

Cal-Mum Chronicle

Proudly Announcing the Top Students of the Class of 2018



Back: Joseph Butler, David Morrison, Matthew Zehler, Cooper Cohen, Haley Peck.
Front: Makenzie Wilson, Sydney DeCamp, Kara Kingsbury, Meghan Nusbickel, Maria Urriza.

It is with great pleasure that High School Principal Dr. Rebekah Chenaille announced the top students of the Class of 2018.

Congratulations to the Class of 2018 Valedictorian Cooper Cohen and Salutatorian Joseph Butler and the following top students in the Class of 2018: Kara Kingsbury, Meghan Nusbickel, Sydney DeCamp, Matthew Zehler, David Morrison, Maria Urriza, Makenzie Wilson and Haley Peck.

"The mission of the Caledonia-Mumford Central School District, in partnership with our community, is to graduate ethical, responsible, lifelong learners, who are ready for college or the career of their choosing. There is no better way to showcase our programs than announcing our Top Ten and sharing their dreams for life ahead. Each story will serve as a reminder to our whole school community, that a Cal-Mum education knows no boundaries. Dream big. Work hard. There is nothing stopping You! Congratulations to the Class of 2018 Top Ten, Home of Champions!"

-Dr. Rebecca Chenaille

Proud of our past... Excited about our future

A Message from Superintendent Robert Molisani

Caledonia-Mumford Central School Mission

The Caledonia-Mumford Central School District, in collaboration with our community, takes pride in providing safe, comprehensive and rigorous educational experiences, in order for all students to graduate as ethical, responsible, life-long learners, who are college and career ready.

Dear Caledonia-Mumford Residents,

On behalf of the Caledonia-Mumford School District, I hope this newsletter finds you in good health. I am happy to report that the Caledonia-Mumford High School has been designated a Reward School by the New York State Education Department. NYSED has identified 155 Reward Schools (including 18 Charter Schools) in 89 school districts based on test and graduate results from the 2016-17 school year. During the 2016-17 school year, there were roughly 3,300 schools in New York. In other words, this designation places Caledonia-Mumford High School in the top 5% of all schools in New York State. Please join me in congratulating our high school students and staff. I want to also congratulate our entire PreK-12 school program as their collective effort made this designation possible. Lastly, I want to congratulate our entire learning community for sending us awesome students.



In this newsletter the Caledonia-Mumford High School has announced the Class of 2018 Top Ten. I want to extend my congratulations to our top students and their parents. This thirteen year achievement has not gone unnoticed and we are proud of your accomplishments.

I want to provide you with an update on the development of the District's Strategic Plan. I am pleased to report that we had great participation from all stakeholders i.e., students, parents, community members, teachers, support staff and administration. University of Rochester facilitators were elated at the input gathered from the community survey and various focus groups. At this point, the District's Steering Committee has received and analyzed demographic, academic performance and academic programming of both similar and benchmark schools. There is much work to be done. By the end of the school year, the Steering Committee will create a long-term plan that

will assist the District in fundamental instructional and financial decisions that will shape and guide our district for the next five years and beyond. Once finished, the Strategic Plan will become a public document.

The development of the 2018-2019 school budget is a year-long process that requires thoughtful and intentional long-term planning. The Board of Education prides itself on transparency and invites you to participate in the budget development process by attending Board meetings on February 27; March 13, 27 and April 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the District Office or visit us online at www.cal-mum.org and simply click 2018-2019 CMCS Budget Development for all the current budget information. All budget decisions will be made in public session.

Thank you for entrusting your child with us and for your partnership in educating the children of Caledonia-Mumford.

Respectfully,

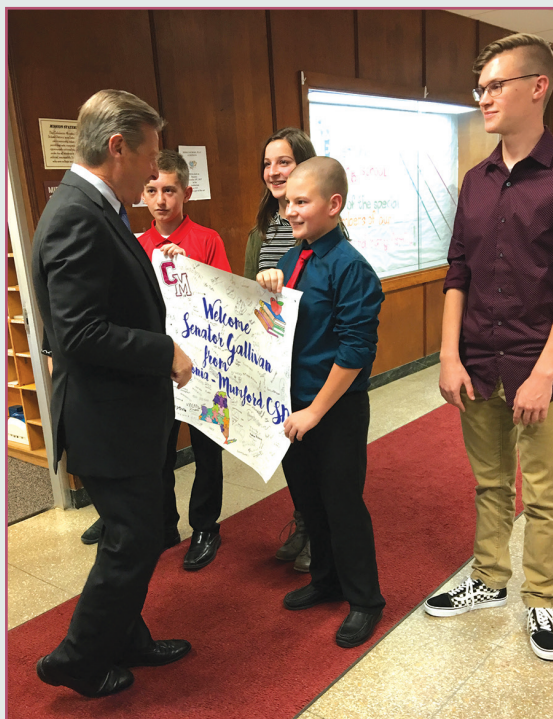
Robert Molisani

Welcome to CMCS New York Senator Patrick Gallivan

We were fortunate to have a visit from New York Senator Patrick Gallivan in November. Students representing the middle and high school greeted the senator at his arrival. Cal-Mum's High School Concert Chorus performed the National Anthem for him. Art students made a welcome poster for the senator that every elementary student signed.

The senator visited Mr. Andrew Spencer's technology classes and Mr. Chad Schalk's sixth grade class to learn how technology is being used every day in our classrooms.

Cal-Mum always appreciates the senator's visits and his interest in our students.



The Results are In - Caledonia-Mumford High School Designated a Reward School!



Caledonia-Mumford High School was among 155 schools in New York State to be designated a Reward School for high performance or high progress. This designation places Caledonia-Mumford High School in the top five percent of all schools in New York. New York State Education Commissioner MaryEllen Elia announced the designations on February 1.

"Congratulations to our high school students and staff. I also want to congratulate our entire pre-k to 12 school program as your collective effort made this designation possible. Lastly, I want to congratulate our entire learning community for sending us awesome students," said Cal-Mum Superintendent of Schools Robert Molisani.

