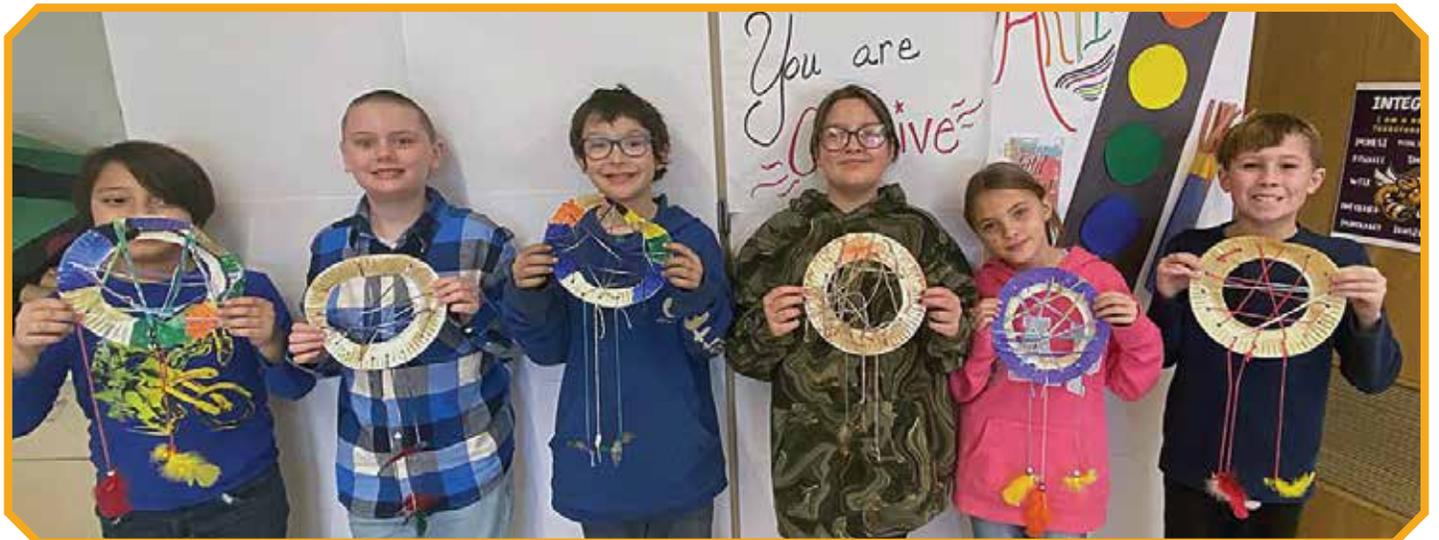
- School Psychologist
- School Counselor (WAO Elementary)
- Substitute Teachers





Creating Dream Catchers

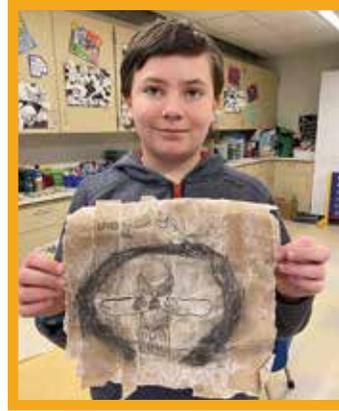
Fourth graders in Jamie Jo Dayton's art class created their own dream catcher artifact to connect the social studies unit from their classrooms to the art classroom. Did you know there are different meanings to how many loopholes are in a dream catcher to string through? Students had a great time learning all the different meanings while creating their own dream catchers to take home.





Making Papyrus Paper

Sixth grade students got to connect the Ancient Egyptian unit they are learning in their classroom to Jamie Jo Dayton's art classroom. Students made a unique "Papyrus" paper using brown paper bags, water, and flour. They then took on the challenge of writing messages using a hieroglyphic alphabet. One student even wrote a nice message to Jamie Jo Dayton using hieroglyphics. It was a fun project that brought great enthusiasm, messiness, and joy.



Doodle for Google Competition

In Jamie Jo Dayton's art class, some students in grades fifth through eighth chose to take on the challenge to win the 2024 "Doodle for Google," whose theme was "My wish for the next 25 years." If their piece is selected by Google, they could win a \$30,000 college scholarship and a \$50,000 Google for Education technology package for our school. Their art will also be displayed on the Google homepage for a day. Best of luck to all the students who took on the challenge!





SENDING DARREN FLORANCE OFF TO THE NYS WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS



On the morning of Thursday, Feb. 22, students and staff from both Harpursville schools came out to send off senior Darren Florance to compete in the New York State Wrestling Championships. Students created banners and signs to cheer him on as he competed for his third NYS Wrestling Championship title.

