



May
2018

UNION FREE SCHOOL BUDGET NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents, Guardians, and School Community Members;

A challenge for any school district, regardless of size, is to provide the very best educational program for its students within the means of the local taxpayers and state aid. The 2018-19 New York Mills Union Free School District budget reflects this responsibility. In addition, with the leadership of the Board of Education, and careful day to day financial management, the financial health of this district remains strong. Much like last year (and potentially the foreseeable future) school districts in our county, region and state continue to combat economic and fiscal variables that challenge us to make difficult decisions as we annually review our budget scenario. Our mindset is always to develop a budget that supports viable and vibrant programming for our children and remains fiscally responsible to our taxpayers. We have developed the 2018-2019 budget keeping these two factors in focus. Despite the challenges of the budget season, we are particularly proud that we continue to build upon student programming offerings and opportunities.

Our proposed 2018-2019 school budget is \$13,879,035, which contains a 2.68% or \$361,985 increase from last year's budget. We are proposing a tax levy increase of 2%, which remains well under our allowable tax cap. The difference between our spending increase and the levy increase is made up with an increase in foundation aid. We are pleased that we were able to stay under the NYS tax cap limit this year. This revenue coupled with the responsible use of fund balance from our District's savings, and the work that the Board of Education and District completed through the budget building process, allow us to propose a consistent, responsible balanced school budget for the 2018-2019 school year.

A public hearing will be held in the Cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1. The annual budget vote will be held the following Tuesday on May 15 at Beekman Gym. The polls will be open from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The May 15 vote at Beekman Gym includes the 2018-2019 school budget and the election of four members to the New York Mills Union Free School District Board of Education. After a challenging budget season, we should all be very proud that we can continue to provide outstanding opportunities and viable curricula to our students at NY Mills. Thank you for your continued support of our district and our students.

Respectfully,

Superintendent of Schools

BOE Candidates

There are **four** (4) seats open for the school board. There are **two** (2) 5-year vacancies (2018-2023), **one** (1) 4-year vacancy (2018-2022), and **one** (1) 1-year vacancy to be filled.

Meet the Candidates Night

May 8, 6:30 p.m.

Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium



Please vote on the school budget and Board of Education member election on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, in the Beekman Gym.

Budget Components

Administrative Component

The administrative component consists of overall management activities including board of education, superintendent's office, business office operations such as central data processing, payroll, purchasing, BOCES administrative expenses, insurance, printing, mailing, personnel, legal and auditing services, and building administrative costs.

Function or Account	Budget 2017-18	Proposed 2018-19	Difference
Board of Education	\$24,222	\$25,250	\$1,028
Central Administration	\$166,797	\$169,001	\$2,204
Finance	\$147,943	\$153,017	\$5,074
Legal Services	\$11,000	\$10,000	\$(1,000)
Personnel	\$ 56,947	\$57,312	\$365
Records Management	\$5,069	\$5,069	\$0
Public Information	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Central Services	\$232,998	\$258,737	\$25,739
Other Special Items	\$216,983	\$195,535	\$(21,448)
Curr. Dev. & Sup.	\$103,574	\$138,433	\$34,859
Supervision - Regular Sch.	\$258,910	\$265,780	\$6,870
Employee Benefits	\$128,279	\$251,389	\$123,110
Total	\$1,352,722	\$1,529,523	\$176,801

Administrative
Component
is 11.02%
of Budget

Program Component

The program component consists of funding the instruction of and educational support services for the district's 560 students. Transportation of students, athletics, and co-curricular activities are also included in this budget component.

Function or Account	2017-18	2018-19	Difference
Legal Services	\$29,000	\$30,000	\$1,000
Instruction	\$6,676,694	\$6,838,441	\$161,747
Other Dist. Transportation	\$349,513	\$398,661	\$49,148
Garage Building	\$48,286	\$52,169	\$3,883
Employee Benefits	\$2,625,770	\$2,702,440	\$76,670
Other Transfers	\$9,500	\$9,500	\$0
Total	\$9,738,763	\$10,031,211	\$292,448

Program
Component
is 72.28% of
Budget

Capital Component

The capital component consists of maintenance of buildings, upkeep of grounds, and electricity, heat, water & sewer, and telephone services. Funds are also included for the lease of school buses, payments on the capital project, and for refund of taxes for claims against property assessments.