Dr. Rebekah Chenaille became Caledonia-Mumford High School Principal in September 2017 and said she is honored to join with the students, faculty, staff and community in celebrating this recognition.

"Caledonia-Mumford is an exceptional place to learn. Being named a Reward School points directly to the belief system here that all students can reach high academic expectations. With excellent teaching, and proper support, each Raider has the potential to excel beyond their personal goals. It is an honor to celebrate with the Raider learning community our Reward School status," she commented.

New York State Education Department identified the 155 Reward Schools in 89 school districts based on test and graduates results from the 2016-17 school year. During that time period there were approximately 3,300 schools in New York State.

While there were no other Livingston County Schools that received the designation, other nearby Monroe County schools that were named a Reward School include Brighton, Honeoye Falls-Lima, Penfield and Pittsford and Rush Henrietta High Schools.



Caledonia-Mumford High School Principal Dr. Rebekah Chenaille and high school students share the good news that their high school was recognized by NYSED as a Reward School for high performance.

CM 2016 Alumna Performs with A Sharp Arrangement



Cal-Mum 2016 alumna Allets Schicker (4th from left) made a visit to school in January, along with SUNY Potsdam women's a cappella group *A Sharp Arrangement*. The women's ensemble performed and held workshops with Cal-Mum High School music students.



High School Students Sing in the RPO Gala Holiday Pops Concert



There is nothing that gets folks in the spirit of the holidays quite like the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra Gala Holiday Pops Concert. It's even more delightful when there are Cal-Mum High School students performing in the 200 - voice Festival High School Chorale.

Congratulations to Sarah Effing, Emily Roztocil and Maria Urriza.

Jeff Tyzik is the Principal Pops Conductor of the Gala Holiday Pops Concert, which was held December 21 – 23, 2017 at the Eastman Theater in Rochester.



Congratulations to Our Student Performers in the Genesee Valley School Music Association's All County Festivals

All-County Music Festival February 3 at York Central School

Senior High All County Chorus:

Emily Roztocil - Soprano
Sarah Efig - Soprano
Olivia Carpino - Soprano
Amber Pike - Alto
Sophia Bazzett - Alto
Allison Raymond - Alto
Maria Urriza - Alto
Jacob Rychlicki - Tenor
Casey Sherman - Tenor
Brendan Gardner - Bass

All-County Jazz Band:

David Morrison - Alto Sax
Rowan Nothnagle - Trombone
Timothy Turner - Guitar

Elementary All-County Chorus:

Meghan Ward
Kaelyn Jake
Gianna McCowan
Chloe Wood
Oliver Johnson
Brooke VanDyne
Bella Pillittere
Madison Wyskiel

Junior High All-County Band:

Carly Cohen - Clarinet
Leilani Monegro - Clarinet
Ella Dietrich - Alto Sax
Conrad Chaffee - Mallet Percussion

All-County Music Festival March 3 at Dansville Central School

Senior High All-County Band:

Sophia Bazzett - Flute
Allison Raymond - Flute
David Morrison - Alto Sax
Jacob Rychlicki - Trumpet

Junior High All-County Chorus

Elyse Fuller
Angelinna Kiriak
Abigail Richter
Emma Efig
Connor Mooney
Markus Phillips
Rowan Nothnagle

Elementary All-County Band

Hazel Nickerson-Clarinet
Mya Rodger-Alto Saxophone
William Dietrich-French Horn
Greyson Funk-Baritone
Isabella Rapone-Trombone
Joshua Middleton - Bass Clarinet
Meghan Ward - Trumpet
Oliver Johnson - Trombone
Justin Sullivan - Trombone
Rachelle Richter - Percussion



Employee Raises \$1,100 for Rochester Honor Flight



Lori Oliver, a second shift cleaner in Cal-Mum's Buildings and Grounds Department, is a good example of The Cal-

Mum Way. She was recently recognized by the Moose Club for having led a fundraising effort to benefit Rochester Honor Flight.



Lori and a dedicated group of volunteers cooked a fall harvest dinner for over 120 people who attended at the Moose Club. They cooked 10-20 pound turkeys, 50 pounds of potatoes and 50 pounds of squash plus all of the other trimmings.

Lori presented Rochester Honor Flight President Richard L. Stewart with a check at the fall harvest dinner. The Moose Club's donation will cover the costs of sending three veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit and reflect on the memorials there.

Lori has coordinated other fundraising dinners that have benefitted Genesee County Domestic Violence Services Program, All Babies Cherished, Mooseheart Residential Childcare Facility and Moosehaven Lifecare Center for senior citizens.

Lori and the LeRoy Moose Club were featured in the Moose Magazine for their fundraising efforts.



Science Club



Students placing bird feeders

The Middle and High School Science Clubs are off to a great start! In the fall, the Middle School Club planted chrysanthemums outside the middle and high school offices. Middle school students went geocaching in McKay and Tennent Parks and participated in three forensic labs learning about handwriting analysis, piecing together shredded documents to solve a mystery, and the chemistry of holiday baking.

Many members of the high school club are preparing to travel to Belize in the summer of 2019 in a combined trip with the Spanish Club. They are planning fundraising activities and working toward a possible combined research project with SUNY Geneseo.

As the winter months arrived, the students decided to participate as citizen scientists in the Audubon Society's Backyard Bird Count. Birdfeeders were made from recycled materials and True Value Hardware donated bags of birdseed. For four days

in mid-February, students watched the feeders and recorded the numbers of different species observed. This information, combined with data from across the country, will be compiled to help the Audubon Society learn more about migration, population numbers, how weather is affecting the birds' habits, and more.

The students are working hard to come up with creative activities to build knowledge and interest around science-based topics. We welcome any ideas or expertise from the community, as well.



Raider Regime Leading the Cheer Section!



