

Forestville

Forestville Central School District Newsletter

Proposed \$3 Million Capital Project

On May 15, 2018, Forestville Central School District residents will have an opportunity to vote on a Capital Improvement Project Proposition that is designed to address district needs in the areas of building repairs, heating, instruction and safety. A committee that consists of community members and school staff has worked to develop and prioritize this scope from state required building conditions surveys and community concerns alike.

The project consists of the following district improvements:

Middle School/High School

- Address roof leaks in the 1995 portion of the MS/HS
- Science renovations

Elementary School

- New generator (currently there is not a generator at this building)
- Address needs related to heating and ventilation

Bus Garage Area

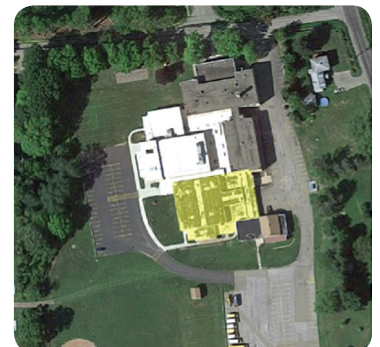
- Replace the pavement where our buses park

At the regularly scheduled February 1, 2018 Board of Education meeting this proposed project will be discussed. Please join us for questions and answers.

This proposed project will not have an additional tax impact. The funding for this project is through the use of reserves and state education aid.

- At least 95% of the work is eligible for building aid
- Forestville's current building aid ratio is 86.1%
- Use of \$669,799 from the capital reserve

Vote. May 15, 2018 1:00pm – 8:00pm at the rear auditorium entrance at the Forestville Middle/High School.



Superintendent's Message



Renee Garrett
Superintendent

Happy New Year! We wish you all good health and success in the New Year. As we move toward the halfway point in the school year, it is time to look back on all that we have accomplished so far and know that there is so much yet to be done. It's really exciting!

We are so proud of our faculty and staff. There are so many ways they assist our students in their success. In my conversations with students, it is clear the level of respect and rapport they have with our faculty and staff.

We have been busy applying for grants that help connect our school to our community. One grant that we worked hard on is the Farm to School Grant. If we are awarded this grant, it will help build a bridge between our cafeteria and our local farmers, which is a benefit for all. We also worked diligently on the Lakeshore Community Savings Grant. This grant could provide funding to one of our local farmers, as students assist in designing and developing part of an apple orchard.

Our school has faced a great loss with the sudden and unexpected passing of Mrs. Sharon Cervantes. Mrs. Cervantes worked for our district for 33 years as a Food Service Helper. She had a strong connection with so many students, parents, and staff members. Loss is so much more difficult in such a close-knit school. She is truly missed.

Community Service Day

On Saturday, October 14, we held our Annual Community Service Day, 44 middle and high school students came out to participate! We could not have asked for better weather with partly sunny skies and temperatures around 70 degrees! About half of the students that participated are members of the National Honor Society. This event counted toward their community service hours requirement.

The students were organized into 5 groups. Students cleaned out the press box, hauled old materials from the library loft, reconditioned the elementary playground, cleaned out surplus items from a storage container and moved items to the dumpster from a storage room in the high school. It was amazing to see how much was accomplished in the 2 hours that students worked. After the work was done, Mrs. Woodward and Mrs. Dugan prepared lunch for the students.

A huge thank you to Mrs. Garrett, Mr. Grande, Mrs. Klubek, Mr. and Mrs. LoManto, Mr. Hart, Mr. Bell and everyone else who showed up to help out!

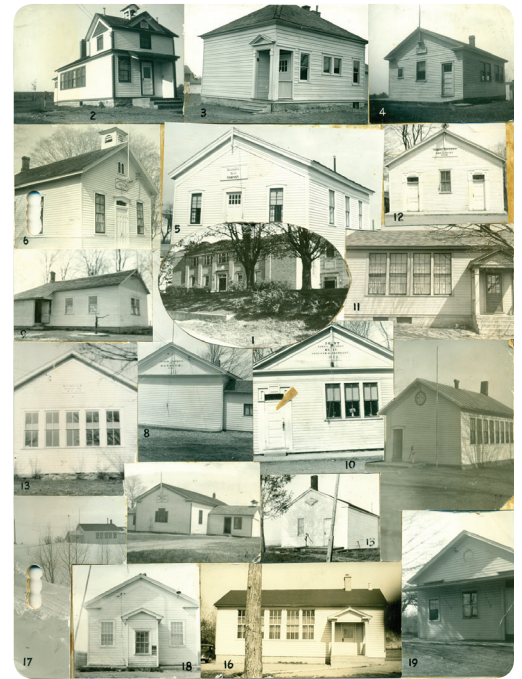


District Centralization

We are often asked about the centralization of Forestville Central School District. In this newsletter, we will highlight for you information about that process. We searched through the archives to bring this story to you.

