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THE REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

IMPORTANT DATES

MAY

- 18 Prom
- 20-24 Spirit Week
 - 27 Memorial Day Ceremony
 - 29 Grades 4-6 Spring Concert
 - 30 Kindgergarten Screening

JUNE

Grades 7-12 Band and Chorus Concert

2024-25

BUDGET HEARING

May 14 | 6:00 p.m.

SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE, BOE ELECTION.

DISTRICT ART SHOW & FFA PLANT SALE May 21 | 1:00-8:00 p.m. Elementary School Cafeteria

CALENDAR

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

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- VISION STATEMENT -

Remsen Central School District forever aspires to be a unique, distinguished, welcoming learning community that fosters a growth mindset and essential traits of great character. RCS will remain dedicated to cultivating and supporting each student's individual abilities and interests as they confidently work to realize their full potential to lead happy, healthy, successful lives. All Remsen students will Soar to Success.

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Remsen Community,

Remsen is a very special place to live, learn, and work. Together, we understand that our goal must always be to ensure that we leave our children, for generations to come, with an even better community and school than we have today. This is accomplished by continuing to work together to provide our children with a solid academic foundation, full of diverse learning opportunities and experiences. Even if you currently do not have students enrolled in school, your support of Remsen Central plays a critical role in raising, teaching, and growing our youth into productive, responsible, kind, hard-working citizens. Your support truly does make a difference.

We have been hard at work preparing our Student Opportunities Plan (proposed budget) for the 2024-2025 school year. Sadly, our New York State governor has presented school districts across the state with the inexcusable burden of inadequate funding. Many school districts, including Remsen, will now need to operate during the 2024-2025 school year without an increase in Foundation Aid, our main source of State Aid revenue. We anticipated this abhorrent outcome from NYS and prepared our plan for the upcoming school year accordingly. Thoughtful planning and monthly Board of Education work sessions enabled our team to develop a fiscally responsible budget, responsive to our students' needs, with only a slight tax levy increase of 1%. This increase is well below our allowable New York State Property Tax Cap levy increase limit and reflects our continued commitment to balance the needs of our school district with the challenges that we all realize.

In addition to voting on the proposed 2024-2025 budget in the amount of \$14,677,461, we will also be voting on two propositions. The first proposition on the ballot will be for the purchase of one 66-passenger school bus and one 20-passenger school bus. The proposed purchase is part of an ongoing bus replacement plan designed to keep the District's fleet in safe, working order by phasing out buses that are no longer cost effective to maintain. If the proposition is approved, the actual cost to the District will be significantly less than the amount sought. Approximately 82.6% of the cost would be reimbursable through state aid.

The second proposition on the ballot will be to increase the Didymus Thomas Public Library levy. The Didymus Thomas Library plays an integral role in our community for youth and adults alike. A message from the library Board of Trustees may be found in this newsletter.

Our budget hearing will take place on Tuesday, May 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the elementary library media center. Please consider joining us to learn more about our Student Opportunities Plan and to hear from our one Board of Education candidate seeking election. Members of the Didymus Thomas Library Board of Trustees will also be present to answer questions regarding the proposed library levy increase. If you are unable to attend, the full presentation will be posted to our webpage shortly thereafter. Additional budget and Board of Education election information may also be found throughout this newsletter. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Our school budget vote will take place on Tuesday, May 21 from 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the elementary cafeteria. Voter parking spaces will be reserved at the front of the elementary parking lot closest to the cafeteria doors. Back by popular demand, our FFA students will be selling plants outside of the cafeteria doors starting at 3:00 p.m. and student artwork will be on display for all to enjoy.

Thank you for your unwavering support of our school community. We remain dedicated to cultivating and supporting each student's individual abilities and interests as they confidently work to realize their full potential to lead happy, healthy, successful lives. Working together, we will

ensure that our students continue to **Soar to Success.**

It is an honor and a privilege to be your superintendent, a graduate of RCS, and a lifelong resident of the Remsen Central School District.

Sincerely,

Timothy Jenny Superintendent

Three Components of Our Student Opportunities Plan

Program

The program budget contains expenses directly related to the teaching of students, teachers, instructional aides and other professional salaries, materials and supplies, textbooks, special education, health services, library-media and guidance services. Transportation of students, athletics and co-curricular activities are also included here.

Description	Approved 2023-2024	Proposed 2024-2025	Change
Legal	\$34,000	\$38,000	\$4,000
Instructional	\$6,431,479	\$6,547,995	\$116,516
District Transportation	\$735,895	\$789,172	\$53,277
Garage Building	\$28,500	\$28,500	\$0
Employee Benefits	\$3,208,623	\$3,283,998	\$75,375
TOTAL PROGRAM	\$10,438,497	\$10,687,665	\$249,168

Capital

The capital budget includes costs associated with operations and maintenance of buildings, upkeep of grounds, electricity, heat, oil, water, sewer and telephone services. Funds are also included here for the lease and purchase of buses, payment of debt for capital projects (principal and interest), refund of taxes and insurance. The final piece of this budget is a transfer to capital for ongoing building improvements.

