



Duck! Duck! Learn!

By Kim Rusnak

During the past two years, public libraries have faced many new challenges, and they have learned how important an active and supportive community can be when the going is toughest.

As part of the "Great Give Back," the Nineveh Public Library partnered with the Harpursville Central School's National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society. The students used templates and materials from the library to create origami duck finger puppets

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**Pictured (l-r):**

Abby Lyon,
Aiden Quick,
Gabby Riewerts,
Madison Wolbert,
SadieLyn Combs,
Ben Williams



Letter from the superintendent

Dear residents,

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday! For my family, the rest, relaxation, and connection we enjoyed over the Thanksgiving break was just what we needed, and it was a great transition into the holiday season.

This is always an exciting, albeit busy, time of the year as we bounce from one holiday to another. We'll keep working hard here at the school throughout the month of December while, of course, making sure we enjoy the holidays, too. Thus, on behalf of myself and the Board of Education, I want to take a moment to wish everyone all the best for a blessed, peaceful and joyful holiday!

The weather the last couple of weeks has given us fair warning that old man winter is on his way. You might recall that the greater Binghamton area had the most snowfall of any upstate NY city last year and won the Golden Snowball Award - a recognition that most of us do not want to win two years in a row! We all know it is likely we will experience inclement weather in the coming weeks and months and, therefore, it is important to remind everyone of our notification systems used for delays, cancellations and other time-sensitive messages. We will continue to use the following methods of communication to make sure our families receive the necessary information in a timely manner: all-call system, email, district website, district app, and local TV stations (WBNG).

Given the time-sensitive nature of information like weather-related messages, it is critical that the contact information we have for our families is accurate. Therefore, if you need to update a phone number or you haven't been receiving emails from the school district, please contact Jill Andrews

in the registration/attendance office (JAndrews@hcs.stier.org) with updated contact information. Also, the district app allows for push notifications that will pop up directly on your phone. If you don't have the app, simply go to the app store for your device and search for "Harpurville CSD." You'll know

it's our app when you see the Hornet and you'll have all things HCS right at your fingertips!

I continue to be impressed and amazed by the outstanding work of our students and staff. I also sincerely appreciate the support of the work that we do that is shown by so many of our families. The positivity that so many people extend to our schools and our programs helps students and staff feel good about our work and motivates everyone to be our best and to keep working hard. Whether it's in the classroom, extracurricular activities or athletics, we truly do work every day to give our all for our students.

Again, I would like to wish each and every resident a wonderful holiday season with family and friends. I hope it's a season marked by many, many blessings as well as good health, safety and well-being.

Yours in education,

Michael J. Rullo



Michael Rullo,
Superintendent

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HARPURSVILLE



We are pleased to announce these college acceptance announcements:

Congratulations to **Benjamin Williams** who was accepted at Susquehanna University as well as Hartwick College.

Congratulations to **Emma Marvin** who was accepted into the Human Services program at SUNY Broome.

Congratulations to **Victoria Edwards** who was accepted to SUNY Broome.



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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 st contact	2 nd contact	3 rd contact	4 th 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	



Duck, from the cover

to accompany a cute story.

These were placed in a bag of goodies and given to the Head Start students in our community by the librarians to help

initiate learning at home.

The students truly enjoyed participating in this service-orientated experience along with our hometown library.



Pictured (l-r): Ben Williams, Aiden Quick, and Gabby Riewerts put together the education packets.



Pictured: SadieLyn Combs glues the tiny beaks on the duck puppets.

Real World Science - Minecraft - sustainable community project - by Mark Muller



The Harpursville Real World Science class is working on a sustainable community project. The objectives of this project are to:

- Increase each students' awareness when it comes to the United Nations' sustainable development goals (SDGs) for 2030.
- Enable students to build a better future in Minecraft Education Edition by adding their SDGs solution to the UN project.

- Students will present their solutions in a local small setting or globally online and promote the publishing and sharing of important work.

