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- 13 Jr. Band Oakdale Mall performance 12:15 p.m.
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- 16 Mobile Pantry
- 24 NYC Tenement Museum tours -Junior Class
- 27-30 ASEP/ASAP canceled
- 28-30 Jr. High NYS ELA exams

## Students eager to reap what they sow in garden project By Elementary Principal Pamela Horton

Harpursville is one of the five districts that were chosen to be part of the new "Ag in the Classroom" initiative in the region.

With lots of planning, hard work, help from state Senator Fred Akshar, some sunshine, and a little bit of luck, we will be making and eating salads from our own garden in June.

It was so exciting to think about what we wanted to do as part of this project. We thought about the options that would encourage our students to get actively involved with agriculture. We also wanted to involve our families and the

community. We decided to plant a garden, which would give us so many edible options when our hard work was done.

We have been meeting with Sarah Atwood, our teacher from the Cornell Cooperative Extension. We have a team of students,

teachers, and parents who are working together to develop a plan. We have been busy thinking about where we might plant our garden so that our salad actually grows. We have also been talking about what we want to plant for our salad. Atwood brought a master gardener to meet with our team on a recent Friday to get us brainstorming. The kids had a great time.

We conducted a kickoff at the

end of February. Our fifth-graders performed a short skit for the younger students. There were several station activities to get everyone excited and thinking about what we need to do to plant a garden. Students will be creating a mural of all the vegetables they want to



## AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM

grow in the garden for their salads. They will be planting seeds, learning about root structures, and voting on some of the vegetables they want to include in our school garden.

Atwood will be working in the classrooms every month with students and teachers to continue to learn about all aspects

of gardening and the science that supports growing. Keep following us on Twitter (@ harpelem1) to see updates and to look for the spring dates to help us get this garden planted.





Congratulations to the following students on their college acceptances:

**Tienna Avery** – University of Tampa **Megan Grover** – SUNY Oneonta, SUNY Broome



## Your community connection is here

The community section of our website is a great resource for the many services available in our area, including the Colesville Community Pantry and the Community Housing Improvement Program, Inc.

From our website, you can also visit area links to the Town of Colesville for a history lesson on how our community was formed as well as how you can become a member of the Four County Library System.

For more information, please visit www.hcs.stier.org/Community.aspx.

## **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 <sup>st</sup> contact	2 <sup>nd</sup> contact	3 <sup>rd</sup> contact	4 <sup>th</sup> contact
Academics	Teacher	Guidance Counselor	Building Principal	Superintendent
Athletics	Coach	Director of Operations	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	Director of Operations	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	Dir of Special Programs	Superintendent
Transportation	Head Bus Driver	Director of Operations	Business Official	Superintendent

## Harpursville Central School District directory

<b>District Office</b>
<b>Business Office</b>
Special Education

Pamela Horton, Principal Allison Chantry, Admin. Asst.

Health Office Elementary	
<b>Food Services</b> Norene Tasber, Director of Food S	
<b>Transportation</b> Joshua Quick, Director of Operati Danielle Maxim, Head Bus Driver Sandy Schnurbusch, Admin. Assis	ions
Buildings & Grounds David Johnson, Director of Facilit	



## Classes get together to share reading, writing skills

As someone once observed, "The words we write or speak to others can leave a huge impact and create a lasting memory good or bad - so it's super important to choose them wisely."

Indeed, learning to read and write properly are fundamental skills whose importance cannot be over-emphasized. So when students complete a learning unit on reading and writing, it's time to celebrate. And that's precisely what some young Harpursville students did one recent day. Janine Petrick's kindergarten class got together with Michelle Marinaro's first-grade class to share their "super reading" and "super writing powers" in a celebration concluding their reading and writing units.

