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Message from the Superintendent



Thankfulness

Early one morning I looked out the window at the school driveway street lights. The illumination of each light offered a special surprise underneath, that otherwise would not be seen in the darkness; the first large snowflakes of the season. It made me think about how lucky we are to have four different seasons to enjoy each year, and how thankful I am to live and work here in Remsen.

Life moves at an unyielding pace. In the hustle and bustle of everyday, especially the last two years, it is easy to lose sight of gratitude and gravitate towards what we still need to do, what is not right in our lives or others, what we disagree with, what we don't have and what we choose to complain about. As we near Thanksgiving, it is a perfect time to mindfully shift our focus to reflect upon what we can be thankful for.

Pause for a moment and write down five reasons you are thankful. Next, look over this list and imagine how things would be different without one, two or all of the reasons. There are people that do not have the ability to say they are thankful for the things we put on our lists and there are also things that other people may be able to put on their lists that we are not able to put on ours. The point is that we should never take life, or anything else we put on our lists, for granted.

At the Remsen Central School District, we are thankful to have the opportunity to teach, learn and grow with our wonderful students and their families each year. We are thankful to have a small, thoughtful, caring school district. We are thankful for our hard-working staff. We are thankful for the support and encouragement that we receive from our community members. And, we are thankful for you, the reader, for sharing our love and enthusiasm for Remsen Central School.

Life's precious miracles remind us that we all have something to be thankful for. May this wonderful time of the year, and the New Year to come, grace us with kindness, love and thankfulness.

Sincerely,

Superintendent



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CALENDAR

For the complete District calendar, schedule of upcoming events and more District news, please visit:
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- MISSION -

"REMSEN is a dynamic school community of stakeholders providing diverse, demanding and innovative educational opportunities. Our culture fosters a conscientious desire to learn and achieve to individual potential. Students learn that responsible citizenship comes from critical, determined and sustained effort."

Elementary School Principal's Message



Dear Remsen Families:

Throughout the month of November, we focus on thankfulness and gratitude as we approach the holiday season. Having an "attitude of gratitude" and focusing on what you have to be thankful for creates an overall shift in perspective. Difficult situations, challenges, times of need and the unknown can seem much more manageable and possible when you focus on being grateful for the folks around you and the things and situations that

are a part of your life. During this season, I am very grateful for the students, staff and families that we have here at Remsen. We have wonderful people, who are always working hard and who have the ability to come together as a team in an amazing way. With a team like this, it is always possible to keep moving forward to great things. Thank you for being a part of the Remsen team.

The past few weeks have been very busy in the elementary school. The month of October ended, as it has the last few years, with our annual parade of costumes. This year, we were pleased to once again be able to hold our costume parade outdoors so that our event could be shared with families. Students and staff had a wonderful time displaying school spirit with their black and orange attire and their Halloween costumes. Over the next few weeks, we will be celebrating Thanksgiving, ending our first trimester of the school year and then finishing off 2021 with Christmas and New Year's celebrations.

By now, I hope that you have had the opportunity to get into ParentSquare to send and receive messages with your child's classroom teacher(s) and other school staff. Over the last few weeks, we have been sharing information about ParentSquare, our new communication platform, that we will be using for the majority of our school-to-home communications. Once we are all very familiar with the platform, I think it will be a very powerful tool for our school. If you have any questions about the platform, how it will be used, or how to navigate it, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. Please be sure that you are connected and that the most current contact information is in the system so that you are set to receive the most recent information from the school.

I look forward to bringing 2021 to an end together and beginning 2022 as a part of this great team. Again, thank you for your support and partnership in working together for the students of Remsen. If you have any questions or needs, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Gary Winghart
Elementary School Principal

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IMPORTANT DATES

ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

NOVEMBER

- 23** Go Home Early Drill
Students will be dismissed 15 minutes earlier than usual.
- 24-26** Thanksgiving Recess

DECEMBER

- 2** ES Parent/Teacher Conferences,
11:30 a.m. Dismissal
- 3** ES Parent/Teacher Conferences,
11:30 a.m. Dismissal
- 23-31** Winter Recess

JANUARY

- 17** Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School)

Elementary Back-to-School Night

On September 2, elementary school students came together for a Back-to-School Night. Students were greeted at the entrance to the elementary school by orange cotton candy and popcorn - served with a 'hello' by Principal Winghart and Superintendent Jenny!