Description	Approved 2023-2024	Proposed 2024-2025	Change
Operation of Plant	\$850,549	\$855,545	\$4,996
Maintenance of Plant	\$162,078	\$163,497	\$1,419
Insurance and Claims	\$46,333	\$48,650	\$2,317
Refund of Taxes	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$0
Employee Benefits	\$254,554	\$305,055	\$50,501
Debt Service	\$1,025,283	\$988,502	(\$36,781)
Transfer to Capital Fund	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0
TOTAL CAPITAL	\$2,439,997	\$2,462,449	\$22,452

Administrative

The administrative budget includes costs associated with management activities including Board of Education, superintendent's office, district clerk, business office and operations such as payroll, supervision, training, data processing, purchasing, BOCES administration charges, printing, mailing, legal and auditing services.

Description	Approved 2023-2024	Proposed 2024-2025	Change
Board of Education	\$26,184	\$26,589	\$405
Central Administration	\$152,978	\$161,817	\$8,839
Finance	\$287,336	\$294,067	\$6,731
Legal	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0
Personnel	\$15,876	\$17,876	\$2,000
Records Management	\$7,700	\$7,700	\$0
Other Central Services	\$59,346	\$59,346	\$0
Other Special Items	\$109,672	\$109,672	\$0
Curriculum Development & Support	\$23,500	\$23,500	\$0
Supervision Regular School	\$369,805	\$391,812	\$22,007
Research, Evaluation, Planning	\$5,329	\$5,329	\$0
Employee Benefits	\$372,905	\$423,639	\$50,734
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE	\$1,436,631	\$1,527,347	\$90,716



Student Opportunities Plan Summary

REVENUE	Adopted 2023-2024	Proposed 2024-2025	Increase/ Decrease	% Change
Estimated Aid (State & Federal)	\$8,095,765	\$8,216,047	\$120,282	1.49%
Tax Levy	\$5,645,813	\$5,702,271	\$56,458	1.00%
Other Revenue	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$0	0.00%
Fund Balance	\$323,547	\$509,143	\$185,596	57.36%
Totals	\$14,315,125	\$14,677,461	\$362,336	2.53%
EXPENDITURES	Adopted 2023-2024	Proposed 2024-2025	Increase/ Decrease	% Change
Program	\$10,438,497	\$10,687,665	\$249,168	2.4%
Capital	\$2,439,997	\$2,462,449	\$22,452	1.00%
Administrative	\$1,436,631	\$1,527,347	\$90,716	6.3%
Totals	\$14,315,125	\$14,677,461	\$362,336	2.53%

Who Can Vote?

To be eligible to vote, a resident must have lived in the Remsen Central School District for at least 30 days prior to the May 21 election, be at least 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States and registered to vote with the school district. No person shall have the right to register for or vote who would not be qualified to register for or vote at an election in accordance with the provisions of section 5-106 of the Election Law.

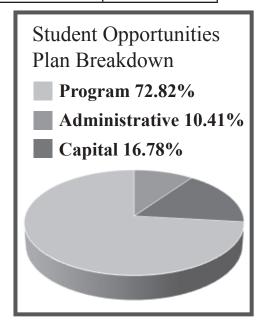
Can I Vote by Absentee Ballot?

Residents who will not be in the area on May 21 or who are unable to vote in person may apply for an absentee ballot at the Remsen Central School District Office. If the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter, the application must be submitted at least seven days prior to the vote. If the absentee ballot is to be picked up by the voter in person, applications will be accepted until May 20. Absentee ballots must be returned to the district clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 21.

Propositions on the Ballot

2024-2025 BUDGET PROPOSITION

RESOLVED, to adopt the annual budget of the Remsen Central School District in the amount of \$14,677,461 for the fiscal year 2024-2025 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.



Proposition #1 - Bus Purchase

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Remsen Central School District is hereby authorized to undertake the acquisition of one (1) 66-passenger school bus at an estimated maximum cost of \$169,100, and one (1) 20-passenger school bus at an estimated maximum cost of \$85,900, all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$255,000, 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 \$255,000 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 – Didymus Thomas Library

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Remsen Central School District is hereby authorized to increase the appropriation for the Didymus Thomas Library to the sum of \$59,500 per year, to levy taxes in the said amount of \$59,500 annually, and to pay over such moneys to the Board of Trustees of the Didymus Thomas Library for the operation of the Didymus Thomas Library.

Board of Education Election

BOARD OF EDUCATION SEAT

To elect one member to the Board of Education for a term of five (5) years commencing July 1, 2024. There is one candidate running and will appear on the ballot as follows: 1. Stephanie Karis





REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2023-24 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2024-25 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2024-25 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$14,315,125	\$14,677,461	\$14,586,638
Increase/Decrease for 2024-2025 School Year		\$362,336	\$271,513
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.53%	1.90%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.12%	
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$5,645,813	\$5,702,271	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable			
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **			
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy			
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$5,645,813	\$5,702,271	\$5,645,813
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$126,009	\$129,043	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$5,641,733	\$5,657,842	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$5,519,804	\$5,573,228	
I. Difference: (G - H); (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$121,929	\$84,614	
Administrative Component	\$1,436,631	\$1,527,347	\$1,469,130
Program Component	\$10,438,497	\$10,687,665	\$10,682,259
Capital Component	\$2,439,997	\$2,462,449	\$2,435,249

^{*} Contingency budget maintains requirements pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.

