

# Forestville

## Forestville Central School District Newsletter

### Open House Fall 2019

The Forestville Elementary School's Open House on October 10th drew crowds from all over the community. Approximately 1,000 attendees were seen visiting teachers' classrooms and walking the halls admiring all of the student artwork. Various events took place throughout the building that night. Books, knick-knacks and posters were available to purchase at the Scholastic Book Fair. Just outside the cafeteria, members of the Forestville Parent Connection were selling Forestville branded apparel such as t-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies and magnets. A representative from the Girl Scouts of America was also available to speak with anyone interested in becoming a member. Walking towards the gymnasium, delicious smells filled the air. Samples of New York Chips, Wardynski's hot dogs, New York State grape juice, and muffin bars were set out for all to try. All of these products will be featured on our upcoming cafeteria menus as Farm to School healthy options. Leaving the building that night, you may have noticed two American flag themed bins in the hallway. The Forestville Footlocker Military Care Package Project is accepting donations for packages to be sent out around Christmas time. The last day for donations will be Friday, November 8th. Our second bin is where you can place any old, worn American flags to ensure their proper disposal. We accept the flags year round.



## Superintendent's Message



**Renee Garrett**  
Superintendent

Welcome back to school! We are pleased to announce that we had a very smooth start to our school year. We have had two very successful Open Houses. Both our elementary and middle/high school Open Houses were so well attended, it is evident that our community clearly supports our school. We thank you so much for your support!

As you can tell from this newsletter we are working hard to implement our farm to school grant. We are finishing up the second year of our first round of funding. At the same time, we are starting our first year of our second round of funding. We are in the process of hiring a Nutrition Education Integrator to assist with implementing farm to school instruction in classrooms. This has been an exciting journey. We have really increased purchasing from our hardworking local farmers. With farm fresh produce, we are able to improve our school breakfast and lunch menu options for our students. Our farm to school program is a win-win for everyone!

## Homecoming 2019

Students and staff in the Forestville Middle/High School celebrated the return of another school year with Spirit Week and the Homecoming Game and Dances. Students embraced the week by dressing up for Meme Day, Class Color Day, Hawaiian Day and of course Black and Gold Day. To prepare for the Homecoming Game the Student Council held a spirited Pep Rally with music from our Pep Band and games of contest to see which grade was the ultimate winner of Spirit Week.

The Varsity Football Team played the undefeated Wilson Tigers on Friday night in front of a packed crowd at Silver Creek. Unfortunately, despite playing a great game, fell to them 27-6. Everyone still celebrated though at the dances the following night. The Middle School rocked out in the Elementary Gym and High School danced and enjoyed the night in a very well decorated Homecoming themed event in the High School.



## Bus Training for Pre-K

Safety of our students is always the top priority for our bus drivers. Our Transportation Department starts out every year by giving special attention to our newest and youngest students. Kindergarten and Pre-K students are thrilled to ride the big buses and to receive those important practice trainings. They learn safe crossing and other behavior tips to develop good bus stop habits early. Your safe driving and awareness helps too!



## Chromebook 1-1 Program



We are excited to now be 1:1 with Chromebooks for all students in grades 5-12. This learning opportunity supplies each student with a Chromebook for their educational use. Students in grades 6-12 are able to take them home to complete class assignments. The devices are used for many functions, including the use of e-textbooks, which decreases the need for those thick heavy books. Teachers also utilize G Suite for Education as a learning management tool in our classrooms. Instructors are able to send out assignments digitally to students, who then complete the assignments and turn them in for grading, all with the click of a button. We also make use of a number of subscription website services that enhance the learning of lessons with fun and interesting presentation tools. In addition, the students have access to the Internet for research and communication.



The Forestville 1:1 Chromebook program is designed to expand and enhance educational opportunities for students, and encourage integration of 21st century technology skills throughout the learning process. It is also used to provide students with access to anytime, anywhere learning. Cloud-based applications enable learning time to extend beyond the school day.