Throughout the school, students and their families were able to take a tour, meet their teachers and reconnect with friends.



A Message from the Jr./Sr. High School Principal



Dear Remsen Families,

We have had a great start to the school year! It is really wonderful to have everyone back in school interacting and learning together. In addition to the lessons and projects in our classes, we also have many activities underway. Clubs are meeting and planning future projects. Our before and after-school programs are also becoming increasingly popular. We routinely offer "Rams Can Soar" (RCS) before and after school in the library where students can have a quiet space to complete work, study or read. Teachers are available to assist students with their work and study skills. Please encourage students to take advantage of RCS anytime, but it can be especially helpful if they are in danger of falling behind or need assistance getting work done.

We also offer access to the fitness center before and after school where students can get a workout in to further their health and wellness. Any student staying for an after-school program, activity or with a teacher can sign up to take a late bus home. The late bus runs every day at 5:30 p.m. and also at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. See the District website for specific information about these programs.

Some additional opportunities for students so far this year included a senior trip to the local corn maze, a Financial Aid Night, a college fair at Utica College and we offered the PSAT during school hours. We also celebrated spirit week which was planned by our Student Council. It was fantastic to see so many students get involved and show their Remsen pride!

As we near the end of the first marking period, please remember that we are here to work with you to help our students achieve their full potential. Do not hesitate to reach out if you have questions or concerns. Together we will Soar to Success!

Sanya Pelrah

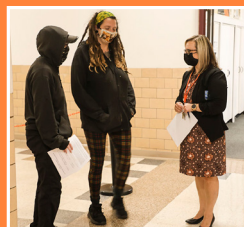
Jr./Sr. High School Principal

High School Back-to-School Night

On September 2, Jr./Sr. high school students came together for a Back-to-School Night. The halls were filled with eager students and their families.

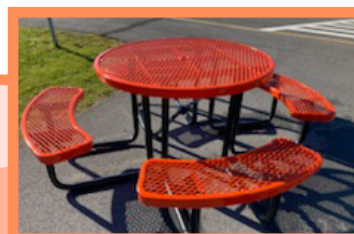
Students were able to tour the school, meet their teachers, experiment with their lockers and introduce themselves to their new Principal, Ms. Pelrah!

On their way out, guests could grab a bite to eat off of the grill to end a night full of excitement.



The school store, Remsen Stop & Shop, uses its profits to give back to the school. In the past, the store has purchased the water bottle filling stations located throughout the school, cell phone charging stations and microwaves for student use. Additionally, each year, the senior who has worked in the store for the most store hours overall and the senior with the most hours worked during their senior year each receive a \$200 scholarship.

The store purchased metal picnic tables for student use, using profits from store sales over the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years. The maintenance department put them together over the summer and placed them outside, behind the technology wing. The tables were red with black bases as that was the closest color that the store was able to select at an affordable price. Thanks to the efforts of Dave Marcoullier, who graciously painted the red tabletops and seats orange, the picnic tables are now in our school colors. A huge thank you to Dave Marcoullier for his time and effort in transforming our tables!



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Senior Nights

Remsen's varsity soccer and cross country teams honored their seniors during senior nights. Congratulations to our seniors who were recognized!

VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY



On October 6, Remsen's cross country team honored their seniors during a Senior Night.

Congratulations to our seniors:

Hannah Basile
Kendall Decker
Ryan Staskoski

Special congratulations to senior Kendall Decker who is a three-time Center State Conference All-Star as well as a member of sectional championship teams in 2018 and 2019.

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER



On September 18, Remsen's boys soccer team honored their seniors during a senior game vs. Frankfort-Schuyler.

Congratulations to our seniors:

Lyle Pett
John Jewett

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

On September 24, Remsen's girls soccer team honored their seniors during a Senior Night.

