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Newsletter of the Forestville Central School District

Message from the School Board

Dear Forestville Families and Community, Happy Spring! It is hard to believe we are entering the last few months of the 2024-2025 school year. It has been a successful school year with many exciting events occurring recently in both the Elementary and the Middle/High School including numerous sporting events, spirit weeks, PARP, a MS/HS concert, and the musical production of Anastasia.

As we approach another annual School Budget vote, it is important that we consider the accomplishments we have made by recognizing the hard work and commitment our school has in upholding our mission, values, and goals. We have an exceptional team of teachers, staff, and administrators whose dedication and devotion to education, our students, and our community is what makes FCS so special. Over the past couple of years, our district has added technological updates and Unified Sports along with valuable resources that include the addition of a social worker and an instructional coach.

As we reflect on this school year, it is also important to remain focused on planning and preparing for the future of our school. It is critical to evaluate our district needs and priorities with a focus on advancing student achievement and upgrading our facilities. Plans for the capital project are moving forward and will improve our school campus including the elementary school cafeteria and entrance, the high school fitness center, and the locker rooms in both schools. The planned updates will enhance the function of the spaces and ensure a welcoming environment for all students.

The Board of Education has held budget workshops prior to our regular meetings in January, February, and March. The budget workshops provided an opportunity for our superintendent and business executive to share budget priorities and goals. It allowed time for discussion, questions, and comments as well as reviewing the next steps in the budget process. The Budget Hearing and regular Board of Education meeting will be on Thursday, May 8, 2025, at 5:15pm in the Alene J. Bradigan High School Library. The Annual Budget Vote and School Board Election will be on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, from 1-8pm in the Hornet Lobby at the High School.

I encourage you to visit our school website where you will find dates for upcoming school board meetings as well as meeting minutes, important documents, policies, and more. In addition, our school website has information regarding the budget, important dates, and upcoming events.

Thank you for being a key part of the Forestville Central School family. Your unwavering support for our school community is essential to the success of our students.

Sincerely,

Andrea Spengler
FCS Board of Education President



Budget-At-A-Glance

2025-2026 Proposed Budget
\$14,194,347

Increase of \$68,289 or 0.5%

Proposed Tax levy Increase of 2.3%

Budget Overview

- Our primary focus revolves around elevating student achievement, enhancing our facilities, and broadening our educational programs.
- We prioritize the prudent utilization of reserve funds while upholding the long-term financial stability of the district.
- It is our commitment to deliver top-tier education to our students while upholding fiscal responsibility within our community.
- We aim to foster partnerships with neighboring districts and BOCES to facilitate educational collaborations and shared services.
- Addressing the escalating need for building improvements, we have allocated \$100,000 in the 2025-26 budget for a capital outlay project. We anticipate recouping approximately 86% of these costs through state building aid the following year.

Public Hearing

A public hearing for the voters of the District on the 2025-2026 budget will be held on Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 5:15 p.m. in the Alene J. Bradigan High School Library.

Budget Vote

All eligible voters will have an opportunity to vote on the budget on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 from 1-8 p.m. in the High School Hornet Lobby. Parking is available in the back parking lot.

BUDGET 2025

Superintendent's Message

Dear Forestville School Community,

It is with great pride that I present the 2025-2026 school year budget, reflecting our commitment to delivering a high-quality education for our students while upholding fiscal responsibility to our community. This budget has been thoughtfully crafted through a careful evaluation of our priorities, needs, and available resources, with a focus on enhancing student achievement, improving our facilities, and strengthening our educational programs.

Our dedicated teachers and staff continue to work tirelessly to provide enriching learning experiences for our students. To support their efforts, we have invested in technology and instructional resources that foster success in the classroom and beyond. Over the past two years, we've introduced valuable additions to our district, including a social worker, an instructional coach, and Unified Sports. These enhancements have made a meaningful difference in the lives of our students.