^{**} List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)

Description	Amount
Bus Purchase (before State Aid of 82.6%)	\$255,000
Didymus Thomas Library Levy	\$59,500

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2024-2025 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$528.55

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2024-25 by the qualified voters of the Remsen Central School District, Oneida County, New York, will be held at the Elementary School cafeteria in said District on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. prevailing time in the cafeteria, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

¹The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

Summary of 2024-2025 District Budget Notice Above		
Change in Operating Budget	2.53%	
Change in Property Tax Levy	1.00%	
Allowable Property Tax Levy Limit	2.5%	

Proposed tax levy increase of 1%. This number is well below our allowable NYS Property Tax Cap Levy Increase Limit of 2.5%

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Capital Outlay Project 2024-2025

Replace Failing Jr./Sr. High School Tile Stage Floor with Wood

NO ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL IMPACT OT THE COMMUNITY

Anticipated Start: 2024-2025 School Year

The proposed 2024-2025 Remsen Central School District budget includes a \$100,000 Capital Outlay Project. It is important to note that the Remsen Central School District will be reimbursed by the state for 83.5% of the Capital Outlay Project's cost. In other words, a \$100,000 project only costs the district \$16,500.

The proposed project for next year will be to replace the failing tile floor on the Jr./Sr. High School stage with a wood floor specified for a stage. This work will also include replacement of the stage stairs and ramp flooring. Additional high school floor base molding in high need areas will be addressed with any remaining funds.

One of our overarching goals for the Remsen Central School District is to continue to provide safe, efficient and operational facilities for our students and our community members. Capital Outlay Projects allow us to responsibly make necessary improvements without placing a large burden on the community.

A Message from the Elementary School Principal

Dear Remsen Families,

As the end of the school year very quickly approaches, it is always neat to look back to the beginning of the year and to reflect on all of the growth and progress that each student has made over the course of one school year. At this point in the school year, our pre-kindergarten students are looking more like kindergarten students and our sixth graders are all too ready to move on to the Jr./Sr. high school. Each student has grown so much, not only physically (some like weeds), but also in the ways that they talk and interact with others, and in the ways that they speak about what they are learning and what they are interested in. It is wonderful to sit with students for a moment to hear about what they are doing in class or what they are interested in and would like to know more about.

We have been very active in the elementary school. The month of March was a very busy month, full of a number of events and celebrations for our students. We celebrated Music in our Schools Month together with a special 5th-12th grade concert. It was a special evening with performances from our junior high and senior high ensembles, as well as a number of solo and duet performances from our students. During March, we also held our trimester two parent-teacher conferences and celebrated many of our students during our Evening of Excellence awards ceremony. April started off with a very special trip for our students in grades 2-6. Our students were invited to attend a Women's International Ice Hockey Federation World Championship game. Students in grades 2-5 were able to attend the Sweden vs. Denmark game and our sixth graders were able to attend the Sweden vs. China game. This special trip was followed by the 3-8 New York State English Language Arts assessments, Elementary All-County (hosted by Remsen), our Arbor Day Celebration and then our spring break.

Looking ahead, the last few months of the school year will be very exciting, as they usually are, full of important learning and fun, and many end of the year activities. We have our Elementary Career Day, Olympic Day, our third trimester Evening of Excellence and many other events to look forward to. Before we know it, the third trimester will come to an end and we will be celebrating our sixth grade students at our sixth grade graduation. Information about these events and more will be posted on the school website and will be sent home, or shared on ParentSquare. Also, be on the lookout for more information about our plans for summer programming. We are planning to provide summer camps/programs similar to those that we've offered the last few years.

It truly is amazing how quickly this school year has gone by and how much learning and growing has taken place. Thank you for your continued support and partnership. It is only in working together that we will be able to provide the best for the students of Remsen. If you need anything, do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Gary Winghart Elementary School Principal



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

Dear Remsen Families,

As we head toward the end of the school year, it is important to reflect on all of the great things that have happened and the wonderful things we have to look forward to. As Thoreau stated, "Go confidently in the direction of your dreams." Our staff is dedicated to helping every student continue on the path toward their unique goals and dreams. We are continually striving to provide the best learning environment for our students and will celebrate all of their big and small wins.

In the coming months, we can look forward to Ram Ticket drawings, spring sports contests, Spirit Week, Junior/Senior Grand March and Prom, an Academic Awards Ceremony, JV/Varsity Sports Awards, and a band and chorus concert, just to name a few. We will conclude our year celebrating our seniors at the 2024 Graduation ceremony on June 21. It is sure to be a busy but rewarding spring.

We are dedicated to helping each student grow academically, socially and emotionally. Please do not hesitate to reach out so that we can partner together to help every student Soar to Success!

Sincerely

Sanya Pelrah

Ir. 18r. High School Principal



REMSEN JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL HOSTS ELEMENTARY ALL-COUNTY

Fifth and sixth grade students throughout Oneida County were welcomed to Remsen Jr./Sr. High School on April 12-13 for Elementary All-County. Students arrived on April 12 for a two-hour rehearsal after school. On April 13, students rehearsed over four hours with a concert to follow that afternoon. Performances included chorus, orchestra and band. Four Remsen students participated in the event. Shea Mundell earned a position in the chorus and Evann Smith, Reese Rowlands and Anna Becker all earned seats in the band. We are so proud of our Remsen students and all of the Oneida County student musicians that earned the opportunity to participate in the 2024 Elementary All-County concert. It was outstanding. Congratulations!





