



2011-2012 Budget Newsletter

Forestville Central School District Budget

We are acutely aware of the difficult financial problems facing us in New York State. Public education makes up a significant portion of state spending, and we realize that we need to do our part in eliminating the gap that exists in our state budget. The Forestville District relies on this source as approximately 60% of our revenue is generated from state aid. In both the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school years, state aid received by our District remained the same. In the 2011-2012 year, we are projected to receive approximately 7% less aid than in the previous two years. These financial constraints coupled with uncontrollable rising expenses have led to a gap in our budget that continues to grow (See Fig.1).

Due to these conditions, the Forestville Board of Education and administration have made some difficult programming choices. Budget reductions for the 2011-2012 school year include the elimination of three elementary teachers, one high school special education teacher, and one cleaner position. Some of these reductions are due to declining enrollment and we still feel as if we can keep class sizes manageable, especially in the primary grades. In addition, our school resource officer and curriculum developer from BOCES have been reduced from two days to one day a week. Winter cheerleading and modified football have also been cut for next year (modified football was eliminated due to the league being dissolved). Supplies and materials are being reduced for teachers and all departments are looking for creative ways to find efficiencies. If the same trends continue, 2012-2013 may require even deeper cuts that may force the district to reduce additional staff and programs.

The 2011-2012 Forestville Central School District budget is estimated to be \$11,039,427, an increase of \$250,162 over the 2010-2011 school year budget. The percent increase represents a budget-to-budget increase of 2.32%. The District administration and Board of Education have made some difficult choices in an effort to reduce expenses while at the same time, deliver a budget that allows us to continue our current level of programming. A calculated tax levy of \$3,385,591 is required to finance this budget. This represents an increase of \$82,643 or 2.50% over the 2010-2011 levy.

Under New York State Law, the Board of Education of the Forestville Central School District is required to submit a tentative budget for public inspection fourteen days prior to the budget vote. A public budget hearing will be held on Thursday, May 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the Forestville Central School Elementary Technology Academy to provide the opportunity for you to express your comments to the Board of Education.

All eligible voters will have an opportunity to vote on the budget on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the rear foyer at the high school. Parking will be available in the back parking lot.

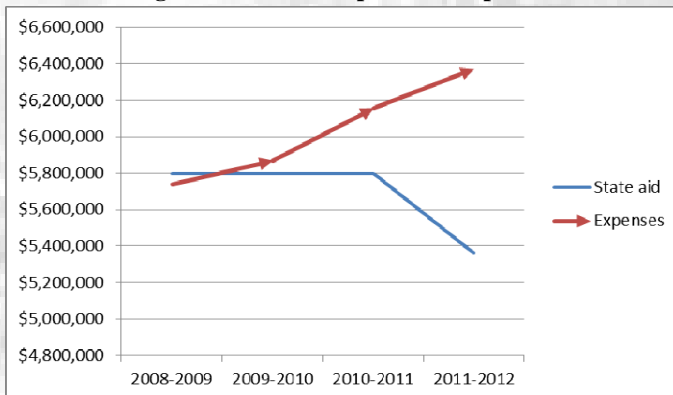
In addition to this newsletter presentation, a copy of the budget is available for public inspection in the elementary and middle/high school offices as well as in the business office located at 12 Water Street, Forestville, New York 14062. If you have any additional questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact us at 965-2742.

Sincerely,

Carol Woodward
Board President

John O'Connor
Superintendent

Fig. 1 Revenue Compared to Expenses



* Expenses include salary, insurance, and retirement costs

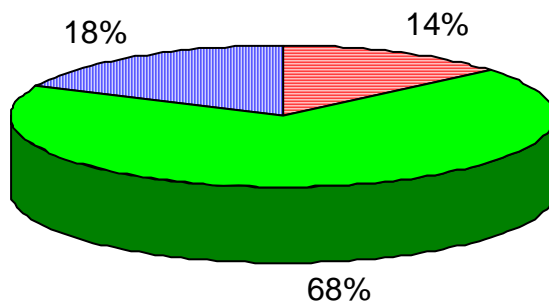
Budget Summary

Proposed 2011-2012 Expenditures

	2010-2011	2011-2012	Inc/Dec	% Change
Administrative Component	\$1,425,833	\$1,521,430	\$95,597	6.70%
Program Component	\$7,631,130	\$7,517,344	(\$113,786)	-1.49%
Capital Component	\$1,732,302	\$2,000,653	\$268,351	15.49%

TOTAL EXPENDITURES			\$10,789,265	\$11,039,427	\$250,162	2.32%
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Proposed 2011-2012 Expenditures



