



The REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL District



MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Last week I was joking with our son while we were talking about preparing for Thanksgiving. I asked him what he thought would happen if we placed only a clementine orange on each person's plate and informed them that the small orange was Thanksgiving dinner this year. He smiled and replied without hesitation, "No one would be bothered by it dad as long as we are all here together."

The holiday season can be a time filled with joy, gratitude, love, and fun. It may also be a time of great challenge and emotional strife for those experiencing less than fortunate circumstances, memories of a lost loved one, illness, or family members that are unable to be home for the holidays. What matters most, whether it be the best of times or the worst of times, is that we are present for one another.

Being present includes selflessly giving of our time to others and sharing empathy, grace, and understanding when someone is in need. Our Remsen community absolutely rises to the occasion any time we have a family in need and it is extraordinary to see such thoughtful generosity and kindness.

Being present in the moment also means sharing good things with good people and letting individuals know why we appreciate them. I was talking with someone the other day that had just been at a funeral where people were sharing many wonderful things about the individual that had passed. He shared with me that he wished the individual would have been able to hear all those great things before they passed. We should not wait until someone dies before we share everything that is good about them or to thank them for the difference they made in the world, in our lives, or others. We should be sharing those thoughts while we are present with them in the moment.

As we enter the Holiday season, let us all work mindfully to be there for others and remind ourselves that it is not about a fancy feast, parties, or big gifts; a tiny orange will do just fine. Being present is the most significant gift of all.

On behalf of everyone at Remsen Central School, we wish all of our students, families, and community members a wonderful Holiday season and a healthy, happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Timothy Jenny
Superintendent of Schools



IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER

- 18 Grades 5 through 12
Holiday concert, 6:30 PM
- 23-31 Winter Recess

JANUARY

- 1-3 Winter Recess
- 6 Pre-K/Kindergarten
Registration Begins
- 11 Snowball, 7:00 PM
- 16 Grades 8-10 Guidance
Night, 6:30 PM
- 20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- No School
- 21-24 Regents Exams
- 27-31 Spirit Week

FEBRUARY

- 4 Second Quarter Elementary
Evening of Excellence, 6:30
- 7 Elementary Drama Club
Production
- 17-21 Mid-Winter Recess



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CALENDAR

For the complete District calendar please visit:
www.remsencsd.org

Our Vision

*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.*

Dear Remsen Families,

This time of year we often reflect on what we are thankful for. One of the many things I am thankful for is to be fortunate enough to serve our wonderful families and community. It has been a great start to the year.

There are many great things happening at the high school. One event in particular that stands out to me, is the Veterans Day concert. It was an honor to work alongside my colleagues to prepare an event that brought the community together to celebrate our veterans. Some additional highlights from the school year include seniors enjoying a day at the corn maze and a hiking field trip, classes fundraising at Barn Fest, and the 7th grade students beginning the year with a team-building field trip. Our Remsen pride was evident throughout spirit week, our pep rally, and this year's Fall Ball. We are so proud of the Boys Varsity Cross Country team for placing second in the New York State Championship. These are just a few examples of why Remsen Rams Rock!

As we work to support all students, I wanted to remind you that we have Rams Can Soar (RCS) every day after school. This is a great place to get work done and receive academic support. RCS occurs every day after school Monday-Friday from 2:35-4:00. We also have specific academic supports from 3:00-4:00 on the following days: Monday - ELA, Tuesday - Social Studies, Thursday - Science. Strength training is another great opportunity and it is open every morning from 6:30-7:30 and Monday-Friday from 2:35-4:00. All students are welcome at RCS and the Fitness Center.

Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns. We are here to partner with you and help all students Soar to Success.

I wish you all a wonderful holiday season!

Sincerely,

Sanya Pelrah

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Jr./Sr. High School Principal



Seventh Grade
trip to

BEAVER CAMP

On Friday, September 13th, our 7th graders, along with many of their classroom teachers, Mrs. Dineen, and Principal Pelrah, traveled to Beaver Camp for the day. Our students and staff spent the day participating in a variety of fun team building and trust exercises together. The trip served as a great way for our students to spend the day together and to get to know some of the Jr./Sr. high school staff and faculty a bit better.



