### **Forestville Central School District Newsletter**

## **Congratulations Class of 2018**

As the Class of 2018 leaves our doors, we wish them well in all they do. We remind everyone that you affect other people in ways, and that you are affected by things, that you often don't even realize until much later. It is our hope that you will look back at your time at FCS and hold the memories that you have created near to your heart. We are all connected through our experiences in life. These experiences help define us and help us become the people that we are. So as you work your way through life consider yourself a success by what you hold as important. Do well and make us proud!





#### STUDENT

Brandy Schroeder

Justine Van Arsdale

Willow Stanfield

Jesse Taylor

Dale Verrett Jr.

Evan Weaver

Jarrett White

Grace Wygant

#### **FUTURE PLANS**

Dominik Aqualia **Entering Workforce** Kevin Altman **Entering Workforce Ashlee Bailey** Daemen, Biology and Cyto Technology Owen Becker University of Northwestern Ohio, Diesel Technology **Brooke Blakely Buffalo State College, Fashion Design** Cindy Booth Finger Lakes Community College, Health Sciences Julia Burgos St. Bonaventure University, Business Management & Marketing Sierra Davis University of Arizona, Pre-Law Robert Dean University of Northwestern Ohio, Diesel Technology Cecelia Egan St. Bonaventure University, Spanish with a Minor in Arabic Hannah Fetterick **Edinboro University, Nursing** Hector Figueroa Jamestown Community College, Liberal Arts **Entering Workforce Brent Geise** Benjamin Gould Florida Keys Community College, Marine Engineering/Seamanship Alyssa Graziano SUNY Fredonia, Biology Ethan Guest SUNY Morrisville, Diesel Technology Marshall Hallowell **Auto Mechanics** Tilman Hilliker **Entering Workforce-Heavy Equipment Operator** Jessica Howes Jamestown Community College, Liberal Arts Kira Johnson Jamestown Community College, Information Technology Caroline Kaicher Colgate University, Neuroscience Julia Kaicher SUNY Fredonia, Liberal Arts Luke Kaicher SUNY Stonybrook, Applied Mathematics & Statistics Noah Klein Houghton College, Chemistry & Physics Karissa Klusek SUNY Brockport, Nursing Dylan LeBarron **Entering Workforce** Ashland University, Digital Media & Journalism Lewis Markham Alison Mierzwa Suffolk University, Paralegal Phillip Narraway Finger Lakes Community College, Fish & Wildlife Technology McKayla Olmstead SUNY Fredonia Fine Arts FLCC, Natural Resources Conservation/ Law Enforcement Morgan Opeil Brooke Ostrye SUNY Fredonia, Sports Management Entering Workforce-Corrections Officer Joseph Parisio Jr. Patrick Parker Jamestown Business College, Business **Douglas Parker-Stein Entering Workforce** Peyton Popard University of Florida, Biology (Pre-Medicine) Rochester Institute of Technology, Engineering Makenzie Press

SUNY Fredonia. Psychology

SUNY Geneseo, Biology

**Entering Workforce-Construction Field** 

Jamestown Community College, Liberal Arts

**Entering Workforce-Criminal Justice Field** 

Alfred State College, Electrical Engineer

**Entering Workforce-Working with Animals** 

Finger Lakes Community College, Natural Resources Conservation

#### Superintendent's Message



Renee Garrett Superintendent

As the school year draws to a close, we proudly enjoy seeing our graduates from the Class of 2018 move onto their next journey. At the same time, we wish our retirees well (Mrs. Faxlanger, Mr. Geblein, and Mr. Schwab) as they enter a new phase of their lives. We are thankful for having been a part of our graduates and retirees lives. We are better human beings for having known them. Each one special in their own way, all will be missed. We welcome new beginnings at the end of the school year. We know that when we return in the fall, it will feel different without them. New friendships will be forged and time will continue to march on. Just as our students will move onto the next grade level, possibly with new teachers and new students to befriend, we look forward to the future and know that it will be an exciting time filled with a fresh start for many.

June is also a time of reflection, a time to look back on all the great memories and warm friendships. We know that as a school we have come so far with improvements and adjustments that have made all the difference. As we reminisce, we realize how important our interactions and experiences are. We are all so tightly connected and driven in the same direction. Our work in education is essential to so many, the impact is immeasurable. As we say goodbye to the 2017-2018 school year, we look forward to the 2018-2019 school year.

