



HALDANE HORIZONS

A newsletter of the Haldane Central School District



Message from Dr. Benante

Dear Haldane Community,

If you had the opportunity to attend our boys' soccer post-season games you may not have only been impressed with their play, but also with the incredible show of support from our community.

Our community has always demonstrated strong support for our kids - whether it be through attendance at athletics events, arts performances, or internship opportunities. These connections between our community and our school are part of what makes Haldane such a special place to learn.

Please read on to learn more about our students' experiences over the past month.

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

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Diwali Festival of Lights

Haldane parent, Gina Swan, shared the Diwali celebrations and traditions with fifth graders.

Mrs. Battersby's and Mr. Dudar's fifth grade classes enjoyed learning about the Hindu New Year, Diwali. This festival of lights celebrates the goddess of prosperity, Lakshmi. Gina Swan, parent of fifth grader Alain Swan, wore traditional attire as she presented the history of Diwali and described some of the holiday's ceremonies. Students delighted in celebrating Diwali with some traditional sweets and also learned that Diwali will be a federal holiday starting in 2023!



Green Corn Festival and Native New York

The fourth grade team held a Green Corn Festival as part of their unit studying the Native American people of New York.

This year artist Kim McCormack completed an artist residency with Haldane's fourth grade classes supporting their construction of a model Native American village. As a culminating event, families volunteered during a Green Corn Festival celebrating New York's Indigenous peoples. The model village is on display in the elementary wing for other grades to see.



Strengthening Self-Esteem and Confidence in the Middle School



Liana Festo, Guidance Counselor for students in grades 6-9, hosts a weekly lunch and recess group for seventh grade girls. Sessions focus on self-esteem and confidence building strategies. The group recently created acrostic art for one another, highlighting their positive attributes.



The winners of our "Fall into Teamwork" themed raffle were 6th graders Natalie Taylor and Everett MacIntyre, 7th graders Jack Conrey and Charlie Robohm, and 8th graders Jacob Medoff and Kate Resi.



The 6th grade DCI class created a school-wide gratitude board. Each middle school student wrote something they were thankful for on a piece of fruit. The "Be Berry Grateful for a Bunch of Things" display has added a burst of color and positivity to our hallways. We are grateful for these amazing students!

Foods Classes Feed Haldane Events

Recent culinary endeavors included making conchas for the Dia de los Muertos celebration and marinara sauce for the Friends and Family University Pasta Dinner.



Friends and Family University Returns to Haldane

Haldane-hosted Friends and Family University returned this year with a Digital Health & Safety presentation by Katie Greer. Katie is a nationally recognized speaker on digital safety education who spoke with families about tools and strategies for helping kids navigate technology in a safe and productive way.

During the school day, Katie shared student-focused strategies in assemblies for each school. Prior to the evening event the PTA hosted a no-cost family pasta dinner.



Haldane History Makers

Congratulations on bringing home Haldane's first ever Varsity Boys Soccer State Championship.



After defeating Maple Hill 1-0 with a late game goal, the boys in blue were welcomed home with a celebratory parade and Scoop the Loop.

Thank you to the many fans who supported the team on their journey to STATE CHAMPS!