For the 2025-2026 school year, our priority is to deepen the value of our existing offerings, ensuring they deliver maximum benefit to our students and remain sustainable for our taxpayers. To maintain our existing programs, we are proposing a modest 2.3% tax increase over last year's budget. This increase falls within the tax cap and allows us to preserve the quality of our educational services while continuing to operate efficiently.

We are proud of the diligent efforts and responsible fiscal management by our School Board and administration,

which have positioned us to balance educational excellence with affordability. This milestone reflects years of careful planning and stewardship.

Transparency and open communication remain at the heart of our district's values. The District vote is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, May 20th from 1pm to 8pm in the Hornet Lobby at the high school. We also invite you to join us at our Budget Hearing on Thursday, May 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Alene J. Bradigan High School Library to learn more.

For additional details, please visit our website at www.forestville.com, where you'll find up-to-date information about our budget, programs, and events. Should you have questions, feel free to contact our main office at 716-965-6539 or reach me directly at joconnor@forestville.com.

Your input is invaluable to us. The partnership between our school district, parents, and community members strengthens our ability to provide the best possible education for our students while remaining fiscally responsible to our taxpayers.

We look forward to your continued support and collaboration as we work together toward this shared goal.

Sincerely,

Dr. John O'Connor
Superintendent of Schools



Tax Rate Impact Per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation

Estimated Tax Levy			
2024-2025	2025-2026	Increase/(Decrease)	% Change
\$4,029,844	\$4,123,697	\$93,853	2.3%

Tax Rate Impact Per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation (Full Value)

2024-2025	2025-2026	Increase/(Decrease)	% Change
\$11.32	\$11.58	\$0.26	2.3%

Public Hearing: A public hearing for the voters of the District on the 2025-2026 budget will be held on Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 5:15 p.m. in the Alene J. Bradigan H.S. Library.

Budget Vote: All eligible voters will have an opportunity to vote on the budget on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Hornet Lobby which is located at the Middle-High School. The Hornet Lobby is in the back of the building where you enter to the gymnasium.

Proposed 2025-2026 Revenues

Tax Levy

2024-2025	2025-2026	Increase/(Decrease)	% Change
\$4,029,844	\$4,123,697	\$93,853	2.3%

State Aid

2024-2025	2025-2026	Increase/(Decrease)	% Change
\$8,395,348	\$8,093,649	(\$301,699)	(3.6%)

Other Revenue

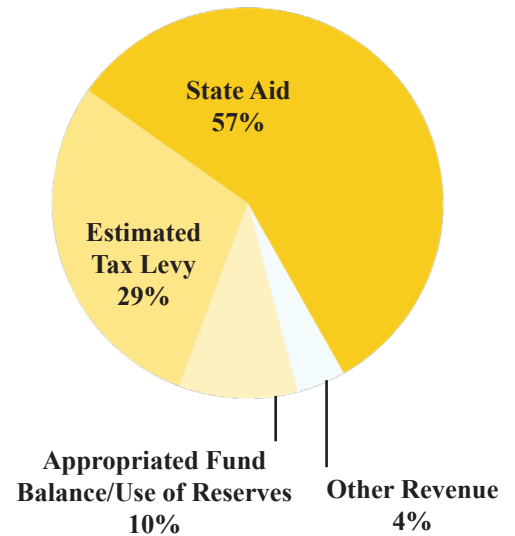
2024-2025	2025-2026	Increase/(Decrease)	% Change
\$559,193	\$580,271	\$21,078	4.1%

Appropriated Fund Balance/Use of Reserves

2024-2025	2025-2026	Increase/(Decrease)	% Change
\$1,141,673	\$1,396,730	\$255,057	22.3%

TOTAL REVENUE

2024-2025	2025-2026	Increase/(Decrease)	% Change
\$14,126,058	\$14,194,347	\$68,289	0.5%



Proposed 2025-2026 Expenditures

Program Component \$9,726,314

The Program Component represents the largest portion of expenditures. This component maintains all current programs and services and supports the District's mission and vision. This component provides funding for instruction and educational support services for all students. Transportation, health, library, co-curricular activities, and athletics are also included in this component.