2024 SCIENCE FAIR

On February 27, Remsen hosted the annual Science Fair. Mr. O'Bryan and Mr. Glass did a great job of supporting the students with their interesting and creative projects. Thank you to our guest speakers Emily Lombardi and Samantha Streiff for the great messages they shared. All of the students did a fantastic job!







REMSEN STUDENTS AND STAFF RECEIVE







On March 26 at Remsen Elementary School and March 28 at Remsen Jr./Sr. High School, all students and staff were invited to enjoy a special ice cream treat. Our fabulous cafeteria staff prepared the treat by scooping enough for every student and staff member so that the ice cream could be served during lunch periods. The ice cream was generously donated by Stewart's Shops of Barneveld. The treat was provided "just because" to show appreciation for our wonderful students and staff.



COACH PIASCHYK RECOGNIZED AS 2023-2024 SECTION III CLASS D COACH OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to our varsity volleyball coach, Mrs. Amy Piaschyk, for being recognized as the 2023-2024 Section III Class D Coach of the Year.

This award is voted on by all coaches in Section III who participate in winter volleyball throughout Class D.

Motivational Musician Jared Campbell Performs for Remsen Students and Families

On March 14, award-winning singer/songwriter Jared Campbell performed for Remsen students and families.

Campbell is a musician from upstate New York who reaches students through the power of music with songs that he has written about some of the most crucial elements to living out your life with purpose. His message focuses on overcoming obstacles, anti-bullying, respect, leadership and having an amazing outlook on life.

During the school day on March 14, Campbell presented three separate assemblies for students in grades K-2, 3-5 and 6-12. In the evening, he presented a family concert at Remsen Jr./Sr. High School that was open to all families in the district.





REMSEN MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

Music in Our Schools Concert

On March 27, the Remsen Central School Music Department presented the Music in Our Schools Concert. The concert featured musicians in grades 5-12 and was held in celebration of Music in Our Schools Month.

The concert featured vocal and instrumental solo and duet performances, and performances by the Junior High Chorus, Senior High Chorus, Junior High Band and Senior High Band.

Congratulations to each of the student musicians on their excellent performances!



Students in Grades 4-6 Participate in STEAM Club

This school year, students in grades 4-6 have had the opportunity to participate in STEAM Club with Mrs. Piaschyk. Throughout the school year, each group has met four times to complete projects that connect to science, technology, engineering, art and math.

Activities have included Pringles Ringle, Newton's Laws of Motion Activities, Ping Pong Pick Up Challenge, March Madness Hoop Challenge, Bouncy Ball Science, Solar Eclipse Stations and Not a Box Challenge. These activities have allowed students to use creativity and hands-on experience to learn about the components that make up STEAM.

On May 23, all STEAM Club members are invited to continue the fun in a culminating activity at STEAM Family Fun Night at Remsen Elementary School.







ZACH HELMER NAMED CSC DIVISION III FIELD ATHLETE OF THE MEET FOR INDOOR SEASON

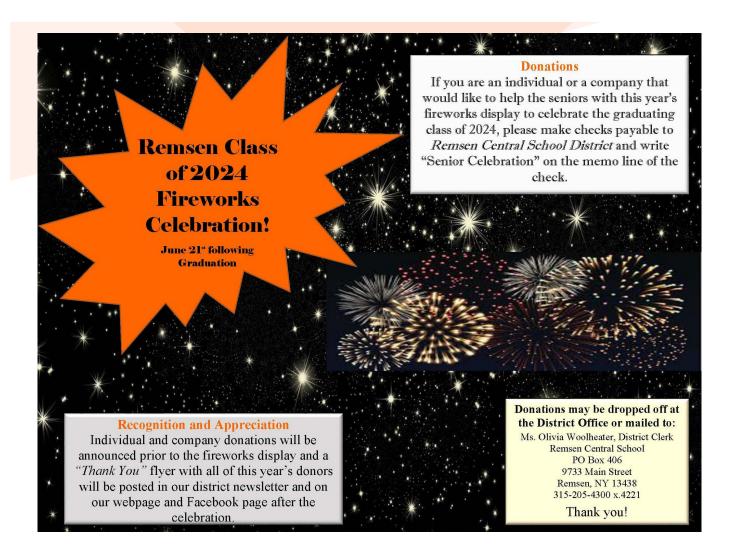
Congratulations to Zach Helmer for being selected as the CSC Division III Field Athlete of the Meet for the indoor track and field season. This award is voted on by local coaches in order to recognize the best field athlete in our league. Great job, Zach!



REMSEN SENIOR HIGH CHOIR PERFORMS NATIONAL ANTHEM

On March 8, the Remsen Senior High Choir performed the National Anthem at the Adirondack Bank Center Auditorium before the hockey game. The crowd loved it and our students sounded great. Congratulations to Mr. Dangler and our Senior High Chorus!





MEET THE CANDIDATE

Mrs. Stephanie Karis

Biography

Family: Married to husband Alex Karis with two children in the district, Ethan Karis 10th grader and Marissa Karis 9th grader.

Education: Bachelors of Science with concentration in Finance.

Work Experience: I am a Sr. Payroll Manager with CONMED Corporation where I have been for the last 11 years. Prior to that I worked for New Process Gear/Magna Powertrain in Syracuse NY as a Treasury and Travel Manager before moving into the Payroll Manager role.

Other Information: Very active community members.

Board of Education Information

Why do you think it is important to serve the community and school as a BOE member?

