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Assemblywoman Buttenschon Visits 3rd Grade to Celebrate Agricultural Literacy Week

Assemblywoman Marianne Buttenschon visited Marcy Elementary on March 25 in celebration of Agricultural Literacy Week. For the past 18 years, Agricultural Literacy Week has been celebrated by New York Agriculture in the Classroom (NYAITC) as a way to promote agricultural literacy and learning to students across New York State. With the help of county-based coordinators, thousands of volunteers visit schools to read an agriculture-themed book to elementary students each year.

During her visit to Mrs. Meiss' third grade classroom, Assemblywoman Buttenschon read the book "Farmer Will Allen and the Growing Table" by Jacqueline Briggs Martin and spoke to students about agriculture – a topic with which she has personal experience with. In addition to being a member of both the NYS Assembly Committees on Agriculture and Education, Assemblywoman Buttenschon is also the owner of the Buttenschon Christmas Tree Farm in Marcy.

The 2022 Agricultural Literacy Week book of the year, "Farmer Will Allen and the Growing Table" follows a former basketball star and problem solver who uses innovative urban farming methods to highlight the importance of healthy, homegrown food and civic engagement. After hearing the story, students from Mrs. Meiss, Mrs. Countryman and Mr. McGowan's classes were able to ask Assemblywoman Buttenschon questions about agriculture and her experience with her own Christmas tree farm.

Assemblywoman Buttenschon presented Mrs. Meiss' class with their own copy of the book and a New York State Assembly Citation for their participation in Agricultural Literacy Week.

MAY 2022
**SPECIAL
BUDGET ISSUE**



**PUBLIC BUDGET
HEARING**

**TUESDAY,
MAY 3, 2022**

7:00 p.m., High School Cafeteria

**BUDGET VOTE
AND BOARD
OF EDUCATION
ELECTION**

**TUESDAY,
MAY 17, 2022**

7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Parkway
Deerfield & Marcy Schools

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Whitesboro School Community:

I hope this message finds you well and looking forward to the many exciting events that remain this year for our school community. Our high school musical, athletic contests, concerts, advancements, and graduation are a few of the many wonderful events planned for our students and their families. I look forward to seeing you there!

In this issue, you will see much attention paid to the financial plan for the upcoming year. Our goal was to develop a budget that addresses the needs of all our students and provides equitable opportunities for success. Some of the highlights include:

- **New Courses**
 - **Introduction to Computer Science Full-Year Course (HS)**
 - **Mandarin Chinese 2B as a new course (HS)**
 - **Reinstatement of Food and Nutrition, Food Entrepreneurship, and Regional and International Foods (HS)**
 - **American Sign Language IV with Dual Credit affiliation from HCCC (HS)**
- **Instructional Coaches grades 6-8**
- **Learning Loss Teachers at the elementary level**
- **Continued evidence-based interventions for K-12 students including summer learning, extended day and afterschool programs**

The public budget hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. This is an opportunity for our community to learn more about our financial plan for next year and to hear from candidates seeking election to the Board of Education. The budget vote and Board of Education election will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022. Polling hours are 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the following locations:

Parkway School

65 Oriskany Blvd., Whitesboro, NY 13492

Deerfield Elementary School

115 Schoolhouse Rd., Deerfield, NY 13502

Marcy Elementary School

9479 Maynard Dr., Marcy, NY 13403

As always, thank you for your unwavering support of our District and programs. Together, we will continue to provide the best opportunities for our students.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian K. Bellair

Superintendent of Schools



Shoot for the Stars ... You'll Land on the Moon!



A recent Whitesboro graduate, Reid Burkdorf (Class of 2019), and his University team have been selected by NASA to present at the agency's Revolutionary Aerospace Systems Concepts – Academic Linkage (RASC-AL) competition. They will be joined by 14 additional undergraduate and graduate finalist teams to present their concepts to NASA and aerospace industry leaders at a forum in June.

