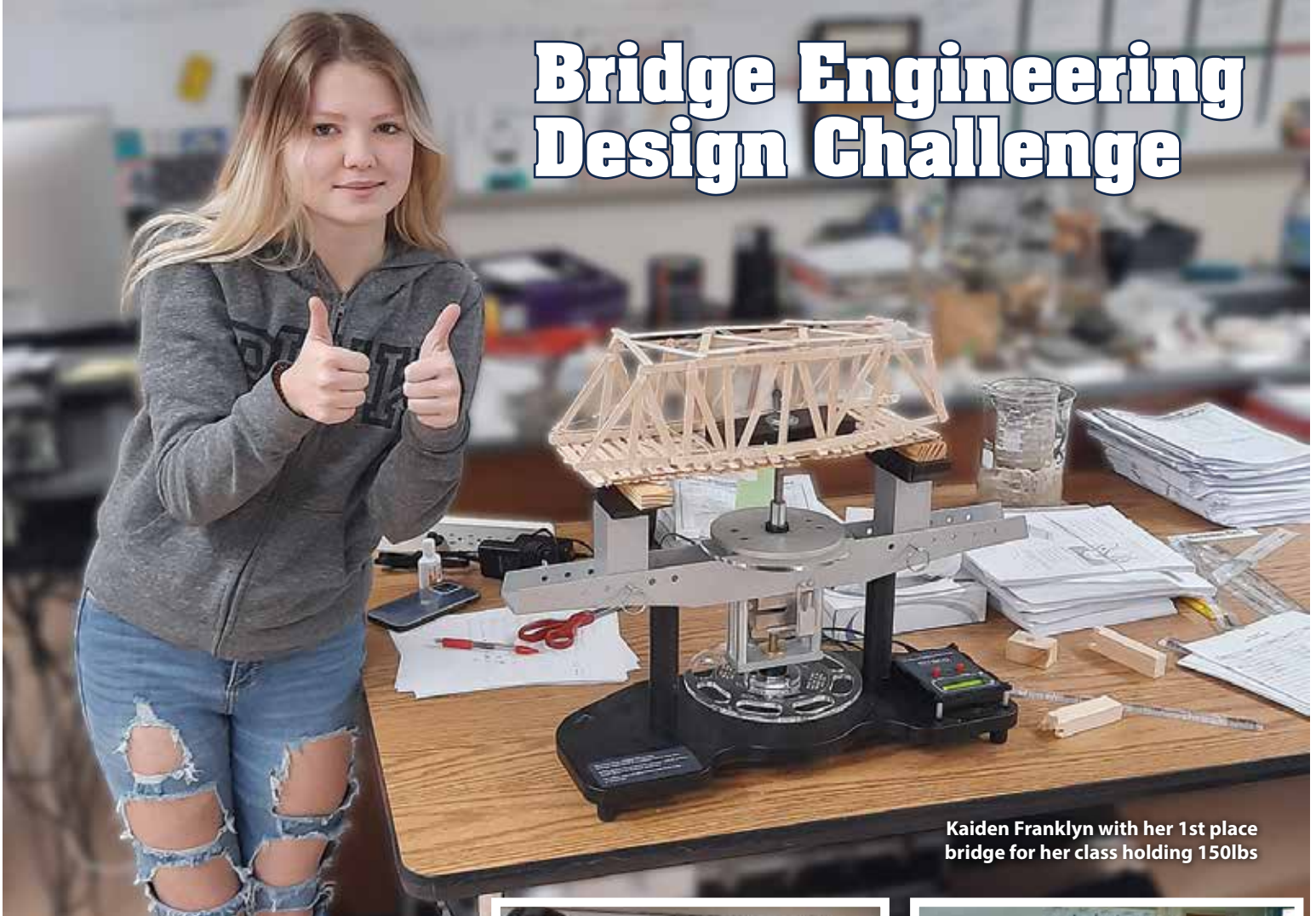




## Bridge Engineering Design Challenge



Kaiden Franklyn with her 1st place bridge for her class holding 150lbs

Students in Mr. Strantz's Real World Science class participated in researching, designing, and testing popsicle stick bridges for aesthetics and strength. The design process started with researching the types of bridges, drawing 1/2 scale blueprints, and then testing different bridge structures with an online bridge building game. Once students were done researching and testing, they went to work implementing their designs. The winning design structure held an amazing 164lbs at it's peak as measured by our electronic bridge breaker.



