

Talented students

Harpursville's budding artists exhibit talent in a variety of mediums, from sculpture to painting.

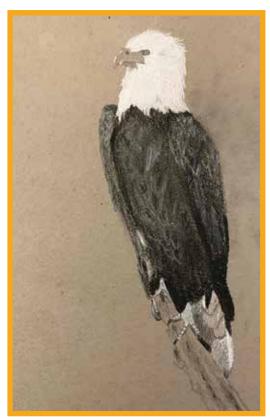
See more on pages 6-7



Chelsea Merritt



Sara Brown



Jaime Gilmore

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM

Referendum vote – 1:30 - 8p.m. Tuesday, February 11, 2020 Olmsted Elementary gym

Proposition 1 RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Harpursville Central School District, Broome and Chenango counties, New York, is hereby authorized to purchase three school buses, including incidental equipment and expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$335,000, and that said amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said district and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said district shall be issued.

The purchase would include one wheel chair accessible bus, one 66-passenger bus and one 30-passenger bus. State transportation aid will cover 90% of the cost.



We encourage all residents to vote.

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Dear residents,

I hope that your New Year is off to a great start and that you had a wonderful holiday season.

Please allow me to recognize, thank, and congratulate everyone who helped to make the holiday season here at the school fun and celebratory. In addition to our classroom and school-wide celebrations, the PTSA hosted another successful Santa's Workshop – thank you to the PTSA. Also, our chorus and instrumental bands provided outstanding concerts where our musicians were able to showcase their talents. Thank you to everyone who came out to support our students and our schools; we certainly appreciate the support that is provided all year and especially during the holidays.

Each year, around this time in the school year, I like to provide an update regarding the fiscal stress rating for our district. This is the annual rating that is soon to be published by the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC). I am pleased to report that for a second consecutive year we are anticipating a rating of "No Designation" for fiscal stress - the best rating we can earn. This is outstanding news for the district and a direct reflection of the continuous work done by our board of education and administrative team. Again, on behalf of the board and myself, we thank you for the trust and the support you have consistently shown. We must and will continue to be vigilant in our efforts to maintain fiscal stability within the district, working to ensure a sound financial position for our future. Moreover, this position allows us to focus on things that promote a growth trajectory and a thriving district for our children.

Please allow me to take a moment to highlight the upcoming transportation vote for school buses scheduled for February 11, 2020. This is part of the board of education's long-range planning process related to the replacement schedule for buses, which includes, of course, a sound financial plan for fleet replacement. Updating our fleet is not only important from a safety standpoint, but it also makes good financial sense when one considers our transportation aid rate of about 90%. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 693-8112. I hope you are able to come out to vote.

I thought I would take just a moment to update everyone on the status of our capital project, too. It was just about a year ago that the residents of the district approved the project, one which will significantly enhance our "safety, security, and pride." Since the approval of the project, we have been working with our architectural and project management team to complete all of the design plans; the project is now in the review and approval process with the state education department. We should see construction work begin at the end of this school year. Here's a reminder of the major highlights of the project: a complete transformation of the auditorium, the main office/entrance at the Jr. Sr. High School, the blue gym in the Jr. Sr. high, and a redesigned upper parking lot and drop-off loop for the elementary school. We'll be putting some designs on the website as things progress, so stay tuned for some exciting images.



Michael Rullo, superintendent

Finally, and of particular

significance, is an update on the progress made at W.A. Olmsted Elementary School with respect to the work done this past year resulting in its "comprehensive support and improvement school" status under the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). We are provided with an annual update on the progress of the school and I am pleased to report that W. A. Olmsted made progress based on the 18-19 data, the first year of accountability status. This means that the measures used for accountability (composite performance, student growth, and the combined composite performance) were at a level 2 or higher. This is excellent news and congratulations to everyone who helped make this happen. But our work is not done and there is one area that we still need to address: chronic absenteeism. There has been modest improvement in this area, but not enough... yet. I know we can do it. We have to make sure that all students are coming to school each and every day. Overall, we must continue the upward trajectory in order to move (and keep) our school to "good standing." If we continue the collaborative, hard work demonstrated over the past year, we will achieve our goals. If you have any guestions about this work, please do not hesitate to contact Principal James DiMaria, Director of Instruction Pam Horton, or me.

