



Gingerbread Time

Donna Murray and Lisa Grencer's pre-K classes celebrated the holiday season by making gingerbread people and gingerbread houses.

Principal James DiMaria and Ms. Juckett ever-so-carefully collected the gingerbread creations and delivered them to our rooms all decorated with candy and frosting.

Our creativity and excitement was evident as we decorated our gingerbread houses.

See more photos, pages 12-13



Board of education meeting schedule set for remainder of 2020-2021 school year

- January 13, 6 p.m.
- February 10, 6 p.m. public hearing on bus purchase, Smart Schools Investment Plan
- **February 16 – bus vote, elementary gym 1:30-8 p.m.**
**Bus vote inclement weather date: February 23*
- March 10, 6 p.m.
- April 19, 6 p.m.
- May 5 - budget hearing, 6 p.m.
- May 18 - school budget and board member election - elementary gym 1:30-8:00 p.m.
- June 16, 6 p.m.

All meetings are held in the Jr. Sr. High Library Room 203 unless otherwise noted. Please contact Tabby Rhodes, district clerk, if you need special accommodations to get into the building for meetings. All dates are subject to change. Please check the district website in advance of ALL meetings for any changes to in-person meetings. The governor has been extending the open meetings provision on a month- to- month basis, so this is the best information available as this newsletter is being printed. Thank you!





Letter from the superintendent

Dear residents,

Happy New Year! The holidays feel like a distant memory already, but I hope you had an enjoyable holiday season. I know many were anxiously awaiting the start of the new year, mostly because we're glad to put 2020 behind us and we are looking forward to whatever goodness lies ahead. I'm guessing I'm not alone in hoping that 2021 is a better year than 2020.

One of the many challenges we've had here at the school during the period of time that schools have been impacted by COVID-19 is ensuring that students are connecting with their teachers and classmates as often as possible. It is critical that every student is learning all that they can, and making classroom connections most certainly helps in this endeavor. This is especially true when the students are in a remote learning setting. With the second half of the school year quickly upon us, I am asking that all students and their parents/guardians reflect on their goals for the school year with a particular look toward making sure students are engaging with their schoolwork 100% of the time. I know it's challenging, at times, and the amount of independence that students are having to experience can be difficult. But, as a school community, it will help all of us if we individually and collectively improve the amount of time students are engaging with their schoolwork. This is really important for every student's present and future achievement. Please, take a moment to revisit, reset, refocus and engage. Please feel free to reach out to our teachers, counselors, administrators or me if you need any assistance.

Each year, around this time of 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 the third

consecutive year we are anticipating a rating of "No Designation" for fiscal stress - the best rating we can earn. This continues to be outstanding news for the district and a direct reflection of the continuous work done by the board of education and the administrative team. We must and will continue to be vigilant in our efforts to maintain fiscal stability for our district, working to ensure a sound financial position for the future. Moreover, we all know the fiscal impacts that COVID-19 has created in nearly every facet of society, and schools have not been immune. We will have some challenges moving forward, but our lack of fiscal stress has positioned us as well as possible to endure the upcoming financial challenges at state and national levels while, hopefully, allowing us to focus on things that promote a growth trajectory and a thriving district for our children.

In sticking with a fiscal perspective, be reminded that we will be starting the budget development process for the 2021-2022 school year next month. Between February and the anticipated vote date in May, the board of education will be engaged in analysis, discussion and planning of the district's budget. I encourage you to attend our board meetings so you remain informed and have the opportunity to provide input on the process. We will continue to provide updates via the newsletter and the website as we work through this process, too.

If you've been past the school or even come onto the campus, you've likely noticed that the capital project continues to make good progress. It's been exciting to move from the demo phase to the rebuilding phase for some of the larger portions of the project. For example, the auditorium is quickly taking shape and I cannot wait for you to see the finished product. It's going to be truly transformative! I'm guessing you'll join in my excitement when I tell you that the ductwork for the new air conditioning/climate control is nearly

complete. That alone is enough to get excited about, but the improvements in the auditorium space don't end there. The light and sound are going to

be state-of-the-art, the new stage is a larger, more organized and accessible space, and the new seats will be super-comfortable. I'll leave some of the other visual and functional surprises for later. Another major component of the project is the new main entrance to the Jr. Sr. High School and, after lots of demo work, that is coming along well, too. I've been able to walk in the space as the new layout has been constructed and it's great! The entrance area and main office space is going to be safe, extremely functional and inviting. Finally, and as you've likely concluded, both process and weather got in the way of our initial timeline for the new upper parking lot. It will be completed in the springtime and then we'll be ready to open the new drop-off loop for W.A.O. Elementary. I can assure you, it will be worth the wait. I sincerely appreciate everyone's patience. Capital projects always require patience and flexibility, but the outcome for our community and our students is going to be fantastic!

