

FALLSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL COMET NEWS

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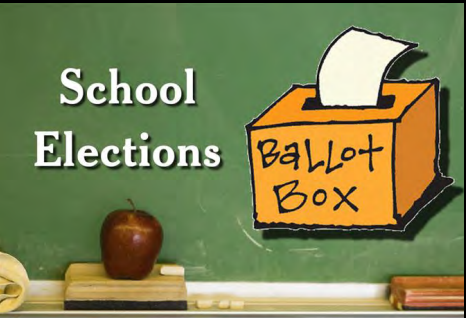
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School
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FROM THE ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL

Attendance Matters at BCES!

In the last Comet Newsletter, I shared our new recognition for students who are "here at school every day, ready to learn." Students who are in school for the month, who arrive to school on time and who remain in school for the entire day, are recognized during our morning announce-



ments. Students are also entered into a drawing to help with the morning announcements. Those students help Mr. Geller, our Physical Education teacher, with the daily Pledge of Allegiance. Each month students will have a new opportunity to participate.

Below please find the number of students who had "Perfect Attendance" each month:

- December: 250 students
- January: 220 students
- February: 172 students
- March: 209 students

All of the students received "Perfect Attendance" certificates.

Here are some facts about school attendance taken directly from the website www.attendanceworks.org:

1. Absenteeism in the first month of school can predict poor attendance throughout the school year. Half the students who miss 2-4 days in September go on to miss nearly a month of school.

2. An estimated 5 million to 7.5 million U.S. students miss nearly a month of school each year.
3. Absenteeism and its ill effects start early. One in 10 kindergarten and first grade students are chronically absent. Poor attendance can influence whether children read proficiently by the end of third grade or be held back.
4. By 6th grade, chronic absence becomes a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school.
5. Research shows that missing 10 percent of school, or about 18 days in most school districts, negatively affects a student's academic performance. That's just two days a month and that's known as chronic absence.
6. The academic impact of missing that much school is the same whether the absences are excused or unexcused. Suspensions also add to lost time in the classroom.
7. When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduating.

If you would like to read more about these facts or find ways to promote student attendance, please visit this website as it has many useful tips and resources!

We continue to look forward to promoting a positive learning environment for our students and together supporting our children's academic and social-emotional growth!

Mary Kate Stinehour



From the Elementary Assistant Principal

A Busy Winter of Activities at BCES

Despite a cold and snowy winter,

Benjamin Cosor Elementary School held many events during and after regular

school hours that warmed the hearts of children, staff, families and the local community. The BCES Trail Project flourished with the design and building of a kiosk; talks by staff and local agencies concerning hiking safety and learning on the trail; donations by

local businesses of lumber, rebar and other building materials; and signing of railroad ties by every student in the building. PTA conferences provided opportunities for families and teachers to discuss student progress and a delicious fund-raising bake sale by the SGA. The Volunteer in the Classroom Program showed steady growth as a great support to teachers and students alike.

Dave Viglione



Hello parents and guardians! Spring will be here soon, which means, of course, the school year will begin to move along rapidly, culminating with the state testing cycle, and ultimately graduation for the Class of 2017 in June! The students have worked hard to this point, but we will ask for more than ever, as we continue to prepare them for success both in school and beyond.

I am often puzzled when I see students that may not be working up to their ability. I want to share with you an experience I had. I traveled to Cap Haitien, Haiti, with a group of Liberty Rotary club members on a mission to install potable drinking water systems in 1000 homes. Part of this experience included meeting and speaking with several locals (through interpreters) about their needs, one of which includes having clean water to drink everyday. These families are truly just trying to survive, and taking whatever steps they need to do just that, which includes drinking water from the same streams they use for their bathroom needs. Many of the young children I spoke with communicated how much they loved going to school, being with their friends, and how they wanted to improve their lives. Despite all of the disadvantages they must contend with, they fight to do better each and every day.

