

FALLSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL

COMET NEWS

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Dear School Community Member:

I hope this issue of the Comet Newsletter finds you in the very best of health and spirit. Below is the text of the speech that I gave at this year's virtual graduation ceremony. I wanted to share it with you as this issue of the newsletter focuses on our graduates.

Dear graduates, parents, family and friends:

As Superintendent of Schools it is my yearly honor to be able to say a few words to the graduating class. This year because of circumstances beyond our control, we have reimagined our graduation ceremony and have made it one that celebrates the rights of passage in a different way thanks to technology and the commitment of our staff, students and families.

This year's graduates are living in historic times. The challenges facing our graduates as well as our great nation are not small.

I am sad for what our graduates and their families have not been able to experience in terms of end of the year ceremonies and celebrations because of the closure of schools but, at the same time, I am inspired by how our graduates have continued to rise to every challenge that they have had to face: in school, in competition and in life. They are Comet Strong, and they are true champions.

While there is no way to deny the reality of this moment in history, I believe that what will emerge from here are new realities and new ways to define our lives moving forward.

In that respect, our graduates are truly entering a brave new world much different than any graduating class, perhaps in history. And, history has shown us, time and again, that challenging times also bring forth brand new opportunities.

It is these opportunities that will define the direction that life takes our graduates as they leave Fallsburg's hallowed halls equipped with the lessons they have learned in their time here.

As Superintendent it's odd that I am not handing each graduate their diploma as their families proudly look on. I also realize that this graduation ceremony is much more than a walk across the stage with thunderous applause and flashing cameras. Graduation symbolizes how our seniors have endured in the face of adversity and continue to find ways to move forward successfully. These newest life lessons were forced upon them and I am awed by how well they have adapted, building this metaphorical airplane while it's flying.

In this moment we celebrate the accomplishments of the class of 2020. We celebrate their successes at all levels and we encourage them to use this unique time in history as a springboard to dive into a world that awaits their special skills, their passions and their yet to be realized contributions to mankind.

On behalf of the Fallsburg Central School district and the Board of Education, I congratulate the graduating class of 2020 and wish them the best of everything in the weeks, months and years to come. Comets, go out and make a difference!

Ivan J. Katz, Ed. D.

Superintendent of Schools

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FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

The last few months of the 2019-2020 school year have been unprecedented to say the least. Even in the midst of a pandemic (or perhaps because of it) the business of school has been at full speed.

Teachers and staff are busy adapting to online learning and helping students and their families stay connected and keep learning. Our food service and Rolling V have helped deliver meals to students daily. Dr. Aleta Lymon has headed up the "At First Bite" delivery of full dinners to over 30 families several times each week with the help of numerous volunteers. Kristen Meyer and Lynn Colavito organized delivery of personal care products and activity packs to students and families. All the clubs and organizations have continued to connect with students during this time.

Graduation walks began the first week of June. 80 students were videotaped as they walked the stage individually

in full cap and gown to prepare for the graduation video. Students and two guests were able to celebrate and take pictures at the school over the four-day taping schedule.

On June 13th there was a town-wide parade. Teachers, staff, and administrators from the district followed three Rolling V buses and were joined by local fire departments, police departments, Kiwanis Club and a host of other community organizations in a parade that went through all the villages that make up Fallsburg Central School district.

We thank all the parents, community members teachers and staff for their support and patience during this time. It has been amazing to be a part of this community and watch everyone come together to rise above the challenge. I am proud to be part of the #FallsburgFamily. #FallsburgStrong!

Dawne Adams

Scholarship Awards

Although we were not able to hold our annual Community Scholarship dinner this year, I wanted to be sure to celebrate these award winning students:

Community Scholarship Winners: Kimberly Mahler, Faith Colombo, Tulsı Patel, Nayeli Chacon, Sadia AboHussien

Ester Mintz-Flanagan Memorial Scholarship: Ethan Mednick

Nancy Solomon Memorial Scholarship: Ethan Mednick

Candy Gold Memorial Scholarship: Cindy Granados

Milton Brizel Memorial Scholarship: Cindy Granados

Edward Bryan Memorial Scholarship: Angelica Rodriguez Tellez

A big congratulations goes out to those students who are all certainly deserving! You have all made Fallsburg very proud!

Joe Levner

Fallsburg Alumni Association Awards Scholarships

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, the annual Fallsburg Alumni Association luncheon scheduled for July, at which time these awards are presented, was cancelled in the interest of everyone's safety.

The Fallsburg Alumni Association did not want this year's seniors to miss out on their financial help as they head off to college in the fall. With the help of their guidance counselor, Joe Levner, and modern technology, the FAA Board was able to meet and select the recipients of the scholarships it oversees.

The FAA Awards recognize good citizenship, high academic values, good sportsmanship, creativity and responsibility in his/her work and respect for his/her peers and teachers. This year's recipients are: Shauna Bellacicco, Cindy Granados, Ethan Mednick, David Parsons and Tulsı Patel.

The Jack Leshner Memorial Award pays tribute to Mr. Leshner who, in addition to the FAA requisites, personally impacted the lives of so many of his students. This year's Jack Leshner Recognition Awards go to Sadia (Sabrina) Abo-Hussien and Khadijah Mamburay.

The Robynne Anderman Award was established to honor the memory of BCES teacher Mrs. Robynne Anderman and is awarded to Ethan Mednick.

The Sheryl Kalter Memorial Award was established to honor the memory of Sheryl Kalter, Pharm D. It recognizes service, leadership and interest in health related fields. This award goes to David Parsons.

In years past, many alumni and friends have been most generous in making donations to this organization. These donations allow the FAA to help our graduating seniors financially. If anyone would like to donate to the FAA, please send a check to *Eileen Kalter, PO Box 383, South Fallsburg, NY 12779*. Checks should be made payable to FAA, and if you want to designate a award, please note that in the memo section on the check.

All of the students are very deserving of the awards, and the FAA wishes them well in all of their endeavors. For further information, please contact FAA President Regina McKenny Snead at regina1@hvc.rr.com.

