



BOE members recognized for service



At the October 14 meeting of our board of education, proclamations by Broome County Executive Jason Garnar and letters of appreciation from Mark Capobianco, executive director of the Broome-Tioga School Boards Association, were distributed to our board members. Many thanks to Mackinze Meisner, Sarah Young, Tori Whidden, Autumn Boening, Ghia Medovich and art teacher Ann McDonald for the School Board Appreciation Week Halloween Pumpkins. Your school board members appreciate you and your generosity and artistic expertise.

Pictured (l-r) - Top: Michael Bennett, Michael Rhodes, Jessica Hartman;
Bottom: Michelle Noyes, Melissa Anderson and John Dattoria. (Russell Weist was unable to attend)

Editor's note: This is a composite image. Photos were taken separately. PPE was removed only during photo session.

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Letter from the superintendent

Dear residents,

I hope this newsletter finds you healthy and happy. This month brings us into the holiday season and, although it's been a beautiful fall, we've already had the pleasure of experiencing some winter-like weather. I can most certainly wait for winter and, frankly, hope it never arrives. But, I am looking forward to the peace and joy of the holidays. Let me be one of the first to wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday at the end of the month.

I want to both thank and compliment everyone for your diligence in working to keep our school community as safe and healthy as possible so far this school year. While we've had a few COVID cases to deal with, people have really done a great job in helping reduce or eliminate exposure and additional impact on our schools. This has enabled our schools to remain open for in-person instruction. Furthermore, we have not seen any virus transmission within our school - let's hope we keep it that way! It is a constant and continuing effort to keep us moving in the right direction. Everyone has shown excellent support and care for one another when we do things like keeping students home when they are experiencing symptoms of illness and communicating with our school nurses on a routine basis. We will need to maintain our diligence throughout the next several months as we wrestle with other seasonal illness in addition to dealing with COVID-19.

Let's shift a little bit to talk about the winter weather that we are likely to be "blessed" with in the coming weeks and months. Students, faculty and staff (and maybe even parents), you'll be pleased to know that we will still have snow days available to us this year if the weather creates unsafe conditions for travel. I know there is nothing more exciting than hearing that school is closed for a snow day, and while COVID-19 has taken away a lot of things, it will not take away snow days. Let's be honest, there usually aren't too many weather perks with living where we do, but snow days certainly are one. So, those snow day activities we all love - baking, taking a nap, playing outside, catching up on some school work, reading a good book, or whatever you like to do on a snow day - are all things that you can look forward to. We've had the necessity of communicating with our school community quite a bit in the recent past, so I think that our channels for communication are working well. However, please allow me to remind you that schools delays or closures will be announced using the following methods: district all-call system, email, school website, district app, and local TV stations (WBNG). Using these various methods, I am confident that everyone will have access to important and timely information. If, for some reason, you are not receiving messages from the school

district through your phone or email, please be sure to contact us so that we can update your information.

As a last topic of interest in this month's newsletter article, I'd like to take a moment to reiterate the importance of regular student attendance and each student's full participation. This is true for all students, regardless of whether they are in the hybrid or remote learning mode. The best opportunity for students to learn and grow is when they are working with their teachers; teachers have a profound impact on students. We need our students to interact with their teachers and peers, in class, each and every day. We all know that there are many distractions that exist for students who are at home and learning remotely; however, students need to find ways to limit their distractions during the day, maintain their concentration on their schoolwork, and ensure that they are on time and present for their classes. Critical information and support is missed when a student is not participating. And, let me remind everyone that the research shows one day of absence from a class actually results in the equivalent of three days of lost learning. This is most certainly not good for students and it has a negative impact on their achievement.

I know things are busy right now and there are many challenges, but I would simply ask that we take some time to revisit schedules and the importance of attending classes, whether in-person or remote. Our students' future success depends on it. If you are experiencing any barriers to accessing classes, please reach out to the teacher, counselor or building principal. We can help!

In closing, again, my best wishes for continued health and well-being. Have a great month of November and Happy Thanksgiving.

