



HALDANE HORIZONS

A newsletter of the Haldane Central School District



Message from Dr. Benante

Dear Haldane Community,

The first two months of the school year have created many opportunities for our students and staff to connect on campus. The fall brings many traditions at Haldane, including the annual Halloween parade, Book Week, and several class trips.

This year's budget also included funding to expand our foreign language offerings to provide exposure in grades 4-6. Please look inside for more information about our fourth graders' work with Ms. Nowak!

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

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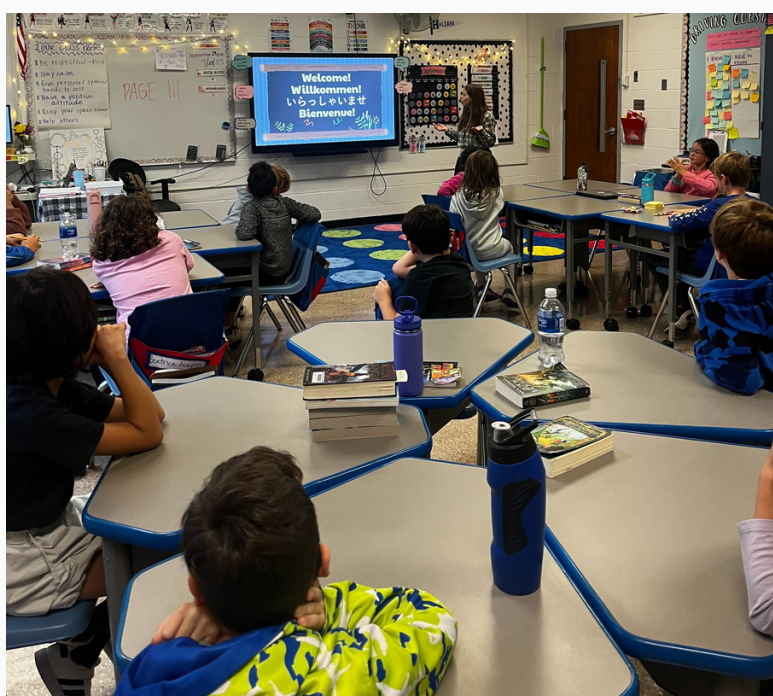
Blues, Tango, and Gypsy Music Inspires Elementary Students

On October 13 our 4th and 5th graders were visited by members of the ensemble Decoda. The quartet was brought to us by St. Mary's in the Highlands, who hosted the group and also sponsored a performance on Saturday. Assisting in the coordination of this free performance for our students was none other than Haldane alum and theater department star, Lucas Vladimiroff. During the interactive performance Decoda shared examples of music from around the world that inspired and shaped famous composers such as Schubert, Brahms, Ravel, and many more. It was truly remarkable for our students to hear such rigorous and passionate music up close and personal.



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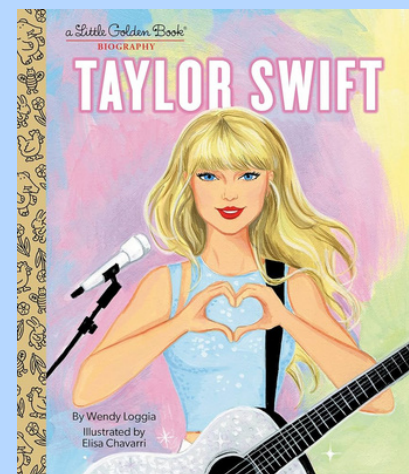
In fourth grade World Language, students extended their study of New York geography northward to the French-speaking province of Québec. Students compared Québec's geography to its southern neighbor, explored its major cities and natural wonders, and planned trips around the province. Last week, they presented their own dream itineraries in French, then sang *Vive le Vent* (Jingle Bells) to celebrate Québec's long, cold winters.



Books Abound in October

Courtesy of the Haldane PTA, Haldane elementary and middle school students enjoyed the school book fair once again. Ever on-trend, this year's book fair choices even included a Taylor Swift Little Golden Book - much to the delight (and surprise!) of many.