Reid Burkdorf is part of the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University team, which will be presenting their project SALVARE - Self-Acquisition of Liquid propellant Versatile Arsenal of Resources Endeavour. The RASC-AL has a long history of encouraging students to bring fresh ideas compatible with NASA's space exploration program. These student-made projects were selected due to the potential they have to advance deep space missions. The Whitesboro Central School District is extremely proud of our alumni and the groundbreaking work they continue to accomplish!

2022-2023 PROPOSED BUDGET

The District budget vote and Board of Education election will be held on **May 17, 2022, from 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.** at Parkway, Deerfield and Marcy Schools. If the proposed budget is passed by voters, it will be enacted for the 2022-23 school year. If not passed, the Board of Education can:

- Place a revised budget before district residents for a vote.
- Place the same budget before district residents for a vote.
- Immediately adopt a contingency budget.

If a contingency budget is adopted, only ordinary contingent expenses necessary to provide the minimum services legally required to operate and maintain school buildings and the educational program, preserve the property of the district and ensure the health and safety of students and staff, are budgeted. Additionally, when on a contingency budget, school districts must charge fees to non-district organizations that use school district facilities, including groups such as little league, biddy basketball, boy scouts and girl scouts.

PROPOSITIONS ON THE BALLOT

THE BALLOT WILL READ AS FOLLOWS:

Be It Resolved, that the District voters be asked to approve the following propositions at the Special District Meeting held in conjunction with the Annual Election on May 17, 2022:

Budget Proposition

Shall the budget for the school year 2022-2023, in the amount of \$77,027,772, as adopted by the Whitesboro Central School District Board of Education, be approved, and a tax levied upon the taxable property of the school district to raise the same?

Proposition 1 – School Buses

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Whitesboro Central School District is hereby authorized to undertake the acquisition of two (2) 66-passenger diesel school buses at an estimated maximum cost of \$146,550 each, two (2) 66-passenger school buses at an estimated maximum cost of \$135,200 each, one (1) 30-passenger school bus at an estimated maximum cost of \$72,500, and one (1) wheelchair bus at an estimated maximum cost of \$86,500, all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$722,500, less trade-in value, if any, and that such costs, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax to be collected in annual installments; and, in anticipation of such tax, debt obligations of the School District as may be necessary not to exceed \$722,500 shall be issued, or the School District may enter into an installment purchase contract if the Board of Education determines that it is in the best interest of the school district to finance the purchase in that method.

Proposition 2 – Capital Reserve Fund

The Whitesboro Central School District, is hereby authorized to establish a capital reserve fund for the construction of improvements, reconstruction of, and additions to various School District facilities, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, and site and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, at an ultimate amount of \$10,000,000, plus accrued interest and investment earnings with a probable term of ten (10) years, the source of the funding being the District's available funds balance, State aid reimbursement to the District on account of capital projects, such other monies as the voters may direct, and other legally available funds of the District in an amount determined by the Board of Education up to the maximum authorized amount.

It is important to note that the proposition to establish a Capital Reserve allows the District to create a "savings" account for future capital projects; the proposition is not asking taxpayers to fund the account, and has no impact on the 2022-2023 budget or taxes. Should funds become available in future years, the District can make deposits into the account, which will later be utilized to fund future capital improvement projects with little or no impact to local taxpayers, as is the case with our current capital project. The maximum amount that could be deposited into this Capital Reserve is \$10M (cumulative), over a ten-year period.

