



Sweetheart Dance

Submitted by the PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association).

On Saturday, February 9, the Harpursville Parent/Teacher/Student Association (PTSA) hosted a Sweetheart Dance at the school, where children got the chance to bring their special someone (mothers, fathers, grandparents, and special family members) to a dance and have a good time.

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A message from the superintendent

Dear residents,

I hope this edition of the newsletter finds you well. I think I have quite a bit of company in wishing for springtime and, hopefully, the groundhog really knows what he's talking about. The spring sports season has just begun with pre-season practices, which means we are very quickly approaching the last part of the school year. We are beginning to plan all of those end-of-year activities, so get your calendars ready as announcements are made for all of the year-end events where we celebrate our students and all that they have worked to achieve throughout the school year.

On behalf of the Harpursville Board of Education and myself, please allow me to offer a sincere THANK YOU to the voters who recently approved both the capital project and the transportation vehicles. We are grateful for the support and look forward to the enhancements to our schools that are sure to result from these positive votes. I could not be more excited for our students and our entire school community as I consider the improvements that are going to be made to our campus. We have quite a bit of work to do, but the payoff on the other end will surely be worth it. The next step in the process is the design phase of the project. As we complete this next step, we will be looking for stakeholder input to ensure that the designs reflect our needs and meet the expectations that everyone had when the project was approved. Stay tuned for more information related to the opportunities that will be provided for review and input as we continue our work. We look forward to hearing from our community on this front.

I'd also like to take a moment to congratulate our winter athletes on successful seasons and thank them for representing our school in a positive way. I would like to give some special recognition and accolades to senior, 160-pound wrestler, Shane Hoover, and eighth-grader, 99-pound wrestler Joey Florance, for their NYS Section IV wrestling championships. Congratulations to their parents and families, too, as I know how much dedication and support it takes to help a student-athlete perform at this level. Both of these young men were awesome representatives of our school at the recent NYS championships and I hope they both know just how proud our entire school community is of them. Their performances in the state tournament proved that they were top-level contenders in the state - Shane earned a 5th place finish and Joey is sure to wrestle his way back

to the state championships in the future. Last, a sincere thank you and congratulations to their coach, Brandon MacNaught, for his work and dedication in helping these student-athletes be outstanding performers. Great job!



Michael Rullo,
superintendent

Our RoboHornets VEX robotics teams continued their winning ways from last year and earned several spots in this year's New York State VEX Robotics Championships Saturday, March 2, at Onondaga Community College in Syracuse. By the time you read this, we might be celebrating another state championship and preparing for another trip to the VEX Worlds in Kentucky. No matter the outcome at the state tournament, we are certainly proud of the accomplishments of our RoboHornets this year and appreciate their work as well as that of their advisors, Mr. Peterson and Mr. Salisbury.

Finally, the initial budget presentation was provided to the board of education and the public at the February 13 meeting. Not only is our budget for this year performing very well, but the initial projection for next year is encouraging as well. This is excellent news and we will not stop working to promote the continuance of these successes. As always, I invite you to be a part of the budget process through our workshops or regular board meetings. We are happy to hear from our residents.

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

Yours in education,

Michael J. Rullo

Go Hornets!





School board seat up for election in May, petitions available

District voters this May will fill two seats on the Board of Education: A five-year term ending June 30, 2019 currently held by Stephanie Quick and a five-year term ending June 30, 2019 held by Russell Weist. 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 19, 2019. Candidates must be at least 18 years old, a citizen of the

United States, and a resident of the Harpursville Central School District for at least one year preceding the election. A "Prospective Board Member Workshop", hosted by the Broome-Tioga School Boards Association, is being offered on March 13, 2019 at 7:00 PM for anyone interested in becoming a school board member. To pre-register for the free workshop, please contact the Harpursville Central School District Office at 693-8112.

Vote day is May 21, 2019

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

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

Business Office693-8120

Joseph McLaughlin, Business Official
Cheryl Hamilton, Payroll

Special Education693-8104

Joshua Quick, CSE/CPSE Chairperson
Audrey Warner, Admin. Assistant

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Joshua Quick, Athletic Director

Jr./Sr. High School693-8105

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Amanda Loihle, Admin. Assistant

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Jill Andrews, Secretary/Attendance Clerk

W.A. Olmsted Elementary693-8115

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Norene Tasber, Director of Food Services

Transportation693-8100

Danielle Maxim, Head Bus Driver
Joseph McLaughlin, Business Official

Buildings & Grounds693-8121

David Johnson, Director of Facilities

Please join us for a pajama party celebration in honor of the book...