In closing, I wish you a Happy New Year. As always, if you have any questions, be sure to contact the appropriate person here at the district to address the issue. I'd like to end with a repeated New Year's wish that each and every one of our students enjoys the success, growth, and achievement that they deserve.

Yours in education,

Michael J. Rullo

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Go Hornets!

District



Guidance News

Congratulations to the following seniors on their college acceptances:

Emilie Kipp – SUNY Broome

Mackenzie Whidden – SUNY Cortland

Matthew Lyon – Binghamton University, Syracuse University

Karina Seeley – Alfred State College

Fire Hazard Inspection

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 Harpursville Central School for inspection by all interested persons.

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	Jr/Sr Principal	Superintendent
Behavior	Teacher	Assistant Building Principal	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	Assistant Building Principal	Building Principal	Superintendent
Bus Behavior	Bus Driver	Head Bus Driver	Asst. Principal/Principal	Superintendent
Co-Curricular	Advisor	Building Principal	Superintendent	
Facilities	Director of Facilities	Business Official	Superintendent	
Health Office	Building Nursing Office	Grade Level Principal	Superintendent	
Scheduling	Guidance Office	Jr/Sr Principal	Superintendent	
Special Education	Teacher	Grade Level Principal (academics)	CSE/CPSE Chairperson	Superintendent
Transportation	Head Bus Driver	Business Official	Superintendent	

Harpursville Central School District directory

Jr/Sr High School693-8105 Kristine Conrow, Principal TBD, Admin. Assistant

W.A. Olmsted Elementary 693-8115 Jim DiMaria, Principal Katie Ives, Admin. Assistant

Health Offices

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

Buildings & Grounds693-8121 David Johnson, Director of Facilities

Family & Children's ..693-8115 ext. 1602 Holly DeMaine, Counselor



Senior presents JA company named '2020'

On January 14, Harpursville senior Karina Seeley and her New Visions Business Academy partners presented the business plan for their Junior Achievement Company, which they named "2020," at the Southern Tier Incubator. Guests at the presentation included representatives from local business and the Greater Binghamton Chamber, family members and educators from around the region, Principal Kristine Conrow and Superintendent Michael Rullo among them.

The product that Karina and her team created was called a "produce pouch," which consisted of five reusable mesh produce bags designed in part to address New York's plastic bag ban. The company sold out all products and were the highest grossing company of the New Visions Business Academy history.

We are so proud of Karina and grateful for the Junior Achievement program sponsors: LCP Group, Inc., VISIONS Federal Credit Union, Koffman Southern Tier Incubator, AMERICAN REAL and ICS.

As a side note, Karina has earned a full scholarship to Alfred State College.



New Visions, offered through Broome-Tioga BOCES, is an academically rigorous program for college-bound high school seniors interested in a career in business, education, health, engineering or law & government. Students

spend each morning taking classes and working side-by-side with professionals, observing and participating in real-life experiences.



Karina Seeley presents at the Southern Tier Incubator

Students have the option of taking their Social Studies 12 credit via Syracuse University Project Advance. In addition, all students participate in Honors English 12, which is taught seminar style and focuses on college preparedness. All applicants must have a minimum GPA of 90%. The application process includes an essay and interview. Upon completion, students earn four high school credits. Students interested in attending a New Visions academy should stop by the guidance office for more information.







