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at Hancock!*



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WILDCAT PLEDGE

We nurture and empower each learner's unlimited capacity to become a responsible citizen with a promising future.

IN A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN



Gleim goes D-I... Drake breaks record... Young shines again



STOP BULLYING

BULLYING IS:

Intentional, aggressive, hurtful behavior intended to harm, humiliate, manipulate, or exclude someone or a group.

WHERE BULLYING HAPPENS:

Bullying can happen anywhere including at school, on the bus, on social media and many other places.

CYBERBULLYING



Bullying does not always happen in person. Cyberbullying is a type of bullying that happens online or through electronic messages, instant messages, emails, websites, pictures/video clips, social media and networks (e.g., Facebook, Snapchat, Twitter), and online games in which another person cannot easily defend him/herself.

Protect Yourself:

THINK BEFORE YOU POST!

Don't post anything you don't want to share with everyone. You never know what someone else will forward

DON'T SHARE!

Keep your password a secret from other students and friends.

TALK TO ADULTS!

- 1) Keep your parents in the loop. Listen to what they have to say about what is and isn't okay to do.
- 2) Talk to an adult you trust about any messages you get or things you see happening to others online that are hurtful, embarrassing, or harmful.

VERBAL BULLYING

- Teasing
- Name-calling
- Threatening others



SOCIAL BULLYING

- Excluding someone on purpose
- Telling others not to be friends with someone



PHYSICAL BULLYING

- Hitting/kicking/pinching
- Taking or breaking someone's things



**Hancock Central
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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE



Spending plan will meet student needs

Hello, friends! As we reach the peak of the winter season, the Board and I remain diligently focused on developing the proposed spending plan and corresponding school program for the 2020-2021 school year.

In late January, the Governor proposed his 2021 Executive budget to the Legislature. On the surface, this proposal appears to fund public education quite generously. However, the projected school-aid allocation to Hancock is not nearly sufficient to fully fund anticipated expense increases that are necessary to provide an adequate and appropriate public education for all of our students.

That said, we are still relatively early in the budget-development process and the final, reconciled State Budget is yet to be developed. I am extremely confident the Board and I will produce a responsible 2020-2021 spending plan that meets the needs of our students while remaining fiscally responsible to our taxpayers in the present moment and, as important, in the years ahead.

More information is forthcoming. I encourage all of our interested stakeholders to periodically check our website, social media pages and the local news for updates.

Now more than ever, I am convinced that we can offer our students the best possible program opportunities by working together. We will continue to support their ongoing intellectual, psychological and emotional growth from elementary school through adolescence and into adulthood.

Please stay in touch!

Respectfully,

Terrance P. Dougherty, Ph.D.

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REMAINING 2019-2020 MEETINGS

All meetings start at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office, unless otherwise indicated.

- 3/9 Regular Meeting
- 3/23 Regular Meeting
- 4/13 Regular Meeting
- 4/27 Regular Meeting
- 5/11 Regular Meeting
- 5/11 Annual District Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 5/19 Annual School Budget Vote/Board Election, 2:00-8:00 p.m. (Tues.)
- 5/26 Regular Meeting (Tues.)
- 6/8 Regular Meeting
- 6/22 Regular Meeting

Note: The 5/19 Annual School Budget Vote/Board Election will be held at Hancock MS/HS Auditorium.

VOTERS APPROVE HCSD CAPITAL PROJECT

On December 5, 2019, voters in the Hancock Central School District overwhelmingly passed an \$8 million capital improvement project that was developed to address safety, infrastructure, food service, technology, and maintenance concerns at the Hancock Elementary and Middle/High schools and bus garage.

District officials announced that voters supported a project that carries no additional tax impact to residents, by a margin of 104 yes votes to 31 no votes.

The Hancock Central School District Capital Project is part of the District's long-term commitment to developing a solution to safety and infrastructure issues and meeting the academic program needs of the 21st century, particularly in science, math, and technology.

"Our community's continued support of this school district is so important and deeply appreciated, not only by the Board of Education, myself and our staff, but by the students who will benefit from this project now and in the future," said Terry Dougherty, Superintendent of Schools. "Over the past 17 years, this is the third capital project local residents have supported, totaling nearly \$25 million dollars in construction renovations and enhancements. We are sincerely humbled and grateful for the trust we have earned."

Renovations are expected to begin in the late spring or summer of 2021. Please contact Superintendent Dougherty at 607-637-1300 with questions.

HANCOCK TO EXAMINE SCHOOL CLIMATE

Hancock students, staff and parents will soon take part in a New York State Education Department School Climate Survey to help improve the overall quality of education in the school district.

Following U.S. Department of Education and NYSED survey guidelines, Hancock Central School District stakeholders will have the opportunity to express their opinions about the current school climate and offer insight on ways to improve it.

Audience-specific surveys will help the District understand the perceptions of students, staff and parents with regard to academics, community relationships, safety, and institutional environment. Since each group experiences school climate differently, the surveys will be used to create an overall picture of Hancock's existing school climate and help the District monitor progress, make data-driven decisions and adapt to shifting needs.

The surveys will be distributed electronically to those currently involved with middle and high school education (grades 5-12) in the Hancock Central School District. Once survey data is collected and analyzed, the NYSED will help the District develop and implement a school climate improvement action plan that promotes student achievement, self-esteem and school safety.

Hancock's School Climate Survey initiative was presented to its Board of Education on February 24 during a regularly scheduled BOE meeting. Select staff members will take part in a pilot exercise on February 27 to ensure the surveys are fully functional before distribution to students, staff and parents. Hancock administrators, faculty and staff will be surveyed on March 6 during their staff in-service day, parents from March 27-April 17 via an online portal (details are forthcoming), and students on April 3 in class.

Make-up surveys will be available from April 4-17 for those who could not participate on the aforementioned dates. Consent forms with more survey details have been sent home.

For more information on the NYSED School Climate Survey, visit <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/sss/ssae/schoolsafety/school-climate.html> online.

DEPOSIT, HANCOCK CONTINUE WORK ON SHARED SERVICES

The Deposit and Hancock school boards met in early January to follow up on their Shared Services initiatives for the 2019-2020 academic year.

The districts have met twice—in November and January—since agreeing to work together to share an athletic code of conduct, an extra-curricular eligibility policy, a coaches' handbook, professional development for staff members, an Eagles mascot/logo for athletics, and retirement ceremonies for the Erie Bell.

The following updates were reported by Hancock PK-12 Principal Julie Bergman during the January 6 meeting, facilitated by Gray Stevens, at the Deposit Central School District:

Coaches' Handbook: A joint committee reviewed, updated and refined Deposit's existing handbook before the 2019 winter break. Based on these revisions, there is a first draft of the shared handbook, which each district is reviewing.

Athletic Code of Conduct: A joint committee reviewed and compared each district's code. Legal analysis of each district's Athletic Handbook and Student Handbook rendered letters of advice and direction to ensure there are no inconsistencies. Updates will continue at the next meeting.

Additionally, superintendents Terry Dougherty of Hancock and Denise Cook of Deposit reported the following updates:

Eagles Mascot/Logo: Work on an image representing the Eagles mascot and logo for the shared athletic programs is underway. Once finished, these will be unveiled at a culminating event.

Erie Bell Retirement: The search for a replica Erie bell continues. Such a bell had been found, but the owners had second thoughts about parting with it. So we continue to seek a bell.

Culminating Meetings: Specific dates for the end-of-year "Culminating Meetings" in May and June will be set as we near the spring.

Upcoming Shared Services Committee meetings are scheduled for 6:00 p.m. March 2 at Hancock and for 6:00 p.m. April 21 at Deposit.

HCS IN 'HEALTHY FISCAL STANDING'

The Hancock Central School District Board of Education reviewed and approved the external audit for the 2018-19 school year during open session at its October 28 meeting.

Raymond G. Preusser, CPA, presented the external audit report, a comprehensive review and assessment of the financial activities undertaken by the school district during the 2018-2019 school year.