### **Class of 2018 Valedictorian**

**Caroline Mary Kaicher**, daughter of Cathy Kaicher and the late Jim Kaicher, has been named the valedictorian of the 2018 Senior Class at Forestville Central School. She has earned an overall weighted grade point average of 104.04 over the past four years.

Since seventh grade, Caroline has served as class president and has participated in Student Council. She has been a member of the varsity softball team, of which she is co-captain, for the last four years, and completed her last season of varsity volleyball last fall. Caroline has also been a member of concert band since fourth grade. She is the president of National Honor Society and serves as secretary for Spanish Honor Society. She has also been named a National Merit Scholarship award winner for 2018.

This fall Caroline will be attending Colgate University, where she has been accepted into the Alumni Memorial Scholars program. She plans to study neuroscience.



### **Class of 2018 Salutatorian**

**Kira Jael Johnson**, daughter of Charles and Kammie Johnson, has been named the salutatorian of the 2018 Senior Class at Forestville Central School. Throughout her high school career, Kira has maintained her place on the High Honor Roll and has earned an overall weighted grade point average of 102.904

In addition to Kira's academic achievements, she also participates in many extracurricular activities. She has played clarinet in Forestville's concert band since the fourth grade and been a member of the pit band in five of Forestville's musicals including Brigadoon, South Pacific, Into the Woods, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat and Beauty and the Beast. She has been a member of the National Honor Society for three years, a member of the Spanish National Honor Society for three years, a member of Spanish Club since her junior year, and a member of drama club her senior year.

This fall Kira plans on taking online college courses through Jamestown Community College and majoring in information technology.



### **High School Art Students Visit Albright-Knox Art Gallery**

Mrs. Britz and her 10-12th grade art students visited the Albright-Knox Art Gallery on May 29. They were able to view and discuss modern art on a docent led tour. The Modern Era actually began in the 1850's after the invention of the camera. The students observed how the artists expressed their experiences of the newness of modern life in innovative ways. Some of the featured artists, Monet, Van Gogh, Picasso, Pollack and Rothko, are considered to be revolutionary in their fields. This first-hand experience into the art world was an awesome opportunity for our students! The educational trip concluded with a delicious lunch on Elmwood Avenue.



Brooke Blakely with artwork by Robert Swain



Art students listening to the docent at the Albright-Knox

## **Police Appreciation Week**







Police Appreciation Week was May 13-19. The Pre-K wanted to show Officer Grant how much he means to them. The children presented Officer Grant with a book they illustrated. The book also included pictures capturing special moments of him in our classroom. Our students really look up to Officer Grant. He is such a fine role model. Maybe some of our students will follow in your footsteps. We appreciate you Officer Grant. You are our hero all year round! We feel very lucky having you in our school.

## Thank You Officer Grant

### **Self-Portraits**

The third graders have been working on painting self-portraits in art class. Self-portraits can be very challenging especially for young artists. On Friday, May 11, Mr. Joe Hodkin, special guest speaker, visited with students. Mr. Hodkin is an award winning local portrait artist and grandfather of elementary students, Noah, Emma, and Angelyz. During his visit, he shared with the students his artwork and discussed the process he uses to create his work. Our students were fascinated by his creativity and ability to make an image in such a life like fashion. We are so fortunate to have such a talented community member that is willing to share his passion and love of art with our students.



### **Board President's Message**



Carol Woodward Board President

The members of the Board of Education would like to congratulate the Class of 2018. Your hard work and dedication have finally paid off. We wish you the best in the future as you begin a new chapter of your life. Whether you are going into college, the military or pursuing a career – we are proud of all of you. This is such an exciting time! As you start your new journey, keep in mind your goals for the future and reflect back on what you have learned at FCS. There is such a strong connection between our school and the sense of pride in our community. Hornet pride runs deep and is never to be forgotten. Once a hornet always a hornet!

So many alumni of our school have gone on to accomplish amazing things. We know this will be true of your class in the future as well. We encourage you keep in contact with us and stay close to your roots. One way that is pretty unique to Forestville, is to remain active in the alumni association. This year they celebrated their 121st anniversary. That is one of the longest running alumni associations in New York State. We encourage you to come back and visit your classmates and your school. We love to hear about our graduates!