VOTER INFORMATION

TO VOTE YOU MUST BE:

- A U.S. citizen
- A resident of the Whitesboro Central School District
- At least 18 years old
- Registered to vote with the Oneida County or Herkimer County Board of Elections

TO VOTE YOU:

- Do NOT have to own property
- Do NOT have to be a parent/guardian
- Do NOT have to have children in the school district

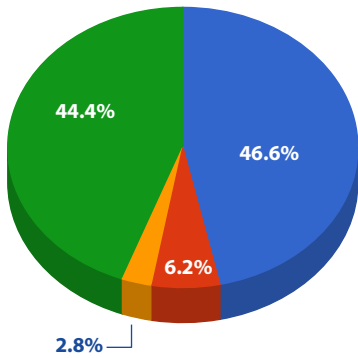
BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION

There are five (5) candidates running for two (2) seats, each for a three (3) year term.
The candidates will appear on the ballot in the following order:

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| 1. Mr. Steven Farr | 3. Mrs. Cheryl Partyka LaValley | 5. Mr. Grant Roser |
| 2. Mrs. Nicole Kasprovicz | 4. Mrs. Kelly Merritt | |

ANTICIPATED REVENUES AND PROPOSED EXPENDITURES

REVENUES

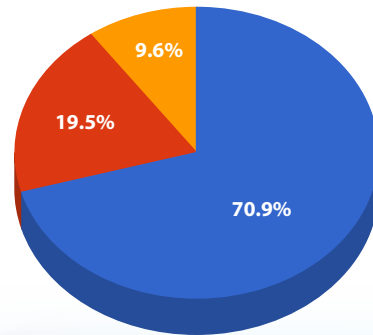


2022-23 ANTICIPATED REVENUES

	2022-2023 Estimates	%
New York State Aid	\$35,923,563	46.6%
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$4,750,000	6.2%
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$2,157,224	2.8%
Tax Levy	\$34,196,985	44.4%
Total Anticipated Revenues	\$77,027,772	100%

2022-23 PROPOSED EXPENDITURES

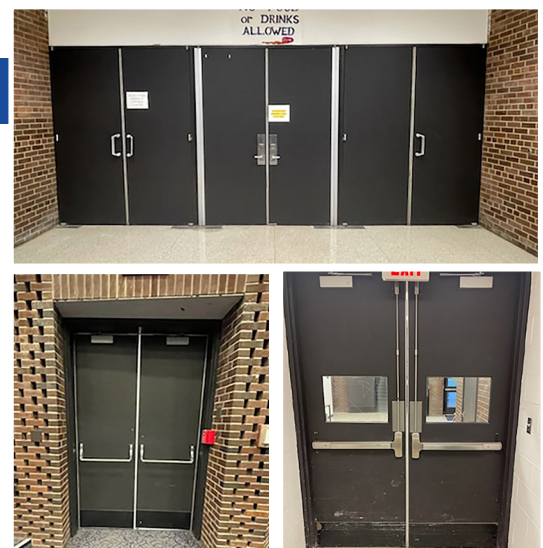
	2022-2023 Estimates	%
Program	\$54,634,087	70.9%
Capital	\$14,996,329	19.5%
Administrative	\$7,397,356	9.6%
Total Proposed Expenditures	\$77,027,772	100%



EXPENDITURES

2022-23 Annual Capital Outlay Project

The capital outlay account is an account funded for the purpose of completing specific capital improvements within the 2022-2023 budget year. This allows us to perform the necessary work to our facilities independent of a capital project while generating 100% of the building aid in the following year (unlike the 15-20 year aid reimbursement payment schedule of a typical capital project). Our building aid ratio for 2022-2023 is 86%, meaning next year's expenditure of \$100,000 will be followed by building aid revenue the following year in the approximate amount of \$86,000. The plan for next year's work includes replacing 16 interior doors to the high school auditorium.