Owen Ellsworth (Left) and Dylan Willumson with their 1st place overall bridge holding 164lbs.



Twyla Dodd (Left) and Emily Higgins with their bridge which held 106lbs.



# Welcome to the interim superintendent

Hello Hornet Community,

Many of you may have already seen me around the district and I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself. The plan is for me to be serving as the interim superintendent from now until July 1 when a new superintendent will begin. I am very familiar with the Harpursville community and have served as the district superintendent of Broome-Tioga BOCES for more than 14 years prior to this. I have decided to temporarily leave retirement to come and serve in this position because I am so excited about the opportunities before us. The upcoming Capital Project will be an impressive change to the campus and will enhance the learning environment for our students and staff

for years to come. I am also very excited about the chance to lead this district while the search for a new superintendent is underway. It's a big job and I know that the board of education will choose the right candidate for the role. As a leader at BOCES I have always believed in transparency and being visible in the school community. If you see me in the hallway please introduce yourself. I am looking forward to meeting and working with you for the remainder of the school year.



Mr. Allen Buyck,  
Interim Superintendent

Al Buyck  
Interim Superintendent

## School board seats up for election in May

Two seats on the Harpursville Central School District Board of Education will be up for election on May 16, 2023:

- A five-year term beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2028, for the seat currently occupied by Melissa Anderson; and an unexpired, three-year term beginning on May 17, 2023, and ending on June 30, 2026, for the seat previously occupied by Jessica Hartman and currently occupied by John Dattoria.

### Thinking about becoming a school board member?

A free workshop will be held on March 29, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. compliments of the Broome-Tioga School Boards Association. The workshop will take place at Broome-Tioga BOCES, , Allen D. Buyck Instructional Support Center Conference Room A. This workshop includes a panel of current school board members, a question-and-answer session and take-home materials. Topics include challenges in dealing with special interest groups, expectations of colleagues and administrators, legal responsibilities, and election procedures. The snow date will be March 30. Preregistration is recommended. Call 607-693-8112 to reserve your seat. Additionally, New York State School Boards Association provides even more free information online which can be found at NYSSBA.org.



## Board of Education meeting schedule:

<b>February 23</b> 1:30-8 PM	Capital Project Vote Elem. Gym	<b>May 3</b> 6 PM	Board meeting, public hearing Room 101
<b>March 8</b> 6 PM	Board meeting – Room 101	<b>16</b> 1:30-8 PM	Budget Vote - Elementary Gym
<b>April 17</b> 6 PM	Board meeting – Room 101	<b>June 14</b> 6 PM	Board meeting – Room 101



Congratulations to **Caden Hurlburt** on his acceptances to SUNY Broome, SUNY Cobleskill, and the Criminal Justice Program at Medaille University in Buffalo.

Congratulations to **Alana Nannery** on her acceptance to Keuka College.

Congratulations to **Hanna Whitman** on her acceptance to Keystone College.

Congratulations to **Kaydence Schultz** on her acceptance to Wells College.



## 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 <sup>st</sup> contact	2 <sup>nd</sup> contact	3 <sup>rd</sup> contact	4 <sup>th</sup> contact	5 <sup>th</sup> contact
<b>Academics</b>	Teacher	Guidance Counselor	Principal	Assistant Superintendent	Superintendent
<b>Athletics</b>	Coach	Athletic Director	Principal	Assistant Superintendent	Superintendent
<b>Behavior</b>	Teacher	Guidance Counselor	Principal	Superintendent	
<b>BOE Policies</b>	District Clerk	Superintendent	Board of Education		
<b>Budget</b>	Business Admin	Superintendent			
<b>Building Use</b>	Admin Assistant	Principal	Superintendent		
<b>Cafeteria</b>	Director of Food Services	Business Admin	Superintendent		
<b>Classroom Procedures</b>	Teacher	Principal	Assistant Superintendent	Superintendent	
<b>Bus Behavior</b>	Bus Driver	Head Bus Driver	Principal	Superintendent	
<b>Co-Curricular</b>	Advisor	Principal	Assistant Superintendent	Superintendent	
<b>Facilities</b>	Director of Facilities	Business Admin	Superintendent		
<b>Health Office</b>	Nurse	Principal	Superintendent		
<b>Scheduling</b>	Guidance Office	Principal	Assistant Superintendent	Superintendent	
<b>Special Education</b>	Teacher	CSE/CPSE Chairperson	Principal	Assistant Superintendent	Superintendent
<b>Transportation</b>	Head Bus Driver	Business Admin	Superintendent		