Yours in education,

Michael J. Rullo
Superintendent

Go Hornets!



Michael Rullo,
Superintendent



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

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Joseph McLaughlin, Business Official
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Norene Tasber, Director of Food Services

Transportation.....693-8100

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Joseph McLaughlin, Business Official

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David Johnson, Director of Facilities

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Molly Soljan, Counselor

Community Schools Coordinator .422-1631

James Saunders

HELP WANTED

School district election clerks and inspectors

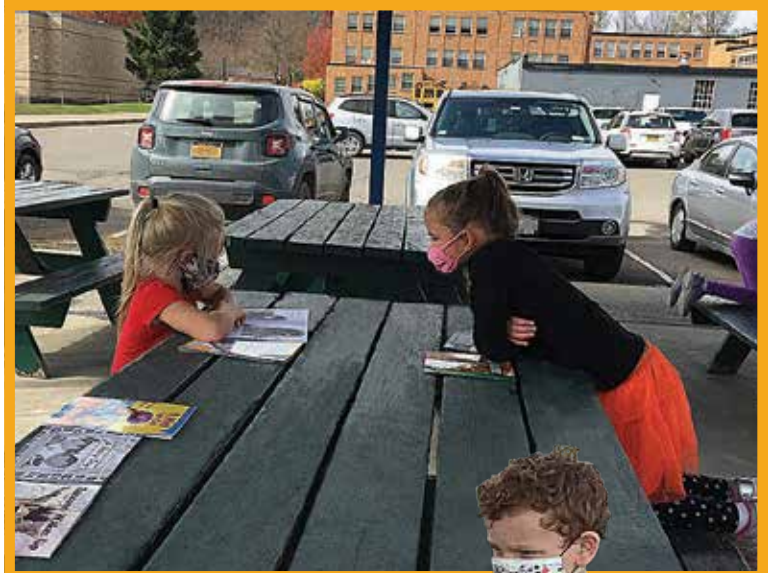
If you are interested in becoming a school district election clerk and inspector, please contact Tabby Rhodes at 693-8112. Previous vote experience preferred, but not required.

Thank you!



First grade reading celebration

Some first grade students got to enjoy a recent sunny fall day celebrating the end of their first reading unit, Building Good Reading Habits, with treats and partner reading outside.





What's new in middle school math and science? Gizmos!

A great new addition to our math and science curriculums is an application called Gizmos.

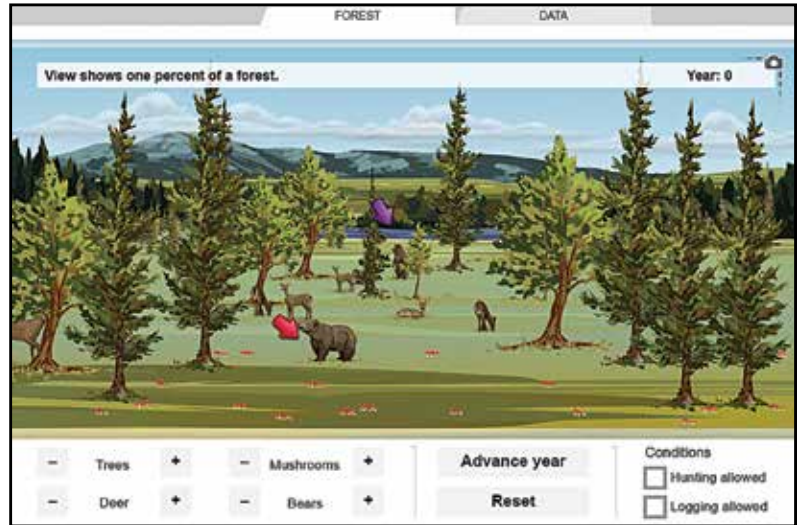
Gizmos are captivating online simulations of key science concepts produced by ExploreLearning.

Gizmos enhances student comprehension in challenging concepts through inquiry and exploration. Students manipulate variables, observe the virtual results and draw conclusions.