Art Classes at a Distance

Art students have been working on a variety of projects during distance learning. While our usual public art exhibits including the county-wide art shows and community poster contests were cancelled, we felt it was important to bring art to our community, as it has the power to uplift and inspire others. "Art with a Message" was developed in response to this. Students had two assignments. The first was to create a poster based on a quote, saying or song lyrics of personal importance. The second was a collaborative assignment where each student selected a word to illustrate. The combination of these words made up the larger phrase to thank all the people within our Fallsburg community that have helped support us during this closure. Please view the video by following this link.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=V282DxtR7ys>

Ilana Kaufman



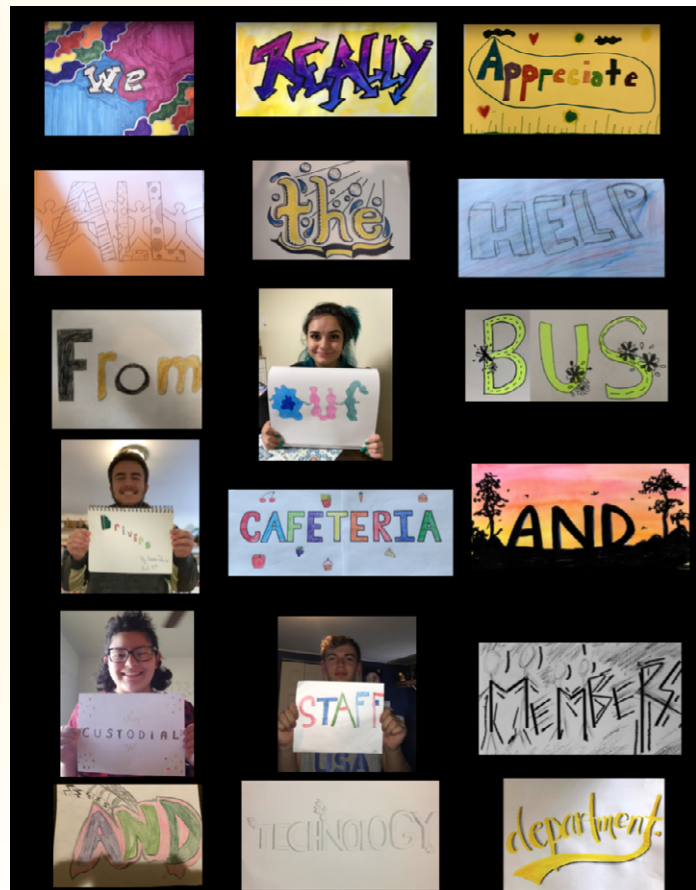
High School Art Show

For the past 2 years Art Students from Fallsburg High School have curated a culminating art show at Gallery 222 in Hurleyville, NY. During the opening of this show, parents, friends, and members of the school community celebrated the accomplishments and creativity of these students while they listened to live performances from some of our music students. This year we were unable to hold this event. So instead, please enjoy this virtual version that includes only a small part of what would have been on display at Gallery 222.

Please follow the link below to enjoy some of the artwork that would have been on display.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Vo27tSYeEw>

Tobi Magnetico



the midst of a pandemic, the Centers for Disease Control sends a strong message:

What We Lost

COVID-19 Cuts Seniors' Last Semester Short



Everything Will be Okay
Ashanti Collins

The world may be in a tough place right now
All we have to do is stick together
Shelters giving away food
Teenagers helping out elderly
Fast food, grocery stores stay open
and those people still work even under the conditions we are in
We will make it through this
Take some time and appreciate what could give you utter bliss
Appreciate the trees,
the leaves,
the green,
Take a breath of fresh air
And remember everything will be okay

Sing.
By Angelique Murcia

The days are long and relatively empty.
The nights become tireless
The silence is deafening
My head spins the thoughts
Are by the hundreds
I debate the idea of getting
Up and being productive -
I crave my routine, my normal,
the expected.
However, I know that once the chaos is over
It'll never really be gone.
The continuity grounds me
Keeps me centered, focused, and calm.
Maybe I should appreciate this
time and thrive as we ride
through this storm.
Maybe I'll view the morning
differently and crave what it
brings
Maybe I'll realize it's not silence but
my time to hear the world
Sing.



These streets are like a waste land
The stores are board up and close
With a curfew at 10 o'clock
Everyone is going to store with masks and
getting their things and rushing out.

These streets are like a waste land
Everyone looks frightened and worried.
People are stuck at home like a prisoner.
With Nothing to do.

A Day in the Life of Quarantine
By: Emily Bassett

Every new day is repeated.
I wake up and have the same routine;
I think this will all be over soon
I still have endless days in front of me.
It feels almost like groundhog day;
Maybe I change what I eat
Or maybe I change what I watch.
A day in the life of quarantine.

I wonder what summer will bring
They say this madness could end.
Thoughts of your normal life appear;
How we once went out and lived normally
But, sitting at home we have no control.
A day in the life of quarantine.

We may have hope, we may see the light;
But there is fear this is just the beginning.
As we sit in our homes, we start to think;
We think about the milestones we are losing
We have lost prom and we have lost seeing our
friends;
As we leave this school, we may not see the
end
We now sit at home and think of the life we
took for granted.
A day in the life of quarantine.

I can't help but to think about school;
We have lived and we have grown as one.
And just like that, our senior year may be
done.
A day in the life of quarantine.

and **DISTANCE** yourself.

And How We Felt *Expression Through Poetry*



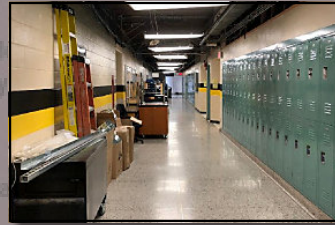
The Streets are a Wasteland
By: Zachary Detzauer

These streets are like a waste land
I look out the window scared to go out
Scared to be taken away by this horrible sickness.
Worried if I ever will be able to go outside.
To do anything

These streets are a waste land
Thanks to this sickness.

Gone Forever
by Gohan Norford

The place that stressed me
It may be gone forever
Weirdly, I miss it



Self-Isolation
By Angel Sandoval Melara

Four more weeks they say
Cases double every day
Supermarkets are scary
But I'm sure you already know
They tell us to social distance
And to stay six feet apart
But does it really work?
Honestly, no one knows
As the four weeks pass
They say four more
Schools are closed
Classes are online
There is nowhere to go
This is crossing the line
Take extra precautions
Wash your hands
And don't touch your face
All of this self-isolation.

Thoughts in Our Domes
By: Mailee Martinez

The sun is out beautiful as ever
But can i enjoy it? Never
We wait, we wait in our homes
So much thought in our domes
I ask my parents will this be over?
Then i lay in bed and just roll-over
I miss going out, and seeing my friends
I think to myself, is this the end?
I miss going on rollercoaster rides
Now all I hear is "stay inside".
We wait, we wait in our homes
So much thought in our domes
Nothing to do, but to turn on a channel
This is our lives when summer is canceled

Sigh
By: Rebecca
Patterson
DaCosta

I've been in school since 2006
I've put so many days
sleeping, stressing, studying
Just for everything to be online one day

Now I can't lie
My feelings are hurt
2,160 days just say bye.
The streets are silent *sigh*

Quarantine is no fun
There has been no sun
No friends
Just google classroom notifications

I want to no longer to be responsible
I want to be on a beach tropical
This virus seems unstoppable
But our hands are washable

We must stay home
I know you are tempted to roam
But Rona is real
So flatten the curb
And stay at home

FROM THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

During our closure, teachers have worked hard to prepare student work packets and continue to prepare lessons via Google Classroom. They have called students and parents; met with students on Google Meet; created morning meetings, instructional videos and so much more! Our parents, grandparents, friends and family members have provided learning opportunities for our students. Our students are taking responsibility to continue to learn through our virtual learning platforms and student work packets. Everyone is working hard to support one another in these very trying times and we are truly appreciative of all the efforts made!