## **Senior Trip 2018**

A long-time tradition at Forestville is a senior trip. The Senior Class recently traveled to Orlando, Florida for a three day adventure. For many it was their first time flying, as evident by the nervous faces as the plane raced down the runway. During the three days, the students had a jam-packed itinerary of events. The group had a wonderful time at the Sea World Aquatica Water Park with its massive water slides and the very popular raging river. They also visited the Kennedy Space Center with a fascinating bus tour of the facilities, including the launch pads where the Apollo



and space shuttle blasted off from, and is now an active launch pad for the SpaceX program. Other activities included lunch at Cocoa Beach on the Atlantic Ocean and dinner at Planet Hollywood in Disney Springs (with plenty of exploring and shopping). The trip finished up with a special two-park pass at Universal Orlando that allowed them to go between the parks to catch all the exciting rides! The students left the park in time to catch the last flight home. The exhausted bunch ended up back home safely carrying plenty of souvenirs, and countless life-long memories.

## Wellness Committee

The wellness committee consists of staff, students, community members, administrators and board members. Our wellness committee has been actively planning events for the coming year. One new and exciting event planned for next year is a Wellness Week! Mark your calendars Wellness Week will take place from **January 14-18**! The committee has also created a mission statement and goals.

"It is the mission of the Forestville Central School District Wellness Committee to promote, establish and maintain an environment that encourages lifelong commitments to physical, mental and social wellbeing through our community"

We could use your input, new members are very much appreciated. If you are interested in joining this committee and want more information contact Stacey Mierzwa via email, smierzwa@forestville.com

### **School Lunch Hero**



Our food service helpers, cooks and our new shared cafeteria manger work so hard each day to prepare meals that are appealing to our students. Sandy Muck is one of our School Lunch Heroes! Between preparing healthy meals for our students, adhering to strict nutrition standards, navigating student food allergies, and offering service with a smile, school nutrition professionals are true heroes. Everyone notices how wonderful the service is in our cafeterias and kitchens. These ladies do everything they can to make sure students have a positive experience.

## **Echoes Through Time**

Mr. Langworthy's Civil War Class visited the Echoes Through
Time Civil War Museum for its annual spring visit on May 4.

The class visits the museum twice a year, as it prepares
materials for display at the museum. The class partners with the
museum all year, as part of a community service project with
New York State's only Civil War Museum. This year, the class not
only created historical displays to donate to the museum, but
also coordinated the building of Civil War era lanterns to be
donated to the museum gift shop for resale. The display units
and lanterns were built and designed by the Technology
students of Mr. Dempsey and Mr. Wisniewski, with the research
and preparation of everything by Mr. Langworthy's students. As
a non-profit organization, Echoes Through Time is recognized
by the New York State Board of Regents as the only museum of
its kind in the State, as well as an educational partner with area schools.



The museum also assists Mr. Langworthy's Civil War class by hosting a Civil War Camp for Grade 7 students at our school each June, with students from Silver Creek and Cassadaga also participating.

### **Grant Award for the PE Department**



Our HS/MS Physical Education Department applied for the "Good Sports" equipment grant. We have been notified that we have been approved to receive this grant! This grant will provide us with much needed PE equipment for our units throughout the year. We will have up to three shipments of equipment per year for two years. Health and wellness are such an important component to our educational program. We couldn't be more excited!

### **Summer Reading Kicks-off**

On June 7th, Mrs. Sue Bartle, School Library System Coordinator at BOCES, joined Mrs. Tonelli's 9th and 10th grade English students for a summer reading kick-off event held in the high school library. School librarian, Mrs. Leichner, helped organize the event which included activities, prizes and book talks. Mrs. Bartle generously supplied snacks and sent each student home with at least two brand-new books. In addition, five students won reading chairs to help provide the perfect set-up for reading and relaxing. Thank you again to Mrs. Bartle and Mrs. Leichner, librarians that work tirelessly to bring the power of books to the students of Forestville.