Finally, I'd like to take a moment to highlight the upcoming transportation vote for school buses scheduled for February 16, 2021. 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



Michael Rullo, superintendent

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makes good financial sense when one considers our transportation aid rate of about 90%. A public hearing on the proposition will take place at the February 10, 2021, board meeting. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me or Joe McLaughlin at 693-8112. I hope you can

come out to vote on the 16th.

In closing, my best wishes for continued health and well-being. As always, if you have any questions or need assistance, be sure to contact the appropriate person here at the district to address the issue. We are here to help.

Yours in education,

Michael J. Rullo

Go Hornets!

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	

District directory

District Office 693-8112

Board of Education
Michael Rullo, Superintendent
Tabaitha Rhodes, Admin. Asst./District Clerk

Business Office 693-8120

Joseph McLaughlin, Business Official
Amanda Loihle, Personnel Clerk

Special Education 693-8104

Joshua Quick, CSE/CPSE Chairperson
Audrey Warner, Admin. Assistant
Linda LoGallo, School Psychologist

Jr/Sr High School 693-8105

Kristine Conrow, Principal
Allison Chantry, Admin. Assistant

Guidance Office 693-5734

Karen Slesinsky, Jr/Sr HS Counselor
Megan Harrington, Jr/Sr HS Counselor
Ashley Bianchi, Elementary Counselor
Amy Walker, Secretary

Attendance/Registration 693-8108

Jill Andrews, Student Records

W.A. Olmsted Elementary 693-8115

Jim DiMaria, Principal
Katie Ives, Admin. Assistant

Health Offices

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

Athletics 693-8133

Joshua Quick, Athletic Director

Social worker 693-8115 ext. 3313

MaryOlevia Clark-Byrnes/Social Worker

Food Services 693-8126

Norene Tasber, Director of Food Services

Transportation 693-8100

Dennis Symons, Head Bus Driver
Joseph McLaughlin, Business Official

Buildings & Grounds 693-8121

David Johnson, Director of Facilities

Family & Children's 693-8123

Molly Soljan, Counselor

Community Schools Coordinator 422-1631

James Saunders



Notice of special school district meeting and availability of absentee ballots Harpurville Central School District, Broome and Chenango counties, new york

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Special School District Meeting of the Harpurville Central School District, Broome and Chenango Counties, New York, will be held on February 16, 2021 (the "Election Date") at 1:30 o'clock P.M., at the W.A. Olmstead Elementary School, 54 Main Street in Harpurville, New York, at which the polls will be kept open between the hours of 1:30 o'clock P.M. and 8:00 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Time, for the purpose of voting by paper ballot upon the following bond proposition: BUS BOND PROPOSITION

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit: RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Harpurville Central School District, Broome and Chenango Counties, New York, is hereby authorized to purchase school buses at a maximum estimated cost of not to exceed \$335,000, including incidental equipment and expenses, and that said \$335,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS. NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots may be applied for at the office of the School District Clerk. Any such application must be received by the School District Clerk at least seven days before the date of the aforesaid Special District Meeting if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before such Special District Meeting, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter.

A list of all persons to whom absentee voter's ballots shall have been issued shall be available for public inspection in the office of the School District Clerk not less than five days prior to the date of the Special District Meeting (excluding Saturdays and Sundays) by appointment during regular office hours from 8:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. until the date of the aforesaid Special District Meeting.

Absentee ballots must be received by 3:30 P.M. on date of election in the office of the School District Clerk.

Any qualified voter may, upon examination of such list, file written challenge to the qualifications of a voter of any person whose name appears on the list, stating the reason for challenge. Such written challenge

shall be transmitted by the School District Clerk or designee to the inspectors of election on the date of the election.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in the event of a weather or other emergency which necessitates cancellation of the February 16, 2021 Special District Meeting, said Special District Meeting shall be held on February 23, 2021 at the aforementioned time and place.

