



The Hornet Buzz

From the Desk of Mr. O'Connor

Forestville Construction Project to Begin

I am excited to inform the Forestville school community that construction on the building project will commence over the Christmas break. Administration met last week with our architects and representatives of the construction firms to coordinate the various roles and responsibilities that will need to be completed during the construction process. The District has also hired Tom Bixby, a Forestville resident, from the architecture firm Harrington Sandberg to oversee the day-to-day project activities.

The main components of the project include a new multi-purpose auditorium, new band room, relocation of the main offices to the first floor front of the building, new bus garage located in the rear of the existing high school parking lot, movement of the football field to the back of the elementary school, renovation of the high school cafeteria and a new wastewater treatment facility.

Due to the amount of work at the middle/high school, some of our classrooms will be unavailable during the construction process. A plan was developed by Mr. Leichner and the counseling department to assure that all classes would continue as originally planned. This requires teachers to share classrooms and for students to take classes in different rooms than they were originally scheduled. The new plan will be implemented when we return from Christmas break. All students and staff members will receive a revised schedule denoting any room changes. We expect minimal disruptions to students and staff at the elementary school.

Although I am sure that we will face some unexpected challenges over the next eighteen months, I am confident that the faculty, staff and students will rise to the occasion. We are all looking forward to the upgrade in facilities and what it will mean for improving the academic programs for the Forestville school community.

During the construction process please visit our website at www.forestville.com for project updates and as always, feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,
John O'Connor

From the Desk of Mr. Leichner

Forestville Welcomes a New Staff Member Officer Rob Lazarczyk

We are excited to announce a great new opportunity for our student population. In cooperation with Silver Creek Central School District we are welcoming a member of the Silver Creek Police Department to serve as a part time School Resource Officer for our school! The School Resource Officer (SRO) will assume rotating roles as teacher, counselor and law enforcement officer. The officer is not a school disciplinarian, but will work in cooperation with the school administration to enhance the learning environment by building rapport with students and the community. The SRO uses all resources available to help students, the school and the community to find a solution to whatever challenges they may encounter.

When acting as counselor, the SRO is available to talk to students, parents, teachers, and the administration about problems that may involve the criminal justice system. School Resource Officers bring additional resources into the school to which others may not have access. Because of their experience, training and their assignment, our SRO will have time to talk with students when they may need to talk to someone, and will have an opportunity to become a positive influence in their lives. A resource officer will help young people and their families with situations that could become dangerous if not diverted by referral to the resources available in the community. It is the responsibility of the SRO to know what resources are available and help to make the appropriate referrals.

In the classroom, an SRO will bring their experience and a sense of real world to their students. SROs' presentations are designed to be integrated into the school curricula and supplement the subject matter in those academic areas. The SRO is trained to speak about search and seizure in government classes, drugs/alcohol and conflict resolution in health classes, crash reconstruction in math classes, child abuse and domestic violence in home economics classes, and about report writing in English classes as well as a host of other topics. Their activities and potential positive impact can be as broad as the imagination of the school staff and the officer involved.

As the law enforcement influence on the campus, the SRO program allows the community to be more involved in their school. The school's job continues to be the education of their students. While the SRO, as the law enforcement presence, will assist school authorities in policing activities and interventions.

When schools and the community work together in an effort like this, young people feel more comfortable and are more likely to learn. The School Resource Officer can make a difference between merely "being" at school and "learning" at school. The School Resource Officer Program is reflective of our investment in proactive community involvement.

Officer Lazarczyk will be in Forestville two days a week, but will be available on an on-call basis whenever school is in session. We are excited to welcome him to our team! Look for additional information about Officer Lazarczyk and the entire School Resource Officer program to be posted soon at www.forestville.com.

From the Desk of Mr. Grande

It's amazing that half the school year is behind us. In no time, winter will be a thing of the past and we'll be cutting grass once again. However, before that snow melts away for good a lot will take place here at the elementary school.