Before the centralization of Forestville Central School District, there were 20 school buildings. Quite a few of these school buildings still exist within our district boundaries. As you can see from the list below nine were located in Hanover, four were located in Arkwright, two were located in Sheridan, four were located in Villenova and one was located in Perrysburg. These original 20 school buildings formed Forestville Central School District.

- Arkwright 3, Black's Corners (2 pupils)
- Arkwright 4, Abbey (14 pupils)
- Arkwright 6, Arkwright Center (13 pupils)
- Arkwright 8, Cowdens Corners (19 pupils)
- Hanover 3, Balltown (10 pupils)
- Hanover 4, Nashville (16 pupils)
- Hanover 5, Parsell's Corners (14 pupils)
- Hanover 6, Smith's Mills (15 pupils)
- Hanover 10, Dennison (8 pupils)
- Hanover 12, Dye District (12 pupils)
- Hanover 13, Hurlbert Road (7 pupils)
- Hanover 16, Central School (349 pupils)
- Hanover 15, Shearer (9 pupils)
- Perrysburg 5, Sanders Corners (17 pupils)
- Sheridan 4, Downer (14 pupils)
- Sheridan 10, Willoughby (29 pupils)
- Villenova 4, Fluker Hill (9 pupils)
- Villenova 7, Ball Hill (18 pupils)
- Villenova 11, Wango (10 pupils)
- Villenova 10 or 12, Pope Hill (13 pupils)



If you would like us to highlight a piece of our school history in a future newsletter, please contact Michael Murphy at mmurphy@forestville.com or 965-6565.

New York State Parks Program



The seventh grade students spent the day at Old Fort Niagara on December 1 to learn about the fort and the War of 1812. The trip was funded through the Connect Kids Program with the New York State Parks Department. Mr. Langworthy, social studies teacher, applied for the grant, which gave our Forestville students the fortunate opportunity to be included in the program this year! Mr. Langworthy and Mrs. Barrick accompanied the students along with a number of other parent/grandparent chaperones for the day.

Students learned a great deal about the early history of our country and the importance of the Niagara Frontier in the early part of the 19th century. The daily lives of soldiers were discussed as well as the emergence of our new nation leading up to the War of 1812. Students also had a chance to see the War of 1812 flag that actually flew at the fort and has been preserved in the fort's visitor center. The trip was a great introduction to the seventh grade's study of the War of 1812 period, which will begin after the holidays. Special thanks to Mrs. Garrett and Mr. Grande for their help in securing the grant for this.

Go Home Early Drill

Each year, schools in the county participate in the "Go Home Early Drill" to test their transportation readiness should they ever need to send students home early in a real emergency. In addition to participating in this annual drill, we also use this day to test our "in-school" emergency procedures. Prior to the event, we coordinated our drills with the local emergency agencies. The Forestville Volunteer Fire Department and the Chautauqua County Sheriff Department were informed of the drills but were not able to participate this year. However, the New York State Troopers sent Sergeant Tom Kelly and Officer Rebecca Mlacker to assist and assess. During the drills, we enlisted the help from all staff who were not assigned to students. The drills began with a Shelter In Place and then moved to a Lockdown. Students and teachers were held in a secure location for approximately 25 minutes. The team of staff members and Troopers went to each classroom, checked to ensure that occupants were out of sight lines and secured. After the drills were completed, the team assembled in the main office for a debriefing.



Board President's Message



Carol Woodward
Board President

As we step into the New Year, we begin to look at our District Goals. The board will be having our annual mid-year workshop to fine-tune our goals. We take this time to look back and reflect on how the year went. We also take time to talk about where we would like to see ourselves as a district and review our board protocols. This is important work that will keep us focused on our future.

This year, we are continuing our focus on the food service program. We are trying to explore the effectiveness and overall quality

of this program. The students are a great source of information. Our new Shared Cook Manager has created a suggestion box for students to submit new ideas. We would love to hear from you, as well.

Our subcommittees continue to work through their projects. The policy committee has almost completed their review of the entire policy manual. This has been a tremendously time consuming task. We are very thankful for their work. With the unfortunate death of Sharon Cervantes, the Audit Committee is working to replace the Claims Auditor. Sharon will be missed. She was a valued employee of the Board of Education.

First Quarter Hornet Award Winners

The Hornet Award is a new award created to promote effort and character in our students. At the completion of each quarter, a teacher will nominate a worthy student and provide a written explanation for the nomination. The categories for nominations include academics, the arts, athletics, and citizenship or character. Once a student is selected to receive the Hornet Award, he or she will be given a certificate and an explanation for the nomination along with some congratulatory remarks. Additionally, recipients' pictures will be displayed prominently outside the cafeteria for the next academic quarter.



(back row: left to right): Jessica Howes, Rachael Goodrich, Rhianna Nasal, Marshall Hallowell, Dakota VanArsdale, Macadam Gadewoltz, Jadon Whitfield, Dominique Meinzer (front row, left to right): Shane Taylor, Gavin Kaminski.