Dear Harpursville community,

Happy New Year! One of the most exciting events we did with our students and families last year was to read a book together. Last year we read, "The One and Only Ivan" by Katherine Applegate. Jordan Patch from Animal Adventure Park was our special guest who revealed the book we were reading at a schoolwide assembly. He did an awesome job. Our kids and families loved the book. Families came to school two different times while we were reading "The One and Only Ivan" to have pizza and do some fun activities associated with the book. Every student got their own copy of the book, as did all staff members. Our families shared with us lots of positive stories about reading the book together. Our bus drivers read the book, too, and our kids loved that they could talk with them about Ivan. It was a great experience for all of us.

The benefits of reading aloud to kids are remarkable. Studies have shown that reading to children helps them to listen better and longer, build bigger vocabularies, understand concepts better, feel positive about both books and learning, and much more. When an entire school reads the same book, the buzz and excitement around the book is awesome. Reading a book together brings the added joy of building and expanding a sense of community among students, parents, teachers, staff and community. We watched all of these things happen last year as we read about Ivan.

We are so excited about our second year of "One School, One Book!" We are planning for a February kickoff event to reveal the title of the book. Each chapter will be read by different people and posted on the school website so students and



Pam Horton, director of instruction

families can listen if they'd like to. We will be hosting some events at school so our families can share their experiences reading the book together at home. We will be planning lots of events at school as well. We will be posting all of our events on the W.A. Olmsted website as well as on Twitter @ Hornetslearn1. We cannot wait for all of our students to get their own copy of the book. That was their favorite part last year. Stay tuned for the book reveal!

Sincerely,

Pam Horton Director of Instruction





The annual Colesville Dollars for Scholars Phone-a-thon will be held on February 27. If you would like to donate prior to the phone-a-thon, please complete the form to the right and mail to:



P.O. BOX 1 Harpursville, NY 13787.



from Colesville Dollars for Scholars

Phon-a-thon FEBRUARY 27

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.

Name:	
Street Address:	
City:	_ State: Zip:
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Art news

They then honored the Angry Birds by making balloon sculpture representing them.



Paige Reynolds



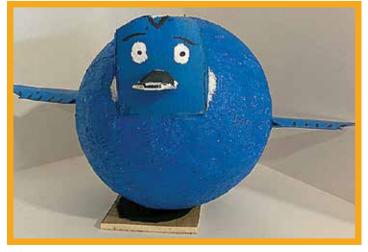
Cooper Smith



Rachael Snow



Alana Nannery



Kyle Avery



Painting class used the blending techniques they learned to paint a night sky with silhouettes.



Ashton Villecco

Art news



Drawing class used graphite and white charcoal to show the texture of bird's feathers.



Aaron Moore



Amber O'Connor



Ashton Hunt



Shyanne Stilson



Jared Green



Sara Brown







Kaylynn Marade

James Craig



Art news

The sculpture class continues to create new and exciting works of art. Kyle Avery designed the prototype for the construction of metal lizards. It was a fun new project to brighten things up during the gloomy beginnings of winter.



Chelsea Merrill



Amber Kachmar



Kristin Cogshall



Cooper Smith



Tara Liddle





Morgan Rutherford



Madison Fleming



Alana Nannery

New community schools coordinator

Hello families of Harpursville elementary. My name is James Saunders and I am the new community schools coordinator at W.A. Olmsted. I am very excited to get the opportunity to be a part of the team at Harpursville.

I graduated from Union-Endicott High School before earning degrees from SUNY Broome and SUNY New Paltz. I take a lot of pride in my ability to impact the lives of children and families in a positive way.

When I am not at work I spend my time playing sports, coaching and being with my family. My hope is that I can be a resource for families that will assist in providing support for the children at W.A. Olmsted. I can't wait to get started.



Go Hornets!

Letter from the elementary school principal

With almost half of the school year elapsed, we are entering an important part of the school year. Our classrooms are continuing to develop our students' reading, writing and

math skills so they may demonstrate their best abilities on the NYS spring tests beginning at the end of March.