During book fair week elementary and middle school students also enjoyed a series of author visits through the support of the PTA. Dan Poblocki, co-author with Neil Patrick Harris of the #1 New York Times bestselling series *The Magic Misfits*, spoke with students about his recent collection of short stories, *Tales to Keep You Up at Night* and *More Tales to Keep You Up at Night*. Molly Webster, author of *Little Black Hole* spoke to elementary students about her story on the far out power of friendship.

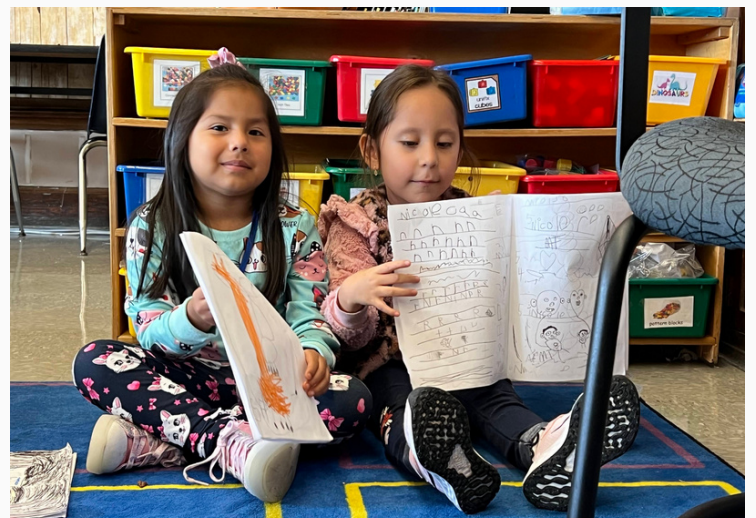


From Sunbrellas to Stories: Kindergarten Has Been Busy

Students in Ms. LeMon's kindergarten class had a busy October! While learning about seasonal weather changes, the class noted cooler temperatures and changing leaves. They then worked in groups to design creative sunbrellas that might protect ice cubes from the sun's solar energy.



The kindergartners also created books, bringing together their individual work about families, animals, fishing, ice cream, and even Mario and Luigi! To celebrate their published work they sat around an on screen "campfire" and enjoyed smores.

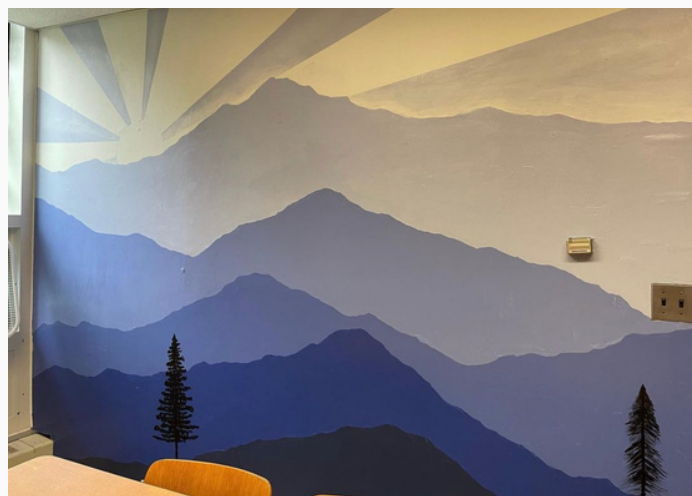


Fresh Air for the Freshmen at the Taconic Outdoor Ed Center



Seventh Grade Spruces Up Teacher Space

Thank you to Ms. Branco's seventh graders who dedicated their creative energy to painting a mural in the teacher conference room of the Middle/High School Library.



Touch a Truck Fundraiser Draws Crowd on First Sunny Saturday

As Philipstown enjoyed the first sunny Saturday in many weeks, the Haldane campus was bustling with the Junior Class Touch a Truck Fundraiser and a home football game.