Function or Account	2017-18	2018-19	Difference
Operation of Plant	\$487,888	\$487,162	\$(726)
Maintenance of Plant	\$283,042	\$285,363	\$2,321
Refund of Taxes	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
Lease of Buses/Purchase	\$325,071	\$298,140	\$(26,931)
Employee Benefits	\$300,226	\$188,542	\$(111,684)
Debt Service	\$919,338	\$1,049,094	\$129,756
Transfer to Capital	\$100,000	\$0	\$(100,000)
Total	\$2,425,565	\$2,318,301	\$(107,264)
Total Budget	\$13,517,050	\$13,879,035	\$361,985

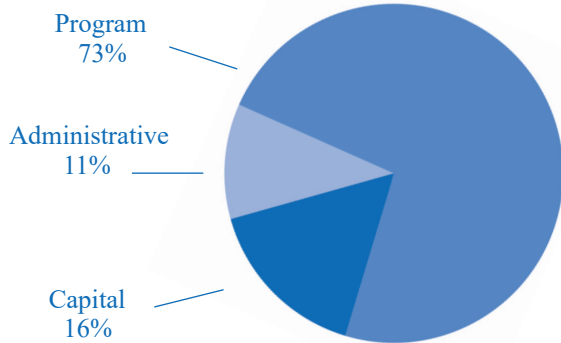
Capital
Component
is 16.70%
of Budget

Total Budget
Increase
2.678%

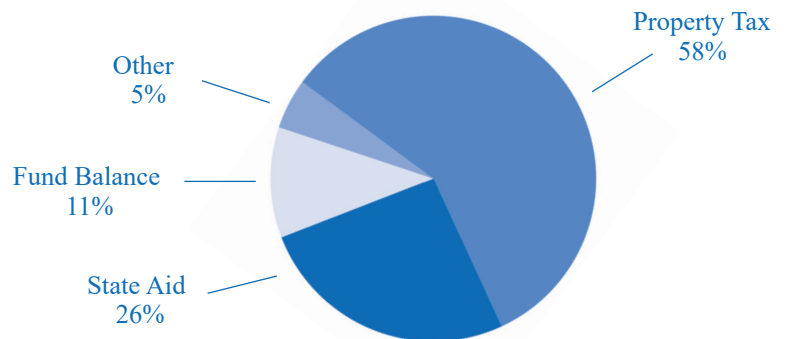


Budget Report Card

Expenditures



Revenues



THIS NOTICE IS MANDATED BY NEW YORK STATE New York Mills Union Free School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2017-18 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2018-19 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2018-19 School Year*
Total budgeted amount, not including separate propositions	\$13,517,050	\$13,879,035	\$13,601,007
Increase/decrease for 2018-2019 school year		\$361,985	\$83,957
Percentage increase/decrease in proposed budget		2.68%	.62%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.13%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount, Net Reserve	\$7,481,175	\$7,630,798	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	0	0	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **	0	0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	0	0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$7,481,175	\$7,630,798	\$7,481,175
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$223,286	\$358,031	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$7,378,980	\$7,407,106	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$7,257,889	\$7,272,767	
I. Difference: (G - H); (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$121,091	\$134,339	
Administrative component	\$1,352,722	\$1,529,523	\$1,529,523
Program component	\$9,738,763	\$10,031,211	\$9,753,183
Capital component	\$2,425,565	\$2,318,301	\$2,318,301

* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2018-19 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.

** List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)

Description	Amount

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2018-19 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings¹

\$690

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2018-2019 by the qualified voters of the New York Mills Union Free School District, Oneida County, New York, will be held at Beekman Gymnasium in said district on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, at 12:00 p.m. prevailing time *OR* between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time in the Beekman Gymnasium, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

¹The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.



