

2016-2017 School Budget review included

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Dear School Community Member:

I hope this newsletter finds you in the best of health and spirit as we welcome spring! The 2016-17 budget planning season is underway as we head to the May 17th, budget vote and board member election.

Since January, the Board of Education and the Central Administration have been working on a budget that balances what school children need with what taxpayers can afford. The main objective was to create a minimal impact on the tax levy while staying under the allowable tax cap. This goal was accomplished in the Board adopted budget for next year (the 2016-17 school year).

The Board of Education, on April 6th, 2016, adopted a budget of \$42,097,366. This is the budget number that the public will get to vote on this coming May 17th. This budget is a 4.27% (\$1,724,129) increase from the 2015-16 budget. We have put together a budget that has

accommodated for no personnel or programmatic cuts.

This year's budget includes a number of new instructional positions that are in response to new mandates from the New York State Education Department and others that demonstrate program efficiencies while bringing BOCES students back into our schools.

Two new English as a new language (ENL) teaching positions have been created in response to changes in New York State Education Department (NYSED) regulations on instructional programs for English language learners (ELLs). These changes require that ELLs receive integrated ("push-in") support during their English language arts classes from certified ENL teachers. This new mandate, along with an increasing ELL population, requires these two new positions.

We are also adding an elementary teaching position, as we have several teacher's retiring from Benjamin Cosor

Elementary School. This will cause an increase in the number of class sections required in 6th grade: From four (4), this year, to five (5) in 2016-17.

The tax levy that goes along with the budget number outlined above is a 0.69% (\$129,998) increase over the previous tax levy. To get to this number the Board is applying \$1,587,128 from the general fund towards the tax levy to keep it low enough to support an increase of 0.69%. A state aid increase of \$1,699,522 in the newly approved State Budget, helped us moderate the tax levy increase.

The budget vote and board elections take place on May 17th, 2016. Please come out and vote!

Educationally yours,

Ivan J. Katz, Ed.D.

From our Nurses

New vaccine law

There is a new law for the meningococcal vaccine effective September 1st, 2016 requiring 7th and 12th grade students to receive adequate dose or doses of the vaccine against meningococcal disease. ACIP recommendations for meningococcal vaccine are:

- A single dose of vaccine against meningococcal disease should be administered to all adolescents at age 11 or 12 years

- A second (booster) dose of meningococcal vaccine should be administered at age 16 years. The booster dose is not necessary for adolescents who receive the first dose at 16 yrs. or older.
- Students will not be allowed to attend school if this vaccine has not been given.

If you have any questions call Ms. Lindsey or Ms. Hobby.

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BCES – A Great Place to Learn and Grow!

This year is quickly slipping through our fingers! Our students have been working so hard that the year just seems to be flying by!

Here are just a few of our proud accomplishments during the past few months (there are many more!):

Mrs. Zuewsky and Mrs. Giametta class orchestrated the Second Grade "Tricky Word Spelling Bee." Tricky words are words that have irregular spelling patterns and are challenging to spell. It was a wonderful experience to see our kids excited and participating with each other. Students learned a valuable lesson. They learned that if you want to be the best speller, you have to study. This important lesson reaches across all subject areas.

Mrs. McCarthy and Mrs. Lindridge's classes studied Greek mythology during English Language Arts. The students were engaged and very interested in learning about various myths, gods and goddesses, and monsters! The culminating activity was to make a myth of their choice into a Coming Attraction via poster. The classes were excited to collaborate while making their favorite myth into a movie announcement!

Mrs. Kentop and Mr. Bendell's students recently completed a unit of study for Black History Month. Their students were required to bring in a cereal box and research an influential person of interest. The students worked very hard in both classes and their finished projects can be currently viewed on the bulletin board between the two classrooms.

Third graders in Mrs. Gillette's class had the chance to complete a St. Patrick's Day STEM challenge. Students

used recycled materials to create Leprechaun houses while thinking about the materials that would make good insulators for heat.

During the week of March 1st, the students participated in Read across America and other activities to celebrate Dr. Seuss.

On March 1st, the second Principal's Awards Ceremony was held. 108 students in grades 4-6 received Honor Roll. 32 students in grades 4-6 received Superintendent's Honor Roll. An additional 33 students were recognized by their teachers with the BUG (Bringing up Grades) award from the Kiwanis Club.

