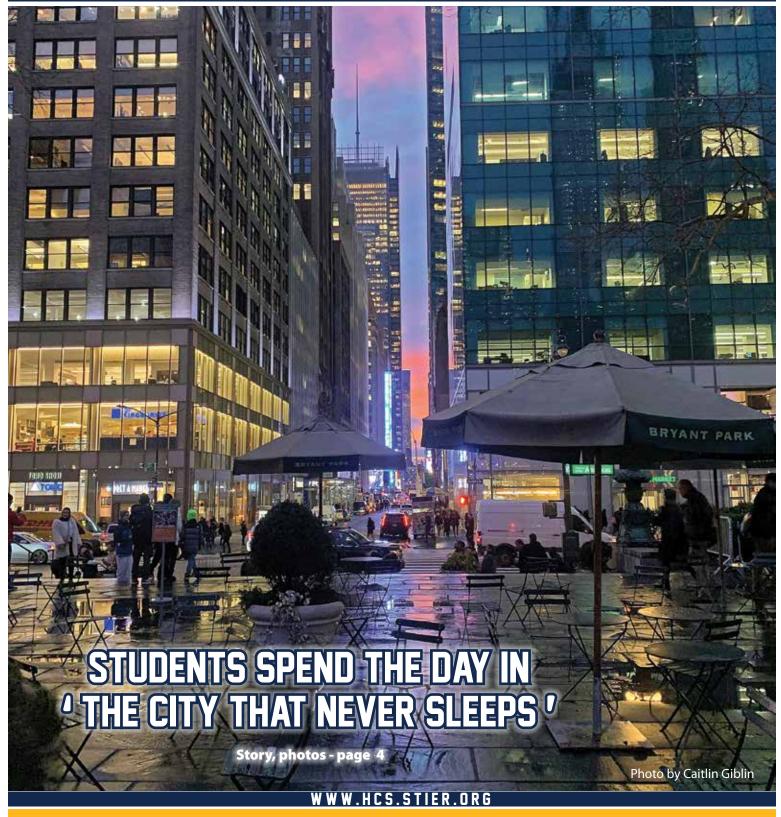
HARPURSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

HORNETS NEWS

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March 2020



Letter from the superintendent



Dear residents,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and ready for more of the spring-like weather that we've gotten a little dose of in the recent past.

With the spring sports seasons starting, I think we'll be all set if we didn't have to see any more snow until next winter. This also means that we are just weeks away from the final quarter of the school year and all of the end-of-year events celebrating the accomplishments our students worked so hard to achieve throughout the school year.

Before we put the winter behind us, and in the spirit of celebrating our students, please allow me to take a moment to thank and congratulate our winter athletes, their coaches, and our fans for representing our school so well throughout their seasons. I appreciate the competitive spirit, sportsmanship and "Hornets Pride" that was demonstrated by everyone. With that in mind, please join me in extending a special congratulations to Darren and Joey Florance for their outstanding performances in the New York State wrestling championships held in Albany on February 28-29. Darren, an eighth grader, placed 6th in the 99-pound weight class while his ninth-grade older brother and two-time participant in the championships, Joey, placed 7th in the 106-pound weight class. This is an impressive finish for both of these young men and, rest assured, their wrestling futures are bright. A huge congratulations to Darren and Joey, their family, and Coach MacNaught who is an amazing advocate and role model for the members of his team. Great job!

In addition to extra-curricular successes, our students continue to shine with their academic work too. Here's a perfect example and another noteworthy accomplishment that is most deserving of our congratulations. On February 28, Career and Technical Education students competed in the

Regional Skills USA competition at SUNY Morrisville. This is an event where the students have the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and skill-set within their program of study in a competitive environment. I am proud to highlight Cameron Stone as the second-place finisher in the competition for the electrical wiring program. Please join me in congratulating Cameron for his work. It appears that he is well on his way to a successful career as an electrician. Moreover, this competition and the **BOCES Career and Technical Education** program is an excellent example of the importance of providing students with relevant, project-based learning opportunities that are directly linked to their future goals. Way to go, Cameron!

On a different note, but with continued gratitude and appreciation, please allow me to offer a sincere thank you to the voters who recently approved the purchase of new transportation vehicles. There is nothing more important to us than the safety of our students, and maintaining our fleet of vehicles helps to promote the safe transport of our students each and every day. On behalf of the Harpursville Board of Education and myself, THANK YOU!