## Careers in the NFL

Two of our high school students recently participated in a special virtual field trip exploring careers in the NFL. Utilizing our Distance Learning Lab, they were able to meet with Jerry Csaki, an expert from the Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio. He portrayed how hard it is to become an actual player, the extremely long odds, and that the average career is only a few years long. The presenter also explained that there are many additional professions available in the NFL. He provided a list of the current Buffalo Bills personnel, which includes well over one hundred people doing everything from coaching, training, video, IT, sales and plenty more. He explained the types of education and training needed for each job. It was quite an eye opener for anyone with an interest working with the NFL.



## Board President's Message



**Carol Woodward**  
**Board President**

Welcome back students and faculty! Our new school year begins with the traditional bell ringing on the first day of school. Most years, we have had great weather to hold the ceremony by the bell tower. This year mother nature dealt us a rainy opening day, so the event was moved inside to the auditorium. Our Board members Dave Caccamise and Mervin Fry attended this year's ceremony.

The Board of Education meets on the first Thursday of each month. Many Board members also attend monthly Chautauqua County School Board meetings. In September, we attended a meeting at the Cummins Engine Manufacturing Plant in Lakewood. The presentation by the plant's employees and the Chautauqua County Education Coalition focused their efforts on recruiting new employees to their facility. This is partly due to approximately one-third of their current employees retiring in the next five years, creating an immediate need for workers. There are many positions for high school graduates as well as college students with an engineering degree or background. The company offers an above

average starting wage, health insurance, 401K plans, tuition assistance, and job training for advancement as well as many other employment perks. We concluded our visit with a tour of the facility. We were impressed with the cleanliness and how well lit this plant was. Safety is a high priority at the facility. In the near future, Cummins will be reaching out to many of our schools to help recruit students. To be honest, I was not aware we had this company in our area. Hopefully their efforts will benefit some of our students.

During the summer, construction began on a capital project at our school. New roofs were installed on portions of our Middle/High school, new pavement was completed on the portion of the lot where our buses are parked, and a science lab received a much needed update that looks amazing! The record retention rooms were also updated with new shelving and fireproof cabinets. Our summer workers were extremely helpful to the staff working on this phase of the project. June Prince, Renee Garrett, Mary Ann Parisi-Wills and several others put in many hours organizing the records. On opening day our schools looked amazing. Thank you to all involved. Your efforts are appreciated.

In September, our Board members attended the High School/Middle School Open House. It was the best attended I have seen. The Board of Education assisted Terry Brown with a food tasting presentation. Students and parents were treated to fruit, juice and yogurt with granola. Promoting local farms, as part of the recent Farm to School Grant, was showcased. This is a win-win for our school and local farmers. A tech fair was set up in our gym with amazing exhibits made by our students.

The Board of Education thanks our community and school for your support. We are committed to making our school successful.

Thank you,  
Carol Woodward

## ECHO Yearbook

Welcome back to school, Forestville! Our days at FCS are packed with great times and we know you will want to remember them. The 2020 edition of the ECHO Yearbook is already in development and is priced at \$65 plus tax. Please order online at [Jostens.com](http://Jostens.com) for fast and convenient service. Don't forget, you can save money by placing a business ad in the yearbook! If you have any questions, please email Mike O'Leary at [moleary@forestville.com](mailto:moleary@forestville.com).

## High-Five Friday

On September 20, members of Varsity Club greeted the elementary students with the first "High-Five Friday" of the school year. Varsity Club is composed of students that participate in one or more JV and/or Varsity sports during the year. We are so pleased to have these role models reaching out to our younger students by giving their day a great start!



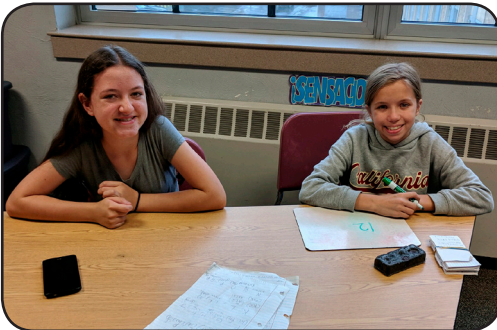
## Earth Science Day



Members of the Forestville Science Club visited the Penn – Dixie Site on Oct. 5, 2019 for Earth Science Day. Participating students collected Devonian age (350 – 370 million year old) fossils. They also participated in interactive displays by several different colleges, organizations, and businesses that illustrated careers in the fields of Earth Science, Meteorology, and Environmental Science. Students will create a personal fossil collection by cleaning, identifying, and preserving their fossils during after school meetings.