PAJAMA PARTY



Dinner will be provided.

We will make fun snacks and participate in neat activities!

"The One and Only Ivan!"

Date: March 21

Time: 5:15-6:30 p.m.

Location: WAO Cafeteria

We want to hear how you feel about the book so far.

What do you think happens next?

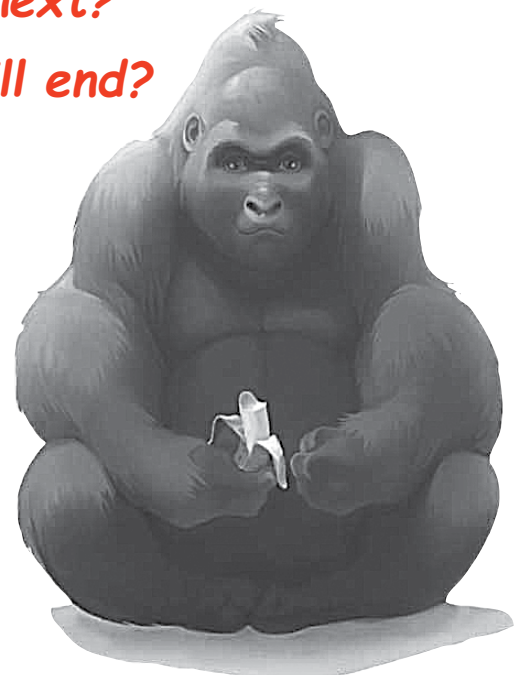
How do you think the story will end?

Feel free to wear your jammies. Please wear items that are school appropriate.

We hope to see you there!

Please RSVP to Stephanie Davy by March 19 so that we order enough food and supplies.

email: sdavy@hcs.stier.org
phone: call/text 607-644-8956



Bedtime is a great time to read with your kiddo :)



Communication is the focus of after-school program *By Breanna Horton*

The after-school program recently provided our third-graders the opportunity to learn that communication and working together is a huge part of being successful in life. In February, we started working on team-building activities. The students are learning how to communicate positively as well as effectively in order to be successful in our activities.

The kids have done an awesome job with trial and error and relying on each other to find better solutions to their tasks. They created their own obstacle course and then guide a partner (who has their eyes shut) through it, using specific

directions. They also worked to figure out how to make the tallest marshmallow tower with marshmallows and toothpicks.

Students also had fun trying and exploring different slime recipes to decide which one is our favorite. We have just begun our new group and can't wait to see how much they grow as positive and supportive peers.

Pictured (l-r): James Boyko, Levi Barriger, Iyanna Brown



Levi Barriger (Left) Jesse LaDue (right)



Levi Barriger



(Pictured (l-r): Hannah Walker, Levi Barriger, Cadence Hunter, Iyanna Brown)