- Administrative Component
- Program Component
- Capital Component

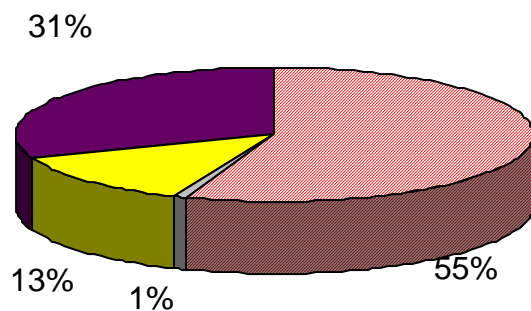
Budget Summary Continued

Proposed 2011-2012 Revenues

	2010-2011	2011-2012	Inc/Dec	% Change
State Aid	\$6,495,998	\$6,147,540	(\$348,458)	-5.36%
Other Revenue	\$86,450	\$86,450	\$0	0.00%
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$897,300	\$1,413,277	\$515,977	57.50%
Interfund Transfer From Debt Service	\$6,569	\$6,569	\$0	0.00%
Estimated Tax Levy	\$3,302,948	\$3,385,591	\$82,643	2.50%
Estimated Tax Rate/1000/Full Value	\$17.03	\$17.64	\$0.61	3.58%

TOTAL REVENUE	\$10,789,265	\$11,039,427	\$250,162	2.32%
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Estimated 2011-2012 Revenues



- State Aid
- Other Revenue
- Appropriated Fund Balance
- Estimated Tax Levy

FCS Voter Registration Reminder

1. *A citizen of the U. S.*
2. *Eighteen years of age and;*
3. *A resident of the Forestville Central School District for a period of 30 days or more preceding the meeting at which s/he votes.*



2011-2012 Budget Items

ADMINISTRATIVE	<u>10-11</u>	<u>11-12</u>			
<u>Board of Education</u>	\$30,937	\$31,421	<u>Central Services</u>	\$220,222	\$212,706
Salary of the District Clerk and Board supplies, Board election and budget vote costs, membership in State/County School Board Associations and conference costs.			Insurance, data processing		
<u>Central Administration</u>	\$178,839	\$185,315	<u>Special Items</u>	\$88,638	\$91,401
Salary of the Superintendent and Secretary, supplies, travel and conference expenses and membership dues.			Liability insurance, BOCES Administration charges.		
<u>Finance and Business</u>	\$210,268	\$217,602	<u>Instruction & Admin</u>	\$350,563	\$363,931
Salaries for Business Administrator/Treasurer/Senior Account Clerk/Account Clerk Typist/Tax Collector/Claims Auditor, audit expenses, business office materials and supplies, postage and cooperative bidding.			Salaries of Principals, Building Secretaries, Clerical Substitutes, equipment, materials/supplies, BOCES teacher certification services testing, awards and graduation expenses.		
<u>Legal & Public Info</u>	\$54,840	\$56,696	<u>District Transportation Ser.</u>	\$35,259	\$35,810
Legal services, BOCES Labor Relations services and printing/publications expenses.			Auto insurance and BOCES Bus Driver Training Expenses.		
			<u>Employee Benefits</u>	\$256,266	\$326,548
			Employee benefits pro-rated for personnel in this category.		
			ADMINISTRATIVE TOTAL	\$1,425,833	\$1,521,430

Budget Items Continued

PROGRAM	<u>10-11</u>	<u>11-12</u>			
<u>Teaching Regular School</u>	\$3,126,928	\$2,816,619	<u>Community Services</u>	\$704	\$704
All elementary/middle/high school teacher/monitor/aide salaries, materials and supplies, equipment, textbooks, and special programs provided through BOCES.			Stipend for census enumerators.		
<u>Special Apportionment</u>	\$1,622,322	\$1,664,834	<u>Employee Benefits</u>	\$1,537,602	\$1,698,045
Salaries for all teachers and professionals involved with handicapped students, tuition for handicapped students attending out of district schools, charges for all handicapped students attending BOCES special education programs and occupational education programs.			Employee benefits pro-rated for personnel in this category.		
<u>Instructional Media</u>	\$172,366	\$161,700	<u>Interfund Transfer/Benefits</u>	\$25,290	\$33,654
Salaries for librarian and aide, equipment, binding of books, subscriptions to written and electronic resources, periodicals, books and other instructional media provided by BOCES.			General fund monies allocated for special aid programs and operation of school lunch program.		
<u>Pupil Personnel Services</u>	\$370,764	\$375,484	PROGRAM TOTAL	7,591,705	\$7,517,344
Salaries for guidance counselors, guidance secretary, equipment, materials and supplies, testing materials and guidance software. Salaries for school nurses, physician, medical equipment, materials and supplies and instructional expenses. Salaries for school psychologist and speech teacher. Salaries for all coaches and advisors. Expenses associated with the interscholastic athletic program.			CAPITAL	<u>10-11</u>	<u>11-12</u>
<u>Pupil Transportation</u>	\$733,607	\$762,194	<u>Central Services</u>	\$744,282	\$754,177
Salaries for transportation supervisor, bus drivers, materials and supplies, parts, tires, fuel, etc.			Salaries for supervisor of buildings/grounds, custodians, grounds personnel, equipment, materials and supplies, snow removal, utilities, certified pest control, HVAC maintenance, garbage removal, inspections, asbestos removal, waste water treatment and repair of equipment/buildings.		
<u>Community Recreation</u>	\$2,122	\$4,110	<u>Pupil Transportation</u>	\$20,000	\$20,000
Miscellaneous expenses for recreation program sponsored by Village of Forestville.			Purchase of passenger bus and bus garage utilities.		
			<u>Employee Benefits</u>	\$177,416	\$152,388
			Employee benefits pro-rated for personnel in this category.		
			<u>Debt Service</u>	\$830,030	1,074,088
			Includes principal and interest on district debt for the building renovation project and bus purchases.		
			TOTAL CAPITAL	\$1,771,728	\$2,000,653
			TOTAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS		\$11,039,427
			2010-2011		\$10,789,265
			Difference (with debt reduction)		\$250,162
			% Change (without debt reduction)		2.32%