BUDGET DETAIL

PROGRAM	70.9%	2021-2022 APPROVED BUDGET	2022-2023 PROPOSED BUDGET	INCREASE OR (DECREASE)
Inservice Training - Instruction		\$150,250	\$132,250	\$(18,000)
Teaching - Regular School		\$36,606,641	\$37,510,528	\$903,887
District Transportation Services		\$3,678,590	\$3,662,259	\$(16,331)
Employee Benefits		\$13,123,475	\$13,314,050	\$190,575
Transfer to School Lunch Fund		\$15,000	\$15,000	-
TOTAL PROGRAM		\$53,573,956	\$54,634,087	\$1,060,131

CAPITAL	19.5%	2021-2022 APPROVED BUDGET	2022-2023 PROPOSED BUDGET	INCREASE OR (DECREASE)
Operation of Plant		\$3,216,702	\$3,263,775	\$47,073
Maintenance of Plant		\$833,298	\$869,366	\$36,068
Refund on Real Property Taxes		\$15,000	\$15,000	-
Employee Benefits		\$2,214,133	\$2,246,286	\$32,153
Debt Service - Capital		\$7,722,770	\$8,501,902	\$779,132
Transfer to Capital Fund		\$100,000	\$100,000	-
TOTAL CAPITAL		\$14,101,903	\$14,996,329	\$894,426

ADMINISTRATION	9.6%	2021-2022 APPROVED BUDGET	2022-2023 PROPOSED BUDGET	INCREASE OR (DECREASE)
Board of Education		\$71,345	\$68,587	(\$2,758)
Central Administration		\$2,077,641	\$2,223,562	\$145,921
Business Administration		\$678,544	\$675,552	(\$2,992)
Legal		\$178,622	\$169,503	(\$9,119)
Personnel		\$237,828	\$239,681	\$1,853
Records Management		\$16,905	\$17,640	\$735
Public Information		\$143,877	\$136,409	(\$7,468)
Other Central Services		\$972,982	\$1,174,220	\$201,238
Other Special Items		\$1,096,632	\$1,117,659	\$21,027
Employee Benefits		\$1,552,005	\$1,574,543	\$22,538
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION		\$7,026,381	\$7,397,356	\$ 370,975

TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$74,702,240	\$77,027,772	\$2,325,532
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General Fund Appropriations by Component

Total Budget 2022-2023	Program Component	Capital Component	Administrative Component
\$77,027,772	\$54,634,087 70.9%	\$14,996,329 19.5%	\$7,397,356 9.6%
Budget-to-Budget Increase 3.11%		2022-2023 Tax Levy Increase 2.59% Tax levy limit is 2.59%.	

While the tax levy limit is often referred to as a "2% tax cap", each district is required to annually calculate their specific tax levy limit in accordance with a formula that accounts for individual district conditions and variables. For districts across New York State, this calculation rarely results in a limit of exactly 2%; calculated rates can vary as high as 6% or more. For Whitesboro CSD, the proposed tax levy increase of 2.59% does **not** exceed the tax levy limit, and requires a simple majority of votes for approval.

BUDGET NOTICE

OVERALL BUDGET PROPOSAL

Budget Adopted for
the 2021-22
School Year

Budget Proposed for
the 2022-23 School Year

Contingency Budget for the
2022-23 School Year*

Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$74,702,240	\$77,027,772	\$76,164,374
Increase/Decrease for the 2022-2023 School Year		\$2,325,532	\$1,462,134
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		3.11%	1.96%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.02%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$33,333,587	\$34,196,985	
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)	\$33,333,587	\$34,196,985	\$33,333,587
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$1,228,585	\$1,510,606	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$32,105,002	\$32,686,379	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E-B-F+D)	\$32,105,002	\$32,686,379	
I. Difference: (G - H); (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	0	0	
Administrative Component	\$7,026,381	\$7,397,356	\$7,106,856
Program Component	\$53,573,956	\$54,634,087	\$54,215,667
Capital Component	\$14,101,903	\$14,996,329	\$14,841,851

Should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law, the contingency budget shows the reduction in supplies, deletion of specific equipment, and elimination of the funds budgeted for the Capital Outlay.

List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount:

Proposition 1 - School Buses

Proposition 2 - Capital Reserve Fund

Description	Amount
Authorization to purchase two (2) 66-passenger diesel buses, two (2) 66-passenger gasoline buses, One (1) 30-passenger bus, one (1) wheelchair bus.	Not to exceed \$722,500, which impacts the 2023-2029 budgets.
Authorization to establish a capital reserve fund for the construction of improvements, reconstruction of, and additions to various School District facilities.	An ultimate amount of \$10,000,000, with a probable term of ten (10) years, the source of the funding being the District's available fund balance, State aid reimbursement to the District, such other monies as the voters may direct.