High School Student of the Month January 2019

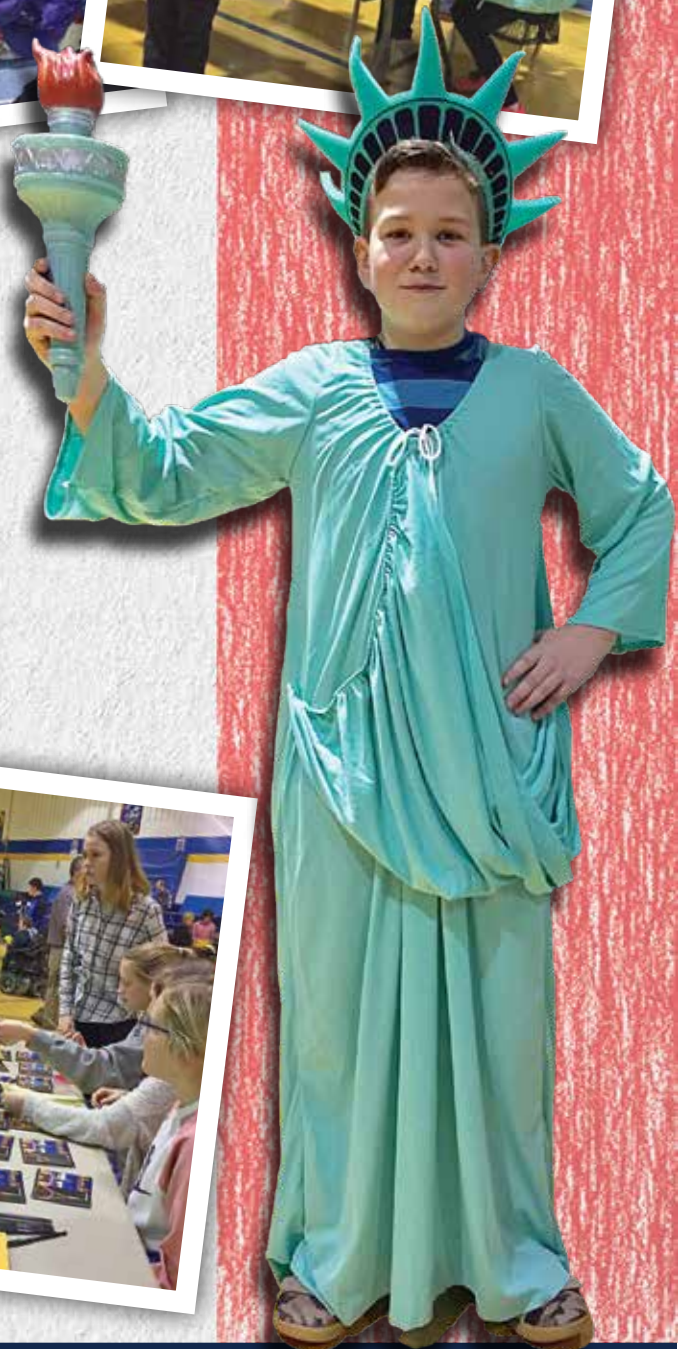
Student Name	Subject	Student Name	Subject
Trena Byers	Jr. High PE	Morgan Fleming	CL Calculus I
Hunter Sakowsky	Sr. High PE	Karina Seeley	CL Statistics
Kylee Noyes	ELA 7	Zachary Pike	Geometry
Abigail Kelley	Business Law	Logan James	Robotics
Idaeah Campbell	Career & Financial Mgmt	Abigail Kelley	CL Sociology
Allison Kelley	Health	Kaitlyn Dattoria	CL US History
Liam Quick	Jr. Chorus	Wyatt Murphy	Social Studies 7
Dylan Faiella	Sr. Chorus	Ashley Rooker	US History & Government
Brendan Pike	Music 7	Cross Brown	Health
Sawyer Lusk	Music 8	Alyas Austin	Chemistry
Alesha Cargill	Piano	Steffan Hanson &	CL Biology
Brendan Pike	Jr. Band	Maryjane Kappauf	
Kailee Tyler	Sr. Band	Logan Culver	Sr. High PE
Trena Byers	Life Science 8	Casey Lusk	Jr. High PE
Morgan Rutherford	Biology	Edward Barber, Jr.	Career Exploration
Kayla Krise	Social Studies 7	Sasha Whitney	Food, Nutrition, & Wellness
Jayden Yereb	Social Studies 8	Sophia Konidis	Home & Careers 8
Brandon Goodnow	Current Affairs	Liam Quick	Life Science 7
Tyler Backus	Global II	Riley Livermore	Physics
Selena Morelock	Foundations of Geometry	Paige Reynolds	Real World Science
Brendan Pike	Math 7	Sasha Whitney	Earth Science
Dakota Murphy	Algebra 1	Hunter Sakowsky	Academic Writing II
Damien Hudak	Algebra 1A	Jordan Gillette	ELA 9
Zachary Pike	DDP	Ashlyn Link	English 10
Francesca Peretore	Technology 7	Emma Marvin	Algebra I
Noah Fletcher	Materials Processing	Anickin Sprague	Math 8
Austin Smith	World of Technology	Jacob Wolbert	Math Honors 7
Jesse LaDue	Global Studies	Kaiden Franklyn	ELA 8
Andrea Austin	Participation in Government		

Congratulations



French is fun!

Our annual "French is Fun Night" inspires students to express their creativity through cultural exploration while also enjoying a "taste" of another country's traditions.