Below is a snippet of what was accomplished during our closure:

Our food service providers prepared breakfast and lunch for the children in our community Mondays through Fridays. They served more than 700 children a day.

Our amazing Rolling V team delivered meals to our students every day. They assisted with student work packet distribution and collection, as well.

For the first round of student work packet distribution, 560 packets were

created. These packets were for students in grades Pre-K through Grade 3, as well as students in grades 4-6 who were without internet access. We delivered 485 packets by bus with the help of several volunteers and, of course, Rolling V. The remaining packets were either picked up by parents or mailed home.

During the closure, the BCES PTA distributed the Gertrude Hawk fundraiser to parents who had ordered before our closure. Parents were provided a time to pick up their fundraiser purchases at the school.

Once the closure was extended, teachers prepared a second packet of student work. These packets were for students in grades Pre-K through Grade 2, as well as students in Grades 3-6 who were without internet access. 457 packets were created. These packets included work that would last four weeks, until May 15th. Again, volunteers came in to assist with organizing packets to be distributed by bus.

During all "parent pick up days" for student work packets, fundraisers or Chromebook distribution, we maintained "social distancing" protocol. Parents drove up to the side of the

building and remained in their car for pick up purposes. This allowed for no contact between families and limited contact between volunteers and community members.

Our amazing BCES office staff printed, organized, folded, stuffed, and mailed over 800 report cards and over 450 progress reports for the third marking period. This huge task was completed in one day! The same was done for the 4th marking period.

Once the closure of the school building was finalized, staff members came in to gather all our students' belongings from their desks. Over 800 bags were transported to the BCES Gym for parent pick up. Staff volunteered their time to help with the distribution of materials. This event was held on three separate days to allow parents to pick up their child's things and close out the school year.

In times like these, it definitely "takes a village" to support our students and family members. I am proud to say that the BCES community makes that happen!

Wishing you a safe, healthy and happy summer!

Mary Kate Stinehour

From the Elementary Assistant Principal

Greetings everyone! As I sit and type this article, it is exceedingly difficult for me to believe that we have not met, as a school community, since Friday, March 13th!

Needless to say, over the last three-or-so months, I have missed everyone. I hope that everyone has done what s/he could do to stay safe and healthy during these very difficult times. I know that the students and the teachers are doing the best that they can, working from home.

Please stay safe and healthy!!

I hope to see everyone very soon!

Dave Vigliani

Spreading Hope in Fallsburg

Fallsburg Central School District (FCSD) has been creative during the time of Covid-19. Since the closure of schools, two staff members, Ms. Kristen Meyer and Ms. Lynn Colavito, started gathering toiletries donated by fellow staff members or paid for themselves. They put together bags filled with toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, deodorant, and toothpaste. They met the Rolling V School Buses in the early morning to have the drivers and monitors distribute them to students along the routes with delivery of breakfast and lunch meals provided by FCSD. The monitors handed out over 200 bags. Additionally, the women packed up fifty bags that were brought to Bread of Life Food Pantry at Hurleyville's Methodist Church. These bags also contained masks for the families.

A few weeks ago, JSHS Librarian Ms. Livia Sabourin, joined the crew. Just in time to assemble activity bags filled with crayons, coloring books, sketch pads, comic books and school supplies. After this delivery, FCSD, along with all other Sullivan County School Districts, received hundreds of spring planting kits from Bethel Woods. In the bag were a seed packet, soil, tiny ceramic pot, paint and a paintbrush. Each bag had a beautiful drawing of a pair of hands together holding a peace symbol made of daisies. Below that was a message: "For painting inspiration, growing journals from our participants & more activities to do while you are at home. Visit BethelWoodsCenter.org/AtHome."

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All of the bags sent home to the kids had a sticker that said "We love and miss you! #FallsburgStrong". On Monday, May 11th, the three women met the buses at BCES at 9:00 AM to hand over the activity and plant bags. A special surprise gift went to each driver and monitor - a travel mug filled with candy with the message, "Thank you for going the extra mile for our students!"

The following week the staff angels gave the cafeteria workers a travel mug when they meet the buses once again

with more goody bags. The food staff has been active every weekday morning putting together the boxes of food for over 650 families (that is 1300 meals a day since each package contains breakfast and lunch!).

Ms. Meyer, Ms Colavito and Ms. Sabourin want to thank all the staff members that donated money and toiletries and to Bethel Woods for the plant bags. What a creative community we have in Fallsburg and Sullivan County. The seeds of love and hope will soon be sprouting in each child's home.

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports

The 2019-2020 school year started with the BCES PBIS team focusing on being superheroes as the running theme. The main goal for the PBIS team this year was to push unity and to be kind, to be your own superhero! The BCES PBIS team, this year led by 6th grade teachers, Co-Coordinator Nicole Cortes and Brittany Davis, made sure to allow several opportunities to bring together our students, staff of all levels and our community!

From the first week of school, the BCES PBIS team made it known that we planned to get active and involved this year in new programs and partnerships to better our students. We started the school year with an immediate celebration. Students, staff and even administrators were there, and everyone was so excited for students while making them feel comfortable from the first moments they arrived for the year. These open ceremonies were combined with the FCSD PBIS hosted Annual Color Run KickOff. The Color Run was a huge success in September 2019. The joined forces of both PBIS teams at BCES and the Jr/Sr HS made the event the biggest so far out of the three years held! That day families and friends enjoyed not only the 5k walk for community and wellness but pushed for the importance of continued learning to being kind and ending bullying.

This year the BCES PBIS team also led new initiatives to recognize students and teachers who kept up their hard work, smiling and making others around them feel good no matter what was thrown their way! Each month students and staff were nominated as a superhero based on the monthly Olweus (anti-bullying) meeting topics. Those nominated would have their photos and names showcased for everyone to see when entering the building. This was amazing for so many and such a positive visual for the entire building, serving as a reminder, each day, that they are making a difference! PBIS focused on different ways to be a superhero, while introducing the first ever PBIS mascots, our own staff superheroes Mr. Comet and Ms. Fusion. Thanks to Lionel White and Ms. Castore as they would dress up and come to events as their superhero persona for our monthly celebrations to spread joy and kindness.