QUALIFIED VOTERS: The qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote at said special vote.

A qualified voter is one who is: (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen (18) years of age or older, and (3) resident within the School District for a period of thirty (30) days preceding the special election, and not otherwise prohibited from voting (i.e. mentally incompetent or convicted felon).

Dated: Harpurville, New York, December 21, 2020. BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE HARPURVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, BROOME AND CHENANGO COUNTIES, NEW YORK.

Tabby Rhodes, district clerk

Note: All current COVID-19 guidelines should be followed when voting in person.





Name	Subject
Trena Byers	French I
Sophia Konidis	French II
Benjamin Williams	French III
Alexander Hoyt.....	French IV
Nathaniel Wright	Health 7
Jayden Yereb.....	Sr. High PE
Jaelin Brown.....	Jr. High PE
Abbygayl Baburchak.....	ELA 7
Jayden Deleon.....	ELA 7-Reading & Writing
Alexander Hoyt.....	English 12
Keira Licata.....	Geometry
Sarah Young	CL Statistics
Colton Sakowsky	CL Calculus I
Benjamin Williams	ELA 11 Honors
Jacob Risoli-Clark	ELA 11
Davin Warren.....	ELA 7
Keira Licata.....	Career & Fin. Mgmt
Sara Boyer	CL Business Law
Emma McWherter.....	Computers 8
Emily Kane.....	Music 7
Hailey Weeks.....	Music 8
Cyrick Brown.....	Jr. Chorus
Allena Rowe	Sr. Chorus
Sophia Wright.....	Piano
Abbygayl Baburchak.....	Science 7
Jonathan Prince.....	Science 8
Darren Florance.....	Living Environment
Charlotte Quick.....	Social Studies 7
Emma McWherter.....	Social Studies 8
Jonathan Prentice.....	Social Studies 7/8
William Locke	Global 9/10
Hanna Whitman	Global 10
Kyler Meisner.....	Current Affairs
Ashton Villecco	Foundations of Geometry
Gracie Bagg	Math 7
Madison Miller.....	Pre-Algebra

Name	Subject
Aarron Clinton.....	Algebra I
Molly Stack.....	Algebra Lab
Bellajoy Brown	Art 7
Jaelin Brown.....	Art 8
Keira Licata.....	Creative Crafts
Mackinze Meisner.....	2D Studio
Aubree Eberly-Robinson....	3D Studio
Tyler Backus.....	Photography
James Craig	Construction Systems
Zachary Adams.....	DDP
Gracie Bagg	Technology 7
Jonathan Prince.....	Technology 8
Austin Baker	World of Technology
Liam Quick.....	Global Studies
Dalton Sheldon.....	Participation in Gov't
Danielle Grausgruber	Colesville History
Benjamin Williams	CL US History
Emily Kane.....	Social Studies 7
Thomas VanVorce	US History & Government
Alexandra Hosmer.....	Chemistry
Karlee Gross	Science 8
Colton Sakowsky	College Biology
Sadielyn Combs.....	HS Health
Caden Hurlburt.....	Sr. High PE
Nathaniel Wright	Jr. High PE
Brendan Pike.....	Earth Science
Aliyah Campbell.....	ELA 9
Aubree Eberly-Robinson....	ELA 9
Kevin Killmeier	Academic Writing II
Jonathan Prentice.....	12:1:1 Classroom
Trena Byers.....	English 10
Molly Stack.....	Algebra I
Jonathan Prince.....	Math 8
Gabrielle Pawela	Math Honors 7
Jaelin Brown.....	Math 7/8
Lily Barriger.....	ELA 8



Students introduced to ‘radial design’

“Radial design” was the recent subject of inquiry for students in Ann McDonald’s 7th grade art class.