Darren went into the competition as the number-one seed in the 116-pound weight class. He ended up winning, adding the championship title to his long list of career accomplishments. Congratulations, Darren! The entire Harpursville community is so proud of you!





Darren Florance Day



On Wednesday, March 13, students and staff at the Jr./Sr. High School came together to celebrate Darren Florance on his 3rd NYS Wrestling Championship he recently won.

Broome County Executive Jason Garnar was in attendance and presented Florance with a banner and proclaimed that March 13 will henceforth be known as Darren Florance Day in Broome County.

Assemblyman Joe Angelino, who unfortunately could not be in attendance, sent a legislative citation congratulating Florance on his championship win.

Additionally, his name was revealed on the updated Section IV Wrestling Champions banner that hangs in the Jr./Sr. High School gymnasium.

Florance received a standing ovation from students and staff for his achievements. Congratulations, Darren!



WEIGHT	NAME	YEAR	NYS PLACE FINISH
133	Douglas Bryce	1969	
138	Brett Andrews	1985	3 rd
250	Tony Fouquet	1998	
138	Rano Kvaratachvili	1995	
140	Cory Nalinger	2004	6 th
125	David Marble	2005	3 rd
125	David Marble	2006	
135	Victor Coronado	2007	CHAMPION
140	Victor Coronado	2008	3 rd
160	Madison Hoover	2017	5 th
152	Shane Hoover	2018	
160	Shane Hoover	2019	5 th
99	Joey Florance	2019	
102	Darren Florance	2022	CHAMPION
110	Darren Florance	2023	CHAMPION
158	Joey Florance	2023	2 nd
116	Darren Florance	2024	CHAMPION



game night FUN

On Friday, March 22, the Jr./Sr. High School held their family game night for attendance awareness month! Students were able to play a wide variety of games, including dodgeball, nitroball, basketball, giant

Jenga, cornhole, and more. The biggest hit was the dodgeball tournament which the staff team won! As students played games, they won tickets that could be entered into the gift card raffle. Local groups, teachers,

and classes donated hundreds of dollars' worth of gift certificates and hive bucks that can be used at the Hive Café in the high school. Students and families were also treated to free pizza, popcorn, and drinks, which

were enjoyed by all. Each student was also given a color-changing hornet cup to go home with. Everyone had a blast. Thank you to the administration, especially Jill Andrews and Mel Allen, for this fun night!





Students perform in the All-County Festival

On March 15 and 16, teachers Nicole Cole, Christopher Campanella, and 20 musicians attended the Spring All County Music Festival for Chenango County. Chenango All-County Music Festival combines the talents of Afton, Bainbridge-Guilford, Greene, Harpursville, Norwich, Otselic Valley, Oxford, Sherburne-Earlville, Sidney, and Unadilla Valley. The 7th–12th grade band students prepared for a three-hour rehearsal on Friday evening and a five-hour rehearsal on Saturday. All of their hard work and dedication were shown at the Saturday concert.

Elementary Chorus:

The Elementary All-County Chorus was under the direction of Mrs. Aubri Enders, a music teacher from Bath, NY. The Elementary chorus sang four pieces, one of them in the language of Swahili! The Elementary Chorus members from Harpursville were Hunter Hartman, Hailey Merrin, Lainey Steinbrecher, Hayleigh Moorehead, Angelina Quaglia, Hannah Cole, Gabriel Mosher, Kaitlin Vandermark, and Riley Daly.

Junior Band:

The Junior All County Band was under the direction of Dr. Benjamin Rochford, a conducting professor at the Ithaca College Whalen School of Music. The Jr. band played three pieces of exceptional difficulty. The junior band members from Harpursville were Emma Snow, Colby Johnson, Lexie Welch, Gabby Piester, Isabella Brotzman, Megan Cole, Kalen Kulas, and Kelsey Brewster. They had a lot of fun together.

High School Band:

The High School All County Band was an audition-only process. Each student was asked to submit a video of their skills on their instrument to be considered for a position in the band. The high school was under the direction of Dr. Daniel Cook, the wind ensemble conductor of the Ithaca College Whalen School of Music. The HS band played four pieces of exceptional difficulty. The high school band members from Harpursville were Maxamus Allen, Elizabeth Ives, and Brendan Pike. Each student worked hard on their audition and was recognized for their skills and dedication to music. The band sounded great, and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Christopher Campanella and Nicole Cole would like to thank the community for their support of the Harpursville music program. They would also like to congratulate the students for their hard work, dedication to music, and representing Harpursville. Great job, students!