2024-2025	2025-2026	Increase/(Decrease)	% Change
\$9,449,056	\$9,726,314	\$277,257	1.95%

Capital Component \$2,540,692

The Capital Component includes costs associated with the operation and maintenance of District facilities, including utilities, building and equipment repairs, and grounds maintenance. Funds are also included for principal and interest payments on capital projects.

2024-2025	2025-2026	Increase/(Decrease)	% Change
\$2,839,639	\$2,540,692	(\$298,947)	(2.11%)

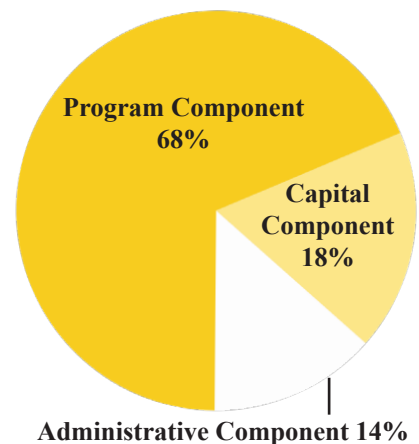
Administrative Component \$1,927,342

The Administrative Component provides for the general support and management of the school buildings and the District.

2024-2025	2025-2026	Increase/(Decrease)	% Change
\$1,837,363	\$1,927,342	\$89,979	0.63%

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

2024-2025	2025-2026	Increase/(Decrease)	% Change
\$14,126,058	\$14,194,347	\$68,289	0.5%



Voting Information

The 2025-2026 Proposed Budget Budget and Board of Education Election

Proposition #1 - Proposed Budget

The budget proposition would authorize the appropriation of \$14,194,347. to meet estimated school district expenditures for the 2025-2026 school year. This represents an increase of 0.50% compared to the 2024-2025 adopted budget. Adoption of this budget would result in anticipated tax levy increase of 2.3% which is within the limits of property tax cap as calculate within the accordance with Chapter 97 of the Laws of New York and qualifying homes will be eligible for the state's Star rebate.

Proposition #2 - Bus Purchase

The bus purchase proposition seeks voter approval to purchase two (2) new 65-passenger Blue Bird gas buses at an estimated cost of \$394,701 to be used in the transportation program of the District.

Board of Education Election

Voters will elect one member to the Board of Education. One at-large vacancy will be filled on the Board of Education by reason of expiration of the term of office of one incumbent. The one candidate receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected to a four-year term to commence on July 1, 2025, and expiring on June 30, 2029.

Voter Registration Reminder

1. A citizen of the U. S.
2. Eighteen years of age or older and;
3. A resident of the Forestville Central School District for a period of 30 days or more preceding the annual vote and election.

Military Voters

Applications for qualified miliary voters will be available from the District Clerk's Office. The District Clerk must receive a valid ballot application no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 25, 2025. The voter may designate a preference to receive the application or ballot by mail, facsimile or electronic mail.

Absentee Ballot Procedures

Absentee ballots for the Budget Vote and 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 25, 2025. Applications must be received by the District Clerk by May 15, 2025 to be processed by mail or by 3:30 p.m. on May 20, 2025, in person. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Office, by mail or in person, prior to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 to be counted.



**Vote! May 20, 2025
1 - 8 p.m.
High School Hornet Lobby**

Proposition #3 - Anderson Lee Library Funding

The Anderson Lee Library has approached the Forestville Central School District to request that a proposition be placed on our ballot for the school district voting day in May. This request is completely separate from the district budget being presented and voted on. This proposition will allow voters to decide whether or not to tax themselves to support the Anderson Lee Library. The school district is only responsible for placing the proposition on the ballot and, if approved by the voters, collecting the money and passing it along to the library. These funds are separate from the school tax levy funds and not part of the school district budget.