#### A closing thought:

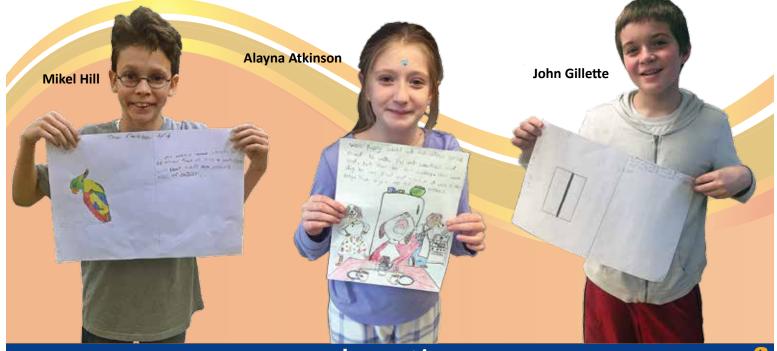
"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go." — Dr. Seuss





## Young readers enjoy, explore books by turning words into illustrations

The sixth-grade students recently took a picture book and worked on illustrating and summarizing its content. Summarizing and discussing books is an important skill in reading. We practiced this skill with picture books to make it fun for the students. Here are some of the posters they created.







The second-graders made a big "splash" this swim session. They learned the basics of freestyle and have gained the fundamentals for a strong flutter kick. They also played various games where they were able to apply what they have learned. It has been a great five weeks in the pool.







## Students teach others by writing, sharing "how-to" book knowledge

Throughout the months of January and February, kindergarten students wrote "how-to" books about all the things they could teach others to do. Some topics included how to brush your teeth, how to wash your hands, how to walk your dog, and how to make breakfast. These books included a title page, a dedication, and three to four steps directing readers how to complete the task. They also

included warnings and advice to get the job done safely and correctly. As part of our celebration, we welcomed first-grade students into our classroom to hear our how-to books and to confirm that our directions were easy to follow. Thank you to Sylvia Green (first-grade teacher) and her students for listening to our stories.

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Jessica Fowler, Mya Hawley, Alanna Jones, and Damien Pease

## Honor Roll Second Quarter 1/27/2017



#### Grade 7

Austin Baker Alexandra Hosmer Makayla Kelly Emma Marvin Ghia Medovich Mackinze Meisner Nelson Merrill Jacob Risoli-Clark Nathaniel Steele Krysta Thomas

#### Grade 8

Rocco Arduini Cross Brown Wyatt Ellsworth Grace Floyd Jaime Gilmore

#### Grade 8

Danielle Grausgruber Keven Killmeier Jr. Kyle Meisner Dalton Sheldon Payton Villecco Courtney Waterman

#### Grade 9

Grade 7

Grade 8

Sara Boyer

Sara Brown

Majesti Brown

Idaeah Campbell

Alexander Hoyt

**Allison Kelley** 

Audrey Locke

Jamie McWherter Jr.

Saleen Medovich

**Taylor Rutherford** 

**Colton Sakowsky** 

**Shyanne Stilson** 

Sasha Whitney

Joshua Wolbert

Victoria Whidden

**Paige Smith** 

Ashlyn Link

Rheanna Wilcox

Sarah Young

**Benjamin Williams** 

Stefanie Allen Lindsey Bird Kristin Cogshall Samantha Lawler Mariah Loveless Selena Morelock Ashley Rooker Camaron Smith

#### Grade 10

James Grausgruber Vanessa Groover Brandon Hoover Tori Johnson Lily-Anne Mauzy Alexander Palmatier Michael Pavlisak Mackenzie Robertson Alexus Roys Dominick Stock Kerynn Stonier

Principal's List Second Quarter 1/27/2017

#### Grade 11

Michael Bennett Allen Brozonis Jr. Saige Collins Christian Noyes Andrew Rucky Sean Snyder Bradley Wilson

#### Grade 12

Cassandra Bakley Garrett Blakeslee Devin Butler Justyce Closs Samantha Cower Haley Davis Chloe Dodd Autumn Elwood

#### Grade 12

Dallas Fehrman Sabrina Gates Madison Hoover Robert Hosmer Jr. Brittany Hrehor Tara Merrell Liam Nannery Garrison Paugh Devon Ritter Matthew Scott Shania Swan