If you haven't had the opportunity to check out our new website, I would encourage you to visit us at www. hcs.stier.org. The new design not only looks fantastic but is much more user-friendly. Whether you are on your computer, tablet or phone you will notice that the website fits perfectly on your screen and is much easier to navigate. We hope you find this new version to be more helpful and informative. Similarly, we are continuing to work on a district-specific app that you'll be able to download to your devices. The app will provide important information about our district with just a couple of taps. We'll also be able to provide push notifications on important information,

too. Stay tuned for updates on our Hornets app in the near future.

I wish to take a moment to draw your attention to the upcoming 2020 U.S. Census process



Michael Rullo, superintendent

that will be starting April 1, 2020. You might be asking, "Why is Mr. Rullo talking about the census in the school's newsletter?" The New York State School Boards Association provides an excellent answer to this question in its February 3, 2020, edition of On Board, in which the author, Paul Heiser, writes, "The census has significant implications for public schools. The data help determine how billions of federal education dollars are distributed, since funding formulas rely heavily on population and poverty levels." Thus, we must ensure that our district's data is as accurate as possible so that we receive the funding that we are entitled to. Heiser goes on to write that allocations of federal dollars impacts things in our community like: Title funding for schools (a significant impact to the Harpursville Schools), the National School Lunch Program, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Unrelated to direct funding, be reminded that an accurate census count also has an impact on the congressional representation our state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, thereby helping to support increased influence in a manner consistent with the needs and values of our local communities. So, please be sure to participate in the census process and to make sure that your friends and extended family members do so as well. The next 10 years depends on it. Continued, next page

Letter from the superintendent (continued)



Finally, the initial budget presentation was provided to our board of education and the public at the February 12 meeting. Not only is our budget for this year performing very well, but the initial projection for next year is encouraging, too. This is excellent news and we will not stop working to promote these

continued successes. As always, I invite you to be a part of the budget process through our workshops or regular board meetings. We are always happy to hear from our residents.

In closing, best wishes for a quick and warm end to winter. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, concerns or good news.

Yours in education,

Michael J. Rullo

Go Hornets!

District information

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

| District Office |
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| Board of Education |
| Michael Rullo, Superintendent |
| Tabaitha Rhodes, Admin. Asst./District Clerk |
| Business Office |
| Special Education693-8104 |

District Office

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

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

Guidance Office......693-8108Karen Slesinsky, Jr/Sr HS Counselor

Kristina Irons, Jr/Sr HS Counselor Ashley Bianchi, Elementary Counselor Jill Andrews, Secretary/Attendance Clerk

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

Athletics693-8133
Joshua Quick, Athletic Director

Social worker 693-8115 ext. 3313MaryOlevia Clark-Byrnes/Social Worker

Food Services693-8126Norene Tasber, Director of Food Services

Dennis Symons, Head Bus Driver Joseph McLaughlin, Business Official

Buildings & Grounds693-8121David Johnson, Director of Facilities

Family & Children's .. 693-8115 ext. 1602 Molly Soljan, Counselor

Community Schools Coordinator .422-1631James Saunders



Food, theater, exploration highlight a day in the Big Apple

On February 13, the music students and members of the French and theater clubs spent the day in New York City.

The students got to explore the city, eating traditional local fare such as thin crust pizza and oversized pretzels, visiting the city's landmarks, and even spending a little time shopping the many street hawkers before taking in the show "Phantom of the Opera" on Broadway.

The French Club students were able to appreciate a show set

in Paris at the time when the Opéra Garnier was still known as the Opéra Populaire. Theater students saw firsthand how stages are transformed to transport the viewer to a different world. Music students got to appreciate the soaring, sweeping score written by Andrew Lloyd Webber, contributing to Broadway's longest running show.

Thanks to French teacher Caitlin Giblin and music teacher Nicole Cole, who served as combination tour guide/ chaperone, the trip was a great success.









Editor's note: This field trip took place several weeks before the first case of COVID-19 was confirmed in NYC.



THE IMPOUNDED ARTISTS



Keira Licata



na Kaylynn Marade



n Marade



Sara Brown



Jaime Gilmore



Amber O'Connor



Aaron Moore



HCS students, staff help save lives with 2020 blood drive

By Esperanza Gutierrez, Broome County Account Manager for the American Red Cross representative, HCSD Class of 2013

Every two seconds someone in the United States needs blood. One pint of blood has the power to save up to three people's lives.

On February 11, the Harpursville High School held a blood drive and collected 25 pints of blood. This has the power to save up to 75 lives. I would like to personally thank everyone who attended the blood drive and to those who donated. I would also like to thank the Harpursville Central School District for allowing the American Red Cross to continue to host blood drives. Together we can make a lifesaving difference.

I'm proud to say I am an alumna of the school.