Guiding ideas

Can students increase their awareness of the sustainable development goals through exploration of the issues, previous student builds and video media?

Can students plan and build a targeted solution for a given or chosen sustainable development goal in Minecraft Education Edition?

Can students answer deeper questions while working on and after completing their SDG solution?

Student activities

Students learn about the SDGs through website research and video media provided by the Real World teacher in this class. They add their own solution for a given or chosen goal, and present their solution and answer deeper questioning about the process and product. We will publish the products in a later issue.



Students explore concepts of sustainability in art - by Brenda Keeler

The Creative Crafts class has been exploring the concept of sustainability. Their study began with an ephemeral art project based on the work of Earth artist Andy Goldsworthy. Goldsworthy designs temporary nature installations using on-site materials. The works are left out in nature, where the elements can interact with the design.

Students were shown examples of Goldsworthy's work, especially those inspired by fall foliage, then challenged to work in small groups to develop a collaborative idea for a nature installation. The site for these works was along the wooded trail on the school grounds. Students spent a few days making art in nature while enjoying the fall weather. There were several approaches to the project, with one group discovering that paint could be made from wild berries!

The next phase of the study was a visit by a local folk artist sponsored by Local Learning (locallearningnetwork.org). Local Learning is a national network that connects folklorists, artists, and educators and advocates for the full inclusion of folklife and folk arts in education to transform learning, build intercultural understanding, and create stronger communities. The guest artist, Shailesh Upreti, and art teacher Brenda Keeler participated in a

Local Learning workshop this past summer entitled "Culture, Community and the Classroom." The two were paired to implement a project together in the Fall of 2021 that would bring the folk arts into the school environment.

Shailesh Upreti is a folk musician and dancer who came to speak to the students about the interconnectedness of nature, music and dance. He is also a green technologies entrepreneur, currently developing North America's largest home grown Gigafactory for lithium-ion batteries in a reclaimed IBM factory in nearby Endicott. As he explained, *"Folk music keeps me connected and full of positive energy even while I am surrounded by noise, pollution or (the) highly busy society we live in today."*

Throughout his visit he discussed the importance of sustainability principles within broader society and as a gift for future generations. He shared how his love and respect for our planet is at the core of his life as a folk musician and entrepreneur.

Pictured: Shailesh Upreti and his wife, Bindia, with a folk instrument of Uttarakhand called Hudka

The next part of the sustainability project is how students implement the lessons from Upreti's visit and extend the Goldsworthy art installation. The concept of making their own natural art materials, specifically paints and paper, became the next focus. During this phase, the district switched to remote learning. Students were able to make their own paints from materials found around the home, such as spices, coffee and soil. Our budding earth artists shared their explorations via Zoom. There was even discussion about finding binding agents, such as heavy cream, to develop a natural paint that would mimic the consistency of a commercially produced material. Upreti was able to attend a Zoom meeting and follow-up with the progress for the in-progress project. Students will continue to work with sustainable material development in Creative Crafts.

All of the findings from this study were shared at a Local Learning showcase at The Roberson Museum in Binghamton on November 20, 2021. 2021 NY Showcase - Local Learning (locallearningnetwork.org)





Halloween events celebrated just like “normal” - by Barb Hendrickson

On October 29, Student Council members continued the tradition of hosting a Halloween dress-up day. Students were allowed to dress in their favorite Halloween costume. Many of them participated and looked great (see photos). It was nice to bring back the tradition of dressing up for Halloween. It gives the students a sense of normalcy by conducting events that we have enjoyed in the past.

The day concluded with a Halloween dance for grades 7 through 12 sponsored by Yorkers and Yearbook. We

had a great turnout for both dances. A big thank you to our DJ -Allison Chantry - for donating her time. She did a wonderful job keeping the students dancing to the great music she played. A big thank you to all who chaperoned; without you, the dances would not be possible.