Regular school attendance will play a significant role in order for our students achieving their best. In continuing with our school goal of having fewer students chronically absent this school year, please continue to stress to your children the importance of being in the classroom on a regular basis. Instruction is occurring every day in all classrooms, and a regular learning pattern plays a vital role in every student's education. I would also like to welcome, James Sauders, our new community school coordinator. He will assist

our school by facilitating partnerships between our school and community as well as providing other support services to our students and families. Please be on the lookout for information concerning upcoming W.A. Olmsted School Community



Jim DiMaria, elementary principal

Forums, which will be designed to support our continued growth as both a school and community.

As always please contact me with questions or concerns.

Jim DiMaria

Principal WA Olmsted Elementary School

WHEN IS SICK TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?



Send me to school if...

I have a runny nose or just a little cough, but no other symptoms.

I haven't taken any fever reducing medicine for 24 hours, and I haven't had a fever during that time.

I haven't thrown up or had any diarrhea for 24 hours.



Keep me at home if...

I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees even after taking medicine.

I'm throwing up or have diarrhea.

My eyes are pink and crusty.



Call the doctor if...

I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees for more than two days.

I've been throwing up or have diarrhea for more than two days.

I've had the sniffles for more than a week, and they aren't getting better.

I still have asthma symptoms after using my asthma medicine (and call 911 if I'm having trouble breathing after using an inhaler).



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14th Annual Ancient People Project Museum Night

On December 16, students in Denise Talbut's social studies class got an opportunity to shine at the 14th Annual Ancient People Project Museum Night.

Students choose their projects from a list of various topics that they had studied in class over the previous five weeks on Ancient Mesopotamia and Ancient Egypt.

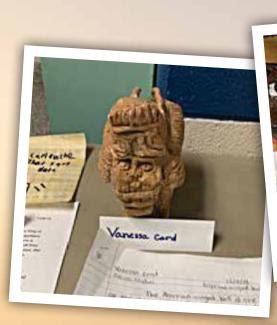
Students researched their topic and then created 3D replicas to illustrate what they had learned. To complete the study unit, each student presented their project to their peers.

Museum Night allowed family and friends an opportunity to view all the excellent projects on display in the 6th grade wing. Many people attended the event and the entire school was invited to visit our museum while the artifacts were on display. Fantastic work 6th graders!

Denise Talbut 6th Grade Teacher





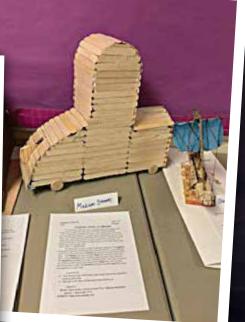














Letter from the High school principal

Hello, everybody!

Happy New Year! Hopefully everyone had a wonderful break and holiday. We are coming up on the end of the 20-week marking period, the gradebooks will close on January 24th and the report cards will be distributed soon after. If your student does not bring a report card home, and you would like a hard copy, please call the guidance office at 693-8108.



Also, if you do not have access to your student's grades, assignments, attendance or discipline records through the Schooltool portal, please reach out to Jill Andrews in guidance. This tool provides current and reliable information about your child.

On January 7 our ASAP (after-school assistance program) started again. ASAP is offered both Tuesday and Wednesday from 3 to 5 p.m. During this time, students work on homework, complete owed assignments, finish an assessment, or use a computer to complete an assignment that requires internet access. We have at least one teacher assigned to this program each day, providing students extra support if necessary. If a student is going to stay after, it's essential he or she sign-up outside Mrs. Gutierrez's room by noon. Doing so gives us ample time to notify the bus garage and ensure there are enough teachers assigned for that afternoon. If, as a parent, you would like to sign your student up for this program, it can be for one or several days. Please contact either the guidance office or Mrs. Gutierrez.



Kris Conrow, High school principal

Hopefully, you were able to attend one of winter concerts. Our band and chorus members, under the direction of Mr. Ehrensbeck and Mrs. Cole respectively, performed wonderfully.