## Spanish Class Study Buddies

Spanish Honor Society members are donating some of their time, both during and after school, to meet with their "Study Buddy". These Spanish Honor Society members have been paired up with middle school students to provide extra help with homework assignments, studying for quizzes and tests, and just practicing Spanish. Both groups of students agree that this program is rewarding for everyone involved. Not only are there academic benefits, but the students are also making new "amigos".



## Principal's Message



### Welcome Back!

By the time you read this, the school year will be in full swing! Our first day of school was a little on the wet side and forced us to move the "Opening Day" festivities to the auditorium. We introduced some new staff, heard an inspirational message from Max Caccamise, our Senior Class President, and received a very warm welcome from Mrs. Garrett, our Superintendent. The rain did not ruin our 100 plus year tradition of ringing in the new school year. This year's senior class officers braved the rain and rang the old bell for all to hear! To make it more special, Mr. Murphy provided a live video feed to stream the ringing of the bell to the auditorium for all to see!

### Daniel Grande **Open House**

Forestville MS/HS hosted its annual Open House on Thursday, September 19, 2019, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. In my years as the secondary principal, I would like to suggest that this year's event drew its largest crowd! Open House this year highlighted the traditional teacher "meet and greet," along with some other activities. Some of these activities included a Farm to School table set up by kitchen staff, BOE members, and our Superintendent, a first-ever Tech Fair sponsored by our tech teachers and students, Mrs. Hazelton's college planning seminar for juniors and their parents, and a Career and Technical Education (CTE) Display sponsored by BOCES.

Our goal is to continue to offer more than just opening our building for an evening of "meet and greet" with teachers and staff. Hopefully, by adding more student-centered events to our open house, more parents and friends will be encouraged to attend.

### Virtual Field Trips

New and exciting opportunities are in store for Forestville students! Our counseling office has been utilizing the distance learning lab to teach our students about different careers.

Our first presentation was "Careers in the NFL," presented by Jerry Csaki from the Football Hall of Fame. Jerry spoke about several NFL careers, which included Sports Marketing, Security, Athletic Trainers, Agents, Players, and many more. He shared his email with students and said they could contact him for advice about careers or about the Football Hall of Fame.

Generation Health will present our next Virtual Field Trip. In this trip, our Chemistry students will have a behind-the-scenes look at AstraZeneca pharmaceutical labs. Students will meet current scientists and learn how they are making advances in medicine.

### Go Home Early Drill and Emergency Procedure Drill Day

On October 4, Forestville participated in the annual Go Home Early Drill and Emergency Procedure Drill Day. This year, before we practiced our drills, I took time to meet with all students, faculty, and staff to review every emergency procedure for our school. The hour-long assembly included information related to Shelter-In-Place, Lockout, Lockdown, Evacuation procedures, and general information for all emergencies. After the presentation, students and teachers participated in a question and answer session. The purpose of this assembly was to ensure that everyone received the same directives for all emergency procedures. It should also highlight that Forestville regards student and staff safety as a top priority!

## New Additions to PE!

The Middle/High School Physical Education curriculum has expanded again this year! Equipment was purchased over the summer to offer a wider variety of activities to the students of the Middle/High school. Frisbee/Disc Golfing or “Frolfing,” as it’s sometimes called, is the first of the expansions that the students are trying this year. Students are starting with practice throwing at targets inside, and on nice weather days, there is a course set up outside for them to play on. Disc courses are located at several local parks including Evangola State Park, Chestnut Ridge, and Hawk’s Landing, making it a sport that students could easily play on their own. Many local courses are free of charge. Kin Ball is another new and unique addition. Though not a widely known sport, Kin Ball is highly based in teamwork and cooperation, as multiple teams are playing in tandem to score the most points. Teams hit a light weight 48 inch ball into the air and call out another team to catch it before it hits the ground. If a team does not successfully catch the ball before it touches the ground, it is a point for all of the other teams in the game. We have also purchased a new treadmill to increase our wellness offerings in the fitness room on the gym stage. Our cardio equipment now totals three treadmills, three bikes, three rowers, and a cross country SkiErg. The PE department will also continue to work with the Erie 2 BOCES Lending Locker to borrow equipment such as skis, bikes and gaga ball pits.