Student Art Work Featured at RIT Exhibit

Cal-Mum High School Seniors Sarah Brabant and Emily Roztocil had their art work on exhibit in the 2018 Middle School and High School Art Exhibition at RIT's Bevier Gallery.

Emily won the Bevier Gallery Award for her self-portrait.

The opening reception for the exhibit was Friday, January 26, 2018 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the gallery. Their teacher

The exhibition was on view from January 26-February 10.



Sarah Brabant



Emily Roztocil

Senior Autumn Jeffery Recipient of 2018 Girl Scout Gold Award



Senior Autumn Jeffery has been an active Girl Scout for 13 years. In just a couple of months, June 2018, she will receive Girl Scouts of America's highest honor, The Gold Award, representing many years of her dedication to bettering her school and community. She will receive the award at a special commemorative Gold Award ceremony.

Autumn's project was to build two Little Free Libraries to support the school and community. The small wooden libraries were located at Caledonia and York Elementary Schools and provide unlimited access to books and reading materials for children who may have limited access to the public libraries in their communities.

Autumn researched the project and collected donations of building materials and books then built and assembled the libraries herself.

"I am proud to be a Gold Award Girl Scout. But to me, the real reward in all of this, is that I have made a positive impact in my community and I have helped others," Autumn commented.

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest honor a Girl Scout can earn and acknowledges the power behind each recipient's dedication to not only empowering and bettering herself, but also to making the world a better place for others. These young women are courageous leaders and visionary change makers.

Autumn is the daughter of Sam and Carrie Jeffery.

Red Raider Wrestler Isaac Crane represents CM at NYSPHSAA Wrestling Championship

Coaches Tony D'Ambra and Chip Day with Freshman Isaac Crane.

Freshman Isaac Crane competed at the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Wrestling Championship, held February 23 and 24, 2018 at the Times Union Center in Albany, NY.

Wrestling in the 106 pound weight class, Isaac's record is 38-4. He placed fourth at the Livingston County Athletic Association Championship and second at the Section Five State Qualifying match.

"Great effort and determination by Isaac has him ahead of the schedule that we thought he would accomplish. He has set the bar higher not only for himself, but all of the Cal-Mum Wrestlers. Strive to be great!" said CM Wrestling Coach Chip Day.



Calling All Techies!

Caledonia-Mumford Central School Community Education Presents...



We invite parents, grandparents and community members to join us here at Caledonia-Mumford Central School for Tech Night!

Technology is rapidly changing and our school must keep current in keeping with our District's Mission of *preparing all students to graduate as ethical, responsible, lifelong learners, who are college and career ready.*

Tech Night will highlight the technology that students are using in our K-12 classrooms. We will have demonstrations, booths and presentations on a variety of technology uses.

Caledonia-Mumford Central School Community Education is sponsoring Tech Night.

Middle & High School Math Teams Succeed in Competition



For students who enjoy and excel at math there is a math competition team at both the middle and high school. The teams are relatively new but both enjoyed success competing among other schools within the GVEP this school year.

Mrs. Lisa Geary is the advisor to the Middle School Math Team. The team finished in third place among the other competing schools in the region at their final competition at Livonia Central School on February 14.

Team members are Cassidy Mitchell, Ella Dietrich, Andy Lin, Taylor Mills, Gabe Bulkley, Leilani Monegro, Aidan Anderson, Lily Bell, Abby Clymo, Cole Towery and Tristan Abby.

The High School Math Team has also seen success in its first year. The team competed with teams from Livonia, York, Letchworth, Avon



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and Geneseo Central Schools. The competitions are divided into three timed sections: Problem solving, relay problem solving and team problem solving. Miss Christy Pope is the High School Math Team Advisor.

Juniors Brenden Gardner and Amber Pike's individual scores qualified them for the All-Star Math Team. They will compete in the county tournament on March 8 at St. John Fisher College in Rochester and the state tournament on March 17 at SUNY Geneseo.

Amber also earned the recognition of being the highest scoring junior in the GVEP region.

Congratulations to the Middle and High School Math Teams on your successes.

Cal-Mum Staff Participates in a Poverty Simulation

The difficult decisions of "Do I have enough grocery money to feed my family," "How will I pay my rent," "I can't afford to pay daycare but I need to work," "I need a job but I don't have a car," and other challenges are what low income families face on a regular basis.

Unless you or someone close to you has experienced poverty, it's difficult to truly understand their struggles. On February 21, Superintendent's Conference Day, the entire Cal-Mum School staff participated in a poverty simulation to help them gain a clearer understanding of the challenges many of our students and their families are faced with.

"In the 18 years that I have been at Caledonia-Mumford, our district has gone from having one in every 10 of our students eligible to receive the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program to today where one in every three students is eligible," said Superintendent of Schools Robert Molisani.

The elementary school gym was transformed into a simulated community of families, friends, merchants, daycare providers, banks, schools, grocery stores, etc. Each participant assumed the role a person living in a low income household. They faced the real life day to day challenges that all families face – only theirs were compounded due to their limited incomes and resources. Examples of the challenges that were role-played included needing transportation to work or school, needing food to feed your family, becoming ill and unable to work, etc.

Staff members said they could feel the stress that resulted from trying to live with these challenges. A debriefing session following the simulation brought forth many comments and concerns from the staff members. The discussions will continue with the goal of developing strategies on how this school district can help support low income students and families in the future.



Welcome Home Red Raiders... CM High School connects alumni with current senior students

The connection between Cal-Mum High School and its students does not end with graduation. Students who had recently graduated from Cal-Mum were invited to return for a Welcome Home event on December 20, 2017. High School Principal Dr. Rebekah Chenaille hosted the event with assistance from the student council.

The Welcome Home event was aimed at connecting recent graduates with current senior students to share and discuss information that will help them in their transition from high school to college or the work force. Alumni from all sectors were encouraged to attend: college students, trade workers and military service personnel. The event concluded with lunch for the alumni students and many conversations and embraces with their former teachers.