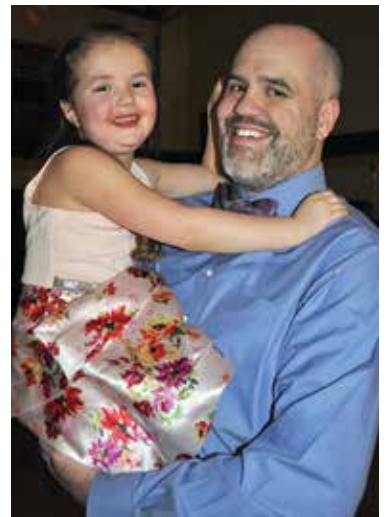
Dance, from the cover

Students enjoyed refreshments, making Valentine cards, participating in various activities, and, of course dancing. In addition, there was a special photo area set up where pictures could be purchased to benefit the Yearbook Club (Thank you to the Yearbook Club and Barb Hendrickson).

We would like to thank all the parents, grandparents, teachers and staff who helped make this such a successful event. Special thanks go to our sponsors: Kristy McWherter of Farmers Insurance, Visions Federal Credit Union, 88-B.C., and the Harpursville Central School District for donating the space.

If you would like to be part of planning future events such as this, please join the Harpursville PTSA at our next meeting.







Congratulations to athletes Vanessa Groover and Luke Merrill

Congratulations to **Vanessa Groover** and **Luke Merrill** for being awarded Harpurville Athlete of the Month for January 2019.

Kristie McWherter from Farmers Insurance, along with Athletic Coordinator Jason Lyon, presented each of them with a T-shirt and sports water bottle. These two athletes, along with several others, were nominated by their coaches and were selected by members of the Harpurville and Afton coaching staffs.

Luke Merrill averaged 16 points a game during the month of January. According to Coach Groover, *"This kid is very coachable, he is always asking questions on how to get better and is definitely a leader on the court."*

Vanessa Groover is a three-year starter on the varsity basketball team. Coach Ehrensbeck said, *"Vanessa is a hard worker who tries her best at all times."*



Congratulations to both of these fine athletes. Our Hornet family is proud of them. We look forward to seeing their continued success in the future.

Harpurville wrestling pair get a rousing send-off as they head to state event

Harpurville wrestlers Shane Hoover and Joey Florance receive a warm send-off from students and staff (K-12) as they prepare for the trip to state finals in Albany Feb. 23.





More experienced swimmers are ready to dive right into the next phase

Hey everybody, Andrew Senseney here with another edition of Swimming 101.

While we have just finished up five weeks of swim with the second-graders, we are now - at the time of this writing - one week into teaching the fifth- and sixth-graders.

This group is quite remarkable. The added few years of both after-school swim experience and hand-eye coordination enable them to basically jump right into diving, but don't get your feet wet (pun intended). With the more advanced swimming skills, this older group of students will be learning how to tread water for 10-20 minutes at a time for survival and endurance purposes. By the way, this isn't simply "floating on your back/belly." Treading water in itself means actively moving your hands and feet to keep your head above the water while your body is in a vertical position.

Along with swimming front crawl or free style, students are learning how to breathe "rhythmically." This can be challenging, even for the well-coordinated. This involves a keeping your face in the water while you swim forward, exhaling the water out of your nose, and then turning your head to the side - NOT picking your head up and out of the water - in between strokes. I encourage you to watch a YouTube

video on this. If you enjoy swimming laps at a pool, but don't know how to "breathe rhythmically," you'll be hurting your neck when you pick up out of the

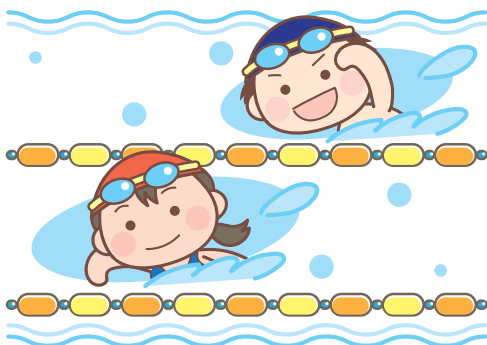
water to breath. Gently turning your head to the side between strokes is much healthier for your neck and back while doing numerous laps.



Pictured (L-R): Brayden Osborne, Emilie Gillette, Cyrick Brown, Ryan McCormack, Thakir Whitaker, Alexis Rafter



Pictured (L-R): Ryan McCormack, Cyrick Brown, Brayden Osborne, Emilie Gillette, Alexis Rafter, & Mrs. Senseney





From the streets to the classroom

Graffiti is a form of visual communication. It is a style of writing and drawing popularized in the 1960's and remains to this day. But there is a debate regarding this form of artistic expression: Is it art or is it vandalism?

