HERMON-DEKALB CENTRAL SCHOOL DEKALB JUNCTION, NY 13630

FEBRUARY, MARCH & APRIL 2024

Half Staff Development Days

April 19
Student dismissal will be at noon on the Half Staff
Development Days.

No School:

Mid-Winter Break:

February 19 - 23

Spring Break:

April 1 - 5

Parent Teacher Conferences:

Conferences begin at 12:15 on Thursday, March 14. Students will be dismissed at noon.

Full Staff Development Days

March 15

Dear Hermon-DeKalb Community,

Happy New Year and Winter has finally arrived. We received our first snowfall in early January and by the time this newsletter is out we will be settled in to consistent cold weather. The school is busy this time of the year with consistent activities in the evenings and on the weekends. Our Girls' Varsity Basketball team has had a great first half of the season and has been leading the section.

We are currently working on next year's school budget and evaluating the upcoming needs of the district. We will have our first draft completed by early March.

We're thrilled to announce an upcoming celestial event that promises to be both awe-inspiring and educational – the **Solar Eclipse of 2024!** This rare occurrence will be visible from our location, and we want to make sure our students, teachers, and families are prepared to make the most of this extraordinary experience.

Date and Time: Mark your calendars for **April 8th**, when the total solar eclipse will occur at **3:23 pm**. This is on a Monday immediately following Spring break. All planning for this

event will occur prior to break to get the students ready for the experience. The school day will be shifted that day beginning with a 10 am start and dismissal sometime after 4 pm.

Safety First: Observing a solar eclipse requires special precautions to protect your eyes. We remind everyone to use certified solar viewing glasses or shields. The school will provide these glasses to all students and staff, ensuring a safe and enjoyable viewing experience. Lessons on sun safety will be taught and emphasized leading up to the event.

Educational Opportunities: Our teachers are planning exciting and educational lessons and activities related to the solar eclipse. Students will learn about the science behind

this phenomenon, and how various civilizations throughout history have interpreted eclipses. We encourage parents to engage in discussions with their children about the eclipse and its significance.

HD Family Event: To make the solar eclipse a family event, we invite families to join us on the school grounds for a special viewing gathering near the start of the eclipse. Both the Elementary and the Secondary will have a variety of eclipse activities to engage in leading up to the eclipse. Our goal is to have our students and families enjoy the eclipse together.

Weather Contingency Plans: A spectacular eclipse is dependent on one thing, clear weather. While we hope for clear skies, it's essential to have a backup plan in case of inclement weather. Indoor activities will be planned and we will still participate in the darkness that will occur with or without clouds.

Stay tuned for more details and updates as we approach this cosmic event.

Sincerely,

Mark White

Superintendent

News from the Principal....

As winter wears on this is often a time when students need to be reminded of the importance of school and completing their work. Most often grades will drop during the 3rd quarter and we see an increase in students missing school. There are many reasons for this possible drop in grades and attendance. As parents and educators it is important for us to continue to encourage our kids to keep working and keep coming to school. If you are concerned with your child's grades or attendance, please contact me to discuss what we can do to help.

We invite you to join us for in-person spring parent-teacher conferences. If you would like to request a conference with your child's teacher or team of teachers, please feel free to contact Angela Fenlong to set up a conference for students in grades PreK-6 and the Guidance Office for any students in grades 7-12.

We look forward to seeing warmer temperatures. Please reach out with any questions or concerns you have so we can work together to make the best school experience for students.

HERMON–DEKALB - **Pre-K screening** is scheduled for **Tuesday**, **May 7**, **2024**. Anyone with a child who is 4 years old on or before December 1 of this year and lives within the Hermon-DeKalb Central School District should notify the elementary school secretary at 347-3442 to make an appointment. Parents should bring the child's birth certificate, record of immunizations and proof of residency to the screening.



Scholastic Book Fair May 20th-28th 8am-3pm

We will be open on Tuesday, May 21st after the elementary concert and during Spring Fling from 5pm-7pm.

H-D Booster Club will be holding a basket raffle on Tuesday, May 21st.

\$1.00 a ticket

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Thursday AFTERNOON, March 14, 12:20 - 3:00 P.M. Thursday EVENING, March 14, 5:30 - 7:30 P.M.

Hermon DeKalb Central School will have parent-teacher conferences on Thursday, March 14th from 12:20 - 3:00 in the afternoon and from 5:30 - 7:30 in the evening. Parents may meet with teachers for 15 minutes. School will dismiss early this day with parent pick up at 11:50-12:05 and buses loading at 12:10. Lunch will be served.