A **radial design** is a symmetrical design in which all of the elements are situated

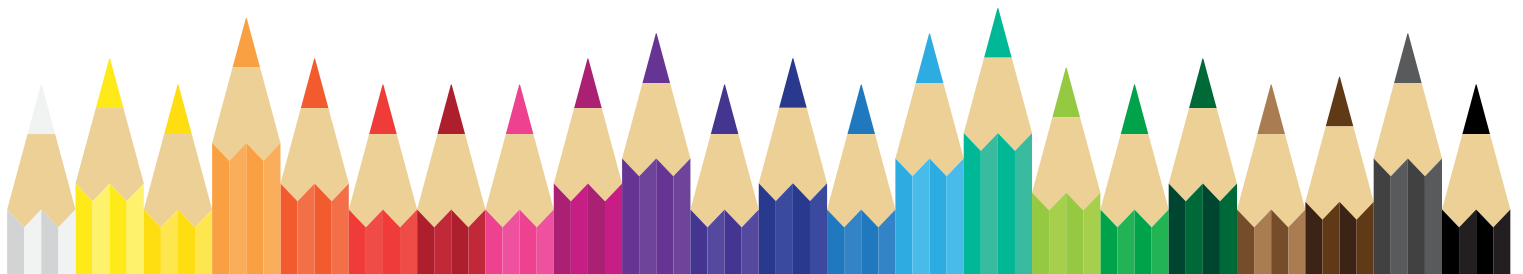
equally around the center.

For this project, students chose a word or name to repeat in an evenly divided square.

The results were interesting in that many of the words seemed to create more of an abstract design than a recognizable word.