Our testing program will be in full swing in January with the grades 3 - 5 New York State English Language Arts (ELA) assessments. Students will have an opportunity to demonstrate their ability to read, write and edit passages. In the past few years, our test scores have been on the rise and we anticipate that trend to continue. Teachers begin to teach the skills necessary to do well on these tests as early as Kindergarten!

In March, these same students will participate in the State Math assessments. Much like the ELA assessments, our test scores are on the rise! Today's math is much different than when I was a child. Basic computational skills were highly stressed back in the day, but now students have to incorporate much higher levels of reasoning and computation. In addition to the basic math on these assessments, students are required to read text and interpret graphs and charts! We have great confidence in our teaching staff and the abilities of our students. We know they will try their best and do very well.

Please remember that students will need lots of extra rest and encouragement to do their best during these testing weeks. As in the past, the school will offer students who participate in these assessments a nutritional breakfast, free of charge, on testing dates.

As we look ahead to the next school year, it is helpful to have an idea of the number of students who might enroll in our school for Pre-K and Kindergarten. We need to begin to think of staffing needs and potential resources needed in these programs. So, if you plan to send a child to our elementary school in either of these programs for the 2009-10 school year, please call Tina Bowker at 965-2742. Your cooperation is most appreciated!



All the best,
Mr. Grande



2008 Honor Society Induction



On November 25th, four high school students were inducted into the Belle F. Campbell Chapter of the National Honor Society. The induction ceremony was held in the high school gymnasium 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. Members of the middle/high school faculty introduced each new member to the audience (which included the entire middle/high school student body) and gave them a certificate of membership.

The new members include Nicholas Caccamise, Allison Einhouse, Alyssa Menard, and Chelsea Small. The current members include Benjamin Einhouse, Megan Ferguson, Robert Franklin, Erin Gilman, Erica Herrmann, Avis Lyons, Cassandra McVaugh, Emily Schneider, Amilyn Scott, Aaron Stone, Daniel Ulmer, and Alicia Valentine.

Now the Elementary School and High School have recycling dumpsters!!

Paper suitable for recycling through the Abitibi Paper Retriever program includes all CLEAN and DRY:

Newspapers, Magazines, Shopping Catalogs, Office and School Papers, and Mail

NO CARDBOARD - NO PLASTIC



Abitibi-Consolidated Recycling Division will empty the Abitibi Paper Retriever, and after collecting the minimum amount of paper per month, the National Honor Society will earn revenue from the contents of the Abitibi Paper Retriever. Local involvement can help save landfill space and clean up the environment. Everyone in the community is encouraged to participate in this innovative program to recycle paper products. The bins are open to the community 24 hours a day.



Guidance News

SAT Test Dates

January 24th

March 14th

May 2nd

SAT Registration Deadline

December 26th

February 10th

March 31st

***Register online at www.collegeboard.com or stop by the guidance office for an application**

ACT Test Dates

April 4th

June 13th

ACT Registration Deadline

February 27th

May 8th

***Register online at www.actstudent.org or stop by the guidance office for an application**

Come to the guidance office for a fee waiver if you receive free or reduced lunches!!

Financial Aid Night

Forestville Central School will be hosting a financial aid night for seniors and their parents on Wednesday, January 7th. There will be a guest presenter from the financial aid office of Fredonia State College to discuss the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The presentation will be held in the high school library at 7 p.m.

The FAFSA form should be filled out sometime after January 1st. Their website is www.fafsa.ed.gov. This form determines your child's federal and state grants, work-study and loan eligibility. Many colleges and scholarship programs use this form to determine financial eligibility as well. This is an important meeting for any senior that has college in his/her future. Please bring any financial aid questions that you may have!

If you would like to learn about the financial aid process before the financial aid night, please visit <http://www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov/>. FAFSA4caster will help you get an early start on the financial aid process by providing you with an early estimate of your eligibility for federal student aid. In addition, FAFSA4caster will increase your knowledge of the financial aid process and provide information about other sources of aid. If you use FAFSA4caster, when you're ready to officially apply for aid, FAFSA4caster will transfer all of your data to the *FAFSA on the Web* application, making the experience of applying for federal student aid a lot easier for you. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Hazelton in the guidance office.

