

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 best of health and spirit as we await the arrival of spring. Here are a few District updates:

Newly Appointed Board Member

On Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at a regular meeting of the Board of Education, Regina McKenney-Snead was appointed to become the newest member of the Fallsburg Central School District. Ms. McKenney-Snead was appointed to take the seat vacated by Ms. Katherine Rappaport. Ms. McKenney-Snead will have the seat through the next Board of Education election which will take place on May 17, 2022.

School Budget Update

The Board of Education continues working on preparing the 2022-2023 school budget for board approval in April and, ultimately for a budget vote on May 17, 2022. The board is continuing to work on balancing what students need while trying to make the tax levy as low as practicable.

Covid-19 Update

On March 2, 2022, the Governor of the State of New York, along with the New York State Department of Health lifted the mask requirement for public schools. The Fallsburg Board of Education, on March 2, 2022, passed a resolution recognizing this change. As a result, mask wearing is now optional for students, staff members and visitors.

School Budget Vote and Board of Education Election

I just wanted to remind everyone that the budget vote and board election will take place on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, from 11:00 AM – 8:00 PM in the Board of Education Meeting room at the Fallsburg Junior-Senior High School. This new location will be a safer way for the public to vote and allow the school day to continue uninterrupted.

Here is wishing everyone a very happy spring season!

Sincerely,

Dr. Ivan J. Katz, Ed. D.

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SAVE THE DATES

Reminder: The Fallsburg Alumni Association's Awards Presentations will be on July 16, 2022.
Details to follow.

Plus! The Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School Drama Club will perform *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* on Friday, April 8th & Saturday, April 9th. Doors open at 6:30pm, curtain time is 7pm. Tickets are available at the door, \$7 each (children under 5 are free). Hope to see you there!



**Fallsburg CSD
2022-2023 Pre-K & Kindergarten Registration**

**NEW FOR 2022-2023:
FULL DAY PRE-K PROGRAM!**
(2 classrooms with 18 students in each)
(half day program will no longer be offered)

- Pre-K students must be 4 years old on or before December 1, 2022.
- Kindergarten students must be 5 years old on or before December 1, 2022.

Registration packets can be picked up in the Central Office in the JSHS or completed online. Please visit <http://www.fallsburgcsd.net/parents/registration> for instructions and to reach our online registration form.

****PLEASE NOTE:**
ALL incoming Kindergarteners MUST register, even if registered for Pre-K last year.**

Registration will take place for incoming:
• Pre-K students: April 11th - April 29th
• Kindergarten students: May 9th - May 20th

For Pre-K:
COMPLETE Registration Packets (including ALL required documentation) will be accepted until April 29th. At that time, a lottery *may be held* if more register than available seats. Once all seats are filled, students will be added to a Waiting List. Registration will be processed, by date of receipt, for COMPLETE registration packets only.

From the High School Principal & Assistant Principal

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FALLSBURG / BENJAMIN COSOR SCHOOL NEWS

Greetings Comet Families!

We hope this newsletter finds you well!

We are happy to announce the start of an expansion of our SUNY Sullivan course offerings here at the Junior Senior High School. Starting this September, and continuing next school year, we will be offering additional college classes where our Juniors and Seniors can earn college credit while still in high school. This program is called "Dual Enrollment" because it means our students are also simultaneously enrolled in SUNY Sullivan classes. If a student takes on all the different SUNY classes we offer, they will have the opportunity to earn a full Associates Degree when they graduate in 2024! Students who are interested in learning more about this exciting program can contact either of us or your School Counselor!

Speaking of college classes, we are also expanding our partnership with Siena College to offer more Computer Science class offerings! Students can now take two computer science classes here, and next year we will be offering a third class in this Siena College pathway. These are excellent courses for anyone interested in computer science, technology, or business careers!

We want to thank all of our faculty and students who contributed to a successful Spirit Week and Battle of the Classes! It was a wonderful week full of school spirit and healthy competition between our classes. Events like this help bring our school community together and we are thankful for everyone who made it happen! Remember - in order to participate in events like this, students must be academically eligible. Any student who is failing two or more classes should take steps to get on the eligible list by attending daily tutoring and improving class grades and submitting their completed academic progress reports to their counselor.

