



HALDANE HORIZONS

A newsletter of the Haldane Central School District



Message from Dr. Benante

Dear Haldane Community,

The school year is off to a fantastic start! Our faculty and staff welcomed students back and as you will read in this month's issue of Haldane Horizons, our students are fully immersed in the experiences that our community has to offer.

Please join me in welcoming the many new staff members that we have on campus. We are excited for our students to work with so many new, talented staff members.

I look forward to seeing you on campus this month!

Sincerely,

Phil Benante, Ed. D.

Superintendent of Schools

SEPTEMBER 2022

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4TH GRADE TEACHER



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Haldane Welcomes New Faces



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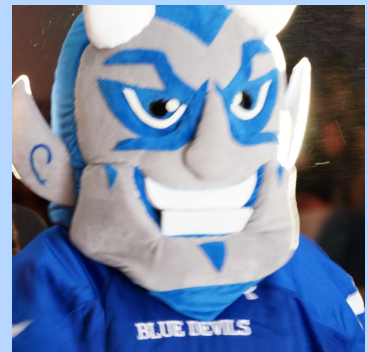
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HALDANE BLUE DEVIL

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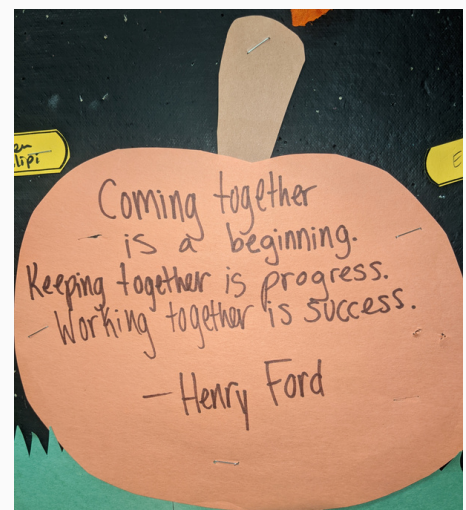
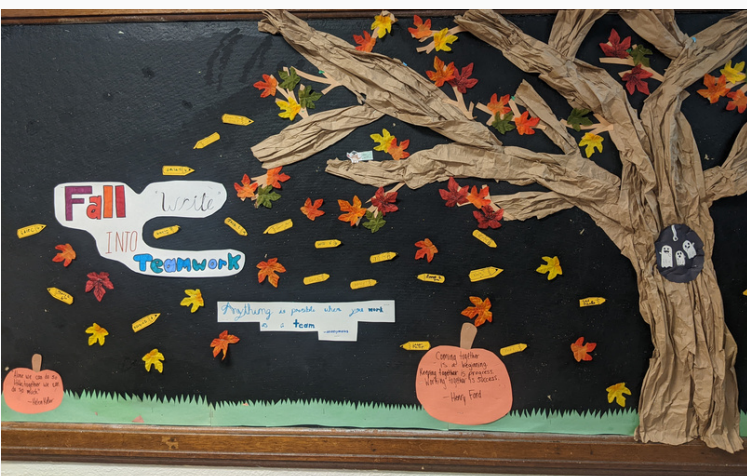
Fifth Grade Group Goals

Students in 5th grade started the school year by participating in a variety of engaging team building and wellness activities. The two classes combined to spend time outdoors accomplishing group goals while having fun. It was a great way to begin the year!



Fall Write Into Teamwork

As part of our shared values and in recognition of our school motto, Haldane Middle School is TRUE Blue, we celebrate teamwork during the first quarter. The board is created by Ms. Gesson's 6th grade DCI class. The students chose to emphasize writing along with teamwork this year. When students are observed exemplifying teamwork they may earn their name on a pencil to be placed on the board. At the end of the quarter, two students from each grade who earned pencils are randomly selected for further recognition. This is just one of the ways that we celebrate our shared value of teamwork at the middle school.