#### Principal's Message



Daniel Grande
MS/HS Principal

It's difficult to put into words how gratifying it is to work in Forestville. From the community, to parents, to students, to faculty and staff, and to our leadership, the Board of Education and Superintendent, there is no better place to be than in Forestville! As I embark on my 15th year in the district, I reflect on the various duties I have been assigned to over the years. The first duty came in 2004 when I assumed the role of Elementary Principal and Chairperson for the Committee on Special Education. Never in a million years did I ever think I would someday be running our high school! When I got into administration, it was solely to work with the younger kids. That all changed three years ago when I was given the opportunity to work as the High School Principal. In short, I will say that I love this job! There aren't too many administrators who have had the opportunity to work with kids for almost their entire educational career! That is a privilege that I do not take lightly! My gratitude to the BOE and our Superintendent is immeasurable for affording me this opportunity!

Enough about me and this job! Let's talk about the kids! This year's graduating class is a group of kids that will be greatly missed by all. From kindergarten to now, they have proven themselves academically and behaviorally! So, who do we have to thank for this besides the students themselves? If you were to ask any of the soon-to-be-graduates, they will quickly tell you that their parents and teachers are responsible for their success! How true is that statement! If it were not for the unconditional and unending support from our parents, their character would not be defined as admirable! As far as academic accomplishments go, we all know Forestville has the BEST teachers!

Henry Ford once said, "Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success." Parents and teachers working together is the perfect combination for a successful student!

As we look forward to the summer break and all the fun things planned through the months of July and August, please remember to be safe! Thank you to all who made 2017-18 at Forestville a year to remember!

### **JCC Calculus Students Trip to Athenex**

Mr. Dempsey, Mrs. Kaicher and Mrs. Press accompanied our Calculus students on May 3 to the Athenex Corporation. The students toured two of the Athenex facilities in Clarence and downtown Buffalo. The Clarence facility manufactures and processes different pharmaceutical products. The downtown Buffalo location houses their new research and development department. The students wore lab coats while learning from the engineers and scientists in the research and development labs about the design and testing of the new pharmaceutical products. This educational trip serves as a way to promote and inspire our students to consider Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) careers. This insightful experience could inspire our students to become scientists or engineers!





### **2018 Commencement Speaker**

#### William Till, Class of 1998

Will, a native of Forestville, was the 1998 valedictorian at Forestville Central School. In 2002, he graduated cum laude from Alfred University (AU) in Alfred, NY. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering (BSEE) and Master of Business Administration (MBA) degrees, both from AU. While attending AU, he represented the University as team captain and defensive MVP of the AU Saxons Football Team and also as a BattleBots show competitor. He is currently employed by Corning Incorporated as Infrastructure Engineering Supervisor in Corning, NY. In his 11 years with Corning, through team and individual contributions, he has contributed more than \$4 Million in cost and energy savings initiatives including his previous roles as Infrastructure Controls Engineer and Pollution Abatement Supervisor. In his spare time, he enjoys home brewing and designing robotics, having created his own GPS-based autonomous robot lawn mower. Will currently holds three New York State powerlifting records in the International Powerlifting Association (IPA) Raw Amateur Submaster category. He and his wife Lori reside in Pine City, NY with their three children Anna, Colin, and Logan.



## Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Wars

Mr. Wisniewski's and Mr. Dempsey's Design, Drawing, and Production (DDP) and middle school technology students participated in the STEM Wars Competition at the Jamestown Community College (JCC) Athletic Complex on May 10. The students' hard work designing and producing their projects paid off!

They competed against approximately 300 students from other schools in Chautauqua County in the following events: Electrical Wiring, Mouse Trap Cars, Maker Event, Bridge Design, Cardboard Furniture, Pinewood Derby Cars, Catapult Launch and Roller Coaster Design.



First Place: Macadam Gadewoltz and

Zach Roland

#### Mouse Trap Cars (High School)

First Place: Javier Figueroa and Xyon Wolverton Second Place: Mike Palmer and Jacob Skeels Third Place: Lee Stanton and Cole Szumigala

#### Mouse Trap Cars (Middle School)

Second Place: Aden Wilmore, Chris Waterman,

Sam Reuben and Joe Yeager

#### Cardboard Furniture (High School):

First Place: Hannah Johnson and Adrienne Grubb Second Place: Cole Szumigala and Lee Stanton

#### **Bridge Designs (High School):**

First Place: Caleb Clarke

#### **Roller Coaster Design Challenge** (Middle School):

Third Place: Makayla Press, GraceAnn Rebmann, Kylie Woodard and Zinnia Szoszorek











#### Principal's Message



Lindsay Marcinelli Elementary Principal

It is hard to believe that the end of the year is upon us. I would like to thank everyone for a wonderful school year. Thank you to the parents and community for your continued support. Of course none of our success would be possible without our amazing faculty and staff. Our building strives to provide an environment that encourages, nurtures and challenges our students to be their personal best. Our teachers engage our students in challenging lessons and make learning fun. Their vast knowledge of each student personalizes lessons, helping to make connections from text to the real world.