_		
Please return the bottom portion of thi	s sheet with the necessary informat	ion for scheduling.
You may call the school if you find it m	ore convenient at 347-3442. Mr. Whi	te, Ms. Foster, Mrs
Hocking and Mrs. Parcell will also be av	ailable if you wish to include them.	
Parent-Teacher Conferences - Thursday	y, March 14, 2024	
Parent/Guardian		
Address		
I would like to meet with my child's/chil	dren's teachers as listed below:	
Student Name	Teacher Name	Time
		p.m.
	9	p.m.
		p.m.
·		p.m.

_p.m.

p.m.

1st Quarter Elementary Honor Roll 2023-2024

3rd Grade	Molly Besaw Kins-Leigh Dennis Elizabeth Gauthier	Emma Gauthier Avery Kotz	Colton McClare Sawyer teRiele
4th Grade	Anna Gauthier	Evelyn Kortum	Karson Tarpley
	Braylee Graham	Gannon Susice	Auriella Wynne
5th Grade	Gavin Brown Gracie Coen Violet Corbine Allyson Deleel Annabella Ellis Aiden Forbes Hanna Foster Helena Gray Jackson Guzman Lincoln Hammond Erin Harvin	Aiden Holly Jase Keefer Austin Kirkpatrick Liam Klock Hunter Knapton Sophia Kotz Samantha Kulp Alexandria LaRock Molly MacDonald Westyn Michaud	Jaysen Noble Noah O'Neill Kiera O'Shea Ivy Price Ryan Riley JJ Stransky Connor Tebeau Drew teRiele Kendal Tripp Nolan Warner
6th Grade	Brody Baker	Riley Kortum	Garrett Perrigo
	Cohen Bush	Avery Moulton	Blake Rand
	Destinee Chase	Laden Nolan	Everett teRiele
	Coda Clifford	Morgan Perkins	Hanna Wilson

Board of Education Meeting Dates

The Board of Education has their regular board meetings on at least one Monday each month at 6:00 P.M. Most meetings are on Mondays. Meetings are open to the public, and time is set aside for visitors comments. Special meetings are sometimes scheduled and announced. Regular meetings set for the remainder of the school year are as follows: February 5, March 6, March 18, April 8, April 22, May 7, June 3, and June 24. Additionally, special budget meetings will be held. An additional meeting will be held Monday, April 22 when the Board will vote on the BOCES Administrative Budget and BOCES Board seats. The budget may also be adopted at this meeting if not done previously due to a late state budget or lack of information on the state budget. The annual vote date will be Tuesday, May 21.

Current Board Members are Marty Amo, Jordan Deleel, Michael MacCue – Vice President, Ross Putman, Michael Robinson, Ron Smith - President, Jaclyn teRiele, Anne Williams and John Wright.

2nd Quarter Elementary Honor Roll 2023-2024

<u>3rd Grade</u> Kins-Leigh Dennis Emma Gauthier Colton McClare

Elizabeth Gauthier Avery Kotz Sawyer teRiele

4th Grade Nicole DeLorme Evelyn Kortum Karson Tarpley

Anna Gauthier Gabriel O'Neill Karen Whitton

Addalyn Gibson Gannon Susice Auriella Wynne

Braylee Graham

<u>5th Grade</u> Gavin Brown Erin Harvin Kiera O'Shea

Gracie Coen Austin Kirkpatrick Ivy Price

Violet Corbine Liam Klock Ryan Riley

Allyson Deleel Sophia Kotz JJ Stransky

Aiden Forbes Samantha Kulp Connor Tebeau

Hanna Foster Alexandria LaRock Drew teRiele

Helena Gray Westyn Michaud Kendal Tripp

Jackson Guzman Jaysen Noble Nolan Warner

Lincoln Hammond Noah O'Neill

6th Grade Brody Baker Coda Clifford Blake Rand

Harlow Bowman Avery Moulton Everett teRiele

Cohen Bush Garrett Perrigo Hanna Wilson

Destinee Chase

Honor Roll List



HD Heroes Banner Program

For the 2023-24 school year, Hermon-DeKalb Central School has a section of the Senior Class working on a special task for their capstone project – developing community banners to recognize veterans of the district!

There is a link to a form on our school website and our Facebook page. This provides all the information you need and allows you to place an order. The orders will be accepted for this year until March 15th, 2024. We also accept donations.

If you have questions or need assistance, contact Veronica A. Lamb vlamb@hdcsk12.org

THANK YOU!!

The United Methodist Churches of DeKalb Jct and Hermon would like to thank all of the community members and organizations that have donated food and money to our pantries. Without your support we would not have been able to provide our holiday food boxes to over 50 families at both Thanksgiving and Christmas in 2023 and to several families needing food to tide them over. We are small communities but when we all work together we can do mighty things.