Hands-On College Experience

Seventeen students from our art program had an enriching visit to SUNY Fredonia. In October, students from our Drawing & Painting, Graphic Design and Independent Art classes were able to view the Harvey Breverman exhibit in the college gallery. These students were also able to take a tour of the new Visual Arts and New Media (VANM) building. What an impressive space! These students also participated in a drawing workshop and were treated to lunch on campus. Following lunch, our students were invited to the Marvel Theater to meet with Ralph Blasting, Dean of VANM. Mr. Blasting spoke to the students about attending Fredonia and answered questions about the application process, SATs and majors. One of our 11th grade students, Rene Leone, stated "Sitting in a college level studio, creating a still life with other students enjoying themselves around me, really made the experience at Fredonia hands-on."

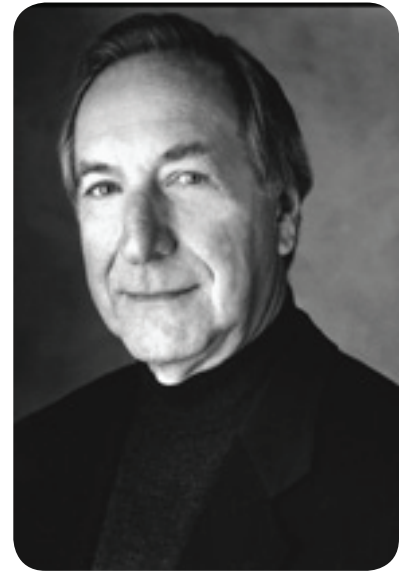
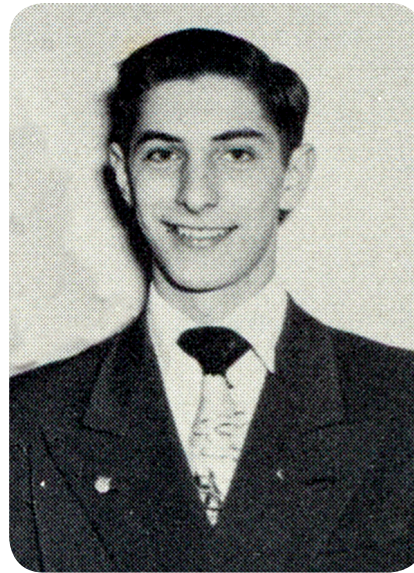


Alumni Spotlight

Who says that a child growing up in a small town attending a small school can't be successful in life? This edition of the Alumni Spotlight will show you that they can...and more, including helping some of our students become successful themselves.

G. Marshall "Marsh" Abbey is a Forestville alumnus, having graduated in 1950 with 22 classmates. Mr. Abbey started at Forestville School in 1937 in the first grade. Back then we did not have kindergarten, and all grade levels were in what is now the Middle/High School. His mom, Mrs. Grace Abbey, was the 7th and 8th grade Social Studies teacher here. They lived in the village on Water Street, close to the school.

In his high school years, Marsh was very active in various clubs and organizations. He did not know it at the time, but this was setting him on a course for his future career. After High School, Marsh decided to attend the University of Rochester to major in History, which was made possible by receiving a substantial scholarship. He persevered due in large part to what he learned here at our school, and from his parents. Upon graduation with a 4-year degree Phi Beta Kappa, which is an elite high honor, Marsh was faced with having to make a decision. He had received some job offers, including an attractive offer from IBM to sell their typewriters. Instead, he opted to continue schooling to become a lawyer. Marsh was accepted by 3 Law Schools, but chose the one that offered the best scholarship, the Cornell Law School, where he spent another 3 years, and graduated with honors.



After his second year at Cornell, Marsh was offered a summer job with a law firm in New Hampshire. After graduation, he continued with them for another 7 years. One day, Marsh picked up a copy of the Wall Street Journal and found an ad from a company he had never heard of near Chicago looking for an attorney. He applied, was interviewed, and then offered a position in the company called Baxter International, an up and coming medical supplies firm, where he spent the next 28 years until his retirement. When he was hired, the company had sales of \$60 million, and upon retirement, had grown to over \$10 billion. In the beginning he was one of three attorneys, and when he left in 1994, the head of seventy.

He strongly feels that Forestville was a good place to grow up, and owes it a lot. He stated "One of the most satisfying things you will do in life is what you do for others." And so he decided to start a full scholarship program at both the University of Rochester and the Cornell Law School in which a student graduating from Forestville would have first preference as long as they met the admission requirements. The first recipient was Pat Till, Class of 2005, in which he successfully obtained a 4-year degree from the University of Rochester with a major in English and a minor in Economics. Four years later in 2009, Ben Einhouse was awarded the scholarship, and not only attended and graduated from Rochester, but went on to Cornell Law School, and successfully completed the program, all funded by the generous scholarship. Today, Ben is an attorney practicing law with a firm in New York City. This past year, Matt Newman was awarded the scholarship to Rochester, and currently is majoring in Engineering.

