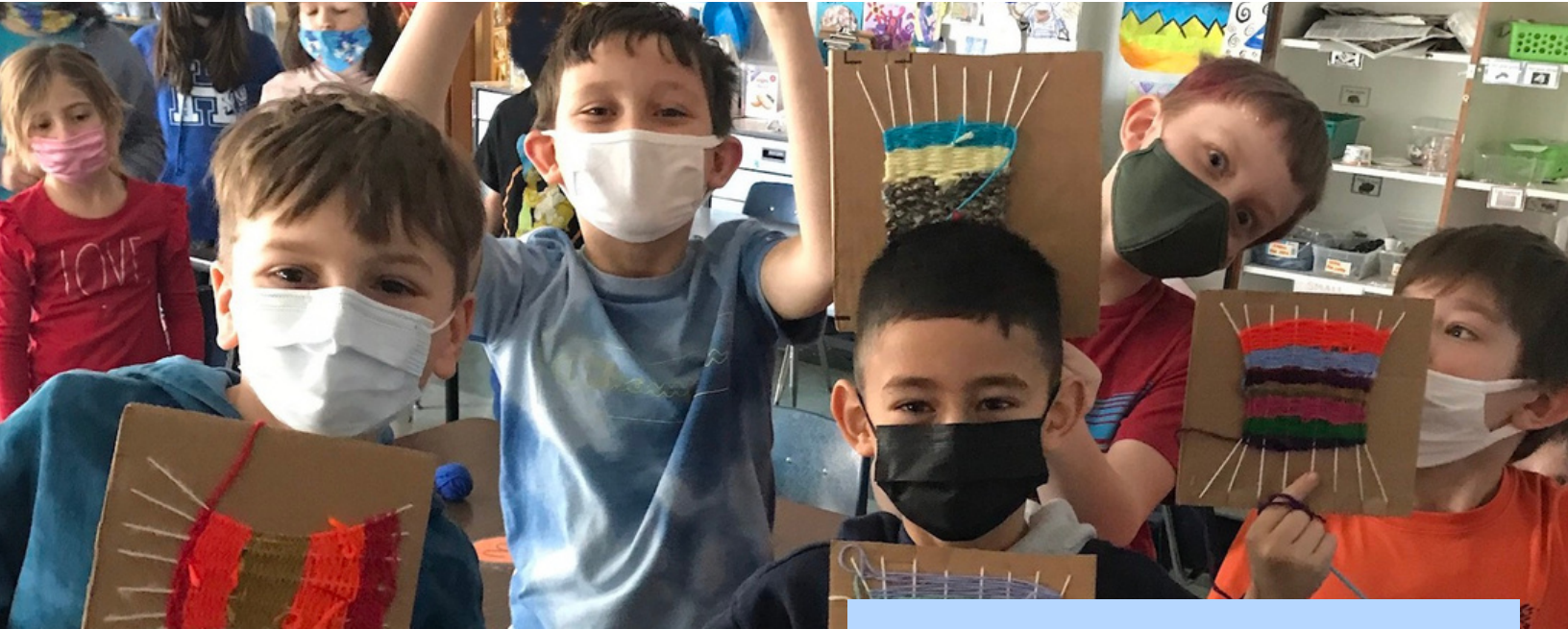




# HALDANE HORIZONS

*A newsletter of the Haldane Central School District*



## ***Message from Dr. Benante***

Dear Haldane Community,

The end of winter brings us to some important transitions in the school year. Our kindergartners celebrate their 100th day of school while we honor the remarkable academic achievements of our Valedictorian and Salutatorian (who by my estimate are somewhere around 2,260 days of school).

As we think about the beginnings and ends of our students' experiences, there's so much that happens in-between.

This month's issue of Horizons spans the varied experiences that our students have on their Haldane journey.