Ann McDonald's 7th- grade art class pondered that very question. They studied various graffiti artists and styles of lettering, then drew a graffiti creation of their own. The results were truly works of art.



March 2019 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 <i>P.B. & jelly offered daily</i>	Lunch prices K-6 - \$2.10 / 7-12 - \$2.30 Breakfast K-6 FREE 7-12 - \$1.30 <i>Cereal & fruit offered daily</i>	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	1 <i>Hornet Muffin Assorted Fruit Low Fat Milk</i> Stuffed Crust Pizza Garden Salad w/Chickpeas Assorted Fresh Fruit Low Fat Milk
4 <i>Mini Pancakes Assorted Fruit Low Fat Milk</i> Popcorn Chicken Sweet Potato Wedges Baby Carrots w/Hummus & Dip Fresh Apple / Low Fat Milk	5 Choice of Two: <i>Cinn. Bun, Cereal or Yogurt Assorted Fruit Low Fat Milk</i> Tacos on a Shell w/Assorted Toppings Seasoned Rice Corn Chilled Mixed Fruit Low Fat Milk	6 <i>Breakfast Pizza Assorted Fruit Low Fat Milk</i> Breaded Fish Sandwich w/Tartar Sauce Oven Roasted Potatoes Green Beans Fresh Banana / Low Fat Milk	7 <i>Mini Cinnis Assorted Fruit Low Fat Milk</i> NY Thursday! Chicken Mac & Cheese Biscuit Steamed Peas Fresh Apple Low Fat Milk	8 <i>Hornet Muffin Assorted Fruit Low Fat Milk</i> School's Choice Pizza Garden Salad w/Chickpeas Assorted Fresh Fruit Low Fat Milk
11 <i>Frudel Assorted Fruit Low Fat Milk</i> Chicken Filet on a Kaiser Roll Oven Baked Potato Wedges Green Beans Fresh Apple / Low Fat Milk	12 Choice of Two: <i>Cinn. Bun, Cereal or Yogurt Assorted Fruit Low Fat Milk</i> Meatball Sub Harvest Cheddar Sun Chips Veggie Cruncher Cup w/Dip Chilled Peaches / Low Fat Milk	13 <i>Bagel Breakfast Pizza Assorted Fruit Low Fat Milk</i> Stuffed Crust Pizza Garden Salad w/Chickpeas Assorted Fresh Fruit Low Fat Milk	14 Superintendent's Conference Day	15 Midterm Recess
18 <i>Mini Pancakes Assorted Fruit Low Fat Milk</i> Cheeseburger on a Kaiser Roll w/Lettuce & Tomato Sweet Potato Crinkle Fries Glazed Carrots Fresh Apple / Low Fat Milk	19 Choice of Two: <i>Cinn. Bun, Cereal or Yogurt Assorted Fruit Low Fat Milk</i> Taco Salad w/assorted Toppings Seasoned Rice Corn Chilled Applesauce Low Fat Milk	20 <i>Breakfast Pizza Assorted Fruit Low Fat Milk</i> Brunch at Lunch! French Toast Sticks Sausage Patty Potato Puffs Fresh Orange / Low Fat Milk	21 <i>Mini Pancakes Assorted Fruit Low Fat Milk</i> Breaded Mozzarella Sticks w/Dipping Sauce Side of Pasta w/Sauce Garden Salad w/Chickpeas Chilled Pears / Low Fat Milk	22 <i>Hornet Muffin Assorted Fruit Low Fat Milk</i> Homemade Cheese, Pepperoni or Garlic Pizza Garden Salad w/Chickpeas Assorted Fresh Fruit Low Fat Milk
25 <i>Frudel Assorted Fruit Low Fat Milk</i> Chicken Nuggets w/Dipping Sauce Seasoned Brown Rice Glazed Carrots Fresh Apple / Low Fat Milk	26 Choice of Two: <i>Cinn. Bun, Cereal or Yogurt Assorted Fruit Low Fat Milk</i> Oven Roasted Chicken Wheat Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Chilled Mixed Fruit Low Fat Milk	27 <i>Bagel Breakfast Pizza Assorted Fruit Low Fat Milk</i> Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Fresh Cucumber & Tomatoes w/Hummus & Dip Fresh Banana / Low Fat Milk	28 <i>French Toast Sticks Assorted Fruit Low Fat Milk</i> Pasta w/Meat Sauce Garlic Breadstick Steamed Broccoli Chilled Applesauce Low Fat Milk	29 <i>Hornet Muffin Assorted Fruit Low Fat Milk</i> Stuffed Crust Pizza Garden Salad w/Chickpeas Assorted Fresh Fruit Low Fat Milk



A message from the director of instruction

Dear Harpursville community,

Earlier in the school year I wrote about how much reading matters to the success of our kids and that reading just 15 minutes every night makes a big difference.