Budget Propositions

Proposition 1 - RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the New York Mills Union Free School District is hereby authorized to expend the sum of \$13,879,035 as a general fund appropriation for the 2018-2019 school year and to levy the necessary tax therefor.

Tax on True

The tax on true value for the district in 2018-19 will be approximately \$22.38.

Tax Levy Increase

The tax levy increase for 2018-19 is projected to be 2%.

Note: Rates are estimated based on current information available. Final equalization rates will not be set by the State of New York until August. In the two previous years, the final tax on true was actually lower than projected at the time of budget development.

Absentee Ballots

Ballot Applications for absentee ballots must be received by the School District Clerk on or before May 8, 2018, if the ballot is to be delivered by mail, or on or before May 14, 2018, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voters. Absentee ballots must be received by the School District Clerk not later than 5 p.m. on the date of the election, May 15, 2018.

Voter Eligibility Requirements

A voter must meet the following eligibility requirements to vote in school elections:

- Be a citizen of the United States.
- Have been a resident of the school district for a minimum of 30 days prior to the vote, including those who rent. Section 2018-C of the Education Law may require all persons who vote to provide one form of identification or proof of residency.
- Be at least 18 years of age.

Kids of Character Awards

The following grade 3-6 students were selected as Kids of Character at New York Mills Elementary School for the months of January, February, and March. This award is given for following The Marauder Way on a regular basis.

JANUARY

Grade 3 – Kaylin Dreidel and Christina Crawford **Grade 4** – Madelyn Bates and Nataleea Dingle

Grade 5 – Zachary Matyjas and Heidi Cilbrith **Grade 6** – Nixie Lorraine and Hailey Mahardy

FEBRUARY

Grade 3 – Ava Volz and Christina Crawford **Grade 4** – Samantha Siriano and Nataleea Dingle

Grade 5 – Alexa Grande and Rose Jeff **Grade 6** – Vincent Martell and Victoria Odarchuk

MARCH

Grade 3 – Patrick Calkins and Elizabeth Benjamin **Grade 4** – Victoria Kern and Kathryn Matyjas

Grade 5 – Siena Lorraine and Abigail Pavlus **Grade 6** – Catherine Testa and Cardin Chau



BOE Candidates

Alicia A. Albright

Alicia is a graduate of Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School in Otsego County. She graduated from Keuka College with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology in the mid 90s. Upon graduation, she moved to New York Mills and began her career at The Arc of Oneida Lewis where she continues to be employed over 20 years later. Through her career at The Arc, she has worked in the capacity of direct support staff as well as in management. Currently, she is the Compliance/Quality Assurance Manager for the Children's and Family Services Department where she is responsible for monitoring documentation of services to assure compliance with Medicaid standards as well as quality related policies set forth by N.Y. State. Her areas of expertise related to her career include safety, human rights, incident management, policy and procedure development, and evaluating satisfaction with services.

Alicia lives in the NYM school district with her husband, Kurt, and son Ty. She is active in the NYM Athletic Boosters and volunteers her time to help with activities within the school. She was an AYSO volunteer coach for eight years and has helped her husband with Little League activities over the past eight years as well. Her son Ty is a 7th grader who is a member of the varsity bowling team, modified baseball team, band and participates in the school musical.

Alicia's top priorities can be summed up with the acronym S.H.A.P.E.

S: Safety. This is an area that needs to be in the forefront of everyone's minds. Our society and community are changing and the importance of safety can not be overlooked. As member of the board Alicia will propose that safety be a permanent topic on the board meeting agenda.

Donald Smith

My name is Donald Smith and I am running for the New York Mills School Board. I've been a resident of the village for the last 13 years. I have 3 children that attend the school in 6th, 4th and 2nd grades.

I have been a school bus driver going on 2 years. I began driving for the Utica school district and am currently with the Westmoreland school district. I have also been a baseball coach with the N.Y. Mills Little League program for the last few years as well. Over the years I have seen multiple changes in curriculum, staff and building maintenance and upgrades in the school district which has caused me great concern as both a parent and a tax payer. This is a major part and driving force behind my candidacy.