## Harpursville Central School District directory

### District Office ..... (607) 693-8112

Board of Education  
Allen Buyck, Interim Superintendent  
Tabaitha Rhodes, Exec. Asst./District Clerk

### Assistant Superintendent(607) 693-5713

Pam Horton, Asst. Supt. of Instruction  
Melanie Allen, Admin. Assistant

### Business Office .....(607) 693-8120

Joseph McLaughlin, Business Official  
Amanda Lohle, Personnel Clerk

### Special Education .....(607) 693-8104

Joshua Quick, CSE/CPSE Chairperson  
Jennifer DeCamp, Admin. Assistant

### Jr/Sr High School .....(607) 693-8105

Kristine Conrow, Principal  
Amy Walker, Admin. Assistant

### Guidance Office.....(607) 693-5734

Karen Slesinsky, Jr/Sr HS Counselor  
Megan Harrington, Jr/Sr HS Counselor  
Amanda Doolittle, Elementary Counselor  
Cassandra Bakley, Admin. Assist.

### Attendance/Registration(607) 693-8108

Jill Andrews, Student Records

### W.A. Olmsted Elementary(607) 693-8115

Stacey Silvestri, Principal  
Jessica Moore-Hovancik, Admin. Assistant

### Health Offices

Rebecca Adolf (Jr Sr HS) (607) 693-8118  
Laura Berkeley ..... (Elm) (607) 693-8119

### Athletics .....(607) 693-8133

Joshua Quick, Athletic Director

### Social workers:

**Jr/Sr High..... (607) 693-8105 ext. 4102**  
Julianna Cox

**WAO Elem .... (607) 693-8115 ext. 3313**  
Stacy Liciandrello

**Food Services .....(607) 693-8126**  
Norene Tasber, Director of Food Services

**Transportation .....(607) 693-8100**  
Dennis Symons, Head Bus Driver  
Joseph McLaughlin, Business Official

**Buildings & Grounds ... (607) 693-8121**  
Ed Livermore

**Family & Children's .....(607) 693-8123**  
Fabienne Lescoufflair, Clinician



## History Surrounds Us

by Kim Rusnak

This fall, high school students in the Colesville History elective have been able to explore and learn about our area's history through field trips, activities, and presentations.

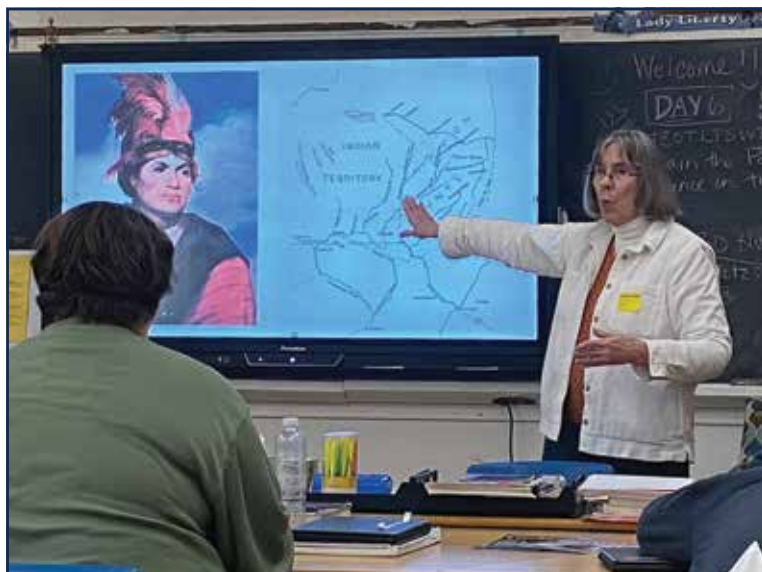
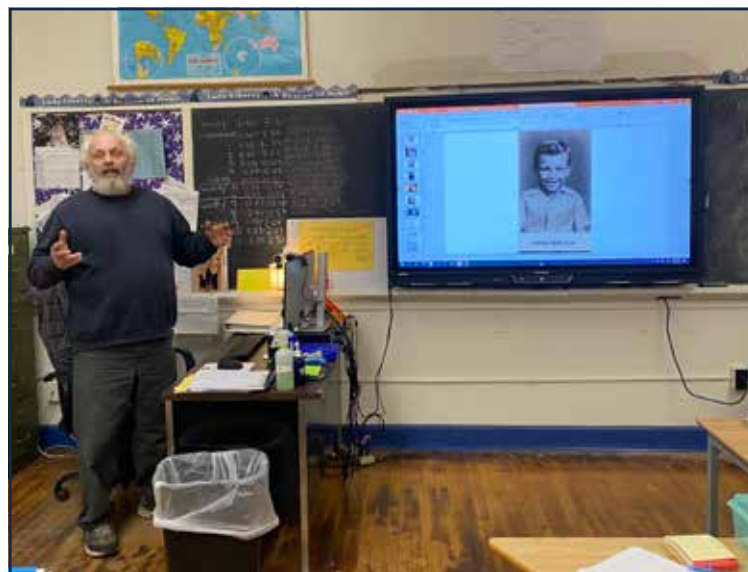
Our students took a field trip to the town hall where they participated in a letterboxing activity led by Town Historian Sam Conrad. During the activity, students were given historical and navigational clues to find hidden stamps to add to their logbooks. Through this process, they were able to learn about and visit: the Doraville Schoolhouse, St. Luke's Church and Museum, the gravesite of Revolutionary War drummer boy Bateman Dickinson at Harpur Cemetery, and the memorial site of Rebecca Kellogg Ashley.