Voter Information

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER VACANCIES

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a voting machine will be used to record the vote on the budget, on all propositions, and on the election of one at-large member of the Board of Education. The following at-large vacancy is to be filled on the Board of Education by reason of the expiration of the term of office of the one incumbent. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will fill the four-year term.

Term of last incumbent:

4 - year term, July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2015 Patricia Dugan (term expired)

ABSENTEE BALLOT PROCEDURES

Absentee ballots for the Budget Vote/Board Member Election will be available by application to the District Clerk's Office for any qualified voter who will be unable to vote in person due to illness or physical disability, hospitalization, incarceration (unless incarcerated for conviction of a felony), or travel outside the District for employment or business reasons, studies or vacation on the day of the vote/election. Applications for absentee ballots will be available from the District Clerk's Office on or after April 26, 2011. Applications must be received by the District Clerk by May 10, 2011 to be processed by mail or by 4:00 p.m. on May 16, 2011 in person. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Office, by mail or in person, prior to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 to be counted.

SALARY DISCLOSURE REGULATION

Section 111 and 112 of Chapter 274 of the Laws of 1996 amends Section 1608 and 1716 of Education Law requiring a list of the compensation for certain staff. This disclosure regulation includes the Superintendent of Schools whose annual salary is \$121,004.00 with an annualized cost of benefits and other remuneration equaling \$22,901.00 (includes mandatory contributions for Federal Social Security and New York State Teachers' Retirement System with health benefits).

“Grand” Donation to FCS Music

In the Spring of 2010, the school district’s beautiful new state-of-the-art auditorium was completed as a major part of the building project. However, due to budget constraints and the fiscal situation in NYS, there was no money for a grand piano. With administrative support, Barb Faxlanger, a third grade teacher and pianist, began scouring newspaper ads and Craigslist, looking for a good used grand piano priced at a bargain. After six months of unsuccessful searching, she brainstormed another idea, to advertise on Craigslist for a donation of a good used grand piano to the district, possibly for someone to use as a tax-deduction. Without much hope, but leaving no stones unturned, and again with Superintendent John O’Connor’s approval, she submitted the ad to Craigslist.

On the morning of Sunday October 24th, Barb received a phone call from Melody Trainor of Browns Mills, NJ, saying that she read the ad and was interested in donating her Mason and Hamlin grand piano. At 5’8”, it was built in 1922 and belonged to her husband, Brian Trainor, a professional jazz pianist and also a piano tuner. Brian died unexpectedly four years ago at the age of 55, and as Melody later stated, “no one else in the family played it; my husband would have wanted it played and enjoyed by young people, in a beautiful auditorium such as Forestville’s.” Trainor grew up and lived his entire life in the Trenton, NJ area. In his wife’s words, “music was his lifeblood.” In his work, he travelled extensively to Spain and Portugal where he and his music were loved and appreciated by many. In addition to being a superb musician, he also taught and lectured around the United States.

He was instrumental in establishing a youth jazz band at the University of New Mexico. Besides starring at the Cape May (N.J.) Jazz Festival for many years, he was an advisor on their Board. Brian recorded numerous CDs here and abroad, the last being released just two months after his death.

Within a day, many emails and phone calls had been sent, received, and forwarded, as excitement grew. Melody sent photos and an appraisal, Barb sent photos of the new auditorium, Barb’s father, Chuck Erbsmehl, also a piano tuner, had joined in the conversation with his recommendations, and O’Connor had given the go-ahead to explore how the district could receive the piano.

Mike Murphy, District Technology Coordinator and music enthusiast, spent the next several days getting moving estimates to move the piano from New Jersey to Forestville. Dan’s Moving and Storage of Dunkirk worked out a great deal for us, and was selected to do the transfer. The piano left Melody’s home on the morning of November 4th. On November 5th, a beautiful ebony Mason and Hamlin grand piano was delivered to the Forestville High School auditorium and it made its debut performance in the musical Grease, performed on November 11th, 12th, and 13th.

The entire Forestville community, School District, and Music Department are thrilled to have The Trainor Piano gracing the new auditorium, where it will be played often and enjoyed by countless students and audiences, for many years to come. The district thanks Melody Trainor for her kindness and amazing generosity in making this gift to the school.