HALDANE ATHLETICS

CONGRATS TO OUR 2022 FALL ATHLETES

GIRLS SOCCER ALL LEAGUE

SECTION 1, CLASS C FINALISTS

Sara Ferreira

Finola Kiter

Ruby Poses

Chloe Rowe

BOYS SOCCER ALL LEAGUE

SECTION 1, CLASS C

STATE CHAMPIONS

Ryan Eng-Wong, MVP League

Matthew Nachamkin

Brandt Robbins

Matthew Silhavy

Max Westphal

Ahmed Dwidar, Coach of the Year

BOYS SOCCER ALL SECTION

Ryan Eng-Wong

Clement Grossman

William Sniffen

CROSS COUNTRY ALL LEAGUE

BOYS SECTION 1, CLASS D

SECTION CHAMPIONS

Helen Nichols

Andreia Vasconcelos

Conrad White

TENNIS ALL LEAGUE

SECTION 1, LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Amanda Johanson

Caroline Nelson

Ellen O'Hara

Mairead O'Hara

Fiona Shanahan

VOLLEYBALL ALL LEAGUE

Kate Jordan

Jillian Weinpahl

FOOTBALL ALL LEAGUE

SECTION 1, CLASS D FINALIST

Luca DiLello

Evan Giachinta

Jake Mason

Dylan Rucker

Erik Stubblefield

Thomas Tucker

Ryan Van Tassel

FOOTBALL ALL SECTION

Evan Giachinta, Player of the Year

Jake Mason

Haldane Musicians Represent at NYSSMA Area All-State

This year, five Haldane students were selected to perform at the New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) Area All-State Festival. Maya Gelber participated in the treble chorus, Oliver Petkus and Kira Drury participated in the mixed chorus, and Robert Freimark (principal clarinet) and Oscar Donahue (percussion) performed with the Area All-State Band. Students were accompanied to the festival by Jessica Stein and Sam Sauer.

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.



Haldane Model UN Heads to UCMUN

Haldane's Model UN sent twelve students to the University of Connecticut Model United Nations to work with students from around the globe

Each November, hundreds of high school students gather at the UConn Storrs campus for a weekend of engaging in substantive debate, participating in realistic committee simulations, and learning from their fellow delegates.

On Saturday, the participants met with their committees on a broad range of social, economic, and political topics. Then, after a long day of debates, they formed resolutions on their committee's assigned issue. A delegate dance was held that evening. Sunday, the groups passed their final resolutions and awards were given.

UCMUN's mission is to create committees that appeal to all types of delegates, no matter their experience level. Students are pushed to heighten their understanding of the international system through different simulations, ranging from standard UN committees like the UN General Assembly to crisis simulations of regional organizations and political organizations.



Scenes from Dia de los Muertos

Haldane students and families enjoyed a beautiful celebration of Dia de los Muertos in the Haldane garden, courtesy of the Haldane Arts Alliance, the Haldane PTA EDI Committee, and the Haldane Garden Committee. The event included a mariachi band, face painting, sugar skull decorating, flower necklaces, and traditional sweets.



DECEMBER 2022 & JANUARY 2023

THU 12/1 - FRI 12/2

Elementary/Middle 1/2 Days
Report Card Conferences

**THU
1/12**

Junior Parent
College Night

TUE 1/24 - FRI 1/27

January Regents
Exams

**SAT
12/3**

Haldane School
Foundation
Casino Royale
Fundraiser

**MON
1/16**

NO SCHOOL
Martin Luther King
Day

**THU
1/26**

Kindergarten
Parent Orientation

Haldane Drama's Production of

***A Midsummer
Night's Dream***

Friday 12/9 at 7pm
Saturday 12/10 at 7pm
Sunday 12/11 at 2pm

**WED
12/14**

Elementary/Middle
School
Winter Concerts

**THU
12/15**

High School
Winter Concert

MON 12/26 - MON 1/2

NO SCHOOL
Holiday Recess

HALDANE DRAMA
PRESENTS
William Shakespeare's
**A Midsummer
Night's DREAM**

Friday December 9th 7pm
Saturday December 10th 7pm
Sunday December 11th 2pm

HALDANE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
15 Craigside Dr. Cold Spring, NY

Purchase Tickets online to save!
SHOWTIX4U.COM/EVENT-DETAILS/69192

"Lord, what fools these mortals be!"

Spirit Flags Debut at States Send-Off

Haldane's new spirit flags helped send off Varsity Boys Soccer and Varsity Cross Country to compete in their state championships (hint: the flags worked).

Here's hoping they bring the same luck to our winter season!



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