Another huge part of BCES' PBIS Olweus programs, was when Sweethearts and Heroes came in with their amazing anti-bullying program called "Braves". This was a huge collaboration designed to improve human behavior, starting with the power of connection with the 6th and 1st grade classes. This collaboration was known as BRAVES Buddies. Champion Teachers trained

with the 6th graders first and then for months worked with the 1st grade students to build positive relations and empathy within their classes and with their peers. Each month PBIS had special superhero breakfasts, with the help of the great lunch support staff. The On-A-Roll ceremony acknowledged changes and positive behaviors of students, not just academics. With a focus on behavior and other continued success, initiatives like the "Golden Spatula" for positive behavior within the cafeteria reduced unsafe acts and promoted anti-bullying behavior!

Although the building was closed, PBIS has continued to provide resources for families while at home to stay kind, safe, and healthy!

PBIS has also made it a mission to keep the students active. This year the team worked side by side with the physical education department to make activities that built positive relationships while also getting healthy and moving! This was no different when the Physical Education team worked with the PBIS team to design the first annual virtual field day. This was a huge event and many families took part, sending pictures and posting to their classes! PBIS will continue to provide for our staff and students no matter where we are located, near or far!

Brittany Davis

BCES Adapts Healthy Kids Grant During Covid-19 Crisis

Last spring, Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES) teacher Ms. Leah Exner applied for an Action for Healthy Kids (AFHK) Game On school grant for the 2019-2020 school year. The \$1000 grant was awarded so Ms. Exner along with members of the School Health Team and District-wide Wellness Committee could finish the BCES fitness trails and incorporate more nutrition education.

Before schools had to close due to the Covid-19 virus, BCES enjoyed the fruits of the healthy kids grant during the winter months outside and inside the school building. Grant funds paid for pedometers. Students kept track of steps in PE classes. They created friendly competitions, using math skills, between classrooms and grade levels.

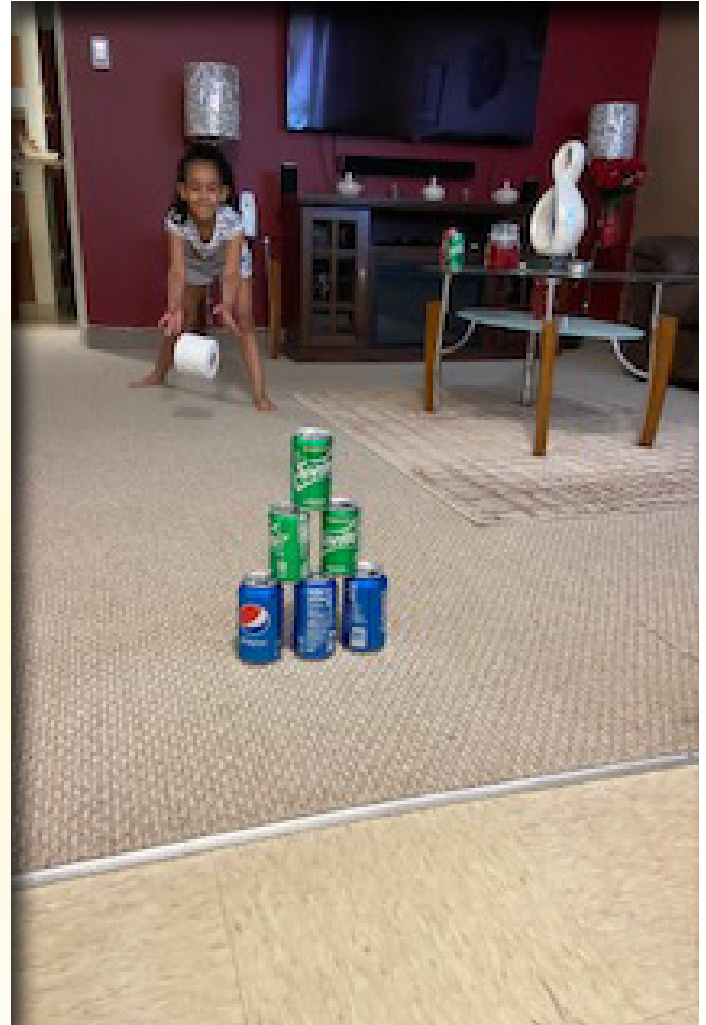
Some kids were involved in a "Walk across America" from Fallsburg to California. As each student "stepped" into a new state, they learned the population, the capital, the state bird and other facts. During snowfalls, students and staff donned snowshoes and measured their steps with the pedometers.

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A grant requirement was to hold a school-wide event. The date for the event was April 24th, 2020, right in the midst of the school closure. During the crisis, AFHK Organization supported Every Kid Healthy Week, April 20th through 24th. They shared great web sites, Facebook Live Videos, and an array of activities for families to do together at home.

Each day of the week had a theme: Mindfulness Monday, Tasty Tuesday, Earth Day Wellness Wednesday, Thoughtful Thursday, and Fitness Friday. Ms. Exner shared the list of resources, videos and specific daily activities with BCES staff to engage students and families in the virtual classroom.

The AFHK Grant has benefitted the BCES students and staff this school year and will continue to do so next fall. The promotion of healthy activity and nutrition became a major part of everyone’s consciousness. Covid-19 did not deter creative improvisation at FCSD. School administration and teaching staff stepped up and has more than fulfilled the intention and the spirit of the healthy kids grant by promoting good health, well-being, and family engagement in the school community.



2020 Athletic Plaque Awards

GIRLS' SOCCER

Most Valuable Player	Alexandra Caballero
Most Improved Player	Emily Collura & Ruth Murillo
Roland Allen Sportsmanship Award	Allison Perna

BOYS' SOCCER

Most Valuable Player	Melki Flores
Most Improved Player	Elvin Paz
Roland Allen Sportsmanship Award	Erick Alas Cristhofer Hernandez

FOOTBALL

Most Valuable Player	Jesse Acevedo
Most Improved Player	Athan Zeno
Roland Allen Sportsmanship Award	Alex Pomales

BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY

Most Valuable Player	Michael Batista
Most Improved Player	Ethan Mednick
Roland Allen Sportsmanship Award	Musa Dumbuya

GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY

Most Valuable Player	Jaime Rein
Most Improved Player	Thalia Sandoval & Aliyah Pacheco
Roland Allen Sportsmanship Award	Gisella King Rain Shokralla