My goal is to see increased student safety measures be put into place as well as more thorough and transparent information being relayed to staff, parents, students, tax payers and the public. I would also like to prevent massive issues like the inexcusable cafeteria rebuild disaster that has seemed to go unacknowledged for some time readdressed and clarified as this project still remains incomplete and has still left the school with remaining issues at this present time Thank you.

H: Human Rights. Alicia believes that each and every person has the same human rights regardless of gender, race, sexual preference, gender identity, religion, disability or age. She carries this belief into her decision making.

A: Academics. Alicia strongly believes that each and every student in the NYM school district deserves the opportunity to have the best education possible. This is done through assuring our educators are competent, capable and treated with the utmost respect. We need to provide our teachers with the resources needed to instill 21st century skills and provide the students with college and career readiness. Retention of quality educators will assure continued academic achievements are met.

P: Pride. Alicia has a desire to instill school pride into the district and community. It is her thought that this can be improved through open, honest communication and positive experiences with the administrators, board, teachers, social media and the media at large.

E: Economic Social Responsibility. Alicia believes that the board has the obligation to act for the benefit of the community at large when making financial decisions while assuring the needs of students are met.

Let's S.H.A.P.E. up NYM!



Alicia Albright



Donald Smith



BOE Candidates

Dr. Gary W. Porcelli

I have been involved in the education of our young people for 50 years; serving as a teacher of English grades 7-12 and later as a school administrator. After my retirement from active teaching in 2001, I was elected to the New York Mills Board of Education and served there for 14 years. Recently, I was re-appointed to the NYM Board to fill out the unexpired term of Mr. Fiore.



Dr. Gary W. Porcelli

During my time on the NYM Board, I have served as both Board President and Board Vice President. As a member, I have had the opportunity to attend several New York State School Board (NYSSBA) workshops and participate in the NYSSBA Board Leadership Training and Community Awareness programs. In addition, I have either chaired or been a member of the NYM Policy, Transportation, and Legislative Committees (School Boards Institute). At present, I am on the NYM Finance Committee and the (Acting) Executive Director of the NYM School Foundation.

Concurrently, for the last 10 years, I have been the NYM Board's representative to the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison Cooperative (O-H-M BOCES) Board where I am the immediate Past President. At BOCES, I sit on the Career/Technical Education Advisory, Policy, and Finance Committees as well as the Regional Program for Excellence. As a member of BOCES, I have had opportunity to write part of the NYS Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and met with Commissioner Elia regarding local State Testing concerns and other Board issues.

As a member of both Boards, I have had opportunity to participate in a number of School Board Institute workshops, several NYSSBA (statewide) school conventions [several times as Voting Delegate] and a National School Boards Association (NSBA) convention in Boston. Additionally, on several occasions, I represented NYM/BOCES at Lobbying Day in Albany to speak to our elected officials about fair funding for our schools. Active in many issues faced by school boards, I am a strong advocate for fiscal oversight, mandate relief, and additional funding for the NYM District.

Along with my wife, Linda, I am a 30+ year resident of "the Mills." I have a Doctorate (Ed.D) and a Certificate of Advanced Study (C.A.S.) in Educational Administration, as well as a Master's Degree in English Education - all from Syracuse University - and a BA in English from LeMoyne College, I am a NYS licensed/certified secondary teacher, conflict mediator, administrator, and Superintendent of Schools. I am the author of the recently published anti-bullying teen fiction novel, Crazy Eights, and a member of the NYM Order of the Orange and the Blue.

Not having children of our own in the District, my wife and I have "adopted" the 600+ kids of NYM and offer the voters strong advocacy for two items: Children First and Fiscal Oversight. If elected, I hope to continue in that advocacy for all our students.

Todd Martin

Todd Martin has lived in New York Mills for over 20 years. During that time, he has proven to be an involved citizen. He is currently and has been the president of the New York Mills Little League and has been instrumental in upgrading and maintaining the Little League Park. He has reached out to other small little leagues and through that cooperative effort has been able to maintain a full little league schedule for the past few years. He sits as a board member of the Western MV baseball league and is also the president of the CNY Fall baseball league.