Thank you for your continued support of Fallsburg Junior Senior High School!

Yours truly,

Kyle Roddey
Principal

Shana Bruestle
Assistant Principal

From the Elementary Principal

Spreading love and kindness and celebrating our students at BCES.

- Our students in grades PreK-6 created cards for our local veterans. More than 400 cards were sent to the Government Center in support of the "Valentines for Vets" initiative. Selected valentines were put on display at the Government Center and then all of the valentine cards were distributed to the veterans at the VA Hudson Valley Health Care System, Castle Point Campus.
- Our students in grades PreK-6 also created cards and some "survival kits" for our bus drivers in recognition of Bus Driver Appreciation Day. The cards, along with a gift, were brought to Rolling V for distribution to our amazing drivers, monitors and the office support that Rolling V provides our district.
- We celebrated the 100th day of school on February 22nd. Students participated in various 100th day activities in their classrooms. In addition, many students and staff dressed as their 100-year-old-self.
- Our winter celebration was a huge success! All students participated in various winter activities as part of our PBIS celebration. Primary Grade Activities included: Winter Craft, Winter Story Time, Dance Party, Roll a Snowman, and Winter Hockey. Intermediate Grade Activities included: Bobsled, Winter Story Time, Build a Snowman, Roll a Snowman, Snowshoeing/Craft. (If students did not wish to snowshoe, they worked on a craft during this time.)
- "Referral Free" day was celebrated on February 28th. 7 students participated in a Mindfulness activity while 789 students participated in their classroom "referral-free" activity.
- On March 1st we recognized our 4th, 5th and 6th graders who received BUGS (Bringing Up Grades), Honor Roll or Superintendent's Honor Roll for the 2nd marking period. The virtual ceremonies were recorded and shared with any parent who wanted a copy of their child's awards ceremony.
- In honor of "Read Across America" day, Mr. Viglione read *All are Welcome* and Mrs. Stinehour read *Be You!* to our students and staff. These readings were held virtually. In addition, Mrs. Stinehour read *Be You!* to the PM PreK students.

Love,

Mary Kate Stinehour

From the Elementary Assistant Principal

As I sit and write this newsletter article, it is the beginning of March, and it is cold outside. However, a few days or weeks ago, it was warm enough that the students got to go outside for recess!

The point is that it is, weather-wise, an "interesting time of year. Often, we do not know, from day

to day, what the weather might be. One day, it might be cold, and the next, it could be warm.

Therefore, it is important for the students to be prepared for any changes in weather. This is because they might never know when they will have the opportunity to go outside. I think that it is a good idea for the students

to prepare for a colder day, and dress in layers. That way, when (or if) the temperature rises, the students can, when it comes time to play, leave their heavy coats and sweaters inside.

Sincerely,
Dave Viglione

BCES Honors February Superheroes with Special Breakfast

The February Superheroes at BCES received their honors in the School Cafeteria on February 8, 2022 with a special pancake breakfast. The special breakfast was awarding students from all grade levels certificates of outstanding behavior and for exhibiting the character trait: Be Safe.

More than 40 children received nominations from school staff: Special thanks go out to the PBIS Team Coordinators, Nicole Cortes and Brittany Davis, their entire team, and the cafeteria staff for decorating, preparing and serving the delicious food.



First Annual Sullivan Youth Poetry Festival Announced

On Saturday, April 2, 2022, from 2-3 pm, the first annual Sullivan Youth Poetry Festival will take place at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts. All Sullivan County students in grades 7-12 are welcome to submit an original poem to be read at the festival. Three poems will be chosen to win cash prizes, all entrants will receive a gift certificate. The theme of the festival is My Identity My Heritage My Dreams. If you need help with writing prompts or more information about the event, please see High School Librarian, Ms. Sabourin for assistance. The deadline to submit your original poem is midnight on Monday, March 21, 2022, they should be sent to: sullivancountypoetlaureate@gmail.com.

If you know a young poet, please encourage them to participate.



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Valentines for Vets

For the past several years, BCES has sent hundreds of hand-made Valentine's Day cards to veterans in New York State V.A. Hospitals. This year's program began during the week of January 13 and ended on February 1, in time for every card to be processed for mailing.