A big thank you also to High School Principal Kristine Conrow for allowing us to continue our yearly traditions so far this year, from Homecoming to the Halloween dance. I know the students truly appreciate it.

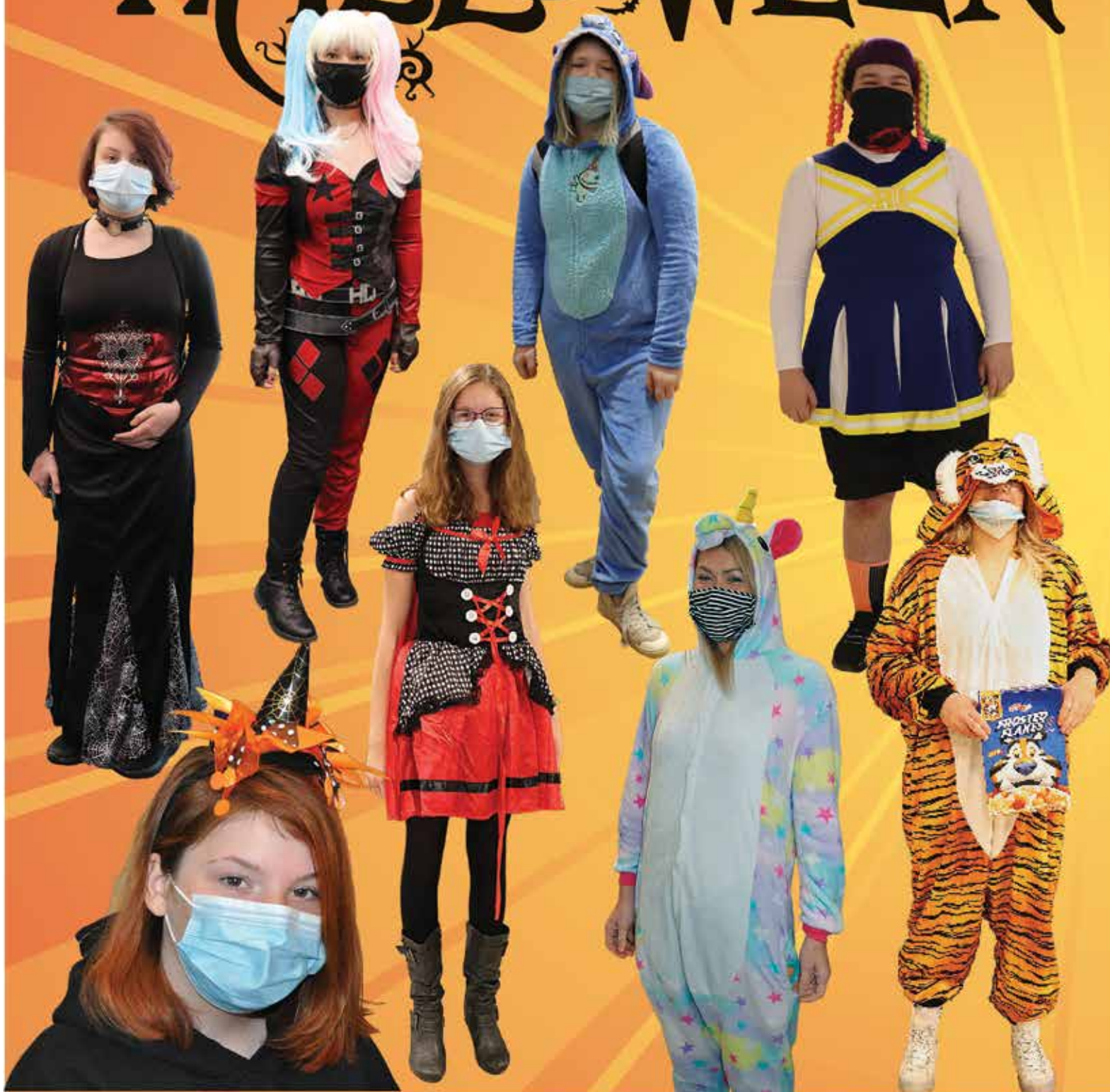
At the elementary school, students participated in Halloween Spirit Week leading up to their Halloween parties. The themes for the week were, “Midnight Monday” (dress in your favorite pajamas or comfy clothes), “Wacky Tacky Tuesday” (miss-match day), “Scary Wednesday” (crazy hair day), “Witchy Hat Thursday” (wear your favorite hat or Halloween themed hat), and “All’s Hallo Friday” (wear purple, orange or black).