Congratulations to our seniors:

Kendall Decker
Olivia Stanford



Remsen/Old Forge Cross Country Participates in Whitesboro Invitational

On October 2, the Remsen and Old Forge combined cross country team competed in their third invitational of the 2021 season at the Whitesboro Invitational in the Deerfield Wilderness Park.



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GIRLS MODIFIED SOCCER



The Remsen girls modified soccer team and their families helped raise \$166.40 to help in the fight against breast cancer.

Brande Murphy, Christine Helmer, and Cassandra Doolen helped make this event possible for the team. The Bank of America tripled their donation.

The girls modified soccer team would like to thank all of those who were part of this wonderful event.

BOYS MODIFIED SOCCER



On October 20, Remsen boys modified soccer wore pink and collected funds to support the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

With their collection and a match from the local GPO Federal Credit Union branch in Barneveld, the team made a donation of \$450!

SPIRIT WEEK AT RCSD

During the last week of September, Remsen Elementary and Jr./Sr. High School students participated in themed dress up days and showed their school spirit!



SOARING Students of the Month

SEPTEMBER



Aaron Hyde
Pre-K

Natalia Hrim
Pre-K



Haley Huising
Kindergarten



Zoey DeMala
Kindergarten



Avonlea Scouten
First Grade



Emma Lehman
First Grade



Mark Dutch
Second Grade



Tessa Bronson
Second Grade



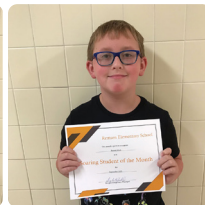
Evan McCarthy
Third Grade



Mckenzie Myers
Third Grade



Anna Becker
Fourth Grade



Jaxson Matt
Fourth Grade



Chelsea McCauley
Fifth Grade



Oliver Burns
Fifth Grade



Greta Burdell
Sixth Grade



Alannah Lawlor
Sixth Grade

Senior Paige Loveric was recently featured in the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES School to Career Programs bulletin.



Paige completed 75 hours supervising STEM Camps at Griffiss Institute in Rome. She also observed researchers in the quantum computing lab at the Innovare Center. There she learned about different equipment in the lab and how they function as well as why they can be used within the sector of integrated photonics. During her program, Paige was exposed to new subjects such as coding, robotics and drones. She learned to become more adaptive and flexible, how to make connections and network, and furthered her communication and leadership skills.

Check out the bulletin:
<https://www.smores.com/mc2b4>

Congratulations

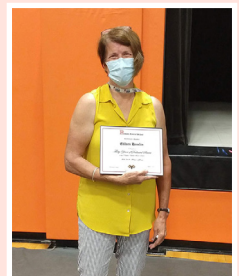
to our faculty/staff
for their years of service!

Five Years
Autumn Fasolino
Jennifer LaBella
Nicole Brockway
Amy Piaschyk
Kathleen Nebush

10 Years
Nick Byrne
Emily Laurey

20 Years
Michele Izzo
Susan Becker
Mary Jane Keener

30 Years
Eilleen Hamlin



PRE-K LEARNS ABOUT FIRE SAFETY



On October 7, Mrs. Spatto's pre-K class walked to the Remsen Fire Department to kick off a week-long unit on fire safety.

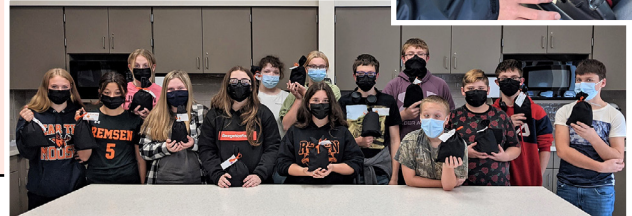
Mr. Brad Tyson showed the students the different trucks, his uniform and taught them about fire extinguishers and smoke detectors.

After the lesson on fire safety, the class walked to Horns Family Farm and caught a glimpse of some animals. Horns Family Farm graciously donated cold chocolate milk, yogurt and cheese curd for students to take back to school for a snack.

Students Learn Life and Work Skills

Students in child development learned how to install car seats as part of their health and wellness unit. Students stated that they did not realize how difficult car seats are to install or remove. They also learned about car seat laws and how to properly strap a baby into the car seat.