Vanessa Card





Adriana Hartman



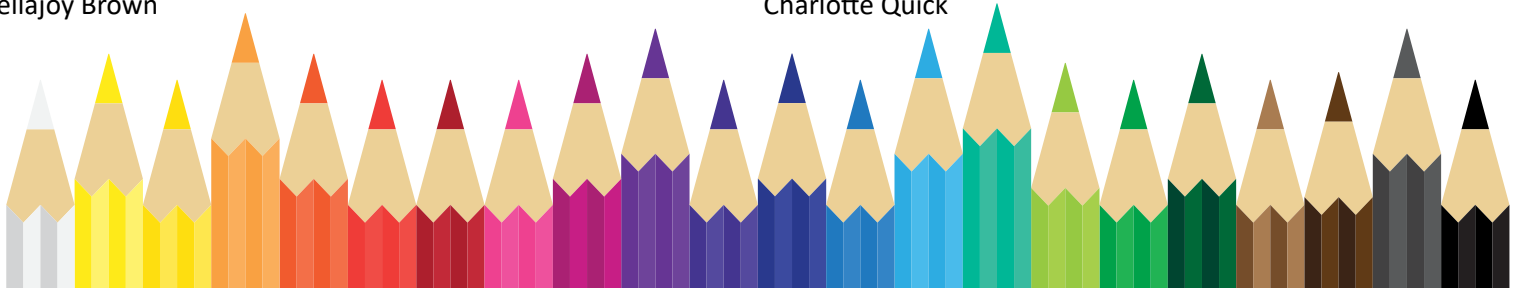
Amber Tyler



Bellajoy Brown



Charlotte Quick





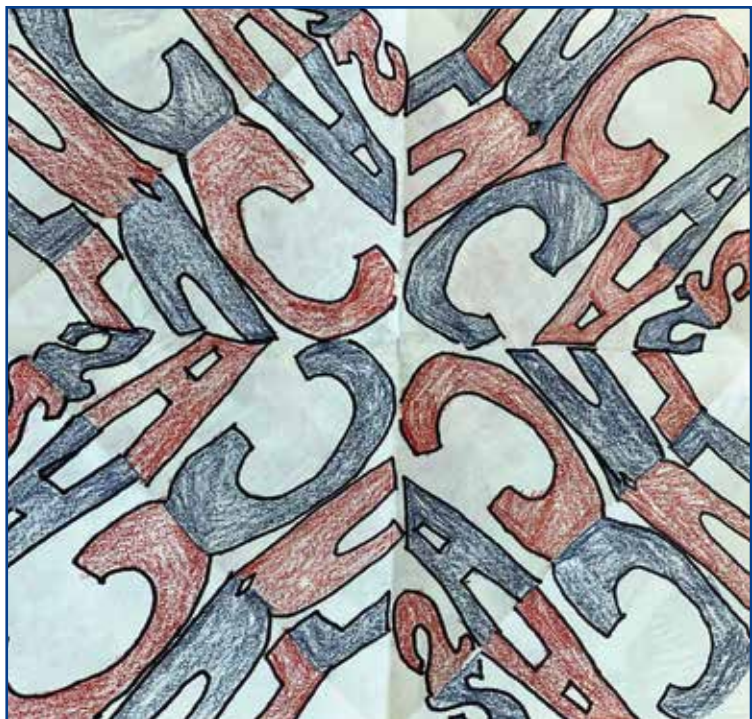
Davin Warren



Donald Hoover

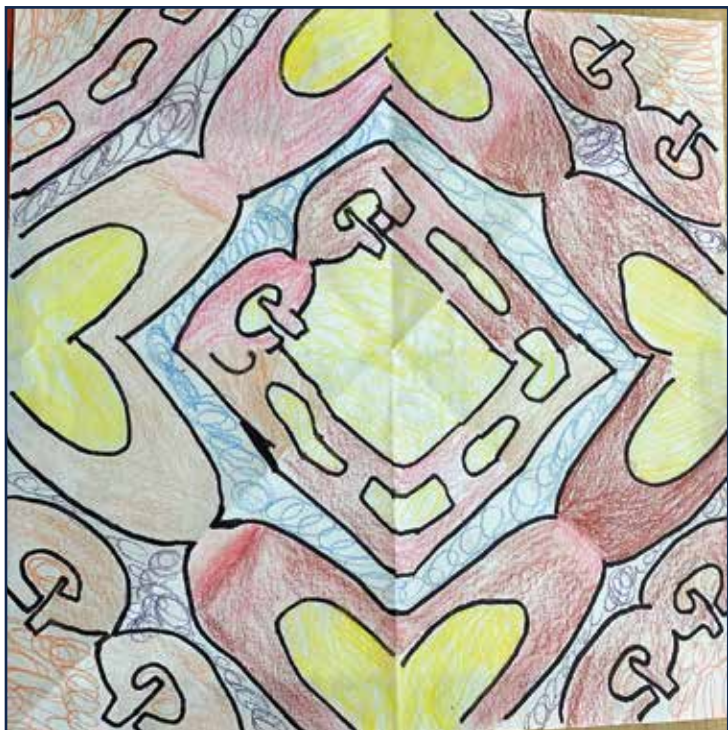


Gracie Bagg

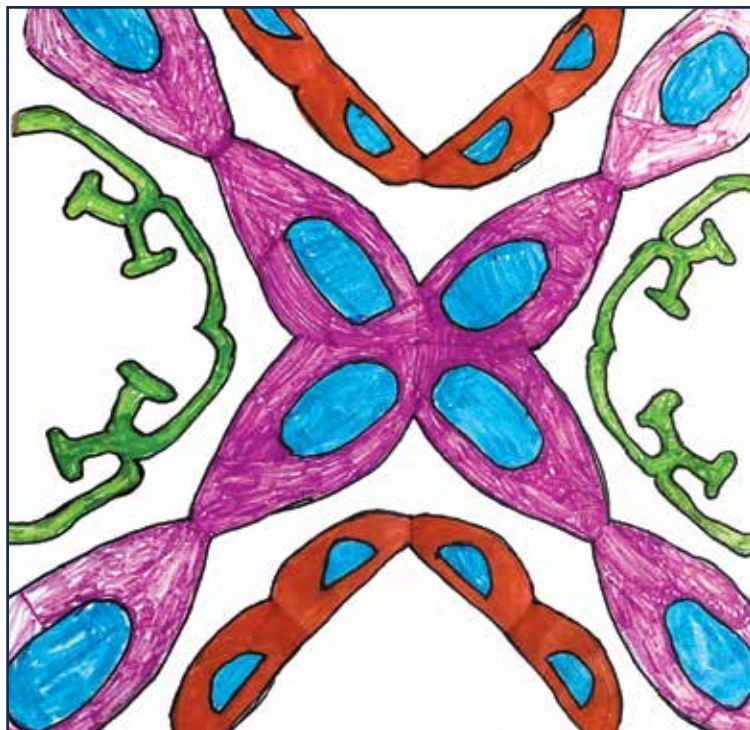


Lucas McKnight





Shelbee Prince



Trenton Franklyn



Guidance news

Congratulations to Autumn Boening on her college acceptance to SUNY Broome's Culinary Arts program.