Barbara Fenescey's 7th grade science class is studying ecology and is using Gizmos to study the populations of trees, deer, bear and mushrooms by changing the number of organisms and seeing the effects on the ecosystem 10, 20 or more years from now.

Students enjoy manipulating the populations, making a hypothesis about the outcome, and then running simulations to see if their predictions are correct.

Our science and math departments are using Gizmos and hope you have time to look at this site with your students.



Each class has its own unique code for students to join and then enroll in the application. Progress can be seen each class.

A reminder from W.A. Olmsted

Important School Information



Riding a school bus

Before entering the bus:

- Mask checked
- Hands sanitized

While on the bus:

- Loading from the back to the front of the bus by numbered assigned seats
- Unloading from the front to the back of the bus
- Please wear your mask and stay seated



Daily health screening for in-person students

Parents/guardians must adhere to the following guidelines prior to sending their children on a bus or report to school each day. You must be able to answer "no" to the following questions in order for child to attend in-person instruction:

- Has your child knowingly been in close or proximate contact in the past 14 days with anyone who has tested positive through diagnostic test for COVID-19 or who has or had symptoms of COVID-19?
- Has your child tested positive through a diagnostic test for COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
- Has your child experienced any symptoms of COVID-19, including dry cough, shortness of breath, new loss of sense of smell or taste, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or extreme tiredness?
- Has your child experienced a temperature of greater than 100 degrees F in the past 14 days?
- Has your child traveled internationally or from a state with widespread community transmission of COVID-19 per New York State Travel Advisory in the past 14 days per NYS travel guidance?

If yes is answered to any of these questions, you must notify your child's school nurse's office and primary care physician. As in previous years, please make sure that the school is also aware of any absences for your child.



Jr./Sr. High Halloween Contest





Student Council and National Honor Society held "Halloween Dress-Up Days" for all the students in the Jr./Sr. high school. In-person students had their photograph taken and remote students submitted a photo of themselves dressed up in their Halloween costume for judging.

Students were judged on the following categories: scariest costume, most unique costume, and best adaptation of a movie or TV character.

On October 30, Mrs. Rusnak, Mr. Petras, Mr. Kelly, Miss Fye, Mrs. Gates and Mrs. Hendrickson went through all the photographs and selected the winners of the contest. There were so many wonderful costumes, it was a hard decision to choose the winners.

Each winner received a \$10 gift certificate to Cindy's Crossroads.

Congratulations to our winners:

7th and 8th

Scariest

Davin Warren

Most Unique

Charlotte Quick

***Best adaptation of
a movie or TV Character***

Emma McWherter

9th and 10th

Scariest

Allena Rowe

Most Unique

Jenna Pierce

***Best adaptation of
a movie or TV character***

Liam Quick

11th and 12th

Scariest

Thomas VanVorce

Most Unique

Joshua Wolbert

***Best adaptation of
a movie or TV character***

Paige Smith

Faculty and staff winner - Havoc the Hornet







It was a HAPPY Halloween





Gary Petroski



Cody Randall



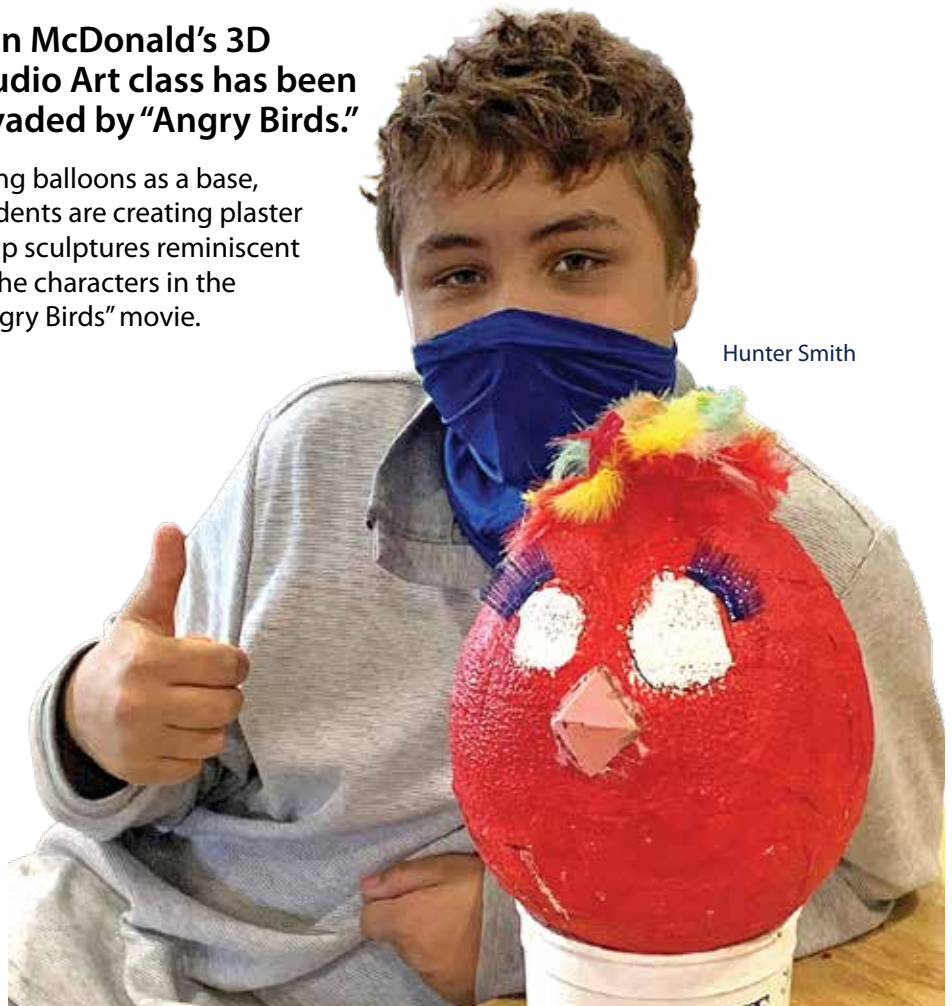
Pictured (l-r): Hunter Smith and Ethan Marvin



Angry birds

Ann McDonald's 3D Studio Art class has been invaded by "Angry Birds."

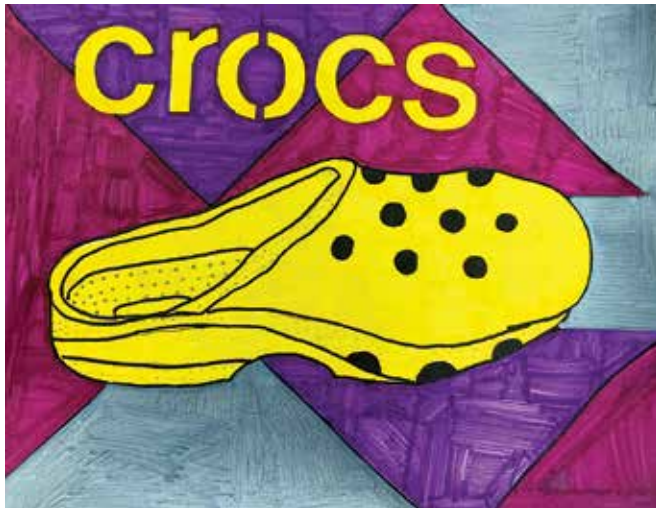
Using balloons as a base, students are creating plaster wrap sculptures reminiscent of the characters in the "Angry Birds" movie.



Hunter Smith



The 8th graders learned about contour line drawing. After some practice, they creatively composed drawings of contour shoes, shapes and text.



Abby Fargo



Gaidyn Dahlgren



Daniel Clapper



Madalyn Willumson

The 7th grade students are well on their way in the construction of their 3D letters. Stay tuned for the final creations.