A Haldane Halloween: Annual Parade



A Haldane Halloween: Senior Class Trunk or Treat



A Haldane Halloween: Scary Staff



NOVEMBER 2023

THU
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PTA EDI
Dia de los Muertos
Celebration

FRI
10

SCHOOL CLOSED
Veteran's Day

TUE
7

SCHOOL CLOSED
Superintendent's
Conference Day

MON
13

Campus Master Plan
Project 1
Community Forum
6:00PM

WED
8

Garrison/Manitou
Student Visit 9:00AM
Parent Visit 6:30PM

THU
16

High School
Parent/Teacher
Conferences
6:00PM

WED
8

PTA Public Meeting
Band Room
3:15PM

THU
16

6th Grade
Trip to
Taconic Outdoor Ed

WED
8

Frost Valley
Parent Meeting
6:30PM

WED 22 - FRI 24

SCHOOL CLOSED
Thanksgiving Recess

WED
8

Ice Cream Social and
Student/Faculty
Volleyball Game
5:30 - 8:00PM

WED 29 - FRI 1

8th Grade
Frost Valley Trip

THU
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MS/HS
Quarter 1 Ends



Game On: GeoGuessrs Go Global

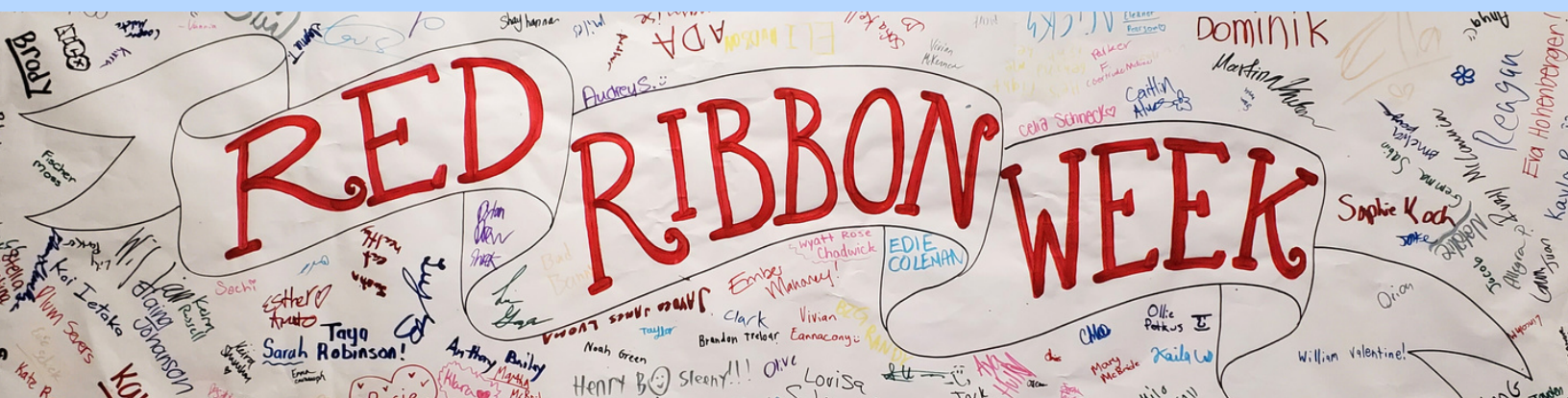


Haldane's new GeoGuessr club is taking the high school by storm as groups gather weekly to compete in this global name-that-place competition. The geography game drops participants somewhere in the world with a street view panorama. Your mission: use the very limited visual clues to guess your location on the world map.

Coming Soon: Digital SAT



Beginning in Spring 2024, schools will administer the SAT exam in digital form. This month, Haldane sophomores got a jump on the new experience with a digital version of the PSAT. The new online SAT will give schools greater flexibility in offering the exam. While the format may be most comfortable for today's students, previous generations are left wondering what will become of the number 2 pencil.



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