Mr. Preusser reported that "HCS is in a healthy financial position as of the close of the 2018-2019 school year and for the immediate future." No reportable conditions, qualified comments, or material weaknesses were cited by Mr. Preusser in the general fund report.

With respect to the audit report, HCS Superintendent Terrance Dougherty praised the Board of Education, Treasurer Aimee Skiff, and the central office staff for "responsibly and efficiently managing a complex fiscal operation."

The 2018-2019 HCS External Audit has been posted on the District's website, www.hancock.stier.org. Hard copies are available upon request during regular business hours. Requests should be directed to District Clerk Tammi Wadson.

BOYS' BOWLING TEAM, GLEIM OFF TO STATES!



Congratulations to Hancock's boys' bowling team and senior **Brenna Gleim**, who all qualified for the state tournament in February. Our boys won the Division 2 team championship during the Section IV State Qualifiers at Valley Bowling Center in Waverly, where Brenna earned a state-qualifier berth for the fourth straight season a day later.

Junior **Nick Hazen**, sophomore **Shane McAndrew**, and freshmen **Tyler Allen**, **Ronnie Ellis**, **Peyton Johnson** and **Anton Leonard** won the D2 boys team title (classes B, C & D) with 9,520 pins. All six qualified for the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Championships, which run March 13-15 at Strike 'N Spare Lanes in Syracuse.

Hancock's total pinfall started with 3,006 pins that carried over from the Section IV class tournaments a week earlier at Midway Lanes in Vestal, where the Wildcats won the Class D sectional crown. They followed with 3,159 pins in the three-game morning session February 21 and a whopping 3,355 pins in the three-game afternoon session.

Hancock's 9,520 pins marked the highest total of any Section IV team at the State Qualifiers, which featured Division 1 and Division 2 bowlers. The D1 winners (classes AA & A) amassed 9,366 pins.

Anton rolled the high series and high game during the State Qualifiers. His 803 series and 289 game came in the morning session. Nick had the second-highest series with a 752, highlighted by a 277 game.

Brenna averaged 224 over nine sectional games to become a representative of the Section IV All-Star girls team for the fourth year in a row, which coach and father Bill Gleim said is unprecedented. She rolled a 253 for the highest single

game of the tournament, and her 696 series was best in Division 2 and second-highest overall.

Brenna had the high game and high three-game series February 14 at Midway Lanes to lead the Wildcats to the Section IV Class D championship. On February 22 at Valley Bowling Center, she did the same over a six-game stretch – three in the morning session and three in the afternoon – to help Hancock place second in the Section IV D2 tourney.

Teammate **Mckenzie Worzel** averaged 199 and missed qualifying for the All-Star Team by 13 pins (essentially a spare away). **Lana Evanitsky**, **Micky Norton** and **Regan Worzel** contributed some of their best performances of the year, but Hancock couldn't catch first-place Maine-Endwell in the D2 standings.

Both teams also won Midstate Athletic Conference Tournament championships February 4 at Sunset Lanes in Kirkwood. Anton's 741 series included a 266 game for the Wildcats' boys, who received a 655 series from Tyler, a 610 series from Shane, and a 210 game from Nick.

Lana paced Hancock's girls with a personal-best 638 series, which featured a 258 game. Her series and game each ranked second overall in the girls MAC tourney and earned Lana recognition as the girl with the most pins over her season average. Brenna's 259 marked the high game of the MAC girls' tournament. She also had the third-best series.

Our Wildcats also swept the regular-season MAC titles as each finished first in the league standings.

DRAKE BREAKS HANCOCK SCORING RECORD



Photo by Ann Young

Junior guard **Laycee Drake** had a game-high 33 points January 28 to become the top scorer in Hancock varsity basketball history.

Three-time all-state selection Laycee passed Section IV Hall of Famer Jim Wright, whose 1,529 points had been a Hancock record since his 1982-1983 senior season. Laycee had 1,539 points after matching her season high to lead Deposit/Hancock's girls past visiting Bainbridge-Guilford, 70-45. She also scored 33 points in a January 16 victory over Unadilla Valley.

Laycee's run to the school record started at the end of the 2015-2016 season, when the junior varsity call-up scored six points as a seventh-grader in Hancock's first-round sectional loss to Laurens. She followed with her first all-state varsity season, making Class D's Eighth Team as an eighth-grader for Hancock.

Laycee only got better after Deposit and Hancock joined forces in 2017-2018. She capped her freshman season with a Class D Second Team all-state honor and made the Class C First Team as a sophomore last winter. The latter included a 45-point night against Walton that tied Jim for the single-game school record.

Deposit/Hancock is a top 10 Class C team, as ranked by the New York State Sportswriters Association. The Eagles finished in a three-way tie for first place in the Midstate Athletic Conference, with Unatego and Delhi, and earned the top seed for the MAC 1-4 Championship Tournament in February.

GLEIM TO BOWL FOR DIVISION I DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY



Congratulations to Hancock senior **Brenna Gleim**, who signed a National Letter of Intent on February 5 to bowl for the Division I women's program at Duquesne University!

A four-time state-tournament qualifier, Brenna officially committed to the Dukes with mother Beth and father Bill by her side. Brother Billy also attended the morning ceremony in front of the varsity trophy case at Hancock Elementary School's gymnasium, as did Superintendent Terry Dougherty, PK-12 Principal Julie Bergman, Athletic Director Ann Messenger, and teammates **Anton Leonard** and **Tyler Allen**.

Bill Gleim, who doubles as Brenna's coach, said his daughter will bowl at Duquesne on a partial scholarship worth \$10,000. She will join a program that is in its fourth full season under coach Jody Fetterhoff. The Dukes are first in the Northeast Conference at 10-2 and rank 10th in the country.

"I love them," Brenna said of her soon-to-be teammates, who made her feel right at home during a recent visit to the Pittsburgh University. "They were so nice and everyone seemed so happy to be there. Plus, it's a Division I college that also has my major, so it all fits."

Fetterhoff said Brenna seems like the perfect fit, too. "She really clicked with the other girls during her visit, so this was a no-brainer for us," she said. "She has that hard-working mentality and she wants to do whatever she can to help this team be successful. That's really what we are looking for."

Brenna owns Midstate Athletic Conference girls bowling records for average, series and game, posting the highest numbers for all three in each of the last four seasons. She's had the highest girls average in Section IV the past two seasons and has been tops in her junior travel league the last three.

Hancock's team MVP for four straight seasons, Brenna also earned a New York State Public High School Athletic Association Sportsmanship Award at the state tournament last year. Hancock's National Honor Society treasurer said she plans to major in Early Childhood Education at Duquesne.

Brenna's signing came the morning after Hancock's girls and boys swept the MAC Tournament championships at Sunset Lanes in Kirkwood. The Wildcats' girls and boys also finished first in the MAC regular-season standings.

GLEIM SETS MAC BOWLING RECORD



Congratulations to Hancock senior **Brenna Gleim** on her record-setting bowling performance in January!

Brenna rolled games of 224, 237 and 244 on January 15 at Galaxy Bowl for a 705 series to set the Midstate Athletic Conference girls bowling record.

You don't have to feel bad for the previous record-holder, either, because that was Brenna, too. She rolled a 702 last season, which ended with an appearance in the State championships!

Brenna's January 15 series helped Hancock's girls to a team total of 2,705 pins and a victory over host Afton/Harpursville.

KELSEY YOUNG RECOGNIZED BY SENATOR AKSHAR



Call it another first for Hancock senior Kelsey Young.

On November 20, the reigning Section IV Class D girls cross-country champion became the first Hancock High School female to earn a Fred Akshar All-Star Award in the three-year history of the State Senator's program, which recognizes inspirational students from his 52nd District.

Akshar hand-delivered a certificate and T-shirt to Kelsey at the Hancock Middle/High School Auditorium, then joined his newest All-Star and her National Honor Society colleagues **Roger Newman**, **Avery Ostrander** and **Michael Makowski Jr.** for a presentation to the student body.