"The Welcome Home event was exciting for me. My favorite part of it is connecting and reconnecting our past with our future. The bond that we can form and strengthen over time is what makes our schools so awesome. I want our school to stage our students for the future they are dreaming of. That means we have to capture their hopes and dreams and prepare with them. Lastly-- Wow! The Raiders are an impressive group of young people. The brainpower in the room was overwhelming and exciting. You could feel the synergy!" remarked Dr. Chenaille.

There were many ideas shared that morning, including how to juggle a part time job with your college studies, whether to choose a small or large college, getting involved in campus activities, choosing a major and more.

Matthew Hayes graduated from CMCS in 2013 and is in his final year of a five year architectural degree program at the University of Notre Dame.

"I think the more I learn at every stage of my college experience, it's important to come back here and share it. It has been instrumental what I've learned from others before me," he said.

Joshua Roides is a sophomore at the Citadel. He graduated from CM in 2016 and, though the South Carolina military college is very different from his small town alma mater, he felt strongly that he wanted to share with the current high school seniors a very important message.

"No matter how far away you go; whether



Dr. Rebekah Chenaille welcomes alumni back to school to share their experiences with the current senior class.

it's a small school or a large school or whether you go directly into the work force, it's important to give back. Caledonia-Mumford is still our roots," Roides said.

Another 2017 CM graduate Seth Toland said Cal-Mum administration and teachers prepared him to be able to communicate with his professors at Genesee Community College. College professors typically do not know all of their students personally so if you are looking for that connection you have to forge those relationships yourself.

"One thing I feel like I learned at CM is my

people skills. Everyone here at Cal-Mum was so open with me; my teachers had my back and I always knew I had someone to talk to. It has made me not afraid to talk to my professors," Toland remarked.

Many other valuable topics were discussed like anxiety, depression, pressure to drink, campus safety, sex and exposure to drugs. The alumni offered suggestions and advice on how to get help if anyone experiences those issues.

Dr. Chenaille said the first time event here CM was successful and she will repeat it annually at holiday time.



Senior Cierra Wells Observes Surgeries in Preparation for Nursing Career

What do you like to do on your days off from school? Senior Cierra Wells likes to be in the operating room observing surgeries. Cierra says the observations are helping to prepare her for a career in nursing and as a surgeon's assistant. On February President's Day recess, Cierra observed valve replacement heart surgery.

Cierra plans to attend either St. John Fisher or Roberts Wesleyan College next September to study nursing. She is the daughter of Christopher and Amy Wells.

Read below about her experiences in the operating room at the University of Rochester Strong Memorial Hospital.

Do you plan to enter into the medical field for your career?

"I know for sure that I want to get my RN but also have an interest in obtaining additional training in order to become what's called an RN First Assistant. This would allow me to be the main assistant to the surgeon in the operating room"

When did you first observe a surgery and what type?

"I first observed a surgery at URM Strong Memorial Hospital back in the Fall of 2017. I shadowed a Pediatric Ophthalmologist. The patient was a little child who needed major eye surgery as a result of having shaken baby syndrome. It was pretty sad to see the damage that a child suffered due to an adult. After that surgery, I had the opportunity to shadow that doctor a few more times but was then connected to a Cardiologist at Strong who has allowed me to shadow as often as my schedule permits."

Were you nervous and was it what you expected?

"I was a little nervous at first but once I was in the operating room I seemed to just focus on what was going on. It's a very busy environment as you can imagine so there really is no time to be nervous."

Did you handle it well or were you at all queasy?

"I would like to say that being a big fan of Greys Anatomy helped prepare me for all of the blood I was going to see but obviously TV doesn't quite capture the reality of a true operating room. I do think



Senior Cierra Wells prepares to observe a valve replacement heart surgery at Strong Memorial Hospital.

my experiences of starting with a not so invasive surgery helped prepare me for the open heart surgeries. I have not experienced any feelings of nausea or feeling light headed. At times I find myself freezing but that is only as a result of some of the operating rooms needing to stay at a certain temperature.

Tell us about the recent observation over recess?

"My recent experience in the OR was watching another valve replacement. This was actually my second time watching this type of surgery. The first surgery that I got to watch was very interesting as I got to see the valve up close after they removed it. During a recent shadowing experience, I got to watch a patient have a coronary bypass. This surgery was very interesting to watch as I also got to see an actual vein being removed from the patient's leg."

Tell us something about a real surgery that most people would never know?

"During some heart surgeries when a patient needs to go on a bypass machine some of the blood from the patient goes through a hose like tube that eventually goes through a machine that is able to change the temperature of the blood to be either colder or warmer to help prevent organ failure. Due to this machine the temperature in the operating room plays no significant role in the patient's care."

What makes you interested in surgery?

"Despite having to go through all of the necessary training in order to get my RN, at this moment I would prefer to work in a setting that allows me to play a role in the patients physical healing versus being involved in their individual patient care."

The flu is still causing many people to be ill. Visit the school website (www.cal-mum.org) to view flu guidelines developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



Red Raider Spirit Week Focus #ChooseLove #MakeKindnessNormal



Houston Kraft works with students groups.

Cal-Mum High School Student Council hosted Red Raider week February 12 – 16. The focus of the week's activities was encouraging one another to practice positive virtues such as honesty, kindness, politeness, patience, respect, tolerance, friendliness and thoughtfulness. - #The Cal-Mum Way.

Special guest Houston Kraft gave a powerful and thought provoking presentation to all middle and high school students on the morning of February 13. Afterward he worked with students in smaller groups, taking them through various role playing exercises. Kraft is a speaker, trainer and kindness advocate who speaks at schools and conferences all over the country. He is the cofounder of Character Strong trainings and curriculums that create more compassionate cultures in schools

and communities.

His messages to students of #Choose Love and #Making Kindness Normal posed the question to students and staff, "Why don't we show up to our school every day looking for opportunities to take care of each other?"