Dear Remsen Families,

It is hard to believe that we have been in school for two and a half months already! Getting to know your children has been an absolute pleasure. We have amazing students attending Remsen Elementary and I am truly lucky to be part of this wonderful school.

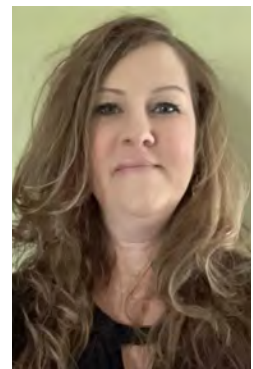
During these first two and half months we have been extremely busy getting back into routines and participating in so many special events. Our first event kicked off the year with Welcome Back to School Night. We had a packed house and many smiling families. Ms. Kistowski and I visited classrooms with a Welcome Back presentation during the first two weeks of school. We discussed our school rules, the Positivity Project, and read a story about kindness. Mr. McDonald came in on September 20 to remind our students about fire prevention and safety. On October 9th we welcomed families at night who participated in a presentation on coping strategies. We also enjoyed pizza, salad, and board games together. Thank you to Cornell Cooperative Extension. October remained busy with our first Positivity Project assembly including a great picture on the soccer field, our Halloween Parade of Costumes, and Fall Fun Fest. Thank you to the PTG for a great night with our kids at Fall Fun Fest. To kick off the month of November our entire school including grades pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade presented an amazing concert for our Veterans. We are incredibly proud of our students!

The month of December will be an exciting one full of wonder and joy. I look forward to enjoying the holiday season with the students, faculty, staff, and community here at Remsen. I wish each and every one of you a very Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas. Thank you for allowing me to be part of your family.

Sincerely,

Jody Lamphere

Jody Lamphere
Remsen Elementary Principal



Positivity Project



On Friday, October 18th, students in the elementary school came together for the fall Positivity Project (P2) assembly. During the assembly, Principal Lamphere and Ms. Kistowski spoke with students about the 24 character strengths that they will be learning about and discussing throughout the school year. They explained why it is important to understand the character strengths like gratitude, integrity, perseverance, and teamwork, and talked briefly about how they will continue to develop the strengths to become their “best selves”. They also talked about how together, with each person doing their best to develop strong character, Remsen Elementary will become an even better place to learn and grow for everyone.

Following the assembly, students and staff ventured outdoors to create a “human P2 logo” to demonstrate teamwork and to show their commitment to learning more about the character strengths and ideas taught through the Positivity Project curriculum.





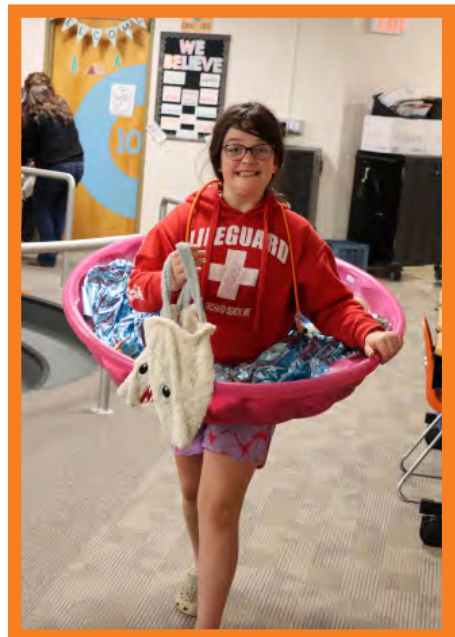
The fourth annual Thanksgiving Breakfast was held on Tuesday, November 26th in the Jr./Sr. High School. This fun tradition was continued with staff serving students a special breakfast to express how thankful they are for our excellent students.