Students in eighth grade home and careers completed a mass production project. For the project, they had to apply for a job by writing a cover letter and "managers" conducted interviews for each student. Jobs were assigned and, together, students created a bagged brownie mix to be put into a sewn bag to bring home as a gift. Jobs included managers, assemblers, cooks, dishwashers, sewers and graphic designers. The class then got to test out the recipe by making the brownies.



Tello Drone Fly-Off

The drone and agriculture technology class recently held their Tello drone fly-off. In the class, students first learn the basics of flight by flying Ryze Tello drones which have an auto hover feature. Now that students have mastered Tellos, they will move onto Syma X5C drones which require more skills for precision flight.

Each student flew through the obstacle course twice and then were placed based on their average of the two flights.



Fastest:	Most Consistent:	Most Improved:
Wyatt Ehart (00:26.37)	Wyatt Ehart	Alexandra Jewett
Will Hazzard (00:36.81)	Malik Pett	Wyatt Monroe
Ean Piaschyk (00:45.47)	Ean Piaschyk	Brandon Crowell



Black River Outdoor Education Program

Fifth grade students recently spent the day biking and hiking on the trails at the Telemark site in Boonville. Although the trails were muddy, students had a great day!

The field trip was part of the Black River Outdoor Education Program (BROEP), which uses educational and aerobic activities to teach students the benefits and importance of outdoor recreation and gives them a chance to better their physical endurance and overall health.



Students Clean Up Remsen

On October 23, members of the Class of 2022 and the National Honor Society participated in a community fall clean-up project in the Village of Remsen. The students raked, removed fallen limbs and tidied up the lawns of elderly residents in the Remsen community. The residents of the community were very appreciative and the students realized the importance of lending a helping hand. Students volunteered to complete their class requirement of 10 hours of community service or National Honor Society community service hours.



PARENTS!

Don't forget to register for our new communication platform
ParentSquare!

ParentSquare will enable safe, convenient, consistent and efficient communication from the District, schools, classroom teachers and school activity groups to keep parents informed and connected.

If you have not received an invite, please contact Mrs. Amanda Arruda in the elementary school office or Mrs. Carol Hamlin in the high school office to update your information and activate your account.



NEW STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Beth Lamphere

Welcome new School Patrol Officer (SPO), Ms. Lamphere!

Ms. Lamphere has lived in the Remsen area for about 20 years. She has three grown children that all, at some point, attended Remsen CSD along with a grandchild that currently attends the elementary school. In May 2021, she retired from working for 20 years as a New York State Trooper. About 13 of those years were spent out of the local Remsen State Police Barracks which encompasses most of the Remsen CSD. In that time, Ms. Lamphere became familiar and worked with several families within the District. Ms. Lamphere believes that she can make a difference and be a good role model to the students. She looks forward to working alongside the team at RCSD and hopes to become an asset to the District.



Sarah Walker

Welcome new Testing Center/ISS Teaching Aide, Ms. Walker!

Ms. Walker has lived in the Remsen area with her husband and four children for several years. She is excited to join the RCSD team as an aide as well as a substitute bus driver. She has her own photography business on the side, has been a bus driver for the past five years and spent six years working at Upstate Cerebral Palsy. Ms. Walker loves working with children and young adults and is excited to have the opportunity to give something back to the community that she belongs to and to support a new generation of young people at RCSD.



Michele O'Connor

Welcome new second grade teacher, Ms. O'Connor!

Ms. O'Connor has lived in Remsen most of her life and graduated from Remsen Central School in 1986. She has twin daughters, who also graduated from Remsen. Ms. O'Connor started her career in education here, at Remsen CSD, as a long-term substitute in various positions. She left Remsen for a permanent position in the Rome City School District, where she spent the last 14 years. She is thrilled to have the opportunity to join Remsen CSD again, to contribute to her own community and feels like she's back home.

FFA CONVENTION

Mrs. Ives, along with three senior Future Farmers of America (FFA) members Ty Bowers, Olivia Stanford and Julia Woolheater, attended the 94th Annual National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, from October 24-30. Remsen FFA travelled with advisors and FFA members from Salem, Schuylerville, Middleburgh and Waterville. On the way to Indianapolis, members toured various landmarks and agricultural businesses.