Reading aloud to kids is also hugely important and a great way to spend time with your children every night. In past generations, the practice of reading aloud was an enjoyable way for adults to expose children to the world of language and to model the skill and pleasure of reading. In addition, reading aloud represented an opportunity to share ideas, values and traditions and to provide a way to talk with kids about the important issues of life. Life is so busy, it's hard to find time to read aloud. We came upon an event that schools across the nation participate in, where the whole school and all the families read the same book and do all kinds of fun things while they're reading. We've decided to do that at Harpursville with our pre-K – 7 students, families, and staff.

This March, we are doing our very first "Whole School Reads." There's an organization called Read to Them that originated this idea. When a whole school community reads the same book, lots of great experiences and connections are made. We are really excited to grow our love of reading together as a community. The name of the book is a big secret until March 7, when we have our kickoff assembly. Jordan Patch, owner of Animal Adventure Park (that's a clue!) will visit that morning to help us reveal the book we'll be reading. We can't wait!

Starting in late February, our students began seeing clues all over the school to help them guess what book we will be reading. We want them to get really excited about the story. On the day of the kickoff, every child in the school will get their own book to keep. Imagine all those books being given out at one time! Our entire staff will be reading the book,

too. We have planned all kinds of fun events and resources for our students and families to participate in:

- A "listening library" on the district website, where everyone can listen to all the different readers reading the book aloud chapter by chapter
- A fun cafeteria lunch based on the book
- Kickoff day activities focusing on the book and its characters
- Family reading calendar
- Buddy reading with older and younger students
- **Family PJ and Reading Night (March 21st 6pm-7pm)** at WAO elementary
- Fun prizes for creative projects
- Celebrity readers
- A big finale—**Family Trivia Night—April 11, 5:15 – 7 p.m.**

Throughout the month of March, check out our website - www.hcs.stier.org/ - and Twitter feeds (@Harpelem1, @Hornetslearn1, @HCSHornets) to see pictures of the fun things going on and, of course, to listen to the book.

Warm regards,

Pam Horton, director of instruction



Pam Horton,
director of instruction

Congratulations to the following students on their college acceptances:

Olivia Loihle: SUNY Broome

Ritajane Silfee: SUNY Broome

Lily-anne Mauzy: SUNY Canton

Kaitlyn Ellsworth: University of Tampa

Robbie Ayers: SUNY Delhi



Notice is hereby given that the annual inspection of the Harpursville Central School buildings for fire hazards that 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.



Family Fun Night a fun success *By Stephanie Davy, community schools coordinator*

Thank you to all of the students and families who were able to join us for our grade 3- 6 Family Fun Night. The cookie decorating-trivia themed event was a true blast!

Responses from families included that the food was great, the cookies were a special treat, trivia was a great addition to the party, and spending time with one another was a true treasure. As you can see from the photos, there were smiles all around.

If you have ideas for future events, please make sure to contact Stephanie Davy with your ideas. Our goal is to

make sure that your needs and wants are met, so don't be shy and share your thoughts.

A closing note: We sure have been busy this year. Time flies when you are having fun while making sure the students and families we serve are getting the services and resources they need. Make sure to contact me if you need anything at all. We have successfully referred families to a long list of agencies. We have helped families apply for insurance, heating assistance and more. We are here for you. Feel free to make an appointment to come to my office or she can travel to your home as well.



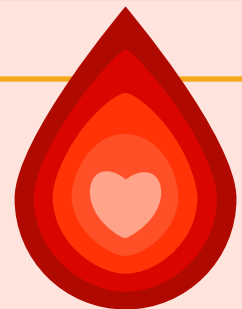
Students roll up their sleeves to support community

The Harpursville High School Student Council hosted a blood drive on February 22 that was a huge success.

Our commitment to host a blood drive with the American Red Cross truly made a difference. Our school registered 27 donors, collected 26 pints of blood and recruited 18 first-time donors.

Our efforts have helped boost the community blood supply and ensure hospital patients have the lifesaving blood they need.

Thank you to the caring students and staff for making this drive a success.



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