Of course a spirit week is not spirit-filled unless the students are having fun dressing up each day to a specific theme. The favorite themed day in this Red Raider Spirit Week was dress like a teacher. The photos tell the story!

Middle School teacher Mr. Steve Kocher or student Freddy Symonds?

Junior Tanner Nothnagle or Middle/High School Instrumental Music teacher Mr. Matt Trost?



Be Our Guest...Class of 2018 Hosts Senior Citizens

The annual event is called *Seniors for Seniors* and it is by far the most beloved event that Cal-Mum students host at school. *Seniors for Seniors* was an afternoon of entertainment performed by the Seniors in the Class of 2018 for the community senior citizens. Afterward the students served a delicious turkey dinner to their special guests. Approximately 175 senior citizens attended. "A wonderful event was shared by all," said Senior Class Advisor Mrs. Jinny Mancuso.

Cal-Mum Elementary School PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) sponsored a gingerbread house display for the senior citizens to enjoy along with their refreshments as they arrived at *Seniors for Seniors*. They placed their vote for favorite gingerbread house in various categories.

Congratulations to these gingerbread house winners

Family – *The Maine family* • Grades Pre-k and K – *Jack Slocum* • Grades 1, 2, 3 – *Callee Neal* • Grades 4 & 5 – *Rebekah Hertz*





On January 19 and 20 the CMCS middle school students presented *Hooray For Hollywood* by Tim Kelly. Meg Geer and Eileen Bickford directed the show with the help of students Meghan Mietlicki and Autumn Jeffery who have been helping with the play for the past four years. The directors were also lucky to have students Nikki Paladino and Abby Richter join the crew for the first time this year.

The show takes place in Hollywood, California where the hand that feeds also bites. Young movie and television hopefuls come from all over to study with Milo Bravo lured by his phony scholarships. He taught the students important techniques such as how to wear sunglasses properly. Soon the students found themselves waiting tables and doing extra work in a weird film that kept changing its title. It got even better when Dorothy (from Kansas) and her sister showed up with no idea what to expect. Soon Dorothy was meeting everyone from the manager of a flea circus to a phony psychic consultant to the stars and a screen writer who calls himself Adam Sandler. Poor Milo needed to

come up with \$30,000 to pay back taxes soon or may be thrown in jail. It was nonstop fun right until the end when Milo and his future stars where launched into fabulous, if not crazy, new careers.

The students in the cast worked hard for two months to put on such a fun show. Many of them were involved in other things as well as devoting many hours to making this show a success. They were always great to work with. The cast decided as a group that they would like to donate the proceeds of their show to two different organizations. Proceeds were donated to Lollypop Farms and the Class of 2023 for their trip to the Genesee Country Museum this spring.

We would like to give a special thank you to our two student directors who have been working with us for the past four years. Seniors Meghan and Autumn have devoted many hours to helping the students and have been an important part of our team. We will all miss them both and wish them the best as they graduate and head off for new adventures.

Middle School Students Volunteer for Camp Good Days and Special Times



Counselor Mrs. Jinny Mancuso and Middle School Principal Mr. Paul Estabrooks accompanied the students and helped them to assemble 1,300 cardboard boxes!

Nearly two dozen middle school students as well as a few high school students, boarded the Cal-Mum school bus after school to go to Camp Good Days and Special Times headquarters in Mendon. Cal-Mum Middle School students have been making an annual trip there for several years.

Teachers Mr. Steve Muehleisen, Mrs. Jeanine Tedesco, Middle School



Raider Alumni Basketball Games – Great Fun for a Great Cause

Cal-Mum Basketball Coach and 2007 Alumni Josh Shelton organized the annual Cal-Mum Alumni Basketball games once again this year. The Lady Red Raider and Red Raider alumni games took place on November 24, 2017.

The alumni games bring awareness to and raise money for two very worthy organizations: The Patrick Combo Memorial Foundation and C.A.R.E.S.

Cal-Mum Alumni Remembrance Educational Scholarship. Each foundation received \$500 to benefit their annual scholarships to Cal-Mum graduating seniors.

The games are always held on the Friday night after Thanksgiving, which allows many Red Raiders that are visiting family for the holiday to participate in the alumni games.

This year's coaches for the Red Raiders were Dan Dickens, Josh Shelton, Robert Poles, Jr., Robert Poles, Sr., Ronald Poles, Tim Gaffney and Victor Cappotelli.

The Lady Raiders also had an impressive coaching staff that included Kathleen Brown, Josephine Schalk, Tim Anderson and Steve Flint.

Be sure to put Friday, November 23, 2018 on your calendar for the next Cal-Mum Alumni game night – get registered to play or be a spectator, but we invite you to be there.



Cal-Mum Ukulele Players to Perform at Celtic Concert Series



Caledonia's First Presbyterian Church is hosting a series of three Celtic concerts with the first one, an Irish Concert, featuring Striking Strings Hammered Dulcimer Ensemble and Harmonious Harps, occurring on March 16, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

We are proud to announce that our Elementary Ukulele players have been invited to perform in this very special Irish music concert. Under the direction of Elementary Instrumental Music teacher Mr. Thomas Toyama, 12 students will perform in this concert alongside the Celtic band. They are: *Ava Amorese, Joslyn Curtis, William Dietrich, Collin Foote, Zayda Kemnitz, Kayla Klaver, Tyler Koch, Drake Kritzerberger, Briana Lynn, Chloe Murray, Mackenzie Poray and Bella Rapone.*

Musicians from Striking Strings Hammered Dulcimer Ensemble and Harmonious Harps will work with Mr. Toyama and the ukulele players to rehearse specific music selections for the concert.

Cal-Mum Elementary School's Ukulele Club was started in 2006 by fourth grade teacher Mr. Kyle Leonard. As the group grew in size and popularity Mr. Leonard turned the reigns over to Mr. Toyama.