The Lions "See Kid Sight Program" for children up to 6 years of age was held at BCES. All parents of students in Pre-K and Kindergarten were sent information about this free screening process. 70 students participated in the screening. Mr. and Mrs. Wizwer from the Lions came to BCES to screen the children.

The Art and Music Expo was held in the evening of March 17th. Our chorus, recorder and band students performed for their parents, family and friends.

To top it all off, 590 parent-teacher conferences were held in March!

As you can see we are busy learning and growing at BCES!

Mary Kate Stinehour

FROM THE ELEMENTARY ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

It's April. The temperature is rising, and the skies are clearing up! This can only mean that spring has sprung! For the students at BCES, this means that many things are "in the air."

The first "sign of spring" is the appearance of the grades 3-8 state tests in ELA and Mathematics. The students at BCES, having been extremely well prepared by their teachers, bent to their task, and worked through the exams.

In addition, beginning in May, the students will complete their third and final round of NWEA/MAP tests. We are all very confident that our students will give their best effort, and that their scores will reflect the academic growth that they have experienced during the 2015-2016 academic year.

Another sign of spring is the reappearance of fire drills. State regulations require that we hold at least twelve fire drills during the academic year. We will

"finish up" our fire drills in the upcoming weeks.

Finally, there is one sign of spring that all of the students love. With the reappearance of balmy weather, we see the reappearance of "outside recess!" The children have the opportunity to run around, and get their share of exercise and fresh air!

Dave Viglione

Fallsburg Lions Club Continues Eye Screening at Cosor Elementary School

On March 15th, Fallsburg Lions Club screened 58 of the 150 eligible pre-K and Kindergarten students as part of the National Lions SEE Program. In merely 30 to 40 seconds, a picture was taken and instantly a message came up on the camera screen that the test was successful and revealed whether further testing was needed.

One of Fallsburg's children, due for the screening this spring, was screened last December at a Bethel Woods visit by Santa Claus. The parent of this child wrote to Sullivan County SEE Program Director after she had received a referral. An eye exam found that the young boy had a severe eye issue, that if untreated would cause vision loss in one eye.



In the words of the mother, "Truth be told my son has had a bit of trouble in Pre-K and we had been working with the teacher and the school to figure out how to help. This discovery regarding his eye sight is a huge breakthrough, and will really open up a whole new world for him and allow him to progress in school. We hope that the SEE Program continues to expand in the Sullivan County area and beyond."

Principal Mary Kate Stinehour at BCES and the Fallsburg Lions Club are encouraging all Fallsburg parents with children up to six years age to have their eyes screened. By numbers enrolled at the school, there are still over ninety eligible for this painless and extremely brief process. Please contact Ms. Stinehour at 845-434-6800, ext. 3206, for more information on registering your child for an additional screening that is being scheduled for later this spring.

Second Quarter Honors Earned at Benjamin Cosor Elementary School

On March 1st, 2016 before an auditorium filled with proud parents, grandparents and siblings, one hundred forty-one



outstanding academic achievers from the 4th, 5th and 6th grades at Fallsburg's Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES) strode across the stage with a certificate honoring them for the second quarter of 2015-2016. Principal Mary Kate Stinehour and Assistant Principal David Viglione handed out the Honor Roll Certificates and Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz gave out Superintendent Honor Roll Awards.

Also acknowledged in this quarter were thirty-three students in these grades that had made significant progress in math and English language arts to earn a "Bringing Up Grades" or BUGS certificate. The Woodridge Kiwanis sponsors these awards that are determined by the student's classroom teacher.

Third Grade Museum

Students in 3rd grade extended day, as well as students from Mrs. Exner's 3rd grade researched and created displays and written documents to share with the school. The rest of the school donated documents, paintings and /or writing from K-6th grade. The museum took 2 months to build and complete and students from the program were trained to give individual and group tours of the museum. There were 11 sections of the museum and one that was featured was the Military Honors List, which included names of military personnel who are related to staff at BCES. Another section focused on The Mountain-dale School Bell which was given to BCES when the school opened. Guest speakers included Mrs. Dorothy Larry, who performed African American poetry and music during Black History Month for grades 2-6 and Mrs. Exner, who performed Songs of America with a few student vocalists for K-2. The museum will be recreated next year and an additional section about government with a voting booth will be added to it.





FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

FALLSBURG JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL

Hello again! The 2015-16 school year is moving by quite quickly, and before you know it the year will have ended. April always brings the beginning of the state testing cycle in grades 7 and 8, while May and June bring both the Advanced Placement (AP) exams and eventually, the Regents exams.

