



Artifact of the Week

Born out of necessity during the COVID hybrid era, Artifact of the Week videos have become a mainstay in the Colesville History Class. Students anxiously await Fridays where they are introduced to artifacts at the St. Luke's Museum by Darryl Klutts, Beth Klutts, and Eileen Ruggieri. *continued on page 3*



Pictured Front Row (left to right): Aubree Eberly-Robinson, Aliyah Campbell, Cecilia Boyer, Beth Klutts
Back Row (left to right): Matthew Sanchez, Casey Lusk, Tavish Miner, Emily Higgins



Letter from the superintendent

Dear Harpursville School District Community,

I hope this message finds you well as we move into the second half of the 2023-2024 school year. Time truly has flown by, and with spring just around the corner, there's a sense of optimism and energy.

Our winter sports teams have been showcasing exceptional dedication and skill. It has been a great time watching them work hard and compete. Also, I want to extend heartfelt congratulations to Kylee Noyes for her well-deserved recognition as a member of the 2023 Greater Binghamton Elite 10 Field Hockey Team. To all our student athletes, your hard work and commitment do not go unnoticed, and we wish you the very best as we approach the spring sports season.

A special shoutout to our Robo Hornets, who recently participated in the West Genesee Wildcats Over Under Tournament. Under the guidance of Mr. Bruce Salisbury, their advisor, our teams achieved outstanding results with a couple of 2nd place finishes. We're cheering them on as they aim for a spot in the state championships and, hopefully, the VEX World Championship.

I had the privilege of watching Gracie Bomboy and her peers from the BOCES New Visions Business Academy present how they developed their company, "Innovation", and then the process of manufacturing, marketing, and selling two fantastic products. Their success not only highlights their entrepreneurial spirit but also their generosity, as they donated \$4500.00 of their net profits to the Mental Health Association of the Southern Tier. Congratulations to Gracie and the entire Innovation team!

As you can see, we have many great programs and talented students at Harpursville. That all happens with the support of the whole school and community. As we move into the second half of the year, it also means that we will begin to navigate the budget development process. I encourage all district residents to be part of this crucial conversation. Your input is invaluable as we work together to create a fiscally responsible budget that supports our educational goals and enhances our programs. Attend our budget development meetings in the coming months, share your thoughts, and stay informed about the decisions shaping our district's future.



Heath Georgia,
Superintendent

Best wishes for a fantastic February! Should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or the respective person within the school district. Your continued support is truly appreciated.

Thanks for all you do to make our schools thrive!

Warm regards,

Heath Georgia
Superintendent of Schools

Clean Energy and Battery Storage

A group of 10th graders visited the new BOCES Clean Energy and Battery Storage CTE program on Thursday, Jan. 18. The day started at Chenango Forks High School where the program is housed. Participants were able to see the classroom space, hear from the teachers, and experience the many learning opportunities available in this program. A few of the current Clean Energy students were on hand to discuss their learning and share some of the amazing projects they have worked on so far this year.

The group then travelled to BAE Systems in Endicott for the afternoon where they were able to tour the Huron campus to learn about some of the jobs that they would be prepared for upon completing the clean energy program.

Clean Energy and Battery Storage is one of the many CTE programs available to students during their 11th and 12th grade years. Another field trip to visit the other programs on the BOCES main campus is scheduled for interested 10th graders on Tuesday, Feb. 27.





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They then need to use their sleuthing skills to uncover the identity of the featured item. Eventually, after all guesses are given, the artifact's name and purpose are revealed.

Students of the course were challenged to create their own Artifact of the Week videos this year. They excitedly took up the challenge after being transported to St. Luke's and graciously hosted by the secretary of the Old Ononquaga Historical Society, Beth Klutts. Students perused the collection and stealthily took footage of their selected artifact. They are busily working on their projects and the teacher cannot wait to view them and try her sleuthing skills out!



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
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Congratulations to our college bound seniors

Congratulations to **Melissa Cantone** for her acceptances to the Vet Tech programs at the following colleges:

SUNY Delhi
Alfred State College
SUNY Cobleskill
SUNY Canton

Congratulations to **Liam Quick** who has been accepted to the Engineering and Management program at *Clarkson University*

Congratulations to **Bradley Bennett** on his acceptance to the Computer Security and Forensics program at *SUNY Broome*

Congratulations to **Aubree Eberly-Robinson** on her recent acceptance to the Therapeutic Recreation program at *SUNY Cortland*

6th Grade 3D Art Project

Sixth grade students in Jamie Jo Dayton's art class thrived in their 3D Art Project. Dayton says, "It was joyful to watch them get to work collaboratively and individually. They took on the challenge with enthusiasm, creativity, and encouragement. Way to go sixth grade!"