Students had previously learned about Rebecca Kellogg Ashley, an interpreter stationed at the Haudenosaunee

Settlement at Onaquaga in the mid-1700s until her death in 1757 in class. Eileen Rugeiri, the Old Onaquaga Historical Society's president gave the class a presentation on Ashley and accompanied the students as they visited her memorial near Dutchtown Road.

Students also learned about a Binghamton University archaeological dig that took place on Amedeo Cimini's property in North Colesville at Unitaria. Cimini said the dig yielded evidence that the property most likely housed the area's post office as well as a portion of the Rockwell-Hurlburt Equestrian Troupe. The Troupe traveled throughout the nation, performing in shows and several members of the group lost their lives when the ship they were traveling on sank in the Pacific Northwest.

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The students were also able to use their creativity to recreate John Lamphere's (the first known white settler in the area) cabin for a "Gingerbread House" contest.

Finally, these young historians presented in our annual "Voices in the Dark" in Riverview Cemetery. There, they were joined by Sam Conrad, Eileen Ruggieri, and Darla Dayton and collectively spoke in first person from the graves of town notables, such as John Lamphere, Robert Harpur, Dr. John Bancroft, and Shawn Livingston (who won a gold medal in the Special Olympics for bowling).

History is truly all around us and through the community's support, our students were able to learn and appreciate their own.



## Sadie Combs signs NLI with Wells College

Sadie Combs will be attending Wells College. She has signed her letter of intent to play both Field Hockey and Basketball for the Express!

Wells Basketball Coach Doug Carter said that both Wells Coach Galatioto and he are so happy Sadie will be joining the teams at Wells.

"She already seems invested in our program(s) future success," he said. "Division III offers a great blend of athletic opportunity and academic preparation, and we are glad to be able to offer both to Sadie. We look forward to seeing Sadie achieve athletically while learning and growing as a leader."



## Gingerbread house competition

Students in Mrs. Whaley's homeroom had their annual Gingerbread house competition. Congratulations to Willy Locke for winning best gingerbread house and Hanna Whitman for coming in second!





## Just Add Snow for Winter Fun! *Kim Rusnak- Ski Club Advisor*

The Harpursville Ski Club had another successful year at Greek Peak! This year, the club grew in membership, and all had amazing improvements in their skill set. The students, chaperones, and advisor appreciated the snow making efforts of Greek Peak to turn our grassy land into a fun winter wonderland. Special thanks to the district, our chaperones and finally our amazing bus drivers who transported us safely each week! We can't wait until next year and look forward to adding new members. Look for information in the fall on the HCS website, social media accounts and at Open House if you are interested in having your child join! The Ski Club is available for Harpursville students in 5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.





## WAO students dance the night away

The WAO Elementary School student council had their first dance on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Every student in grades 3-6 was invited to come and party! The evening was filled with awesome music, by DJ Steve Brown, popcorn, candy, and soda, by Ms. Talbut and the Class of 2029, and lots of fun!