It gives Mr. Abbey great pleasure to see students from his alma mater attend the colleges he graduated from and on a track to become successful. "I received a scholarship to attend the Law School," Mr. Abbey explains, "and I wouldn't have been able to go without it. In giving the Scholarship, I'm hoping to achieve a multiplier effect, with each student who receives it someday endowing a new scholarship to assist future students." The current cost to get a 4-year degree from the University of Rochester is about \$280,000, and the 3-year Cornell Law School is about \$220,000, for a total of half a million dollars.

Marsh currently lives near Chicago with his wife of 34 years, Sue, and has 6 children and 14 grandchildren. We are proud to call him a Forestville Hornet!

Principal's Message



Daniel Grande
MS/HS Principal

A new year; a new you! Ringing in a new year invites us to create resolutions. Resolutions are designed to help us better ourselves. Another word for resolution is goal. It is vitally important to have goals. I challenge each of you to set goals for this new year. For our students, these goals can range from individual goals for academic success to self-improvement or behaviorally driven goals. The bottom line is... we should all have goals. Goals help move us in a positive direction, and without goals how will we know where we are headed?

As we advance into the new year, let's not sit back and do the same "comfortable" things we always do... let's challenge ourselves to be better and to do more! As a student, if you are sitting back wondering what it would be like to play on a team or to perform on stage, stop wondering and just do it! Together we can make 2018 more interesting and even better!

Besides entering a new year, it is the mid-year point academically for all our students. However, if you are a member of the class of 2018, this is your year! You are preparing yourself to enter into another part of your journey into adulthood. It is time for you to genuinely focus on how you want your last months of schooling at Forestville to play out. Make the remaining days memorable by demonstrating how proud you are to have been a Forestville student!

National Honor Society Induction

The Annual Belle F. Campbell National Honor Society Induction Ceremony was held on November 16, 2017 at 1:00 pm in the Jeff Geblein Auditorium. This year, the National Honor Society inducted juniors Rachael Goodrich and Haley Wawrzyniak. Mrs. Klubek opened the ceremony with an introductory speech that stressed the importance of support systems and how they affect individual success. She then introduced the guest speaker, Nancy Adams Fry. Mrs. Adams Fry gave a wonderful speech where she reflected on her memories of being a student and honor society member at Forestville. She also focused on the importance of being kind. Next, our inductees and their sponsors hit the stage. Mrs. Tippens gave a brief speech about Rachael Goodrich that spotlighted her outstanding qualities. Mrs. Britz followed with Haley Wawrzyniak's journey here at Forestville and spotlighting in her artistic talents. The two students received certificates and recited the pledge, solidifying their commitment to the society. Mrs. Rachel Elersic Henry closed the ceremony with a speech on the importance of dedication and carving your own path. Afterwards, parents, honor society members, and Mrs. Nancy Adams Fry enjoyed a small reception in the library.



Middle/High School Students Shed Hair for a Good Cause

On December 20th, seven MS/HS students participated in the Bald for Bucks/Pantene Beautiful Lengths Challenge. During the morning, our auditorium was transformed into a place of charity and generosity by the stylists and students of Forestville. Zach Waterman, Dylan Pierce, Ryan Waterman, Gabe Rhodes and Brayden Smith all raised a total of almost \$5,000 to have their heads shaved. In addition, Makayla and Makenzie Press donated between eight and ten inches of hair to benefit Pantene Beautiful Lengths, which uses donations of hair to create wigs for individuals that have lost their own hair because of illness.

Senior McKayla Olmstead and junior Isabelle Butcher (BOCES Vo-Tech cosmetology) graciously volunteered their time to provide the head shaving. Every participant in this year's event has "gone bald" or donated their hair numerous times, some as many as seven times total. Notably, this brings 7th grader Brayden Smith's total to over \$13,000 raised over his Bald for Bucks career. It was a day full of hornet pride. Amazing job!



National Hispanic Awareness Month



High School Spanish Club members celebrated National Hispanic Awareness Month by hosting our Annual Club La Luna celebration. Our HS cafeteria was transformed into a club-like atmosphere with lights, sounds, and guests from neighboring districts. Spanish Club members from Cassadaga, Panama, and Westfield joined Forestville for the evening of fun. DJ Hector provided the music and food. Students feasted on empanadas (meat pockets), arroz con gandules (rice with beans), tostones (fried plantains), cerdo (pork), and tres leche (3 milk) cake. The Spanish club members danced the night away to the salsa and merengue beats in popular Hispanic music.

Blood Drive

Did you know that every 3 seconds someone needs a blood transfusion? 20% of recipients are children. Many are cancer patients. One pint of blood from one donor can save up to three lives. Here is your chance to help!

The Forestville Student Council will be hosting a community blood drive on Thursday, January 18th from 8:30am-2:00pm in the MS/HS Auditorium (please enter through the Main Office). All of the blood donated stays within our community. These blood drives ensure a safe, cost effective supply of blood is delivered to our own local hospitals. Please consider stopping by the MS/HS Auditorium to donate.