School board seats up for election in May

Two seats on the Harpurville Central School District Board of Education will be up for election on May 21, 2024:

- A five-year term beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2029, for the seat currently held by Russell Weist
- A five-year term beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2029, for the seat currently held by Nicole Robertson

Thinking about becoming a school board member?

A free workshop will be held on April 11, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. compliments of the Broome-Tioga School Boards Association. The location is Broome-Tioga BOCES, 435 Glenwood Ave, Binghamton in the 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. 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 for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year

- Feb. 7
- March 6
- April 22
- May 8
- May 21 vote 1:30-8 p.m. elementary new gym
- June 12

All meetings are held at 6 p.m. in Jr. Sr. High room 101 unless otherwise noted. Meeting dates are subject to change.

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- Substitute Teachers





Robo Hornets buzzing with excitement over the new VEX Over Under Game

Three teams have been working hard on designing, building, and programming their robots for the new VEX Over Under Game. The object of the game is to attain a higher score than the opposing alliance by scoring triballs either over or under a two-inch pipe, setting them in goals, and elevating the robot at the end of the match. The winners of the Northern New York State VEX Robotic Championship, which is held at the end of the season, will get an invitation to represent Northern New York State at the VEX Worlds Championship. At each tournament, there are six areas that students can compete in. The three main types of competitions are head-



to-head competitions, where two teams form an alliance and work together to beat the opposing alliance, which can lead to the title of tournament champion. The second main competition is called the Skills Competition. This is based on one team by themselves. During this competition, the team's driver skills and autonomous skills are

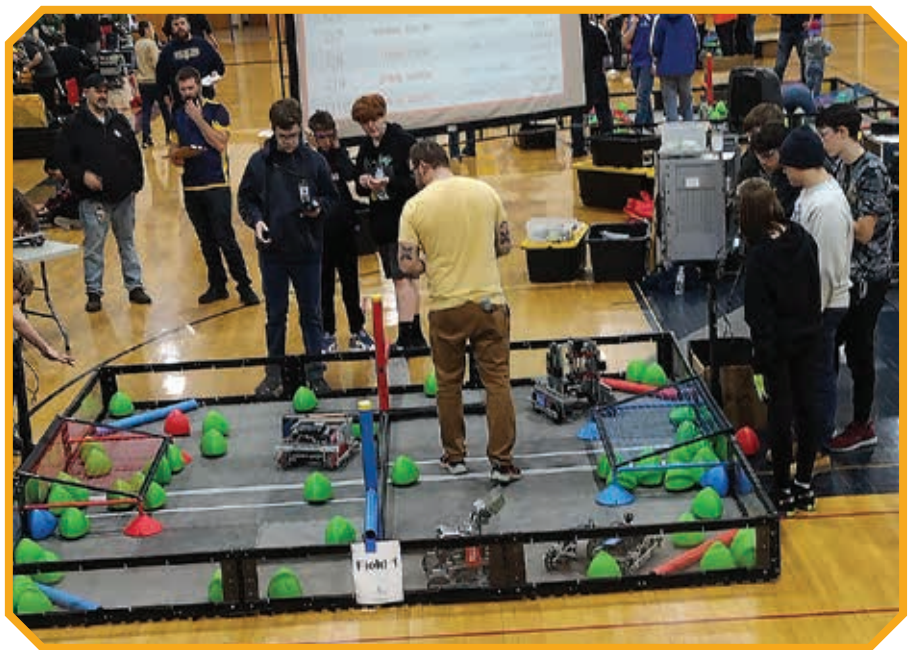
tested and added together to determine who wins this award. The third is taking the Excellence Award. The judges look at all five competition areas and give out one major award. This award is the least noticed or recognized, but it is the highest award that VEX gives out.