Student Council would like to thank all the volunteer chaperones for supervising, cleaning up the popcorn and soda spills, and giving us a night to remember.





## Farmers' Museum in Cooperstown, NY.

Students in the U.S. History and Government classes and the HIS 130 college-level class had the opportunity to explore the past at the Farmers' Museum in Cooperstown, NY. There they were able to partake in workshops that replicated life not only in 1840s Cooperstown, but in much of the United States, including Harpursville and its surrounding hamlets. Students baked apple fritters, learned how to sew, or even tried their hand at blacksmithing. Special thanks to the district for this opportunity and the chaperones for their volunteerism.







## Brendan Pike performed in the All-State Band!

The All-State band performed multiple pieces under the direction of Robin Linaberry. The performance was held at the Ford Concert Music Hall at the Whalen School of Music in Ithaca.

Brendan Pike served as one of the lead multi-instrumental percussionists in the section and performed beautifully with the rest of the talented ensemble.

All State band is the big leagues for young musicians. It's an incredible opportunity to meet talented musicians from around the state, work with guest conductors, and perform challenging music. This band is joined by auditions-only, and is a very competitive process.

Congratulations to Brendan Pike for this terrific achievement, and his dedication to the music program at Harpursville!



## Students receive pocket-sized constitution

A huge thank you from the students in the U.S. History and Government and HIS 130 to Carla Michalak and SUNY Broome! Each student was given a pocket size U.S. Constitution to use throughout their studies this year and to keep for life. Reading and knowing the government's powers and states/individual rights are important duties of being a well informed citizen. SUNY Broome made it a tad easier with these easily transportable documents!





## Farewell Mr. Rullo

At the February 8 Board of Education meeting, Mr. Michael Rullo was presented with a plaque on behalf of our Board of Education. Seated to his left is Interim Superintendent Allen Buyck. Mike's parents, wife and sons were in attendance. As an extra surprise, our project architect firm traveled down from Syracuse and brought one of his daughters (who attends Syracuse University) along. Dessert and refreshments were provided. Many thanks to those in attendance that celebrated Mr. Rullo.



**HARPURSVILLE CSD PRESENTS:**



**HCS Auditorium  
Friday and Saturday,  
March 10th and 11th  
7:00pm**

\$8 Adults

\$5 Students &  
Seniors

Children under 5- free

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purchase at the  
door!



Presented through special  
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Book by Thomas Meehan  
Music by Charles Strouse  
Lyrics by Martin Charnin