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

## **FEBRUARY 2022**

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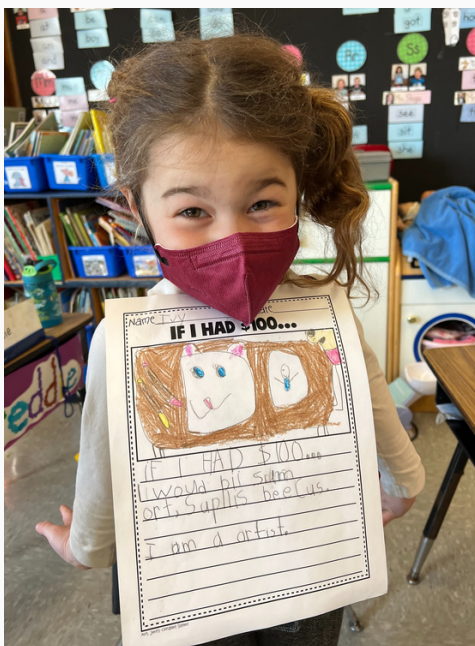


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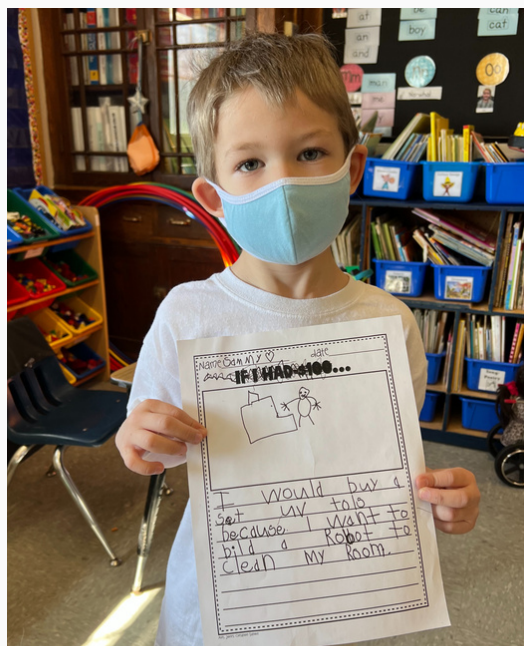
*Haldane Kindergartners' celebration of 100 days of school continues the annual tradition of donations to the Philipstown Food Pantry.*



*Students also illustrated and wrote about the unique ways they would put \$100 to use.*



**Art supplies!**



**A robot to clean my room!**



**100 toys!**



## Tegu Engineers Give Thanks

*Cold Spring's The Gift Hut donates creativity to Haldane students.*



Thanks to a recent donation from The Gift Hut on Main Street in Cold Spring, Kindergartners have enjoyed putting their engineering skills to work with new Tegu Blocks that help encourage building, creativity, and collaboration.



## *Icy Suncatchers Shine in the Garden*

*Garden glory on the coldest of days.*

During the late January stretch of very cold days, students in several elementary classes chose one or two materials from the Haldane garden to feature in their ice suncatchers. Using take-out food containers as molds, string and water were added to create the suncatchers.

The next day, beautiful icy suncatchers were popped out and hung for all to enjoy. They are ephemeral, lasting only as long as the sun or wind allows. The students really enjoyed this project and many said they created more at home.





## Middle School TRUE Blue Shines in Many Ways

*Haldane Middle School continues to celebrate and demonstrate their TRUE Blue values.*

### Hearts of Understanding

Sixth grade DCI completed another TRUE Blue board: Hearts of Understanding.

Sachi, Freddie, and Scout worked during their study halls to create an awesome display of spring flowers! Teachers will give hearts to students who show acts of understanding throughout the third quarter. They will then be entered to win Dunkin' gift cards!



### Blizzard of Responsibility

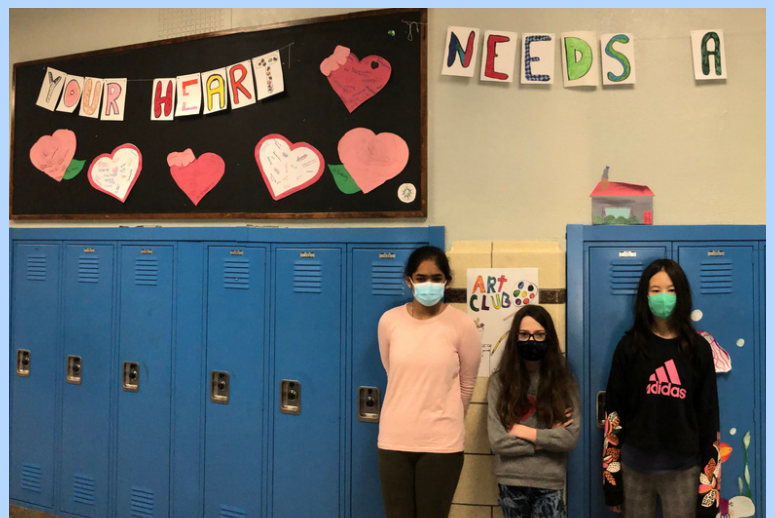


Congrats to these students for being recognized by their teachers for acts of responsibility: Clark Illian (6), Lachlan Koch and Marco DiLello (7), Dylan Ambrose and Genny Knox (8), and Aisling Stathos (6).