## Tech Fair 2019

Mr. Dempsey’s and Mr. Wisniewski’s Engineering and Technology students exhibited their projects during the Open House Tech Fair. Nate Bock, Carson Becker and Deven Robinson constructed and tested a balsa wood crane. Dan Gould and Gavin Christian designed and built 3D printed pinewood derby cars. Lucas Young, Max Caccamise and Shawn Thomas produced a computer controlled automatic door. Hunter Bailey, Angel Caraballo and Gage Davis demonstrated our award winning whipper arm trebuchet. Makayla Press and Lilly VanArsdale presented their Cardboard foosball table and 3D printed projects. Sam Butcher, Collin Carlson and Joe Yeager operated their cardboard soda machine and the legendary cooler scooter. Andrew Piccolo, Jack Frost and Josh Press made and demonstrated the compressed air launched rockets. The new shark CNC router was on display with sample projects.



## Principal's Message



**Lindsay Marcinelli**  
**Elementary Principal**

Pencils have been sharpened, bulletin boards hung, and our teachers are hard at work preparing our students for success. And just like that, we are already off to an incredible start to the 2019-20 school year! I have to take a moment to recognize our amazing faculty and staff. Without each and every one of them, our school could not be what it is. I truly believe that there is no better group of educators out there that is as caring and dedicated as those at Forestville Elementary. It is an honor and a privilege to work alongside of them each day. We continue this year with our goal of providing the highest quality of education to our students. I am proud to share that Forestville Elementary is one of the best in the County! New York State Tests scores from 2018 indicate that not only are we one of the best schools in the County, but at the top when compared to all the schools in Erie 2 BOCES. Last year's fifth graders were ranked Number 1 in proficiency for both ELA and Math, not only in Chautauqua County, but for all the schools in Erie 2 BOCES. Our sixth graders were rated second in the County for ELA and third in Math. Our third graders were tied third in the County in ELA and our fourth graders were second in the County for Math. These scores are something to be proud of and to strive to continue to achieve. We know that our continued success would not be possible without the support we receive from our community. We will continue to improve and maintain open lines of communication between home and school. Not only are our students thriving academically, we are watching them grow as individuals. Our students appear to be happy and feel safe while at school.

During November, we have several days with no student attendance, as well as early dismissal days. Please remember that there will be no school on Monday, November 11, in observance of Veteran's Day, and Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, November 27, 28, and 29, for the Thanksgiving Recess. In addition, parent-teacher conferences will be held on Wednesday, November 20, Thursday, November 21 and Friday, November 22. Please keep in mind that students will be dismissed at 12:30 on all three days. The buses will leave the building at 12:35, so please be certain to make arrangements for your children on these early dismissal days. As always, bus notes and parent pick-up requests need to be turned into the office by noon that day.

Again this year, we are asking parents who are picking up their child from school, please wait to enter the building until the buses have pulled out of the parking lot. Dismissal can be a hectic time and there is not a location for parents to wait for their children. Parents will not be allowed into the building until our buses have begun to pull away from building. Parent pick-up is scheduled for 2:50. Students will not be released before this time without prior notice. Our entire staff would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## DASA

The Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) was signed into law on September 13, 2010 and took effect on July 1, 2012. The act prohibits harassment and discrimination of students by peers and by school personnel. In addition, amendments to the regulation have added explicit references prohibiting bullying and cyber bullying. The act covers all public Elementary and secondary aged students and applies to behaviors on school property, in school buildings, on a school bus, as well as school-sponsored events or activities. Lindsay Marcinelli serves as the DASA Coordinator at the Elementary building (965-2742- lmarcinelli@forestville.com) and Daniel Grande serves as the DASA Coordinator at the Middle/High School (965-2711- dgrande@forestville.com). Please contact one of them should you have any concerns or wish to report an incident.



