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SAFETY VIDEOS: Orientation videos guide students with simple but important safety procedures for returning to campus.



NEHS VIDEO: The Midlakes National Elementary Honor Society raised more than \$4,000 during a luminary ceremony for the American Cancer Society during its Geneva Relay for Life.









SENIORS CELEBRATED IN 'SPIRITED' PARADE

Midlakes High School held a special parade on Halloween to keep the spirit alive and make sure that the Class of 2021 could feel appreciated in a safe and appropriate way.

Principal Frank Bai-Rossi joined the parade with first responders, firefighters, and police from Phelps and Clifton Springs along with firefighters from Hopewell and Oak Corners.

The procession left Midlakes High School and traveled through the heart of Phelps and Clifton Springs to loud sirens from the passing fire trucks and cheers and waves from the onlookers who came out to support the seniors.

The students did their part to decorate their vehicles. A mask covered the front end of a sport utility vehicle while another was given a witch, spider web, and other Halloween-themed adornments.

Nearly every vehicle displayed the school's



familiar black and blue colors with messages supporting the senior class.

The parade culminated a week of activities that saw the Youth to Youth Club celebrate Red Ribbon Week and elementary students participate in Halloween by wearing their costumes in school.

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

HIGHLIGHTS



PUMPKIN CONTEST

Approximately 1,025 votes were submitted online for the annual Midlakes Elementary School booked themed pumpkin-decorating contest.

Designs were based on a character, title, or theme related to a book.

The following is the list of top vote-getters, although all participants have received special recognition.

SIXTH GRADE

- First: Mattea Brodman
- Second: Claire Givens
- Third: Alivia Miller

FIFTH GRADE

- First: Mackenzie Mattoon ("Olaf from Frozen" entry pictured above)
- **Second:** Kaden Guillaume
- Third: Carter Gruschow

FOURTH GRADE

- First: Kennedy Giguere
- Second: Sophia Schutt
- Third: Alexandra Shipley

THIRD GRADE

- First: Morgan Mattoon
- Second: Miles Kornbau
- Third: Alivia Sinack and Alexandria Bultron (tie). ■

SAFETY PROTOCOLS HELP KEEP STUDENTS IN SCHOOL

"We need to continue to act as good neighbors so we can overcome this pandemic together."

hope this message finds you and your families enjoying good health and staying safely connected as we continue to navigate the COVID-19 public health crisis. As you know, Midlakes remains committed to protecting the health and safety of our students, staff, and community while continuing to provide a high-quality education under unique circumstances.

While the past nine months have been frustrating and disappointing in too many ways, we appreciate the patience, support, and determination of the entire Midlakes community.

As we advance our hybrid learning model to include more grades, we must continue to work together to counter COVID-19 fatigue. We must remain diligent in following safety protocols, especially with the beginning of the cold and flu season upon us and the temptations of large holiday gatherings this time of year. It is more important than ever that we all work together to keep everyone safe, healthy, and in school.

Students in UPK through Grade 7 have started in the hybrid learning model. Grade 8 is scheduled to join them during the week of December 7, Grades 9 and 12 on December 14, and Grades 10 and 11 on January 11.

We know this timeline has required tremendous patience from our students and their families, but we are excited to be on track to have all grade levels in the hybrid model by the middle of January. We also respect the decisions of those families opting for full remote instruction.

Many factors could delay our timeline and prevent us from completing the expansion of the hybrid model by the week of January 11. Our health and safety staff continues to work closely with the Ontario County Department of Health to monitor positive cases and track

the testing of students and staff exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19.

While we continue to plan for best-case scenarios, we are also ready to switch to full remote learning based on the potential for positive cases, quarantines directed by the Department of Health, and short-term staff-

ing shortages. To avoid these interruptions, we need the entire Midlakes community to work together.

We encourage all members of our school community to make decisions in the interest of health and safety so all of our students can learn in the hybrid learning model, if their families so choose. It is important to remain cautious when family traditions include travel plans and large gatherings.

We also ask that you continue to observe social distancing, wear face coverings, practice good hand and respiratory hygiene, and stay home when you are feeling ill. Midlakes has a long history of being a kind and caring community, and we need to continue to act as good neighbors so we can overcome this pandemic together.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our amazing Midlakes staff for staying positive, hardworking, and creating meaning-ful learning opportunities for our students. I also want to thank our students and their families for being flexible, staying engaged, and making the best of a difficult situation. Our community truly is Midlakes Strong, and our students are fortunate to be surrounded by so many people who care.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support, and I wish you and your families the very best for a safe, healthy, and joyous holiday season!