HALLOWEEN






Fun!



December 2021 Highschool/ Elementary menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Saturdays: Br. Breaks PB&J Uncrustable NY Cheese stick Fruit NY Milk	Sundays: Muffin Top/Juice Yogurt Meal w/ NY Cheese stick Fruit NY Milk	1 <i>Cereal/Muffin Top Elem</i> <i>Breakfast Pizza HS</i> Fruit & Yogurt Parfait St. Cheese/Scooby Grahams(E) Boneless Wings/Rst. Potatoes Corn Muffin (HS) Veggie Cup/Peaches	2 <i>Fr. Toast Sticks</i> Southwest Chicken Chili w/cheese & Sour Cream Corn bread Poppers NY Juice Green Beans/NY Apple	3 <i>Breakfast Breaks (E)</i> <i>Breakfast Sandwich (HS)</i> Wild Mikes Pizza Garden Salad w/chickpeas Fresh Fruit
6 <i>Mini Cinnis</i> Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Glazed Carrots/ NY Apple	7 <i>Breakfast Bread Slice</i> NY Hot Dog on a bun NY Potato Chips Veggie Cruncher Cup/ Hummus Chilled Peaches	8 <i>Breakfast Pizza</i> French Toast Sticks Sausage Patty Roasted Potatoes Fresh Orange	9 <i>Ultimate Breakfast Round</i> Pasta w/NY Meat Sauce Garden Salad w/ chickpeas Garlic Breadstick NY Juice/NY Applesauce	10 <i>Breakfast Breaks (E)</i> <i>Breakfast Sandwich (HS)</i> Pizza Garden Salad w/chickpeas Fresh Fruit
13 <i>Mini Pancakes</i> Cheeseburger on a bun w/lettuce & tomato Sweet Potato Fries Green Beans / NY Apple	14 <i>Mini Cinni (E)</i> <i>Cinnamon Roll (HS)</i> Fruit & Yogurt Parfait St. Cheese/Scooby Grahams(E) Boneless Wings/Rst. Potatoes Corn Muffin (HS) Veggie Cup/Peaches	15 <i>Cereal/Muffin Top Elem</i> <i>Breakfast Pizza HS</i> Chicken Patty on a bun Fries Steamed Broccoli Banana	16 <i>Fr. Toast Sticks</i> HOLIDAY MEAL Turkey Gravy w/Mashed Potatoes/Stuffing Corn/Cranberry Sauce Chilled Peaches *Alt Choice Yogurt Meal only	17 <i>Breakfast Breaks (E)</i> <i>Breakfast Sandwich (HS)</i> Wild Mikes Pizza Garden Salad w/chickpeas Fresh Fruit
20 <i>Frude</i> Chicken Nuggets w/ dinner roll Mashed Potatoes Glazed Carrots/NY Apple	21 <i>Breakfast Bread Slice</i> Meatball Sub Fries/Veggie Cup w/dip Pears	22 <i>Cereal/Muffin Top</i> Pizza Assorted Veggies Assorted Fruit		

All Meals served with 1% or less Milk All Breakfasts served with Fruit or Juice



Notice is hereby given that the annual inspection of the Harpursville Central School buildings for fire hazards which might endanger the lives of students, teachers, and employees therein, has been completed and the report thereof is available at the office of the District Clerk at Harpursville Central School for inspection by all interested persons.