## Harvest Happenings Visit

On Monday, October 7, 2019, Mrs. Ruffo's and Mrs. Kwilos' first graders went on a field trip to Militello's Harvest Happenings in Forestville. Students learned where food comes from, the harvest process, and how it gets to your table. The lesson, taught by Mrs. Militello, touched upon graphing, agricultural vocabulary, and learning from experiences, as students sampled various grape juices and tasted fresh concord grapes. Our trip included a hay ride and a mini pumpkin for each child. Harvest Happenings is a family friendly atmosphere for kids of all ages. It is open through Halloween and is very close to home. This was our second year attending Harvest Happenings and we look forward to many more.



## Randolph Hatchery Trip



The Fish & Wildlife class visited the Department of Environmental Conservation's Randolph Fish Hatchery during a field trip on September 17, 2019. Students were given a tour of hatchery operations and received a detailed explanation of raising trout from eggs to adults. Students then observed the process of stripping eggs (roe) and milt from adult brook trout brood stock by fish culturists who work at the hatchery. Students asked many questions during the visit on the role of fish hatcheries in New York State.

Prior to the field trip students were required to write a 350 – 400 word research paper and a field trip report. Students were graded on the content of their report along with a participation grade for actively participating in the field trip.



## Spanish National Honor Society Colorcycle

The Spanish National Honor Society will be partnering with Crayola to introduce COLORCYCLE to Forestville. Colorcycle is a sustainability initiative designed to repurpose old markers. Our mission is to reduce the amount of waste going into the landfills and support a company that uses clean energy. SNHS students will have recycling centers set up in both the Elementary and High School buildings.

Students, teachers, and community members: look for the COLORCYCLE icon and deposit any type or brand of marker (dry erase, highlighter, etc.) in the recycling boxes—rather than the trash! The Spanish Honor Society members will be sending the boxes to Crayola to be recycled.

Thanks for joining us in responsible citizenship and remember, don't throw out markers, COLORCYCLE them!

For more information on Crayola's green initiatives go to <https://www.crayola.com/about-us/company/green-initiatives.aspx>



## Forestville Elementary Head Lice Guidelines

Head lice are a recurring infestation that requires a collaborative effort at home, school and community to keep it under control. If you suspect or know that your child has lice, please notify the school nurse so that others may be screened. When the school's nurse confirms that a student has lice, he or she is sent home for treatment. Only after successful treatment and the school nurse clearance, will a child be allowed to return to school. Your child cannot come back to school until he or she has been treated and is free of all nits (eggs). Parental accompaniment is required during re-entry inspection by school personnel.

Head lice are tiny insects about the size of a sesame seed. They can only move from one person to another by head-to-head (hair-to-hair) contact. They cannot jump to another person's head. Head lice lay eggs which hatch after 7-10 days. It takes about 10 days for a recently hatched louse to grow into an adult and start to lay eggs.

Children who get head lice may feel embarrassed or ashamed, but they shouldn't. Anyone can get head lice. It has nothing to do with being dirty or clean. Lice do not spread disease or illness.

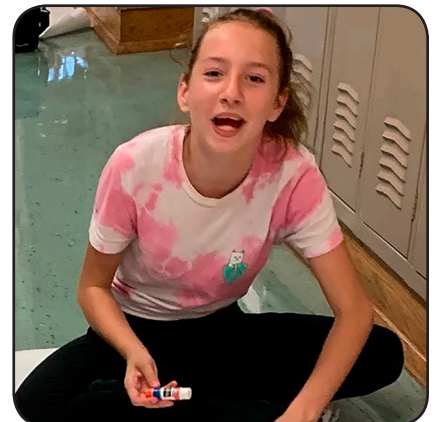
The following guidelines will be implemented at the Elementary School for students identified during school hours to have an active case of head lice (live lice or nits):

- The parent will be notified and provided with written information about lice treatment.
- Upon returning to school following the diagnosis, the student will be permitted to return to the classroom only after treatment confirmation and a lice check by the nurse. A parent or designated adult must accompany their child to the school and confirm that treatment was provided.
- In the elementary school, when multiple children are identified to have an active case of lice, all other children in the classroom will be checked.
- In the elementary school, when more than one child is identified to have an active case of lice, written notification will be sent home with all children in the classroom to alert parents/guardians to be vigilant in monitoring for lice in their own children.
- Siblings of students identified with lice will be checked.