The second in the series of Celtic concerts coming up at Caledonia First Presbyterian Church will feature the Dady Brothers and it will take place on May 4 at 7:30 p.m. The final Celtic concert of the year is the ever popular Celtic Christmas concert, which this year will be on November 30 at 7:30 p.m.

Admission to the Irish and Celtic concerts is free and open to the public, however a free will offering will be accepted at each concert.

Fifth Grader's Artwork Featured on the Cover of Livingston County Publication



Art teacher Mrs. Heather Cassidy-Schaffer is proud of the artwork created by Rebekah Hertz, Allison Thompson and Briana Lynn; chosen to be featured on the 2018 Livingston County Legislative Agenda. Lily Clement's artwork will also be included in the pages of the agenda; she was absent the day of the visit.



Livingston County Administrator Ian Coyle congratulates fifth grader Briana Lynn on her artwork, selected for the cover of the 2018 Legislative Agenda.

Briana Lynn's self-designed artwork depicts several important departments within Livingston County government – Board of Elections, Dog Control, Department of Health, County Historian and District Attorney. Her colorful artwork will soon become the front cover of the 2018 Livingston County Legislative Agenda. Briana's creation was chosen for the front cover in a contest sponsored by the county. As part of her recognition, Briana won a pizza party for her entire class! Each student also received a Livingston County water bottle.

Livingston County Administrator Ian Coyle and Town of Caledonia Supervisor Dan Pangrazio visited Mrs. Merlo's fifth grade classroom where Briana is a student. Superintendent of Schools Mr. Robert Molisani and Elementary School Principal Mr. David Bulter greeted our visitors and attended the award presentation in Mrs. Merlo's classroom.

Three other students in Mrs. Merlo's class had their artwork chosen for the inside pages of the county's publications. They are Rebekah Hertz, Allison Thompson and Lily Clement.

Elementary School art teacher Mrs. Heather Cassidy-Schaffer provided class time for the students to each create a drawing for the county's art contest.

ReadyForToday Offers Students New Experiences

Maybe your youngster has come home excited to tell you that he is learning about circuit design and electricity, how to build a robot or coding. All grade levels have had the opportunity to explore learning through a new program available to school districts through the Genesee Valley Educational Partnership. The ReadyFor.Today programs take students on an exploration of logic activities, storytelling, robotics, electricity, digital design and computer aided drawing.

ReadyFor.Today activities are made possible through a CoSer with GVEP School Library System. Teachers from SLS worked with students and teachers within their own classrooms. Students who discover an activity of particular interest may request to borrow the activity and materials through the elementary library system.

Students in grades six through eight will have an opportunity to explore The ReadyFor.Today activities this spring.



Fourth graders Learn #1 Poetry Rule... You Must Not Use Boring Words!

Poet Sherry Robbins has one rule when working with students in the classroom... you must not use boring words. Robbins is a poet, teaching artist and freelance writer. She has been a visiting artist in Cal-Mum Elementary classrooms for 21 years. This year Robbins worked in both fourth and fifth grade classrooms.

"The idea is that we play with words and poetic tools in grade 4, and then dig a little deeper in grade 5 with forms and poem models," she commented.

Robbins teaches creative writing and poetry in schools, community groups, art agencies, for social and medical services and through BOCES programs.

"I am passionate about poetry and about kids. Being able to help them find their authentic voices, and the power and fun that comes from free expression, is so rewarding," Robbins said.



Poet Sherry Robbins works with Mrs. Flint's fourth graders.

Students Obtain a Poetic License!

At the conclusion of her classroom workshops, Robbins grants each student a poetic license and students are cautioned that they must never commit the violation of using boring words!

"Let it be known that here on the bridge between star shine and clay you have the right to operate any and all poetic devices at speeds up to and including 100 wpm. This license may not be revoked for any reason other than the prolonged and willful use of boring language."

Seven years ago Robbins was working with the students in a fifth grade classroom on becoming a superhero. She saved a poem written by one of the students – Xzaveis King, now a Cal-Mum High School Junior.

Cool Boy

by Xzaveis King

On a cold and stormy night as the trees dance in the rain, as the rain stomps on the roof, I popped out of my mother. At the age of 5 I mutated in a fire. At the age of 9 I had the ability to fly, and invisibility; last but not least super strength. And my name was...Cool Boy.

Flowers

by Gary Johnson

In the middle of spring the roses are blush pink the color is so bright it speaks to me the smell is so beautiful it goes right through me its sweeter than cotton candy Spring is so colorful

Poems from Mrs. Flint's 2017-2018 Fourth Graders

My Bed, My Hideout

by Maggie Jones

I fall sleep in my bed all calm like so and I hear the owls whistling in the wind And the deer's footsteps from the backyard searching for food The birds land on the tree outside my window waiting until morning to wake me from my sleep I hear the talking of my parents and finally I fall fast asleep and I wake in the morning and do it ALL again

Spring in Japan

by Mady

The sun raises over the people flowers bloom on the blue trees a soft breeze falls across the mint grass people stop to feed the ducks the water is calm and beautiful just sitting there people breath in the sunny glow many things come to the park and just let go

A Dream

by Carl Klaver

Jump into a dream that sounds like a dog away in the mountain tide at dawn crying for freedom last in the dark stormy night.

The Violet Rain

by Chadwick Littleton

The violet raindrops fall on the street While children dance What joy they bring to all Then the rain stops Then the joy stops

Third Grade Students Experience the Orchestra



The third graders visited Roberts Wesleyan College in February to attend the annual educational concert for third graders. Dressed in their concert attire, students experienced a live orchestra and were introduced to the various instruments. As you know picking an instrument to play will be a big decision next year I fourth grade.

Each instrument was introduced by a musician who then played a tune which the audience was asked to name. Musical numbers like Veritgo and Prelude, Fugue, and Riffs were enjoyed.

At the end of the concert the conductor, Dr. Paul Shewan asked the third graders, "What would you like to hear for your last song? Row, Row, Row Your Boat or Stars Wars." You already know the answer!