Pictured 7th grade letters



Pictured 7th grade letters

The Adirondack chairs located under the tree in front of the school have gotten quite worn from the weather. The National Art Honor Society has taken them under their artistic wing. Over the winter, members will sand and paint all three chairs. They are planning a hornet theme using blue and yellow. We will keep you posted on their progress.





SEPTEMBER 2020

Name	Subject
Trena Byers	French I
Madison Fleming.....	French II
Sarah Young	French III
Audrey Locke	French IV
Hope Kolb	ELA 7
Tyler Backus.....	English 12
Jacob Risoli-Clark	Geometry
Benjamin Williams.....	CL Statistics
Victoria Whidden.....	CL Calculus I
Jayden Yereb	Career & Fin. Mgmt
Jamie McWherter	CL Business Law
Jaelin Brown	Computers 8
Keira Licata.....	Health
Davin Warren	Music 7
Devon Rowe	Music 8
Jonathan Prince	Jr. Chorus
Sophia Konidis.....	Sr. Chorus
Jenna Pierce	Piano
Emma McWherter	Living Environment
Nicholas Farnham	Social Studies 7
Abigail Fargo	Social Studies 8
Angel Austin.....	Global 9/10
Gabrielle Riewerts	Global 10
Paige Smith.....	Current Affairs
Lane Snow	Found. of Geometry
Jessalyn Powell.....	Math 7
Alexandra Lamoree ...	Pre-Algebra
Abigail Afify	Algebra I
Jenna Pierce	Algebra Lab
Hope Kolb	Art 7
Ephram Rowe.....	Art 8
Addison Lawrence	Creative Crafts

Name	Subject
Trinity Brewster	Creative Crafts
Alana Nannery.....	2D Studio
Aliyah Campbell.....	3D Studio
Brandi Thorne	Photography
Hunter Smith.....	Construction Systems
Aarron Clinton	DDP
Jessalyn Powell.....	Technology 7
Jesse LaDue	World of Technology
Brayden Sakowsky	Global Studies
Hunter Scott	Participation in Gov't
Paige Smith.....	Colesville History
Sarah Young	CL US History
Aiden Quick.....	Social Studies 7
Elijah Rogers.....	US History & Govt
Justin Fleming	Collaborative Time
Gabrielle Riewerts	HS Health
Ghia Medovich	Sr. High PE
Cyrick Brown	Jr. High PE
Shaelynn Beard	Food, Nut. & Wellness
Jessalyn Powell.....	Health 7
Xander Quick	Home & Careers 7
Jonathan Prince	Home & Careers 8
Sarah Young	Human Dev./Parenting
Caidence Ryder	Career Exploration
Allena Rowe.....	Earth Science
Sophia Konidis.....	English 10
Aliyah Campbell.....	Algebra I
Lloyd Byers.....	Math 8
Adriana Hartman	Math Honors 7
Louis Sophie.....	Math 7/8
Jonathan Prince	ELA 8

Congratulations!

