



HALDANE HORIZONS

A newsletter of the Haldane Central School District



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Message from Dr. Benante

Dear Haldane Community,

We have a lot to be thankful for this school year. As the images and stories within this month's issue of *Haldane Horizons* will show, our students continue to benefit from the connections that they have with each other and the broader Philipstown community.

It is that sense of community that makes Haldane (and Philipstown) a special place. Yet as lives seem to be increasingly online, a real sense of community can seem increasingly elusive.

I hope that these image serve as a reminder that one of the core facets of our school is to provide the space for our students to connect - to learn from each other, to consider diverse viewpoints and perspectives, and to develop an appreciation that these differences are what make us a community.

As the holidays approach, I wish you and your families continued good health and peace!

Sincerely,
Phil Benante, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools

Fifth Grade at Little Stony Point

Haldane fifth graders recently explored Little Stony Point on a beautiful sunny day. The walking trip was an entry event for their unit on crafting fictional narratives set at Little Stony Point.



Spotlight on Science

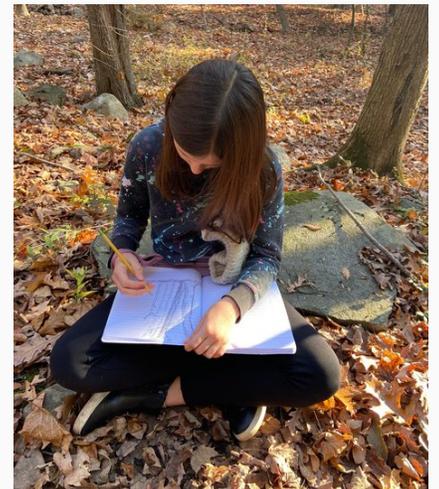
Sixth grade science classes tell the Earth's story while pondering their own.



Mark Wick's 6th grade scientists headed outdoors to explore the Earth's history. Students stretched a 46 meter long rope to represent 4.6 billion years of the Earth's existence; each centimeter equaled one million years. Laminated cards were placed along the way marking various events such as the first discoveries of life in the ocean, land plants, and amphibians. When they finally reached the beginning of the timeline, students quickly saw how human existence as we know it only takes up fractions of a centimeter. Turning around, they saw the vast rope behind them representing the rest of "Earth's Story."



After a hike to a nearby stream and wooded area, students were asked to ponder their existence on Earth and express themselves however they felt comfortable. Some sketched their surroundings, some wrote poetry or free-wrote, and some quietly explored the area for natural treasures. The goal of this geology unit is for students to be able to view a natural setting and "tell a story of a place."



Haldane Students Perform at NYSSMA Area All-State Festival

Four high school students from the Haldane music program were selected for this year's New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) Area All-State Festival. Sophie Sabin and Conrad White participated in the mixed choir and Elaine Llewellyn (flute) and Robert Freimark (piano) participated in the band. Students are selected for Area-All State based on their NYSSMA Solo Festival score from the previous year. All of the accepted students from Haldane earned the highest level solo score, a 98 or better on a level 6 solo.

During the Area All-State Festival students from Putnam, Dutchess, and Columbia counties rehearsed together for two days and then performed a concert at the end of the weekend. Area-All State was held on November 19 and 20 at Brewster High School.



HALDANE ATHLETICS

CONGRATS TO OUR 2021 FALL ATHLETES

GIRLS SOCCER ALL LEAGUE

SECTION 1, CLASS C FINALISTS

Madison Chiera
Bianca Harmancin
Ruby Poses
Chloe Rowe

BOYS SOCCER ALL LEAGUE

SECTION 1, CLASS C FINALISTS

Ryan Eng-Wong
Ronan Kiter
Matt Silhavy
William Sniffen, League D MVP
Max Westphal
Ahmed Dwidar, Coach of the Year