Todd Martin

Todd is a successful businessman with his office on Main St. Todd can bring to the board a wealth of knowledge he has learned while running his business. Without a doubt the school district is the largest business in the village and business acumen is a needed trait on the board. Todd is motivated to keeping our school district top notch and is passionate regarding keeping the students safe.

Todd resides with his wife and son, a student at the elementary school.



BOE Candidates

Susan Collins-Garcia

I would like the opportunity to be a member of the New York Mills Board of Education. I am alumni of the New York Mills Jr-Sr High. My husband Chuck and I have a child in 5th grade. We also have children who have graduated from New York Mills in 2014, 2015 and 2017.

After graduating from New York Mills, I attended Mohawk Valley Community College for two years. I am currently employed at Metropolitan Life Insurance Company as an Executive Assistant for the past 29 years.

I am the second generation to raise a family here. I have three siblings who all graduated from New York Mills. My mother was the cheerleading coach for 20 years.

I had volunteered my time helping to coach the 6th grade girls' basketball team. I also volunteer to attend every class field trip and my children's classrooms for parties. I was involved in the candy bar fundraising event for my daughter's 6th grade class.

I am involved in the local community as well. I dedicate a lot of my time to America's Greatest Heart Run/Walk. Also, this will be my 5th year as a rider in the Ride For Missing Children.

Having children in the school system, I have witnessed the continued traditions of New York Mills. Unfortunately, I have witnessed some hardships such as lack of funding and merger discussions. I would like the opportunity to work with the administration, teachers, parents and the community to face these challenges.

If elected to the Board of Education, I will do my best to keep the traditions in place and always make sure the children come first.

I want to see the school kept the way it's always been. New York Mills is a wonderful district with many dedicated employees. I would appreciate your vote on May 15.



Susan Collins-Garcia

Kristin Hubley

My name is Kristin Hubley and I'm running for a position on the New York Mills School Board.

I have lived in New York Mills for 22 years and have one son who attends the High School. My husband Tom and I grew up locally in a large school district, when deciding where to live and start our family, we chose New York Mills due to the small school size and small town feel.

Good citizenship, serving my community and advocating for children are very important to me. I work to pass these attributes on to my son, as together we mentor parents of children with hearing loss. I have served our school in many capacities, PTSO President, PTSO Craft Fair Chairperson, Building Leadership Team and Special Education Parent Advocate to name a few. Having worked in the student loan industry for over 25 years, I have developed strong skills in problem solving, time management and financial management. I believe we all want to support each student in performing to the best of his or her ability. I am prepared to work cohesively with the school board to develop and implement important common goals to continue to make New York Mills School District the backbone of our community.



Kristin Hubley

Your voice, your vote



BOE Candidates

Scott Carman

My family and I have been residents of New York Mills for the past 12 years. My wife, Jackie, has been an officer on the New York Mills PTSO for the past six years and is currently Co-President. We have two children who currently attend New York Mills School; Kaitlyn is currently a Junior and Kaileigh is in eighth grade.

I have been employed as a Network Administrator at the Mohawk Regional Information Center over the past 15 years. Also, I am the owner of Scotty's DJ Service. I have a Bachelor's degree in Business Public Management from SUNY IT (SUNY Poly) in 1995 and also earned an Associate's degree in Business Administration from SUNY Canton in 1991.

I have made the decision to run for the New York Mills School Board based on my passion to ensure the future and drive to enrich the district. It is my goal to bring positive changes and I will do my best to address any concerns that are brought to my attention. I have volunteered countless hours over the years for many events and activities that have taken place within the district. Some of these include elementary school dances, elementary fun nights, class fundraisers, and volunteering in some capacity at the New York Mills Craft Fair since 2006. I have also been an active member of the New York Mills PTSO since 2006 and have been an officer on the PTSO over the past years.



Scott Carman

Michelle Jordan

My name is Michelle Jordan and I am running for the New York Mills School Board. My husband Chris and I have two wonderful daughters; Samantha in 6th grade and Molly in 3rd grade.

