

September-October 2024

# Hart's Hill Highlights

Whitesboro Central School District

To inspire, cultivate, and empower all learners to maximize their potential.



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## A message from Mr. Manolescu

September 2024

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians:

I hope this message finds you well and that everyone has settled into a good routine. As I mentioned before, I am thrilled to join you this year as the principal of Hart's Hill Elementary School. Whitesboro's strong tradition, sense of community, and commitment to excellence in education are values I wholeheartedly share and will continue to uphold as your principal. I look forward to an exciting school year filled with new adventures, friendships, and learning!

We've had a fantastic start to the year, and I couldn't be more proud of our students, faculty, and staff. These first three weeks have been truly remarkable, and I've seen students engaged in amazing work across all classrooms. It's been a joy to interact with them and witness their enthusiasm, passion, and happiness to be back in school with their teachers.

I also want to extend a special thank you to Mrs. Farr, Mr. Adams, Mr. Mould, Ms. Bowen (custodial team), Mr. Brodedel, and Mr. Sloan (IT team) for their incredible efforts over the summer to ensure that the building was spotless and ready for our students.

I'm looking forward to the year ahead and am fully committed to fostering a safe, supportive, nurturing, and welcoming learning environment for our entire school community.

Warm welcomes,

*Luke M. Manolescu*

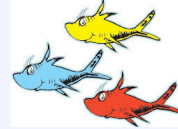
Mr. Luke M. Manolescu



We have had a wonderful start to the school year, thank you to the PTO for purchasing our “Welcome Back to School” sign that we will be able to use for years to come!



*“You have brains in your head,  
you have feet in your shoes,  
you can steer yourself in any  
direction you choose.”*  
- Dr. Seuss



## **The First Day of School** *September 4, 2024*

Our first few weeks of school have been wonderful. Students are acclimating well to new classrooms, procedures, and settings. Teachers are hard at work and have done an excellent job decorating their classrooms and preparing materials for instruction!

Please continue to work on establishing good routines and procedures at home to make the transition to school even easier.



# Hart's Hill News

- Parent Drop-off
- Parent Pick-up
- Bussing

## Parent Drop-Off:

Please pull into the lower circle (gymnasium entrance) between **9:10-9:20am** and drop students off at the gym doors. There will be adults present. Please report to the main office for arrivals after **9:20am**.

## Parent Pick-Up:

Parent pick-up will begin at 3:10pm at the gym doors (same as drop-off). As the transition eases, please do your best to remain in your vehicles as congestion can back up to Clark Mills Rd. If exiting your vehicle, please park in one of the parking spaces.

## Bussing:

Everyday bussing is improving. Please have patience as drivers get acclimated to their routes and routines. It is strongly encouraged that students ride the bus to and from school. Should you have any questions about bussing, please contact the transportation dept. at 315-266-3390

## Hart's Hill Elementary 2024-2025 Goals:

1. Hart's Hill staff will create a positive, welcoming, and nurturing environment for all of our students, parents/guardians, and staff as evidenced by their actions and behaviors.
2. By June 2025, the four Whitesboro Elementary Schools will continue to effectively collaborate to ensure consistent implementation in year two of Into Reading, the balanced literacy program adopted by the district.



## New Teachers/ Staff at Hart's Hill:

Miss Marshall, 15:1 - Primary Special Education  
Miss Feduccia, Long-Term Substitute - 5th Grade  
Miss Jedreicich, Long-Term Substitute - Kindergarten  
Miss Graniero, Building Substitute  
Miss Markason, Teacher Aide - Lunch/Recess  
Mrs. Przylyuke, Teacher Aide - Lunch/Recess

## Change in Position:

Mrs. Watkins - Returning to Kindergarten  
Mrs. Balsamico - Academic Support Teacher



# Building Safety

2024-2025 School Year



***Please ensure we are following the procedures below:***

1. ALL visitors MUST report to the main office and sign in.
2. All visitors must have permission from the principal, coordinating teacher, or secretary prior to proceeding into the building.
3. Visitors MUST wear a visitor pass.
4. The building principal must approve all volunteers. Every volunteer must complete a volunteer application form.
5. All doors will be locked, expect the outside main entrance door where there is a set of double doors to enter the building.
6. Students arriving after 9:20am will need to be walked to the main office, have a note ready, and signed in with Mrs. Farr.
7. We have a School Peace Office (SPO) present at Hart's Hill Elementary every day. Office Bob Giruzzi and Officer Clay Bramhall - they are outstanding and assist with both Fire Drills and Lockdown Drills.
8. Raptor Visitor Management System - The Raptor System enhances school security by reading a visitors drivers license (or approved government issued I.D.), comparing information against a sex offender database to alert school administration if a match is found.

## ***Elementary Handbook***

The Elementary Handbook outlines policies and procedures for all elementary schools in the Whitesboro CSD. All kindergarten students, and those new to the district have received a copy of the handbook. Please be sure to familiarize yourself with important policies, procedures, and expectations.

# Building Safety Assembly

September 17, 2024

Students in grades K-5 participated in a school safety assembly led by district administrators, including Mr. Russo, Mr. Muller, Mr. Cleveland, and Mr. Storsberg. The assembly focused on the importance of practicing emergency drills, preparing for them, and understanding key terms such as fire drills, lockdowns, and SHELL terminology. Students engaged in an interactive presentation, where they had the opportunity to ask and answer questions and interact with the administration.

Great job, Hart's Hill! I am super proud of your efforts in being responsible and safe students!