VOLLEYBALL

Most Valuable Player	Amber Colon
Most Improved Player	Dayanara Olan

FALL CHEERLEADING

Most Valuable Player	Cassandra Rose
Most Improved Player	Gianna Valen
Roland Allen Sportsmanship Award	Jade Kessler Angelina Colleti

WINTER CHEERLEADING

Most Valuable Player	Emily Collura
Most Improved Player	Cassandra Rose Kimberly Canales-Mendoza
Roland Allen Sportsmanship Award	Rachael Baer Kayla Millas

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Most Valuable Player	David Parsons & Dereck Williams
Most Improved Player	Janiel Vitali
Roland Allen Sportsmanship Award	Marck Rodriguez Nick Fraser

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Most Valuable Player	Essence Jackson Shauna Bellacicco
Most Improved Player	Angelica Rodriguez
Roland Allen Sportsmanship Award	Allison Perna

GIRLS' ALPINE SKI

Most Valuable Player	Gabrielle Pantel
Most Improved Player	Sierra Kaplan
Roland Allen Sportsmanship Award	Alexa Zuewsky

BOYS' ALPINE SKI

Most Improved Player	Steven Magil
Roland Allen Sportsmanship Award	Daniel Milov

BOYS' INDOOR TRACK

Most Valuable Player	Derryck Payton
Most Improved Player	Joshua Espinoza
Roland Allen Sportsmanship Award	Josie Galeas

GIRLS' INDOOR TRACK

Most Valuable Player	Dolce McPherson
Most Improved Player	Fatoumatta Darboe
Roland Allen Sportsmanship Award	Velkys Canales

COACH MIKE WEINER SCHOLARSHIP

Tulsi Patel

This award is presented to Tulsi Patel, a player on the varsity volleyball team. She served as a member of the following organizations: National Honor Society Vice President, Math team, Yearbook committee, Interact club, Key Club Editor and President of the Student Government.

COACH MIKE WEINER SCHOLARSHIP

Amanda Zeno

This award is presented to Amanda Zeno, a key player on the varsity basketball team. She served as a member of the following organizations: National Honor Society, Math team, Comet Newspaper, Environmental Club Secretary, Key Club Treasurer, Future Problem Solvers and President of the Student Government.

Senior Trophy Awards

2020 SENIOR PERSEVERANCE AWARD

Rachel Baer
David Parsons

2020 FALLSBURG COMET SENIOR SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Angelica Rodriguez
Michael Batista

2020 TOP SENIOR ATHLETE

Amanda Zeno
Jesse Acevedo
Michael Batista

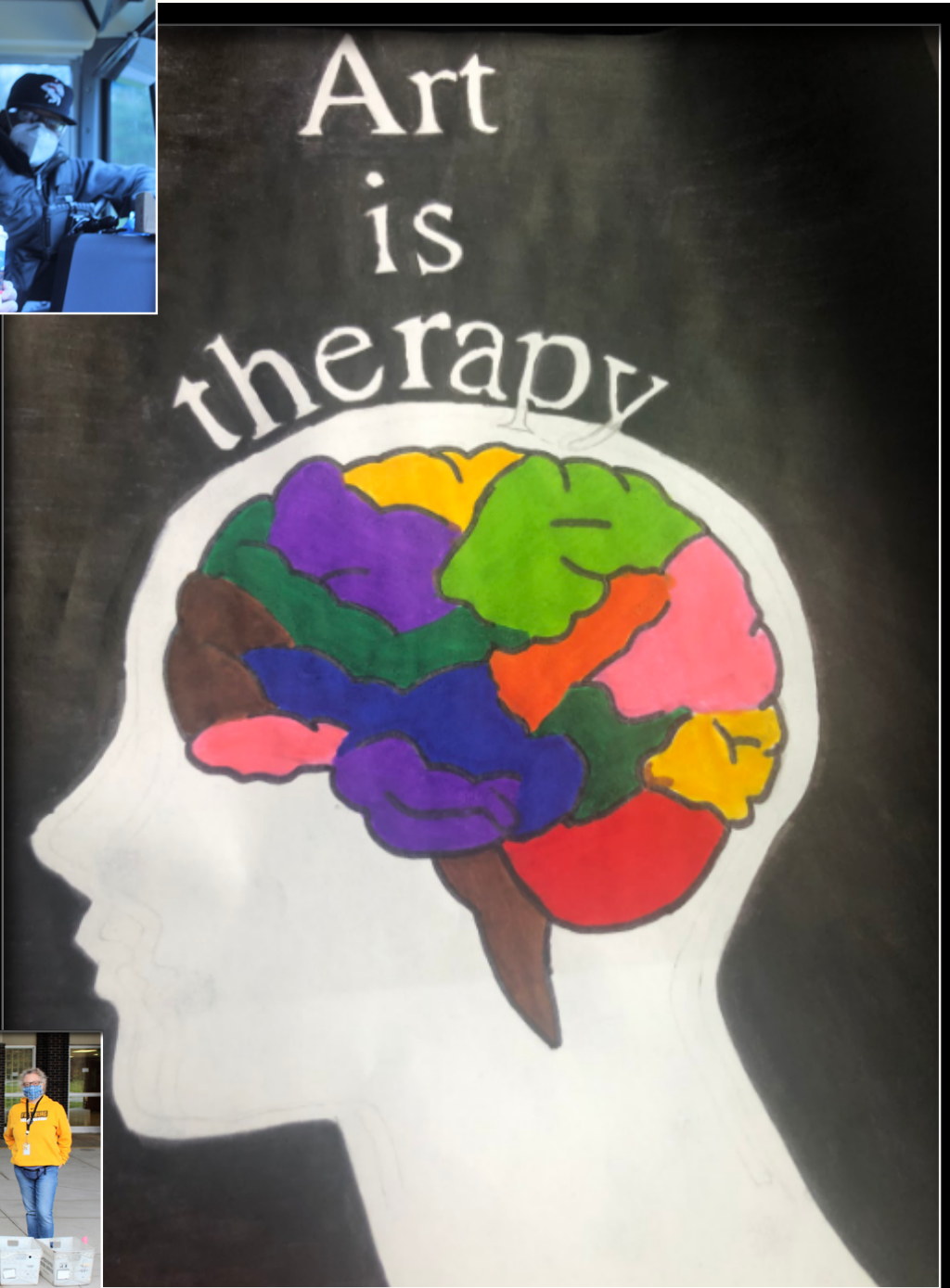
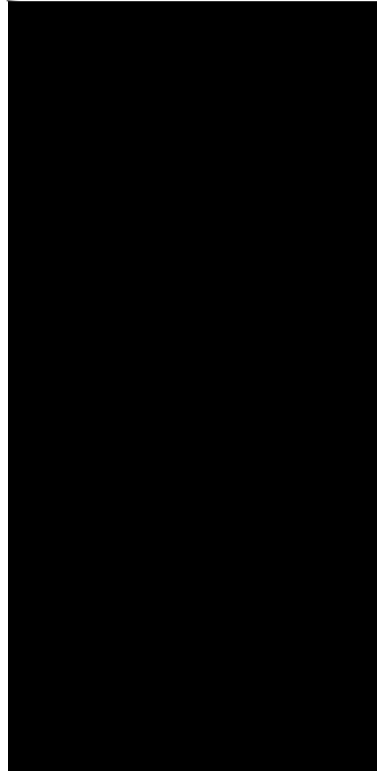