Yet, some of our students seem content with doing the bare minimum in school! I see in these students the potential to do so much more, but for whatever reason they cite, they are not motivated to do their very best all of the time. In a recent assembly honoring those students that made the honor roll, I challenged each student, no matter what their current level of success is, to do better! All of these students will be competing, whether in school or the workplace, with other students that weren't content with doing the minimum required. While the children in Cap Haitien understand just how good American children have it, American children sometimes do not.

Please remind your child about the need to do their very best at all times! Remind them of the blessings we all have that we take for granted; things such as food, water, education and safety. Now, more than ever, our students need to continue to push forward and excel, to insure success for not only themselves, but for their families and community. Best wishes to all as we begin the spring semester!

Remember...

Effort Equals Excellence!!

Mike Williams

Heart-a-thon caption

We appreciate your publishing the attached two photos showing FCSD Staff with students that collected donations for the 39th Annual WSUL/WVOS



Heart-A-Thon. It has been a family affair in Fallsburg for many years now as Mrs. Jamie Lippen runs the Jr/Sr High School



program and her mom Mrs. Jessie Lippen supports the Benjamin Cosor Elementary School program. Together the schools contributed about \$600.

In the Jr/Sr High School photo are

Student Government Members Damian Brown and Arianna with Mrs. Jamie Lippen; in the Benjamin Cosor Elementary School photo are Mrs. Jessie Lippen and SGA President Isabella Frunzi.

Fallsburg Receives Donation from SYDA Foundation

On Wednesday evening, February 15th, the Board of Education proudly accepted a \$4000 donation from the



SYDA Foundation. Presenting the donation to School Board President Debra Barbiani and School Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz was Luciana de Oliveira Thompson and Gail Fairbank-Roch, SYDA Foundation staff. Dr. Katz stated, "The Fallsburg Central School District is proud to have the support of the SYDA because it does make a difference for kids." Dr. Katz further stated, "The SYDA has been a supporter of the

school district for many years, which speaks volumes to SYDA's commitment to Fallsburg students."

A Historic Season for Celebration with the Girls Varsity Basketball Team

With the last basket of the regular season, shooting guard Diamond Weeks scored 20 points for the game and 1000 points for her career. The team won their second Section IX Class B division title in three years. They defeated Rondout Valley in the first play-off game, and lost to Highland in the sectional semifinals. Besides this special milestone to Diamond Weeks and the team's success, Coach Daniel Redmond was selected as Sullivan Democrat Girls Basketball Coach of the Year.



Robotics Team Travels to Kentucky

The Fallsburg Jr. High Robotics team represented New York State middle school teams at the VEX Robotics World Championships April 19-23 in Louisville KY. The event features the top 3% of all teams worldwide from 15 different countries. In total, there were 180 middle school teams.

The team had a rough start losing their first three matches. However the team got to work and solved the electrical and mechanical issues that were plaguing their bot. This included completely rebuilding their robots chassis (base and drivetrain), that was accidentally destroyed during the first day of competition. Their record at the end of qualifiers was 4 wins and 6 losses, and the team finished 52nd in their division of 80 teams.

The competition ends each year with the reveal of the challenge for the next year. The students are all hoping to build on their success this year, and have an even better season next year.



Front: (left to right) Landen Berry, Kai Schreier, Aiden Ferris

Back: Don Thomas (coach), Oliver Norminton, Robert Schreier (parent volunteer)

SGA Blood Drive

Congratulations to Jackie Maxwell, the SGA, and every Fallsburg Jr./Sr. High student who donated and/or recruited donors for the January 27th Blood Drive. There was a steady stream of students, parents, and community members who donated throughout the day. At times we were a little overwhelmed by the generous turnout of all of the donors. A total of 40 units were collected. Thank you again for all of your support. The next blood drive at the Jr./Sr. High School is scheduled for May 4th.