#### Grade 7

**Rvan Akulis** Kayleigh Cluck **Kyle Colsten** Justin Fargo McKena Giles Nico Hadlick Connor James Madison Kelly Jesse LaDue Hailey Lancaster Jordan LaVergne Makenna Lowe Abigail Lyon Chelsea Merrill Alaina Neer Zachary Pike Joshua Powell Caidence Rvder Dominic Schwartz Thomas Vanyorce

#### Grade 9

Kyle Avery **Riley** Craig Logan Culver Kaitlyn Dattoria **Aylisia Dunaway** Dominique Faiella Tanner Hanson **Connor Hoyt Riley Livermore** Matthew Lyon Zoe Meyer Krysteena Race Eva Mae Rychlicki Megan Sculley Karina Seeley Kaylee Shear Yasmine Warner Mackenzie Whidden Sara Williams

#### **Grade 10** Aubrey Cluck Christopher Dattoria Kaitlyn Ellsworth Nicole Fargo Morgan Fleming Annamarie Goosley Steffan Hanson Maryjane Kappauf Abigail Kelley Colin LaDue Sarah Peterson Hunter Sakowsky Alexis Silfee Kailee Tyler

**Grade 11** Amber Birt Manuella Diluzio Trevor Hanson Cassie Knickerbocker Morgan Linkroum Brock McWherter

#### Grade 11

Bethany Niles Emily Russell Marisa Turck Joshua Wilson Rebecca Zhang

#### Grade 12

Tienna Avery Natalie Brown Lexie Cutmore Noah Dann Carelyn Decker Kaitlyn Doud Megan Grover Breanna Hoover Jacob Horoszewski Ashlee Howell Dylan Koranka Josiah Niles Jacob Peterson Zachary Waterman

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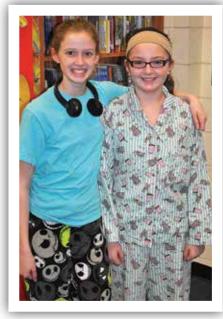


## Spirit Week and sports pep rally chase away the winter blahs

By: Morgan Fleming, Student Council corresponding secretary

During the week of February 6 through 10, the Student Council planned a spirit week to liven up the school. We went with a Valentine's theme because love was in the air, and invited the elementary building to join in the fun.

To kick off this sweetheart spirit week



Emma Vankuren and Jordan LaVergne



Duncan Marin



Pictured (I-r): Sarah Peterson, Morgan Fleming, and Annamarie Goosley

on Monday in the high school, we played the song "The Color of My Love" while walking up to the lockers before first period, and our students dressed in green, yellow, red, and any other color. Green was if you were "looking," yellow was if it was "complicated," red was if you were "taken," and any other color was if you "weren't interested" at all. It was both a very green and red kind of day. The elementary celebrated the colors of Valentine's Day.

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Tuesday, we played the song "Crazy in Love" Beyoncé while the students walked to their lockers. They were dressed in wacky and mismatched clothing. Looking around at our student body, it was one wacky and exciting day! Wednesday, the song "Love Hurts" played Boys sport favorite PJs

throughout the school. It was pajama day for the students because when love hurts why not wear pajamas? Our students looked very comfortable in their pajama pants.

Sadly, Thursday our students were supposed to dress in their favorite sports team apparel or their favorite musician merchandise and "Don't Stop Believing" by Journey was going to play throughout the school. But, we had a snow day so that day didn't happen.

Friday, we ended up playing "Don't Stop Believing" and "Where is the Love" throughout the school. Our students were dressed in their class color. In the high school, the 7th grade dressed in white, 8th grade dressed in orange, 9th grade dressed in gray, 10th was a blackout, 11th grade was in blue, and the 12th-grade class was in tye-dye. We had shortened class periods so we could fit all our classes in and then go have an awesome pep rally for our winter sports. The elementary school also assigned each grade level a class color.

The pep rally was just what we needed to cheer us up after hearing the bad







news the week before from Punxsutawney Phil. The first thing we did once we got everyone settled was call up the captains of the winter sports teams to announce their teams. Even though the wrestlers had to leave early for sectionals, we still recognized them.