December 2020 In School Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
M & T Turkey & Cheese Sandwich W & TH Ham & Cheese Sandwich PB&J & Yogurt daily	1 <i>Breakfast Bread</i> <i>Yogurt Parfait</i> <i>Cinn. Round</i> Veggie Cruncher Peaches NY Milk	2 <i>Cereal/Juice</i> <i>Fr. Toast Sticks</i> Potato Rounds Sausage Patty Orange NY Milk	3 <i>Cereal/Fruit</i> NY Chicken Chili Corn Muffin Green Beans NY Apple NY Milk	4 <i>Egg Sandwich</i> Pizza Carrots Fruit NY Milk
7 <i>Yogurt/Fruit</i> Cheeseburger Sw. Potato fries Juice NY Apple NY Milk	8 <i>Cereal/Fruit</i> Taco Salad Corn Mixed Fruit NY Milk	9 <i>Muffin Top/Juice</i> Chicken Spiedie Sub Veggie Cruncher Banana NY Milk	10 <i>Fr. Toast Sticks</i> Pasta w/meat sauce Breadstick Garden Salad NY Apple NY Milk	11 <i>Cereal/Juice</i> Pizza Crunchers Broccoli Fruit NY Grape Juice NY Milk
14 <i>Frudel/Juice</i> Chicken Nuggets Dinner roll Glazed Carrots NY Apples NY Milk	15 <i>Muffin Top/Fruit</i> Meatball Sub NY Fries NY Grape Juice Pears NY Milk	16 <i>Cereal/Juice</i> Lasagna Breadstick Broccoli Peaches NY Milk	17 <i>Mini Cinni/Fruit</i> Turkey & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Dinner roll Fruit Crisp NY Milk	18 <i>Cereal/Juice</i> Pizza Carrots Fruit NY Milk
21 <i>Cereal/Juice</i> Chicken Patty Mixed Vegetables NY Apple NY Milk	22 <i>Frudel/Fruit</i> Turkey Taco's w/lettuce, cheese Corn Pears NY Milk	23 <i>Cereal/Juice</i> Pizza Asst. Vegetables NY Grape Juice Fruit NY Milk	24 <i>*Frudel/Juice</i> Ham & Cheese Sandwich Veggies Peaches NY Milk	25 <i>*Mini Cinni/Fruit</i> Chicken Nuggets Dinner roll Corn Pears NY Milk

Friday, Saturday & Sunday Meals go home on Thursdays ***12/24-27 meals will go home on 12/23**

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE



Letter from the Director of instruction

Dear Harpursville families,

As part of my role as director of instruction, I work a lot with technology. We have come a long way since last March.

All of our students have their own device to use for their school work. Last summer, our families communicated to us that too many apps and platforms were really difficult to manage. In response, we reduced the number of learning platforms to SeeSaw for PK-2 and Google Classroom for 3-12. We are in the process of looking at all of the apps we use by grade level and content area to make sure we are providing a reasonable number for students to manage.

We have had some connection issues with Zoom, but overall students and teachers are able to successfully connect daily. We have been able to help 35 families that were struggling with internet access. Please reach out to your child's guidance counselor with any internet issues and we will work with you to problem solve. We know it's frustrating when there's an issue with a Chromebook or i-Pad not working

properly. Please continue to reach out to teachers or the Help Desk (607-766-3800) when you need assistance. We only have a few extra devices right now that we can loan out when one is being fixed. We appreciate your patience as we work to build our inventory. It's difficult to purchase devices right now because the demand is so high. Our teachers are continuing to work with students about proper care for devices. It's so helpful that you are following up at home with reminders to close devices and their covers before carrying them from one place to another, hold the device by the sides (not the screen), keep them away from food and drinks, and to be careful with their book bags when a device is inside. Thank you!

Student safety and online etiquette is our priority. Our students have access to different tools and apps that enable them to meet and talk with each other through messaging and video. These are tools that come with responsibility. From time to time challenges arise concerning what is appropriate to talk about through messaging and chats. We will continue to have those conversations at school and alert our

families to any safety issues that they need to be aware of so proper precautions can be taken at home. Students should not be downloading apps or games on district devices. Any apps that students need will be pushed out to their devices by our instructional technology staff. We are truly thankful for your patience and support as we learn and grow through all of the challenges that our hybrid and remote models bring.

I hope you are all getting the chance to enjoy some of this beautiful fall weather. I can sit in my office and hear the kids on the playground on these nice days. It's definitely one of my favorite sounds!

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

Pam Horton



Pam Horton,
Director of Instruction

Are you hungry? Ready for a snack

The National Arts Honor Society is conducting its annual beef stick fundraiser. There are a variety of flavors to choose from.

Plenty for you, your family and all your friends.

All are individually wrapped - COVID safe!

All proceeds go toward the NAHS scholarship fund

Contact Ann McDonald amcdonald@hcs.Stier.Org

or any NAHS member





It has been wonderful to have kids in the building again and to see families at parent pick-up each day. I am extending a huge thank you to all families, students, teachers and all staff of the "Hornet Family" for such a smooth transition to the continued start of this school year.