New Faces at FCS!

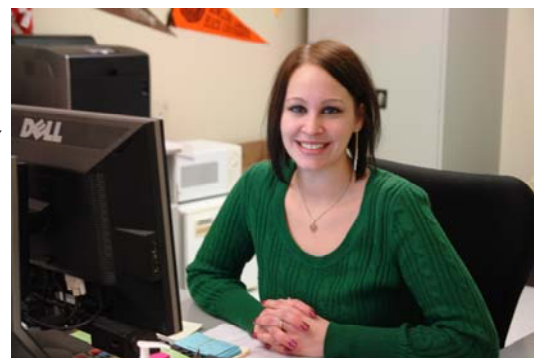


Jennifer Moscato
HS Social Studies

I am originally from the north towns, I now reside in Concord with my husband, Darren, and children, Josh (12) and Abby (10). I pursued my undergraduate degree in social studies education at Buffalo State College and earned my Masters degree from Canisius College in adolescent literacy. Previously, I taught seventh through eleventh grade social studies in the Ken-Ton School District and fifth grade history and English at a private school in Rochester. Last year I was the literacy coach in Gowanda Central School District. I am excited to return to a social studies classroom and I am thankful for the warm welcome I have received in Forestville. In my free time, I enjoy reading, cross-country skiing, traveling, and spending time with my family and friends.

I am originally from Forestville and a 1997 graduate of Silver Creek Central School. I received my AAS in Office Technology from Jamestown Community College in 2001. After getting my degree, I was a secretary at BOCES and Gowanda High School. I am so happy to begin my journey at Forestville High School, the district where I am grateful to call home.

My husband Douglas and I have two children, Nikolas, a fourth grader at Forestville Elementary and a three year old daughter Sophia.



Melody Voigt
HS Guidance Secretary

INFORMATION WANTED !!!!

- Anyone interested in substituting in our food service, transportation or custodial department, please call the district office at 965-2742 for additional information. Flexible hours available!
- FCS Sports Boosters are looking for nominations for the FCS Hornet Wall Of Fame. Applications can be obtained by contacting Mr. Scott Hazelton at (716) 965-2711 or by email at: shazelton@forestville.com.
- FCS is looking for alumni connections, please contact newsletter editor if you have some exciting news to share in the Hornet community.



Mark Your Calendars



FCS Middle /High School Important Dates

May 7	Prom
May 11	Senior Scholarship Packets due
May 16	Class Night informational meeting
May 17	Budget Vote & pulled pork dinner
May 20 & 21	Springville Pageant of Bands
May 23	Physics Day – Darien Lake
May 25	Spring Concert
May 26	Class Night information due in office
May 28	Darien Lake Band Day
May 30	Parades – Forestville & Sheridan
May 31	Class Night Ideas to Mr. Leichner
May 31	Senior Trip Parent Meeting 7:00
June 3	Class Night Rehearsal 2:30
June 3	Yearbook Dedication
June 4	All County Music Festival
June 6	Music Awards & Jazz Concert 6:30
June 7	Class Night Rehearsal 2:30
June 8	Baccalaureate practice 8:30 am
June 9	Class Night Rehearsal 12:00 pm
June 9	Class Night 7:00 *seniors report by 6:30
June 11	Alumni Band Concert 7:00
June 12	Baccalaureate/cap/gown handout 7:00
June 10	Academic Awards Assembly 8:30 am
June 13 & 14	Senior Trip
June 15	Sports Awards
June 15 – 23	Regents Exams
June 18	Alumni Banquet
June 23	Graduation rehearsal 12:00
June 25	Graduation 2:00

FCS Elementary Important Dates

May 3-6	NYS ELA - Grades 3-8
May 11-13	NYS Math - Grades 3-8
May 16	Spring Pictures
May 19	Spring Concert 1:15 / 7:00pm
May 27-30	Memorial Day Weekend - No School
May 30	Parades – Forestville & Sheridan
May 31-June 3	NYS Testing - Grade 4
June 6	NYS Testing - Grade 4
June 20	D.A.R.E. Graduation 8:30am
June 21	Kindergarten Graduation 8:30am
June 22	Academic Awards 9:00am



From the Desk of the Mr. Leichner

Student Pick-Up Reminder

Traffic before and after school is always very busy on Academy Street directly in front of the Middle/High School building. Many students are picked up there, so to ensure safety let's all keep a few things in mind:

Do not park on the sidewalk. It is important that our students have room to walk down the sidewalk if they are headed in the direction of the elementary building.

Pay attention to the cross walk. Please refrain from parking in front of the steps below the flag pole so that students can make their way across Academy Street without having to walk around parked vehicles.

Be aware of bus traffic. Students are getting on and off the buses and caution is always the name of the game! Watch for buses with red lights flashing!

Thank you for your patience! Your attention to these reminders will help make our school a safe place for all our students.

2-1-1 Provides Free Important Service to All

What 2-1-1 is a free information and referral service available to all residents of Chautauqua County.

