

Students recently celebrated "100 days of school" with a variety of fun activities, including the conversion of a large bulletin board into a colorful pair of wings comprised of individual, handmade feathers. The wings are proudly displayed in the Olmsted lobby, giving students

pride in their work and in the beauty created by working together. Pictured is 4th grader Riley Daly who, like many of her fellow students, had her picture taken as she prepared to "soar" through the remainder of the school year.

# Strengthening, flexing and learning to 'chill' - that's yoga

Learning to relax while strenthening the body is a big part of what yoga is all about, and if you can have fun in the process, well, all the better. Some students in PE class recently did a great job trying out a variety of different yoga poses.

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**Keaton Kalman** 



Dear Harpursville residents,

Let me begin by offering my annual "think Spring!" wish. I don't know about you, but I've had enough of the cold, snow, ice, gray skies, and did I say the cold? I am ready for the rejuvenation and renewal of the springtime, and I am hopeful that this year spring will come with a restoration, of sorts, to the normalcy in our lives that we all so desperately wish to resume. Even though things have remained a little different for longer than any of us thought they would, thankfully, this school year has allowed for many, if not most, of the learning opportunities and activities that mark a successful school year, a couple of which I want to highlight.

Our RoboHornets VEX robotics team has been traveling on certain weekends over the past couple of months to compete in tournaments with their peers from across the northern NY region. The competitors score points in each match by performing different tasks in various regions of the game arena. To say the students on our team are "in the zone" is an understatement. Bruce Salisbury has generously continued to advise the robotics club so that the students have this opportunity to compete, and I know our students are hungry to earn their way back to the World Championships held in early May - a goal that is certainly within reach given the success and several top finishes in the recent tournaments. Kyle Colsten, Zach Pike, Jacob Risoli-Clark, Nico Hadlick, Justin Fargo, Joey Risoli-Clark, Conner Row, and Liem Donahue have represented HCS extremely well this season. For example, our students have had several 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes and several of them have already gualified for the Northern New York State Championships. Our students and our RoboHornets are well-known across the state and consistently build alliances with the other top teams in each tournament, a nod to just how good they are. A top finish in the state championship and our team will be back to the World Championship, scheduled for Dallas, Texas, this year. Keep an eye and an ear toward our RoboHornets and be sure to join me in wishing the team well as they come down the home stretch of their season.

In keeping with acknowledging the success of our students, please join me in congratulating Darren Florance (102 pounds) on his championship, and his brother, Joey Florance (118 pounds), on his second-place finish in the recent Section IV Wrestling Championship Tournament. These two young men have spent countless hours in the gym and on the wrestling mat to perfect their craft. They will bring their talent to the New York State Public High School Athletic Association wrestling championships. Both wrestlers know what it takes to compete at this level, and I know they are ready to take on the competition. Please join me in wishing them well in the state championships. We are proud of both Darren and Joey.

As always, at this time in the school year our board of education and I encourage district residents to be a part of the budget development process. The sound fiscal condition of the district is the



Michael Rullo, Superintendent

result of the collective efforts of all of us – residents, board members and school employees. Thus, it is imperative that we continue those efforts to ensure that our schools continue to thrive. I encourage you to attend our budget development meetings over the next few months so that we can hear from you and so you remain well-informed about the budget. Please be reminded that we will post all budget-related documents on our website at the following address: www.hcs.stier.org/BudgetTaxInformation.aspx.

As the budget process proceeds, our website will be populated with all things related to budget development, including our budget calendar, initial budget presentation, budget workshops, regular BOE meetings, the budget hearing, and voting date. Rest assured that our number one priority remains our students as we navigate this annual process and, of course, we will work to ensure that the budget supports the educational opportunities our students deserve and that it's one our residents can stand behind.

Best wishes to you all. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me or others within the school district if you have any questions or concerns. Thanks for all you do to support our schools.