While the Anderson-Lee Library was chartered in 1924 on the basis of the Town of Hanover. In 2011 the chartered service area of the Library was changed by NYS to encompass both the Silver Creek School District and the Forestville School Districts. As of December 2022 that includes 9,915 people.

As your partners in the education of our youth, from the parents of preschoolers, who borrow books from the Library to promote reading readiness, to the teenager who borrows books and utilizes internet capabilities from the Library to do research for school projects, we compliment the classroom. Due to the fact, libraries lack taxing power of their own, our resources do not meet the needs of the community in terms of being able to effectively cover the costs of operation including library materials and hours of operation.

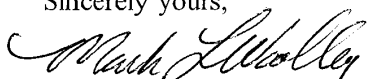
In that the State Legislature has provided public libraries with the privilege of going direct to local voters through a proposition on a school district budget ballot, for support funds collected along with the school tax levy, we are encouraged by a recent opinion of the State Comptroller that such a proposition does not require a lengthy petition of voters, but a straightforward request by the library board.

Accordingly, the trustees of the Anderson-Lee Library request that a proposition be placed on the 2025-2026 School District budget ballot seeking a levy of \$42,540 for operation of the Public Library. Such a levy, if passed by the voters, will remain in effect each year until a proposition for a change in the amount is submitted.

Throughout New York State, more than 98% of public library levys which are voted upon by the public tend to pass, with the margin of victory as much as 50 to 1. Libraries which have received these demonstrations of support claim that the presence of their proposition on the school budget ballot brings out more voters, voters who tend to also vote "yes" on the main school levy.

Therefore, we look forward to working with you as allies for the successful passage of our proposition on the upcoming budget ballot.

Sincerely yours,


President, Board of Trustees

Elementary Basketball Program

In its inaugural year, the Forestville boy's elementary basketball program was a huge success. The teams competed against other schools from December through February. They learned basketball skills, how to play the game in 5-on-5 full-court, teamwork and team building.

"The girls had a great season in the fall and that carried over into the boys' season in the winter," Coach Jackson said. "There was a lot of parent and community support for the programs. I am very thankful of the generosity of so many to make this happen for our students."

The teams consisted of boys in grades 2 through 6. The girls' season will start back up at the end of summer.

If you'd like information about signing up for next season, please contact Coach Jackson at rjackson@forestville.com.



Basketball Players Read Across America

Third-grade students treated to stories by guest readers from the Varsity Basketball teams! The older students read several books, including "Green Eggs and Ham" by Dr. Seuss in honor of his birthday.



Elementary Updates

Dear Forestville Families,

Spring is in the air, and we are excited about all the wonderful things happening at Forestville Elementary! As we head into the final stretch of the school year, we want to celebrate our students' hard work and keep you informed about upcoming events.

Importance of Attendance:

At Forestville Elementary, we know that every school day matters! Regular attendance is one of the most important factors in a child's success. When students are in school consistently, they build strong relationships, stay on track with learning, and develop positive habits that will benefit them for years to come.

We understand that illnesses and emergencies happen, but we encourage families to prioritize attendance whenever possible. If your child will be absent, please notify the main office as soon as possible. Additionally, if your family is experiencing challenges that impact attendance, we're here to support you—please reach out, and we'll work together to find solutions.

Thank you for your partnership in making sure our students are present, engaged, and ready to learn every day!

PBIS in Action

Our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program continues to thrive! Students are demonstrating our core values of being Respectful, Responsible, Safe, and Kind in the classroom, on the bus, and throughout the school. We are so proud of their efforts!

Our Hornet Heroes program recognizes students who go above and beyond in demonstrating these expectations. Each month, selected students receive special recognition and a certificate to celebrate their positive contributions to our school community.

Additionally, our PBIS Snack Cart has been a big hit! Students earn PBIS points and get to redeem them for special snacks, reinforcing positive behavior while adding a little extra fun to their day.