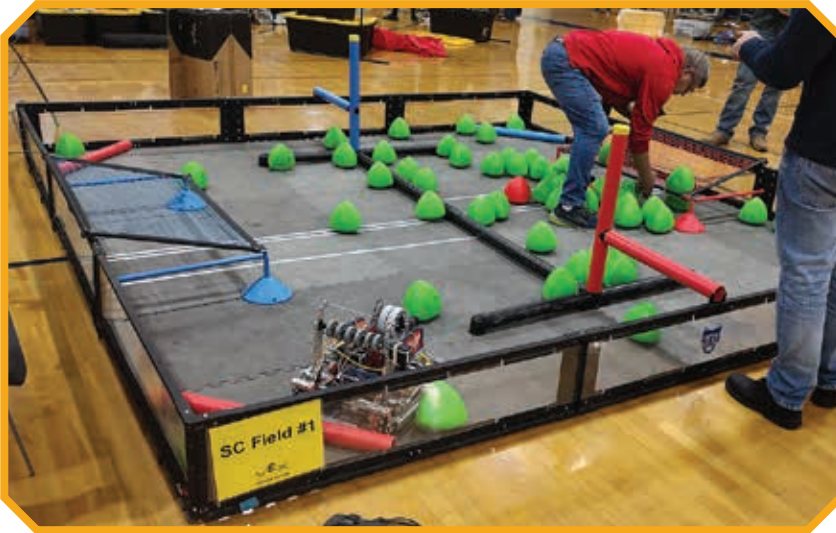
The following teams are very focused on making it to the state championship and possibly on to the world championship, where only two percent of the teams from around the world get to go: team one 53999P Captain, Liem Donahue; Alex Afify; Jacob Rueffer; and Glenn Miller III. The second team, 53999G, is Captain Nathan Riewerts. The third team, 53999, is Captain Evan Loihle and Amber Tyler. Due to the ages, team one qualifies to register as a middle school team, and teams two and three are to register as high school teams. In Northern New York, the middle school and high school teams compete against each other.

These teams have competed in two of the five robotic tournaments that they are registered for, seeking a win to get invited to compete at the state championship. Twenty four teams were at



the Chittenango tournament. Liems's team ended with a six-to-two record in the head-to-head competition and ended up ranked fifth in the qualifying round. This team made it to the quarterfinal round. In the skills competition, they placed second with a score of 209. Currently, this team is ranked second in New York State, 124 in the United States, and 220 in the world. At the West Genesee tournament, they continued to improve on their head-to-head competition and finished third in qualifying out of 36 teams, ending in the final round of 16 for second place and a bid to the state championship.





The teams are excited about changing their robots and building programs for the upcoming tournaments to win some tournaments. You would be able to find them most nights after school and on Saturdays in room 320, working hard on making changes to their robots. The Robo Hornets have the following tournaments coming up: Saturday Feb. 3 Liverpool VEX Robotics Competition, Feb. 10-2023-2024 Adirondack VRC Qualifier in Queensbury, and March 9 Northern New York State VRC Over Under Championship. This year, the championship is being held in Queensbury, NY. Come out and support the team at one of these events.

Nathan's robot finished in the head-to-head competition with a four-and-four record and a ranking of 11. He was eliminated during the first round of Round 12. This was his first year as a designer, builder, and driver. At the West Genesee tournament, with a four-and-one record with no autonomy, he ended up ranked 12. He faced Liem's team in the first round of 16 and was eliminated.

Amber Tyler and Evan Loihle were happy to make West Genesee this tournament their first tournament they competed in. They battled hard through the day and lost some by just a few points. By the end of the day, in the head-to-head competition, they had a two-and-three record and ranked 25. This team was one of the last to qualify for the final round of 16. They lost a close one in the first round.



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Hitting the slopes with the ski club

After having to cancel the first trip to Greek Peak due to a snowstorm, the club was excited to hit the slopes this on Sunday, Jan. 14! The kids are looking forward to a snowy and fun filled winter and getting to ski and snowboard!



Nitro Ball Fun in P.E.

Seventh through 12 graders have been enjoying playing nitro ball in Angie Bough's physical education classes.

This unique game is essentially an inverted version of volleyball. The Nitro Ball is larger than a standard volleyball but has the same weight, providing a friendly, lightweight

feel for students. The net is lower to the ground and the ball needs to bounce off the court before going over the net.

Students really love the new game and have been able to incorporate previous learned skills from their volleyball unit and badminton unit.