As the year ends, we have to say goodbye to some of our special friends. This year, the elementary building is especially saddened to say goodbye to Mrs. Faxlanger. Mrs. Faxlanger has worked at Forestville for 27 years and has touched and impacted numerous lives. Though Mrs. Faxlanger will be missed, we are excited to announce a change of positions for some of our current staff. Miss Cook will be moving to 3rd grade and Mrs. Thompson will be moving to 2nd grade. Our building will now be looking to hire a new PreK teacher, as well as an additional Special Education teacher. We look forward to introducing our new staff in September. Mr. Geblein

will also be leaving us after 41 years. Although, there will never be another Mr. Geblein, Miss Leone has made her own mark on the band program and we look forward to watching her shine in the spotlight.

The elementary building has many new things to look forward to in 2018-19 school year. But, now it is time for our staff and students to relax and refresh themselves. I hope everyone has an enjoyable summer.

## **Once Upon a Fairytale**

Avery Militello, a fifth grader in Miss Raichel's class, wrote and directed a very entertaining play entitled, "Once Upon a Fairytale." Avery wrote a script that had enough parts for all 16 students in her class. The students performed this play for the fourth and fifth grade classes. Avery really enjoyed her words coming to life during the performance. A good time was had by all.

Our hope is that Avery's creativity will inspire her peers to do more writing on their own time. What a great way to support a possible future screenwriter!





### **Celebrating Earth Day**

In April, the Elementary School celebrated Earth Day. Many students made posters that inspire and remind us of ways to take responsibility and care for the earth. They covered topics such as recycling, pollution, climate change, clean energy, planting trees, and more. Some of the resourceful projects included: a working trash can with pieces of litter that can be deposited in the trash by using a simple pulley that was made by Emma Hodkin (1st grade) and her dad; a calendar with daily reminders and suggestions, entitled "Live Every Day Like it's Earth Day" made by Evan Pelletter (2nd grade); a poster focusing on wind turbines and harnessing wind power in Arkwright made by Madison Kellerman (5th grade); a working solar panel wired to a small light bulb made by Noah Hodkin (3rd grade) and his dad; a poster addressing emissions from cars and factories that burn holes in the ozone layer enabling the harmful rays from the sun to reach the earth made by Sam Bock (4th grade); and a Dr. Seuss-inspired poster reminding us of the Lorax "who speaks for the trees" made by Sophia Privitere (2nd grade).

Our colorful and creative hallway exemplified this generation of forward-thinking students, who encourage each other to take care of the earth. We are also very happy that so many parents work with their children and are involved in school! School is truly a partnership with families.





### **Pre-Kindergarten Celebrates Earth Day**

The pre-K children recently learned about Earth Day and the importance of taking care of our Earth and ways we can accomplish this.

They found out there are things that they can recycle and things they just throw away. The more we recycle, the smaller the landfills will be which makes the Earth happy. From one of our favorite stories: Light Bug taught us about saving energy, Water Hog taught us about saving water, and Litter Bug taught us about keeping our Earth clean.

The pre-K took part in a school cleanup. They made "our grass clean and made the Earth happy." Way to be "green" pre-K students!





#### **Non-Discrimination Statement**

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

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

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

## Chautauqua Belle Visit

Our elementary students were inspired to "Sail on the Magic Reading Boat" for PARP this school year. We loved the theme so much we decided to give the students an in-school reading challenge: If the entire elementary school could drop everything and read for a set amount of time, we could earn a field trip to set sail on the Chautauqua Belle. The students enthusiastically met this challenge, and the whole elementary school went to Chautauqua Lake for a day of educational fun. We toured the boat, learned about the lake's ecosystem, and played in the park. It was a memorable day for all!



