Sophomores to Explore Vocational Programs at BOCES

On January 7th, the guidance counselor from BOCES will be visiting Forestville to give a presentation to all sophomores about the programs BOCES offers. These programs include: automotive body repair, automotive technology, construction technology, computer assisted design and drafting, conservation, cosmetology, criminal justice, culinary arts, health careers, small animal science, and welding. On February 10th, all sophomores interested in any of these programs for next year will go on a field trip to visit the facilities at BOCES.

Forestville Central School

STUDENT HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Is Proudly Sponsoring

2 NUTRITIONAL CLASSES

(Brought to you by BWI PROMOTIONS)

JANUARY 15, 2009

St. Rose of Lima Church, 11 Center St. Forestville



EATING SENSIBLY

“Eating Sensibly” addresses daily activities involving food choices, eating behaviors/patterns and exercise. This seminar seeks to create a healthier lifestyle for participants through education and behavior modification. The combination of nutrition education and subsequent behavior modification is a recipe for personal success among all those who participate.

Time: 6:00 – 7:00PM

HOLISTIC AND MINDFUL COOKING

Healthy Cooking in the kitchen requires the right shopping list! Learn how to identify harmful vs. healthy food ingredients; make healthier selections when shopping; decide which preservatives and ingredients to avoid; find simple ways to add nutrient-dense foods to your menu; and discover effortless ways to prepare these meals with a hands-on cooking demonstration and taste testing opportunity.

Time: 7:15 – 8:15PM

COST IS \$15.00 PER PERSON PER CLASS

You can attend one or both classes if desired

(Please check...some HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS do cover this)

REGISTRATION:

Please call Sheila Fiebelkorn, Elementary School Nurse at 965-2742, menu option #2

Payment is due at time of registration.

Deadline for registration is January 9, 2009.

Minimum number of participants is 20 people per class.





Science Department News



Students in Mrs. Miller's Living Environment classes recently celebrated the smallest living unit of life, the cell. Each student designed and created an ornament which depicted a type of eukaryotic cell (eukaryotic cells contain many distinct cell parts, unlike prokaryotic cells). Students made ornaments of plant and animal cells containing nuclei, mitochondria, endoplasmic reticulum, and ribosomes. Plant cells were decorated with glittering green chloroplasts and large vacuoles. Some students went above and beyond the basic eukaryotic cell assignment, creating ornaments of specific cells, such as nerve cells with branching axons, paramecium with cilia surrounding the cell, and euglena which possess flagella, chloroplasts, and a red eye-spot. All students did an excellent job. Decorating room 39, these beautiful ornaments give the class a festive holiday look.



8th Graders Rewarded



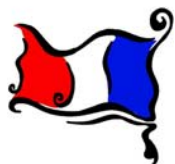
The eighth grade students chosen as students of the quarter in the six academic areas were: Precious Kaczor – English, Nathan Maines – French, Anthony Dolce – Math, Ryan Harvey – Science, Victoria Metzger – Social Studies, and Zachary Tyler – Spanish. Students with perfect homework in all classes were: Emily Dillenburg, Rynne Dugan, Jessica Makuch, Precious Kaczor, Katie Wilson, and Kendra Catalano. All of these students were rewarded with a mystery field trip at the Niagara Falls Aquarium and lunch at Pizza Hut. Congratulations to these outstanding students and their parents!



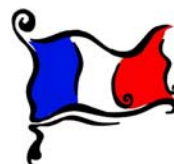
FCS Foreign Language Department News

Spanish Club News

The Spanish Club has been using their creativity at recent after school meetings to increase their cultural awareness. The students have participated in making indigenous rain sticks and have made masks to honor the Día de los Muertos. Spanish Club members are looking forward to making authentic Mexican piñata ornaments to celebrate la Navidad at our next event.