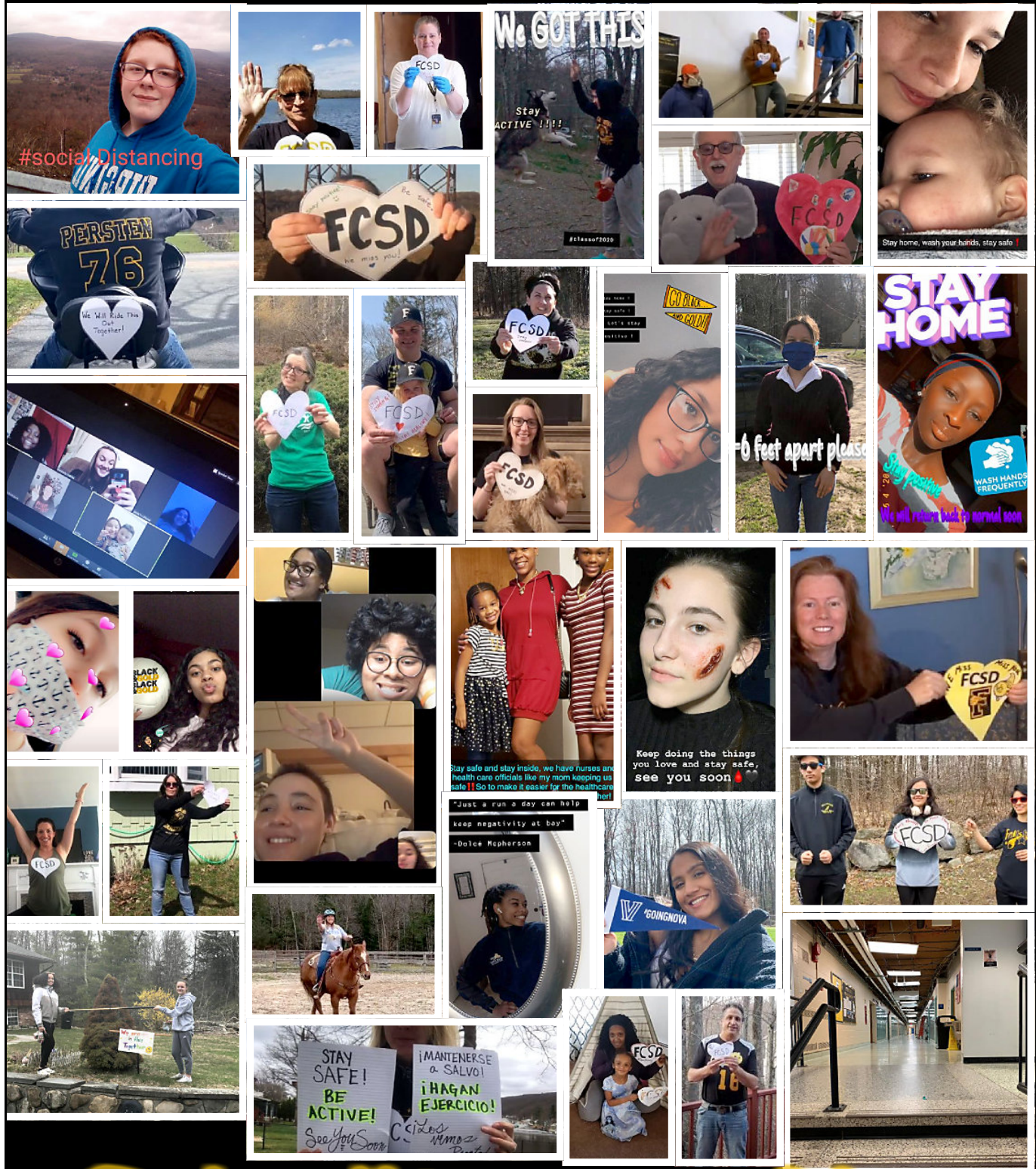
Name	Award
Amanda J. Zeno	VALEDICTORIAN
Tulsi Patel	SALUTATORIAN
Sadia AboHussien	Samuel Beytin Fallsburg Community Scholarship Kiwanis Club Scholarship Fallsburg Alumni Award in Honor of Jack Leshner Fallsburg Lions Annual Achievement Award Samuel Beytin – Eugene Feldman – Trudy Kapito Gussie Kasofsky – Arthur Townsend – Abe Wasserman Sandra Williams SGA Memorial Scholarship
Jesse S. Acevedo	
Komasii Alegria	
Korayma Alvarado Sosa	
Jorlin Ariel Alvarez	
Rachael Lynn Baer	
Erica Barahona	
Emily Bassett	
Michael Thomas Batista	Citizenship Award Sullivan Lodge #521 Scholarship
Austin J. Beach	
Shauna Bellacicco	Hertz Laruffa Scholarship Fallsburg Alumni Award Fallsburg Lions Annual Achievement Award Monticello Rotary Service Award
Daniel I. Blas	
Christopher Brandon Bruno	
Jason Kyle Cabrera	
Genesis Isabel Campos Reyes	Fallsburg Fire Department Rescue Squad Scholarship Triple C Award
Kimberly Canales Mendoza	
Nayeli Trinidad Chacon	Samuel Beytin Fallsburg Community Scholarship Ira Jay Cohen Art Award Brian Ingber Memorial Foundation, Inc. Achievement Award
Ashanti Irie Collins	
Faith Colombo	Samuel Beytin Fallsburg Community Scholarship Kiwanis Club Scholarship The Michael Lorino Perfect Attendance Award
Adrian Davis	
Zachary Detzauer	
Jaylyn Madison Diaz	
Kebba Dumbuya	
Kristopher Edwards	
Lamar Tyrone Fitts	
Yeimin Flores Mayrena	
Johnathan Alonzo Gallo	
Ricki Josue Garcia Ponce	
Tyler M. Gold	
Cindy Jacqueline Granados	Spanish Award Milton Brizel Memorial Scholarship Candy Gold Memorial Scholarship Fallsburg Alumni Award Fallsburg Lions Annual Achievement Award