Nominated by Hancock PK-12 Principal Julie Bergman, Kelsey is what the Akshar All-Star Award is all about. In addition to consistently performing in the top five percent of her class academically, Kelsey is a standout athlete in three sports and involved in a plethora of other extra-curricular activities.

The National Honor Society Vice President has been elected as Class President in each of her four high school years and serves as President of Hancock's Student Council and Spanish Club. Also the Yearbook Club Vice President, Kelsey is a key member of the district's YES LEADS program, recently starred in the Senior Play and has volunteered in the community the past four years.

In addition to her multiple state and league awards in cross country, basketball, and track and field, Kelsey has won two citizenship awards, is part of the high school's academic team and is often seen helping younger students achieve their goals.

"Kelsey is friendly, polite and very well-liked and respected by her peers and teachers," Bergman wrote to Akshar. "Most importantly, she is a truly remarkable young woman with a rare willingness to be bold about what is right. She is a true role model, providing friendship and leadership while demonstrating good decision-making, a positive attitude and a general love for her school community."

Kelsey follows Hancock's inaugural Akshar All-Star winner, Thomas Schoonmaker, and 2018-2019 recipient Owen Wormuth. Thomas received his award as a junior and went on to become the first Hancock student to earn a college degree while attending high school.

"(Kelsey) has undoubtedly brought a unique positivity to the classroom and community," Akshar wrote to Hancock Superintendent Terry Dougherty. "At the end of the day, I want students across our community to know their hard work and achievements deserve to be recognized and celebrated."

YOUNG WINS CROSS-COUNTRY TITLE!



Congratulations to Hancock senior **Kelsey Young** for winning the Class D girls championship during the Section IV Championships at Chenango Valley State Park in November.

Representing Deposit/Hancock, Kelsey completed the 5-kilometer course in 20 minutes, 17.4 seconds to beat runner-up Alyssa Walker, an Elmira Notre Dame senior, by nearly 12 seconds for the Class D sectional crown. Kelsey went on to place 13th at the Class D Cross-Country State championships at SUNY Plattsburgh.

Junior teammate **Madison Dawson** placed 35th (27:36.6) during the Section IV Championships. Freshman **Aidan Aldridge** paced the Eagles' boys, taking 24th in 19:43.6. Senior **Ben Parkison** (66, 23:30.6), sophomore **Hector Rodriguez** (68, 23:46.1) and freshman **Sam Parkison** (75, 25:24.4) also represented the D/H boys.



HANCOCK FALL SCHOLAR-ATHLETES HONORED



Congratulations to all of the Hancock athletes who earned Scholar-Athlete honors from the Midstate Athletic Conference and the New York State Public High School Athletic Association for the 2019 fall sports season.

The MAC recognized the following athletes for earning the highest Hancock GPAs on each of our Deposit/Hancock fall sports teams (pictured left to right): **Madison Felter**, Field Hockey; **Kelsey Young**, Girls' Cross-Country; **Roger Newman**, Golf; **Mariah Young**, Volleyball; **Ethan Hunt**, Football.

The NYSPHSAA recognized the following Hancock athletes for earning an academic average of 90 or above: Girls' Cross-Country—**Kelsey Young**; Field Hockey—**Madison Felter**, **Taylor Gotthardt**, **Avery Ostrander**; Football—**Jacob Dobromirescu**, **Ethan Hunt**, **Tom Kravetsky**, **Connor O'Boyle**; Golf—**Ben Banks**, **Brenna Gleim**, **Chris Gross**, **Nick Locke**, **Michael Makowski**, **Roger Newman**, **Logan Westbrook**, **Nate Westbrook**; Volleyball—**Mariah Young**.

Additionally, 75 percent of our D/H varsity fall sports teams finished with a combined GPA of 90 or above. Those teams are Boys'/Girls' Cross-Country, Field Hockey, Football, Golf and Volleyball.

Deposit's NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athletes for the fall are as follows: Cross-Country—**Madison Dawson**, **Ben Parkison**, **Hector Rodriguez**, **Aiden Vilar**; Football—**Lonny Barnes**, **River Burgess**, **Camron**

Lang, **Hunter Muller**, **Trent Wagner**, **Dominic Wormuth**; Field Hockey—**Evie Davis**, **Karissa Decker**, **Alexis Finnerty**, **Zoe Gifford**, **Aja Koch**, **Mikayla Martin**, **Shayna Mills**, **Angelina Morley**, **Danielle Seymour**, **Alaina Smith**, **Rylee Smith**; Volleyball—**Hannah Haines**, **Kaitlyn Macumber**, **Kalea Nichols**.

Athletic Awards

Hancock senior **Kelsey Young** and a group of Deposit/Hancock football players were honored December 16 for their athletic performances during the fall season.

Kelsey made the All-State Class D Second Team in girls' Cross-Country, as selected by the New York State Sportswriters Association.

Division 5 Football All-Star Team

Section IV named the following D/H football players to its Division 5 All-Star Team, as selected by the section's coaches: **Dominic Wormuth**, running back/linebacker, senior; **Christian Sokol**, offensive lineman/defensive end, senior; **Hunter Muller**, offensive lineman/defensive lineman, senior; **Tyler Santamaria**, OB/defensive back, junior; **Wyatt Jacobs**, WR/defensive back, sophomore; **Logan Barnes** (honorable mention), **Gabe Rynearson** (honorable mention).

'RUMBLE ON 22' SET FOR MARCH 7

The "Rumble On 22" basketball tournament will start at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, March 7, at the Hancock Elementary School gymnasium.

This 3-on-3 annual event is open to the public and features age-groups for grades 7-9 and 10-12, as well as adults. Each team must have a minimum of three players but no more than four.

Cost is \$10 per person. Proceeds will go to the Eric Ryan Gotthardt Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Same-day sign-ups take place from 7:30-8:30 a.m. To sign up in advance, email rumbleon22@gmail.com or visit the Facebook page <https://tinyurl.com/RumbleOn22>.

DEPOSIT, HANCOCK MERGE FOR SOFTBALL

Deposit and Hancock have merged for the 2020 high school softball season as the neighboring Delaware County school districts look to ensure the future of the sport while cutting costs.

“This is about opportunity, sustainability and stability,” said Hancock Central School District Superintendent Terry Dougherty, who also serves as president of Section IV Athletics. “We are thrilled to have another opportunity to collaborate with Deposit.”

The districts have shared services related to athletics and academics since 2012 and announced their joint initiatives for the 2019-2020 school year this past November. Already working together on a code of conduct, coaches’ handbook and official logo for their combined sports programs, Deposit and Hancock will now share the softball diamond as the Deposit/Hancock Eagles.

“When our athletes come together, they have proven to be an unstoppable force,” Deposit Central School District Superintendent Denise Cook said. “We are happy that our combined success continues to allow us to offer solid athletic experiences for our students and community.”

The combined softball squad will have the benefit of two experienced coaches in Deposit’s Dan Briggs and Hancock’s Kim Makowski. Briggs will serve as the Eagles’ head coach after leading the Lumberjacks to the Class D state title last season. Deposit won four state championships over the last five seasons, including three in the last four years under Briggs.

He will be assisted by Makowski, Hancock’s head coach from 2007-2019. The Wildcats never made it to the state tournament, going 0-5 in sectional title games. Makowski’s 2012 squad came the closest, suffering a 5-4 loss to Deposit in the sectional final.

The Eagles will don new uniforms while competing as a Class C program in the Midstate Athletic Conference. Their season starts April 2 at league-rival Unatego (schedule online at <https://www.schedulegalaxy.com/schools/124/teams/45271>).

The softball merger leaves one Hancock-only athletics program as boys and girls still can bowl for their respective districts. Merged D/H teams that have had recent success include the 2018 Class D state baseball champions and the 2019-2020 Class C girls basketball team, which finished this MAC season in a three-way tie for first place.

In reference to the girls basketball program, Cook recently tweeted: “Together we are stronger. The power of merged teams is amazing. Two towns . . . one dream!”

HAPPY HUNDRED!

Hancock Elementary School students celebrated the 100th day of school on February 19!