I have been active with the PTSO, fundraising, and any volunteering needs that will help provide additional activities or experiences for the students to supplement their current opportunities. I am a Social Worker with the New York State Office for People With Developmental Disabilities as well as an Adjunct teacher with MVCC in Social Sciences. I have served as a board member on the start up of a not for profit organization in the community and a subcommittee at a local college looking at the barriers for students with disabilities in college. I would be honored to have the opportunity to work collaboratively with the other board members to:

- Increase good communication throughout the school district.
- Show accountability for decisions made by the School Board and Administration.
- Ensuring the physical safety, emotional and mental support of all students and staff of New York Mills.

I believe I have the skills, experience and commitment to ensure that all the students, staff and community will benefit by voting for me for one of the open seats on the New York Mills School Board.



Michelle Jordan



Optimist Student of the Month --- --- --- January

The Optimist Club of New York Mills has named Grace Reilly as Youth of the Month for January. Grace is the daughter of Terry and Kelly Reilly of New York Mills and is a member of the New York Mills Jr. & Sr. High School Class of 2018.

Grace has been named to honor roll many times at both New York Mills Jr/Sr High School and the BOCES Career and Technical Education Center and has been named Student of the Month each year since middle school. She is a member of our National Junior Honor Society and National Honor Society, for which she serves as Vice President. Grace is also a member of the BOCES CTEC Honor Society as well as Phi Beta Kappa, the MVCC Honor Society to which she has earned membership through her success in dual credit and other MVCC classes.



Grace Reilly

Grace has been actively involved in our school and local communities. Her athletic team memberships include JV Basketball, for which she served as captain, Varsity Field Hockey, Varsity Track and Field and Varsity Cross Country (each for two years), the latter for which she was named CSC All-Star. She was named a CSC Scholar Athlete for each of her varsity teams each year in which she participated. In addition, Grace is a member of the varsity club and prom committee and is president of the yearbook club. She has actively participated in her church and volunteered countless hours for various organizations and events including the following: Holiday on Main St., Breast Cancer Walk, “Juniors to Juniors” Book Swap, NYM Elementary Olympic Day, Marauder Athletic Booster Club Gulf Outing, and the NYM graduation ceremony. Grace has also held a part-time job since she was 14 years old.

Grace plans to major in Business at Elmira College. She wishes to pursue a career working for a major cosmetic or beauty company. Grace has pursued her goals and paved a path for herself and we look forward to watching her make her dreams come true.

Optimist Student of the Month --- --- --- February

Kailey Brown, a member of the New York Mills Junior/Senior High School Class of 2018, was named the New York Mills Optimist Youth of the Month for February. Kailey is the daughter of Dennis and Brenda Brown of Yorkville.

Kailey is an honor roll student who has been inducted into our chapters of the Junior and High School National Honor Societies as well as MVCC’s Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, to which she has earned membership through her continued success in MVCC classes. She has also been recognized as Student of the Month every year since seventh grade and is our current year’s Executive Council Vice-President.



Kailey Brown

Kailey has participated on numerous athletic teams and in clubs and volunteer activities. She has played on the Varsity Field Hockey team for three years and this year served as co-captain. In addition, she has been a member of the Junior Varsity Basketball, Varsity Cross Country, and Varsity Track teams, which earned CSC and Sectionals Championship titles. Kailey also sang in our chorus for two years, is a member of our yearbook committee this year, and for two years has written for our school newspaper. Kailey’s activities also include volunteer and fundraising events through student council, the Hospice Butterfly Release, singing at Holiday on Main Street, Junior to Junior book drive, volunteering at the NYM PTSO craft fair, the Breast Cancer Walk and the Run or Dye fundraiser. She has also held a part-time job.

Through the Regional Program for Excellence, Kailey is participating in internships at Marcy Elementary School and WKTV. Kailey plans to pursue a career in English and will study Journalism and Adolescent Education at SUNY Oswego in the fall. We wish Kailey the best as she pursues her goals and dreams.