Unfortunately, mass screenings of all pupils in a classroom and/or school does not control the spread of head lice. Rather, the spread of head lice can be minimized with routine inspection for live head lice and nits by all parents and full treatment of those pupils with live head lice. Encourage children to avoid sharing personal items, such as combs, hats and scarves. Please feel free to contact our school nurses, Mrs. Fiebelkorn or Mrs. Cross with any questions.

## Seventh Grade Native Studies

The seventh graders started the year out with a bang! U.S History begins with the study of Native American cultures, so the class went on a field trip to the new Seneca Nation of Indians Museum in Salamanca, NY. After the museum tour, the class went to the Allegheny State Park for a bagged lunch and took a two mile hike around the lake to get a good look at the interesting geographic features the park has to offer. Mr. Kordon gave a short lecture about how the mountains were formed and talked about the workers from the Great Depression that helped build the park, including his father. When the students came back, they researched a tribe from the North American continent and made posters showing the unique characteristics of their tribe. Next, we are heading to Old Fort Niagara to learn about the French, Indians, British colonists and the Americans that occupied the fort throughout its history.



## Featured Farm

As part of our Farm to School initiative, FCS is proud to feature a local farmer on the Elementary and Middle/High School cafeteria menus every month. Our Featured Farm for the month of October is Walker Farms of Forestville, NY. Walker Farms was founded in 1955 by Mr. Richard Walker. Richard was born in Cleveland, Ohio on February 3, 1927, the son of the late Earl E. and Margueriete (Lanning) Walker. He was just 28 years old when he founded his self-named business. In 1968, Walker's began crushing grapes and also offered a pick-your-own option for grapes. Any grapes that were not picked by customers were then sold to Welch's.

Over the years, Walker's Farm has become a major staple in the Chautauqua County area. Their once small farm has expanded to a 150-acre grape farm, where they are able to press fresh grape juice on site. Their grape juice, as well as over 60 different varieties of wine, can be purchased on site or shipped anywhere in the country by common carrier, such as FedEx or UPS. Walker's is a supplier to approximately 12,000 home winemakers and 600 commercial wineries in the United States - the furthest being a winemaker in Texas! Driving on Route 39 in Forestville, you will also notice several roadside signs for Walker's You-Pick Cherries. Their fresh cherries are featured in our Farm to School lunch options such as cherry dessert, cherry crisp, and cherry muffin bars. Their grape juice is also offered as a healthy drink option. Walker's Farm says the Farm to School program has made a positive impact on their business.

It encourages members of the community to simply stop in and say hello, ask questions, or support them by purchasing their products. During the Fall season, Walker's Farm is open Monday thru Saturday 9 am-5 pm and Sundays 1 - 5 pm.



## Free and Reduced Lunch Applications

We offer breakfast and lunch every day to our students. Your child may qualify for free meals or reduced price meals if your household income is within the Federal Eligibility Guidelines.

Acceptance into the free and reduced lunch program can help you in other ways. PSAT, SAT and ACT test fees are waived. Many colleges waive their application fees as well for participants in the program. In addition, the number of students eligible for free or reduced priced meals plays an important role in our school's eligibility for Federal and State Funding as well as when competing for grants.

You may apply at any time during the school year. If your household size has increased or your income has decreased, we encourage you to apply right away. Applications are available on our website or you may call 965-6539 to request one be sent to you.

## Alumni Update

Our Alumni Spotlight for this edition features one of our gems hiding in plain sight. You may see him having morning coffee at Cave's, involved with the American Legion activities or just helping out.