Math Challenge

Moody's Mega Math Challenge is an applied mathematics modeling contest



open to high school students across the United States. The competition took place the last weekend of February. For the past few years, Fallsburg students have been competing in this thought-provoking challenge.. This year's team consisted of: Sam (Pu) Zheng, Markos Zelaya, Adem Crnovrsanin and Merime Cenovic. They worked together for over 10 hours to solve a real-world future problem. We are grateful to have such dedicated and hard-working students represent our school.

Fallsburg's Delightful Visit to the Land of Oz

The Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School Drama Club's "*The Wizard of Oz*" performed on March 24th and 25th at the High School Auditorium was a labor of love and devotion by everyone connected with the production. The audience was



enthralled by the outstanding voices, the great acting, the beautiful sets, the experienced musicians, the delightful choreography, and the overall professionalism of the entire production. Kudos to Stage Director Tobi Magnetico, Sound Designer and Technical Director Jim Schmidt,

Stage Manager Sarah Ungerleider, Makeup Designer Pam Garritt, Music Director Liz Toledo, Costume Designers Janet Kaplan and Pam House, Assistant Stage Managers Rebecca Budrock and Jaclyn Hatt, Lighting Designer Amanni Sitz and everyone responsible behind the scenes and on the stage.

Rarely does a play or musical come together so perfectly to entertain an audience for a couple of magical hours. This fabulous guided tour over the rainbow shows once again that we are never too young or too old to enjoy the journey to the Land of Oz.

Fallsburg's Own Special Treasure Robert Longo Enters the Fallsburg Hall of Fame

FCSD is pleased to announce the induction of Robert Longo into the Fallsburg Hall of Fame. He retired in 1984 after thirty-five years as an outstanding Art Teacher. One of his students and later a colleague Eileen Kalter remembers him for inspiring her and countless others with



a life-long appreciation of art. Another colleague Terry Dungan acknowledged him for his full involvement with the life around him and enriching everything with his art: "His notion of service, giving his time and art to his community has been the hallmark of Bob Longo's life."

Mr. Longo has been honored with numerous awards for his artwork, murals adorning Town buildings, and contributions to founding and supporting Sullivan County artist societies. A member of the Fallsburg Lions Club for over 60 years, he earned the highest achievement in Lionism, the Melvin Jones Award, and has designed award winning commemorative pins worn by Lions throughout the world.

He is very proud of serving in the Army Air Corps as one of World War II's Greatest Generation. Two years ago, he flew to Washington, DC to view the World War II Memorial as part of the Honor Flight of veterans. Even now at age 96, he stays in touch with the few survivors of his squadron and their families.

Official induction into the Hall of Fame occurs on June 25, 2017 as part of the Class of 2017 Graduation ceremonies.

FALLSBURG ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REUNION AND LUNCH BUFFET

**Saturday, July 29, 2017
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

***The Woodridge Municipal Hall*
2 Dairyland Road, Woodridge, NY 12789**

Join former staff and students for our annual meet and greet in the thirteenth year of continuing our mission to give FAA awards to deserving seniors. Our staff honoree will be Nancy Catalano and our community honoree will be Harold Gold.

RSVP BY PHONE: (845) 866-0232

RSVP BY E-MAIL: reginal@hvc.rr.com

PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN BY JULY 22, 2017

**FALLSBURG ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Thirteenth Annual Alumni Reunion
Fallsburg Central Schools, PO Box 124, Fallsburg, NY 12733**

NAME _____

Admission: \$13.00 per person or 2 for \$25.00 (includes a light lunch)

NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING _____ \$ _____ (see above)

DONATION TO FAA SCHOLARSHIP FUND \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: **FALLSBURG ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

2016-2017 SCHOOL CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
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 SCHOOL CLOSED
 CONFERENCE DAY
 REGENTS EXAMS
 TESTING DAYS
 GO HOME EARLY DRILL