Holiday Project- A trip to the North Pole

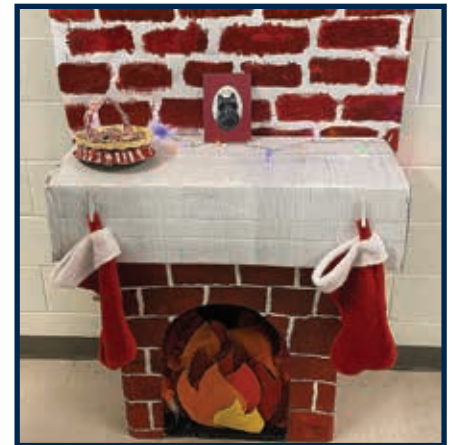
The holiday project was a great success this year! Students from W.A. Olmsted Elementary traveled to the Jr./Sr. High School and were able to hear a story from Santa, Mrs. Claus or one of Santa's elves while they sat on a bench upon the Polar Express train. They could stop and get their picture taken near giant oversized gifts or in front of the fireplace featuring hand painted portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Claus. There was even a stand with face cut-outs of an elf and snowman that were perfect for them to step up into and smile! After that fun, they entered the workshop and got to enjoy a cup of hot cocoa and decorate a cookie. There were numerous remarks that could be heard about how delicious the treats were. Santa and the elves were also able to hear some holiday wishes as they talked with the visitors. The children were so polite and made sure to thank everyone before they left to go back to the elementary school.

The art students were able to see all their weeks of envisioning and hard work come to fruition in an immersive art piece that had many young people convinced that

they were visiting the North Pole! All together, this was an ambitious endeavor that was relaxed and magical for the intended audience with plenty of arts-based learning for the high schoolers. Most notably about how to work collaboratively with other artists.

The project was a collaborative effort that included: all the high school art classes, the maintenance department, Josh Quick as Santa, Judith Salton's Foods class, and donations from staff and the community. There were a few last-minute special guests as well, like the Grinch, who tried to steal the Christmas tree! Some of the art students even volunteered to help with the WAO visits throughout the day, outside of their scheduled art class times.

There was much discussion from all involved, including the elementary teachers, that the holiday project should become an annual tradition from here forward. This story is done for now, but you may read about this again next holiday season.





Congratulations to Senior Kylee Noyes on joining the Greater Binghamton Elite 10 Field Hockey Team!

Kylee Noyes has been a four-year varsity starter and team captain for the Harpursville Girls Varsity Field Hockey, she was also a first-team all-state selection, and earned Section 4 first-team all-star honors. She will be playing the center midfielder position on the Elite 10 team.

Congratulations Kylee!



Getting a head start in Foundations of Education class

Harpursville joins the ranks of Windsor, Chenango Valley, and several other school districts in adding college classes geared toward the recruitment of new teachers. Windsor was the first school district to offer the program to their seniors; at the beginning of this school year, they welcomed four alumni back to the district as teachers.

There are currently eight students enrolled in the program at Harpursville. According to senior Brendan Pike, "the class is very effective in teaching the fundamentals of education." Brendan and his peers have embarked on field trips to the campuses of SUNY Broome and SUNY Cortland, both institutions with strong educational programs.

The curriculum consists of two semesters: SUNY Broome's EDU 111 Foundations of Education and Binghamton University's EDUC 101, So You Want to Be an Educator. Both courses are taught here on campus by Christine Gates. When the students complete both semesters, they will earn a total of six credit hours that can be applied to many institutions.

The program is a fun and informative way to educate our students on how to become teachers.

If you are currently a junior and interested in being a part of next year's cohort, please contact Christine Gates or Karen Slesinsky.



Congratulations to Gracie Bomboy

Student Gracie Bomboy presented with her peers from the BOCES New Visions Business Academy on how they developed their company, "Innovation." They also documented the manufacturing, marketing, and selling process of their two products. They donated their net profits (\$4,500) to the Mental Health Association of the Southern Tier. Congratulations to Gracie and the entire Innovation team!