School board seat up for election in May

One seat on the Harpursville Central School District Board of Education will be up for election on May 19, 2020. That seat, currently occupied by Michael Rhodes, whose five-year term ends June 30, 2020, is a five-year position.

If interested in becoming a school board member, please consider attending a free public workshop on March 18 offered through Broome-Tioga BOCES for prospective board members. Contact the district clerk to reserve your seat at 693-8112.

To run for school board in New York state, you must be:

- A U.S. citizen
- At least 18 years old
- A qualified voter in the school district
- Able to read and write
- A resident of your district continuously for one year before the election.

Not sure if running for the school board is right for you? Visit the New York State School Boards Association link below and read about the experience:

www.nyssba.org/clientuploads/nsbmx/

Those interested in seeking the position can obtain petitions at the Harpursville Central School District office. Petitions must be returned to the school district's clerk's office by 3 p.m. on April 20, 2020.

The school budget and board member election day is May 19, 2020.

*Please use the far elementary gym entrance to get to the voting area, which is open 1:30 - 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 2020. Thank you!



Letter from the elementary school principal



W.A. Olmsted students are currently preparing for the upcoming grades 3 – 6 NYS ELA tests. The ELA test will be given on Wednesday, March 25, through Friday, March 27. Attendance on these days is extremely important to help our students complete the tests with consistency and in the most comfortable setting possible. I am asking parents to help our students "put their best foot forward" with the following strategies.

Before the test

- If your child has struggled with a particular area or subject in the past, you may be able to help them overcome some of that difficulty by providing some extra practice.
- Assisting your child with homework and ensuring that your child is completing all homework assignments.
- Helping students to develop good study habits, thinking skills, and a positive attitude toward school, and encouraging them to do their best while testing.

- Helping your child learn how to follow directions carefully.
- Ensuring that your child has good attendance at school.

On test day

- Making sure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a healthy breakfast.
- Staying calm and being positive about the test will help your child stay calm.



Jim DiMaria, elementary principal

Thank you,

*Jim DiMaria*Principal
WA Olmsted Elementary School

Working together, team building is the focus of after-school programming

The after-school program gives our second graders a chance to work together and learn from each other.

This past month we spent a lot of time on team-building activities. The second graders partnered with each other and had to come up with a plan to accomplish various tasks. They did an awesome job coming up with a strategy and testing it out. Once they tried the task, they debriefed after watching everyone else try their

solutions. The partners bounced ideas off each other to learn how to make it work better the second time.

Students have worked really hard on how to work together and what that sounds like and looks like. In doing so, they soon realized that if they use their partners strengths they accomplish way more than working alone.

Some of the challenges

included building an object using different types of blocks, building a paper airplane that goes the farthest, and competing with one another in different board games.

All told, they did an awesome job learning and growing as classmates.



Pictured (I-r): Kylie Boyko and Mackenzie Kolb with their house made out of magnetic blocks





Laissez les bons temps rouler!

(Let the good times roll)

Guests flocked to the Junior Senior High School to participate in the 6th annual French is Fun Night February 20.

Upon arriving, our visitors entered a parallel universe where jazz and swing were the theme of the day. Participants found answers and hidden items in the scavenger hunt, ate "King's Cake" to try and find le petit bébé (the little baby), decorated a Mardi Gras "masque" of their very own, colored pictures of petits animaux (small animals) and tossed beads to win a prize. They were also invited to see a robot parade, get their face painted, take a picture to remember the night, send a "carte postale" (postcard) from the post office and play a game of Mardi Gras Memory.

After completing each activity at each station, the participants earned a free crêpe from Café NOLA.

A special thanks goes out to each club that participated and to the senior class for setting up and tearing down. Mark your calendar for next year's French is Fun Night 2021 coming in February! # FIFN2021

> Thomas VanVorce strikes a well-known pose



Pictured (I-r):Mackenzie Kolb and Kylie Boyko



Pictured (I-r): Madison Nesbit

and Harper Cline

Teacher Jason Lyons coordinates the hunt





Another great year for ski club as membership grows, skills improve

By Kim Rusnak, club advisor

The Harpursville Ski Club had another successful year at Greek Peak. This year saw growth in club membership as well as amazing improvement in skill sets. The students, chaperones, and advisor braved the cold, the snow, and luckily even the balmy conditions, to enjoy the winter season. After our final ski session, we took a short trip across the street to the water park and ended the day with a pizza party (courtesy of our fundraising efforts). Special

thanks to the district, our chaperones and to our amazing bus drivers who transported us safely each week.

We can't wait until next year and look forward to adding new members. Look for information in the fall newsletter and at open house if you are interested in joining. The Ski Club is available for Harpursville students in 5th through 12th grade.