Last, please remember that attendance matters. Every day counts! Here are a couple of facts taken from the "Attendance Works" site:

- Students should miss no more than nine days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
- By 9th grade, regular and high attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.

If your child is experiencing difficulty getting to school, please reach out to the guidance department or me at 693-5701. We will gladly try to help.

Fashion with food

Leslie Whaley's class was busy the week before Christmas break learning in a hands on fashion with food.

In Biology class, they made cells using pizza. Then they competed in a gingerbread house competition. The faculty and staff judged the creations with Ashton Hunt coming out on top. Congratulations!







Ashton's winning house





- WHAT: STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) Pathways Evening
- **WHEN:** Thursday, February 27, 2020 from 4:30 7 p.m.
- Agenda: 4:30-5:30 local businesses will be set up in the rotunda for students to talk and interact with.
 - 5:30-6 remarks in the auditorium.
 - **6-6:50** parents and children will split up for sessions specifically targeted for both audiences.

6:50 giveaways/prizes!)

- WHERE: Binghamton University's Innovative Technologies Complex (85 Murray Hill Road, Vestal, NY)
- AUDIENCE: Youth in grades 7-12, as well as parents and educators
 - **WHY:** To learn more about career opportunities AND the pathways to achieve desirable careers in the STEAM field



















Pay Attention to Attendance: Keep Your Child On Track in Middle and High School

Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success starting in kindergarten and continuing through high school. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and on the job.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
- Absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other potentially serious difficulty.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, regular and high attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- Missing 10 percent, or about 18 days, of the school year can drastically affect a student's academic success.
- · Students can be chronically absent even if they only miss a day or two every few weeks.
- Attendance is an important life skill that will help your child graduate from college and keep a job.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Make school attendance a priority

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school everyday, make that the expectation.
- Help your child maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- Try not to schedule dental and medical appointments during the school day.
- · Don't let your child stay home unless truly sick. Complaints of headaches or stomach aches may be signs of anxiety.

Help your teen stay engaged

- Find out if your child feels engaged by his classes and feels safe from bullies and other threats. Make sure he/she is not missing class because of behavioral issues and school discipline policies. If any of these are problems, work with your school.
- Stay on top of academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors if necessary. Make sure teachers know how to contact you.
- Stay on top of your child's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
- Encourage meaningful afterschool activities, including sports and clubs.

Communicate with the school

- · Know the school's attendance policy incentives and penalities
- Talk to teachers if you notice sudden changes in behavior. These could be tied to something going on at school.
- · Check on your child's attendance to be sure absences are not piling up.
- Ask for help from school officials, afterschool programs, other parents or community agencies if you're having trouble getting your child to school.