February 2024 Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Daily Sandwiches: Turkey/Cheese Ham/Cheese	ALL STUDENTS EAT FREE BREAKFAST & LUNCH	1 <i>Snack 'n Waffle/Fruit</i> INDOOR PICNIC NY Hot Dog on a bun NY Potato Chips NY Green Beans NY Juice/ NY Apple Pudding Dirt Cup	2 <i>Breakfast Break WAO</i> <i>Hornet Muffin HS</i> Wild Mike's Pizza Garden Salad w/chickpeas Assorted Fruit
5 <i>Mini Bagels/Juice WAO</i> <i>Chicken Croissant/Juice HS</i> Popcorn Chicken w/ dinner roll / Mashed Potatoes Glazed Carrots NY Apple	6 Cinnamon Roll/Fruit NY Chicken Mac 'n Cheese / Broccoli Garlic Breadstick / Juice NY Apple Slices	7 <i>Mini Cinni/Juice WAO</i> <i>Breakfast Pizza/Juice HS</i> BRUNCH AT LUNCH French Toast Sticks / Sausage / Potato Tots Veggie Cup w/hummus / Orange (Southwest Chicken Salad)	8 <i>French Toast/Fruit</i> Pizza Crunchers w/ side of Pasta Cucumbers / NY Juice Chilled Fruit	9 <i>Frudel / Juice</i> Cheeseburger on a bun w/lettuce & tomato Sw. Potato Fries Green Beans / NY Apple
12 <i>Frudel / Juice</i> Cheeseburger on a bun w/lettuce & tomato Sw. Potato Fries Green Beans / NY Apple	13 <i>Breakfast Bread/Fruit</i> NY Taco's w/toppings Seasoned Rice Corn / Juice Mixed Fruit	14 <i>Brk. Bagel Pizza / Juice</i> Lupo's Chicken Spiedie Sub Rst. Potatoes Veggie Cup w/hummus Banana Ice Cream Cup (Popcorn Chicken Salad)	15 <i>Snack'n Waffle/Fruit</i> Homemade Pizza Garden Salad w/chickpeas Assorted Fruit	16 NO SCHOOL
19 PRESIDENTS DAY	20 <i>Cinnamon Roll/Fruit</i> Chicken Nuggets w/roll Mashed Potatoes Glazed Carrots / Juice NY Apple	21 <i>Breakfast Pizza/Juice</i> Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Veggie Cup Banana (Chef Salad)	22 <i>French Toast / Fruit</i> NY Chicken & Gravy Biscuit/ Mashed Potatoes/ NY Peas NY Juice / NY Apple	23 <i>Breakfast Break WAO</i> <i>Hornet Muffin HS</i> Nardone's Pizza Wedge Garden Salad w/chickpeas Assorted Fruit
26 <i>Mini Pancakes/Juice</i> Chicken Patty on a roll Sw. Potato Fries Mixed Vegetables NY Apple	27 <i>Breakfast Bread/Fruit</i> NY Walking Taco w/toppings Seasoned Rice / Corn Juice / Chilled Fruit	28 <i>Mini Fr. Toast/Juice WAO</i> <i>Brk. Bagel Pizza/Juice HS</i> Boneless Wings Cornbread Poppers Veggie Cup w/hummus Orange (Southwest Chicken Salad)	29 <i>Snack'n Waffle/Fruit</i> Pasta w/NY Meatballs Garlic Breadstick Broccoli /NY Juice NY Applesauce	

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



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MARY POPPINS JR. 'FLIES' into Harpursville Central School District



Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's Mary Poppins Jr. is playing at the Jr./Sr. High Auditorium from Friday, May 3

through Sunday, May 5. The "practically perfect" musical is based on the classic P.L. Travers stories and the Walt Disney film. This theater opportunity is open to students willing and ready to audition from grades fourth through 12.

Mary Poppins Jr. includes favorite Sherman brothers' songs such as "A Spoonful of Sugar," "Feed the Birds," and "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious," as well as wonderful new songs by George Stiles and Anthony Drewe. With colorful characters and an irresistible score, our show is sure to be a crowd-pleaser for all ages.

Students should speak with Nicole Cole or Paul Peterson for more information.

Community members and family, who are interested in being a patron of the arts, can purchase an ad for the program. Stayed tuned for more exciting information.

Mark your calendar- May 3 and 4 at 7p.m., and May 5 at 3p.m. Tickets will be available for purchase for \$8 (adults), \$5 (students and seniors), and children under 5 will be free.

Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's Mary Poppins Jr. is presented through special arrangement with and all materials are provided by Music Theatre International.

Please check our school website for the entire list of local high school musicals.