First-graders celebrate reading, first 100 days

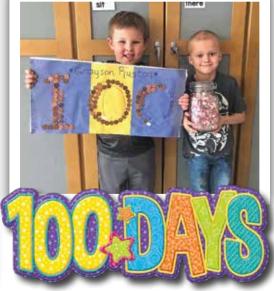


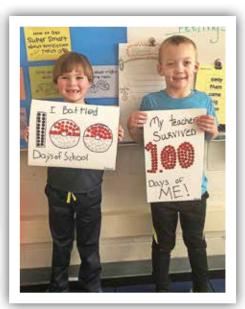






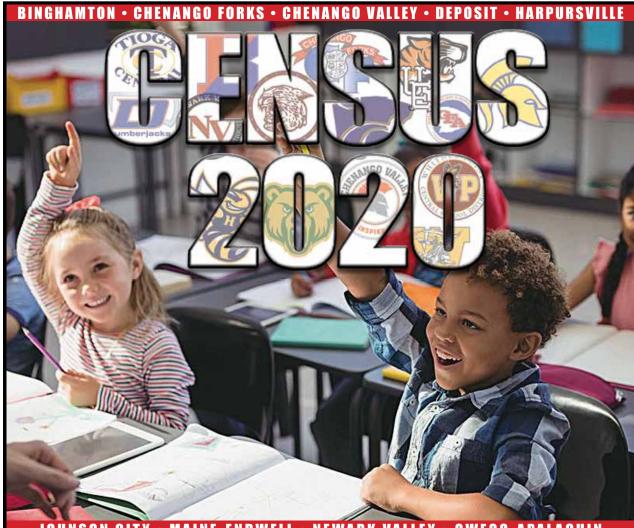








Invitations to respond to the 2020 Census will be delivered between March 12-20. Once you receive that invitation, you can respond online, by phone or by mail.



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The 2020 census – make sure your school counts

Decisions on how to appropriate roughly \$667 billion in federal funds hinge on census data. That includes money for many school programs and services, including Title I, special education, free-and-reduced meals and health care programs.

When it comes to schools, an accurate census count is absolutely critical. When it comes to schools, there is no overstating the importance of that popular refrain: "Everyone counts."

Don't let the census pass you and your schools by – the future depends on your participation. Be counted.

Some basic facts

Over the next few months, the US Census Bureau will be contacting you. It is important to remember:

- Census results help fund important local programs and services
- By law, your answers to the census are kept confidential
- There are three easy ways to respond: online, phone or paper form. It does not matter which you use, just be sure to do your part.