# March 2023 menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p align="center"><b>All Students</b>  <b>Eat FREE Breakfast &amp; Lunch</b></p> <p><b>M,W,F</b> Turkey &amp; Cheese Sandwich</p> <p><b>T&amp;TH</b> Ham &amp; Cheese Sandwich  <b>Wed:</b> Salad of the Week WAO only</p> <p><b>Daily:</b> PB&amp;J w/cheese stick &amp; crackers            NY Yogurt w/cheese stick &amp; NY granola</p>		<p align="right"><b>1</b></p> <p><i>Breakfast Pizza/Juice</i></p> <p>Wild Mikes Pizza Bites            w/side of pasta            Garden Salad w/            chickpeas            Banana</p>	<p align="right"><b>2</b></p> <p><i>French Toast Sticks Fruit</i></p> <p>NY Chicken Burrito Bowl            w/NY beans &amp; Corn            Seasoned Rice            NY Apple &amp; NY Juice</p>	<p align="right"><b>3</b></p> <p><i>Breakfast Breaks WAO Hornet Muffin HS</i></p> <p>St. Crust Pizza            Garden Salad w/chickpeas            Fresh Fruit</p>
<p align="right"><b>6</b></p> <p><i>Mini Cinni's Juice</i></p> <p>Popcorn Chicken w/roll            Mashed potatoes            Glazed Carrots            NY Apple</p>	<p align="right"><b>7</b></p> <p><i>Brk. Bread Slice Fruit</i></p> <p>French Toast Sticks            Potato Tots            Sausage            Juice            Orange</p>	<p align="right"><b>8</b></p> <p><i>Cereal/Juice WAO Brk. Pizza/Juice HS</i></p> <p>BBQ Turkey on a roll            Fries            NY Asian Cabbage Salad            Veggie Cup            Peaches</p>	<p align="right"><b>9</b></p> <p><i>Pancake on a stick Fruit</i></p> <p>Pizza wedges            Garden Salad w/            chickpeas            Fruit</p>	<p align="right"><b>10</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Superintendent's Day</b></p>
<p align="right"><b>13</b></p> <p><i>Mini Pancakes Juice</i></p> <p>Cheeseburger on a roll w/            lettuce &amp; tomato            Sw. Potato Fries            Broccoli            NY Apple</p>	<p align="right"><b>14</b></p> <p><i>Cinnamon Roll Fruit</i></p> <p>Taco Salad w/toppings            Seasoned Rice            Corn            Juice            Mixed Fruit</p>	<p align="right"><b>15</b></p> <p><i>Cereal Juice WAO Breakfast Pizza Juice</i></p> <p>Chicken Spiedie Sub            NY Chips            NY Rainbow Cabbage            Salad/Veggie Cup            Banana</p>	<p align="right"><b>16</b></p> <p><i>French Toast Sticks Fruit</i></p> <p>Pasta w/NY meat sauce            NY Green Beans / Garlic            Breadstick            NY Applesauce            NY Juice</p>	<p align="right"><b>17</b></p> <p><i>Hornet Muffin Juice</i></p> <p>Pizza Crunchers            w/side of pasta            Garden Salad w/chickpeas            St. Patrick's Jello            Fruit</p>
<p align="right"><b>20</b></p> <p><i>Frudel Juice</i></p> <p>Chicken Nuggets w/roll            Mashed Potatoes            Mixed Vegetables            NY Apple</p>	<p align="right"><b>21</b></p> <p><i>Brk. Bread Slice Fruit</i></p> <p>NY Meatball Sub            Fries            Veggie Cup            Juice            Pears</p>	<p align="right"><b>22</b></p> <p><i>Breakfast Pizza Juice</i></p> <p>Grilled Cheese Sandwich            Tomato Soup            Cucumbers &amp; Dip            Orange</p>	<p align="right"><b>23</b></p> <p><i>Snack'n Waffle/Fruit</i></p> <p><b>NY THURSDAY</b>            NY Yogurt Parfait            String Cheese WAO NY            Carrots, celery            NY Juice            NY Apple            NY Buffalo Wing Dip HS</p>	<p align="right"><b>24</b></p> <p><i>Breakfast Break WAO Hornet Muffin Juice</i></p> <p>Pizza            Garden Salad w/chickpeas            Fruit</p>
<p align="right"><b>27</b></p> <p><i>Mini Pancakes Juice</i></p> <p>Chicken Patty on a roll            Sweet Potato Fries            Mixed Vegetables            NY Apple</p>	<p align="right"><b>28</b></p> <p><i>Cinnamon Roll Fruit</i></p> <p>Taco's w/toppings            Seasoned Rice            Corn            Juice            Pears</p>	<p align="right"><b>29</b></p> <p><i>Cereal Juice WAO Breakfast Pizza HS</i></p> <p>Boneless Chicken Wings            Rst Potatoes Veggie Cup            Banana</p>	<p align="right"><b>30</b></p> <p><i>French Toast Sticks Fruit</i></p> <p>Chicken Mac &amp; Cheese            Broccoli            Garlic Breadstick            NY Juice            NY Apple</p>	<p align="right"><b>31</b></p> <p><i>Breakfast Breaks WAO Hornet Muffin Juice</i></p> <p>Wild Mike's Pizza            Garden Salad w/chickpeas            Fruit</p>



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The annual Colesville Dollars for Scholars phone-a-thon will look a little different this year.

Instead of the traditional phone-a-thon, we are conducting a letter-a-thon! Look for your letter in the mail at the end of February. There are other options for donating as well. You can complete the form to the right with your donation and return to **PO Box 1 Harpursville, N.Y. 13787**, or use this link to donate online: <https://secure.givelively.org/donate/colesville-dollars-for-scholars>.

We appreciate your continued support of our graduating seniors and helping them pursue their dreams.



**Thank You**  
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# Letter-a-thon

**FEBRUARY 28**

PO BOX 1 Harpursville, NY 13787

**I/We would like to help a graduating Harpursville senior.**

Enclosed is a gift of:

\$100    \$50    \$25    \$20    Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: **Colesville Dollars for Scholars.**

Please indicate the number of the award/scholarship: # \_\_\_\_\_

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