In the last newsletter, I spoke to you about the need to instill a greater urgency in our students (your children) to make their best effort in all they do, but most especially academics. The famous coach and commentator Lou Holtz said "Ability is what you're capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it." I agree completely with this statement. We have very talented students here in Fallsburg and we all want to maximize their unique talents and capabilities. What I sometimes find lacking is the motivation piece. We all need to send the message that nothing good ever came without hard work, and that hard work will serve these young adults well as they enter the professional world.

As this school year continues forward, I urge you to speak to your child about the need to do their absolute best at everything they attempt. The tests these students sit for can seem daunting in scope, but I believe if they give it their very best effort, they can be successful!

As always, we are here to help you in any way we can. Reach out to your child's teachers, guidance counselors, coaches and every other adult in the building that can be of help to you. If you desire to get more involved in your child's school, call me to volunteer for any of the committees that meet throughout the year. We are always looking for parents to be involved!

Remember that together we can make all children successful, but most of all, remember that:

Effort Equals Excellence!!

Mike Williams

Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School Soars with Spirit

The week of March 7th through March 11th was the annual Student Government Association Spirit Week at Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School. All grade levels competed



with each other for spirit points earned from different competitions for class banners created in designated

hallway spaces in the building; specific dress up days; decorating a section of the gymnasium bleachers with an individual theme; and culminating in a "Battle of the Classes" after school on the last day of the week.

To generate total school spirit, the Athletic Department and SGA held a Pep Rally during the last period of classes just prior to the Battle of the Classes. The National Anthem was sung a cappella by senior *Neida Flores-Ramirez*, who received thunderous applause. All athletic teams and coaches were acknowledged by the audience. After dismissal, the students set up the gym for the Battle of the Classes.

The final tally from all competitions during the course of Spirit Week was very close. The order of finish was 12th grade, 10th grade, 11th grade, 8th grade, 9th grade, and 7th grade. The students leaving for home realized that the true winner after this week was the school, fully infused with the collective spirit generated by them all.

Sports Physicals

Sports Physicals for all sports for next year will be June 1st and June 7th in the High School. See Nurse Lindsey for a form.

Sports Physicals for the 6th grade are June 1st. Forms are available from PE teachers or Nurse Hobby. Students are encouraged to take advantage of the school physicals.

Questions call Nurse Lindsey 434-6800, ext. 2254 or Nurse Hobby 434-4110, ex.t 3263.

Athletic News

Scholar Athletes

Congratulations to Brooke Saplosky and Josh Hazelnis for their academic and athletic accomplishments! On April 20, 2016 both students, their families and several administrators will attend the OCIAA Senior Scholar Athlete Award Breakfast. To qualify for the award students needed to meet the following guidelines: Top 20% class ranking, Participate in at least one varsity sport, above average athlete and outstanding citizenship.

Uncommon Athlete

On Friday, March 4th, 2016, the Orange County District Attorney's Office sponsored a presentation about the Uncommon Athlete program at C.J. Hooker Middle School in Goshen N.Y. Uncommon Athlete is a program developed jointly by Rachel's Challenge and the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation. It is

designed to impress on young athletes the values that will make them better athletes and better adults - Perseverance, Relationships, Integrity, Courage, and Empathy- values represented in the acronym PRICE. Through those values, the program seeks to help young athletes to better themselves, and to become adults who can lead and improve their communities. Cody Hodges, former Texas Tech University and Tennessee Titans quarterback, presented the program to many student athletes and coaches.

Math Champion

For the first time in recent history, one Fallsburg student qualified to participate in the New York State Math



League Championships. Fallsburg junior Sam Zheng competed with approximately 200 of New York's top mathematics students on Saturday, April 9 in Penfield, New York. Sam

participated in four challenges with the Dutchess-Ulster-Sullivan-Orange County B team. The team placed sixth overall in their division. Sam is an integral member of the Fallsburg Senior High Math team. This year the team placed second overall in their section.

Brianne Beebe-Kauth

**HOW WILL YOU IMPACT THE
FUTURE OF FALLSBURG CSD?**

WITH YOUR VOICE!



Our strength comes from the voice of our community. That's why we're asking you to take our annual DTSDE Survey. We want your feedback about your child's school so we can make improvements that benefit all of our students.

THE SURVEY IS OPEN UNTIL MAY 30.

Check your email for a personal invitation and survey link.