After all the winter sports were recognized, we started the

Idaeah Campbell

activities. The first activity was human bowling. Participants had to sit on a scooter while their partner pushed them and let go between half court and the foul line. Don't worry, we had



Kayli Smith in Pajamas

helmets on the bowlers. The finalist for that event were, the 8th graders, the seniors, and the staff group made up of Mr. Salisbury, Mrs. Bough, and Mrs. Fenescey. The senior class won human

bowling. The next activity was the relay race. The groups had to wheelbarrow down, then two different people did a three legged race back, a different person would sack race back down, then the first two people would piggyback to the other end. To finish it, off when given the signal from the



Jamie McWherter

judges the sack racer would go back down. The finalists were the 8th-grade class and the 11th-grade class. The junior class ended up winning the relay race. The final activity was the scavenger hunt. Each grade was very into this. Two classes ended up tied at the end. So, to even the score we determined which grade had more students representing their class color. The sophomore class took the win with a great majority of



Hunter Scott

their classmates dressed in black.

Spirit Week and the pep rally couldn't have happened without Mrs. Cole and Mrs. Cronk, our Student Council advisors. We appreciate all you do for us!



8<sup>th</sup> grade class



## Lego art provides team-building exercise

Students recently teamed up to demonstrate their team-building skills with Legos.

Lego creations were built by students using their communication, reasoning and creativity skills, as well as a lot of compromising to come up with a plan on what to build together.

The best part was that each student was able to show their individual creativity and skill while also working as part of a team.



Pictured (I-r): Nathan Fletcher & Jonathan Gillette



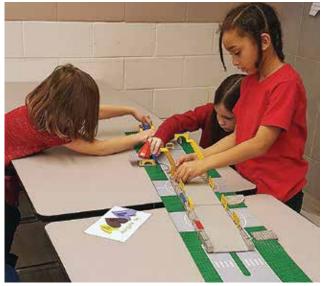
**Pictured (I-r):** Dan Bush, Alexander Afify, Jacob Rueffer, Jacob Murphy, Scarlette Taylor, Caleigh McCommas, & Damien Pease



Pictured (I-r): Kaitlyn Jones, Morgan Rutherford, & Harley Barry



Pictured (I-r): Scarlette Taylor & Caleigh McCommas



Pictured (I-r): Jessica Fowler, Alanna Jones, & Tavonte Thompson



## Film offers lessons in the complexities of life By Caroline Thomas, English teacher

After studying the Pulitzer Prize winning drama, "Fences," by American playwright August Wilson, seniors went to a private showing of the new film on February 2 at Regal Cinema in Binghamton. The film stars Denzel Washington and Viola Davis and has been nominated this year for four Academy Awards: best picture, best actor, best supporting actress and best adapted screenplay.

The play's title is a reference to a literal fence that is being built during the play and also to the many symbolic fences individuals face in life such as society's structure, our past and our choices. The play revolves around the character Troy Maxson living at the end of the 1950s and into the 1960s in Pittsburgh, Pa., with his wife and children. It deals with

the hardship of poverty, systemic discrimination and



responsibility. Maxson definitely doesn't get everything right in life, but he gets farther than his own father and the play leaves us with hope for his son, Cory, and daughter, Raynell.



Students examined the play beforehand as a modern Greek tragedy where the tragic hero is flawed and responsible for his own fate, but in the end faces death with honor and achieves a moral victory. We may not always like the tragic hero, but the character definitely reflects the complexities of life.

Students enjoyed reading the play ahead of time and then comparing the film to the text, discussing different choices they would have made if they were director. After the film, students enjoyed lunch out at Moe's, Wendy's and Hoopla. Many thanks to chaperones Colleen Murphy, Kyle Tibbits, and Kara Webster.

# **Rock the 'Ville**

These students followed the "Rock the 'Ville" expectations.

What does ROCK stand for?