BOYS SOCCER ALL SECTION

Ronan Kiter, Honorable Mention
William Sniffen

CROSS COUNTRY ALL LEAGUE

Celia Drury
John Kisslinger
Helen Nicholls
Luke Parrella
Eloise Pearsall
Keira Shanahan, Honorable Mention
Andreia Vasconcelos, Honorable Mention
Conrad White, Honorable Mention

TENNIS ALL LEAGUE

Betsy McBride
Ellen O'Hara
Mairead O'Hara

VOLLEYBALL ALL LEAGUE

Meghan Tomann

FOOTBALL ALL LEAGUE

SECTION 1, CLASS D Regional Finalists and League Champions

Giancarlo Carone
Will Etta
Soleil Gaines
Evan Giachinta
Jack Hartman
Ryan Irwin
Jake Mason
Dylan Rucker
Thomas Tucker
Ryan Van Tassel

FOOTBALL ALL SECTION C/D

*Giancarlo Carone, Defensive Back
of the Year, League 2*

FOOTBALL ALL CONFERENCE C/D

Evan Giachinta
Ryan Irwin

The View from Craigside Drive

Grade 6

Reagan Stickle
Jack Conrey

Grade 7

Jacob Medoff
Marco DiLello

Grade 8

Ellie Mahoney
Hannah Sporbert



These TRUE Blue Middle School students were recognized by their teachers for exemplifying TEAMWORK.

What does TEAMWORK mean to you?

"Working together with others." - Ellie Mahoney

"Working hard together, sharing thoughts, and examples. Everybody should be a part of it." - Jack Conrey

"Everyone comes together and works together and collaborates." - Reagan Stickle

"When you help someone or someone helps you, like with homework." - Jacob Medoff

What do you think makes a team successful?

"How well others work together and their determination in the subject." - Ellie Mahoney

"Focusing on what a person is saying to you makes a team successful. Listening to each other is important." - Jack Conrey

"When everyone shows up and puts all their effort into the team." - Reagan Stickle

"A team needs someone who can help others when they need help." - Jacob Medoff

What are you looking forward to doing over the holiday break?

"Hanging out with family." - Ellie Mahoney

"Decorating, buying and getting Christmas gifts, and seeing my grandmother on Christmas Eve." - Jack Conrey

"Spending time with family and seeing family I don't see that often." - Reagan Stickle

"Spending time with my family and opening gifts with them." - Jacob Medoff

DECEMBER 2021

THU/FRI
2 & 3

Elementary and
Middle School
Parent/Teacher
Conferences

FRI
3

Haldane Drama
Sense & Sensibility
7:00 PM

SAT
4

Haldane Drama
Sense & Sensibility
2:00 PM and 7:00 PM

SUN
5

Haldane Drama
Sense & Sensibility
2:00 PM

THU
16

High School Junior
College Parent
Meeting
6:30 PM

FRI
17

Middle and High
School Quarter 2
Progress Reports

WED
22

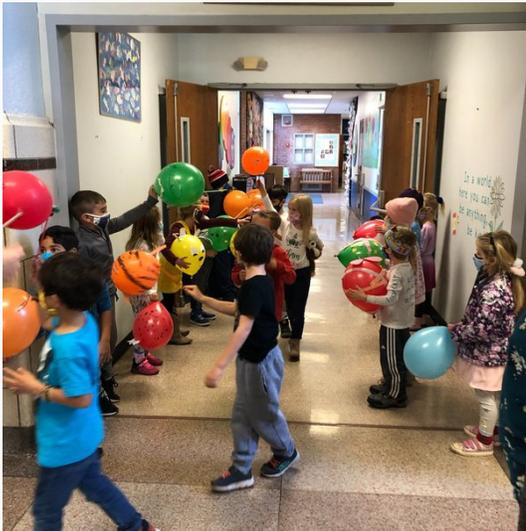
Middle and High
School Concert
Production Release

FRIDAY 24 -
FRIDAY 31

Holiday Recess
No School
Enjoy!



**"There's Always
Something To Be
Thankful For"
in Sixth Grade**



**Haldane
Elementary's
Thanksgiving
Balloon
Parade**

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