MATT SICKLES, SUPERINTENDENT

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A traffic monitor is stationed near the entrance of the elementary school parking lot and Midlakes One-Room Schoolhouse.

Midlakes Elementary School for a safe return to campus

FAMILY DROP-OFF

MAIN ENTRANCE

Students transported to school by parents will use the Main Entrance.

NURSE'S OFFICE

The Nurse's Office has been moved to a larger space adjacent to the cafeteria.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

Elementary school offices have been grouped between Entrance A and the Main Entrance.

ENTRANCE

Students transported to school by bus will use Entrance A.



Staff will escort





HEALTH KIOSK

School nurses will monitor temperature checks at the Main Entrance and Entrance A as students enter school.







(315) 548-6900 or email reopeningschools@midlakes.org

FAMILIES WITH STUDENTS IN MULTIPLE GRADE LEVELS PLEASE ARRIVE FOR DROP-OFF IN THE EARLIEST TIME SLOT

LATE DROP-OFF

Regular school hours are 8:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Students dropped off after 9:20 a.m. will be considered late for school. Families dropping off children late will pull into the bus loop and call the Main Office (315) 548-6900, prior to exiting their vehicle.



7:30 A.M. - 7:45 A.M. Grade 6



8:40 A.M. - 8:50 A.M. UPK, Kindergarten, and Grade 4



8:50 A.M. - 9:00 A.M. Grade 1. Grade 5. and 12:1:1 Classrooms



9:00 A.M. - 9:10 A.M. Grade 3 and ELL



9:10 A.M. - 9:20 A.M. Grade 2



1:55 P.M. Grade 6



2:51 P.M. - 3:01 P.M. Grade 2, Grade 4, ELL, and 12:1:1 Classrooms



3:01 P.M. - 3:11 P.M. and Grade 5



3:11 P.M. - 3:26 P.M. Kindergarten and Grade 3



PLEASE ARRIVE FOR PICK-UP IN THE LATEST

TIME SLOT

MULTIPLE GRADE

LEVELS

DRIVERS SHOULD REMAIN IN THEIR VEHICLE. DRIVERS SITURDING" WHILE IN THE PARENT/GUARDIAN LOOP.



All students will be given a transportation identification tag with lanyard.

Please be sure that students wear this to school each day.



Blue









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▶ PARENT TAB

REMOTE LEARNING HELP

(315) 548-6300 or email reopeningschools@midlakes.org

Returning to campus information: Grade 7 returned to campus on November 16. Grade 8 will return December 7*.

*Actual return dates are subject to change.



1ST PERIOD **B1**

2ND PERIOD **B2**

LUNCH **B**3 5TH PERIOD



3RD PERIOD **B1**

4TH PERIOD **B2**

LUNCH **B3**

7TH PERIOD

8TH PERIOD B4



WIRTUAL DAY

ALL STUDENTS LEARN REMOTELY

Information will be posted on Schoology

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▶ REMOTE LEARNING HELP



1ST PERIOD **B1**

B2 2ND PERIOD

LUNCH **B3** 5[™] PERIOD

6[™] PERIOD **B4**



3RD PERIOD **B1**

B2 4TH PERIOD

LUNCH **B3 7TH PERIOD**

8TH PERIOD B4

(B3) BLOCK 3: 10:38 A.M. 12:40 P.M. 12:40 P.M. 12:40 P.M. 12:45 P.M. - 2:14 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE: THE STUDENT DROP-OFF AREA IS LOCK 2: 9:04 A.M. 10:32 A. (B1) BLOCK 4: (B1) BLOCK 1: 7:30 A.M. - 8:58 A.M. \(\begin{align*}(\begin{align*



Floor signs will aid in the flow of foot traffic and remind visitors to maintain social distance.







Observe social distancing of six feet



Wash hands frequently



Students should consider bringing a refillable water bottle to school

Drinking fountains are currently disabled.

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SCHOOL REOPENS

Midlakes welcomed its first students back to campus on September 14, inviting those in UPK to Grade 3, some special education students, and English Language Learners to school for in-person learning for the first time since March due to the pandemic.

Students in grades 4-7 have also been brought into a hybrid learning model that has most attend school on campus at least two days a week. The District has set the following schedule for bringing the remaining students into the hybrid model:

- Grade 8: December 7
- Grade 9 & 12: December 14
- **Grade 10 & 11:** January 11 Specific cohort and transportation information will be sent to families. Those with questions may call the high school office at (315) 548-6300 or middle school office at (315) 548-6600.

Note: The schedule is subject to change based on infection rates and other factors. Also, students are expected to follow various safety protocols outlined on **Midlakes.org**.