## **SUNY Fredonia Math/Science Competition**

Mr. Dempsey and Mr. Wisniewski attended the 18 SUNY Fredonia Math/Science Competition with students from our math and technology classes. Our students competed against 20 other schools in Chautauqua and Erie counties in the following contests: Musical Math, Helicopter Math, Catapult Math, and Prom Planning Geometry Math. The students answered Math and Science questions contending with 400 other students. The theme for the competition was Prom 2018. Some of our students dressed for the part in great spirit! The following students participated: Phoenix Ferneza, Jordan Fores, Macadam Gadewoltz, Zach Roland, Orlando Soto, Luke Kaicher, Caroline Kaicher, Julia Burgos, Peyton Popard, Evan Weaver, Ashlee Bailey, Haley Wawrzyniak, Cece Egan, Julia Kaicher, Makenzie Press, Hannah Fetterick, Rachael Goodrich, Adrianna Burgos, Rene Leone, Adam Seeley, Alison Mierzwa and Jarett White.

### **Hornet Awards**

The 3rd Quarter Hornet awards were given out on Wednesday, May 23rd. All students earned a pizza party luncheon and were presented with hornet certificates. It's not all about eating pizza and wings that makes the luncheon special! The gathering is more about sharing "why" students were selected and encouraging the award recipients to continue to be excellent role models for the rest of the student body.

## Congratulations to the following students! Grade 7

Mackenzy Graziano, Vivian Tanner

#### **Freshmen**

Javier Figueroa, Ashley Gilman, Nicole Tampio Sophomores

Ashley Forbes, Dakotah Kaiser, Jake Smith **Juniors** 

Sylvea Cleary, Emily Gunther, Madison Miller, Haley Wawrzyniak

#### **Seniors**

Kira Johnson, Noah Klein, Peyton Popard Brandy Schroeder



Brandy Schroeder and Peyton Popard



Emily Gunther, Haley Wawrzyniak, Sylvea Cleary, Madison Miller



Javier Figueroa, Nicole Tampio, Ashley Gilman



Vivian Tanner and Mackenzy Graziano

## **Artwork for Charity Auction**

Chautauqua Hospice and Palliative Care (CHPC) asked local schools to create butterfly artwork to be part of their charity auction in September. Students from Drawing & Painting and Graphic Design classes created wonderful butterfly artwork for this event.

The student artwork was submitted in April for a contest sponsored by CHPC in support of its Annual Service of Remembrance and Butterfly Release. A charity auction will be held September 14 at 6:00 p.m. at the Chautauqua Suites in Mayville, New York. Proceeds from the students' art will benefit both CHPC and the art programs at the schools that participate in the contest.



**Top:** Angelina McNiff, Sydney Frost, Sydney Kozlowski, Dakotah Kaiser, Lillee Gould, Jimmy Fetterick, Karissa Klusek and Ashley Forbes

Right: Chloe Pfaffenbach, Haley Wawrzyniak, Cassidy Powers, Chloe Barrett and Maggie Young (missing Paige Whitehill)



### **Ronald McDonald House Community Service**

The Spanish Department participated in their 5th annual community service project for the Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) of Buffalo. RMHC of Western New York (WNY) is a local chapter of Ronald McDonald House Charities, a not-for-profit organization, which finds and supports programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children. RMHC of WNY is operated by a local volunteer board of directors.

RMHC of WNY is responsible for its own fundraising and program priorities, and is 100% funded by generous donations from the local Western New York Community. The Ronald McDonald House functions as a home away from home for families of children receiving medical treatment in Buffalo area hospitals. The charity's mission is to provide a warm environment where families can focus on the health of their child while the staff takes care of the rest.

The National Spanish Honor Society hosted a collection of items for the house as well as aluminum pull tabs which are recycled and the proceeds contribute to paying household bills. Our drive was a huge success! The senior Spanish students brought the donated items to the house and volunteered in the kitchen preparing brunch for the families staying there. We would like to especially thank everyone that contributed: the middle school/high school students, our bus drivers, Mrs. Faxlanger's class, Mr. Dempsey, and Mrs. Tonelli for supporting our cause. Together we make such a big difference.