I think it is important to represent the school and community to ensure our students are our number one priority where our students feel comfortable and confident, have the tools they need to succeed and leave Remsen with the best possible future ahead of them.

What strengths/experiences would you bring to board service?

I am professional, and look at each situation from many different angles. My finance background helps me understand the budget and business needs of the school.

What do you think are or will be the most pressing issues facing education in general or Remsen Central School?

Continuing to deal with the state financial cuts and ensuring we are positioned well enough to withstand as much as we can.









Summer Zearning and Enrichment

PROGRAMS TO INCLUDE:

Rams Academy, Kindergarten Kick-Start, Motivation and Physical Fitness, STEAM Camp, Various Athletic Camps and more!

> Please be on the lookout for more information about our Summer Programs on our school website and social media.



EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE STEUBEN FISH AND GAME CLUB!

The Steuben Fish and Game Club is creating a new Club sport for all 6-12 grade students at Remsen Central School. The Remsen Clay Target Team plans to start practicing this coming summer with the anticipation of competing in the NYS Clay Target League in the Fall of 2024. Please visit our Facebook page, Remsen Clay Target Team. There will be an informational poster from the Steuben Fish and Game Club in the coming months with informational meetings to follow. Our Email is remsenclaytargetclub@gmail.com

A note from the Didymus Thomas Library Board of Trustees

Dear Remsen Central School District Voter:

When you go to the polls on May 21, 2024 to vote on the Remsen Central School District budget, you will find a separate proposition seeking support for the Didymus Thomas Library with a levy increase from \$41,500 to \$59,900. Taxpayer funding of the library has remained unchanged since 2014. If the library is to maintain its current level of services, we need your support. County and state funding to the library is being steadily reduced while our circulation has increased from 7,268 items in 2014 to 9,288 items in 2023 – an increase of 28%. For an individual taxpayer with a \$100,000 home, the projected increase is less than \$13 per year. We hope you will continue to support the library's mission to enhance our quality of life and enable it to remain in service to our community for many years to come.



110th Annual Alumni Banquet

The Remsen Alumni Association is holding our 110th banquet on Saturday, June 8, 2024, starting with a social hour at 4:30 p.m. in the high school gymnasium with live music from the Alumni Jazz Band. The banquet will celebrate the present class of 2024, along with the 25, 50 and 75 year anniversaries. For more details and information, please contact Remsen Alumni Association President Mark Williams at 315.576.1974 or markb2055@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!

If you would like to support the Remsen Alumni Association and school, please send donations to: Linda Cady | 10471 Coombs Road | Holland Patent, NY 13354. Checks should be made out to the Remsen Alumni Association. Your thoughtful contributions enable the Alumni Association to support the National Honor Society, FFA, high school music department, elementary excellence awards, and the high school end of year awards. Most importantly, your generosity serves our greatest goal, to proudly provide three scholarships to this year's deserving senior recipients.

The Remsen Alumni Association is proud to be able to support our graduates and the Remsen Central School District, all made possible by the contributions, donations and dedication of our community.

Thank you for your support,

Mark Williams
RAA PRESIDENT

REMSEN JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS



Remsen Jr./Sr. High School Drama Club's production of "Cinderella" on March 1-2 was outstanding! The cast and crew did a wonderful job. Also, a thank you goes out to Mr. Harlander's classes for building the set and to Jewliet and Brygit Pruitt for creating the beautiful backdrop. What a wonderful performance!



FOOD AND NUTRITION, FOOD SCIENCE CLASSES LEARN ABOUT MAPLE INDUSTRY

The Food and Nutrition and Food Science classes taught by Mrs. Obernesser and Mrs. Ives joined together during the week of March 4-8 to learn about the maple industry. Throughout the week students learned about maple production, beginning with identifying maple trees, tapping, sap collection and testing the quality of syrup using brix refractometers and digital maple syrup graders, as well as identifying defects caused by nature. Maple syrup is a completely natural sugar source and is used in a wide variety of recipes other than pancakes.

To finish the week, students toured Delta Glen Maple in Westernville, New York, an operation with over 5,000 taps that is operated by Pete Donahue and Walt Krager. While on the trip, students were able to see sap moving through the lines to the sap house, then to the reverse osmosis process, evaporation and filtration. Donahue and Krager started to boil for the classes in the morning and ended the trip with samples of fresh hot syrup!







Ninth Grade Student Authors, Publishes Children's Book

Congratulations to Emily Spatto, a ninth grade Remsen student who recently authored and published a children's book. Emily is passionate about diversity and inclusion of all individuals. Hoping to spread more awareness towards the deaf community in particular, Emily authored "Milo and Luna: Standing Out and Fitting In," a story that teaches about bullying, inclusion and a sense of belonging, where the bond between a brother and sister leads to acceptance. Well done, Emily! We appreciate your creativity and entrepreneurial spirit.





BOCES Summer Camps

ENGAGING WORKSHOPS FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES 7-10

Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES summer camps run from July 1-August 1 from 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m., daily. Transportation will be provided by Remsen.

The online application can be found on our website and must be submitted by May 17.

CAMPS INCLUDE

Automotive Mechanics | Conservation Camp | Construction Camp | Cosmetology Camp

Creative Cooking | Leveraging Your Leadership | Welding

Second Marking Period Honor Roll Celebration

On February 15, the Remsen Jr./Sr. High School held honor roll celebrations where we acknowledged the achievements of students who made the honor roll, high honor roll, most improved and students of the quarter for the second marking period. Great job!