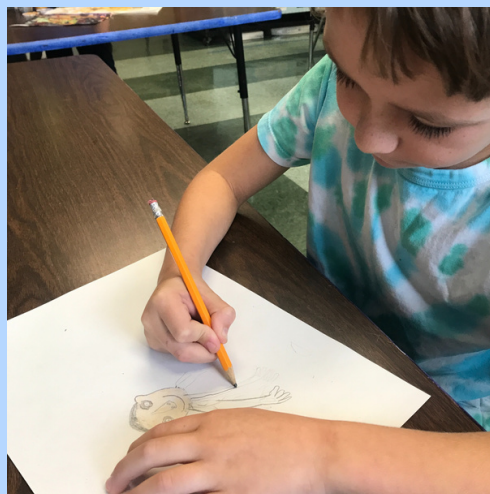
SRO Tolve Talks Civil Rights

Deputy Anthony Tolve, Haldane's School Resource Officer, spoke to 8th grade students about their Civil Rights. It was an excellent presentation on how local police work to protect and serve their communities. He covered many prominent case laws pertaining to the 4th, 5th, and 6th Amendments.



Picasso Portraits Feature Haldane's Unique Faces

Second through 5th graders at Haldane studied self-portraits by Pablo Picasso throughout his career, discussing which ones they favored. Some enjoyed his earlier, more realistic works while others preferred his wild and abstract later works. We learned how to draw the human face realistically, using measuring strategies and shading techniques. Students were given the freedom to stretch their artistic muscles, creating portraits in their own style. Some students chose to draw, while others incorporated painting or collage. These portraits will get their moment in the spotlight at Foodtown in the next round of artwork!



Haldane Works, Now and Into the Future

Haldane Senior, Charlie Keegan, shares how he's connecting Haldane students with local businesses and community service opportunities

Describe the goal of Haldane Works:

Haldane Works is a student-run organization that helps Haldane students find jobs and community service. During COVID-19 many businesses throughout Philipstown struggled finding employees when everyone was at home. Haldane Works was created to connect local businesses and non-profits to the students at Haldane.

How can local businesses get involved?

If you are a business or non-profit looking for employees, you can find a link to the form where you can fill out a listing. When you post a listing, it will be processed and posted to the Haldane Works Google classroom where students can view the listing. [Learn more here.](#)

How can Haldane students check out job opportunities through Haldane Works?

If students are interested in accessing Haldane Works they can enter a code into their Google Classroom to join the page. The code is: fpbplye

How has the program grown since its start?

Haldane Works began from me locked indoors and asking the school if this would be a possible idea. From their enthusiastic response I began to make a flyer and information to send to the Chamber of Commerce. I attended multiple chamber meetings endorsing the program. Up to now we have over 100 students who view all of our listings and over 20 businesses have submitted listings!

Tell us a little about the Future Business Leaders Interest Group - how many students are participating and what are some of things you hope the group will be able to do this year?

Future Business Leaders of America has been something Haldane tried to start but obstacles got in the way. Right now we are still in development and are in contact with the organization but interest has been demonstrated - at the club fair over 20 students signed up for an interest meeting. FBLA is a country-wide organization where high school student chapters come up with innovative real world solutions to business related problems. Once we gain ground, we will have a chance to make it to the regional competitions in New York City. Then as we move on, the national competition is held in convention centers in cities such as Chicago and Austin. Our advisor is Mr. Sassano and the co-founder with me is John Kisslinger.

Any thoughts on what you'd like to do after your time at Haldane?

When I graduate this spring, I hope to find an underclassman who can take over Haldane Works and maybe take a leadership role in Future Business Leaders of America. Haldane Works faces a problem that is not going away in the near future and hopefully it carries on in our community after I leave for college.



Charlie with High School Principal Julia Sniffen at a recent Cold Spring Chamber of Commerce Meeting where Charlie presented.

Game Time

Never miss a Haldane game! RSchool Today and LocalLive keep the community connected to Haldane competitions.