Can you believe it? Next thing you know, they will be seniors, so enjoy it while you can!



JUNIOR JOINS NY ARMY NATIONAL GUARD



Congratulations to our very own **Isaac Felter**, who signed up with the NY Army National Guard in January.

PVT Felter has joined as a 17-year-old junior in Hancock Central School District. He will get paid to drill with the NY Army National Guard until the summer, then will undergo basic training. Isaac also will drill during his senior year, then attend Advanced Individual Training to become a 91L Construction Equipment Repairer.

Isaac will be afforded free tuition at any State University of New York, CUNY or community college. He also will be paid the full Montgomery GI Bill at the start of college or trade school.

HANCOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HAS STRONG SECOND QUARTER!

Attendance

Perfect Attendance: *Karynn Appley, Nora Bartholomew, Ariana Blakeslee, Kaden Conklin, Arissa Crawson, Bryleigh Drumm, Xavier Esolen, Addie Furlong, Jada Furlong, Trenten Gill, Elaine He, Justin He, Arianna Hunt, Preston Johnston, Braidynn Marino, Braylee Marino, Cole Mazepa, Madison Norton, Sophia Prescott, Emma Saul, Steven Saul, Philip Wahl, Gavyn Westbrook, Chanel Wignall, Luke Wormuth, Gage Zazeckie*

Koalaty Kid Awards

Greatest Improvement (overall): *Mariana Bello, Liam Chapman, Dante Edwards, Preston Johnston, Madison Norton, Kemper Possemato, Tripp Rosengrant, Brice Satkowski, Xavier Vincente, Gavyn Westbrook*

Greatest Improvement (by subject): *Jena Furlong (art); Ivan Haskell (music), Axedon Possemato (music), Kayden Swartwout (music); Brendin Miller (physical education); Cherish Wright (library)*

Greatest Effort (overall): *Karynn Appley, Ariela Drumm, Ivan Haskell, Arianna Hunt, Braylee Marino, Ava Reynolds, Adelaide Roenfeldt, Kayden Swartwout, Aubreigh Werner, Chanel Wignall*

Greatest Effort (by subject): *Aurora Ruiz (art); Chanel Wignall (music), Cherish Wright (music); Arissa Crawson (physical education); Preston Johnston (library)*

Positive Attitude (overall): *Mattison Coddington, Jake D'Elia, Baylie Ellis, Nicholas Irimescu, Jayden Lassiter, Earl Miller, Richard Miller, Addison Picozzi, Kendall Whitehead*

Positive Attitude (by subject): *Ariela Drumm (art); Austin Bolster (library); Madison Bolster (music), Gianna Calendrillo (music); Madilynn Gustin (physical education)*

Problem Solver (overall): *Ariana Blakeslee, Jayden D'Elia, Joshua Dunlap, Cole Mazepa, Scott Reed, Landyn Robinson, Steven Saul, Jacob Wormuth*

Problem Solver (by subject): *Livian Robinson (art); Dante Edwards (music), Sophia Jefferson (music); Cameron Thomas (physical education); Elisha Simmons (library)*



Congratulations to all of our Hancock Elementary School award-winners for the second-quarter marking period of the 2019-2020 academic year!

Students listed below received certificates of achievement in front of friends and family during the February 20 Morning Program at the HES Cafeteria.

Honor Rolls

High Honor Roll: *Cole Mazepa, Cameron Thomas.*

Honor Roll: *Kadyn Appley, John D'Elia, Ayden Dix, Xavier Esolen, Madilynn Gustin, Elaine He, Tripp Rosengrant, Steven Saul, Kayden Swartwout, Olivia Tarbox, Cherish Wright*

Merit Roll: *Nora Bartholomew, Kaden Conklin, Aubree Cornell, Courtney Gorton, Madalyn Jennings, David Newman, Jake D'Elia, Landyn Robinson, Adelaide Roenfeldt, Gavyn Westbrook, Lacey White*



HANCOCK STUDENTS BECOME FILMMAKERS

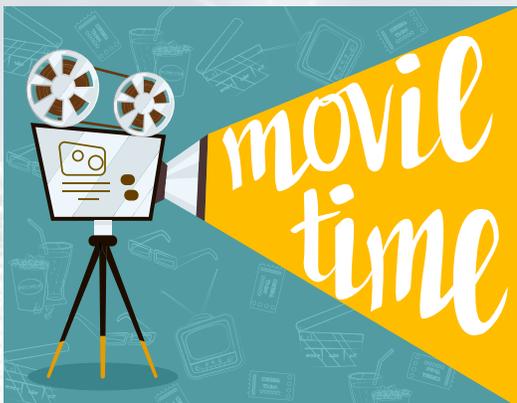


Our After School Program students recently participated in a Stop Motion Animation workshop series with Rand Whipple of Box of Light, a company from Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, that teaches technology and digital arts.

Stop motion animation is a filming technique in which objects (such as clay models) are photographed in a series of slightly different positions so they appear to move. Students participated in an array of artistic stop-motion animation techniques such as sculpting, drawing, photography and storytelling. Their videos are online at <https://www.boxoflight.org/your-videos>.

This project is made possible with funds from the Decentralization Program, a re-grant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature, and administered in Delaware County by the Roxbury Arts Group.

—The Hancock Community Education Foundation



SPEECH AND DEBATE KIDS EARN HIGH PRAISE

Congratulations to Hancock High School seniors **Lily Ogozalek** and **Emmi Rubera**, who earned a pair of top-three finishes November 9 at the Bar Association Speech and Debate Tournament in Walton. Lily and Emmi placed third in the Duo category and took another third in Impromptu.

“This was an impressive performance in a large tournament with strong competition,” Hancock Speech and Debate Adviser Monica Whitt said.

The trophies come on the heels of a major award for Hancock’s Speech and Debate program, honored by the National Speech & Debate Association National Forensic League in October. NSDA Executive Director J. Scott Wunn informed Hancock via mail that the school earned the 2018-2019 Leading Chapter Award in the Iroquois (NY) District. The district chair will present Hancock’s team with a commemorative plaque during the 2019-2020 district tournament.

Wunn wrote that the honor is the highest a school can receive from the National Speech & Debate Association. Out of more than 3,000 member schools in the country, Hancock was one of 109 schools to receive the Leading Chapter Award.

“Your award reflects 330 members and degrees over three years,” he wrote. “The Leading Chapter Award serves as an indication of your relentless dedication to these students and to speech and debate education. Your efforts truly embody our mission to empower youth.”

Lily and Emmi also had a pair of top-two finishes in the Towanda Area School District Forensic Speech and Debate Competition Holiday Tournament on December 14. Lily earned a first-place medal in the Impromptu category and took a second-place medal in Dramatic Interpretation.

On December 7, they also had top-notch performances during the Speech and Debate Tournament at SUNY Oneonta. Lily took first place in Impromptu and Emmi finished third in the same category. The two also teamed up to place third in Duo.

Hancock sophomore **Zach Middleton** joined Emmi at Mount Markham’s Speech and Debate Tournament on January 25. Zach’s first time competing resulted in a runner-up finish in the Extemporaneous category. Emmi continued her standout season with a second in Congressional competition.



TALK TO YOUR STUDENT ABOUT VAPING



The School Administrators Association of New York State recently reported that student vaping is on the rise at an alarming rate. Citing a recent National Youth Tobacco Survey, SAANYS reported that student vaping increased by 78 percent between 2017 and 2018, and more than 3.6 million kids were using e-cigarettes in 2018.

Battery-operated vaping devices are used to inhale an aerosol that often contains nicotine, flavorings and other chemicals, making e-cigarettes as addictive as traditional cigarettes. They also can be used to inhale marijuana, opiates and a host of other synthetic substances.

It can be difficult to identify e-cigarettes as they often resemble easy-to-conceal items used in school settings, such as pens or USB flash drives. The latter, known as the JUUL, can actually be charged in a computer's USB port. E-cigarettes usually have four components, though: a mouthpiece, a power source, a heating element, and a cartridge or reservoir that holds liquid. E-liquids are heated by the power source, then inhaled as an aerosol through the mouthpiece.