COVID-19 UPDATES

MIDLAKES.ORG/COVID19UPDATES

WINTER SPORTS: Registration is open through FamilyID for state-approved sports, including boys swimming, to begin on Nov. 30. The Athletic Department is working to deliver skill-specific training and a strength and conditioning program for interested student-athletes. For more information, contact John Lombardi at jlombardi@ midlakes.org.

SNOW DAYS: Midlakes will continue to use snow days and appropriate weather-related delays throughout the winter, if the need arises.

COVID-19 REPORT CARD: This online dashboard tracks COVID-19 infections and testing operations of school districts, including Midlakes schools, at schoolcovidreportcard.health.ny.gov. There may be discrepancies due to reporting times and other factors.

CLUSTER ACTION INITIATIVE: The New York State Cluster Action Initiative works to detect small outbreaks and takes action to eliminate them by placing areas into three categories with successively higher restrictions within each: Yellow, Orange, and Red zones. Placement into these zones may require schools to conduct COVID-19 tests, which the District has initiated preparations to administer. Learn more at https://bit.ly/3faeolG.

TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS: New York State approved new guidelines allowing travelers to "test out" of a mandatory 14-day quarantine. Those traveling to/from a restricted state for more than 24 hours must obtain a test within three days of travel. The traveler may exit quarantine upon receiving a second negative test four days after departure.





Above, ninth grader Abigail Ensworth comes prepared to participate in Jacob Taylor's math class.

At left, AJ Raulli, greets sixth graders learning remotely at the beginning of the school year.

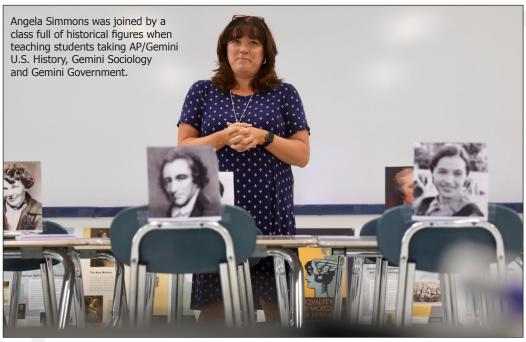
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WORKINGTOGETHER



Every aspect of school has been re-imagined with a focus on the health and safety of those visiting campus while working to meet the educational needs of students.

Jeremy Mattoon (left) and Larry Galens install protective equipment.



REMAINING BUSY

Rethinking schools under new state guidelines has taken the entire school community, including:

- FACILITIES: Helping to reorganize classrooms and other spaces to accommodate students under social distancing guidelines in addition to deep cleaning and regular upkeep of campus.
- **FOOD SERVICE:** Prepared 140,000 meals from March to September and set up an online form to handle meal deliveries.
- **TRANSPORTATION:** Reorganized bus schedules to ensure every student has transportation per social distancing guidelines in addition to regular safety checks.
- IT/HELP DESK: Created a Remote Learning Help page on Midlakes.org and expanded support for families who email techhelp@midlakes.org.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

Based on guidance from New York State regarding COVID-19, the Board of Education now holds its meetings remotely with access to the public made available with a Zoom link. Meetings are also live streamed to the District's website and the Midlakes Schools Facebook page. For more information, visit **Midlakes.org**.





At left, Nikki Miller works on an assignment with first graders. Above, Pete Czerkas reviews arrival and dismissal procedures with staff at Midlakes Elementary School.



SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

Deputy Holland, a former

Deputy Bob Holland (far right)

visits Riley Hixson.

BUILDING CONNECTIONS

Kindergartner discovers meaningful relationship after a chance encounter.



HIGHLIGHTS



DOING THE 'RIGHT THING'

Joshua Newton has been recognized by the Ontario County Sheriff's Office with a "Do the Right Thing" award for his actions during a medical emergency involving a school bus driver.

Joshua sprang into action after noticing something wrong while riding the bus. After having the driver pull over, he contacted a dispatcher, got the other students off the bus, and assisted first responders at the scene.

Ontario County Sheriff Kevin Henderson, Undersheriff David Frasca, Event Coordinator Donna Schaertl, Superintendent Matt Sickles, Deputy Bob Holland, and Joshua's family recognized Joshua in August. The bus driver is doing well and is back to work.

MASTERMINDS CO-CHAMPS

The Midlakes High School MasterMinds team went 7-1, scoring a league-high 1,290 points, to finish as league co-champions of the varsity-level Rochester Area-League 5 last spring. The team begins its competitive season in December.