Congratulations to Colton Sakowsky on his college acceptance to the University of Buffalo.





Annual High School Gingerbread Competition

Students in Leslie Whaley's class took part in their annual gingerbread house competition after winter break. Congratulations to **Tehya Garrow** for her first place finish!



1st place: Tehya Garrow

2nd place: Lukas Polhamus (not pictured)

3rd place: Hunter Smith



Honorable Mention: Mikel Hill



Happy Mid-School Year!

Students and staff at W.A. Olmsted Elementary School continue to make good progress this school year, focusing on ensuring academic growth for all students. Currently, the NYS math and ELA 3-8 tests are scheduled to take place at the end of April through the beginning of May. The 4th grade science test is currently scheduled for the end of May. The school will keep all families updated on any changes or cancellations of these tests, but for now we are proceeding and planning as if the tests will take place.

Parents and guardians, we are looking for people to join our Parent Focus Group with the underlying goal being to improve school communication and engagement with all families. This group will meet once per month on Zoom for about one hour. If you are interested in joining this group please contact the main office.

Our students love to go outside for recess. They work hard in the classrooms every day and really enjoy going outside when the weather permits. If temperatures are too cold, classroom teachers will organize an indoor recess, but on most days students will go outside. Our maintenance staff does a wonderful job of clearing snow off the walkways of the playground so students can have access after a snowfall. Please continue to have your students dress for the weather with snow gear and warm jackets.

Parents, our students have been working diligently on a program called i-Ready. This is a computer-based individual diagnostic program in both ELA and math where each students' skills are assessed and then an individualized skill advancement program is created based on the diagnostic assessment. Students should make their best effort when completing assignments on i-Ready, both in school and while working at home. Ask your students or teachers how they are doing. Watching individual student progress and academic gains through this program is exciting to witness.



Jim DiMaria,
elementary principal

As always, please feel free to reach out to me with any concerns or questions.

Jim DiMaria

Principal
W.A. Olmsted Elementary School
Phone: 607-693-8115

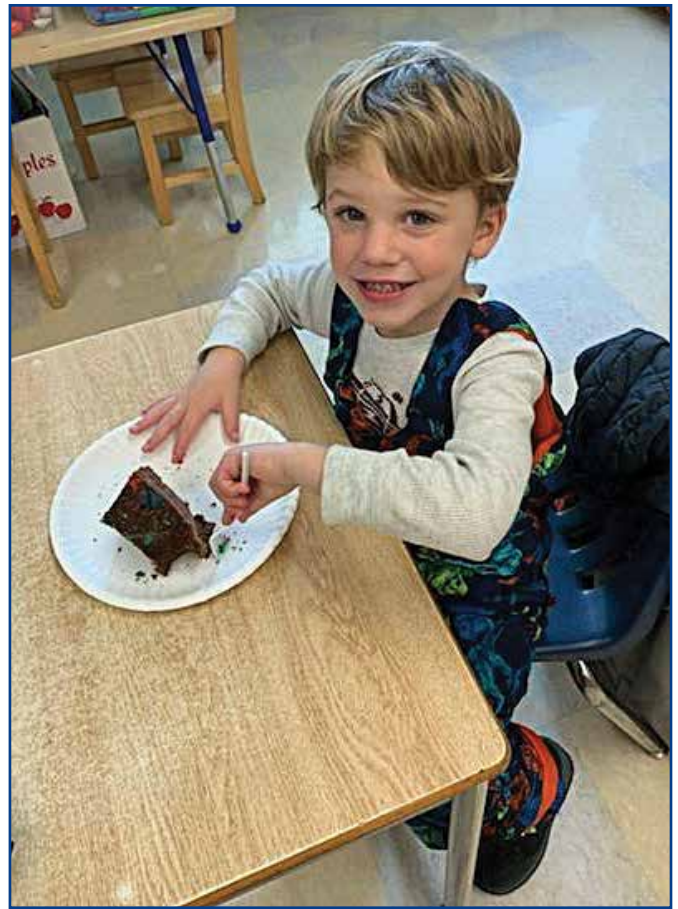


Parent Focus Group



**Gingerbread time,
from the cover**







Y E A R B O O K

Jr./Sr. High School yearbook information

Yearbook orders are now being taken for the Jr./Sr. High School yearbook. The cost is \$54 (we had to add sales tax this year). If you are interested in ordering one, see Mrs. Hendrickson. There are still spaces left for senior parent ads. If you would like to recognize your senior in the yearbook, and haven't already done so, the information is on our website under Jr./Sr. High School-Yearbook. Any questions you may contract me at bhendrickson@hcs.stier.org.