April is Month of the Young Child:

We are looking forward to celebrating the Month of the Young Child in April! This is a special time to recognize our youngest learners and the importance of early childhood education.

New York State Tests for Grades 3-6:

Our New York State Tests for English Language Arts (ELA) and Math will take place in April and May. This year, all testing for grades 3-6 will be computer-based. Please ensure your child gets a good night's sleep on testing days.

PARP Wrap-Up with Planetarium Visit:

Our Pick A Reading Partner (PARP) program has been a tremendous success! Thank you to all the families who participated and encouraged their children to read each night. We will be closing out this wonderful program on Monday with an exciting planetarium experience right in our gymnasium! Students will have the opportunity to explore the wonders of space in an immersive setting, celebrating their reading accomplishments in a unique and engaging way.



Little Lending Library Rebuilt:

We are thrilled to announce that our Little Lending Library has been beautifully rebuilt by Mr. Rick and is now stationed outside for all to enjoy! This wonderful resource allows families to borrow and exchange books at any time, fostering a love for reading beyond the classroom. We encourage everyone to take a book, leave a book, and continue sharing the joy of reading with our community! Thank you Mr. Rick!

6th Grade Maple Syrup Project:

Our 6th graders in Mrs. Dolce's class have been hard at work learning about the process of maple syrup production! They have been tapping our school's trees, collecting sap, and experiencing firsthand how it transforms into delicious maple syrup. This hands-on learning experience has been an incredible way to connect science with nature, and we are so proud of their efforts!



Thank you for your continued support in making Forestville Elementary a fantastic place to learn and grow. We appreciate all that you do to help our students succeed!

Warm regards,
Shauna McMahon,
Elementary Principal

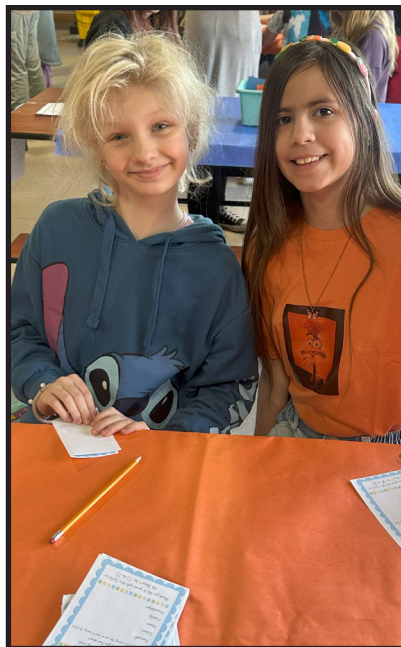
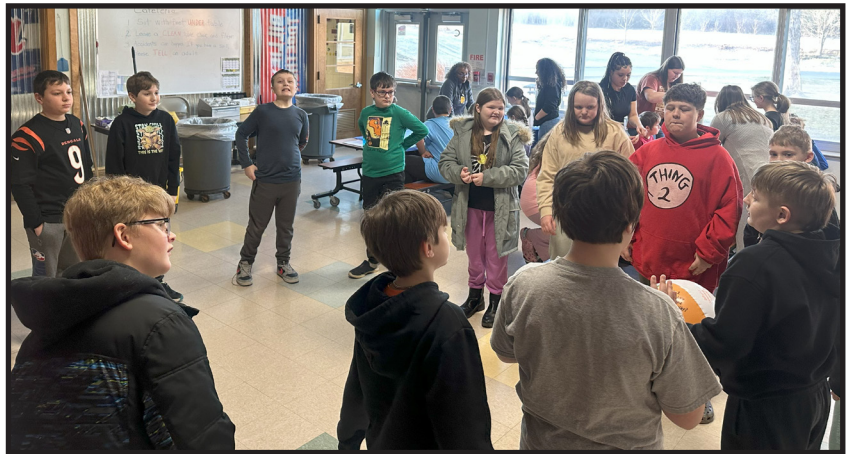


SEL Day

Forestville Elementary celebrated SEL Day, hosted by Mrs. Soffel and Ms. Bauer. SEL Day is celebrated to advocate for the importance of social-emotional learning and help students to practice the skills they need to be successful individuals. SEL skills help to boost academic achievement, promote emotional regulation, and foster stronger and healthier relationships.