Who Any resident of Chautauqua County who needs assistance with a health or human service need can call. 2-1-1 information and referral specialists are specially trained to assist callers find the most appropriate programs for their needs.

Why With over 1400 human service programs that provide services to residents of Chautauqua County, negotiating the maze of human service providers can be a daunting challenge. The 2-1-1 information and referral specialists can answer these questions and more.

When You should call 2-1-1 if:

- You and your family need food, shelter, employment, or other basic needs.
- You need access to health care, but it is not an emergency.
- You want to find volunteer opportunities in the area.
- You need a referral to mental health services, drug dependency programs, or social services for a family problem.



How Simply dial three easy to remember numbers, 2-1-1. You can also dial **1-888-696-9211**. The phones are answered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Bus Safety Tips as Spring Arrives

New York State Transportation Facts: The State of New York safely transports students to and from school each year. Every day 2.3 million students are transported on 50,000 safe school buses, operated by 50,000 responsible school bus drivers. These students are transported over 2 billion miles per year. Here at Forestville, we safely transport about 600 students to and from school each day. With sports, field trips, and late runs we travel about 220,000 miles per year.

When a stopped school bus flashes its red lights, traffic approaching from either direction, even in front of the school and in school parking lots, must stop before reaching the bus. You should stop at least 20 feet (6 m) away from the bus. You can identify this bus by a "SCHOOL BUS" sign, the red lights on top, and its unique yellow/orange color.

Before a school bus stops to load or unload passengers, the driver will usually flash yellow warning lights. When you see them, slow down and be prepared to stop.

Once stopped for a school bus, you may not drive again until the red lights stop flashing or when the bus driver or a traffic officer waves you on. **This law applies on all roadways in New York State. You must stop for a school bus even if it is on the opposite side of a divided highway.**

\$\$ -- FINES -- \$\$

By Conviction	Minimum Fine	Maximum Fine	Possible Imprisonment
First Conviction	\$250.00	\$400.00	Up to 30 days
Second Conviction (within 3 years)	\$600.00	\$750.00	Up to 180 days
Third or Subsequent Convictions (within 3 years)	\$750.00	\$1,000.00	Up to 180 days

After stopping for a school bus, watch for children along the side of the road. Drive slowly until you have passed them.

Safety Tip: Most school bus-related deaths and injuries occur while children are crossing the street after leaving the bus, not in collisions involving school buses.





High School Guidance News

Belle F. Campbell Honor Society Inducts Fifteen New Members



Membership in the National Honor Society is one of the highest honors that can be awarded to a high school student. The NHS has worked hard to bring the accomplishments of outstanding students to the attention of parents, teachers, peers, and the community. Chapters in more than 12,500 high schools across the nation strive to give practical meaning to the Society's goals of scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

On November 23rd, the National Honor Society held its annual ceremony to induct new members Jonatan Burgos, Kendra Catalano, Brittany Cope, Ryanne Dugan, Mandie Engel, Nathan Franklin, Emily Gilman, Emily Markham, Samantha Nichols, Amanda O'Connor, Laura Pfleuger, Meg Phillips, Kendra Silleman, Kayla Snock, and Cassandra VanZile. The induction ceremony was held in the high school auditorium where family and friends of the inductees were invited to share in this great honor. The school's principal, Mr. Charles Leichner, congratulated the inductees and then members of the middle/high school faculty introduced each new member to the audience and gave them a certificate of membership.



For more information about the National Honor Society explore the well organized website located at: www.nhs.us. The site offers links to scholarship opportunities, conferences to attend, idea sharing, and even a special *PARENT ZONE*.

Forestville Central proudly endorses the mission and the purpose of the National Honor Society and its standards of excellence.



From the Desk of the Mr. Grande

Spring is here! Even though half of the school year flew by at record pace, we still kept up with all the annual activities that brings additional life to our school community.

In early October, we had an incredible turnout for our annual Open House. It was great to see familiar faces and to welcome our new families! If you attended our Open House, I am sure you noticed the incredible displays of student work throughout the building, the fabulously decorated bird houses that were auctioned off as part of our Make a Difference Day (MADD) activities, and the hugely successful Scholastic Book Fair in the cafeteria. However, our Open House is only successful because of the hard work our teachers and staff put in the days/weeks leading up to it AND for our students and their families who come out in record numbers each year! Thank you to everyone for making it a night to remember!

Our annual Make a Difference Day event gets bigger and better each year! It's amazing to see how this event has become a community-wide initiative. The core group of teachers who champion the cause have created an atmosphere that is inviting for all and is exciting to participate in. In fact, as most of you probably noticed, my hair is finally starting to grow back after I participated in the Goin' Bald for Bucks for Roswell Park Cancer Institute. Between the four faculty members and eight elementary students who had their heads shaved, a little more than \$1,600 was raised for Roswell. For more details on MADD, please see the related article in this newsletter.