Yours in education,

Michael J. Rullo Superintendent

**Go Hornets!** 



# College acceptances

Congratulations to:

**Jacob Risoli-Clark,** who was accepted to the University of Hartford in the Aerospace Engineering Program.

**Jordan Gillette**, who was accepted to SUNY Cayuga Community College.

**Jordan LaVergne**, who was accepted to SUNY Cortland in the Early Childhood/Childhood Education Program.

**Abby Lyon,** who was accepted to SUNY Oswego in the Childhood Education Program as well as SUNY Geneseo.

**Ben Williams,** who was accepted to LeMoyne, Nazareth and Hofstra University.

**Sarah Young,** who was accepted to St. John Fisher College as well as the University of Albany.

# Harpursville Central School District directory

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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 <sup>st</sup> contact	2 <sup>nd</sup> contact	3 <sup>rd</sup> contact	4 <sup>th</sup> contact
Academics	Teacher	Guidance Counselor	Building Principal	Superintendent
Athletics	Coach	Athletic Director	Building Principal	Superintendent
Behavior	Teacher	Building Principal	Superintendent	
BOE policies	District Clerk	Superintendent	Board of Education	
Budget	Business Official	Superintendent		
Building Use	Administrative Assistant	Building Principal	Superintendent	
Cafeteria	Director of Food Services	Business Official	Superintendent	
Classroom Procedures	Teacher	Building Principal	Superintendent	
Bus Behavior	Bus Driver	Head Bus Driver	Building Principal	Superintendent
Co-Curricular	Advisor	Building Principal	Superintendent	
Facilities	Director of Facilities	Business Official	Superintendent	
Health Office	Building Nursing Office	Building Principal	Superintendent	

# Making yoga look easy





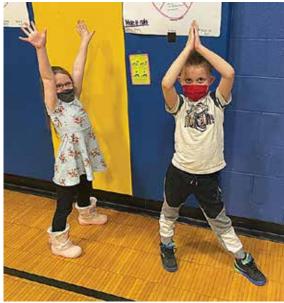
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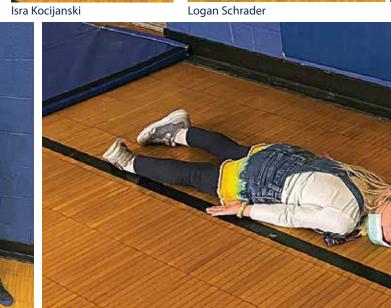


Bailey Jenks





Olivia Stanford and David Whitman Jr



Lily Hawkins



Lillian O'Donnell and Emmi Root



Odin and Ava-Lee Kennedy



Kirah Shoemaker and Logan Schrader



# Harpursville brothers shine at Section IV wrestling tournament



Darren Florance, 1st Place, 102 pounds, Section IV champion



Joey Florance, 2nd Place, 118 pounds





# Thinking about becoming a school board member?

To qualify to become a school board member, one must: be a US Citizen; be at least 18 years of age; be a qualified voter in the school district; be able to read and write; and be a resident of your district continuously for one year before the election.

There will be a free workshop on March 24, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m. compliments of the Broome-Tioga School Boards Association. Location is yet to be determined. This workshop includes a panel of current school board members, a question-and-answer session, and takehome materials. Topics include challenges in dealing with special interest groups, expectations of colleagues and administrators, legal responsibilities and election procedures. Preregistration is recommended. To reserve your seat and for further details as they become available, call the district clerk at 693-8112. Additionally, New York State School Boards Association provides free information online at NYSSBA.org.

# **Prospective Board Member Workshop**

Date: March 24, 2022

**Time:** 7 p.m.

Location TBD

Free public workshop offered compliments of the Broome-Tioga Schoolboards Association



RSVP with your District Clerk or email Michelle Savory at msavory@btboces.org

#### INCLUDES

- Panel of current School Board Members
- Question-and-Answer Period
- Take-Home Material



#### TOPICS

- Challenges in dealing with special interest groups
- Expectations of colleagues and administrators
- Legal responsibilities and election procedures

#### **Pre-registration recommended Contact your District Office**

In case of inclement weather, please call 766-3807 for information





# Guidance office news

#### SAT School Day

The SAT is one of two widely-recognized college entrance exams. We will be administering the SAT here at school on Wednesday, March 23. While not all colleges require SAT or ACT scores, and in fact many remain "test-optional" following COVID, the recommendation is generally for any college-bound student to take the SAT during the spring of their junior year in the event that a college they apply to requires a score or so that a strong score can be used to strengthen the application even if not required by the college.

If you are interested in having your junior take the SAT at school, please call or email Mrs. Slesinsky with your child's name so a test book can be ordered. The cost for the test

# District news and updates

#### School board seat soon vacated

One seat on the Harpursville Central School District Board of Education will soon be vacated due to the resignation of Michael Bennett, effective March 24, 2022. Should the board choose to fill this vacancy, it would be filled for the period March 25 through May 17, 2022. The board has accepted letters of interest from residents who would like to become a school board member and will review them at the March 9, 2022, board meeting. They will decide at that time whether to fill the seat for the two months.