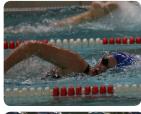




## **Athletic Department News**











Planning is underway for the 2018-2019 athletic programs. Practices, games, and matches have already been scheduled and play will begin as early as August 31.

In late May, students were given the opportunity to sign up with Mrs. Cross to indicate their interest in any athletic program participation. Currently, 94 students have shown interest in a large variety of teams or individual programs. Our school physician conducted physicals on June 8. All student athletes must have a current physical on file with the MS/HS Nurse by August 13 to begin participation for the fall season. If you have questions regarding health records or physicals, please contact Mrs. Ashley Cross in the MS/HS Health Office.

The Annual Athletic Information night will be held on August 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. Attendance for all athletes and their families participating in the fall season is mandatory. Listed below are the athletic opportunities for the fall of 2018:

#### Forestville:

Girls' Modified Volleyball, Girls' JV Volleyball, and Girls' Varsity Volleyball.

#### Forestville combined with Silver Creek:

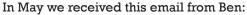
Boys' and Girls' Varsity Cross Country, Boys' and Girls' Modified Cross Country, Boys' and Girls' Modified Soccer, Boys' and Girls' Varsity Soccer, Modified Football, JV Football, Varsity Football, and Varsity Cheerleading.

Forestville combined with Silver Creek, Cassadaga and Fredonia (host): Girls' Varsity Swimming

## **Support for our Troops**

This spring, Mrs. Faxlanger's Third Grade Class embarked on a project to collect snacks to send to a special group of American soldiers. Ben Geblein, son of Jeff (and Karen) Geblein, is a First Lieutenant stationed with his troops in Syria. Mr. Jeff Geblein visited our class and showed the children pictures of Ben's platoon. We located Syria on a map, and Mr. Geblein explained that they are in such a remote post that they have no access to a store to buy anything. What they miss most (other than their families!) are snacks - individual snacks that they can "grab and go," or stuff into a pocket before heading out for the day. High on their wish list was gum, trail mix, and candy.

For the next two weeks, the class and their families (and a few friends) very generously donated over 40 pounds of snacks-nuts, pretzels, Necco wafers, Skittles, granola bars, gum, hard candies, crackers, Pringles, raisins, trail mix, sunflower seeds, tic tacs, dried fruit, movie theater candy, pumpkin seeds, fruit roll-ups, beef jerky, and more! It was very exciting! We mailed out four very well-packed boxes that included cards of well wishes and drawings made by the children.



#### Mrs. Faxlanger's 3rd grade class,

Today I received your 4 packages. I just wanted to take the time to thank everyone that helped in getting the food and words of encouragement to myself and the soldiers of Legion Platoon. Everyone enjoyed reading the kind words you all had to say. We have been deployed for 7 months thus far and the packages meant a lot to us. Especially, since we are now in Syria and do not have access to internet, or food other than MRE's (Meal Ready to Eat) which are army rations and the occasional hot meal. I cannot say it enough. Thank you all for your support. You made today and the coming days brighter.

Respectfully, Benjamin J. Geblein





## **Mother's Day Tea**

Forestville Pre-Kindergarten held their Annual Mother's Day Tea Party. The children sang songs, planted flower seeds together in a special pot they decorated, listened to the story "The Mother's Day Sandwich," and of course we enjoyed a snack and drank (iced) tea using our finest china. We cherish our moms and appreciate all they do for us every day!

A big thank you to all the moms, grandmas, aunts and important women in the lives of our children, who attended!







## **National Spanish Honor Society Induction**

The Third Annual National Spanish Honor Society (NSHS) Induction took place on May 16 in the Jeffrey Geblein Auditorium. This unique bilingual ceremony recognized our new inductees. Our Senior NSHS members demonstrated their public speaking in both English and Spanish as we moved through the ceremony.

Our NSHS members participate in community service opportunities. We are so fortunate to have such an active National Spanish Honor Society. Our students are able to include this rich offering on their high school transcripts and resumes.

Congratulations to all of our members current and new.