### Your Heart Needs a Friend

Sixth grade DCI's Sophia, Tanya, and Charlie used their study hall time to create a kindness-themed board entitled, "Your heart needs a friend."

Each middle school student contributed to the hearts by writing a quality they admire in a friend.





## All County Music Festival

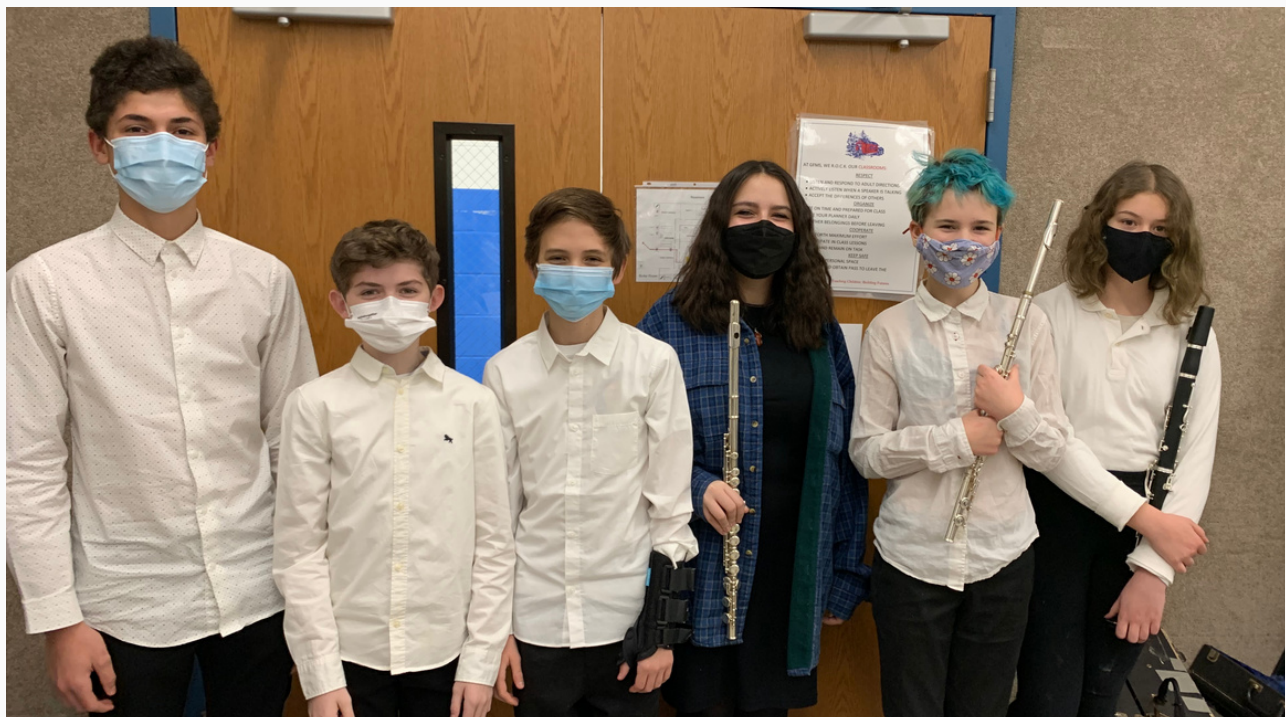
*Seventh and eighth grade chorus and band students represented Haldane.*

PCMEA All County is back! On Saturday, February 5, select 7th and 8th grade band and chorus students participated in Putnam County Music Educators' Association (PCMEA) All County Festival at George Fischer Middle School in Carmel. Prior to the festival, Ms. Stein and Mr. Rich worked with their students to prepare the music for the event.

During the festival, students from each school in Putnam County came together to rehearse and put on a concert under the direction of a guest conductor.