OUR MISSION

The United Methodist Churches of DeKalb Jct and Hermon have food ministries through which they provide food boxes for individuals and families **within** the Hermon-DeKalb School District at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. We do not receive food from any government agencies which allows us to offer these boxes without adhering to federal income eligibility guidelines. All our food and monetary support comes from local community and church members. John Frary the long time contact for the DeKalb Jct UMC food pantry is moving out of the area. Until a replacement is found April Allen will act as the point of contact for any resident within the Hermon-DeKalb School District that is looking to either be added to the list to receive a holiday food box or is in immediate need of food for themselves and/or their family. Please call April at 315-854-5135 and leave your name and number so your call can be returned.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR SOME OTHER LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES THAT SERVE THE DEKALB and/or HERMON COMMUNITIES

MUST MEET INCOME ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Canton Church & Community Program, 30 Court Street, Canton NY/315-386-3534 Serves residents of both DeKalb and Hermon, must apply in person to establish eligibility. Distribution of food to those determined eligible on Tuesdays from 11 am - 1 pm and Wednesdays from 12 - 3:45 pm.

Grasse River Food Pantry, 13 Pestle Street, Russell NY/315-562-3450 Serves residents of Hermon but not DeKalb, must apply in person to establish eligibility. Distribution of food on the Second (2nd) Wednesday of each month between 4 - 5:30 p.m.

NO INCOME ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Grace Food Pantry, 52 Church Street, Gouverneur/315-287-7656 Serves residents of both DeKalb and Hermon, walk-in to apply, no documentation needed Distribution of food is on Thursdays 9 - 11:45 a.m.

CFC Food Pantry

North Country Christian Fellowship Church, 71 Smith St., Gouverneur NY/315-262-0222 Serves residents of both DeKalb and Hermon,

Distribution of food on the First (1 st) Thursday of each month 10 am - 1 pm and 5:30 - 7:00 pm

CRAFT FAIR

HEPBURN LIBRARY OF HERMON

MARCH 16TH, 2024

10:00 am 2:00pm

\$10.00 PER TABLE AND 1 ITEM DONATED TO OUR CHANCE AUCTION.

SPACES ARE LIMITED

The library will be holding a food sale.

SCHOOL CALENDAR **HERMON-DEKALB CENTRAL SCHOOL**

2023-2024

JU	ıv				•	023	AII	GUS	т —	_		ໍ່ -	023	SEI	DTEN	/BEF	,		2	023
S	М	т	w	т	F	.023 S	S	M	'т	w	т	F	.023 S	S	M	/IDER	w	т	F	S
3	IVI	'	vv		г	1	3	IVI	1			4	5	3	IVI		VV		Г 1	2
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	6	7	8	9	3 10	11	5 12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	27	28	29	30	31	23	20	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
30	31	20	20	21	20	20	21	20	25	30	31									
		ly 4- Ir	depen	dence	Day									Sept. 4 - Labor Day Sept. 5 & 6 - Staff Development Days Sept. 7 - First Day Classes						
OC	тов	ER			2	023	NO	VEM	BER			2	023	DE	CEM	BER			2	023
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	М	Т	W	T	F	S	S	M	Т	W	Т	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7				1	2	3	4						1	2
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
29	30	31					26	27	28	29	30	ALTO MANAGES		24	25	26	27	28	29	30
C	Oct. 6 -					Day	N	Nov. 9	- Staf	f Devel	opmei	nt Day	ed .	31						
		Oct. 9	- Colu	mbus	Day		Nov	/. 16 -	Paren	t/Teach	er Co	nferen	ces		De	c 22-3	1 - Ho	liday F	Brook	
1.4	NII I A I	D\/				004		160		'hanksoู	giving	1.000			Dec. 22-31 - Holiday Break					
	NUA		147	-		024	FEI	BRU	ARY			2	024	MA	RCH				2	024
S	M 1	T 2	W	T	F 5	S	S	М	Т	W	Т	F	S	S	М	Т	W	Т	F	S
7	8	9	10	11	12	13					1	2	3			_			1	2
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2`	22	23	24	25	26	27	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
28	29	30	31	20	20	21	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
20		Jan. 1	 Holid 				25	26	27	28	29			24 31	25 March	26	27	28 /Teac	29 her Cr	30
j	Jai	1. 23-2	rtin Lu 6 - Reg Staff D	ents E	xams		Feb. 19-23 - Mid-Winter Break 31 March 14 - Parent/Teacher C March 15 - Staff Development Day March 29 - Spring Break							t Day	2111.					
Jan. 26 - Half Staff Development Day APRIL 2024				MA	<u></u>				2	024	JUI	NE.		10 7381		2	024			
S	М	Т	w	т	F	S	S	М	т	w	т	F	.024 S	S		-	14/	-	F	
ā	1	2	3	4	5	6	3	IVI	•	1	2	3	4	3	М	Т	W	Т	Г	S 1
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
28	29	30					26	27	28	29	30	31		23	24	25	26	27	28	29
			5 - Spr lath 3-8			aper	2000			ELA 3-8			8.8	30						20
	April 10-12 - Math 3-8 Testing - paper April 8 - May 17 - ELA 3-8, Science 5 & 8, &				668.00	M	ath 3-8	Testin	g - CB	T				une 4 -	25 - Re	gents	Exams			
Math 3-8 Testing - CBT April 8—Solar Eclipse with Late Arrival @ 10:00 a.m. with dismissal at 4:15 p.m.							Math 3				ļ			19- Ju 26 - Ra						
Ap	ril 19 -	Half St	aff Dev	elopm	ent Da	y			8	August	0		Februa	ry 16						
						So	chool E	ay Ta		Septemb	er 19		Marc	ch 20						
							Tat-1 **		2.0	October	21 or 18			oril 17						
								lumber s - 186		Novembe Decembe				ay 22 ne 17						
	January 21							92												