The New York State Department of Health estimates more than 25 percent of NY high school students are vaping – 4.8 percent more than the national average. Research at the state and national levels also show an uptick in vaping among middle school students.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the New York State Department of Health warn of vaping's long-term harmful effects and have issued health advisories related to the rising number of pulmonary illnesses related to e-cigarette use. Students are at an even greater risk as nicotine and other inhalants can harm their brains, which aren't fully developed until age 25.

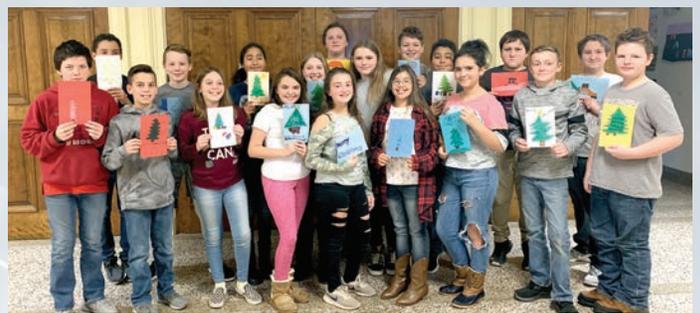
You can help your student avoid the dangers of vaping by simply talking to them. A parent tip sheet on how to talk to your child about vaping is available online at https://e-cigarettes.surgeongeneral.gov/documents/SGR_ECig_ParentTipSheet_508.pdf. More information is available online at <https://www.cdc.gov> (CDC) and <https://www.parentsagainstvaping.org/> (Parents Against Vaping E-Cigs).

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

Hancock Middle School students in grades 5-6 made a grand gesture on February 14, hand-delivering homemade Valentine's Day cards to local senior citizens at Messenger Hall. Our kids brought out smiles around the table during the Senior Meals program, which takes place right across the street from Hancock Central School's main entrance. Special thanks to teachers Gloria White, Kristina Dufton and Angie Hazen for coordinating this special delivery!



A HOLIDAY WISH



Hancock Middle School sixth-graders went to work in December for a little boy named Carlos, who was hospitalized during the holidays as he awaited a heart transplant. Our kids sent handmade cards to Carlos, wishing the 6-year-old from Boston a happy and healthy holiday season.

Special thanks to Hancock teacher Angie Hazen for sharing these spirit-lifting photos of our kids in action. Angie's nephew, Jackson, was in a similar situation the previous winter as he spent Christmas in the hospital waiting for a heart transplant.

Jackson received his new heart this past March and is doing well. Here's to hoping that a little holiday magic from Hancock helps Carlos, too.

MEET HANCOCK CENTRAL SCHOOL'S SECOND-QUARTER STANDOUTS!



Congratulations to the following Hancock students who were recognized for student achievements during the second quarter of the 2019-2020 academic year.

HS High Honor Roll

Grade 9: *Sophia Schaffer, Wynter Stanton*

Grade 10: *Lindsey Bolster, Madison Felter, Jasmine Gorton*

Grade 11: *Ethan Hunt, Michael Makowski Jr., Avery Ostrander*

Grade 12: *Alexis Bennett, Catherine Bennett, Brenna Gleim, Harrison Layman, Roger Newman III, Lily Ogozalek, Emily Rubera, Kelsey Young*

HS Honor Roll

Grade 9: *Katherine Gorton, Peyton Johnson, Allison Lewis, Ethan Tompkins*

Grade 10: *Benjamin Banks, Stanley Bialecki Jr., Jacob Dobromirescu, Payten Gill, Taylor Gotthardt, Christopher Gross, Donovan Layman, Nicholas Locke, Shane McAndrew, Zachary Middleton, Nathaniel Westbrook*

Grade 11: *Laycee Drake, Sophia DuBois, Thomas Kravetsky, Connor O'Boyle, Mariah Young*

Grade 12: *Sierra Francisco, Liam Galloway, Nicholas Gross, Blaze Kuehn, Brandon McElroy, Emily McGraw, Michaela Mirch, Kyle Shaffer, Christian Sokol*

HS Merit Roll

Grade 9: *Ibn Lavender, Alexis Lopez, Regan Worzel*

Grade 10: *Christian Alderman, Wyatt Jacobs, Shawna Oddo*

Grade 11: *Isaac Felter, Marisa Kelly, Waylon Madugno, Julianna Roloson, Ella Simmons, Dustin Wormuth, McKenzie Worzel*

Grade 12: *Zachary Alderman, Richard Banks, Lana Evanitsky, Adam Goebel, Ariel Kellam, Evan Kenyon, Max McAndrew, Noah Rubera*

MS HCEF Scholar of the Month

December: *Logan Westbrook, Grade 8*

January: *Alyssa Ryder, Grade 6*

MS High Honor Roll

Grade 5: *Holden Dufton, Olivia Johnston, Leigha Mead, Amelia Waldron*

Grade 6: *Alyssa Ryder*

Grade 7: *Makenzie Allen, Kyle Gorton, Sarah Gross, Addison Makowski*

Grade 8: *Weston Layman, Kelsie Newman, Isabella Petriella, Zaida Whitaker, Lola White, Chiara Wormuth, Hailey Wormuth*

MS Honor Roll

Grade 5: *Marco Avila, Kaycee Karcher, Maryam Lavender, Keegan Milk, Kingston Pemp, Dante Perillo, Landyn Shaffer*

Grade 6: *Noah Bass, Cambry Cobb, Olivia Esolen, Patrick Esolen, Alexi Rosel, Quinn Rowe, Greyson Thomas, Leah Wormuth, Ethan Wrighter*

Grade 7: *Vanessa Horton, Emmalee Watson*

Grade 8: *Adalina Davis, Davis Herzog, Kailey Petersen*

MS Merit Roll

Grade 5: *Evan Johnson, Carmine Langert-Holdosi, Wyatt Persbacker, Josephine Young*

Grade 6: *Angelina Lopez, Tru MacDowall, Aiden Noble, Hunter Oddo, Micah Simmons*

Grade 7: *Kevin Conklin, Jacob Davis, Diane Langert-Holdosi, Nicholas Leonard, Hannah Mitchell, Paula Orlowski*

Grade 8: *Valarie Dobromirescu, Zakariah Lavender, Daegan McDowell, Alexis Mead, Evan Persbacker, Paislea Ronk, Maretta Simmons, Logan Westbrook, Emery Wrighter*

MS Classroom Citizenship

Outstanding Social Responsibility: *Makenzie Allen, Emrehe Ellis, Olivia Johnston, Kelsie Newman*

MS Perfect Attendance

Grades 5-8: *Makenzie Allen, Kevin Conklin, Holden Dufton, Emrehe Ellis, Sarah Gross, Maryam Lavender, Nicholas Leonard, Weston Layman, Addison Makowski, Leigha Mead, Keegan Milk, Kelsie Newman, Kingston Pemp, Evan Persbacker, Tyler Persbacker, Wyatt Persbacker, Isabella Petriella, Alexi Rosel, Alyssa Ryder, Landyn Shaffer, Amelia Waldron, Logan Westbrook, Hunter Whitehead, Chiara Wormuth, Hailey Wormuth, Emery Wrighter, Ethan Wrighter*

Modified Sports

Boys' Basketball: *Eli Alderman, Saad Lavender, Zakariah Lavender, Evan Persbacker, Nate Smothers*

Girls' Basketball: *Averiona Curtis, Valarie Dobromirescu, Addison Makowski, Alexis Mead, Kailey Petersen, Maretta Simmons, Chiara Wormuth*

Boys' Bowling: *Jacob Davis, Davis Herzog, Alex Mosher, Aidan Norton, Luke Prescott*

Wrestling: *Kevin Conklin, Tyler Persbacker*

Happy Holidays



Halloween



Veterans Day



Thanksgiving



Christmas

ys at Hancock!



WE REMEMBER . . .