Requirements to donate:

- at least 16 years old
- weigh over 110 lbs.
- no new tattoos or body piercings within the past year
- all donors need valid photo ID



Principal's Message



Lindsay Marcinelli
Elementary Principal

Welcome 2018! As we ring in the New Year, I have taken some time to reflect on an amazing 2017 at the Elementary building. Our New York State Test scores continue to distinguish ourselves from our neighboring schools in Chautauqua County, our students and community members raised thousands of dollars for various good causes and PARP's Reading Around the Zoo was one of the most popular and successful programs to date.

As we return to school refreshed and rejuvenated, I know that our teachers and myself are ready to continue to help our students grow socially, emotionally and academically. We are blessed to be able to work in a community that is as supportive as ours. I know that the teachers and myself have set new goals for 2018.

Now would be a great time to set some new "Family and School Intentions" for your family or just revamp your current focus on education in your household. Ask your child at least two questions about their school day. Students are quick to say "fine" when asked about their day or "nothing" when asked about what they learned; a tip would be to alter your questions. Tailor the questions to fit your child's personality ex: Tell me one fact you learned today, who did something funny in class, etc. As always, another great "intention" is to make reading a part of your nightly routine. Try fun ways to incorporate reading into your life.

Together we can make 2018 an amazing year for our students!

Turkey Tie-Off

On November 16, our first graders participated in the Second Annual Turkey Tie-Off. Mrs. Scott has been joining our first grade classrooms to help our students master tying their shoes. Students were asked to tie both of their shoes within 45 seconds. When they finished tying they stood up to show they were done. Each round was shortened by 5 seconds until only two students remained. The final two contestants were required to tie Mrs. Kwilos's shoe (it is much harder to tie someone else's shoes). This year the winners not only received an awesome t-shirt that Mrs. Kwilos made but a medal for 1st and 2nd place. Each first grader received a cupcake for participating.



Important Elementary School Information

Regular Instructional Hours: 7:50 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Breakfast program hours of operation are 7:20 – 7:50 am. There should be no circumstance where a child participating in the breakfast program arrives earlier than 7:20 a.m. Supervision begins at 7:20 a.m. and any child arriving any earlier will be sent to the principal's office.

The drop off time for students not attending breakfast is 7:35 to 7:50 a.m. Any student arriving earlier than 7:35 will be sent to the cafeteria. Any student arriving after 7:50 will be considered tardy. At the end of the day, dismissal from classes will begin at approximately 2:35 p.m. Walkers and students picked up by parents will be dismissed after the buses leave at approximately 2:50 p.m. In the afternoon, parents or others retrieving children should not enter the building until the buses have left.

Elementary Bald for Bucks

On Tuesday, November 21, 2017, the Elementary School gym was full of excitement! This was the Elementary School's eighth year raising money for Bald for Bucks and the eleventh year adults and students cut their hair to donate to Locks of Love. Twenty students and two adults went Bald for Bucks while five girls, one mother and two teachers donated their hair to Locks of Love. The event was a huge success!! This year, teachers, students, family, and community members came together to raise \$8,105.10 for cancer research.

The top money raisers were Caleb Kimmerly, Anna Gilman, and Sophia Stewart. Caleb Kimmerly was a very special participant. In memory of his grandpa, he donated his hair to Locks of Love and raised \$2,131 by shaving his head for Bald for Bucks. Caleb's grandpa attended many of our Bald for Bucks events in support of Caleb. Anna Gilman raised \$1,150. Anna's sister, Emily Gilman, a Forestville alumnus, cut Anna's hair for the event. Anna donated her hair this year in memory of her Grandma Karen and Uncle Kevin. Sophia Stewart, raised \$868. Sophia and her mother, Anita, bravely teamed up together to shave their heads. They shaved their heads in memory of Forestville alumnus, Jaye Borowiak.

This event could not have taken place without the help of many people! The Forestville Elementary School would like to give a big thank you to our special guests: DJ Anthony from Kiss 98.5, Alexandria Hoaglund from Roswell Park Cancer Institute, and Damian Sebouhian from the Dunkirk Observer. Thank you to all of the hair stylists who graciously donated their time and skills for the assembly: Abby Thompson - Forestville Alumnus, Kim Morely - grandmother of Caleb Kimmerly, and Mikayla Lukasik. Thank you to Mrs. Garrett, Mrs. Marcinelli, the Board of Education, the faculty, and staff members who helped out with this event. And finally, thank you to all the students and family members who worked so hard to help raise awareness.

Coordinators, Jennifer Dunn and Katherine Gorczyca are so proud of another job well done! Forestville is definitely making a difference for the future of cancer research and tomorrow's cures.