Grade 10 - High Honor Grade 11 - High Honor Grade 12 - High Honor

Grade 9 - High Honor

Grade 7 - High Honor

Grade 8 - High Honor

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Remsen Student Awarded Grant for Soap Business

Congratulations to Molly Southwick! She has been awarded a \$500 Supervised Agricultural Experience Grant for her goat soap business, Farmer's Touch. She will be recognized on May 4 in Buffalo.



M3 Math Model Challenge

On March 1, Mr. Glass hosted the M3 Math Model Challenge where five seniors completed an all-day math challenge. They competed against teams across the nation and in the UK. Well done!



Remsen Mock Trial Team Competes in Semifinals

The Remsen Mock Trial Team had a great year during their regular season with a record of 3-1. On April 10, the team went on to compete in the semifinals held at the courthouse in the Alexander Pirnie Federal Building in Utica, where the team lost by only three points.

By participating in the Mock Trial program, students gain first-hand knowledge of civil and criminal law and courtroom procedures. This year's team included ten students: Leila Ward, Ellie Secor and Gavin Nelson as lawyers; and Dylan Gutowski, Jaden Jordan, Frank Austin, Alexis Stevens, Olivia Lalyer, Shianne Austin and Keara Hyde as witnesses. The team is coached by Mrs. Nehme.

Congratulations to all on a great season!



Remsen Students Participate in Junior High All-County

On March 15-16, junior high school students Trent Jenny, Cassidy Kerr and Owen Piaschyk participated in OCMEA Junior High All-County. To be chosen for this selective festival, one must exhibit dedication and excellence in music.

Congratulations! We are proud that you represented Remsen!



Junior High Area All-State

On February 2, Jasmine Colon, Cassidy Kerr, Owen Piaschyk and Trent Jenny participated in the Junior High Area All-State.

Their hard work and dedication earned them this selective spot in the festival. Congratulations!



Kindergarten Students Learn About Bicycle Safety Ahead of Helmet Donation from Boonville Elks

Each year the Boonville Elks generously donate bicycle helmets for Remsen kindergarten students. On March 21, our kindergarten students participated in a bicycle safety lesson in each of their classrooms, including information about the importance of and the proper use of bicycle helmets. Students and their teachers Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Wilson talked about the helmets that they would be receiving and about the generous donation from the Boonville Elks. Later this spring, our kindergarten classes will be inviting families in for a bicycle day where each student will receive a bicycle helmet of their own to take home.

Thank you to the Boonville Elks for their generous donation and for their support of outdoor fun and bicycle safety for our students!





On March 22-23, the International Club took 31 Remsen students in grades 9-12 to Montréal in Québec, Canada.

Students learned about Montréal's history through an archeological museum visit and an Old Montréal walking tour. They sampled a variety of cuisines, from an outdoor market lunch and a French bistro dinner, to an El Salvadorian breakfast and the famous French Canadian poutine. They stepped out of their comfort zone at a Flamenco dance workshop and enjoyed a chilly evening walk to the top of Mont-Royal for a breathtaking view over the city.

Students even made use of their French and Spanish language skills to order food, go shopping and make personal connections throughout the weekend.



TEN REMSEN STUDENTS INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

On March 21, ten Remsen Jr./Sr. High School students were inducted into the National Honor Society (NHS) during an induction ceremony. The new members received certificates as they were inducted, and second-year NHS members received pins.

Congratulations to the newest NHS inductees:

Grade 10

Ethan Karis Marissa Morris Ashley Roberts Ellie Secor Emily Shufelt Ella Staskoski Jaedyn Wilcox Makayla Wilcox

Grade 11

Natalie Barnard

Grade 12

McKayla Finn





NEW STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

WELCOME NEW BUS DRIVERS!

MRS. DONNA WORDEN

MR. ENRIQUE CARRASCO



SOARING TO SUCCESS ON NYS EXAMS



On April 5, the Remsen Jr./Sr. High School held the Soaring to Success on the NYS Exams celebration where the seventh and eighth grade students were celebrated for their progress and achievement on last year's ELA and math exams. Select ninth grade students were also recognized for their outstanding achievement on last year's Science 8 exams. Congratulations on a job well done! We can't wait to see the progress you make this year!





Spring Fling Dance

On April 5, the Remsen Jr./Sr. High School sophomore class hosted the Spring Fling Dance. It was a great night!









ELEMENTARY STUDENTS VISITED BY SPANISH FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT

On March 25, Remsen Elementary students were visited by a very special guest. Foreign exchange student Marta Plaza spent the day visiting our elementary classrooms in grades kindergarten through six. She has been able to come to Remsen through the Rotary Club Foreign Exchange Student program.

During her visit, Marta shared a bit about herself and about life in Spain. It was neat for students to learn a bit about Spain and to hear from Marta about her experiences coming from Spain to Remsen. Our students enjoyed seeing photos from Spain and were also excited to learn how to count and say a few words in Spanish.





REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR

The Utica University Regional Science Fair was held on March 22-23. Remsen students did a fantastic job again this year. The winners included:

- Junior Division Grand Champion: Trent Jenny
- Junior Division Physical Science: 1st place Jase Kinsely and Jacob Southwick
- Junior Division Natural Science: 1st place Trent Jenny
 - 3rd place Greta Burdell and Wyatt Rapson
- Junior Division Math, Computer and Engineering: 4th place Chase Poczatek and Grayson White

Special Awards:

- Greta Burdell: Doc Aaronson Award Junior Level
- Jayde Hammill: Doris Miga Award Junior Level
- Trent Jenny: Asa Gray Biological Society Award Junior Level
- Trent Jenny: Office of Naval Research Science Award
- Trent Jenny: The Copernicus Award Junior Level
- Trent Jenny: United States Air Force Research Laboratory Junior Level
- Jase Kinsley: The Madame Curie Award Junior Level
- Chase Poczatek: AFCEA Award Supported by the Local Air Force Research Laboratory Junior Level 2nd Place
- Wyatt Rapson: Doc Aaronson Award Junior Level
- Jacob Southwick: The Madame Curie Award Junior Level
- Grayson White: AFCEA Award Supported by the Local Air Force Research Laboratory Junior Level 2nd Place

Congratulations to all!



Second Trimester

Evening of Excellence

On April 2, Remsen Elementary School held the Second Trimester Evening of Excellence. Students and families were invited to attend the special ceremony to recognize our elementary students.

Students received awards for Honor Roll, High Honor Roll, Soaring to Success and Good Citizenship, as well as excellence in music, art and physical education. The Alumni Association awards were also awarded to one student at each grade level in grades 1-6. It was a great celebration of our students and their achievements throughout the trimester.

Congratulations to all!

HONOR ROLL

Brody Baker Emma Clapps
Lilly Bankert Holly Dalton
Norbert Bankert Tobias Dietrick
Tessa Bronson Gianna Ferguson
Erica Carnright Nathaniel Gates
Harlen Case Chase Helmer

Adam Hill Tanner Hill Madyson Hyde Logan Johnson Vincent Montegari Shea Mundell

Sean Nolan Tucker Scouten
Dominic Prentice Eliza Smith
Henry Putnam Evann Smith
Waylon Rapson Presley Stooks
Karma Rudd Chase Ultsch
Mikhael Samoshuk Jaycob Wagner

Tristan Warner Claire Whaley Zachary Yousey

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Anna Becker Hayden Graves
Ethan Behr Reagan Helmer
Grace Dalton Everly Kiniry
Willow DeLand Reese Rowlands
Mark Dutch Emily Smith

GOOD CITIZENSHIP

Bricen Anken Jason Guo
Jameson Bray Madyson Hyde
Sylas Davenport Emma Lehman
Willow DeLand Jaxson Matt
Josie Doolen Hallie Mulligan
Hayden Graves Luke Murphy

Renna Narbone Grace Dutch

Grace Dutch Chase Ultsch

SOARING TO SUCCESS

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Gianna Ferguson Jasmine Horstman
Devin Gutowski Aaron Hyde

Dallas Jacobs Brayden Mosher Andrew Petschauer Dakota Petteys Louisa Postol Waylon Rapson Russell Schaffer Avonlea Scouten Averie Stacy

Olivia Nolan

Liam Shew

Brianna Petteys

Carrick Strong

Sarah Winghart

Bruce Vasquez Timothy Winghart

REMSEN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARD

Holly Dalton Kalen Pouliot Tucker Hill Karma Rudd Jeremy Kasprowicz Evann Smith

PARTICIPATION AND SPORTSMANSHIP

Luke Meeker Avonlea Scouten

PERFORMANCE ARTS AWARD

Shea Mundell Tucker Scouten















Third Grade Students Perform in Recorder Recital

On March 20, Remsen third grade students performed for their friends and families in the Third Grade Recorder Recital.

Miss Dornburgh and the third grade students have been working hard during general music classes to learn the fundamental skills necessary to play the recorder. At their recital, Miss Dornburgh described the work that she and the students have been doing in the classroom and led the students in demonstrating the notes that they have learned, as well as some of the songs that they have been practicing.

Miss Dornburgh and the third grade students did a wonderful job!







REMSEN ELEMENTARY DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS

Goldilocks on Trial

On February 9, the Remsen Elementary Drama Club presented "Goldilocks on Trial" by Stuart Sheeley. In this entertaining spoof of a courtroom drama, Miss Amanda Marie "Goldie" Locks is put on trial for breaking and entering the home of the Bare family. With a courtroom full of fairytale witnesses, including Clara Muffet ("Little Miss Muffet"), Phoebe Heely ("There Was an Old Woman That Lived in a Shoe"), Wilma Hazel ("Witch Hazel") and others, there are many laughs and funny tales as the prosecution and the defense battle it out taking turns questioning and cross-examining the witnesses. In the end, Miss Locks is released and charges are dropped, because a credible case cannot be built with such an unusual group of witnesses.

Our Elementary Drama Club members, led by Ms. Dornburgh, did a wonderful job of portraying these fun fairytale characters in this very entertaining courtroom drama.





Cast of Characters:

Court Clerk - Tucker Scouten
Judge Wendy Wiggins - Lilly Bankert
Prosecutor - Blair Smith
Defense Attorney - Reagan Helmer
Amanda Marie "Goldie" Locks - Gianna Ferguson
Mr. Forest D. Bare - Tristan Warner
Bonnie Bare - Serenity Hinkley
Winnie "Little" Bare - Arianna Colon
Wilma Hazel - Everly Kiniry
Harry "Duke" Wolfe - Tobias Dietrick
Phoebe Heely - Dallas Jacobs
Grumpy - Willow DeLand
Clara Muffet - Emma Fox



Jackie Klump - Madyson Hyde

Director: Ms. Dornburgh





ELEMENTARY

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the Remsen Elementary School students who were named Students of the Month for January and February!