Outstanding!



Exploring Paris: A Night of Fun and Learning

On Thursday, Feb. 22, students and the Harpursville community spent an evening in Paris without ever leaving the premises for French is Fun Night, an event an event that turned the gymnasium into a bustling hub of excitement and exploration.

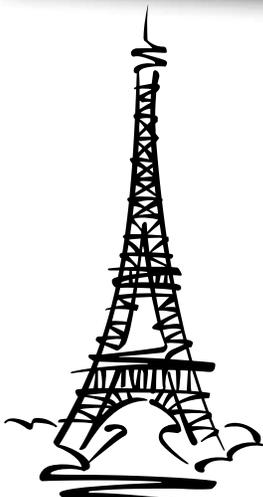
As students stepped onto the floor of the gym, they found themselves greeted by a sprawling map of Paris. Their mission? To meander through different locations, collecting stamps to adorn their very own Paris Metro cards.

Various student groups had prepared engaging activities, each offering a unique glimpse into French culture and history such as a scavenger hunt for the Paris Metro, mime performances, digging through the catacombs for bones, learning about the Pantheon, coloring the famous stained glass windows of Notre Dame, creating their own version of the Mona Lisa, participating in mini versions of some games at the upcoming Jeux Olympique's, and enjoying crepes supplied by the French Club.

Adding to the festivities, members of the student council warmly welcomed each participant, distributing Paris Metro cards and adding to the sense of camaraderie and adventure.

But the excitement didn't end there! The Harpursville Visions branch set up a captivating game of memory, while the BU Community Schools members engaged students with surveys and delightful giveaways, showcasing the spirit of collaboration and community.

French is Fun Night was not just an evening of entertainment; it was an immersive cultural experience that ignited curiosity, fostered creativity, and brought the beauty of Paris to our school community.





A fun send off in ski club

The Harpurville Ski Club had a beautiful day to end its 2024 season on Sunday, Feb. 24. After skiing under a gorgeous blue sky, the club members enjoyed a few more hours of fun at the Hope Lake Lodge Water Park, as well as a pizza party. The Ski Club would like to thank our chaperones, Paula Hawkins and Sandra

Steinbrecher, for all of their help this year.

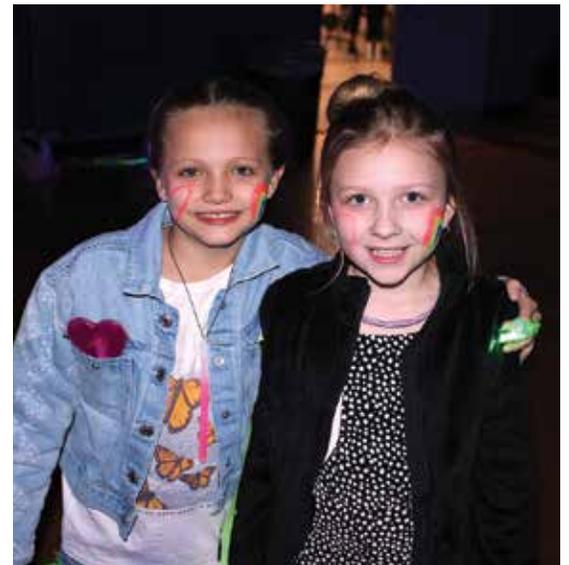
In addition, as we look forward to next season, we wish the four seniors (President Liam Quick, Hunter Smith, Brendan Pike, and Jacob Wolbert) the very best. We appreciated their leadership and all of the fun memories we made together on the mountain!



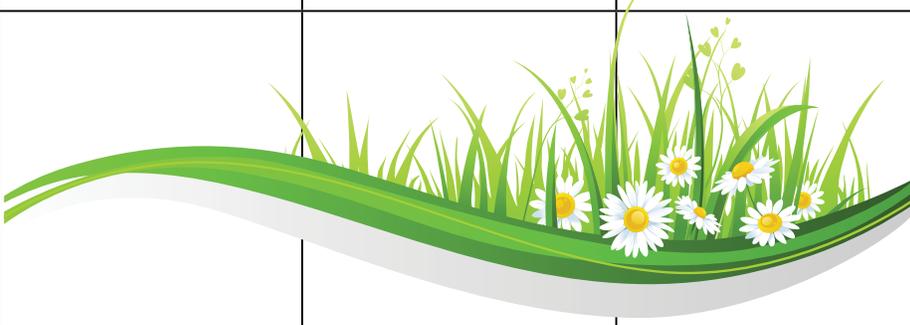


Dancing the night away at the glow party

In addition to game night at the Jr./Sr. High School, students at WAO Elementary also had a fun time on Friday, March 22. The Elementary Student Council organized a glow party for students in grades third through sixth. The DJ was rocking, blacklights were on, students had their faces painted, were dressed in neon, and had their snack money ready. Over 100 students had a great night of dancing, shooting hoops, and hanging out with their friends. Thank you to the PTSA for donating in order to make the glow party a great time!