Gloria White's sixth-grade Social Studies class made a statement by joining the #WeRemember online campaign for International Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Students took turns reading *The Devil's Arithmetic* by Jane Yolen out loud, then discussed the Holocaust and the various camps used by Nazi Germany to imprison and kill millions of European Jews during World War II. They finished the book as a class on January 27, which was International Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Our kids then decided to join the campaign, standing together with homemade #WeRemember signs to honor those who suffered and/or died during this dark part of world history.

For more information on the International Holocaust Remembrance Day and the campaign, visit <https://weremember.worldjewishcongress.org>.



HANCOCK JUNIOR RECOGNIZED BY YES

Congratulations to Hancock High School junior **Michael Makowski Jr.**, the YES Safe Choices Student of the Month for December.

Michael is in his third year with the YES Safe Choices program, a youth-led initiative focused on drug and alcohol prevention that's co-sponsored by Lourdes and Senator Fred Akshar. High school students who participate in YES Safe Choices meet with younger kids throughout the school year to discuss the dangers of drugs and alcohol.



"Michael is always enthusiastic when our group meets," Hancock YES Safe Choices Adviser Meghan Smith said of Makowski, who was inducted into the National Honor Society earlier this school year. "He is often the first to offer suggestions, and I can always count on him to attend our meetings and events.

"Michael is a well-rounded student who takes his academics seriously while also participating in YES Safe Choices, student government and athletics," she continued. "His favorite part of YES Safe Choices is being able to interact with the younger students in our district."

Lana Evanitsky, Sierra Francisco, Brenna Gleim, Christopher Gross, Alexis Lopez, Roger Newman, Emmi Rubera, Christian Sokol and Kelsey Young also represent Hancock High School in the YES Safe Choices program, which has 17 Southern Tier members. To find out more about the program, visit <http://www.yessafechoices.org>.

HANDS-ON HISTORY LESSON

Hancock students visited West Point in early November as an extension of a Social Studies lesson on the history of the U.S. military. Kids in grades 7 & 8 studied the architecture, art and beauty of West Point!



LEADING THE WAY!



Hancock students of all levels came together before the December holiday break for YES LEADS activities.

Our high school LEADers visited Hancock Elementary School for social interactions and instruction revolving around craft-making, movies and more!

Thanks to everyone for making YES LEADS a proud part of the Hancock Central School District.

Want to join the program? Visit adviser Meghan Smith in the Main Office of Hancock High School for more information.

HANCOCK FIGHTS CANCER WITH PENNY WAR!

Congratulations to our Penny War winners from Hancock Elementary School and Hancock Middle/High School!

Our third- and fourth-graders combined to bring in the most pennies among HES classes for a top total of \$58.17. Grades 7-8 led the MS/HS classrooms with \$74.17 in pennies.

Overall, the District raised \$511.10, which will all be donated to the American Cancer Society.

Great job, kids!



HANCOCK HONOR STUDENTS EARN TOP 10 FINISH



National Honor Society students from the Hancock Central School District competed in the Catskill Area School Study Council's Upstate Academic Challenge on January 7 at SUNY Oneonta.

Pictured from left to right, **Lily Ogozalek, Kelsey Young, Alexis Bennett, Catherine Bennett, Emmi Rubera, Roger Newman, Brenna Gleim and Michael Makowski** represented Hancock in the Small School Competition. The division also featured teams from Andes, Cherry Valley-Springfield, Cooperstown, Elmira Notre Dame, Greene, Laurens, Seton Catholic, South Kortright and Unadilla Valley.

HANCOCK ADDS STOP ARM CAMERAS TO SCHOOL BUSES



The Hancock Central School Transportation Department has added Stop Arm Cameras to all 13 of the District's school buses, HCS Transportation Supervisor Jodi Newman announced in January.

Installed in October by Surveillance-247, a mobile digital video company with an office in Norwich, Stop

Arm Cameras can capture footage of vehicles that pass a school bus on the left (driver's) side when the stop arm is extended and the red lights are flashing. Although this is illegal, the New York Association for Pupil Transportation reports that an estimated 50,000 motorists statewide pass stopped school buses with red lights flashing every school day.

State lawmakers approved legislation allowing school districts to add Stop Arm Cameras to their buses September 5, the first day of the 2019-2020 academic year at Hancock. Newman said Stop Arm Cameras are add-on features that complement existing school bus camera systems and can capture a license plate on a vehicle traveling up to 75 mph, day or night.

"Red lights are a stop sign, and the public needs to be aware that children are being loaded or unloaded when this stop sign is activated," said Newman, who added that the cost (\$398 per bus) was figured into Hancock's 2019-2020 School Budget. "When a vehicle passes one of our buses with the reds on, the driver can mark the footage by pressing a button on the side dash."

Once downloaded, footage can be slowed to frame-by-frame shots and transferred to a thumb drive for law enforcement to view. A ticket is then issued to registered owner of the offending vehicle. According to the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee (<https://trafficsafety.ny.gov/school-bus-safety>), fines can range from \$250 for first-time offenders to \$1,000 and jail time for repeat offenders.

HERZOG NAMED HCEF SITE DIRECTOR



The Hancock Community Education Foundation recently announced the appointment of Kathi Herzog as site director for its K-4 After School Activities Center.

Kathi is a Special Education teacher at Hancock Central School who began her career as a Licensed Teaching Assistant in the HCS Special Education Department. Kathi pursued her bachelor's degree in Special Education from Liberty University and has since earned her master's in School Librarianship from the University at Buffalo. She also holds a New York state certification in both areas.

Kathi has worked for the HCEF as a tutor since 2009. She joins Tina Appley in running the after school programs at Hancock.

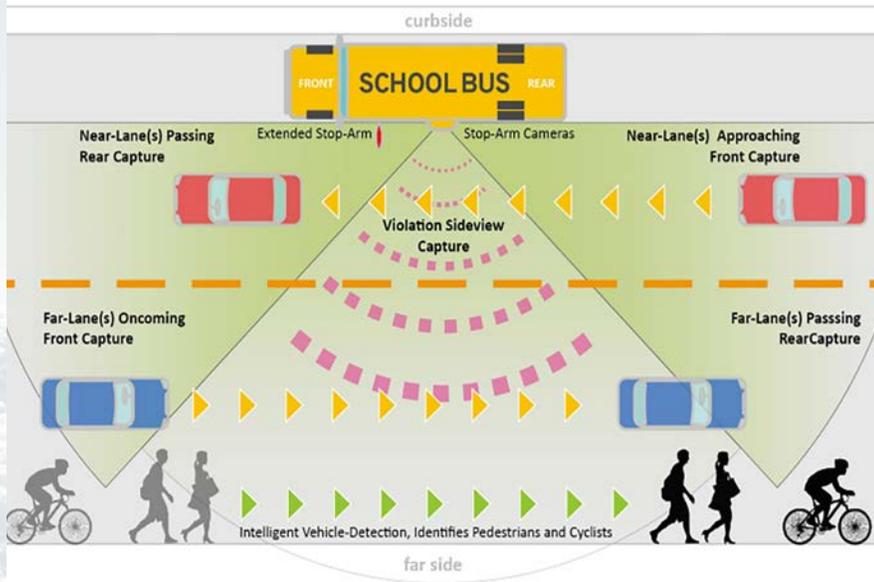
Our After School Programs run from 2:30-5:30 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays at Hancock's elementary and middle schools. Every Friday is "FUN DAY FRIDAY," highlighted by special field trips or activities (pick-up times vary). Students may attend 2-5 days each week and can be picked up earlier than 5:30 p.m. with prior written notice.

Healthy snacks and dinners are provided for students every day. Five certified teachers are on staff to provide daily instruction on robotics, woodshop, cooking, STEM, and tutoring.

To join the ASP or for more information, call Tina Appley at 607-637-1388, email Kathi at kherzog@hancock.stier.org, or download the online application at hancockeducationfoundation.org (under forms).

—The Hancock Community Education Foundation

Full Coverage of Danger Zones



HANCOCK ELEMENTARY STUDENTS SHINE DURING FIRST QUARTER!