French Club News



The French Club has had a busy fall. The goals of the club include learning about the French, their culture and heritage. New officers elected for 2008-2009 are Laura Leonard - Pres, Casey Locke - Vice-Pres, Leanna Harp - Sec, Tiffany Covert - Treas. and Lisa Murray -Asst. Treas.

In October, we participated in Forestville's Fall Festival and sold beef sticks as our fund raiser. We also had a caramel fondue Halloween party. In November, we observed National French Heritage Week by going out to lunch. We will be celebrating Christmas with an ice skating party and dinner.

The month of November is National French Heritage Month. The French have a long and rich heritage in New York as well as other parts of the United States. Our French 8 & 9 classes observed this month with several activities which included visiting Old Fort Niagara. Students spent the day going to various active participation stations to learn about French colonial life. Students tasted soup from the 18th century, learned the commands in French to fire a cannon, received some first hand advice about fur trading, as well as participating in many other activities. At school, we held a daily French trivia contest, learned about Marie Curie and other French scientists, sampled French candy, and studied other cultural events. Some of the students who attended the French Heritage Day at the Fort are pictured to the right.





THANK YOU!

We would like to extend our appreciation for all of those who helped Forestville Central School “Make A Difference.”

On October 25th, 2008 (National Make A Difference Day), Forestville raised over \$4,000.00 to donate to several deserving individuals and groups on behalf of our students, faculty and staff here at FCS.

The Make A Difference Day Committee members are: Carol McPeak-McDonald, Mike Murphy, Kelly Schober, Brenda Schneider, Stacey Mierzwa, Jennifer Dunn, Sarah Ivory, Michele Dolce, Kelly Raichel, Nicki Schoenl, Debora Cook, Barb Faxlanger, Scott Hazelton, Patty Miller, Katherine Wyrobek, Debbi Janiak, and Laura Stonefoot.

Villanova Grange Gives Student Dictionaries to All Third Graders!

On Tuesday, November 25, Mrs. Martha Woolley on behalf of the Villanova Grange presented every Forestville Third Grader with a beautiful student dictionary. She also taught the children about the history of the Grange and answered questions. There was much enthusiasm and appreciation shown!



Mrs. Faxlanger's Third Grade Flower Garden

It all started with a story called "City Green" that we read in class this fall. It was about a little girl named Marcy and an empty lot that had a lot of trash and an old tire. Marcy's neighbors watched her cleaning it up and decided to help by picking up trash, painting the fence, and planting lots of flowers and vegetables to make the lot look beautiful. Even a crabby old neighbor smiled again.

We wrote a letter to Mr. Grande and asked him if we could plant a garden in front of our school to make it more beautiful, and he said we could! We asked our parents and others to donate bulbs and on November 12, we planted 92 tulip, daffodil, lily, crocus, and allium bulbs around the tree at the front entrance. We also planted 15 Black-Eyed Susan plants that Mr. Lydell from Cook's Nursery gave us. Last year, Mr. Worosz planted day-lilies and hostas, so next spring, our garden should be beautiful and our school will look pretty!

Thank you to all the parents who sent in flower bulbs or gave us money to buy bulbs.

Here are some pictures of us planting (and getting dirty)!



The 5th Annual "Fight It With Fashion" Dress Sale

Saturday, January 17th

Fredonia State College - Williams Center

11:00am – 3:00pm

Fashion Show at 11:30am

Donations are currently being accepted for gently used formal gowns and can be dropped off at Forestville Central School anytime during school hours. Contact Brianne Hazelton or Amanda Oddo-Tonelli at 965-2711 with any questions. All proceeds from the sale are donated to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

All dresses (new and gently used) sold for \$25.00 !!!



Music Notes



On November 7th and 8th, the Forestville MS/HS Music and Art Departments presented Rodgers and Hammerstein's *CINDERELLA*. In 5 short weeks, 65 students and 7 staff members along with help from several parents and community members came together to bring this show to life. Near capacity crowds witnessed the talents of our students as they sang and danced on a stage full of beautiful scenery and props.