All classrooms took a break from academics and spent the day focused on SEL! Grades 3-6 participated in an SEL Fair in the cafeteria where they had the opportunity to engage in various stations. Make your own sensory bottle and create your own school meme were the favorite stations! Classroom teachers taught various SEL lessons and activities in the classrooms, as well as many did lessons from our building SEL curriculum - Sources of Strength. The day ended with a virtual assembly, Give N Grow, and ended with a showing of Inside Out 2 in the classrooms.

Ms. Bauer and Mrs. Soffel enjoyed this awesome day with the students and look forward to making this an annual event!



Girls Basketball Season Highlights Heart

The varsity girls' basketball team had a successful season this year. Throughout the season the girls played with both heart and determination as they ended their season with an overall record of 9 wins and 11 losses and a league record of 6 wins and 6 losses.

CCAA Division 4 All Stars team selections were: 1st team- Carilene Sliwa, 2nd team- Elizabeth Case, Honorable Mention- Ingrid Gibson, and Individual Sportsmanship- Jazmyn Bertino.

The league stats for these girls are: Carilene - 275 points, 66 rebounds, 6 blocks, 85 steals, and 35 assists. Elizabeth - 104 points, 122 rebounds, 3 blocks, 24 steals, and 30 assists. Ingrid - 74 points, 81 rebounds, 11 blocks, 17 steals, and 6 assists.

Carilene also had an exciting season by breaking five school records:

She had a 43 point game high against North Collins which broke Kelly Schonhart's Season Game high of 36 points.

She broke the most 3 point Goals in a game record with five 3pointers against Clymer surpassing Kelsey



Sherwood's record of four. Carilene had a high 463 points in a season to beat Tanya Royce's former record of 412 points in a season. Carilene also surpassed Tanya's highest steal record of 111 by reaching 134 steals herself this season. And finally, Carilene tied Chris Elfman's 3 pt Goals in a season record with 25.

Not only were the girls successful on the basketball court, but they also excelled academically. The girls received a NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete Team Award for achieving academic excellence while actively participating in varsity level interscholastic athletics during the Winter 2025 Season. The entire team has a lot to be proud of!



Bowling Season Wraps Up

The Girls Varsity Bowling completed their season with an impressive 11 - 1, securing them the CCAA Division 2 Title for the third year in a row! They also came in 7th out of 22 for Division 2 at Sections 3rd in class at Sectionals in Class D. Other Highlights include: Emily Lillie and Alexandra Kerstetter making First Team All Stars, Kaylee Adamczak and Megan Gruber making Second Team All-Stars, Emily Lillie having high scratch handicap at County Roll-Offs and Alexandra Kerstetter coming in 10th at Sectionals as an individual.



Vote! May 20, 2025

1 - 8 p.m.

High School Hornet Lobby

A Letter from Principal Grande:

Dear Friends,

As we bid farewell to a long, snowy winter, we eagerly welcome the arrival of spring! The promise of warmer weather and longer days brings a renewed sense of energy and excitement to our school community.

Spring sports are now in full swing, with our student-athletes showcasing their dedication and hard work. We are incredibly proud of their commitment to our extracurricular programs and look forward to a successful season ahead.

In March, our talented theater students, under the direction of Mr. Prinzi, delivered an outstanding performance of the musical **Anastasia**. Each of the three shows was well attended by our school families and the community, highlighting the strong support for the arts in our district. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to making this production a success!