**Grade 7**

Camryn Boyce
Mackenzie Brewster
Ian Colsten
Devin DeVaul
Eva DiRosa
Liem Donahue
Amber Kolb
Jayden Lane
Talon Ritter
Allyssa Rowe
Lilyanna Snowball
Savanna Zylko

Grade 8

Iyanna Backus
Gracie Bagg
Cassidy Bolster
Kate Crum
Jayden DeLeon
Elijah Fellows
Emily Gillette
Adriana Hartman
Skylar Hill
Brianna Hopkins
Emily Kane
Hope Kolb
Gabrielle Pawela
Jessalyn Powell

Grade 8

Aiden Quick
Charlotte Quick
Xander Quick
Myrakle Ray
Rylan Steinbrecher
Madison Stevens
Amber Tyler
Leigha Wolbert
Nathaniel Wright

Grade 9

Abigail Afify
Lily Barriger
Lloyd Byers Jr.
Marcus Daniels
Karlee Gross
Liliane Harkins
Elizabeth Ives
Emma McWherter
Jonathan Prince
Devon Rowe
Ephram Rowe
Molly Stack
Jeanette Steele

Grade 10

Aliyah Campbell
Aubree Eberly-Robinson
Tavish Miner
Brendan Pike
Liam Quick
Brayden Sakowsky
Matthew Sanchez
Ashley VanHouten
Jacob Wolbert

Grade 11

Trena Byers
Madison Fleming
Sophia Konidis
Keira Licata
Riley Lindsay
Aaron Moore
Alana Nannery
Madison Nesbit
Gabrielle Riewerts
Allena Rowe
Morgan Rutherford
Kaydence Schultz
Cooper Smith
Alayna Thomas-Atkinson
Jayden Yereb

Grade 12

Ryan Akulis
Austin Baker
Shaelynn Beard
Kayleigh Cluck
Kyle Colsten
Justin Fargo
Cheyenne Farnham
McKenna Giles
Jordan Gillette
Alexandra Hosmer
Connor James
Makayla Kelly
Jesse LaDue
Hailey Lancaster
Makenna Lowe
Abigail Lyon
Emma Marvin
Mackinze Meisner
Chelsea Merrill
Zachary Pike
Joshua Powell
Elijah Rogers
Caidence Ryder
Dominic Schwartz
Cheyanne Wallace
Rheanna Wilcox
Benjamin Williams
Sarah Young

Congratulations

Honor Roll First Quarter November 2021**Grade 7**

Alexander Afify
Jake Barber
Charles Closs
Julianna Hulbert
Christopher Kiekel
Glenn Miller III
Jacob Murphy
Michael Pratt
Lily Shaver

Grade 8

Abbygayl Baburchak
Bellajoy Brown
Cyrick Brown
Vanessa Card
Justice Craig

Grade 8

Nicholas Farnham
Alisia Granger
Presley Locke
Derik Schutt
Davin Warren

Grade 9

Maxamus Allen
Lilly Bagg
Abigail Fargo
Kaylee Hines-Heier
Emily LaClair
Hailey Weeks
Madalyn Willumson
Madison Wolbert

Grade 10

Trinity Brewster
Logan James
Casey Lusk
Kylee Noyes

Grade 11

Sadie Backus
Sawyer Lusk
Hunter Moffitt

Grade 12

Nicholas Bagg
Victoria Edwards
Nico Hadlick
Ashton Hunt
Adam Kappauf
Ghia Medovich
Nelson Merrill
Vincent Pergola
Jacob Risoli-Clark
Thomas VanVorce





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High school team takes first at BOCES annual Engineering Day

Congratulations go out to Madalyn Willumson, Vincent Risoli-Clark, Jonathan Prince and Melissa Cantone-Gnyp!



Congratulations! Makenna Lowe

On November 15, Makenna Lowe signed a national letter of intent to play Division I field hockey at the University of Albany.



Makenna Lowe (second from left) with her sister, Malayia, and parents Marie and Mark Lowe.