#### School board seats up for election on May 17, 2022

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 currently occupied by Michael Bennett.

#### **Election Information**

The school budget vote and board member elections are conducted annually on the third Tuesday in May. This year,

is \$55, although students who meet the criteria set by the College Board can be given a fee waiver. Checks should be made payable to "Harpursville Central School" and dropped off or mailed to the Guidance Office. The deadline for ordering tests and submitting payment or requesting a fee waiver is March 18.

Contact Mrs. Slesinsky with any SAT related questions: kslesinsky@hcs.stier.org ph: 607-693-8106

#### "Groundhog" Job Shadow Day

Hatala Orthodontics hosted a job shadow event on February 2. This year, Sohpia Konidis represented Harpursville and had the opportunity to learn more about careers in the dental field and get a behind-the-scenes perspective of working in a medical office.

that date is May 17, 2022. Balloting will be conducted in the W.A. Olmsted Elementary new gym from 1:30-8 p.m. To vote, you must be a US Citizen, 18 years of age or older on the date of the vote, and a resident of the school district for at least 30 days prior to vote. Watch for more information as the budget process continues and additional details become available.

# Board of Education Calendar for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year

- March 9 Board meeting 6 p.m.
- April 18 Board meeting 6 p.m.
  - May 4 Budget Hearing/Board meeting 6 p.m.
- May 17School Budget and Board Member<br/>Election 1:30-8 p.m.W.A. Olmsted Elementary New Gym
- June 15 Board Meeting 6 p.m.

As always, if you have questions please feel free to contact the district clerk at 693-8112.

# **HEALTH OFFICE REMINDERS**

If the temperature is above 20 degrees, there will be outdoor recess. Please remember to send in coats, hats, gloves, snow pants and snow boots with your child so that they are protected from the elements.

Please keep your child home if they are feeling unwell. Contact the health office for return to school protocol to be sure that your student can get back to school as soon as they are feeling better.

COVID tests are offered free of charge to all staff and students by appointment. Contact the health office to schedule a test for your student.

Please make sure that your contact information is up to date so that the school can reach you in the event of an emergency. If you are unsure what information we have on file, reach out to the main office.



# Winter All-County Music Festival

#### By Nicole Cole, music teacher

On January 22, Junior Chorus members Christian Loihle and Emery Stack attended the Winter All-County Music Festival for Chenango County.

As the bus pulled away in below zero temperatures heading for Greene, the students prepared themselves for six hours of rehearsal and a concert at the end of the day to show all they had learned.

Christian (7<sup>th</sup> grade) and Emery (9<sup>th</sup> grade) joined 70 other students from Greene, Norwich, Oxford, Unadilla Valley, Bainbridge-Guilford, Sherburne-Earlville, Afton and Sidney to learn new vocal techniques and blend their voices together.

The Chenango County Spring Festival is scheduled for March 19 at Sherburne-Earlville High School. Harpursville will have 10 students participating in the Elementary Chorus. The concert is at 3 p.m. and tickets will be sold at the entrance.

I encourage everyone to come out and support our students and experience what some of our best musicians can do.



Pictured (I-r): Christian Loihle and Emery Stack

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## About the program

The Upward Bound (UB) program at Binghamton University is dedicated to helping our scholars plan, prepare, and graduate the college of their choice. To achieve these goals, we provide year round academic, career, college, financial, and personal support that is tailored to each student's needs and interests.

Information sessions for students in grades 9-12 are planned for February 25 and March 4.

#### **Upward Bound Services**

UB support begins the day students are accepted into the program and continues throughout high school until they transition to their future college campus. During the school year, our academic counselors (AC) visit your students' high school on a weekly basis to meet with them and provide one-on-one advising. Outside of our individualized advising, we provide after school programs, tutoring services, college visits, parent meetings, financial aid support, stipends, career exploration opportunities, educational/cultural trips, and a residential summer program at Binghamton University.