Thanks to Elementary School Vocal Music teacher Mrs. Jody Parisi for setting up this wonderful concert for the children.

Student comments after the concert...

"I can't wait to pick an instrument out next year." *Maggie*

"How do they fit the double bass in their car?" *Mark*

"That conductor was so funny." *Evie*

Third Grade Showing a Teal Effort on Math Test

No, that is not a typo that should have read team effort. Miss Alayna Mlodozeniec wanted to provide a fun incentive to her third grade students to do their very best on the math test. The students all worked hard, did their best and improved.

As promised, Miss Mlodozeniec let the students choose their favorite color and she dyed the tips of her hair that color. They chose teal.

"They worked hard as a class that week reminding one another to stay focused and on topic," she said.



Community Education is sponsoring a Nurtured Heart Approach® workshop that is FREE for all parents and staff of Caledonia-Mumford Schools!

This will take place on Saturday, March 10. Please contact Sarah Santora today at ssantora@cal-mum.org to reserve your spot.

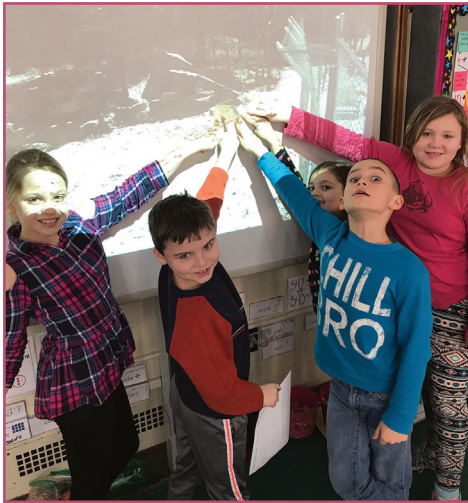
The Nurtured Heart Approach® is a relationship-focused method that has become a powerful way of awakening the greatness in all children while facilitating parenting and classroom success.

By attending this workshop, you will learn about The 3 Stands™ for helping children (and adults) build their Inner Wealth® and to use their intensity in successful ways.

Please visit this website for more information on The Nurtured Heart Approach®: www.childrensuccessfoundation.com

We're looking forward to you being there!

Mrs. Cornwell's Pack Loves Learning about Wolves!



In third grade we're exploring wolves! We've listened to different wolf and pup howls, watched wolf pack video clips and analyzed photographs of wolves to enhance our knowledge of this amazing creature. We're also following a wolf pack out of the

International Wolf Center in Minnesota. We love taking a few minutes out of our day to watch their live web streaming cam and make observations of a couple of our favorite wolves, Luna and Grizzer! It's so cool to watch the wolves interacting, eating, and hanging out in their den in real time!

We're also exploring fictional stories about wolves. We recently read *Lon Po Po*, which is a Red-Riding Hood Story from China. Then we made *WANTED* posters of that sneaky wolf using his character traits. We also created iMovie book trailers to summarize the characters, setting, problem, and solution in *Lon Po Po*. We're excited to continue researching and learning about wolves in the next couple weeks!

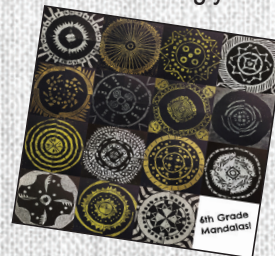
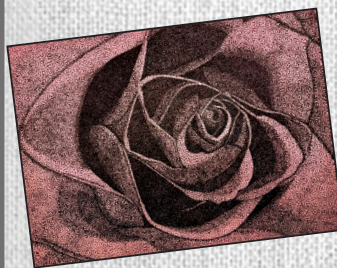


Annual District Wide Art Exhibit Coming May 15

We invite you to be our guest for the Annual District Wide Art Show on May 15, 2018 in the middle school from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The exhibit will showcase the talented artwork of all of our students, kindergarten through 12th grade.

Mark your calendars – we look forward to seeing you at the art exhibit!



2nd Grade Thinking like Scientists

The second grade students enjoyed learning about birds during a lesson presented by Cornell Cooperative Extension. We learned that many birds do not migrate during the winter. Each student made a bird feeder to hang in their backyards to count/observe common birds during the Great Backyard Bird Count February 12-15. Observations can be recorded by going to www.gbbc.birdcount.org.

We are learning to think like a scientist as we make predictions and record our results in writing in our Life Science Unit. The main topics in this unit are, needs of plants, and animals, how plants and animals depend on each other, the diversity of life in different habitats, seed dispersal, and pollination. Who knew science could be so much fun!



2nd Grade Balloon Engineers

Mrs. Bellos second grade students read the book *Balloons over Broadway: The True Story of the Puppeteer of the Macy's Parade*. In reading the book, the students learned how puppeteer Tony Sarg invented the large, fun helium balloons that are the trademark of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.



Mrs. Bellos connected what the students learned about inventors to the Next Generation Science Standards and led them on an exploration into the engineering design process. The students worked together to design their very own balloon. They paraded their finished balloons through Mrs. Wells and Mrs. Clark's second grade classrooms to culminate the lesson.

First Grade is Out of this World!

Groundhogs, Valentines, Hundreds Day and Presidents! It's been a fun time in first grade! We've especially enjoyed being astronomers and learning about the solar system. We learned that Earth, the planet on which we live, is just one of many different celestial bodies within the solar system. We also learned how the sun, the stars, the moon, and the other planets relate to the earth. We look forward to our upcoming field trip to the Strasenburgh Planetarium at the Rochester Museum and Science Center.



Mrs. Wade's first grade students were split 50 -50 on whether the Groundhog would see his shadow or not. Ties are always nice in first grade.

Kindergarten Kings and Queens – Our Classrooms are the Royal Palace

Kindergarten students have been busy bringing learning to life! We have enjoyed several culminating events for many of their Listening and Learning domains.