SCHOOL CLOSED

SEPTEMBER	5, 6
OCTOBER	3, 10, 12, 28
NOVEMBER	11, 23-25
DECEMBER	9, 26-30
JANUARY	2, 16
FEBRUARY	10, 20
APRIL	10-17
MAY	29

SCHOOL DAYS

SEPTEMBER	19	+ 1 CONF
OCTOBER	16	+ 1 CONF
NOVEMBER	18	
DECEMBER	16	+ 1 CONF
JANUARY	20	
FEBRUARY	18	+ 1 CONF
MARCH	23	
APRIL	14	
MAY	22	
JUNE	17	

TOTAL **183** + **4 CONF.**

MAKE-UP DAYS

DAY 1	FEBRUARY 20
DAY 2	APRIL 17
DAY 3	APRIL 13
DAY 4	APRIL 12
DAY 5	APRIL 11
DAY 6	APRIL 10

* if all snow days are used this day will become a student day and not a conference day

GIVE BACK DAYS

1 st day	May 26
2 nd day	April 18
3 rd day	April 19
4 th day	April 20
5 th day	April 21
6 th day	April 24
7 th day	April 25

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- Ms. Katherine Rappaport • Ms. Jennifer Reinhardt • Mr. Michael Weiner • Mr. Shawn Wiles •

“Fallsburg Central School District is a safe, nurturing environment, where excellence is expected, diversity and individuality are celebrated, and learning prepares students to face the challenges of an ever-changing global society.”

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If you want to notify the tax collector with a change of address, you can now e-mail that information to: tax@fallsburgcsd.net.

KEEPING YOU POSTED

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
4/24-28	BCES Spring Book Fair		
4/26	BCES PTA mtg.	4:15-5:15pm	BCES Cafet.
4/28	BCES Family Fun Night	6-8pm	
5/3	Board of Ed. Mtg.	7:15pm	MS Bd. Rm.
5/6	Wellness Day	12-3pm	HS
5/7	SBFCCSF Luncheon	12-2pm	Bernie's Holiday Restaur.
5/12	HAU Assembly & Mother's Day Celeb.	6-8pm	BCES Cafet.
5/13	Environmental Club Litter Pluck	9-10am	
5/16	Budget Vote	8am-8pm	HS Library
	BCES Spring Concert	7pm	HS Audit.
	11 th Gr. Multi-Cultural Dinner	4:30-7:30pm	HS Cafet.
	Interact Bake Sale	5-7:30pm	HS Lobby
5/18	HS Spring Concert	7pm	HS Audit.
	Leo Club Bake Sale	7pm	HS Lobby
5/19	Srs.vs Staff B-Ball & Volleyball	4:30-7:30pm	HS Gym
	BCES Tricky Tray	5:30-8pm	BCES Cafet.
5/22	Srs. Vs Staff Soccer game	4:30-6pm	Soccer Field
5/24	SADD DWI Mock Trial	9-10am	

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
5/25	BCES Talent Show rehearsal	6pm	HS Audit.
5/26	BCES Talent Show	6pm	HS Audit.
5/29	School Closed		
5/31	SGA Induction and NJHS & HS Banquet	6pm	HS Audit & Cafet
	BCES PTA mtg.	4:15-5:15pm	BCES Cafet.
5/31-6/1	Senior Portraits		
6/1-4	Senior Class Trip		
6/6	Sports Banquet	6-8:30pm	HS Gym & Audit.
6/7	Board of Ed. Mtg.	7:15pm	MS Bd. Rm.
6/9	Junior Prom	7-10pm	The Fountains
6/10	Grade 6 Class Trip		
6/16	Pre-K Graduation	9:30-10:30am	
	Passport Day	3-7pm	BCES Lobby
6/21	Board of Ed. Mtg.	7:15pm	MS Bd. Rm.
	6 th Grade Dance	6-8pm	BCES Cafet.
6/22	6 th Grade Graduation	6-8pm	HS Audit.
6/25	Graduation Commencement	3pm	HS Audit.