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#### Grade 7

lan Colsten Julianna Hulbert Christopher Kiekel Amber Kolb Glenn Miller III Jacob Murphy Talon Ritter Lily Shaver Lilyanna Snowball Savannah Zylko

**Grade 8** Cyrick Brown Vanessa Card Lilyana Carpenter Nicholas Farnham Emily Gillette Hope Kolb Maddix Murphy Derik Schutt Madison Stevens

#### Grade 9

Lily Barriger Jaelin Brown Abigail Fargo Andrew Fowler Karlee Gross Kaylee Hines-Heier Isabella Ross Devon Rowe Blaze Zylko

#### **Grade 10** Gracie Bomboy Melissa Cantone-Gnyp Aubree Eberly-Robinson

#### Grade 11

Sadielyn Combs Twyla Dodd Kaiden Franklyn Jaylyn Merrill Aaron Moore Morgan Rutherford Kaydence Schultz Cooper Smith Scott Turock Ashton Villecco

#### Grade 12

McKena Giles Connor James Jordan LaVergne Ghia Medovich Nelson Merrill Vincent Pergola Jacob Risoli-Clark Cheyanne Wallace Rheanna Wilcox



# Principal's List Second Quarter

#### Grade 7

Alexander Afify Camryn Boyce Devin DeVaul Eva DiRosa Liem Donahue Jayden Lane Caleb Miller Wayde Murphy Allyssa Rowe Jacob Rueffer

Grade 8

Abbygayl Baburchak Iyanna T. Backus Cassidy R. Bolster Kate L Crum Jayden Deleon Elijah Fellows Adriana Hartman Brianna M. Hopkins Emily M. Kane Gabrielle Pawela Jessalyn Powell Aiden Quick Charlotte Quick Xander Quick Myrakle Ray Rylan Steinbrecher Amber Tyler Leigha Wolbert Nathaniel Wright

#### Grade 9

Abigail L. Afify Lloyd Byers Jr. Liliane F Harkins Elizabeth Ives Emma McWherter Jonathan R Prince Ephram Rowe Molly Stack

#### Grade 10

Aliyah Campbell Logan Hunter James Tavish Miner Brendan Pike Liam Quick Brayden Sakowsky Matthew C. Sanchez Ashley M VanHouten Jacob Wolbert

#### Grade 11

Sadie E. Backus Trena Byers Madison Fleming Sophia E. Konidis Keira L. Licata Riley R Lindsay Alana Nannery Madison S. Nesbit Gabrielle L Riewerts Allena Rowe Alayna Thomas Atkinson Jayden Yereb Grade 12

**Ryan Akulis** Austin Baker Kayleigh Cluck **Kyle Colsten Justin Fargo** Jordan Gillette Nico Hadlick Alexandra Hosmer Makayla Kelly Jesse LaDue Hailey Lancaster Makenna Lowe Abigail Lyon Emma Marvin Mackinze Meisner **Chelsea Merrill** Zachary Pike Joshua Powell Elijah N. Rogers Caidence Ryder **Thomas VanVorce Benjamin Williams** Sarah Young