JANUARY

Barrett Schafer Elliana Behr
Jane Quinn Landon Burns
Avery Ploss Gideon Dietrick
Rabecca Rasmussen Evalyn Nolan
Maxwell Spadaro Peyton Millick
Matthew Doolen Tessa Bronson
Destiny Farber Dallas Jacobs
Jaxson Matt Tristan Warner

FEBRUARY

Malaya Murray Isaiah Gilbert
Lennox Adams Natalie Muzio
Aria Yager Hayden Walls
Kaidence Maine Haley Huising
Travis Rudd Jackson Jenny
Devin Gutowski Chase Ultsch
Brody Caplicki Claire Whaley
Zachary Yousey Easton White

REMSEN STUDENTS ATTEND

Women's World Championship Hockey Game

On April 3, Remsen Elementary students in grades 2-5 were able to attend one of the International Ice Hockey Federation Women's World Championship games at the Adirondack Bank Center at the Utica Memorial Auditorium. Our students were able to attend the Denmark vs. Sweden preliminary round game.

On April 5, sixth grade students were able to attend the Sweden vs. China game. The Adirondack Sports Council made this opportunity available to local schools.

Students and staff had a wonderful time. It was very exciting to be able to be there with all of our students. We were joined by a large number of local school districts filling the arena with thousands of elementary students and staff.





Two Elementary Students Receive Walter Kaczor Memorial Scholarship

Congratulations to the recipients of the second Walter Kaczor Memorial Scholarship, created by Mrs. Kaczor and her family, in memory of longtime Remsen science teacher Mr. Walter Kaczor.

This year, the scholarship was awarded to two Remsen Elementary School students. The scholarship is intended to support students in attending programs and camps that teach and reinforce science, conservation, orienteering, forestry and protecting wildlife. This scholarship fully sponsors Remsen students to attend a Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) summer camp, honoring Mr. Kaczor's love for the students of RCS and his passion for learning and nature.

Thank you very much to Mrs. Kaczor and her family for providing this opportunity for the students of Remsen.



VARSITY VOLLEYBALL SENIOR RECOGNITION

On January 29, prior to the Remsen varsity volleyball team's match against Owen D. Young, the team held a senior recognition ceremony to honor the senior volleyball players from both Remsen and ODY.

We would like to congratulate the following Remsen seniors and wish them luck in the future: Imagin Aiken, McKayla Finn, Isabella Lalyer and Leila Ward.



BOYS AND GIRLS INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD TEAMS COMPETE AT SECTIONALS

On February 8, the Remsen boys and girls indoor track and field teams competed at the Class D Sectional Championships at Onondaga Community College.

The girls team placed a respectable third. Girls finishing in the top three were: Riley Horn (second in the 200), Marissa Karis (second in the 3000), Morgan Horn (second in the 55 hurdles), Ella LaFave (third in the 55 hurdles) and Lorelai Walker (second in the long jump). Congratulations to Regan Meeker, Morgan Horn, Natalie Barnard and Riley Horn for their win in the 4x400 relay.

The boys team won the Class D Sectional Championship for the second year in a row. Great job, boys, on a great team effort! Boys placing in the top three were: Burke Gates (second in the 1000), Ethan Karis (second in the 1600), Ean Piaschyk (second in the 3200 and third in the 1600), Gavin Nelson (third in the 3200), Paul Montegari (second in the 55 hurdles), Charles Deland (second in the high jump, long jump and triple jump), Frank Austin (second in shot put), Jaden Jordan and Ashton Grower (second and third in weight throw). Congratulations to Wyatt Ehart and Frank Austin who won pole vault and weight throw, and special congratulations to Zach Helmer who won the 55 hurdles, long jump and triple jump with two new personal records. Congratulations, team!





The girls varsity indoor track and field team qualified for the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) Scholar-Athlete Team award with 75% of their roster earning at least a 90 average for the second quarter.

The Scholar-Athletes include:

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL	VARSITY BASKETBALL	BOYS INDOOR TRACK	GIRLS INDOOR TRACK
lmagin Aiken	Matt Helmer	Zach Helmer	Natalie Barnard
McKayla Finn	Ben Becker	Ethan Karis	Evalyn Gates
Tiarra Fox	Dylan Jones	Glen LaFave	Marissa Karis
Isabella Lalyer	Kole Poczatek	Nathan Leska	Ella LaFave
Leila Ward		Ean Piaschyk	

Congratulations to the winter varsity student-athletes who were honored for their academic and athletic achievements!

VARSITY BASKETBALL, INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD SENIOR RECOGNITION

On February 6, prior to the Remsen varsity basketball team's home game against Dolgeville, a senior recognition ceremony was held to honor the senior athletes who have participated in varsity basketball and varsity indoor track and field.

We would like to congratulate Frank Austin (indoor track), Charles Deland (indoor track), Zach Helmer (indoor track), Paul Montegari (indoor track), Ben Becker (basketball) and Jaden Prosser (basketball) for their outstanding contributions to Remsen athletic programs over the past few years.















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Student Art Show and FFA Plant Sale!