Fourteen seniors led the way for this show, but the talents of our younger students have us all looking forward to 2010 when we can perform a show in our new auditorium. A special thank you to everyone involved in making this show a success.



Dan Ulmer, a senior in our Music Department was selected to participate in the Senior High Area All-State Chorus at SUNY Fredonia. The Area All-State groups are made up of the best students from Niagara, Erie, Chautauqua and Cattaraugus counties. Congratulations to Dan on this great honor!

As we begin the new year, our High school Band and Chorus are beginning work toward their semi-annual trip. This year our groups will be traveling to Annapolis, MD to participate in the Heritage Music Festival. In addition to their competition, they will tour the US Naval Academy, the monuments in Washington DC, and take a dinner cruise in the Baltimore Harbor. More details will follow in the future.

Hornet Volleyball Spikes Competition

The Forestville Lady Hornets volleyball team entered the 2008 season with hopes and dreams of a championship on their minds. After a strong showing at team camp in Clarion University, the lady Hornets hit the ground running to start their season. The girls participated in the Fredonia Lady Hillbilly Labor Day Invitational and took home their first ever tournament title. They then continued to follow that tournament by blitzing through opponents in the newly formed Division III East and taking revenge on teams in Division III West. When the smoke cleared, the Lady Hornets finished with a 10-0 league mark, a 6-0



cross-divisional mark and an overall league record of 16-0. They finished the season with an overall record of 19-2 and strong showings in the Panama and Chautauqua Lake tournaments. The Lady Hornets earned the # 1 seed and home court advantage in the Class D play-offs. The Lady Hornets swept Cattaraugus-Little Valley in straight sets in the quarter-final match. Unfortunately, their season came to an end at the hands of eventual sectional champ, Portville, in the semi-finals. The Lady Hornets finished their season with a 20-3 record, the second 20 win season in school history. The "Super Seven" were led by seniors Richelle Sobilo, Chelsea Mead, Erin Gilman, Maddy Kingsfield, and Rhia Johnson, and juniors Alicia Valentine and Kerrin Murphy. This is the second Division III championship in three years for the Hornets with both seasons finishing with undefeated league records.



The Lady Hornets received many awards throughout the season. Alicia Valentine was named MVP of the Fredonia Tournament and was an all-tourney selection at Chautauqua Lake. Richelle Sobilo was named to the all-tourney team at Fredonia, Panama, and Chautauqua Lake. Alicia Valentine was named WDOE Athlete of the Week four times, Post Journal Player of the Week once and Observer Player of the Week once. Richelle Sobilo was named WDOE Player of the Week twice. Chelsea Mead was named WDOE Player of the Week once. Richelle Sobilo was named MVP of Division III East and was a Second Team All-Western New York selection. Alicia Valentine was named to the First Team Division III East and was an Honorable Mention All-Western New York All-

Star. Chelsea Mead was a Second team Div. III All-Star. Erin Gilman and Maddy Kingsfield were named Honorable Mention All-Stars in Division III. Chelsea Mead and Erin Gilman were Honorable Mention selections as All-Western New York Scholar Athletes. Not only was it a memorable season from a team standpoint, but our athletes received many well deserved recognitions for all of their hard work throughout the season and their careers as Hornet volleyball players.

Hornet Football Takes D Bowl Title



On Saturday, November 8th, the Hornets traveled to Jamestown's Strider Field for the D Bowl finals against division foe Brocton. The Hornets made two of their three extra points while the Bulldogs missed an extra point which gave Forestville a 20-18 victory. "Extra points are huge," Greenough said. "I tell the kids all the time, extra points can win the game or lose the game for you, and today it won it." The Hornets (8-2) posted their eighth win of the season with the two point victory. "It's big. It's really big. We've been out here before but we haven't won it," Greenough said of the D Bowl championship. "This is the first one we've won and it's really good."