I am sure everyone has heard about the New York State Assessments for Grades 3-8. Each year, our teachers do their best to prepare their students for these rigorous assessments. We know that it is difficult for students to achieve the highest rankings on these tests, but we certainly know that it is within reach for most of them. We encourage them to do their best and remind them that no one is perfect! We don't expect perfection but when it happens, we are thrilled! Last spring, eight elementary (grades 3-5) students scored a perfect score on these assessments. What's more amazing is that one of them scored a perfect score on both assessments! Here's a list of students who were recently recognized by our superintendent and Board of Education for their achievement: Bret Weaver (Math), Jared Locke (Math), Caroline Kaicher (Math), Kira Johnson (Math), Rhianna Nasal (ELA), Isabella Vento (ELA), Adrianna Burgos (Math), and Paige Whitehill (ELA & Math). Congratulations to these students for this outstanding achievement!

A special thanks to all who make Forestville Elementary School awesome!

- Mr. Daniel Grande

"Dive Into Reading" Summer Reading Program a Success



The **2010 "Dive Into Reading" Summer Reading Program** was a tremendous success! Students in Pre K – Grade 5 were invited to participate in a summer-long reading program. Each Wednesday throughout July and August, students had the chance to come to the Elementary Library to borrow books, turn in book reports, have their Reading Bingo Card stamped, and receive ocean-themed prizes from Mr. Worosz, the Elementary School Reading Specialist.

Students in Pre K - Grade 2 were challenged to read 10 books at their particular reading level, while students in Grades 3 - 5 were required to read 5 chapter books of at least 100 pages from a variety of genres. Those who were not able to make it to school throughout the summer, handed in their book reports to Mr. Worosz during the first few days of this new school year and received all of their prizes at once.

At a recent assembly, Mr. Worosz distributed 5 Honorable Mention Awards and 44 "Reading Achievement" Medals and Awards to the student participants.



Congratulations to All!

***Look for the 2011 PARP program
wrap-up in our year-end edition !**

S.P.A.R.K.S Community Program

Today our children are faced with an enormous amount of challenges, as well as opportunities. Our parents, school administrators, teachers, churches, community members, and local business owners have the responsibility to provide leadership and direction for our children, enabling them to take full advantage of positive situations.

We are all fortunate to live in such a unique and caring town as Forestville. A town which has a history of developing hard working, dedicated, concerned citizens, who help their neighbors and rise to the occasion in times of need. This solid foundation of character can only grow if we continue to invest in our young people.

Indeed our children are the future of our town. Given the current economic times, we can no longer stand by the sideline and watch. We must stand up and step out and give of ourselves in whatever capacity we can to aid the development of our children.

S.P.A.R.K.S. is one of the many organizations created to teach our children moral and ethical values, as well as respect for self and others, as taught through the Bible. It is the brainchild of Pastor Karen Cleveland, assistant pastor, and is aided by the dedication and direction of Pastor Bruce Ellis both of the Forestville Wesleyan Church, as well as many wonderful caring and giving volunteers.

This will be the sixth year (6) of providing this service to our community. Last year there were 39 children enrolled ranging from pre-kindergarten to the fifth grade. Due to the success of this program, in addition to responding to the needs in our community, the Forestville School Administration and Board of Education are allowing this program to be held at the elementary school. It is remarkable that so many young students in Forestville have the desire to learn from this children's Bible study. Once again, it speaks volumes of the kinds of parents who support their children and want them to have a well-rounded education with Christian values. This is just another example of why Forestville, New York is a great place to live and raise a family.

It was Benjamin Franklin who said, "I think that nothing is of more importance for the public weal, than to form and train up youth in wisdom and virtue. Wise and good men are, in my opinion, the strength of the state; more so than riches or arms and that talents for the education of youth are the gift of God; and that he on whom they are bestowed, whenever a way is opened for the use of them, is as strongly called as if he heard a voice from heaven." (Quoted in Adrienne Koch, ed., *The American Enlightenment* [New York: George Braziller, 1965], p. 77.)

It is in our best interest as a loving and progressive community to help develop good character in our youth, and reflects the objective of this year's S.P.A.R.K.S. program to teach the children about choices and the consequences, good or bad.

In addition the children will learn a new song relating to tolerance. It will be to the tune of Camp Town Ladies.

Zero..... Zero

We all want to get along,

Here's what we can do:

No more teasing kids,

No more picking fights,

We can learn to get along;

We will do it right... Yahhh!

Tolerance Creed:

No bullying no teasing;

No name calling - no picking on;

We choose to love one another.

We choose to build and edify each other;

We choose to defend the weak;

We choose to be good examples.



S.P.A.R.K.S. is held each Tuesday at the Elementary School from 2:35 p.m. (dismissal time) to 4:00 p.m. We encourage everyone to become involved and help our children develop good character enabling them to become good citizens. If we want to change our country for the better, then a good place to start is right here in Forestville with our youth.