The effort is school-wide, and every child has a chance to participate. Teachers from Pre-K through 6th grade, devote a period from their schedules to provide materials for the students to focus on discussing who veterans are and what they mean to America. Kids share if they have veterans in their families now or whether their parents and other relatives served in the military services. Valentine's Day is special to children of all ages. It is a time to focus on the heart. That is why this program is part of the BCES yearly schedule.

Fallsburg Triumphs in "Souper" Bowl

Once again, the Town of Fallsburg is a big winner in the Super Bowl every year - that is, the "Souper" Bowl! The winners are the children in the BCES Student Government Association (SGA) and all those that attend the Food Pantry at South Fallsburg's St. Andrews Episcopal Church. The SGA, under the guidance of their faculty advisor Peter Dworetzky, spent the week before the Super Bowl collecting cans and packages of soup from families of students and the school staff. Mr. Dworetzky delivered the two large boxes to St. Andrews the day after the football game.



Robotics Excellence



Coach Thomas and Coach Kappes are pleased to announce that the Fallsburg Robotics IQ and EDR teams have returned to their pre-COVID excellence.

Our newest team 84501A was first to qualify for the NYS VEX IQ Middle School Championship. The team members are Saladin Basic (builder and driver), Robert Perrera (lead designer/builder, driver, and co-captain), Leah Russel (programmer, driver, and co-captain), and Adin Moldonato-Rodriguez (builder and alternate driver).

Team 99561B Qualified for the NYS VEX EDR Middle School Championship. Bella Muscia is the team's current solo member. She won the "Judge's Award" at The Harvey School tournament on February 20th.

Don Thomas, advisor





When you drive up the road into Garnet Health Medical Center - Catskills or New Hope Community in Loch Sheldrake, you are greeted by huge signs that say, "Heroes Work Here". These signs would be appropriate at the entrances to so many places in Sullivan County, especially at Rolling V Bus Company and all the school buildings. On Feb. 22nd Fallsburg celebrated School Bus Driver Appreciation Day by honoring Rolling V for their year-round service to bring the school children safely to and from school.

Throughout the week prior to the 22nd, children at BCES were making cards and signing them for the drivers and monitors on every school bus route. Principal Mary Kate Stinehour collected them and added little goody bags for each driver. She placed them in a large, decorated box filled with folders for each bus route and delivered them to the Rolling V bus garage in South Fallsburg.

Receiving the 275 cards of appreciation were Terminal Manager Edgar Espinoza and bus driver Anita Young, a veteran of twenty years' service to the Fallsburg community and most recently in charge of the Turtle Route. Edgar is married to Jeanette Espinoza, first grade teacher and mother of three boys in the FCSD.



Black History Month

Congratulations to all Students who participated in the Black History Month Poster Contest!

Poster Contest Winners - Melanie Rivera & Nataly Reyes Pabon

Essay Contest Winner - Iyanna Smith

Superintendent's Conference Day Sessions on Wellness

Thanks to the FCSD Administration Team, the Wellness Committee and the Physical Education Department, staff attendees at the February 18, 2022 Superintendent's Day had three classes dedicated to well-being. The day-long schedule included two sections of Chair Yoga and one section of Creative Arts Therapy.

Susan Mendoza of The Chi Hive and Candace Rivela of Bethel Woods Center were the two instructors of the workshops. Susan led a dozen FCSD staff in many different poses while seated in chairs in the High School Gym. All the work was easeful and involved stretching and movement to loosen muscles and to relax the mind.

Candace offers workshops and is trained as a creative arts therapist. In Candace's words, "Expressing ourselves through art is for our physical, mental and emotional well-being." Observing the focus of all the participants, one could see the importance of having activities like these to alleviate stress in the daily lives of teachers and students.



FCSD Honors Scholar Athletes

At the Board of Education meeting on January 12, 2022, Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz introduced members from three fall sports teams as recipients of special honors from New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA). Team awards went to Girls' Varsity Volleyball; Boy's Cross Country; and Girls' Cross County. Also honored was Oldelmis Pavon Garcia as the Girl's Tennis Division Champion.