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2022- 2023 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings

\$606

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2022-23 by the qualified voters of the Whitesboro Central School District, Oneida County, New York, will be held at the Parkway Middle School, Deerfield Elementary School, and Marcy Elementary School in said district on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., prevailing time in the Parkway Middle School, Deerfield Elementary School and Marcy Elementary School, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by ballot or machine.

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

Based on state law, the STAR exemption is capped at **2%** of the prior year's maximum savings.

NOTICE

The Dunham Public Library budget and proposition vote and trustee election is separate and distinct from the school district propositions.

The proposed operating budget and proposition for Dunham Public Library is available at
www.whitesborolibrary.org.

Please contact April L.R. Bliss at abliss@midyork.org or call (315) 736-9734 if you have questions.

High School Renaissance Committee Hosts Winter Academic Rally

Whitesboro High School is making sure that academic excellence does not go unnoticed.

On February 18, the high school held the Winter Renaissance Rally in the gym for students who had at least an 80 average in each of their classes during the second quarter. The 434 students who met the criteria were recognized and rewarded with pizza, nachos, a sundae station, drinks, prizes and music.

“The mission of our program is to recognize, reward and celebrate academic excellence,” said David Jecko, chairperson of the Renaissance Committee and a math teacher at the high school. “We strive to increase student performance and foster a partnership between Whitesboro High School and our community.”

Tony’s Pizza, located on Whitesboro Street in Utica, and Big Jay’s Pizzeria, in Marcy, provided the pizza at a discounted rate; Stewart’s Shops donated the ice cream and toppings for the sundae station; Dean’s Concessions (Lisa and Tim Dean) donated the nachos and cheese; Keurig Dr. Pepper (Charlie Canestrari) donated Snapple; Alder Creek Beverages (Regina and Paul Rayhill) donated bottled water; and high school principal, Jeff Kuhn, secured additional funding for gift cards that were given to randomly selected students. The gift cards were purchased from local businesses that supported the event in the past.

A big thank you to John Harmon (NYSCOBAs Vice President), and the Whitestown Youth Optimist Club for their monetary donations, which helps fund the rally. Over 40 teachers along with the Optimists volunteered their time during the rally to check students in, scoop ice cream, and serve pizza and nachos. Without all of their assistance, it would not be possible to run the event.

Congratulations to all of the students who qualified, and in many cases, exceeded the standards set by the Renaissance Committee. The spring rally is scheduled to be held in May at Wadas Field, weather permitting.



Orchestra Students Work with Guest Conductor

On March 28, student members of the Whitesboro High School orchestra and chamber orchestra had the opportunity to work with guest conductor Dr. Johannes Dietrich.

Dr. Dietrich is an Associate Professor of Music, Violin and String Ensemble at Lebanon Valley College (LVC) in Annville, PA; where he has been employed since 1995. He directs the LVC Symphony Orchestra, teaches conducting, string methods, applied violin and viola, and coaches chamber music ensembles.

Students had the opportunity to perform for Dr. Dietrich, which then led to him conducting and working with them. Dr. Dietrich worked on ensemble playing, musical techniques such as dynamic, articulation, balance and overall musicality. Some students were even given the opportunity to conduct the ensemble themselves.

Dr. Dietrich’s energy and passion for music truly inspired students, and by the end of his workshop, it was clear that students had used his energy to better perform their assigned repertoire.

The Whitesboro High School orchestra students and Middle School/High School Orchestra Director Mrs. Ruggio thank Dr. Dietrich for his time and look forward to working with him again in the future.