# REPORT CARDS

## 2024-2025 Trimester Report Cards:

New this year, all Whitesboro Elementary Schools will be changing from quarterly report cards to trimester report cards.

### *What does this mean?*

- Instead of 4 report cards, you will receive 3.
- Report cards will be distributed at the November/December parent/teacher conferences.
- Sent home on March 28, 2025
- Sent home on June 27, 2025
- Report cards will also have a new format including a new grading system that directly aligns with NYS Next Generation Learning Standards.

Should you have any concerns about your child's classroom progress, grades, or report card, please reach out your your child's classroom teacher at any time!



# Hart's Hill Open House

**September 13, 2024**

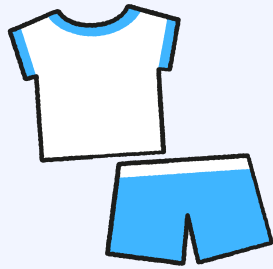
On September 13, 2024, Hart's Hill Elementary School hosted its annual Open House, welcoming parents and guardians to meet their child's teachers, review classroom expectations, and learn about the curriculum for the upcoming year. Families also had the chance to admire the impressive work students have already completed.

A big thank you to all of our dedicated Hart's Hill teachers for preparing informative presentations, displaying student work, and decorating their classrooms. Your efforts helped create a welcoming atmosphere and ensured that all questions were answered.



# Parent Teacher Organization

PTO meetings will be held in the Hart's Hill Library. All parents and Hart's Hill staff are encouraged to attend PTO meetings. Please look for handouts from the PTO in your child's take home folder and check the Hart's Hill PTO page for school information!



## Physical Education News

Clothing Requirements:  
Grades K-5

1. Sneakers that tie or velcro
2. clothes that are comfortable
3. Students will be playing outside, so clothes may get dirty!
4. No sandals, boots, slip-on sneakers with heels, sneakers without backs, or zipper sneakers, crocks...

**Students in grades 4-5 will be required to wear a PE uniform.**

Please send in a note from your doctor if a child is to be excused from physical education class with a dated release.



## School Pictures

**What:** School Pictures

**When:** Thursday, September 26, 2024

**Where:** Hart's Hill Elementary



# **Nurse Bauernfeind Updates**

Current physicals are required for all students in Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, and 5th grade. Please forward a copy to Mrs.

Bauernfeind ASAP.

Nurse B will also be completing hearing screenings for K-1-3-5 beginning next month.

Thank you!



## **Upcoming Hart's Hill Events:**

**9/26:** Hart's Hill School Pictures

**9/27:** Hart's Hill Book Fair and Ice Cream Social - 6:00 - 7:30

**10/8:** 7pm BOE meeting at Deerfield Elementary

**10/10:** Fire Prevention at Hart's Hill

**10/11:** Blue and White Parade

**10/14:** Indigenous People/Columbus Day - NO SCHOOL

**10/16:** Jared Campbell to Hart's Hill Elementary

**10/21:** Hart's Hill PTO Meeting - Library 6pm

**10/25:** Bullying Prevention Walk at Hart's Hill Elementary

**10/25 :** Hart's Hill Elementary Fall Fest - 5:30pm - 6:30pm

# Whitesboro Central School District

## Board of Education

The Whitesboro Central School District Board of Education is responsible for the educational program for the District. Board meetings are typically held the first Tuesday of the month beginning at 7:00 p.m. Dates are printed on the district calendar and the district website ([www.wboro.org](http://www.wboro.org)).

Whitesboro Central School Board of Education members are:

**Mr. Steven Farr**

**Dr. Jonathan Henderson**

**Mrs. Cheryl La Valley**

**Mr. Michael Head**

**Mr. Brian McQueen**

**Mr. Thomas Schoen, Jr.**

**Dr. Steven Szatko**

## NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE

The Whitesboro Central School District does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, handicap or age in employment or in providing student access to educational programs, courses and activities. This policy is in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975. Any alleged grievances should be reported to the appropriate compliance officer. Compliance officers are as follows:

### **Section 504/ADA Coordinator**

*Mr. Christopher O'Neil*

*Whitesboro High School*

*6000 State Route 291*

*Bld.Marcy, New York 13403-3037*

*(315) 266-3240*

### **Title IX Coordinator**

*Mr. David Russo*

*District Administration Building*




*65 Oriskany*

*Whitesboro, NY 13492*

*(315) 266-3302*

# September 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Labor Day	3	4  Day 1	5 Day 2	6 Day 3	7
8	9 Day 4	10 Board of Ed Meeting 7 PM Day 5	11 Open House Day 6	12 Day 1	13 Day 2	14
15	16 Day 3	17 Day 4	18 Day 5	19 Day 6	20 Day 1	21
22  First Day of Fall	23 PTO Mtg. 6PM Day 2	24 Day 3	25 Day 4	26 School Pictures Day 5 	27 Book Fair/Ice Cream Social 6-7:30 Day 6	28
29	30 Day 1					

# October 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Day 2	2 Day 3	3 Day 4	4 Day 5	5
6	7 Day 6	8 Board of Ed Meeting 7 PM Day 1	9 Day 2	10 Fire Prevention Day Day 3	11 Supt's Conf. Day--No School Blue & White Parade	12
13 	14 Columbus Day--No School	15 Day 4	16 Day 5	17 Day 6	18 Day 1	19
20	21 PTO Mtg. 6PM Day 2	22 Day 3	23 Day 4	24 Day 5	25 Fall Fest 5:30-6:30 Day 6	26
27	28 Day 1	29 Day 2	30 Day 3	31 Day 4		