Junior quarterback, Matt Thompson and senior running back Nate Newton led the way for the Hornets. Thompson completed 7 of 12 passes for 144 yards and Newton rushed for 121 yards on 22 carries. Senior, Jason Stockmeyer caught four passes for 94 yards. Newton scored a pair of short touchdown runs in the first half, sandwiched by a Bulldog touchdown. Thompson scored on a 4-yard run on Forestville's opening possession of the second half to give the Hornets a 20-6 lead. The Hornets were 2-7 in 2006 and 5-5 last year. "I think we've only had eight wins in a season once or twice in school history," Greenough said. "It was a great season. This was a great way to cap it off."

Several Hornets were honored in the post season by being named to the Class D; Division III All-star team. They are as follows; 1st team - Ben Gibson, Nate Newton, Jason Stockmeyer, Matt Thompson, Zach Badgley, and Jake Sternisha. 2nd team - Corey Bell, Will Walawender, and Larry Sheldon. Honorable Mention - Nick Stott and Niko Messina.



FCS News Bulletin



Forestville Sports Boosters have a variety of Hornet merchandise for sale. You and your family can show your Hornet Pride through the purchase of several different articles.

- Hornet Umbrella - \$25
- Camouflage cap - \$15
- Hornet yard sign - \$10
- Lanyards - \$3
- Seat cushions - \$6
- T – Shirts - \$5 - \$10
- Hooded Sweatshirt - \$30



If you are interested in purchasing any items,
please contact Sue Bell at 672-2539.

Upcoming Events at FCS in 2009 !

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| • Winter Recess (December 24th-January 4th) | • Senior Trip (April 2nd-April 5th) |
| • Financial Aid Night (January 7th) | • Spring Recess (April 10th-April 19th) |
| • Fight It With Fashion (January 17th) | • Band and Chorus Trip (April 30th-May 3rd) |
| • Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School - January 19th) | • Elementary Concert (May 7th) |
| • Superintendent's Day (No Students - January 26th) | • Holland Tulip Festival (May 9th) |
| • Regents Week (January 27th-January 30th) | • Springville Band Competition (May 16th) |
| • CCMTA Solo Festival (February 7th) | • NYS School Budget Vote (May 19th) |
| • Winter Ball (February 14th) | • Memorial Day Recess (May 22nd-25th) |
| • Mid-Winter Recess (February 14th-February 22nd) | • MS/HS Spring Concert (May 28th) |
| • Talent Show (March 6th) | • Prom (May 30th) |
| • Notes N Nibbles (March 7th) | • Class Night (June 4th) |
| • MIOSM Concert (March 12th) | • Alumni Band Concert (June 13th) |
| • Superintendent's Day (No Students - (March 20th) | • Class of 2009 Graduation (June 27th) |

Dates/Events may be subject to change!

FORESTVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT CENSUS

The Forestville CSD updates annually school census information and identifies children with disabilities from birth through age 21. 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 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

Please return the census form to Elenor Hebner at 12 Water St., Forestville, NY 14062 no later than January 20, 2009. If you have any questions please call Ms. Hebner at 965-2742 ext. 539.

SCHOOL DISTRICT CENSUS FORM

Parent/Guardian Name: _____
Last First

Spouse/Other: _____
Last First

Residence Location: _____
Number Street Name City Zip

Mailing Address (if different from above): _____

Telephone Number: _____

Children in household: _____ / ____ / ____
Last Name First Name Date of Birth

Last Name First Name 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:

Child's Information: _____ / ____ / ____
Last Name First Name Date of Birth

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3rd and 4th Graders Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF

This past Halloween, the third and fourth graders of Forestville Elementary School, Trick-or-Treated for UNICEF. UNICEF is a worldwide organization that provides food, clean water, blankets, school supplies, medicines, and immunizations to children who suffer from disease or disaster in their homeland (including the US). The children collected a total of \$378.73! Congratulations to all that participated in this wonderful event! Through the continued support of the students and teachers at Forestville Elementary, the world has become a brighter place!



For further information about UNICEF and how you can become involved, please explore www.unicef.org today!