Students Perform at 2022 Zone 4 Area All-State Festival

On March 25 and 26, students from Whitesboro High School performed at the 2022 New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) Zone 4 Area All-State Music Festival hosted by the Westmoreland Central School District.

Students from across Oneida, Herkimer and Oswego counties applied to participate in this year's festival. In order to be eligible, students needed to prepare and perform a NYSSMA solo back in May of 2021 at the highest level and receive top marks. Students then applied to the festival and were selected as the best-of-the-best across zone 4 in January. Shortly after, students received their ensemble music which they prepared on their own and alongside their music teachers.

On March 25, students from across the three counties joined together and began rehearsing their repertoire. This concluded with a live concert performance on March 26. The students listed to the right represented Whitesboro High School proudly and performed beautifully!



TREBLE CHOIR

Megan Brinck
Jillian Houck
Isabella Lambert
Riley Martin
Rebecca Thomas
Lilianna Walsh

MIXED CHORUS

Carson Cook
Jillian Humphrey
Elizabeth Porritt
Aubree Smith

STRING ORCHESTRA

Mackenzie Blackburn
Joseph LaBarbera
Katherine Mullen
Sarah Mullen
Gabriel O'Donnell
Alyssa Spina
*Alternates: Danielle DeCarlo,
Emma Fasolo, Kaitlyn Trzcinski*

BAND

Matthew Brinck
Josephine Jenne

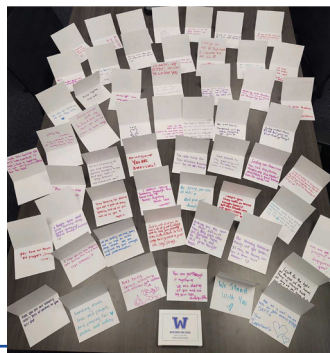
Students are instructed by Mrs. Sarah DePalma (vocal), Mrs. Millicent Ruggio (orchestra) and Mrs. Nicole Williams (band).

Positive Messages for Ukraine

On March 8, students were asked to participate in a day of reflection and action during their lunch periods.

Students were asked to make personal pledges related to ways they can improve the world, write positive messages to be sent to the families in Ukraine as well as provide donations. Proceeds will be given to St. Volodymyr's The Great Ukrainian Church.

This event was sponsored by the International Club, Initial Response Team (IRT) and high school social worker, Mia Townsend.



The Whitesboro High School International Club held its annual hygiene drive from January 18 to March 10. The Hygiene Drive collected more than 350 products to be donated to the local refugee center. On March 31, the International Club officers and advisors delivered the donations to the Utica Refugee Center after school.

Middle School Band Student Participates in NYSBDA Honors Band

Over the weekend of March 4-5, eighth grade alto saxophone player Liam Buckley participated in the New York State Band Directors' Association (NYSBDA) Middle School Honors Band. The festival was held in Syracuse at the DoubleTree Hotel and was conducted by Mr. Thomas Gamboa. This band only accepts around 100 very talented band students from across all of New York State every year.



"Playing with that many new people was fun! I'd love to do it again," Liam said of the festival. When asked what his favorite piece was that the band performed, Liam indicated "Ceremony, Chant, and Ritual" by composer David Shaffer because "it had very interesting melodies."

Warriors Win Awards at the Scholastic Art Competition and Tour Award Exhibition



Whitesboro art students got to tour their award-winning works at the regional Scholastic Arts Competition Award Art Show at Onondaga Community College (OCC). The list of students below had award-winning pieces in the show. The middle school had three Gold Key Winners including Madeline Clancy, Victoria Colucci and Kaydence Dapre. Victoria also received a Silver Key. Madeline Clancy, Dinella Femia and Natalie Terebey received Honorable Mentions. The high school had Emma Phelps' portfolio receive a Gold Key. Allison Ellis and Gianna Spartano had Gold Key photographs. Silver Keys were awarded to Emily Brutsky, Alexandria DeSantis, Olivia Wiehenstroer and Arianna Wrobel. Honorable Mentions were awarded to Sofi Cartini, Alexandria DeSantis, Allison Ellis, Sarah Hasenauer, Jillian Houck and Olivia Krouson.