Bald for Bucks/ Locks of Love Participants:

Maddox Tenamore	Madison Christian	Austin McIntyre
Nicholas Morga	Evelyn Yeager	Matthew Dunn
Jacksen McFarland	Ryan Castellano	Antonio Patton
Owen Ferry	Caleb Kimmerly	Ethan Ecker
Emily Lillie	Sophia Stewart	Jacob Szumigala
William Duliba	Lincoln Wamsley	Mr. Hazelton
Angelo Mangus	Aydon Heim	Mrs. Dunn
Isaiah Washington	Mason Cole	Mrs. Brewster
Blake Waterman	Anna Gilman	Mrs. Rebmann
Maxam Tenamore	Jillian Grupa	Mrs. Stewart



Director of Facilities's Message



James Hart
Director of Facilities

The Buildings and Grounds Department continues to strive to provide a clean and inviting environment. If you see something that needs to be addressed, please let us know. About two years ago we implemented an online work order system that tracks all of our repairs to our classrooms and facilities. Another component to this system will be added in the New Year. The new component is titled preventative maintenance. This component will track all of our ongoing and annual maintenance. This will greatly assist us as we do our best to be proactive in our maintenance cycle.

Our department works closely with the Technology Department, Mr. Murphy. Together, we have updated the Distance Learning Lab. Students assigned to this classroom participate in instruction that is via the internet, yet live. The students are able to interact with other students and an assigned instructor. This offers our students classes that are outside of our normal program. Our role in updating the lab has been to patch and paint the newly updated room.

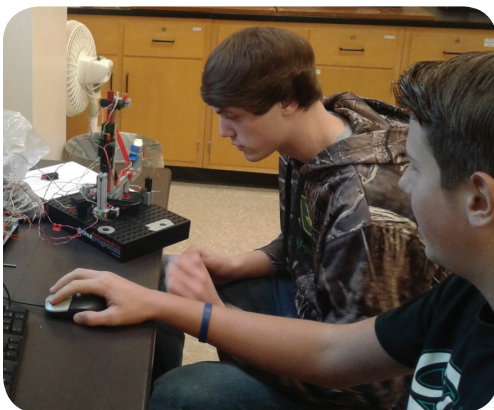
We have also assisted the Science department by removing chemicals from the chemical storage room as part of our disposal program. As I mentioned in our last newsletter, the front of the MS/HS has gone out to bid and work should begin this Spring on the wall/parking/sidewalk/railing. We have also been working with the Shared Cook Manager to reorganize the storage room and kitchen freezer. By doing so, we are able to manage food inventory more effectively. We are continuing to address the issues with our heating system through our online work order system. We are hoping for a more permanent solution through the proposed \$3 million capital project.

Winter Transportation

Winter weather has arrived with a bang! It's that time of year, when we all need to take extra care when driving. Your child's safety is our number one concern. You have probably noticed that at times the weather conditions affect our bus schedules. We thank you for your patience when our buses are delayed as our drivers take extra care in getting our students home safely. If you should have any questions about your child's bus, please call our direct line to the transportation office (716) 965-2104. You can call us at any time and we will do our best to radio the driver and let you know what your child's estimated arrival time will be. We are always in constant communication with our drivers and are aware of their locations and routing information.



DDP/Engineering Class Projects



The Design, Drawing and Production 2 (DDP2) class, also taught by Mr. Wisniewski and Mr. Dempsey, are currently undertaking their machine control project. The students are collectively building an automatic door and crane. They are using the computer to program their project to meet the desired specifications. The students will also be building their own individual projects and have already designed and built their own pedal go-carts.

This is a challenging and rewarding class for students to undertake.

Instrumental Music Notes

The months of November and December were very busy for the Instrumental Music Program. The Middle/High School production of Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* took up the early part of November. We had four successful performances, adding a Saturday matinee this year. There were over 50 students involved in this year's musical production, as well as many faculty, staff, and volunteers.

Based on our students' musical performances, judges from the Kenny Awards selected our students as finalists. Forestville was fortunate to be one of ten schools in Western New York to be selected as a Kenny Award Finalist. Just like two years ago, our students will be participating in Kenny Day on Saturday, May 12th at Shea's in Buffalo. During Kenny Day, our students will have the opportunity to participate in workshops and a scheduled performance. The evening of Kenny Day, our students will participate in a seven minute choral performance. Every student involved in the production should be proud of this accomplishment!

In Mid-November, Madison Miller, was selected to participate in the Area All-State Concert at SUNY Fredonia on her Clarinet. Madison was selected from the top students in Niagara, Erie, Chautauqua and Cattaraugus Counties.

The later part of November as well as December was spent getting ready for the Annual Christmas Concerts. The Elementary Concert was a huge success! Our Middle/High School Concert took place on the snow date. Our community enjoyed both concerts!

The Annual High School Band and Chorus trip to Dunkirk took place on the last day before the winter break. The Band and Chorus perform programs at the Chautauqua Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, The Lakeshore Drive Resource Center and the Resource Center workshop. Santa joins us as we celebrate the season with the adults in these programs.

Several of our Band students received honors in the past month as they were selected to participate in the Chautauqua County Music Teachers' Association Winter Festival at Chautauqua Lake High school on Saturday, February 10. Selected for the Elementary All-County Band were: Olivia Stewart, Flute; Sophia Drozdziel, Kaytlynn Franklin, Elizabeth Rhodes, Jillian Grupa, Mikayla Vezina, Clarinets; Michael Edmunds, Alto Saxophone; Piper Miller-Shifflett, Percussion. Selected for the All-County Brass Ensemble were: Makenzie Press, Trumpet, and Winnifred Kingsfield, Baritone. And, selected for the All-County Jazz Ensemble was Madison Miller, Tenor Saxophone.