January 2020 MS/HS menu					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Sandwich choices: Mon: Turkey/Cheese Tue: Ham/Cheese Wed: Turkey/Cheese Thurs: Ham/Cheese Fri: Turkey/Cheese P.B. & jelly offered daily	Lunch prices K-6 - \$2.10 / 7-12 - \$2.30 Breakfast K-6 FREE 7-12 - \$1.30 Cereal & fruit offered daily	1 WINTER BREAK No School	2 French Toast Sticks Assorted Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Low Fat Milk Chicken Patty on a Bun Sweet Potato Fries Mixed Vegetable Fresh Apple Low Fat Milk	3 Hornet Muffin Assorted Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Low Fat Milk Wild Mike's Pizza Garden Salad w/Chickpeas Assorted Fresh Fruit Low Fat Milk	
6 <i>Frudel</i> <i>Assorted Fruit</i> <i>100% Fruit Juice</i> <i>Low Fat Milk</i> Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Glazed Carrots Fresh Apple Low Fat Milk	7 Cinnamon Breakfast Bread Assorted Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Low Fat Milk Chicken Filet Sandwich Baked Crinkle Cut Fries Veggie Cruncher Cup w/ Hummus & Dip Chilled Peaches Low Fat Milk	8 Bagel Breakfast Pizza Assorted Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Low Fat Milk Brunch at Lunch! French Toast Sticks Sausage Patty Potato Puffs Fresh Orange Low Fat Milk	9 Ultimate Breakfast Round & Yogurt Assorted Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Low Fat Milk NY Thursday! Chicken Mac & Cheese Biscuit Steamed Broccoli Fresh Apple Low Fat Milk	10 Hornet Muffin Assorted Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Low Fat Milk Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Garden Salad w/Chickpeas Assorted Fresh Fruit Low Fat Milk	
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Mini Pancakes Assorted Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Low Fat Milk	Cinnamon Bun & Yogurt Assorted Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Low Fat Milk	Bacon Scramble Assorted Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Low Fat Milk	French Toast Sticks Assorted Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Low Fat Milk	Hornet Muffin Assorted Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Low Fat Milk	
Cheeseburger on a Bun w/ Lettuce & Tomato Sweet Potato Fries Green Beans Fresh Apple Low Fat Milk	Taco Salad w/Assorted Toppings Seasoned Rice Corn Chilled Mixed Fruit Low Fat Milk	Lupo's Chicken Spiedie Sub Harvest Cheddar Sun Chips Veggie Cruncher Cup w/ Hummus & Dip Fresh Orange Low Fat Milk	Homestyle Chicken & Gravy Biscuit Mashed Potatoes Peas Chilled Peaches Low Fat Milk	Mozzarella Bites w/ Dipping Sauce Side of Pasta w/Sauce Garden Salad w/Chickpeas Assorted Fresh Fruit Low Fat Milk	
20	21 Banana or Cinnamon Breakfast Breads Assorted Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Low Fat Milk Meatball Sub Baked Crinkle Cut Fries Veggie Cruncher Cup w/ Hummus & Dip Chilled Pears Low Fat Milk	22 Bagel Breakfast Pizza Assorted Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Low Fat Milk Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Fresh Cucumbers Fresh Orange Low Fat Milk	23 Ultimate Breakfast Round & Yogurt Assorted Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Low Fat Milk Pasta w/Meat Sauce Garlic Breadstick Steamed Broccoli Chilled Peaches Low Fat Milk	24 Hornet Muffin Assorted Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Low Fat Milk Assorted Homemade Pizza Garden Salad w/Chickpeas Assorted Fresh Fruit Low Fat Milk	
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Chicken Patty on a Kaiser Roll Sweet Potato Fries Mixed Vegetable Fresh Apple Low Fat Milk	Tacos on a Shell w/Assorted Toppings Seasoned Rice Corn Chilled Applesauce Low Fat Milk	Marinated Chicken Sandwich w/Lettuce & Tomato Oven Roasted Potatoes Veggie Cruncher Cup w/ Hummus & Dip Fresh Banana Low Fat Milk	Chicken Mac & Cheese Garlic Breadstick Steamed Broccoli Chilled Mixed Fruit Low Fat Milk	Stuffed Crust Pizza Garden Salad w/Chickpeas Assorted Fresh Fruit Low Fat Milk	
All meals served with 1% or less milk. Cereal is available daily for breakfast. Menu subject to change Served daily: M,T & W—Pretzel Thurs—UBR Fri—Granola					



Third grade after-school students step up to the building challenge

Third graders problem solved by making connections to complete an airplane, solo cup and gingerbread building challenge. Their planes needed to glide and reach a target, while their gingerbread houses needed to be built using miscellaneous materials. In the solo cup challenge, students needed to design a building to be sturdy and tall using plastic cups. Last, they each added their personal creative touches to these challenges.





W.A. Olmsted Elementary School 2020-2021

Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program (UPK)



Kindergarten



UPK – Registration February 3 - March 3 <u>Seats are limited!</u> Kindergarten registration begins February 3

Apply or register at the W.A. Olmsted Elementary Office Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Please call with questions 607-693-5702

UPK and Kindergarten Screenings March 4-6



ATHLETE OF THE MONTH AWARDS

Congratulations to Mackenzie Whidden and Dylan Hagerman, November's athletes of the month.