OR

Go to <http://tiny.cc/FCSDSurvey>.

ALL RESPONSES ARE STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL!



**¿CÓMO PUEDE TENER UN
IMPACTO EN EL FUTURO DEL
CSD DE FALLSBURG?**

¡CON SU OPINIÓN!



Nuestra fortaleza proviene de la opinión de nuestra comunidad. Es por este motivo que lo invitamos a participar en nuestra encuesta anual de DTSDE. Queremos saber su opinión acerca de la escuela de su hijo para poder realizar mejoras que beneficien a todos los estudiantes.

LA ENCUESTA ESTARÁ DISPONIBLE HASTA EL 30 DE MAYO.

Busque en su correo electrónico una invitación personal y un enlace para la encuesta.

o

Visite <http://tiny.cc/FCSDSurvey>.

¡TODAS LAS RESPUESTAS SERÁN ESTRICAMENTE CONFIDENCIALES!





2015-2016 SCHOOL CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER							OCTOBER							NOVEMBER							DECEMBER								
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 SCHOOL CLOSED
 CONFERENCE DAY
 REGENTS EXAMS
 TESTING DAYS

SCHOOL CLOSED

SEPTEMBER	7, 14, 23
OCTOBER	.....	12
NOVEMBER	.....	11, 25-27
DECEMBER	.....	24-31
JANUARY	.....	1, 18
FEBRUARY	.....	15
MARCH	.....	21 - 28
MAY	.....	30

SCHOOL DAYS

SEPTEMBER	.....	14	+	1	CONF
OCTOBER	.....	19	+	2	CONF
NOVEMBER	.....	17			
DECEMBER	.....	17			
JANUARY	.....	19			
FEBRUARY	.....	20			
MARCH	.....	17			
APRIL	.....	21			
MAY	.....	21			
JUNE	.....	17	+	1	CONF
TOTAL	.....	182	+	4	CONF.

MAKE-UP DAYS

DAY 1	.....	NOVEMBER 25
DAY 2	.....	FEBRUARY 15
DAY 3	.....	MARCH 21
DAY 4	.....	MARCH 22
DAY 5	.....	MARCH 23
DAY 6	.....	MARCH 24
DAY 7	.....	MARCH 28

* 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 27
2 nd day	March 29
3 rd day	March 30



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KEEPING YOU POSTED

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
5/3-4	BCES Spring Pictures		
5/4	Annual Meeting/Budget Presentation	7-8pm	MS Bd. Rm.
5/5	6 th Gr. Flower Sale	6:30-9:30pm	HS Lobby
5/6	Emergency Preparedness	4:30-6:00pm	HS Audit
	BCES Tricky Tray	5-8pm	Cafet.
5/6-7	NYSMA		
5/12	Trivia and Sports night	6-8pm	HS Cafet. & Gym
5/13	ELL Student Expo	6-7:30pm	Cafet.
5/14	Alive @ 25	9am – 2pm	HS Audit.
5/17	School Budget Vote	8am-8pm	HS Library
	Class of 2018 Multi-Cultural Dinner	4:30-7pm	HS Cafet.
	BCES Spring Concert	7-8pm	HS Audit.
5/18	BCES Principal's Award Ceremony	9:30-10:30	Cafet.
5/20	Seniors vs Staff	4-9pm	HS Gym
5/24	SGA Honor Society Induction	6-8pm	HS Audit.
5/26	Mock Accident	9:30am	HS Parking lot

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
5/24-6/3	Gr. 4 & 8 Science performance testing		
5/27-30	School Closed		
6/1	Bd. Of Ed. Meeting	7:15pm	MS Bd. Rm.
6/2-5	Senior Class Trip		
6/5	Wellness Day	12-3pm	BCES
6/6	Gr. 4 & 8 Science written exam		
6/7	Sports Banquet	6-8:30p.	Audit. & Cafet.
6/10	Class of 2017 Prom	7-10pm	
6/14-22	Regents Exams		
6/15	Bd. Of Ed. Meeting	7:15pm	MS Bd. Rm.
6/17	Pre-K graduation	9:15-10:15	Cafet.
	BCES PTA Mtg.	4:30pm	Cafet.
6/18	6 th gr. Trip		
6/22	6 th gr. Dance	6-8pm	Cafet.
6/23	6 th gr. Graduation	6-7pm	HS Audit.
6/24	Superintendent's Conf. Day		
6/26	HS Graduation	3pm	Audit.