#### **Senior Members** Ashlee Bailey Julia Burgos

Cecelia Egan Hannah Fetterick Jessica Howes Kira Johnson Caroline Kaicher Karissa Klusek Makenzie Press Peyton Popard Brandy Schroeder

Willow Stanfield Evan Weaver

#### **Senior Associate Members**

Owen Becker Brooke Blakely Alyssa Graziano **Brooke Ostrye Junior Members** Adrianna Burgos Sylvea Cleary Rachael Goodrich Madison Miller Rhianna Nasal Paige Whitehill **Junior Associate Member** Haley Wawrzyniak

#### **New Inductees**

Chloe Barrett Nathaniel Bock Samantha Brewster Dominic Logan Max Caccamise James Fetterick Jr. **Ashley Forbes** Sydney Frost Trinity Gay Louisa Gier Lillee Gould Kaleb Hycner Dakotah Kaiser

Clare Kingsfield Phoebe Kingsfield Dominique Meinzer Jake Smith



## **Summer Reading Adventure 2018**

We are challenging Forestville Elementary School families (Pre-Kindergarten - Grade 5) to complete our Summer Reading Adventure 2018. Your child has worked hard to become a better reader. Research confirms that students lose academic ground during the summer months, known as "Summer Academic Backslide." So join us in completing the Summer Reading Adventure to help prevent this backslide.

Without reading support and activity over the summer, even the best students can fall behind. Please consider this and join the challenge! All students of families who successfully complete our challenge will be acknowledged with an award in September.

Students will be given the Summer Reading Adventure 2018 Challenge Packet with their report cards on the last day of school. You can find the link to our Summer Reading Adventure 2018 on the school website to download and print out. This summer choose to stay active, stay healthy and keep reading!



#### **Music Notes**

This spring has been very busy and very productive for the Forestville Middle School/High School Music Department. May began with a trip to Shea's Theatre in Buffalo for the 25th Annual Kenny Awards Show. This is the second time Forestville has been named as one of 10 finalist schools. Along with this prestigious honor, our Forestville students spent the day in clinics and rehearsals followed by the opportunity to perform on the stage at Shea's in the evening program.

One week later, our Middle School and High School Bands competed in the 56th Annual Springville Pageant of Bands. In Friday's Jazz Competition, the Middle School Jazz Ensemble earned a 2nd place trophy. The High School Jazz Ensemble won 1st place in their class. During Saturday's Pageant, Forestville's success continued. The Middle School Band brought home 1st place trophies in the Concert and Parade competitions. Their total placements also earned them the Best in Class Award in Junior High Class B,C. The High School Percussion Ensemble earned a 2nd place award. The Concert Band won 1st place in their Class and the High School Marching Band also won 1st place in their class. The total placements for the High School Band earned them the Best in Class Award for Class C. In addition, Forestville High School was named winner of the Grand Achievement Award, the top award for the Pageant.

The Annual Spring Concerts and Memorial Day Parades followed. The Annual All-County Music Festival at Chautauqua Institute and the Jazz Concert on June 4th brought the year to a close.







Congratulations to all of the Band and Music Students for an excellent spring.

## **Parents as Reading Partners**

Our Elementary Parents as Reading Partners (PARP) Program was a success again this year. We decided to spread the reading requirements out into three months to encourage more at-home reading throughout the school year. Many families continued reading for all three months. Congratulations to the families who read for PARP!

The fifth and sixth grade enrichment students worked very hard to plan out our theme, "Sail on the Magic Reading Boat." The reading boat took us around the world, into space, and away to a fantasy land. The students also planned afterschool events for participating PARP families. The events included an international food fest, an out-of-this-world space craft night, and a fantasy ball. All families that attended had tons of fun. We also had in-school rewards for the students that chose to read.

We hope that all students and families will continue to read over the summer months. We've learned that reading can take you places.







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### **New Peace Bridge Design**

The third and fourth grade students in Miss Raichel's after-school enrichment program were tasked with designing a new Peace Bridge. To complete this task, the students worked together in groups to study and build various types of bridges with K'nex. They studied the design elements of each bridge and listed the pros and cons of the structural elements. Then they used their collected information to design a new Peace Bridge.

Once they planned it all out, each group built their design with K'nex, wrote a descriptive proposal telling why their bridge would be the best Peace Bridge, and made a drawing of what the bridge would look like in real-life.

All of the bridges were amazing, but the elementary students and staff voted for their favorite design. The Castle Bridge received the most votes and The Turtle Bridge was a close second.

Maybe a Forestville student will design a new Peace Bridge in the near future!