The Athlete of the Month is sponsored by Kristie McWherter from Farmers Insurance. Thank you Kristy for your continued support of Harpursville athletics.

Dylan Hagerman - Coach Livermore had this to say about Dylan: "This is Dylan's second year as a captain on the varsity team. He continues to be a leader both on and off of the court. Dylan was selected as part of the Anton Remy All-Tournament Team as he led our team in scoring for both games. He has worked hard throughout his



Mackenzie Whidden - Coach Ehrensbeck had this to say about Mackenzie: "Mackenzie Whidden is a senior on the girls basketball team. She is at practice early and is very focused this year on our goal of improvement. She is a helpful leader of our team. She has shown great improvement from last year."



high school career and the hard work is paying off."

Congratulations to this month's athletes of the month. We wish them and their teams success this year.

Jason Lyon Athletic Coordinator





School success starts with attendance



Guidance news



Congratulations to junior Autumn Boening, who is now officially enlisted in the US Army Reserve. She will begin her sixyear term with basic training in Missouri on June 23.

PSAT Results

Scores for students who took the PSAT at school in October have been released. Students were notified by the college board if they provided an email address

at the time of testing. Otherwise, hard copies of score reports are available in the guidance office. Students are encouraged to set up a free account at www.collegeboard.org and link their PSAT results to access free, customized SAT practice. The college board is an invaluable resource for college planning, so be sure to get your account set up now.

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 25. While not all colleges require SAT or ACT scores, the recommendation is for any college-bound student to take the SAT during the spring of their junior year.

If you are interested in having your junior take the SAT at school, please call or email Karen Slesinsky with your child's name so a test book can be ordered. The cost for the test is \$49.50, 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 District" and brought to the guidance office. The deadline for ordering tests and submitting payment is February 14.

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

ASVAB

Harpursville Jr./Sr. High School will be administering the ASVAB assessment instrument, which is part of the ASVAB Career Exploration Program, to all juniors on February 5, 2020. This test is an invaluable tool to help your student with his/her future educational and career plans.

The ASVAB CEP will help your student:

- Learn about themselves and the world of work
- · Explore occupations in line with their interests and skills
- Develop an effective strategy to realize their career and education goals

To learn more about the benefits of taking the ASVAB, please view the program website and visit the "Information for Parents" section at www.asvabprogram.com.

All juniors are expected to take this test, but if for some reason you would rather not have your student take the test, please sign and complete the opt-out form below and return it to the Guidance Office by February 3, 2020.

ASVAB CEP Assessment Opt Out Form

Please complete and return to the Guidance Office by February 3, 2020.

Opt Out:

Complete this section only if you would like to opt your student out of the ASVAB CEP assessment on February 5, 2020.

I, (parent/guardian name) ______, request that

(student's name) not take the ASVAB on February 5, 2020.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date_____ Date_____

Harpursville Central School District



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When students attend school regularly, we know that they are more likely to achieve academically and will be better prepared for the world of work. We plan to regularly recognize the Jr./Sr. High School students who are absent for no more than one day during the first quarter.

Karen Slesinsky, high school counselor

W. A. Olmsted health office reminders

- Although there is already snow on the ground, as long as the temperature outside is above 20 degrees and there is not precipitation, we still have outdoor recess. Remember to send your children to school with gloves, hats, winter coats and snow pants.
- Please remember that we have a 24-hour policy at Harpursville, meaning that no student should return to school unless they are fever, vomit/diarrhea free for a FULL 24 hours, or have been on antibiotics for an infection (e.g. pink eye) for 24 hours.
- Please be sure that your contact information on file is up to date so that the school can get in contact with you in the event that your child needs to go home, if the school has any information to relay, questions or in the event of an emergency.