Richard "Dick" L. Bradigan, graduated in 1954. He said he didn't really care much about schoolwork – which made things much more difficult when he started back to college at 30+ years old. In high school, he participated in Hi-Y, Boy Scouts, Baseball, Volleyball and his favorite: Basketball. He also enjoyed trapping and hunting with his friend and neighbor John Huff.

His father owned a dairy farm that also produced grapes, tomatoes and currants. His mother worked at the canning factory in Forestville and later at the silk mill in Silver Creek. That work ethic was engrained in Dick early. In his high school years, he would pound posts and collect junk to sell. His first job out of high school was a carpenter at Bennett & Son. He then attended Alfred Tech and worked in construction.

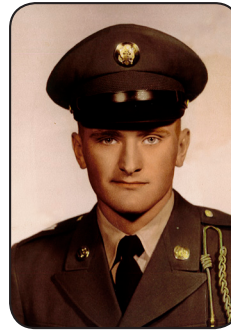
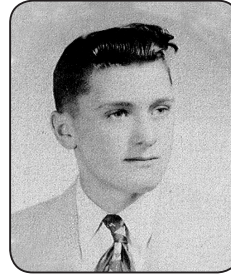
Dick volunteered for the draft, which was a commitment of two years active, two years active reserve, and two years inactive reserve duty. He served in the Army as a rifleman in Germany for 18 months and excelled on a team that competitively shot against other base's teams. After returning home, he became grade foreman for developing the roads in Evangola State Park.

In 1968, New York State passed the Vocational Act, which required ten years of experience and a high school diploma to become a teacher. He feels very fortunate to have had a diploma, as there were many people that he served with that did not graduate. The act allowed receipt of 30 college credit hours that you could only use if you received a Bachelor's degree. In 1974, he interviewed in Olean and was selected to teach under a certificate of default. He studied at Buffalo State, summers at JCC and Fredonia State (while working for his friend L.G. Hall), and earned his Bachelor's in 1979. He taught Building Construction/Carpentry for 22 years at the BOCES in Ellicottville and retired from teaching in 1996. He then served as a county legislator from 1997-2003.

He is a member of Camp Gross, Republican Club, Chautauqua County Antique Equipment Association, NYS Retired Teachers, 56 year member of the Masonic Lodge, and has served as Commander, 1st Vice, 2nd Vice, 3rd Vice and Chaplain of the J Carter Knapp American Legion Post 953. He enjoys NASCAR and has owned two stock cars with his son. He owned and operated Bradigan's Dog and Hunting Supply for 20 years. He has raised approximately 50 dogs. His favorite was Joker, an English Coonhound who was one of his two dogs that he trained to receive Night Champion status. He has received 40 trophies for his coon dogs and is a life member of the Southern Tier Coon Hunters Club.

He met his wife Marlene (Stelmack), when she accompanied her father to have their grapes pressed at Dick's father's cider mill. They have been married 56 years, have two children, Melinda (Florida), Kyle (South Dayton) and 2 grandchildren Jessie and Ty. He has one brother Donald (Forestville) and a sister Linda (Dunkirk). He and Marlene spend their winters in Stewart, Florida, where he continues his life of serving. He does maintenance work, especially after hurricanes, and even on his daily 3 ½ - 4 mile walk, he picked up 150 bags of trash in 15 weeks!

Dick loves the camaraderie with the people in Forestville. The people are pleasant and he has fond memories and friendships. He can't wait to get home from Florida. "Home is where I want to be" he stated. His favored activities are showing trucks (33 trophies for his 1948 GMC and 1986 Chevy) and being part of the Legion. "I have been truly blessed with a loving and caring family and friends. I have been able to withstand many bumps in the road of life, encephalitis as a child and cancer as an adult." His advice is to stay in school. "As long as you are sitting there anyway, learn when you can. Continue your education." He and Marlene are great promoters of vocation schools. College is not for everyone. There are ways to go to college and not have a big debt: work at a part-time job, get financial aid, join the military to save, or use their programs to get your education.