- Sylvester Cleary

Program Director

Making A Difference 2010



A Big “THANK YOU!” from the 2010 Make-A-Difference Day Committee



For **19 consecutive years**, our school district has participated in the **USA Weekend’s National “Make a Difference Day”** that takes place on the last Saturday of October. This special day is the nation’s largest day of volunteering, thanks to the passion of millions of people. Countless people in Forestville and the surrounding area have given their time, money, and hearts to this year’s causes. We appreciate all that you’ve done to make the 2010 Make a Difference Day project an enormous success! This year, we raised \$7,182.14, and over the past 19 years our total is \$49,472.61! That’s incredible!

Thank you for...

- bringing in returnables for the pop can/ bottle drive.
- those who went “Bald for Bucks”.
- those who donated their lengths of hair to “Locks of Love” and the hairdressers who donated their time from The Invention Room.
- donating theme baskets.
- cooking, serving, or buying the roast beef dinner at St. Rose of Lima Church Hall in Forestville.
- participating in the Read-a-thon and the donating sponsors.
- donating or buying books from the 2nd grade book sale.
- selling and buying hotdogs at The Paper Factory and supporting the bake sale.
- constructing, painting, and buying the birdhouses.
- contributing to the school-wide penny challenge.
- donating used eye glasses to the Lion’s Club.
- participating in hat day and the “Leaps of Love” frog trail.
- donating money to UNICEF.
- the various donations from local businesses: Petri Bakery Products, Cliffstar Corp, TOPS Market, Wal-Mart, & Meadow’s Apple Farm.
- typing, compiling and purchasing the “Tasting the Difference” faculty/staff cookbooks.



Our heartfelt thanks,

The 2010 Forestville Make a Difference Day Committee

Carol McPeak-McDonald- Coordinator, Lisa Brewster,

Debora Cook, Theresa DeRush, Jennifer Dunn,

Barbara Faxlanger, Brianne & Scott Hazelton, Debra Janiak,

Lindsay Marcinelli, Patricia Miller, Anna Patton, Allyson Roth, Lindsey Ruffo,

Brenda Schneider, Nicki Schoenl, Gary Worosz, & Katherine WYROBEK

GREASE is the Word

The musical Grease was performed in the Forestville HS auditorium for three nights this November and set a new record for attendance. With sell-outs Friday and Saturday nights, the total number of seats sold was just under 1,200!

Produced and directed by retired Fredonia music teacher Don Keddie, the show featured an ensemble cast of talented students from grade 6 through grade 12 who all worked for about eight weeks after school, evenings, and weekends.

Kathryn “Kat” Kuczka, an '03 graduate of Forestville, choreographed the show. Both boys and girls learned how to jitterbug, cha-cha, fox-trot, and even do “the stroll”- and the boys loved it!

Jeff Geblein once again directed the pit orchestra and thoroughly enjoyed collaborating with his friends from college days, Don Keddie and Barb Faxlanger, the latter of whom was the rehearsal and performance pianist, as well as the vocal coach. Mike Murphy, our sound engineer, worked behind the scenes, ensuring that every word could be heard and created a giant drive-in movie screen on the auditorium wall with the werewolf movie/ dancing hot dog clip integrated into a picture of 1950s cars at a drive-in.



Featured cast members included: Zach Sanders, a senior in his first show ever in the role of Danny Zuko, Tyler Eggleston as Roger, and Fabi Logan as Doody who all brought the house down with their falsetto voices. Mike Woolley returned to the stage in the role of Kenickie, with his hunk-o'-junk Ford Fairlane; Jacob “Nozzy” Nosbisch played Sonny. Sandy was played by Laura Pfleuger, and was joined by Meaghan Tederous as Rizzo, one of the Pink Ladies. Other Pink Ladies were played by Casey Locke (Jan), Annabelle Gould (Marty), Lynanne Woolley (Marty understudy) and Katie Locke (Frenchy). Additional cast members included: Cady Barney as Patty Simcox; Wayne Hartloff as Eugene; Alijah Lettieri as Johnny Casino; Abby Noonan as Cha-Cha, and several other students in supporting roles. Staff members joining thecast were: Mrs. M&M (Carol McPeak-McDonald) as “Old Lady Lynch”, Mr. Gary Worosz as Vince Fontaine, and Mr. Chuck Leichner, our MS/HS principal as Teen Angel.

None of this would have been possible, though, without the talent, hard work, and support of parents, teachers, and staff, doing everything from hair and make-up, to sewing costumes, doing lighting (Mr. Knoop), playing keyboard (Mrs. Becker), building and painting sets (Mrs. Runkel), selling tickets, and making meals for the cast, crews, and orchestra (thank you, parents!) on performance nights. Mrs. SanGeorge coordinated everything going on backstage during the show, along with senior Craig Briggs.

How fortunate we are, in Forestville, to have an auditorium and a stage, done right. Seating is comfortable and roomy, aisles are spacious, and we have designated seating spaces for those in wheelchairs. We even have a wonderful grand piano! The magic at FCS has only just begun!