Special recognition was given to two of our students. Senior Emma Phelps received a Gold Key for her portfolio, "Nature Taking Over." Eighth-grader Victoria Colucci's Gold Key piece, "Flying and Bustling Metropolis" also received the Sage Scholars Educational Foundation Award for best 3-D junior high artwork. We appreciate all of the students applying their talents and focusing their efforts to create the amazing works submitted to the competition.

The tour allowed students to view works of a variety of materials, methods and concepts. The field trip allowed the students to interact with the art faculty and to discuss various works. A recruiter from OCC was available at lunch to discuss their incredible program. We appreciate all of the help and support to make this trip possible. You will be able to see these works displayed at our annual District Art Show on May 17 at the high school from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Music Students Participate in Junior High All-County Festival

On March 18 and 19, select band, chorus and orchestra students in grades 7-10 participated in the Oneida County Junior High All-County Festival held at Holland Patent High School. These students auditioned in January and were selected as the top performers in the county. As All-County participants, Whitesboro students joined ensembles made up of other student musicians from all over Oneida County to perform a concert on Saturday afternoon.

The following students were accepted and participated in the Festival: Matthew Brinck, Catherine Brown, Isabella Bolton, Liam Buckley, Gavyn Burgdoff, Cacey Confer, Avery Davis, Allie Doyna, Joseph Drager, Eanna Durso, Erin Eller, Erin Gaffney, Adam Gutowski, Connor Hahn, Aubrey Hughes, Karley Hughes, Myeada Kolison, Joseph LaBarbera, Katherine Mullen, Sarah Mullen, Gabriel O'Donnell, Joseph Perras, Gabby Puleo, Mallorie Rudwall, Alysa Smith and Lucianna Walsh.

Congratulations to all on an incredible performance!



Marcy Elementary Donates Books to Refugee Center

Marcy Elementary School hosted a book collection as part of the Pick a Reading Partner (PARP) program during the month of February. We are thankful for all of the wonderful books that our Marcy Elementary families donated for this cause.

All books collected were donated to our local Refugee Center, where children will certainly enjoy time reading these books with their families.



Top 20 Shiloh Projects Created by Deerfield 5th Grade Students

To culminate a "Shiloh" novel study, the 5th grade students at Deerfield Elementary created an independent project. They had a choice of a variety of project options including, but not limited to, creating a pet restaurant menu, an informative poster on a career as a veterinarian, a timeline of the novel "Shiloh," a pet cookbook or a diorama.

The students did a wonderful job. Their projects were creative and informative!



TOP 20 BEST "SHILOH" PROJECTS

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| 1. Josie Leone | 12. Abrianna Carcone |
| 2. Gia Fabbio | 13. Alena Patterman |
| 3. Joey Jaynes | 14. Ryleigh Kubat |
| 4. Katie Denman | 15. Mya Sergott |
| 5. Connor Murphy | 16. Aubrey Moore |
| 6. Ella Kendic | 17. Isabella Protavinskiy |
| 7. Aiden Skrgic | 18. Greg Kiszewski |
| 8. Ella Adamo | 19. Anthony Chmukh |
| 9. Maks Majecki | 20. Cooper Hirschev |
| 10. Max Miller | |
| 11. Olivia Roberts | |



On Feb. 15, West. Road Elementary School students were treated to a day spent outside building snowmen as a Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (PBIS) reward.

All students in grades kindergarten through fifth had the opportunity to spend some well-deserved time in the snow and earned this reward by filling their classroom "pom pom" buckets as well as the school-wide bucket for being safe, respectful and responsible at school!