Holidays/No School

Shaded days indicate when school is closed Nov. 25-27 Thanksgiving Holiday

MES Half Day, Parent/ Dec. 8-10

Teacher Conferences

Dec. 24-Jan. 1 Holiday Recess

Martin Luther King Jr. Jan. 18

Holiday

Feb. 15-19 Winter Recess

MES Half Day, Parent/ Mar. 16-18

Teacher Conferences

Mar. 29-April 2 Spring Recess

May 31 Memorial Day Holiday

Health Screenings

A health screening must be completed on days students are on campus.



Please visit midlakes.org for more information.



Wear a Mask or Face Covering

Masks must be worn at all times.

Daily **Attendance**

Attendance will be completed daily.

Remote learners must check-in as directed by their teacher to be counted "Present."



Remote learning resources can be found on the District website.

- ▶ Visit Midlakes.org
- ▶ Under the Parent Tab
- ▶ Select Remote Learning Help



Elementary School Remote Learning Platform



Schoology Secondary School Remote Learning Platform

2020 - 2021 **CYCLE SCHEDULE**

CYCLE SCHEDULE KEY

PHELPS-CLIFTON SPRINGS CSD

Grades K - 6
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Rotating Number Days — 1 – 2 – 3 – 4

Grades 7 - 12 SECONDARY SCHOOL

Rotating Letter Weeks - A B



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NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

DUCTION

everal Midlakes High School students were inducted into the local chapter of the National Honor Society during a virtual ceremony recognizing each for outstanding academic achievement, school and community service, leadership, and character.

Students inducted into the local chapter during the November 23 ceremony included: top row, Abbey Herendeen, Adrianna Bezzek, Alandra Jones, and Andrew Schoenfelder; second row, Annie Hyde, Avery Hackett, Caiden Pappert, and Cara Walker; third row, Caroline Day, Cassandra VanDamme, Isaiah Delgado, and Jack Wellman; fourth row, Jaycie Lannon, Kelsie Klee, Kennady Perri, and Lucas Garver; fifth row, Lyndsey Wright, Marissa Myers, Merrick VanMeter, and Paige Graham: last row, Paige Matton, Ryleigh Bradley, and Shea Morrow.

Faculty advisers are Kelly Hart and Erin Everson. Juniors with a cumulative GPA of 88% or higher at the end of their second semester are eligible to apply.

> **ONLINE NOW** WATCH THE ENTIRE NHS INDUCTION CEREMONY AT MIDLAKES.ORG.



BOARD SEEKS PUBLIC SUPPORT ON SCHOOL FUNDING

The Phelps-Clifton Springs Board of Education, along with school staff and administrators, is growing increasingly concerned that promised aid payments from 2019-20 and 2020-21, reimbursement aid relating to the pandemic, and aid for the 2021-22 academic year will be cut.

As a result, the Board of Education has established an online Advocacy Action Portal, where District residents may download and mail a letter to state and federal officials encouraging the full funding of schools and support for a federal stimulus package to fund increased costs at schools

relating to the pandemic.

Without such measures, the District could face a financial shortfall that would be catastrophic to the educational program.

To find write-in information of local legislators and to download the advocacy letter, visit Midlakes .org/supportourschools.

HIGHLIGHTS



APPROVED FOR TENURE

The Board of Education has approved, since the spring, several tenure appointments based on the recommendations of school administrators. Congratulations:

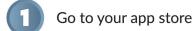
- AJ Raulli, teacher
- Alyssa Bodine, speech pathologist
- Brandy Hungerford, teacher
- Brie Stratton, teacher
- Christian Conrad, teacher
- Courtney Freeman, teacher
- JaLynne Smith, teacher
- Kelly Mayer, teacher
- Lisa Gordner, school social worker
- Michael LaFave. teacher
- Natalie Dreis, teacher
- Shawna Cody, teacher
- Trent Jones, teacher;
- Christopher Moyer, elementary principal
- Lydia Schadler, Director of Innovation and Professional Development
- John Lombardi, Director of Physical Education, Health and Athletics. ■

NYSPRA AWARDS

The New York State Public **Relations Association** (NYSPRA) in its statewide contest has recognized Midlakes with awards in video, photography, and newsletters.

DOWNLOAD APP FOR DAILY HEALTH SCREENINGS

*Students and visitors must complete a health screening prior to arriving on campus.







Search for the rSchoolToday Activity Scheduler app or scan one of the QR codes below

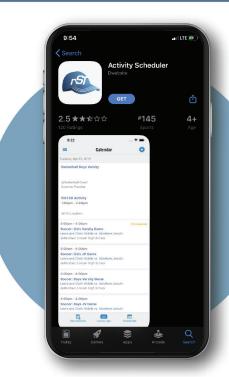




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PHELPS-CLIFTON SPRINGS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Send tips and suggestions to: Newsletter, 1490 State Route 488, Clifton Springs, NY 14432





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