Hornets Lend a Helping Hand



The Hornet athletic family has found ways to continue their success both in and out of competition throughout the first half of the interscholastic sport season. In the fall, the girls' junior varsity and varsity teams sponsored their first "Spike Out Cancer" event when they squared off against neighborhood foe Silver Creek. Both teams donned pink inspired uniforms and played for a cause much greater than just a tally in the win column. Through the help

of the FCS Sports Booster Club, the teams raised over \$2600.00 for three very deserving charities; the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation of WNY, the Circle of Friends organization of Dunkirk, and the Silver Creek Central Coia Scholarship. The event included donations, a variety of raffles, a bake sale, and t-shirts.



"Strike Out Cancer, Spare a Life" was the theme as the Hornet bowling teams took to the lanes versus Clymer in late December. Teams gathered donations, sold t-shirts, held raffles, and received several donations from area businesses to help the fight against childhood cancer research. The event raised over \$1400.00 to be donated to Carly's Club, a childhood cancer charity at Roswell Park in Buffalo, N.Y.

The girls basketball team got into the action as well, holding a canned food drive at one of their home games.

Through the spirit of giving, the Hornets have learned many valuable life lessons and will continue their quest to a perfect record in community service in the spring. The softball program has begun work on an event to benefit another local charity, watch for details about the event on our FCS website!



Legends on the Lanes



Forestville Bowling has once again proven that the road to title town travels through Forestville, N.Y. The boys varsity teams achieved perfection this season as they completed the regular season with an undefeated 44-0 record, won the county roll-off event, and successfully defended their Section 6 title. For the boys, this marks their unprecedented 13th consecutive Section 6 championship.

The girls would hardly be outshined this season though, finishing second amongst their CCAA divisional rivals, winning the county roll-offs, and topping the season off with their sixth consecutive Section 6 Class D championship. Since the inception of the Section 6 girls tournament, FCS has not lost in the title event.

Sophomore, Emily Dillenburg qualified for the New York State tournament with her top sixth individual score at the Section 6 championships! She was also awarded the Section 6 Sportsmanship award at the tournament!







2011-2012 FCS District Adopted Calendar

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September 6	Student's First Day	April 6-13	Spring Recess
October 10	Columbus Day	May 25-28	Memorial Day Weekend
November 11	Veterans' Day		
November 23-25	Thanksgiving Recess	September 1	Supt. Conference Days
December 24- Jan 2	Winter Recess	September 2	Supt. Conference Days
January 16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	February 17	Supt. Conference Day
February 20	Presidents' Day	March 9	Supt. Conference Day
February 20-24	Mid-Winter Recess	June 22	Rating Day

SUMMARY - STUDENT DAYS			
SEPTEMBER	19	FEBRUARY	15
OCTOBER	20	MARCH	21
NOVEMBER	18	APRIL	15
DECEMBER	17	MAY	21
JANUARY	20	JUNE	16

	Superintendent's Conference Days
	Regents Week - January 24-27 June 13-22
	Legal Holiday
	Vacations

Student Days - 182 Staff Days (includes 4 Supt. Conference Days)

If District exceeds 6 snow days, days that are not legal holidays may be added back to calendar

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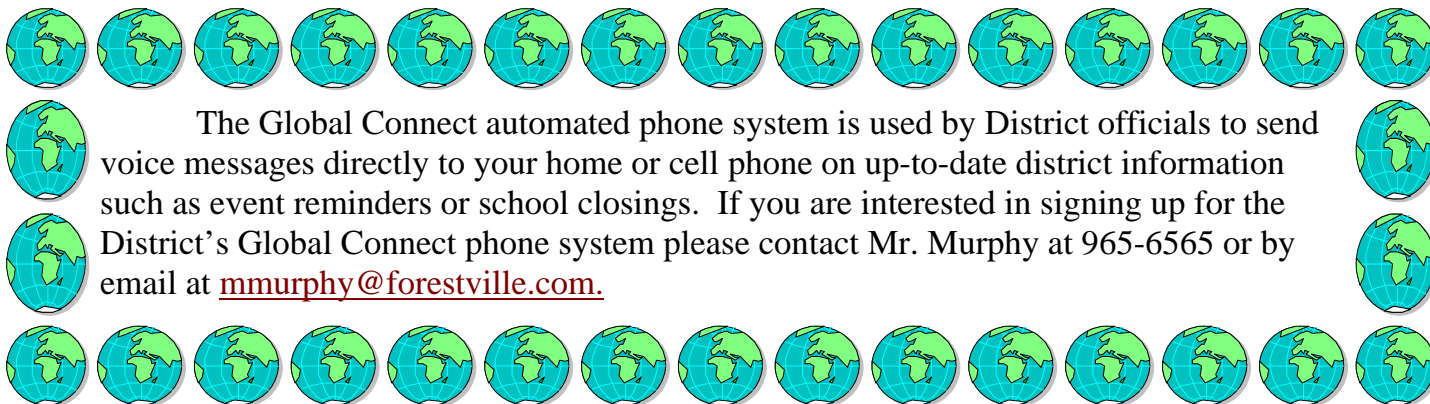
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2011-2012 Budget Vote

May 17th, 2011

1:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Forestville Middle/High School

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