Congratulations to all of our Hancock Elementary School award-winners for the first-quarter marking period of the 2019-2020 academic year!

Students listed below received certificates of achievement during the December 12 Morning Program, which drew a standing-room only crowd of family and friends to the HES Cafeteria.

Honor Rolls

High Honor Roll: Jake D'Elia, John D'Elia, Madilynn Gustin, Elaine He, Cole Mazepa, Cameron Thomas

Honor Roll: Kadyr Appley, Ariana Blakeslee, Kaden Conklin, Xavier Esolen, Trenten Gill, Arianna Hunt, Axedon Possemato, Landyn Robinson, Livian Robinson, Tripp Rosengrant, Steven Saul, Kayden Swartwout, Gavyn Westbrook, Lacey White, Cherish Wright

Merit Roll: Nora Bartholomew, Ayden Dix, Courtney Gorton, Madalyn Jennings, David Newman, Adelaide Roenfeldt, Olivia Tarbox, Carter Wormuth

Attendance

Perfect Attendance: Karynn Appley, Maci Berlingeri, Ariana Blakeslee, Kaden Conklin, Arissa Crawson, Jayden D'Elia, Ayden Dix, Xavier Esolen, Addie Furlong, Jada Furlong, Jena Furlong, Trenten Gill, Ivan Haskell, Elaine He, Justin He, Arianna Hunt, Sophia Jefferson, Braidynn Marino, Braylee Marino, Cole Mazepa, Richard Miller, David Newman, Leon Palladino-Stevens, Alexa Petersen, Addison Picozzi, Axedon Possemato, Sophia Prescott, Landyn Robinson, Livian Robinson, Adelaide Roenfeldt, Aubrey Rutherford, Steven Saul, Emma Saul, Olivia Tarbox, Cameron Thomas, Philip Wahl, Lacey White, Jacob Wormuth, Cherish Wright, Gage Zazeckie

Koalaty Kid Awards

Greatest Improvement (overall): Arissa Crawson, Bryleigh Drumm, Baylie Ellis, Trenten Gill, Courtney Gorton, Madalyn Jennings, Leon Palladino-Stevens, Chloe Reynolds, Lacey White, Jacob Wormuth

Greatest Improvement (by subject): Jacob Wormuth (art), Christopher Davanzo (library), Tatym Rosengrant (music), Gage Zazeckie (physical education).

Greatest Effort (overall): Dante Edwards, Harper Dufton, Sophia Jefferson, Elaine He, Earl Miller, Emma Saul, Olivia Tarbox, Philip Wahl

Greatest Effort (by subject): Elaine He (art), Baylie Ellis (library), Aurora Ruiz (music), Landyn Robinson (physical education)

Positive Attitude (overall): Kaden Conklin, John D'Elia, Christopher Davanzo, Ayden Dix, Ariela Drumm, Addie Furlong, Madilynn Gustin, Richard Miller, Luke Wormuth, Gage Zazeckie

Positive Attitude (by subject): Justin He (art), Ariela Drumm (library)

Problem Solver (overall): Kadyr Appley, Karynn Appley, Nora Bartholomew, Joshua Dunlap, Liam Noble, Cameron Thomas

Problem Solver (by subject): Cherish Wright (art), Alexa Petersen (library), Sophia Jefferson (music), Ayden Dix (physical education)

Great job!

TOY DRIVE HELPS LOCAL FAMILIES



The Hancock Central School District was proud to participate in the Hancock Community Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry's annual Community Toy Drive.

HCSD collected toys from November 25 to December 10, then donated them to the Hancock Community Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry. Hancock Guidance Secretary Meghan Smith said all donations are distributed to local families during the holiday season.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Community Toy Drive!

HANCOCK HOSTS LITERACY NIGHT

The Hancock Central School District thanks everyone who attended Literacy Night in early December. Special thanks to the teachers who helped bring it all together to give our young students the opportunity to succeed!



LITTLE THINGS MEAN A LOT!

Hancock Elementary School fourth-graders visited Hancock Community Preschool in November to read books to some of our littlest community members.

While the goal was to spark an interest in reading at a very young age, our kids from Mrs. Prescott's and Mrs. Smith's classes also benefited with a terrific opportunity to practice reading fluently.



DRESS FOR SUCCESS DURING WINTER MONTHS

Outdoor recess is an important and valuable part of our elementary students' day. Fresh air, exercise and time spent outside afford students a break from the structure of the classroom. Most importantly, teachers agree students perform best at school when they have an opportunity for vigorous outdoor play, so we try to get them out whenever possible.

Therefore, it is imperative your child is dressed appropriately for the weather and is prepared to play outside. During the winter season, at a minimum, every child should have a jacket, gloves or mittens, and a hat. If there is snow on the ground, snow boots and pants are necessary. If students do not have snow boots and snow pants, they will be limited to the blacktop area on the playground.

There will be times when it is not safe for children to be outdoors, or for outdoor time to be limited. Factors considered in determining outdoor safety are:

- Temperature/Wind Chill: when temperatures fall below 25 degrees, including wind chill, children will be inside
- Precipitation: rain, hail, snow, freezing rain
- Age of students
- Length of time outdoors
- Playground conditions

While there is no formal recess in the middle and high school, it is important that students still dress appropriately for the weather. Furthermore, as temperatures significantly cool during the winter months, students should dress for comfort and warmth inside of the elementary and high school buildings while school is in session. As a reminder, for health and safety reasons, heavy, bulky winter coats cannot be worn inside the building during the school day.

If you have any questions, please contact the HS/MS office at 637-1305, or the Elementary office at 637-1219. Thank you for your support in helping us keep your children safe, healthy and happy.

TIE-DYES IN TWO DAYS!

Check out some of the awesome tie-dye T-shirts that Jim Kelly's middle school science classes created over a two-day span in October, right here at the Hancock Central School District!

Students colored plain, white tees, tied them up and bagged them for a day. The results are impressive!



HANCOCK SERVES LUNCH FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

The Hancock Central School District welcomed local senior citizens to the high school cafeteria November 14 for its annual Thanksgiving Senior Luncheon.

Superintendent Terry Dougherty and PK-12 Principal Julie Bergman greeted more than 30 guests, including Board of Education President Terry Whitt and Vice President Rebecca Smith. Cafeteria Supervisor Jo-Anne Smith and her staff prepared a Thanksgiving-style meal, complete with turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, salad, fruit and peanut-butter pie.

Our Hancock MS/HS Band played holiday music under the direction of Loa Noyd during the event, which has taken place annually for more than 20 years.

For more photos from the Thanksgiving Senior Luncheon, visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/HancockCSD/>.



FALL PLAY IS A HIT AT HANCOCK!



Hancock High School presented its annual Fall Play, *Dead and Breakfast* by Craig Sodaro, in November. This two-act mystery/comedy once again featured private-eye Nick Noir and Selma, his new bride. This time, these two lovebirds set to sail on a honeymoon cruise but found themselves stranded on a Caribbean Island at none other than the Jolly Roger Bed and Breakfast!

The newlyweds became targets of multiple murder attempts as they were mistaken for billionaire J.J. Hay and his mother. The play, directed by Loa Bagg Noyd and Kristy White, had lots of laughs and a surprise-twist ending.

Check out our Facebook page for more photos!



CHECKING OUT CON-TECH CAREERS!

Hancock High School participated in the annual Con-Tech Career Day in early October. Hancock Physical education teacher Devon Bedient (far left) and high school guidance counselor Joan Rice (far right) accompanied 19 students to the Construction and Technology Career Day, hosted by the Broome County Highway Department in Binghamton.



Thank You Con-Tech!

PUMPKIN MATH IS A TREAT!

Hancock sixth-graders got into the Halloween spirit October 30 with Pumpkin Math.

Students brought pumpkins to school for this interactive lesson, first charting information in standard and metric units for weight, diameter and circumference. They also counted/recorded the vertical lines on their respective pumpkins, then gutted and carved them.