February 2024 Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday				
Daily Breakfast Options *French Toast Sticks w/Real Maple Syrup *Breakfast Pizza *Egg & Sausage Sandwich *Assorted Cereal *Assorted Donuts	Daily Cold Alternates *PB&J & Cheese Stick *Turkey Sandwich *Ham & Cheese Sandwich *Chef or Antipasto Salad		Day 2 NY THURSDAY MENU Hot Dog or Hamburger on a Roll Honey Glazed Carrots Pasta Salad Fruit & Milk	Day 3 2 Homemade Pizza Three Bean Salad Fruit & Milk			
*Fruit and Yogurt Parfait (Students Choose 1 Option Above) & Assorted Fruit & Milk	**If you have a food allergy, please notify the cafeteria staff!**		<u>Todav's Hot Alternate</u> Boneless Garlic Parm Wings	Today's Hot Alternate Lemon Pepper Haddock w/Breadstick			
Chicken Parm Sandwich Waffle Fries Fresh Cut Green Beans Fruit & Milk Today's Hot Alternate	Day 5 French Toast Sticks w /Real Maple Syrup Potato Hash Browns Sausage Fruit & Milk Today's Hot Alternate	Day 6 Sampler-3 Mozz Sticks, 3 Boneless Wings & Cheese filled Breadstick Corn on the Cob Fruit & Milk Today's Hot Alternate Tacos w/Homemade Salsa	NY THURSDAY MENU Pasta with Sauce Roasted North Country Butternut Squash North Country Apple Slices & NY Milk Today's Hot Alternate	Homemade Pizza Caesar Salad Fruit & Milk Today's Hot Alternate			
Chicken Tenders w/ Garlic Breadstick Day 3 Meatball Sub	Italian Sausage w/Peppers & Onions Day 4 13 Chicken Caesar Salad w/Garlic	Day 5 14 Quesadilla w/Homemade Salsa	Pried Chicken w/Texas Toast Day 6 15 NY THURSDAY MENU	Haddock Sandwich Day 1 16 Homemade Pizza			
Tater Tots Roasted Carrots Fruit & Milk	Breadstick String Cheese Stick Fruit & Milk Alt Veg: Caesar Salad	Refried Beans Red Pepper Strips Fruit & Milk	Roasted Turkey Mashed Potatoes Stuffing - Butternut Squash Fruit & Milk	Broccoli Salad Fruit & Milk			
Today's Hot Alternate Cheeseburger on WW Roll	Today's Hot Alternate Boneless Garlic Parm Wings	Today's Hot Alternate Chicken Bacon Ranch Sandwich	Today's Hot Alternate Chicken Sandwich	Today's Hot Alternate Haddock Sandwich			
Holiday Break No Classes	Holiday Break No Classes	Holiday Break No Classes	22 Holiday Break	23 Holiday Break			
			No Classes	No Classes			
Pizza Dunkers w/ Pizza Dipping Sauce Iceberg Garden Salad Fruit & Milk	Day 3 Orange Chicken Steamed Rice Herb Roasted Broccoli Fruit & Milk	Day 4 28 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Steamed Corn Fruit & Milk	Day 5 NY THURSDAY MENU Mac & Cheese w/ Garlic Breadstick Maple Glaze Carrots North Country Apple Slices Assorted NY Milk	Happy Valentine's Day			
Today's Hot Alternate Chicken Bacon Ranch Sandwich	Today's Hot Alternate Pulled Pork Sandwich	Today's Hot Alternate Fried Chicken w/Texas Toast	Today's Hot Alternate Sloppy Joe Sandwich				



HERMON DEKALB CENTRAL SCHOOL DEKALB JUNCTION, NEW YORK 13630

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mark White – Superintendent
Ron Smith – President
Michael MacCue – Vice-President
Donna Anson – Clerk
Marty Amo
Jordan Deleel
Ross Putman
Mike Robinson
Jaclyn teRiele
Anne Williams

John Wright

ECRW SS
POSTAL CUSTOMER

NON PROFIT
ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
DEKALB JCT., NY
PERMIT NO. 1