For more information, visit the Census 2020 website https://2020census.gov/

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| March 2020 MS/HS menu | | | | | | | |
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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | | | |
| Apple Frudel Assorted Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Low Fat Milk Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Glazed Carrots Fresh Apple Low Fat Milk | Breakfast Breads Assorted Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Low Fat Milk Turkey Nachos w/Assorted Toppings Black Beans Corn Chilled Peaches Low Fat Milk | Mini Pancakes Assorted Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Low Fat Milk Brunch at Lunch! French Toast Sticks Sausage Patty Potato Puffs Fresh Orange Low Fat Milk | Fr. Toast Sticks w/Syrup Assorted Fruit Low Fat Milk NY Thursday! Pasta w/Meat Sauce Garlic Breadstick Garden Salad w/NY Vegetables Fresh Apple Low Fat Milk | Hornet Muffin Assorted Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Low Fat Milk Nardone's Pizza Garden Salad w/Chickpeas assorted Fresh Fruit Low Fat Milk | | | |
| Chocolate Chip Mini Pancakes Assorted Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Low Fat Milk Cheeseburger on a Kaiser Roll w/Lettuce & Tomato Sweet Potato Fries Green Beans Fresh Apple Low Fat Milk | Cinnamon Roll Assorted Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Low Fat Milk Taco Salad w/assorted Toppings Taco Seasoned Rice Corn Chilled Mixed Fruit Low Fat Milk | Bagel Breakfast Pizza Assorted Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Low Fat Milk Homemade Pizza Garden Salad w/Chickpeas Assorted Fresh Fruit Low Fat Milk | 12 | 13 100 100 | | | |
| Apple or Cherry Frudel Assorted Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Low Fat Milk Chicken Nuggets w/ Dipping Sauce Wheat Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes Glazed Carrots Fresh Apple Low Fat Milk | Breakfast Breads Assorted Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Low Fat Milk Meatball Sub Baked NY French Fries Veggie Cruncher Cup w/ Hummus & Dip Chilled Pears St. Patrick's Day Jell-O Low Fat Milk | Bacon Scramble Assorted Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Low Fat Milk Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Fresh Cucumbers w/Dip Fresh Orange Low Fat Milk | Ultimate Breakfast Round Assorted Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Low Fat Milk NY Thursday! Lupo's Chicken Spiedie Sub NY Potato Chips NY Cinnamon Roasted Sweet Potatoes Fresh Apple Low Fat Milk / NY Brownie | Hornet Muffin Assorted Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Low Fat Milk Wild Mike's Mozzarella Bites Side of Pasta w/Sauce Garden Salad w/Chickpeas Assorted Fresh Fruit Low Fat Milk | | | |
| Choc. Chip Mini Pancakes Assorted Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Low Fat Milk Chicken Patty/ Kaiser Roll Sweet Potato Crinkle Fries Mixed Vegetable Fresh Apple Low Fat Milk | Cinnamon Roll Assorted Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Low Fat Milk Tacos on a Shell w/Assorted Toppings Taco Seasoned Rice Corn Chilled Applesauce Low Fat Milk | Bagel Breakfast Pizza Assorted Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Low Fat Milk Marinated Chicken Sandwich w/Let.& Tom. Oven Roasted Potatoes Veggie Cruncher Cup w/ Hummus & Dip Fresh Banana Low Fat Milk | 26 Ultimate Breakfast Round Assorted Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Low Fat Milk Pasta w/Meat Sauce Garlic Breadstick Steamed Broccoli Chilled Peaches Low Fat Milk | Hornet Muffin Assorted Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Low Fat Milk Wild Mike's Pizza Garden Salad w/Chickpeas Assorted Fresh Fruit Low Fat Milk | | | |
| Apple Frudel Assorted Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Low Fat Milk Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Glazed Carrots Fresh Apple Low Fat Milk | Breakfast Breads Assorted Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Low Fat Milk Chicken Filet Sandwich Baked NY French Fries Veggie Cruncher Cup w/ Hummus & Dip Chilled Peaches Low Fat Milk | Weekly Sandwiches: Mon: Turkey/Cheese Tue: Ham/Cheese Wed: Turkey/Cheese Thurs: Ham/Cheese Fri: Turkey/Cheese All meals served with 19 | 4 oz. yogurt, string cheese | Served w/ Homemade Granola PB & Jelly Sandwich railable daily for breakfast. | | | |



For history class, it was down to the river to grandmother's house we go

By Kim Rusnak, social studies teacher

On January 15, the Colesville History Class took a field trip to the home of Jack and Carol Martin on the bank of the Susquehanna River, where they were graciously welcomed by local community members.

The students were given the opportunity to interact with long-time Center Village residents Carol Martin, Mary Ann Oliver and Luann Stone.

While listening to tales of days gone-by, the students enjoyed baked goods and juice generously provided by their hosts. In addition, they were able to examine photographs of Center Village and its past as well as murals of river valley life made by Carol Martin's father.

The class is very fortunate to have had the opportunity to engage with these ladies of local lore and would like to thank them for their kindness, knowledge, and hospitality.









Kudo's to Coach Ryder!

Baseball Coach Tom Ryder has worked hard collecting data from baseball seasons past – going back nearly 40 years. Take a walk down memory lane to see for yourself, your family or your friends by going to the baseball section of our school webpage. Feel free to contact Coach Ryder if you have any questions or comments at: tryder@hcs.stier.org

Coach Ryder's work can be seen here: www.hcs.stier.org > Departments > Athletics > Baseball





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BOE meeting calendar

Wed., March 11, 2020 – board meeting 6 p.m.

Thurs., April 2, 2020 – budget workshop only 6 p.m.

Mon., April 20, 2019 – board meeting including BOCES vote, Harpursville CSD proposed budget adoption 6 p.m.

Wed., May 6, 2020 – budget hearing only 6 p.m.

Tues., May 19 – budget and BOE member vote 1:30-8 p.m.

Wed., May 20, 2020 - board meeting 6 p.m.

Wed., June 17, 2020 – board meeting includes tenure celebration

Meetings are held in the Jr/Sr library room 203

Votes are held in the elementary new gym – please follow the signs and use farthest entrance to vote



W. A. Olmsted welcomes new elementary teacher

Hello, my name is Allison Mickey. I graduated from Cairn University in Philadelphia with a degree in elementary education and have recently become a New York state certified teacher. I love reading, coffee, and spending time with my husband and my corgi. I grew up in



Allison Mickey

Massachusetts, and since moving here almost three years ago, I have been substitute teaching at W.A. Olmsted. I can honestly say I have grown to love this school family! I look forward to supporting students and working closely with teachers to help students reach their full potential.