Our middle school students are preparing for the New York State ELA, Math, and Science assessments, which will take place in April and early May. This year marks a significant transition as our middle school has fully adopted the Computer-Based NYS Assessments (CBT). These assessments, taken over two sessions in two days, align with the NYS Next Generation Learning Standards and provide valuable insights into student progress. The data collected will help our teachers tailor instruction to meet the needs of all learners and ensure that essential teaching components are effectively covered throughout the year.

It's time for students to start planning for the upcoming school year. Over the next couple of months, students are encouraged to sit down with Ms. Hazelton, our

school counselor, to select classes for next year. Over the past three years, we have added several higher-level Advanced Placement and JCC classes for our students.

These classes give students an opportunity to gain college credits before graduation. Not only does this provide a healthy challenge for students, but it may also help make their start in college a bit more affordable, as some of the college credits earned at Forestville are applied to their college education. In addition to the advanced-level coursework, we have added some very interesting elective courses for students to choose from. Lastly, as students transition to grade 11, opportunities for a vocational-like education are possible through the district's participation in Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs offered through Erie 2 BOCES Fredonia and Lake Shore Campuses.

As Teacher Appreciation Week approaches, I want to take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude to our dedicated, caring, and passionate educators. Their unwavering commitment to guiding our students in every subject area is truly commendable. It is both an honor and a privilege to work alongside such a professional and devoted group of teachers.

Thank you for your continued support of our students, staff, and school community. Wishing you all a wonderful and refreshing spring season!

Warm regards,

Dan Grande
MS/HS Principal



Music in Our Schools Month

Our student musicians performed a wonderful Music in Our Schools Month Concert in March! Mr. Hagen and Ms. Coalts led the students through a wide variety of choral and instrumental pieces.

Anastasia





From the back to the front: Colin Shumaker, Kevin Murawski, Sean Smith, Ethan Vecchio, Calvin Matney, Anderson Cross, Bryan Wagner, Emily Yerke, Belle Shumaker, Layla Weiskerger, Katryn Davis, Mattie Larson, Jonathan Pilski, Tyler Januchowski, Marissa Grisanti, Ali Kerstetter, and Emily Lillie. Head Coaches are Janet Decker, of Silver Creek, and Brenda Kerstetter, of Forestville. Team members not pictured: Kaylee Adamczak, Ella Duliba, Noah Hodkin, Troy Muck, and Gavin DeFries.

Silver Creek-Forestville Unified Bowling Team Celebrates Success

The Silver Creek-Forestville Unified Bowling Team secured a first-place victory in the Division B Unified Championships! They competed with Lockport, Kenmore West and Williamsville North at Airport Lanes in Cheektowaga and bowled a total score of 2,872.

Three Forestville students participated: Anderson Cross, Emily Lillie, and Ali Kerstetter. Two Forestville bowlers earned individual awards: Emily Lillie was awarded the Section VI Sportsmanship Award and Ali Kerstetter was awarded the Character Athlete Award!

A Taste of Japan

Students in the Spanish classes studied the country of Japan to celebrate National World Language Week. They started the week by learning specific details about the country, like the geography, monetary unit, main exports/imports, as well as basic Japanese phrases. Then students made vegetable sushi and also enjoyed their annual Spanish favorite of “churros y chocolate”. The students attended a virtual field trip through the Smithsonian about supernatural stories of Japan. They finished up the week making origami.



Engineering a Firemen's Drying Rack

Mr. Dempsey's engineering class collaborated with the Forestville Fire Department to make a gear drying rack. Jayden Core, Jack Spengler, and Sam Bock worked on the design to dry four suits, gloves and masks. From the students' design, they created a parts list of wood and PVC pipe and connectors. They went on a field trip to Home Depot where they bought the parts for the rack.

They first built the base and the PVC structure for the gear dryer. Then they started working on the PVC drying hangers and glove dryers. During the building process, the students are adapting their design to fit some of the goals that they want accomplish.

This has been a great hands-on learning experience that has taught the students how to solve problems and optimize their design.