The students have adjusted amazingly to the changes that have taken place of our school operations in order for us to keep school open safely. As principal of W.A.O. Elementary School, I have walked the halls, observed classrooms, talked with students in the cafeteria, witnessed the patience of parents at student pick-up and have watched teachers adjust their instructional practices over these opening weeks of school. All of these are examples as to why I am proud to be the principal of our great school.

Parents and guardians, please continue to check the elementary school webpage for updates and other pertinent information regarding classrooms and other aspects of our school. As we move forward during this unique school year it is important that we continue to work together for the benefit our students. Please join me for our next elementary school Virtual Community Forum at 6 p.m. November 19, when we will discuss the appropriate use of the internet and web safety for students.

Another important matter for our school is to successfully reduce the number of WAO students who are chronically absent. Please remember, when students are not physically present in school, it is still important that remote connections are made to their classrooms each day.

Did you know:

- Missing half a day of school each week equates to one month of missed learning each year
- The attendance habits set by children when they first start school continue throughout their school life
- If children miss half a day of school each week during their school years, students will miss almost one full year of learning
- Learning is cumulative – if children miss a day, it is harder for them to catch up
- One day of missed school = three days of lost learning.

Thank you for your continued support for our school and please remember:

We care about our students' attendance and learning.

Sincerely,

Jim DiMaria
Principal
WA Olmsted Elementary School



Jim DiMaria,
Elementary Principal

News from the Nineveh Public Library

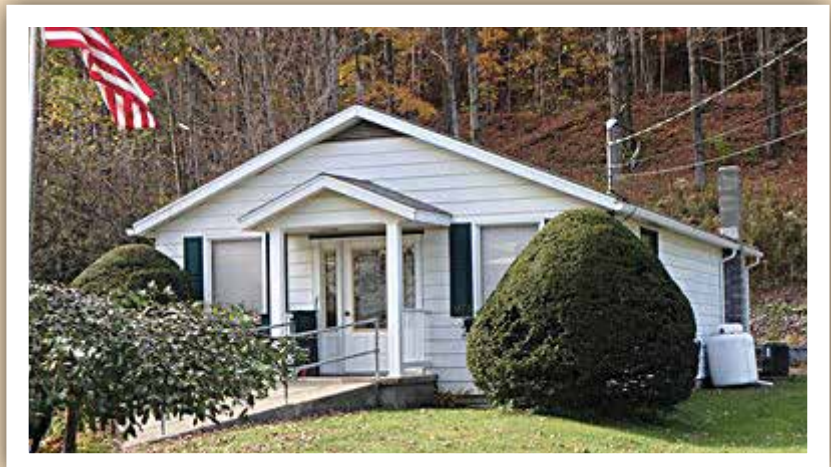
We are open!

We have new children's books that are sure to delight.

New to our library is a service that provides us with 50 adult books every three months on a rotating basis so there is always a new book for you to enjoy.

Come on in and get a library card. We are open Monday thru Saturday. Call 693-1858 for details.

We ask all patrons to follow the CDC guidelines and to be aware that computer access is limited to two patrons at a time.





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Harpursville newsletter recognized for excellence in state competition

For the third time in recent years, "Hornets News" has been recognized for excellence in educational journalism by the New York School Public Relations Association.

"Hornets' News" received an award of merit in the community newsletter category of NYSPRA's 41st Annual Communications Contest. The Harpursville newsletter received a similar award in the 2014 and 2016 contests.

"Hornets' News" is produced by Broome-Tioga BOCES' Office of Communications & Public Relations. It is designed and edited by Paul Marinaro, graphic artist, and Don Sbarra,

communications manager, working with a dedicated team of teachers, administrators, support staff and others at the district.

The contest receives more than 300 entries from school districts throughout the state. Entries are judged by a distinguished panel of professionals in the field.

NYSPRA is a chapter of the National School Public Relations Association. As a statewide group of professional school communicators, members are committed to the development and dissemination of communications designed to engage parents, staff, community residents, partners in education and other stakeholders.