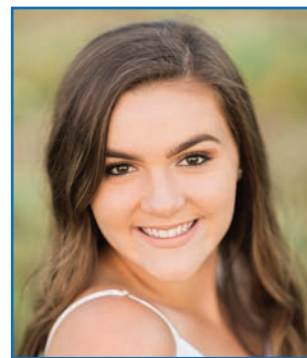


Optimist Student of the Month --- --- March

Alyssa Fuccillo has been named the New York Mills Optimist Youth of the Month for March. Alyssa is the daughter of Todd and Lisa Fuccillo of New Hartford and is a member of the New York Mills Class of 2018.

Alyssa has appeared on honor roll and is a member of the New York Mills chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. She has also been named Student of the Month for multiple years and this year serves on the Utica Rotary Youth Service Committee.

Alyssa has been involved in a wide range of activities within the school and local communities and has often taken a leadership role. Alyssa was elected Class Vice-President in 10th grade and Class President for the remaining years since sixth grade. Alyssa has played clarinet since elementary school and has played in the concert, spirit and marching bands. She is also a member of the yearbook club and prom committee. A talented athlete, Alyssa has played on our Varsity Field Hockey team since 9th grade, the last two of which she served as captain, and has been selected as the WKTU Athlete of the Week as well as the Hometown Sports Snapple Player of the Game. Other honors she has received her junior and senior year are MVP and 1st Team All-Star Section III. Alyssa began pitching for the Varsity Softball team in 8th grade and has been named captain, MVP, CSC league and Section III All-Star the last two years. Alyssa also played JV Basketball for the first two years of high school and was named Most Outstanding Performer as a junior and senior for her performance on the varsity team. In addition, as a senior she was captain, was named to 1st Team All-Star SCS and was chosen to play in both the CSC Exceptional Senior and the Oneida County Girls All-Star games.



Alyssa Fuccillo

Outside of school, Alyssa has participated in numerous other activities and fundraisers including club soccer, the New York Mills 911 Silent March, Breast Cancer Walk, Relay for Life and Pink Coaches vs. Cancer games for softball and field hockey. She has also dedicated a large number of hours to the following: New York Mills Sports Boosters Golf Tournament, Boilermaker Youth Run, PTSO Craft Fair, Breakfast with Santa, Halloween Fun Fair and Saint Mary Anne's Soup Kitchen. Alyssa recently started working at the Thread of Life Thrift Store.

Alyssa wishes to play a sport in college. She has been accepted at a number of colleges including St. John Fisher, LeMoyne, Siena, Hofstra and Western New England. She plans on studying Sports Medicine, Athletic Training, or Psychology. We wish Alyssa continued success as she continues to pursue her goals.



Elementary Celebrates Read Across America Week

The Elementary Library celebrated another successful, Read Across America Week, with many fun and exciting activities! The second and fourth grade classes had the opportunity to see an exciting presentation from *The Wish Fairy*, by Sandra Reilly, a local children's book author. Kindergarten and first graders went on a *Cat In the Hat*, themed scavenger hunt with tricky riddles throughout the school. Third grade began working on a compare and contrast activity between the book and the short film named *The Lorax!* Remember to always be on the lookout for new books headed to our library!



Local author Sandra Reilly spoke to the elementary about her book series "*The Wish Fairy*." **Check with Mrs. Facci for more information regarding the author. Her books were added to the elementary collection.**



Grades 7-11 Students of the Month

Students are chosen using using the following criteria:

1. Academic effort
2. Positive attitude
3. Respectful behavior
4. School involvement
5. Community involvement

March 2018



Matthew Cornish
Grade 11



Taylor Yaghy
Grade 10



Jillian Ryan
Grade 9



Emma Kistner
Grade 8



Kole Bates
Grade 7

April 2018



MaryGrace Kehrli
Grade 11



Alyssa Newman
Grade 10



Maria Maloney
Grade 9



Jemma Jordan
Grade 8



Thomas Malinowski
Grade 7

May 2018



Nicholas Despina
Grade 11



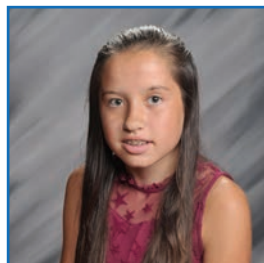
Ethan Pavlus
Grade 10



Leysa Voloshchuk
Grade 9



Olivia Liccardo
Grade 8



Kamryn Williams
Grade 7

Kindergarten Student Wins Comets Coloring Contest

The Save of the Day Foundation announced the 3rd Annual Comets Coloring Contest in October. Children in grades kindergarten through fifth grade, from 37 different schools within the Mohawk Valley, entered their artwork. Over 2,000 submissions were reviewed, and Utica Comets staff and players chose the winners. On March 14, Utica Comets player Adam Comrie and Community Relations Manager Chelsea Adams came to New York Mills to announce that one of the students was chosen as a winner. Logan St. James, a kindergarten student in Mrs. Kohn's Class, was chosen as the overall kindergarten winner. One of the prizes he was awarded was brand new street hockey equipment for the school, which included 24 sticks, two nets, two sets of goalie gear, and pucks.



National Honor Society Induction Ceremony

On March 12, seven senior high school students were inducted into the National Honor Society with a dinner honoring them at Hart's Hill Inn. First year inductees were:

Gillian Biel	McKenzie Keator
Gretchen Biel	Mary Grace Kehrl
Kaitlyn Carman	Kaitlyn Kulawy
Angela Chen	Morgan McGauley
Abbey Copperwheat	Sarah Sharpe
Nicholas Despina	Karilynn Tramacera



Pictured: Seniors from left to right are: Nicholas Briggs-Ellenberger; Kaliana Sobolewski; Grace Reilly; Chloe Cattadoris; Katrina Briody; Kailey Brown; Shaun Crist.

Seventeen Students Inducted Into the National Junior Honor Society

On April 5, seventeen members of our 8th grade class were inducted into the Phi Delta Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. Selection was based upon the effective demonstration of the qualities held in high esteem by the society: leadership, character, citizenship, service and scholarship. Congratulations to the following students:

Ariella Bova	Ethan Hurst	Kara Osika
Logan Copperwheat	Jemma Jordan	Samantha Paparella
Isabella Cornish	Emma Kistner	Bryan Tramacera
Noah Diskin	Ciara Lape	
Danil Donchuk	Olivia Liccardo	
Michaela Downs	Nicholas Mitchell	
Marc Fellows	Joseph Odarchuk	



Pictured: Members of the National Junior Honor Society.



STUDENTS DELIVER PAINTING TO RESERVE CENTER —On February 13, New York Mills students delivered the soldier painting to the Reserve Center. They were very appreciative and thankful for the gesture. As a token of the commander's appreciation, he gifted them each a U.S. Army Reserve Backpack and Commander's coin. It was a wonderful experience for the students.

McGauley Named Winner of Optimist International Essay Contest

The Optimist Club of New York Mills announces that Morgan McGauley was the winner of the 2018 Optimist International Essay Contest. Second place went to Angela Chen. Both are juniors at NY Mills High School. All students entering the contest wrote on the topic "Can Society Function Without Respect?"

Morgan's winning essay will be sent on to compete in the New York - New England Optimist District contest where scholarships of \$2,500 are awarded.





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FIRST-EVER COLOR RUN

On April 15, the Student Council and Vocal Music Department teamed up to hold the first ever Color Run here at NYM. With the help of the entire village and the guidance of Aileen Viel and Teresa Lovecchio, the color run was a success! Thank you to the entire village for all of their support for this event and for braving the cold weather to exercise and have a ton of fun together while supporting the students here at New York Mills. Students and community members worked together to run a 1/2 mile fun run and a 5k while braving the icy temperatures and enjoying each other's company.



Upcoming Music Events

- MAY 15** - Elementary band and chorus concert,
- MAY 17** - Jr/Sr High School concert,
- MAY 28** - Annual Memorial Day Parade, Main Street

Please vote on the school budget and Board of Education member election on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, from noon – 9 p.m. in the Beekman Gym.