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# March 2022 menu

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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	1 Cinnamon Bun Assorted Fresh Fruit 100% Fruit Juice NY Milk Tacos on a Shell w/assorted Toppings Seasoned Rice Corn Chilled Pears NY Milk	2 Breakfast Pizza Assorted Fresh Fruit 100% Fruit Juice NY Milk Wild Mike's Mozzarella Bites Side of Pasta w/Sauce Garden Salad w/Chickpeas assorted Fresh Fruit NY Milk	3 French Toast Sticks w/Syrup Assorted Fresh Fruit 100% Fruit Juice/Milk NY Thursday! NY Chicken Burrito Bowl NY Sour Cream NY Cheddar Cheese Seasoned Rice NY Rainbow Cabbage Salad Fresh NY Apple NY Grape/Apple Juice NY Milk	4 Hornet Muffin assorted Fresh Fruit 100% Fruit Juice NY Milk Stuffed Crust Pizza Garden Salad w/Chickpeas assorted Fresh Fruit NY Milk
7 Mini Cinnis Assorted Fresh Fruit 100% Fruit Juice NY Milk Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Glazed Carrots Fresh NY Apple / NY Milk	8 Breakfast Breads Assorted Fresh Fruit 100% Fruit Juice NY Milk Pulled Pork Sandwich Oven Baked Crinkle Cut Fries Veggie Cruncher Cup w/ Hummus & Dip Chilled Peaches / NY Milk	<b>9</b> Bagel Breakfast Pizza Assorted Fresh Fruit 100% Fruit Juice NY Milk French Toast Sticks Sausage Patty Roasted Seasoned Potatoes Fresh Orange NY Milk	10 Ultimate Breakfast Round Assorted Fresh Fruit 100% Fruit Juice / Milk Cheese or Garlic French Bread Pizza Garden Salad w/Chickpeas Assorted Fresh Fruit NY Milk	11 Superintendent's Conference Day
14 Mini Pancakes Assorted Fresh Fruit 100% Fruit Juice / NY Milk Cheeseburger on a Kaiser Roll w/Lettuce & Tomato Savory Sweet Potato Fries Green Beans Fresh NY Apple / NY Milk	15 Cinnamon Bun Assorted Fresh Fruit 100% Fruit Juice NY Milk Taco Salad w/assorted Toppings Seasoned Rice Corn Chilled Mixed Fruit NY Milk	<b>16</b> 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	17 French Toast Sticks w/Syrup assorted Fresh Fruit 100% Fruit Juice/Milk NY Thursdays Pasta NY Meat Sauce Garlic Bread Stick Broccoli NY Applesauce NY Grape/Apple Juice St. Patrick's Fruited Jello w/ Topping / NY Milk	<b>18</b> Hornet Muffin Assorted Fresh Fruit 100% Fruit Juice / NY Milk Pizza Cruncher Side of Pasta w/Sauce Garden Salad w/Chickpeas assorted Fresh Fruit NY Milk
21 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	22 Breakfast Breads Assorted Fresh Fruit 100% Fruit Juice / NY Milk Meatball Sub Oven Baked Crinkle Cut Fries Veggie Cruncher Cup w/ Hummus & Dip Chilled Pears NY Milk	23 Bagel Breakfast Pizza Assorted Fresh Fruit 100% Fruit Juice / NY Milk Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Fresh Cucumbers w/Dip Fresh Orange NY Milk	24 Snack'n Waffles Assorted Fresh Fruit 100% Fruit Juice NY Milk Pasta w/Meat Sauce Garlic Bread Stick Steamed Broccoli Chilled Peaches NY Grape/Apple Juice NY Milk	25 Hornet Muffin Assorted Fresh Fruit 100% Fruit Juice / NY Milk Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Garden Salad w/Chickpeas Assorted Fresh Fruit NY Milk
28 Mini Pancakes Assorted Fresh Fruit 100% Fruit Juice NY Milk Chicken Patty on a Kaiser Roll Sweet Potato Crinkle Fries Mixed Vegetables Fresh NY Apple / NY Milk	29 Cinnamon Bun Assorted Fresh Fruit 100% Fruit Juice / NY Milk Tacos on a Shell w/assorted Toppings Seasoned Rice Corn Chilled Pears NY Milk	<b>30</b> Breakfast Pizza Assorted Fresh Fruit 100% Fruit Juice NY Milk Boneless Chicken Wings Oven Roasted Potatoes Veggie Cruncher Cup w/ Hummus Banana / NY Milk	31 French Toast Sticks w/Syrup Assorted Fresh Fruit 100% Fruit Juice / Milk Chicken Mac & Cheese Garlic Bread Stick Steamed Broccoli NY Apple Slices NY Grape/Apple Juice NY Milk	Weekly Sandwiches: M/W/F: Turkey/Cheese T/Th: Ham/Cheese
Milk Choices: Unflavored—1% & Fat Free Menu subject to change	Chocolate— Fat Free	Served daily PB & J Sand 4 oz Yogurt,		



# **'Voices in the Dark' return to Riverside Cemetery** by Kim Rusnak, social studies teacher

After a brief hiatus, the Colesville History class was once again able to return to the original location of their "Voices in the Dark" Riverside Cemetery.

Working around COVID shutdowns and quarantines made the event a tad later in the year than usual but, as they say, better late than never. After all, the subjects of our presentations lived through wars, fires, disease and depression. The stories

of our town's founding settlers and notables were warmly received despite the frigid temperatures.

Special thanks to Darla Dayton, who helps organize the event each year and who also speaks of the bravery and achievements of her brother, Shawn Livingston, a Special Olympics' gold medalist from the area.









# Harpursville In-Motion Arts Guild

The Harpursville In-Motion Arts Guild is proud to announce that there will be a school play this season. We missed out on last season for reasons we are not going to discuss....so, without further ado, the guild proudly presents,

"Money to Burn" by Pat Cook, a quirky mystery-comedy set in the 1990s (who remembers those?).