The class pumpkins produced a total of 9,301 seeds and some very unique designs. As an added bonus, Gloria White roasted the pumpkin seeds for the kids!



WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!



Congratulations to Hancock fifth-graders **Maryam Lavander, Keegan Milk, Aladino Ruiz** and **Josephine Young** for taking first place in the Elementary School Engineers Division during Engineering Day at Broome-Tioga BOCES on November 7!

Students from local school districts were given the same materials to build a structure that moved a ball into a cup using at least three energy transfers. Our quartet did it best, amassing 129 points to top more than 80 teams for the title!

Hancock eighth-graders competed a day earlier, using Rube Goldberg machines to build a contraption that would ring a bell with at least six movements and several energy exchanges. Our eighth-graders gave it their best with some terrific teamwork!

HANCOCK WELCOMES PRESTON STUDENTS



We gave a warm Wildcat welcome to students from Pennsylvania's Preston Area School, who visited the Hancock Central School District in October.

Featured speakers included HCS D Superintendent Terry Dougherty, PK-12 Principal Julie Bergman and School Counselor Joan Rice.

The Hancock and Wayne Highlands school districts continue to maintain a longstanding contract that allows Preston Area students to attend Hancock High School in neighboring New York state from grades 9-12. This contract runs through the 2020-21 academic year.

Thanks to all of the kids for visiting today. We hope to see you all again soon!

THREE INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY



The Hancock Chapter of the National Honor Society welcomed juniors **Ethan Hunt, Michael Makowski Jr.** and **Avery Ostrander** during its 2019 Induction Ceremony on November 7 at the Hancock Middle School/High School Auditorium.

The night started with dinner at the Hancock House Hotel and continued at the Auditorium, where current NHS members honored the newcomers on stage. NHS President **Roger Newman** served as the emcee of the Induction Ceremony, which featured speeches by NHS Secretary **Catherine Bennett**, Community Service Coordinator **Lily Ogozalek**, Blood Drive Coordinator **Emmi Rubera**, and Vice President **Kelsey Young**.

Treasurer **Brenna Gleim**, Historian **Alexis Bennett** and fellow NHS members **Sierra Francisco, Nicholas Gross** and **Christian Sokol** also took part in the ceremony, which featured remarks by PK-12 Principal Julie Bergman and Board of Education President Terry Whitt.

NHS Advisor Kristy White coordinated the event with help from Ann Mangefrida, Tammi Wadeson and Crazy Daisy Flowers.

Congratulations to the NHS Class of 2019!



HANCOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STANDS UP TO BULLYING!

Hancock Elementary School students came together in October to StopBullying before it starts! The HES staff taught our kids all about the importance of being kind through a series of gymnasium games that required teamwork to succeed.

After a seriously fun time, we got everyone together for a photo with our matching orange T-shirts that read: "United we stand against bullying!" This was just one of the ways to make a difference during Bullying Prevention Month. To discover more, visit <https://www.stopbullying.gov/> online.



NOW HIRING



Nutrition Service Workers

At the Hancock Central School District, our nutrition services are a vital part of your child's school day. Meals matter at Hancock, which is why we offer nutritious and delicious options for breakfast and lunch. We pride ourselves on helping your child start and finish every school day strong!

WE ARE PROUD TO OFFER:

- Competitive wages
- Part-time or substitute positions
- Training (no experience necessary)
- Great work environment
- Weekends, holidays and summers off

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Apply in person from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Monday-Friday

Download an application at www.hancock.stier.org/Employment.aspx

For more information, email Cafeteria Supervisor Jo-Anne Smith at jsmith@hancock.stier.org or call 607-637-1320.

If you've got the drive . . . we've got the bus!



NOW HIRING

School Bus Drivers

At the Hancock Central School District, our bus drivers are an integral part of the communities they serve. They genuinely care about your children and are committed to ensuring student safety to and from school. They are your family, friends and neighbors!

WE ARE PROUD TO OFFER:

- Competitive wages
- Full-time, part-time or substitute positions
- No experience necessary
- Training included
- Great work environment
- Weekends, holidays and summers off
- Opportunities to work extra trips

Apply in person from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
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Download an application at www.hancock.stier.org/Employment.aspx

For more information, email Head Bus Driver Jodi Newman at jnewman@hancock.stier.org or call 607-637-5322.



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Stand Up To Bullying!

BULLYING IS:

Intentional, aggressive, hurtful behavior intended to harm, humiliate, manipulate, or exclude someone or a group.

WHERE BULLYING HAPPENS:

Bullying can happen anywhere including at school, on the bus, on social media and many other places.



VERBAL BULLYING

- Teasing
- Name-calling
- Threatening others

PHYSICAL BULLYING

- Hitting/kicking/pinching
- Taking or breaking someone's things



SOCIAL BULLYING

- Excluding someone on purpose
- Telling others not to be friends with someone



HOW TO STOP BULLYING:

- Tell your parents, teacher or an adult you trust. They can help.
- Look at the person bullying you and tell them to stop in a calm, clear voice.
- If speaking up seems too hard or not safe, walk away and stay away.
- Be kind to the kid being bullied. Just hanging out with them will help them know they aren't alone.



CYBERBULLYING

Bullying does not always happen in person. Cyberbullying is a type of bullying that happens online or through electronic messages, instant messages, emails, websites, pictures/video clips, social media and networks (e.g., Facebook, Snapchat, Twitter), and online games in which another person cannot easily defend him/herself.

Protect Yourself:

THINK BEFORE YOU POST!

Don't post anything you don't want to share with everyone. You never know what someone else will forward.

DON'T SHARE!

Keep your password a secret from other students and friends.

TALK TO ADULTS!

1) Keep your parents in the loop. Listen to what they have to say about what is and isn't okay to do.

2) Talk to an adult you trust about any messages you get or things you see happening to others online that are hurtful, embarrassing, or harmful.



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With Facebook, Twitter, texting and countless other communication tools at our fingertips, we certainly have embraced all of the advantages of new technology. Nonetheless, the best way to communicate within the Hancock Central School District is to call us.

When you need clarification, additional information, an answer to a pressing question, etc., or have any recommendations or concerns, the best practice is to call the Main Office of your child's school. Classroom or course-specific questions can be directed to your child's teacher via a call to the Main Office.

Email can be effective when reaching out to school officials. In most cases, though, it is best to use email to schedule a phone call or a face-to-face meeting. The dialogue that can be established with a phone call cannot be duplicated via text or email.

Parents should consult and follow this Communications Chart when attempting to contact the District about the following issues.

For Questions About	1st Contact	2nd Contact	3rd Contact	4th Contact
Academics	Teacher	Guidance Counselor	PK-12 Principal	Superintendent
Athletics	Coach	Athletic Director	PK-12 Principal	Superintendent
Behavior	Teacher	Director of Pupil Personnel/ PK-12 Principal	Superintendent	
BOE Policies	District Clerk	Superintendent	Board of Education	
Budget	Business Administrator	Business Manager	Superintendent	Board of Ed.
Building Use	PK-12 Principal	Supt. Buildings & Grounds	Supt. Secretary	Superintendent
Cafeteria	Café Manager	PK-12 Principal	Superintendent	
Classroom Procedures	Teacher	PK-12 Principal	Superintendent	
Co-Curricular	Advisor	PK-12 Principal	Superintendent	
Facilities	Supt. Buildings & Grounds	Superintendent		
Health Office	Building Nurse	PK-12 Principal	Superintendent	
Scheduling	Teacher	Guidance Counselor	PK-12 Principal	Superintendent
Special Education	Teacher	Director of Pupil Personnel	PK-12 Principal	Superintendent
Transportation	Bus Driver	Transportation Director	Superintendent	

Contact Information	
Elementary School Office.....	637-1219
Middle/High School Office.....	637-1305
CSE Office.....	637-1374
Food Service Office.....	637-1320
Superintendent's Office.....	637-1301
Elementary School Health Office.....	637-1220
Middle/High School Health Office.....	637-1310
Transportation Department.....	637-5322
Buildings and Grounds.....	637-1313