Yearbook photos sought

Yearbook pictures are needed for both remote and hybrid students in the elementary and Jr./Sr. high school.

Pictures can be of what the school day is like while remoting at home, or selfies, or any other school-related photo (all must be school appropriate). Students and parents can either email pictures to me at hcsyearbook077@gmail.com, or share with me on your Google drive at bhendrickson@hcs.stier.org.

Reminder to all seniors: I need a nice selfie of each of you for a class picture.



January 2021 MS/HS menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4	5
<p><i>Mini Cinni/Juice</i></p> <p>Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes NY Apple</p>	<p>Muffin top/Fruit</p> <p>Yogurt Parfait Veggie Cruncher Scooby Graha</p>	<p>Yogurt/Juice</p> <p>French Toast Sticks Sausage Patty Potato Rounds</p>	<p><i>Cereal Bar/Fruit</i></p> <p>Chicken Gravy w/biscuit Cinnamon Sweet Potatoes Mixed Vegetables NY Apple Chicken Patty @ home</p>	<p><i>Cereal/Juice</i></p> <p>Pizza Broccoli Orange</p>
8	9	10	11	12
<p><i>Mini Pancakes/Fruit</i></p> <p>Cheeseburger w/lettuce & tomato on a roll Sweet Potato Fries NY Apple</p>	<p><i>Muffin Top/Juice</i></p> <p>Taco Salad w/lettuce & cheese & salsa Taco Seasoned Rice Corn Assorted Fruit</p>	<p><i>Yogurt/Juice</i></p> <p>Chicken Spiedie Sub Veggie Cruncher Cup Mixed Fruit</p>	<p><i>French Toast Sticks/Juice</i></p> <p>Pasta w/meat sauce Garlic Bread Stick Broccoli NY Grape Juice Banana</p>	<p><i>Cereal/Fruit</i></p> <p>Mozzarella Sticks Broccoli Assorted Fresh Fruit</p>
15	16	17	18	19
<p><i>French Toast Sticks/Juice</i></p> <p>Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Carrots Assorted Fruit</p>	<p><i>Cereal/Juice</i></p> <p>Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes NY Apple</p>	<p><i>Yogurt/Juice</i></p> <p>Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Cucumbers Chilled Fruit Chicken Patty @ home</p>	<p><i>Muffin Top/Fruit</i></p> <p>Cheese Lasagna Roll Up Garlic Bread Stick Broccoli Fruit Cup</p>	<p><i>Cereal/Juice</i></p> <p>Pizza Baby Carrots Fresh Fruit</p>
22	23	24	25	26
<p><i>Mini Pancakes/Fruit</i></p> <p>Chicken Patty on a Roll Sweet Potato Fries NY Apple</p>	<p><i>Cereal/Juice</i></p> <p>Turkey Tacos w/lettuce & cheese & salsa Taco Seasoned Rice Pears</p>	<p><i>Yogurt/Juice</i></p> <p>Marinated Chicken Sandwich w/lettuce & tomato Veggie Cruncher Cup Mixed Fruit</p>	<p><i>Bread Slice/Fruit</i></p> <p>INDOOR PICNIC NY Hot Dog on a roll NY Chips NY Green Beans NY Apple Dirt Cup</p>	<p><i>Cereal/Juice</i></p> <p>Stuffed Crust Pizza Broccoli Fresh Fruit</p>



Lunch prices
K-6 - \$2.10 / 7-12 - \$2.30

Breakfast
K-6 FREE 7-12 - \$1.30
Cereal & fruit offered daily

All meals served with 1% or less milk. Cereal is available daily for breakfast. Menu subject to change

Served daily:
PB & J Sandwich Yogurt Meal w/Cheese Stick
M,T & W—Pretzel Thurs—UBR Fri—Granola



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Colesville
**Dollars for
 Scholars.**

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

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

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



Thank You
 from
 Colesville Dollars for Scholars

Letter-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.**

Please indicate the number of the award/scholarship: # _____

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