RSchoolToday: New Athletic Scheduling Software

RSchoolToday is a new, real-time web and mobile app platform that BOCES Section 1 Conference III rolled out this fall. A live feed of the competition schedules are available on the [Haldane website](#) and on the [Section 1 site](#). Families can also download the mobile app to view maps to away competitions and sign up for notifications of schedule changes.



Watch the Game From Home: LocalLive

Haldane games played on the turf or in the gymnasium can still be viewed in real-time through LocalLive. Many away competitions can also be viewed online, as well.

Can't make the game? Access LocalLive events [here](#).





WEDNESDAY
4:15

Tennis
vs
Pleasantville



THURSDAY
6:00

Volleyball
vs
Croton

FRIDAY
7:00

Football
vs
Blind Brook



SATURDAY
11:00

Girls Soccer
vs
Croton



SATURDAY
1:30

Boys Soccer
vs
Croton

Haldane Homecoming 2022 October 12 - 16

PEP RALLY
FRIDAY
OCTOBER 14 @ 12:00

HOMECOMING DANCE
SATURDAY
OCTOBER 15 @ 6:30

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTION
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16 @ 11:00
Highlands Country Club, Garrison

HALDANE BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS

2022-2023

- 1 Support a district Campus Master Planning process that aligns the district's vision and mission with its use of campus space.
- 2 Support the district's identification of areas of focus from the school climate survey and the district's development of a plan of action to further enhance school climate among students, faculty, and staff.
- 3 Develop and agree on legislative advocacy priorities for the board - whether by general consensus, a written plan, or an official board policy.
- 4 Monitor the implementation of newly funded enhanced instructional experiences including, but not limited to the following:
 1. Master Scheduling/Planning
 2. Literacy and Intervention Training
 3. Special Education Program Review
 4. Artists-in-Residence at Haldane, coordinated through PNW BOCES
 5. Additional Athletic Coaching Staff

HALDANE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT GOALS

2022-2023

- 1 **Campus Master Planning**
Complete a Campus Master Planning process that aligns the district's vision and mission with its use of campus space.
- 2 **School Climate and Culture**
Identify areas of focus from the district's recent school climate survey and develop a plan of action to further enhance school climate among students, faculty, and staff. Introduce a shared set of community values that can be utilized as a basis for hiring, retaining, and recognizing members of the school community.
- 3 **District Improvement Framework**
Identify an improvement framework that can be used as a basis for evaluating the school district's efforts to improve student learning outcomes.

OCTOBER 2022

MON

10

No School
Columbus Day/
Indigenous Peoples' Day

MON 17 - FRI 21

Elementary/Middle School
Book Fair

TUE 11 - FRI 14

Middle/High School
Spirit Week

**FRI
21**

Elementary/Middle
School Picture Day
High School Retakes

**WED
12**

9th Grade Field Trip
In-School
SAT/PSAT

MON 24 - FRI 28

Red Ribbon Week

**FRI
14**

K-12
Blue & White Day

**THU
27**

Grades 9 and 10
Parent Night
6:30 PM

**SAT
15**

High School
Homecoming Dance
6:30PM

**MON
31**

Elementary
Halloween Parade
1:45PM

**SUN
16**

Athletic
Hall of Fame Brunch
11:00AM

**MON
31**

HS Student Council
Fundraiser
Trunk or Treat
3:00PM

**MON
17**

PTA
Public Meeting
7:00PM

SAVE THE DATE!

**Student vs. Faculty
Volleyball Game
and
Ice Cream Social
Fundraiser**

**Thursday,
November 3**



Become a Haldane Partner

Please consider joining or supporting one of Haldane's partner organizations. Their contributions to academic, athletic, and artistic programming are a vital part of each school year at Haldane.

HALDANE PTA

[Learn More](#)



HALDANE SCHOOL FOUNDATION

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HALDANE ARTS ALLIANCE

[Learn More](#)



BLUE DEVIL BOOSTER CLUB

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