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Chicken BBQ Fundraiser Hosted by the Class of 2026

May 20, 2025 -Budget Vote Day
High School Cafeteria
3:00- 7:00 p.m. or sold out
\$15.00 per dinner-includes 2 sides and a roll
Eat in or Take Out
Enter through Hornet Lobby by Auditorium
Please come out and support the Junior
Class!

For Pre-sale tickets contact
Peter Hanzly by email at
phanzly@forestville.com



SUMMER ENRICHMENT 2025

The Forestville Central School District will once again be running a summer enrichment program. This year we will have two sessions with several activities to choose from including, drone flying, sports, creative writing and more! Detailed information went home in April. With questions contact the school.



Session 1
July 7-10th & July 14-17

Session 2
July 21-24 & July 28-31

End of Year Calendar of Events

Event	Date	Time	Location
Spanish NHS Induction	May 6, 2025	7:00 p.m.	Jeff Geblein Auditorium
MS/HS Spring Concert	May 15, 2025	7:00 p.m.	Jeff Geblein Auditorium
CCSBA Honors Night	May 28, 2025	6:00 p.m.	Chautauqua Harbor Hotel
Jr.-Sr. Prom	May 31, 2025	TBD	The Barn at Farrington Hollow
Elementary Spring Concert	June 5, 2025	1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.	Jeff Geblein Auditorium
HS Academic Awards	June 12, 2025	8:30 a.m.	Jeff Geblein Auditorium
MS Academic Awards	June 12, 2025	9:30 a.m.	Jeff Geblein Auditorium
Regular BOE Meeting	June 12, 2025	5:30 p.m.	Alene J. Bradigan HS Library
Class Night	June 13, 2025	7:00 p.m.	Jeff Geblein Auditorium
Annual Alumni Banquet	June 21, 2025	1:00 p.m.	Jeff Geblein Auditorium
Bald for Bucks	June 23, 2025		Elementary Gym
Pre-K Moving Up Day	June 24, 2025	8:30 a.m.	Jeff Geblein Auditorium
Kindergarten Graduation	June 25, 2025	8:30 a.m.	Jeff Geblein Auditorium
6th Grade Moving Up Day	June 26, 2025	8:30 a.m.	Jeff Geblein Auditorium
Class of 2025 Graduation	June 28, 2025	2:00 p.m.	Jeff Geblein Auditorium



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School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2024-25 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2025-26 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2025-26 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$14,126,058	\$14,194,347	\$14,018,742
Increase/Decrease from the 2024-25 School Year		\$68,289	(107,316)
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		0.5%	(0.76%)
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.23%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$4,029,844	\$4,123,697	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **	\$0	\$0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$0	\$0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$4,029,844	\$4,123,697	\$4,029,844
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$102,598	\$100,342	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$4,183,639	\$4,123,697	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$4,029,844	\$4,123,697	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$153,795	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$1,837,363	\$1,927,342	\$1,906,237
Program Component	\$9,449,056	\$9,726,314	\$9,681,814
Capital Component	\$2,839,639	\$2,540,692	\$2,430,692
* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2025-26 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law. All appropriations for non-essential equipment will be eliminated. All appropriations for non-health and safety related capital improvements would be eliminated. All non-contractual salary increases will be eliminated.			
** List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)			
Description		Amount	
Acquisition of School Buses		\$394,701	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	

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Under the Budget Proposed for the 2025-26 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings¹

\$511

Per Chapter 258, Section 495 of the Real Property Tax Law, a local Government Exemption Impact Report is attached to the proposed budget and is available for review on the school website at www.forestville.com.

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2025-26 by the qualified voters of the Forestville central school district, Chautauqua County, New York, will be held at Forestville High School in said district on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 1:00 pm prevailing time OR between the hours of 1:00pm and 8:00pm, prevailing time in the Forestville High School, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

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,
4 Academy 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, or email OCR.NewYork@ed.gov

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1. The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law