Director of Technology's Message



Michael Murphy
Director of Technology

The Elementary Computer Lab was recently upgraded with all new computers. The previous computers were over 8 years old, older than many of the students who were using them! The new computers feature the latest technology including super-fast processors and solid state hard drives making them very fast. They also include a large 23" wide-screen LCD monitor, allowing for easy viewing of multiple windows or complex websites.

All students in grades K-6 have a 30-minute computer class in the lab once a week. The lab is used for teaching the students keyboarding skills, computer operations (important for the younger students), word processing, and math fact practice. The lab also plays an important part in assessing the students. At the beginning, middle, and end of the school year, students take computer-based tests in Math and Reading on the computers. The program accurately assesses the student's abilities in each subject and provides the school with a comprehensive diagnostic report. Teachers analyze the report to learn what students already know and what they are ready to learn next, to monitor student growth, and to determine which students may need additional help.

Other uses of the lab include classroom research and writing projects, coding and programming lessons, and AIS work. The newer technology will now allow for more complex tasks including video editing.

Semper Fidelis

Semper fidelis is a Latin phrase that means "always faithful" or "always loyal". It is the motto of the United States Marine Corps usually shortened to Semper fi. A Forestville Class of 2017 graduate, who enlisted in the Marines, recently visited our school for the first time since graduation. Dakota Meinzer joined the Marines over the summer, and successfully completed basic training with graduation on December 1st. He will be continuing on to infantry training at Ft. Geiger in North Carolina, and then training in his chosen field of mechanics. Dakota was able to come home for a few days, and wanted to pay our school a visit in his Dress Blue uniform. We are very proud of Dakota and thank him for his service to our country.



Non-Discrimination Statement

The Forestville Central School District does not discriminate in its employment and admission to programs and activities as applicable, on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, age, economic status, marital status, veterans' status, political affiliation, domestic victim status, use of a guide dog, hearing dog or service dog, disability, or other classifications protected under federal or state law, and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The designated district compliance officers will coordinate compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements of Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, the Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act, and the New York State Human Rights Law.

The Forestville Central School District Compliance Officers are: Superintendent, 12 Water Street, Forestville, NY 14062 (716) 965-6539, MS/HS Principal, 4 Academy Street, Forestville, NY 14062 (716) 965-2711, Elementary Principal, 12 Water Street, Forestville, NY 14062 (716) 965-2742.

Complaints may also be filed with the Office for Civil Rights, New York Office, U.S. Department of Education, 32 Old Slip, 26th Floor, New York, NY 10005-2500, phone (646) 428-3800, fax (646) 428-3843, email: OCR.NewYork@ed.gov.

NHS Members Spread Holiday Cheer



The National Honor Society members made reindeer ornaments that were handed out by Santa to residents of the Dunkirk Resource Center on the Annual High School Band and Chorus Trip on December 22, 2017. Several of the members of National Honor Society traveled with the band to take part in the festivities and celebrate with the residents.

Civil War Class Visits Springville Museum

The American Civil War class visited the “Echoes Through Time” Civil War Museum in Springville, New York on October 20, 2017. Twice a year, the students in Mr. Langworthy’s class visit the museum.

Viewing the displays is only a small part of the enhanced learning provided through this relationship. The American Civil War class volunteers in the museum creating displays and assisting in other projects, as needed. This year, the Civil War class will be creating and donating a number of new display boards. In addition, Mr. Wisniewski’s Technology classes will be building period-correct wooden lanterns. These lanterns will be sold to visitors to help offset the operating costs of the non-profit museum.

Another benefit to both groups is the partnering with the museum’s staff to create the Annual Civil War Camp hosted at our Forestville campus. Seventh graders from Forestville, Silver Creek and Cassadaga attend this event each June. Mr. Langworthy’s American Civil War class is an elective class for students in grades 10-12 in the Social Studies department. We are pleased that we are able to have such a beneficial and educational interaction with a local organization.



Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead)



Spanish National Honor Society (SNHS) members hosted a celebration of El Día de los Muertos at the elementary school. The SNHS members shared the cultural significance of this holiday. The elementary students learned that the Day of the Dead is a day to honor and remember family members who have passed. This is not a sad day of mourning, but rather a celebration of the lives of their loved ones. The elementary students created iconic toy skeleton puppets in collaboration with the SNHS members. Elementary students earned Mexican skeleton prizes for recalling information from the presentation. Our SNHS members are excited to continue building a relationship with elementary students to strengthen our community bond.