Thanksgiving *Breakfast*



*Give
Thanks*



Fall Fun Fest

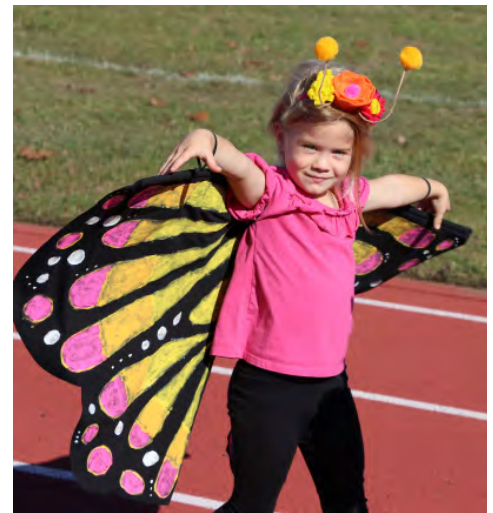
On October 25th, the PTG hosted the Fall Fun Fest. The event took place at the Elementary School. Families were invited to come together for a fun evening of games, snacks, and costume fanfare. Throughout the evening, students enjoyed a variety of fun fall/Halloween themed games followed by a "Trick-or-Treat" costume parade through the elementary school.

Remsen Elementary

Parade of Costumes

On October 31st, which was an unusually mild day for October, our students and staff in the elementary school enjoyed the annual Remsen Elementary Parade of Costumes.

Led by Principal Lamphere, all students in grades Pre-K through 6 participated in the parade through the school, outdoors and around the track. It was a beautiful day to parade around in Halloween costumes. We had costumes of all shapes and sizes, everything from super heroes, like Spiderman and Wonder Woman, to food items, like hot dogs, pizza, and peanut butter and jelly. This annual tradition is loved by students, staff and their families.



Corn Maze

with the

Seniors

On October 8th, the seniors went to the Remsen Depot Corn Maze for a bit of Fall fun. This event has become a great tradition for our Seniors.



The Student Council Fall Ball was held on Saturday, November 2nd. Students in grades 7-12 were dressed in their best for an evening of great music, dancing, corn hole and fun with friends.



Student Council

Fall Ball

Outstanding Educators

Math teacher, Mrs. Lauren Carpenter, and retired elementary teacher and current Board of Education President, Mrs. Mary Lou Allen, were honored and recognized at the Genesis Celebration of Education event on November 21st. Mrs. Carpenter was honored as an Outstanding Educator and Mrs. Allen was honored for her distinguished service in education.

We are very proud of them for being committed to high level service for our students and our school. They make a positive difference each day.



Congratulations

Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Carpenter



ELEMENTARY STEAM CLUB LAUNCHING LEGO



On Tuesday, October 15th, the Elementary STEAM Club participated in a LEGO build. Mrs. Piaschyk (club advisor), invited Mr. Winghart in to help with the activity. Students were asked to follow directions to build a LEGO model designed to launch a small LEGO ball through a hoop. The model consisted of a basketball hoop with an adjustable height and an adjustable throwing arm to launch the ball. After building the model, students were asked to test their throwing arm with the hoop at varying heights and with the throwing arm in several different configurations. Students worked together with a partner to determine the best design and configuration to obtain the most consistent shot results.

TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION UPDATES

Dear Remsen Families,

I hope that everyone has had a wonderful start to this new school year. In the "world of technology" at Remsen, a major focus has been on making sure that students and staff have the technology available to help them be successful. This has meant that I have been doing some shuffling of devices, repairs, and updates. If for some reason your student is having trouble with their device please remind that they should stop in to see Mr. Winghart to have their device looked at.

Another major focus recently has been on the update of our district website. On November 1st, we went live with a new look for our site. This change to the site was due to the purchase of our previous website management program. Each school that was using Blackboard for their website management was required to transition their site to the new platform, which meant a new design. Eventhough we went live in November, we are currently working with the new company, Finalsity, to be able to provide further updates and improvements to our website. Our goal is to make the site as relevant and useful for our Remsen community, but also for any visitors that may come to the site. As you are viewing the site, please let me know if you see anything that should be changed or have any ideas for further improvements to the site.