Students were selected for All County based on their musical skills, performance, and work ethic in their music classes, and on their NYSSMA Solo score from the previous spring. Haldane's band representatives were Anthony Bailey (clarinet), Frances Donahue (clarinet), Kai Ietaka (oboe), Lucia Petty (flute), Owen Powers (trumpet), and Plum Severs (flute).

The chorus representatives were Corinna Mueller (soprano), Lyla Chandler (soprano), Ryan Duncan (alto), Lily Parker (alto), and Molly Bernstein (alto). Additionally, Ms. Stein served as Band Chair for this year's All County Festival and is Vice President of PCMEA.





## Middle School Community Read 2022

**Mark Your Calendar: April 21 at 5:00 PM**

Haldane Middle School will be hosting their annual Community Read Event on April 21 at 5:00 PM under the tents (rain date: April 25). Parents, students, and staff will have an opportunity to participate in a discussion of the book *Refugee* by Alan Gratz. To launch this event Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) time was held in the classrooms to preview the story.

Our library has multiple copies of the book that can be checked out for students interested in participating in the community read. The book is also available at Butterfield Library and Split Rock Books.

### ***Making Connections With Our Community***

In honor of the theme of the book and in recognition of the challenges and dangers that refugee families face, students collected baby clothing, diapers, and supplies for a young Afghan family who recently left Afghanistan and will be resettled in our community. Students were able to make a real-life connection between this family and the families mentioned in the Community Read book. The drive was facilitated by Ossining for Refugees who praised our middle school students for their "heartwarming and impressive" act of support.



DCI students Everett Daly and Lukas Ellison helped collect, organize and package donations.



## *Haldane-Beacon Battle of the Tunnel Victories*

### *Haldane Girls and Boys Beat Out Beacon in 2022 Battles*

The Battle of the Tunnel game is an annual basketball contest between the Haldane and Beacon Varsity basketball teams that started during the 2019-2020 school year. After only playing against each other two times throughout history, Haldane Coach Joe Virgadamo and Beacon Coach Scott Timpano decided to create an annual game. The goal was to create a fun and competitive match against neighboring schools to excite the players and neighboring communities.

The Haldane and Beacon Girls' Varsity teams jumped on board the following season and will continue to compete in the Battle of the Tunnel game moving forward. The game's site alternates each year, and the winning teams take a perennial trophy back to their school until the following year's contest. In this season's Battle of the Tunnel games, our boys' team won 53-49, and our girls' team won a hard-fought battle 36-35. We are so proud of our Haldane basketball teams and wish them all the best in their post-season play. ***Go Blue Devils!***





# MARCH 2022

**TUE**  
**1**

Kindergarten  
Field Trip

**TUE**  
**1**

Haldane Arts Alliance  
Meeting 3:15PM  
High School Room 210

**TUE**  
**15**

Elementary  
School  
Report Cards

**TUE 29 - THU 31**

Grades 3-8  
ELA State Testing

**WED**  
**2**

High School  
Parent Orientation  
6:30PM

**WED**  
**16**

PTA Meeting  
10:00AM via Zoom

**FRI**  
**4**

Middle &  
High School  
Q3 Progress Reports

**WED**  
**16**

Elementary School  
Teacher Conferences

**WED**  
**9**

End of  
Elementary School  
2nd Trimester

**FRI**  
**18**

Elementary School  
1/2 Day and  
Teacher Conferences

**THU**  
**10**

Middle School  
Orientation  
7:00PM via Zoom

**TUE 22 - FRI 25**

Junior Class Trip  
to Washington, DC

**MON**  
**14**

Blue Devil Booster  
Club Meeting  
7:30PM via Zoom

**SAT**  
**26**

Haldane School  
Foundation  
Trivia Night Fundraiser

High School Musical  
*A Little Night Music*

Friday, March 18  
Saturday, March 19  
Sunday, March 20





## NYS Poetry Out Loud Semifinals

Congratulations to Haldane's Sam Bates (11) and Percy Parker (10) for their Poetry Out Loud success. Sam and Percy competed in the New York State Poetry Out Loud Semifinal competition on February 26 and 27, 2022. Their readings can be seen [here](#).



### Sam Bates

"We Lived Happily During the War" by Ilya Kaminsky  
 "In a London Drawing Room" by George Eliot  
 "Beginning" by James Wright



### Percy Parker

"Love's Philosophy" by Percy Bysshe Shelley  
 "a song in the front yard" by Gwendolyn Brooks  
 "son/daughter" by Kai Conradi

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