TRIP HIGHLIGHTS:

On the first day, the group made a stop in Niagara Falls and took the Maid of the Mist Tour. This was a first for everyone. On the second day, they toured Lincoln Electric Welding School. Lincoln Electric Welding has been training welders since WWI. This school offers a variety of welding courses that range from two hours long to 16-week certification courses. Students got to tour the school and test out virtual welders. On the third day, they spent the afternoon at FairOaks Farm Agricultural Adventure where the group got to explore their dairy, swine and crop adventures. On the fourth day, they toured Ozark Fisheries, a major supplier for ornamental goldfish and koi fish and afterwards, went to the Indianapolis Zoo. The fifth and sixth days were spent at the National FFA Convention & Expo Center where students were able to visit over 200 booths of various agricultural businesses and colleges.

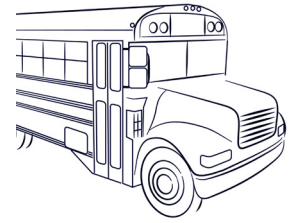
Senior Trip to the Corn Maze



THE REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IS CURRENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR

Bus Drivers & Substitute Teachers

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND AN APPLICATION, PLEASE CALL 315.205.4300



School Closing Information

The Remsen Central School District may have to make a decision to delay, close or go home early, due to weather and/or road conditions. When the weather requires closing or a delay, the District's automated phone system and/or ParentSquare will be activated to let you know as soon as possible. The major radio stations in the Utica-Rome area are WBRV, Boonville, WIBX, Oldies 96, Big Frog 104.3 and Lite 98.7. TV channels 2-Utica, 3, 5 and 9-Syracuse will also be notified to broadcast the information. This information will also appear on the school District website (www.remsencsd.org). We recommend making proactive plans for the supervision of your children on "snow days" or in the event of an early dismissal as soon as possible to be prepared for our upcoming winter months.

When Remsen schools are closed, all scheduled activities, events and programs for that day and evening are cancelled. If there is a two-hour delay in the morning, there will be no morning BOCES. The school closing information applies to all students receiving transportation on Remsen Central School District buses, including out-of-District programs, BOCES students and all others.

Please know that extreme weather conditions are trying for all of us and there is no clear cut answer as to when schools should be closed and/or delayed. We will always do what we think is best for all students. The ultimate decision, however, remains with you, the parents. If schools are open and you feel as though the conditions are too severe to send your children, please exercise your right to keep them home.

EXTREMELY COLD WEATHER

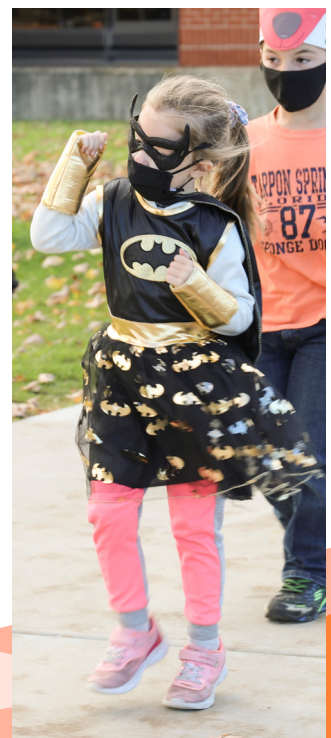
At Remsen Central Schools, we are very fortunate to have a facility that houses most of our buses. Normal route buses are parked in the bus garage and therefore the cold weather isn't often a factor in getting them started in the morning. Buses are started early and allowed to warm up before beginning the routes. If your child normally walks to school and you would like them to ride the bus on an extremely cold day, please call the bus garage at 315-205-4300 ext. 6000. If our drivers see a student walking to school on an extremely cold day, they will also stop and offer them a ride or radio to a bus that has room to do the same.





HALLOWEEN PARADE

On October 29, elementary students circled the track dressed as princesses, superheroes and more as their families watched on during the Halloween parade.





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OCTOBER 18-22

**Thank you to our Board of Education members for their contributions
and commitment to quality education for our students.**