Storyline: It's business as usual for Wilson and Associates, a suspiciously funny firm consisting of three flat-broke con artists. They'll do practically anything to meet the rent, from reading horoscopes over the phone to renting themselves out as graveside mourners. "And Wednesday is laundry day," Gale tells a new employee. "That's when we do laundry?" the employee asks. "No, that's when we ARE a laundry." One client, a dithering old lady, happens to absent-mindedly drop the



fact that she has just held up the local bank and the action springboards from there. Our 'heroes' find themselves in a web of arson, counterfeiting, and robbery and then, their worst fears confirmed, the Better Business Bureau shows up.

One-liners and wise-cracks race at breakneck speed as our beloved "cons" try to get out of this one.

The guild has called Paul Peterson out of "theatre" retirement, and Ann McDonald from 'real' retirement to help our students experience the stage. Come and join us Friday, March 25, and Saturday, March 26 for 7 p.m. showings. Student and Senior tickets are only \$3, adults are \$5.

Venture out and see our students 'burn down the house' with this hilarious comedy. Hope to see you there – Break-a-leg... (...but not before you see the show!)



# Young artists face off in classroom version of 'Art Chopped" By Brenda Keeler, art teacher

The start of the semester for the 7th grade began with an art challenge that was an adapted version of the Food Network show, "Chopped.," a longrunning show in which contestants are given "mystery ingredients" that they must make into a dish within a set amount of time. Their efforts are then put before a small panel of expert chef judges.

In art class, the students were given a paper bag of "mystery ingredients" that they had to make a themed sculpture within a 20-minute time period. They had to use all the materials and were further challenged by having to work as a collaborative team that was randomly selected. The artwork and the teamwork were of equal importance.

The judges were initially current art teacher Brenda Keeler and a guest judge, recently retired art teacher Ann McDonald. The judging criteria included four key areas: artisanship, content, cooperation and collaboration. The

artist groups had to make a sculpture that included everyone's ideas, was put together well, met the content theme, and was truly a group effort.

The challenge began with four student groups and went on for three rounds. When the first group of students was "chopped" by Ms. Keeler and Mrs. McDonald, they were then able to act as judges for the remaining three teams. The last round had as many student judges as artists. All of the student judges took their roles seriously, continuing to develop their cooperative and collaborative skills. The artist groups also continued to hone the same skill set, becoming stronger contenders Inspired by the Food Network show, teams of students use bags of "mystery ingredients" to create art and compete trying not to get "chopped".



Student judges deliberating the final round.

with each round. Congratulations to all the participants for rising to our Art Chopped Challenge.

# The winning team

The winning team included Jacob Rueffer, Lily Shaver and Jayden Lane, who had consistently worked cooperatively and collaboratively throughout each round. They are pictured below holding their themed sculptures of a nature item, an animal and a figure.



**Pictured (I-r):** The winning team, Jacob Rueffler, Lily Shaver and Jayden Lane holding their works of art.



# 2D design class

**Above:** Elizabeth lves and Isabella Ross from the 2D design class and their finished "Grey Winter" paintings inspired by a PBS episode of Bob Ross'"Joy of Painting." Students worked with the concept of "value" and blending using a wet-on-wet technique with acrylics to achieve these impressive results.



**Above:** "Erase My Face" artwork from 2D design featuring the use of "value" to complete the missing portion of the portrait. These self-portraits were completed by Alayna Thomas Atkinson and Gabrielle Riewerts.

# CHOPPED

# Creating art from sustainable materials - handmade paper, natural paints

The Creative Crafts class has been working on a sustainable art project throughout the fall and spring semesters. They had a visit from a quest artist in the fall that helped to inspire a project to create handmade paper and natural paints. For paper, the shredded paper from the main office at school was put into a blender with water, thoroughly blended and then formed into sheets with a deckle and mold. Next, it was time to experiment with paint making. Paints were made mostly from herbs and spices as well as soy sauce, blueberries and seaweed.

**Pictured (I-r):** Featured artists Kaitlynn Chapman, Riley Lindsey, Madalyn Willumson (papermaker) and Abigail Afify. Corn syrup, glycerin, cornstarch and baking soda were used as binding agents. The artists were challenged to bring both materials together and use the natural paints on the handmade paper while depicting an image inspired by nature places. The Discovery Center in Binghamton invited the students to display their artwork and those featured in the photograph will be on display throughout the month of March.





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# **Congratulations to McKena Giles**

# Congratulations to McKena Giles for her

# **1st place Culinary Arts award**

that she received at Broome-Tioga BOCES' 2022 SkillsUSA

**Regional Conference held at** SUNY Morrisville on February 11.







McKena Giles with BOCES culinary instructor Jestina Dawson