Honorees that were present were four volleyball players: Ashley Ingrassia, Maya Ballard, Jordyn Wall-Carty, and Sierra Kaplan with their coach Amy Johnson. Tennis coach Janet Carey accompanied Ms. Garcia as she received the commemorative patch for her victory on the tennis courts. The Boy's Cross Country Team Individual Scholar Athletes were Josie Galeas and Adam Mednick; Girl's Cross Country recipients were Ceci Mancía, Angelina Levner, Arianna Gonzalez, and Isabelle Batista. Danielle Halikias, Cross Country Teams Coach was present to support the team.



Fallsburg Athletics

Congratulations to all our athletes!

Boys' Soccer

Qualified for the Section IX post season tournament

Girls Tennis

Division Champions

NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete team, Odelmis Pavon

Football

Isaiah Young- Varsity 845 football player of the week

Section IX All Section: Andrew Rein

Section IX All League: Andrew Rein, Isaiah Young

Section IX Honorable Mentions: Nicholas Storms, Mateo

Scanna, Akinde Bryan, Eugene Johnson & Jason Aguilar Fuentes

Sullivan County Democrat All-Stars: Andrew Rein, Isaiah

Young, Akinde Bryan

Girls Cross Country

Division Champions

Gisella King- Qualified for State qualifying meet 11/13/21

NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete individuals (Ceci Mancía, Ange-

lina Levner, Arianna Gonzalez, Isabelle Batista)

Gisella King Cross Country All-Star team

Boys Cross Country

NYSPHSAA Scholar

Athlete individuals

(Josie Galea & Adam

Mednick)

Volleyball

Maritza Rivas Joya -

Section IX Class C

All-Star Honorable

mention

Ashley Ingrassia- Section IX Class C All-Star Honorable Men-

tion

Sullivan County Democrat All- Stars: Ashley Ingrassia, Maritza

Rivas Joya, Jordyn Wall-Carty

NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete team - Maya Ballard, Maritza

Rivas Joya, Rugiatu Sesay, Iyanna Smith & Jordyn Wall-Carty



Seniors on Fallsburg/Tri-Valley Wrestling Team

Before the final home meet of the season, Fallsburg honored the two graduating seniors, Allie Weiner (FHS) and Cody Bound (Tri-Valley), from the Fallsburg/Tri-Valley Wrestling Team. Cody's grandmother and Allie's parents were presented bouquets of flowers. FCSD Athletic Director Suzanne Lenzian welcomed everyone to the event. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ivan Katz celebrated the seniors and the wrestling team. Coach David Melan thanked each senior for the contributions they made to the team both on and off the wrestling mat. They will be missed.



2021-2022 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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 SCHOOL CLOSED
 CONFERENCE DAY
 REGENTS EXAMS
 TESTING DAYS
 GO HOME EARLY DRILL

SCHOOL CLOSED

SEPTEMBER	6, 7, 16
OCTOBER	11
NOVEMBER	11, 24 - 26
DECEMBER	24-31
JANUARY	17
FEBRUARY	21
APRIL	15 - 22
MAY	30
JUNE	20

MAKE-UP DAYS

Day 1	2/21
Day 2	4/22
Day 3	4/21
Day 4	4/20

SCHOOL DAYS

SEPTEMBER	16
OCTOBER	19
NOVEMBER	18
DECEMBER	17
JANUARY	20
FEBRUARY	18
MARCH	22
APRIL	15
MAY	21
JUNE	17

TOTAL 183 + 4 CONF - 7 SNOW = 180

Updated: 7/7/2021

- 8 = FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
- 24 = LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
- 25 = GRADUATION

FALLSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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"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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Keeping you informed...

3/16/22 Board of Education Mtg. 7:00pm MS Board Room	4/13/22 Board of Education Mtg. 7:00pm MS Board Room	5/17/22 Budget Vote 11:00am - 7:00pm MS Board Room
3/18/22 Superintendent's Conf. Day	4/15-18/22 School Closed	5/18/22 Board of Education Mtg. 7:00pm MS Board Room
3/26/22 BCES Winter Ice Skating 7:00pm Benjamin Cosor Elementary School	4/26/22 Board of Education Mtg. 7:00pm MS Board Room	
4/8-9/22 You're a Good Man Charlie Brown 7:00pm HS Auditorium	5/4/22 Board of Education Mtg. 7:00pm MS Board Room	