Name	Award
Joncarlos Guzman Fuentes	
Amber Hatt	
Mercedes Daniela Lainez Hernandez	
Ashley Lisseth Hernandez Avelar	Vocal Musicianship Award
Anthony Lemma Skeete	
Allison Michelle Jacobsen	
Trevor Johnson	
Jade Lynn Kessler	
Victor James Kessler	
Andrew Kharzhanovsky	
Willializ Lopez Ortiz	
Henry V. Luba IV	
Kimberly Mahler	Seymour & Minnie Feldman Scholarship Samuel Beytin Fallsburg Community Scholarship Girls' Physical Education Fallsburg Lions Annual Achievement Award Instrumental Music Award Peter H. Cahalan Scholarship
Khadijah B.Y Mamburay	Hertz Laruffa Scholarship Fallsburg Alumni Award in Honor of Jack Leshner
Jacob E Gunther	
Helen Mancia	Young Entrepreneurs Award
Mailee Martinez	
Walker McIntyre	
Ethan S. Mednick	Esther Mintz-Flanagan Memorial Scholarship Nancy Solomon Memorial Scholarship Mel Mednick Memorial Scholarship Salon Memorial Scholarship Vocal Musicianship Award
Kiara Shavonne Danielle Mims	
Jared Justin Mohammed	
Tristan Mohammed	
Edwin Morales	
Angelique Marie Murcia	
Gohan Jesse Norford	
Ethan Olmsted	
Aliyah Jennifer Pacheco	
David Parsons	Timothy Hill Memorial Scholarship Hertz Laruffa Scholarship Kiwanis Club Scholarship Fallsburg Alumni Award Sheryl Kalter Memorial Scholarship
Tulsi Patel	Samuel Beytin Fallsburg Community Scholarship The Coach Mike Weiner Scholarship Kiwanis Club Scholarship Eugene Feldman, Sandra Williams Award for Excellence in English Samuel Beytin Award for Excellence in Science
Rebecca M. Patterson-DaCosta	
Derryck T. Payton	Boys' Physical Education
Mateo Pelaez Carvajal	
Sky L. Perry	

Name	Award
<i>Elisander Alex Pomaes Jr.</i>	
<i>Jose Erasmo Reyes Lopez</i>	
<i>Xiverliz Coral Rivera Aponte</i>	Hertz Laruffa Scholarship
<i>Angelica M. Rodriguez Tellez</i>	Edward Bryan Memorial Scholarship
<i>Jaylynn Monet Sepulveda</i>	
<i>Mubbera Shahjahan</i>	
<i>Ojani Sierra</i>	
<i>Cameron Majestic Allah Stratton</i>	
<i>Diomar Tejada</i>	
<i>Raymond Thompson</i>	
<i>Kate L. Vanderpyle</i>	

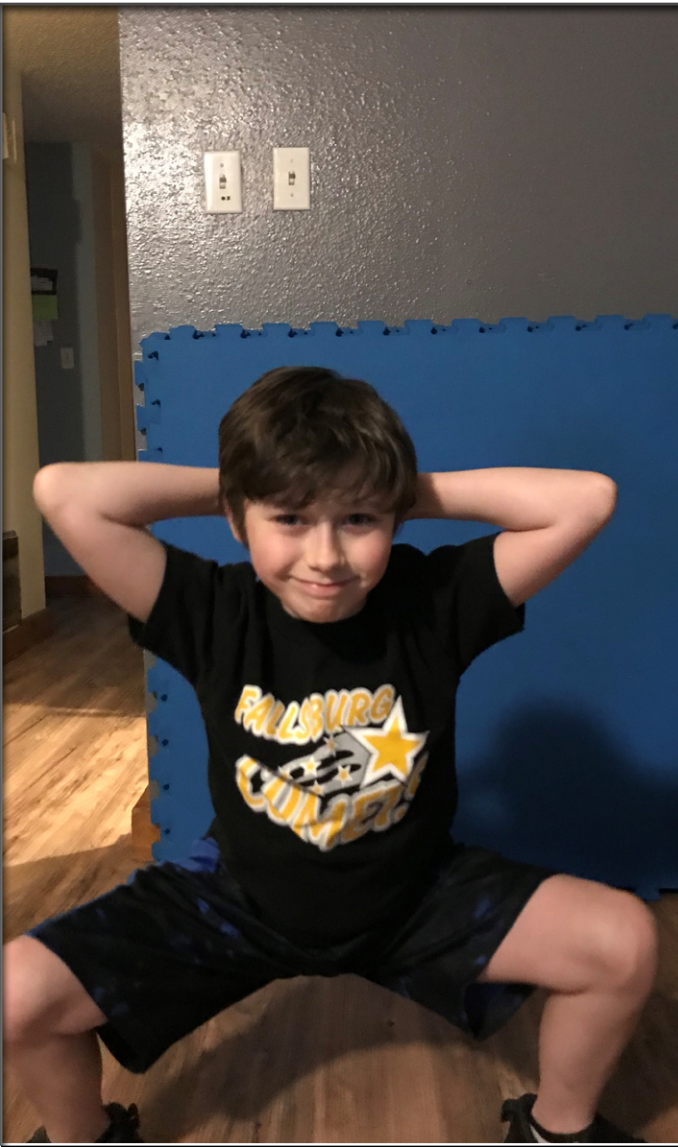
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<i>Janiel Vitali</i>	
<i>Matthew Vollmer</i>	
<i>Angelina Alicia Werner</i>	
<i>Anisah Williams</i>	
<i>Dereck Lee Williams</i>	
<i>Zariah Williams</i>	
<i>Amanda J. Zeno</i>	The Coach Mike Weiner Scholarship Salon Memorial Scholarship Fallsburg Fire Department and Rescue Squad Scholarship Hertz Laruffa Scholarship Kiwanis Club Scholarship





But nothing can split a
COMET HEART!