April 2024 MS/HS menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 	<h1 style="font-size: 4em; color: #8e44ad; text-shadow: 2px 2px #f1c40f;">Spring Recess</h1>			
8 <i>Frudel Juice</i> Chicken Nuggets w/roll Baby Carrots w/dip NY Apple	9 <i>Breakfast Bread Fruit</i> NY Chicken Mac & Cheese Garlic Breadstick Broccoli Juice NY Apple Slices	10 <i>Breakfast Pizza Juice</i> French Toast Sticks Potato Tots Sausage Veggie Cup w/hummus Orange (Popcorn Chicken Salad)	11 <i>Snack'n Waffle Fruit</i> NY Loaded Nacho's w/toppings NY Confetti Corn Salad NY Juice NY Apple	12 <i>Breakfast Breaks WAO Hornet Muffin HS</i> Stuffed Crust Pizza Garden Salad w/chickpeas Assorted Fruit
15 <i>Mini Pancakes Juice</i> Cheeseburger on a roll w/lettuce & tomato Sweet Potato Fries Green Beans NY Apple	16 <i>Cinnamon Roll Fruit</i> Taco's w/toppings Taco Seasoned Rice Corn Juice Chilled Fruit	17 <i>Snack'n Waffle WAO Breakfast Pizza HS</i> Lupo's Chicken Spiedie Sub Salt Potatoes Veggie Cup w/hummus Banana (Chef Salad)	18 <i>French Toast Fruit</i> Breaded Mozzarella Sticks w/side of pasta Cucumbers w/dip NY Juice Chilled Fruit	19 <i>Hornet Muffin All</i> Homemade Pizza Garden Salad w/chickpeas Assorted Fruit
22 <i>Frudel Juice</i> Chicken Nuggets w/roll Mashed Potatoes Glazed Carrots NY Apple	23 <i>Breakfast Bread Fruit</i> Mandarin Orange Chicken w/ rice Broccoli Juice Chilled Fruit	24 <i>Mini Cinni's Juice</i> Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Veggie Cup w/hummus Banana (S.W. Chicken Salad)	25 <i>Snack'n Waffle Fruit</i> NY Chicken Burrito Bowl w/Rice, Peppers & Onions NY Rainbow Cabbage Salad NY Juice NY Apple	26 <i>Breakfast Breaks WAO Hornet Muffin HS</i> Nardone Cheese Pizza Garden Salad w/chickpeas Assorted Fruit
29 <i>Mini Bagels WAO Chicken Croissant HS</i> Chicken Patty on a roll Sweet Potato Fries Mixed Vegetables NY Apple	30 <i>Cinnamon Roll/Fruit</i> Walking Taco w/toppings Taco Seasoned Rice Corn / Juice Chilled Fruit			

ALL STUDENTS EAT FREE for BREAKFAST and LUNCH!

Salad of the week:
 MS/HS daily
 WAO on Wednesdays

Daily options:

PB&J w/NY string cheese Ham & Cheese Sandwich
 Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Yogurt w/NY string cheese & NY Homemade Granola



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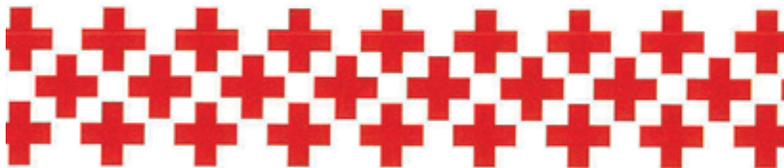
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 In the Old Gym (Girl's Side)

54 Main Street
 Harpursville, NY 13787

**Thursday, April 25, 2024
 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.**

Please consider giving a power red cell donation if you are O-, O+, A-, or B-!

See Mrs. Hendrickson or any student council member to sign up, or call 1-800-REDCROSS, or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make your appointment. The public is welcome.

EAT WELL – HYDRATE – BRING ID

16-year-olds must have a signed Red Cross permission slip with them to donate.

All presenting donors will receive a free gift, while supplies last!

Make an impact: Come give blood 4/8 to 4/28 at the Red Cross for a \$10 gift card by email to a merchant of choice!