The students also participated in the Kindergarten Royal Celebration where the students and teachers dressed in their most royal attire and were treated like kings and queens for the day! We love using these opportunities to incorporate all aspects of our curriculum. The students completed royal number bonds using gems and our addition and subtraction skills from Math Module 4, drew pictures and wrote sentences about our very own royal families using our reading and writing abilities from our Skills units, and most importantly used our imaginations while playing dress up in our classroom castles.



Kindergarten students also celebrated their learning about Native Americans with an amazing powwow where the students designed their own Native American shirts, created beaded necklaces (complete with bear claws!), and welcomed a special visitor from Cornell Cooperative Extension to learn the importance of the three sisters.

Author Patricia Gleichauf Takes Readers on an Adventure Under the Sea

Patricia Gleichauf's fascination with sea horses began when she saw a crystal sea horse in a store window. She found its characteristic fins and tail so intriguing that she put her 25 years of experience as a clinical researcher to work; this time studying sea horses and other creatures that live under the sea rather than infectious diseases. With all that she discovered and learned about these underwater creatures, Gleichauf wrote a children's book entitled *Horses of the Sea*. The book is dedicated to her grandsons David and Daniel, both students at Caledonia-Mumford Elementary School.

"I began researching seahorses and realized that most people weren't aware of the qualities of a seahorse and that children had no place to learn about them. I began to look at other sea creatures that are little known. I wanted to give children the opportunity to learn about and know some of these creatures," Gleichauf said.

Gleichauf recently visited Cal-Mum Elementary school to read *Horses of the Sea* in each of her grandson's classrooms. The children were gathered on the rug around her as she read the words on each page of the book and showed them the colorful illustrations. The students loved hearing the story of sea horses and they were captured by the bright and bold water color illustrations on the pages. They asked many questions that resulted in a lot of learning about sea creatures, which was Gleichauf's goal in writing the book. It was clear that she not only loves writing children's stories, she also loves reading them to children, and they certainly loved listening. Gleichauf will return to Cal-Mum Elementary School on March 5 as a guest author during the school's weeklong Parents as Reading Partners festival.

With the success of *Horses of the Sea*, Gleichauf has a second book in the series about unusual sea creatures scheduled to be released in September 2018.

Horses of the Sea is available from Page Publishing in hard cover, soft cover and digital on Amazon, Barnes and Noble online and Google Play.



Pre-K Days are Always Full of Play and Learning

Each class day for pre-kindergarten students is full of play and learning. Mrs. Coffta and Mrs. Cappotelli's students especially enjoyed a visit from York Animal Hospital. Dr. Daniel Yanik and veterinary assistant Samantha Olin shared with the students the proper ways to care for their pets. This visit was part of the NYS Pre-kindergarten Animal Domain.

The students explored robotics, coding and problem solving through a visit from the Genesee Valley Educational Partnership teachers. The hands-on classroom activities through the GVEP are part of the ReadyFor.Today program where students explore logic games, storytelling boards, robotics and maker spaces through a variety of guided and self-guided activities. Classroom teachers learn alongside students as co-facilitators and planners for the activities.



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Lyrics by

Howard Ashman and Glenn Slater

Book by

Doug Wright

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Produced by Howard Ashman & John Musker
and written & directed by John Musker & Ron Clements
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March

- 10 5 Hour Class, 8:00 a.m.
- 11 Daylight Savings Time
- 13 BOE Mtg., 6:00 p.m./Budget Discussions
- 14 Kindergarten Info.Night, 6:30 p.m.
- 17 CM Rotary Roller Skating Party, 2:30 p.m.
- 23 HS Musical The Little Mermaid, 7:00 p.m.
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- 25 HS Musical The Little Mermaid, 2:00 p.m.
- 27 Board of Education Meeting, 6:00 p.m./
Budget Discussions
- March 30 – April 6...Spring Recess

April

- 10 BOE Mtg., 6:00 p.m./Budget Discussions
- 16 School Board Candidate Petitions Due
- 20 Supt.'s Conference Day **Pre-K to 8 ONLY**
- 25 & 26...AARP Safe Driver Class open to the
public 5:30 p.m.

May

- 2..... HS Spring Concert, 7:15 p.m.
- 8..... Annual Budget Hearing/Meet the School
Board Candidates, 7:00 p.m.
- 9..... MS Spring Concert, 7:00 p.m./8:00 p.m.
- 15 Annual Budget Vote, Noon to 9:00 p.m.
- 15 Annual District-Wide Art Show, 5:00 p.m.
to 7:00 p.m.

CMCS Board of Education Recognizes Mary Hamilton for 50 Years of Teaching

When Mary Catherine Davison Hamilton walked from her home on Lehigh Street in Caledonia, down to 99 North Street to start kindergarten at Caledonia Elementary School in 1949, little did she know that she would spend the vast majority of her life there.

The Caledonia-Mumford Central School Board of Education recognized her at their February 27 meeting for her 50 years of teaching service to the district.

"Nothing I am more proud of than being part of Cal-Mum," Hamilton said.

Mrs. Hamilton graduated from Caledonia-Mumford High School in 1962 as the class Salutatorian. She was hired in 1968 by then Superintendent of Schools Dr. Frederick Hinsdale to be a substitute teacher.

She eventually taught full time as a social studies teacher, retiring in 2000, but not for long. A few years later she again began substitute teaching at CM and for the last 13 years she has been a tutor for many Cal-Mum students.

Family and friends at Cal-Mum recently surprised her at school with a cake to commemorate her 50 years of teaching. She received a Red Raider sweatshirt with the sleeve embroidered HAM – 1 + 49, reflective of her vehicle license plate of many years, HAM 1.

Mrs. Hamilton comes from a long line of maroon and white Red Raiders. Her mother Helen Davison, husband Tom Hamilton and children Monica, Kate and David are all graduates of CMCS. Now she is proud to watch the next generation of Red Raiders in her family do great things; granddaughter Lily Johnson is in fifth grade and grandson Oliver Johnson is in sixth grade.