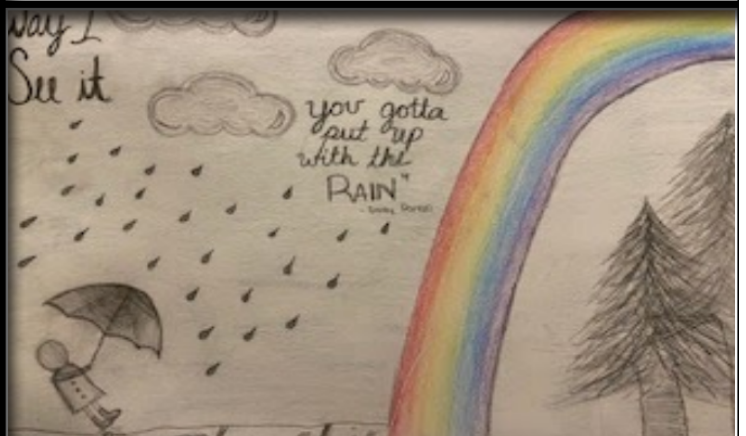




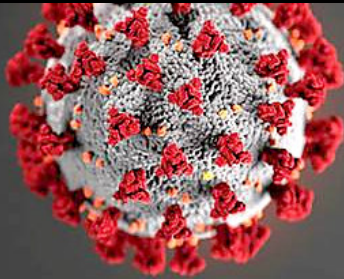
Stay
inside,
help everyone



Be Strong
Be Brave
Be Fearless



How COVID-19 changed our lives



Nov. 2019

A novel coronavirus was first identified in China's Hubei province. The disease it causes attacks the lungs and causes rapid onset of pneumonia in already immunocompromised patients.

The first American case was diagnosed in Washington state. The illness rapidly spread across the globe, endangering mostly older adults and those with underlying and chronic health conditions, including lung disease, heart disease and diabetes.

Photo provided by CDC.gov

The World Health Organization (WHO) names the virus SARS-CoV-2 (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2) and the disease it causes COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease 2019). Worldwide death toll is 1,107.

2/11

First US COVID-19 death

1 new case in Mexico

3 new cases in United States

5 new cases in Canada

February

March

Canada had 118 cases. United States had 1,267 cases. Italy had more than 12,000 cases.

The WHO declared SARS-CoV-2 a pandemic, which meant the 118,000 cases and more than 4,000 deaths worldwide required more specific and targeted attention and resources.

To slow the virus's spread, the US suspended European travel for 30 days.

12 Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and wife Sophie Grégoire Trudeau self-isolated after she experienced symptoms. He was cleared, but she had the virus.

- 11 states and the District of Columbia: Alabama, West Virginia, New Mexico, Wisconsin, Illinois, Oregon, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, Louisiana, Utah, Kentucky, Florida, Indiana, Washington, Michigan

US declared a national state of emergency

14 The US reported 2,810 confirmed cases and 59 deaths.

14 Fourteen states activated National Guard troops to assist with virus-related concerns, including regulating the flow of medical supplies, but most other standing practices cancelled schools as the numbers of infected rose.

Canada reported 341 cases.

15 the 15th (15) More cases were reported outside mainland China than inside it for the first time in the history of the disease. The largest school district in the US, NYC Public Schools, closed. The CDC suggested a community ban on all gatherings of more than 50 people for at least eight weeks.

Provinces, states and cities continued to implement strict measures to slow the spread of the virus. The movement, called "flatten the curve" prompted entertainment, bar and restaurant closures across the US and Canada. By Monday, all NBA, PGA, MLB, MLS, NASCAR, NHL, and NCAA sporting events were either cancelled or put on hold for two or more weeks. Some especially hard hit areas, including seven counties in California, put a three-week-long "Shelter in Place" home restriction on citizens, requiring they leave their homes only for essential needs. Workers in essential services (emergency and medical, banks, grocery, pharmacy and food service) were exempted from the restriction, so they could work.

sixteen

17 St. Patrick's Day

California was cancelled (even in Ireland). Non-essential services (banks, movie theaters, shopping malls, etc.) were closed for 30+ days in many states. The Canadian US border was closed to land (but not trade) in a mutual agreement.

All information gathered Mar. 15-17 from CDC.gov, WHO.int, APNews.org, CNN.com, USNews.com, CDC.ca

March 17 - Fallsburg CSD's faculty & staff jumped into action!

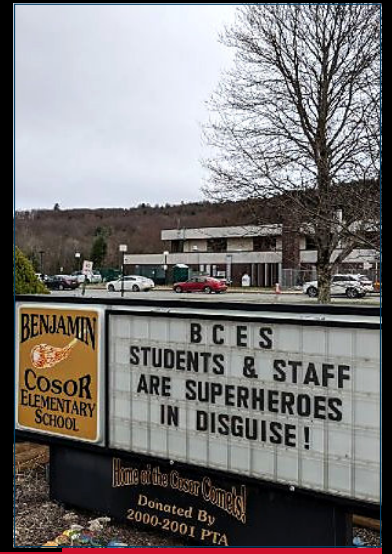


With no preparation time, all faculty and staff worked together to ensure learning continued and meals delivered to those in need. This included almost 500 Chromebooks handed out to students to participate in their new virtual "classrooms."

"I am very proud of the grand team effort and support to make this a reality. I would also like to thank district staff and community members who have offered to volunteer."
-Superintendent Ivan Katz

THESE ARE OUR HEROES

COVID Can't Stop Comets



"I volunteered yesterday, but our entire elementary and high school staff was so eager to help that we actually have staff on a waiting list if needed."
-Dominick Scanna



2020-21 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

SCHOOL CLOSED

SEPTEMBER	.....7,28
OCTOBER	.....12
NOVEMBER	.....11, 26 & 27
DECEMBER	.....24-31
JANUARY	.....1, 18
FEBRUARY	.....15
MARCH	.....29-31
APRIL	.....1 & 2
MAY	.....31

SCHOOL DAYS

SEPTEMBER	.....15	+ 1 CONFERENCE
OCTOBER	.....20	+ 1 CONFERENCE
NOVEMBER	.....17	+ 1 CONFERENCE
DECEMBER	.....17	
JANUARY	.....19	
FEBRUARY	.....19	
MARCH	.....20	
APRIL	.....20	
MAY	.....19	+ 1 CONFERENCE
JUNE	.....19	

TOTAL 185 + 4 CONF = 189

MAKE-UP DAYS

Day 1	.....2/15
Day 2	.....3/29
Day 3	.....3/30
Day	.....3/31

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

GIVE BACK DAYS

If 1 snow day remains:	.....5/28
If 2 remain:	.....5/28, 5/21
If 3 remain:	.....5/28, 5/21, 4/5
If 4 remain:	.....5/28, 5/21, 4/5, 4/6
If 5 remain:	.....5/28, 5/21, 4/5, 4/6, 4/7
If 6 remain:	.....5/28, 5/21, 4/5, 4/6, 4/7, 4/8
If 7 remain:	.....5/28, 5/21, 4/5, 4/6, 4/7, 4/8, 4/9
If 8 remain:5/28, 5/21, 4/5, 4/6, 4/7, 4/8, 4/9, 3/26
If 9 remain:5/28, 5/21, 4/5, 4/6, 4/7, 4/8, 4/9, 3/26, 3/12

Amended: 2/5/20

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