## Turkey Tie-Off

Calling all first grade students! The Turkey Tie-Off is coming soon! Now is the time to start learning how to tie your shoes. This is our fourth year of the Turkey Tie-Off and the anticipation already has our students buzzing. Here's how it works: The students from one classroom line up while the other class cheers them on. Students are given 45 seconds to tie a pair of shoes (both shoes). All students who are able to finish tying during that time move onto the next round. Each round the time is decreased by five seconds until we are left with two students. Those two students will then have a "tie-off" where they will need to tie a teacher's shoelaces (it's a bit more difficult to tie somebody else's shoes.) The fastest person to tie wins! This is a friendly and fun competition to teach all first graders to tie their shoes.



## Summer Reading Program Wrap-up

Forestville Elementary School's Reading Teachers, Mrs. Jennifer Dunn and Mr. Gary Worosz, along with Elementary Principal, Mrs. Lindsay Marcinnelli, challenged all students to participate in the Summer Reading Adventure 2019 – Adventure Awaits! between June 28 – August 31, 2019.

Students were encouraged to read from six of fourteen genres, such as: fiction, non-fiction, how-to, mystery, comics, cookbooks, etc. They also had to read in ten of sixteen different ways, such as: to a pet, to a grandparent, when it rained, in a tent, to a sibling, in a silly voice, etc. Book titles and dates, as well as the parent/guardian's signatures were required on the reading checklist.

On Friday, September 13, all students who successfully completed this summer challenge were presented with a reading achievement medal of honor and an award certificate.

A total of 39 medals and awards were distributed. Several students completed all 14 genres and 16 ways to read. They were given a Summer Reading silicone bracelet and a water bottle.



# Forestville Transportation History

What does 85 years represent? Did you know that Forestville started providing transportation to students even before our school district became centralized? On June 12, 1934, the Board of Education of Union Free Schools, and district No. 16 including the towns of Hanover, Sheridan in Chautauqua County, held a special school meeting to vote on authorizing a purchase of a school bus. The bus cost was not to exceed two thousand dollars, and it was to be used for the sole purpose of transferring pupils from outlying rural districts to the Forestville High School. Voters passed the resolution 93 to 18.

It all started with a 39 passenger Diamond T chassis with Superior body that was purchased from W.A. Thomas in the amount of \$1,774.00. Lee Montgomery was appointed as the first bus driver at \$1.00 per trip. One year later, D.L. Riegel, high school principal, reported eight districts had voted for transportation of their pupils of high school grades to Forestville with a possibility of two other districts acting likewise. The decision was then made to purchase a second school bus.

We believe a bus garage came into existence around 1937, since there was a proposition in July 1936 to raise \$2,500 toward a garage, and then a bill in November for the plans of a garage on school property that was authorized. The transportation expansion continued with a purchase of a third bus in July of 1938. Voting took place to centralize on October 6, 1938.

Our transportation department is now managed by Michael Gajewski. He supports a fleet of 22 transportation vehicles (eight full-size buses and eleven additional transportation vehicles used daily, plus three spares) along with thirteen dedicated bus drivers, two mechanics and several substitutes. Our regular bus routes cover areas in Arkwright, Hanover, Sheridan and Villenova. In addition, we provide transportation for sports, extra curricular activities and academic field trips. Full-size buses now cost approximately \$115,000 and small buses \$55,000. Our new bus garage was completed in 2009 and the bus parking lot was totally reconstructed this past summer. We are very grateful that our community has been so supportive of the transportation needs of our students! We are always looking for bus drivers to add to this important area of our school. We will train!



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## Fall Sports 2019

As we approach the end of the fall sports season, it's a good time to think about what makes our athletic programs so special for our students. Our sports programs go beyond playing sports and teach our student athletes about commitment, teamwork, dedication, discipline, perseverance, and tolerance. Our student athletes play with love and passion and are strong role models for the student body. Our parents play a major role in helping to support our student athletes and alongside them are the coaches who are tirelessly devoted to fostering the best student athlete possible. Winter signups will be around the corner. Be sure to sign up!



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