R= Respect

**O**= Own your actions

C = Come prepared

**K**= Keep it positive





Pictured (I-r): Anickin Sprague, Trena Byers, Wyatt Huizinga, Sierra DeVaul, Samson Shoemaker, Tyler Hawley



## Wintry weather outside doesn't chill the mood at the indoor picnic

Harpursville Elementary School students recently enjoyed an indoor picnic. The tables were covered with gingham tablecloths and the students enjoyed hot dogs, watermelon and "dirt" pudding cups as part of their picnic feast.





# The Food Bank of the Southern Tier

The Food Bank of the Southern Tier works in partnership with your child's school to offer the BackPack Program,<sup>™</sup> which provides a free bag of non-perishable food to students when school meals are not available on weekends and during breaks.\* This program runs throughout the 2016-2017 school year.

\*Please note, there may be a waiting list due to a limited number of slots available at each school. The food will be distributed in a plastic shopping bag, not a backpack.

For more information on enrolling your student(s), contact your school's BackPack site coordinator:

Darlene Noyes dnoyes@hcs.stier.org 693-8112

MARCH 2017 MENU						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
Prices           Lunch           K-5 - \$2.10/ 6-12 - \$2.30           Breakfast (all schools)           K-6 FREE         7-12 \$1.30           Cereal & fruit offered daily	Sandwich choices: M: ham & cheese T: Turkey & cheese W: salad of the week (No yogurt on Wed.) Th: turkey & cheese F: tuna P.B. & jelly offered daily	1 Choice of Two: Cinn. Bun, Cereal or Yogurt Assorted Fruit & Milk Breaded Fish Sand. w/ Tartar Sauce Oven Roasted Potatoes Green Beans Fresh Banana & Milk	2 Frudel Assorted Fruit & Milk Oven Roasted Chicken Garlic Breadstick Mashed Potatoes Glazed Carrots Chilled Peaches & Milk	3 Hornet Muffin Assorted Fruit & Milk Stuffed Crust Pizza Garden Salad w/Chickpeas Assorted Fresh Fruit & Milk		
<b>6</b> <i>Mini Pancakes</i> <i>Assorted Fruit &amp; Milk</i> Home style Chicken Filet on a Bun Sweet Potato Wedges Green Beans Fresh Apple & Milk	7 Breakfast Pizza Assorted Fruit & Milk Brunch at Lunch: French Toast Sticks Sausage Patty Potato Puffs Chilled Applesauce & Milk	<b>8</b> Choice of Two: Cinn. Bun, Cereal or Yogurt Assorted Fruit & Milk Meatball Sub Oven Roasted Potatoes Fresh Broccoli w/Hummus & Dip Fresh Orange & Milk	<b>9</b> Hornet Muffin Assorted Fruit & Milk Homemade Cheese Pizza , Pepperoni or Garlic Garden Salad w/Chickpeas Assorted Fresh Fruit & Milk	10 Superintendent's Conference Day NO SCHOOL		
<b>13</b> <u>Mini Cinnis</u> <u>Assorted Fruit &amp; Milk</u> Cheeseburger on a Bun w/Lettuce & Tomato Seasoned Potato Wedges Baby Carrots w/Dip Fresh Apple & Milk	14 Bagel Breakfast Pizza Assorted Fruit & Milk Taco Salad w/Assorted Toppings Seasoned Rice Corn Chilled Mixed Fruit & Milk	15 Choice of Two: Cinn. Bun, Cereal or Yogurt Assorted Fruit & Milk Marinated Chicken Sandwich w/Assorted Toppings Oven Roasted Potatoes Fresh Broccoli w/Dip Fresh Banana & Milk	16 Mini Cinn. Bagels Assorted Fruit & Milk Breaded Mozz. Sticks w/Dipping Sauce Side of Pasta w/Sauce Cucumbers/Tomatoes w/ Hummus & Dip Chilled Peaches Milk	17 Hornet Muffin Assorted Fruit & Milk Stuffed Crust Pizza Garden Salad w/Chickpeas Assorted Fresh Fruit & Milk		
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