DDP3 Class Designs and Constructs Band Cabinets

The Design, Drawing and Production 3 (DDP3) class, taught by Mr. Wisniewski and Mr. Dempsey is creating customized cabinets for our music suite. In 2009, when the new addition was complete, the band room cabinets were eliminated due to budget constraints. The students have been placing their instruments and cases on the floor. Through the collaboration of the music department and the DDP3 class, students are involved with the entire process, including designing, drawing, cutting, assembly, staining and installation. When this project is complete students will be able to store their instruments and cases on wooden shelves with appropriate sized openings. What a great way to promote school pride and ownership!



Gould Qualifies for New York State Meet

FCS sophomore, Lillee Gould, completed her 2017 varsity swim season in style with a trip to the New York State Federation Championships. Gould, along with four other team members from the Fredonia/Dunkirk/Silver Creek/Forestville/Brocton swim program, traveled to the championships held at Ithaca College on November 17 and 18 to compete in the 200 Medley Relay. In the overall field consisting of 59 teams, Gould's relay finished 19 overall! The competition included all public, private, and Catholic schools throughout the state. With two more years remaining, Lillee will continue her pursuit in the seasons to come.



FCS Volleyball Helps to Spike Out Cancer



The Forestville Volleyball program held its Eighth Annual "Spike Out" Cancer event in mid-October, when they played host to the Fredonia Hillbillies. Special jerseys were worn by the teams as they played and honored guests that have won their personal battles with cancer. Donations were augmented by a basket raffle, bake sale, and a 50/50 raffle. In total, the event topped the \$3,500.00 mark and increased our total amount raised over eight years to an astounding \$26,908.00! A special thank you to all that were involved with helping to make this another successful event!

Alliance for a Healthier Generation

Our Forestville Elementary Pre-K children participated in a campaign, sponsored by the Alliance for a Healthier Generation. The campaign encouraged thousands of children nationwide to enjoy a healthier Halloween. A healthy Halloween has less sugar-packed snacks and provides more healthy alternatives. Our children from Mrs. Thompson's Pre-K class used strawberries, bananas, pineapples, spinach, fat free yogurt and almond milk to make a healthy smoothie for their Halloween celebration. As a result of their healthy choices and efforts, the children were awarded a \$500.00 Target gift card!



Cross Country Ski Instruction



Our Middle/High School Physical Education program is happy to announce a new instructional unit. In partnership with Erie 2 Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES, our students will be venturing outside for cross country ski instruction. The MS/HS PE teachers ask that all students are prepared for Forestville outdoor weather. Encourage your children to dress appropriately as cross country ski instruction will take place from January 22 to February 2. What a wonderful winter sport to partake in!

Trebuchet Contest

The high school technology students built model trebuchets. A trebuchet is similar to a catapult. Trebuchet (French *trébuchet*) is a type of siege engine, which has a swinging arm to throw a projectile. After model trebuchets were complete, students built a life size trebuchet. Then a team of our high school technology students competed in the 12th Annual Clarence Trebuchet Contest. For the first time this fall, Forestville was one of the thirteen schools, mostly from Erie County, that battled in this competition. The teams competed for distance and target with their life sized trebuchets. It was an amazing experience for all!



Forestville Central School District Census

The Forestville CSD updates annually school census information. It is very important that we keep an up-to-date record of all children from birth to age 18 who reside in the district. In addition we need to identify children with disabilities from birth through age 21. It is our responsibility to ensure that all school-age children in our district are receiving approved instruction in a public, private or parochial school or are home taught. The information required on the form below will aid the District in numerous ways, including planning for transportation routes, school attendance areas, and future enrollment projections.

Please return the census form to June Prince at 12 Water Street, Forestville, NY 14062 if you meet any of the following conditions:

- You are a new District resident with young children NOT currently attending school
- You have recently had a baby or adopted a child
- Your children attend school in another district, attend a private school or are home taught.

If you have any questions, please call June Prince at 965-6539.

SCHOOL DISTRICT CENSUS FORM

Parent/Guardian _____
(Last) (First)

Spouse/Other: _____
(Last) (First)

Residence Location: _____

Mailing Address (if different from above) _____

Telephone: _____

Children in Household: _____
(Last) (First) (Date of Birth)

(Last) (First) (Date of Birth)

Does a child with a handicapping condition or suspected disability live in your household?

Yes: _____ No: _____

*If yes please state nature of disability or suspected disability: _____

Children Information: _____
(Last) (First) (Date of Birth)

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Celebration Boxes

The Forestville Café wants to support celebrating your child's birthday or other special classroom/grade level event. For a fee, we are willing to provide a celebration box with food and drink items of your choice. We also add cards and napkins to each box and deliver them to your child's classroom. We are offering this service to make it more convenient for you and to help you save time.

Beginning in the New Year, we will have four or five great celebration boxes to choose from!

When you order ahead you have the added benefit of not having to worry about missing your child's special event. Forms are available on our website and will be sent home with the students. All orders include a birthday/celebration card and napkins. Total amount is due in full at time of order. If you would like to add juice or milk to any of the celebration boxes, we would be happy to deliver that too!

To learn more, visit our website at:
www.forestville.com

For more information, feel free to contact, Theresa Brown, Cook Manager.
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