COVID-19 Test Kits Distributed to all Students

In an effort to prevent the future spread of COVID-19 and as part of our continued mitigation strategies, the District distributed free COVID-19 rapid antigen test kits to all students prior to the Mid-Winter and Spring Recesses. Our High School Honor Society members and their advisor Lisa Alexander assisted the District in packaging and preparing the kits for our distribution. A very big “thank you” to our High School Honor Society, administration and staff for their time and commitment, in both February and April, to help make this initiative a huge success.



BOCES Annual Meeting

On April 6, students from component districts participated in the BOCES Annual Meeting during which they demonstrated the skills and abilities they are learning in the many Career and Technical Education programs offered at BOCES. This was an opportunity for local boards of education to learn more about the wide range of programs offered to students in our region as well a chance to hear from BOCES staff regarding their budget development process and board members seeking election to the BOCES Board. Special thanks goes to Millicent Ruggio, Middle/High School Orchestra Director and the string quartet for showcasing their musical talents during the evening. A wonderful job was done by all!

[Culinary Students] Pictured: *BOE President Mr. Michael Head; CTE Culinary Arts students Jeremy DiRienzo, Brooke Whitaker and Grayson Polak; and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Brian K. Bellair.*

[Electricity Student] Pictured: *Superintendent of Schools Dr. Brian K. Bellair and CTE Electricity student Ryland Jacobs.*

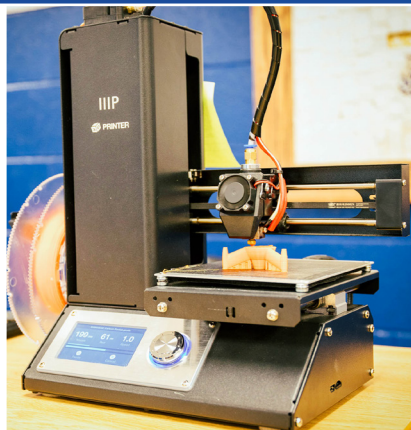
[String Quartet] Pictured: *Alyssa Spina, Violin 1; Abigail Brutskaya, Violin 2; Millicent Ruggio, Middle/High School Orchestra Director; and Mackenzie Blackburn, Cello.*

3D Printer Demonstration

The SUNY Poly 3D Printing Club visited the high school on March 28. Whitesboro alumnus Jordan Dean, who serves as the club's secretary, and members of the club's e-board spent time during lunch periods demonstrating 3D printing to students.

This presentation served to meet the club's community service requirement while also allowing members to introduce students to the powerful technology of 3D printing.

Thank you, Jordan, for visiting and sharing 3D printing with us!



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Estimated Tax Impact

Whitesboro Central School District
2022 - 2023 School Budget

Home with Full Value Exemption	SENIOR Enhanced STAR \$1,313** Exemption/Credit* <i>*Income Restrictions</i>		With Basic STAR \$606** Exemption/Credit		No STAR No Exemption	
	Assessed Value	Estimated Increase Cost Per Month	Estimated Increase Cost Per Year	Estimated Increase Cost Per Month	Estimated Increase Cost Per Year	Estimated Increase Cost Per Month
100,000	\$7.51	\$90.14	\$7.51	\$90.14	\$7.51	\$90.14
150,000	\$11.27	\$135.21	\$11.27	\$135.21	\$11.27	\$135.21
200,000	\$15.02	\$180.29	\$15.02	\$180.29	\$15.02	\$180.29
300,000	\$22.54	\$270.43	\$22.54	\$270.43	\$22.54	\$270.43

STAR Exemptions and STAR Credits are based on the most recent information available. The maximum STAR savings for each school district is calculated by the Office of Real Property Tax Services (ORPTS) and is available online. (<https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/eligibility.htm>).

The estimated costs calculated above use the FINAL 2021 Assessment Rolls as determined by the Town of Whitestown. The 2021 Equalization Rates used were established by the New York State Office of Real Property Tax Service.

Homeowners that have purchased a home after August 1, 2015, and have not yet registered for the STAR credit, will need to register with the New York State Tax Department at www.tax.ny.gov/star or call (518) 457-2036 to receive a STAR credit.



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