Aside from the items mentioned above, I am continuing to work on getting LEGOs and Drones into the hands of our students and we are looking for other opportunities for our students as well.

I am always here to help if needed. Please do not hesitate to reachout if you have a question or need anything.

Sincerely,

Gary Winghart

Mr. Gary Winghart
Technology Curriculum Coordinator



REMSEN JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL FIRST QUARTER HONOR ROLL CELEBRATION

HONOR ROLL

Nathan Amo	Alexis Petteys
Addison Battle	Chase Poczatek
Blake Carnright	Kole Poczatek
Josiah DeLand	Dominic Prentice
Angelina DelGuidice	Mikhael Samoshuk
Leah Doolen	Evelyn Shew
Marie Durdisova	Madison Spadaro
Morgan Gates	Tyler Stevens
Bryce Graves	Anthony Warner
Jia Guo	Tristan Warner
Matthew Helmer Jr.	Ciarra Wendell
Sara Hill	Hannah Winghart
Tanner Hill	Zachary Yousey
Tucker Hollenbeck	
Olivia Johnson	
Jaden Jordan	
Daniel Kaufman	
Ella LaFave	
Glen LaFave	
Jaiden Maher	
Brayton Mulligan	
Taylor Murphy	
Michael Nelson Jr.	
Connor Nelson	

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Sienna Aiken	Keara Hyde	Brygit Pruitt
Spencer Anderson	Trent Jenny	Jeweliet Pruitt
Jack Anken	Logan Johnson	Waylon Rapson
Shianne Austin	Dylan Jones	Wyatt Rapson
Natalie Barnard	Ethan Karis	Ashley Roberts
Anna Becker	Marissa Karis	Reese Rowlands
Greta Burdell	Cassidy Kerr	Ellie Secor
Erica Carnright	Jackson LaBella	Emily Shufelt
Jasmine Colón	Mason LaBella	Emmelia Smith
Grace Dalton	Olivia Lalyer	Evann Smith
Arynn Day	Alannah Lawlor	Skylar Smith
Jennah Day	Rachel Leska	Jacob Southwick
Shaylyn Dolly	Chloe Matt	Molly Southwick
Hayleigh Elliott	Chelsea McCauley	Emily Spatto
Tiarra Fox	Regan Meeker	Ella Staskoski
John Gates Jr.	Marissa Morris	Charles Treen-Goff
Hayden Graves	Lexxis Mosher	Abbie Tyson
Lacey Green	Shea Mundell	Colton Walker
Dylan Gutowski	Gavin Nelson	Lorelai Walker
Jayde Hammill	Madisyn Pett	Isabella Wilcox
Brooklyn Helmer	Ean Piaschyk	Jaedyn Wilcox
Chase Helmer	Owen Piaschyk	Makayla Wilcox
Kailyn Helmer	Cynthia Poczatek	Madison Wollaber
Morgan Horn	Madelyn Prosser	

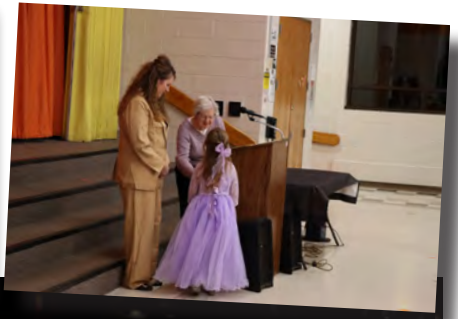
STUDENT OF THE QUARTER

Emmelia Smith	Brooklyn Helmer
Olivia Lalyer	Maddy Prosser
Alexander Carnright	Arynn Day
Isabella Wilcox	Wyatt Rapson
Makayla Wilcox	Ellie Secor
Gavin Nelson	Greta Burdell
Ean Piaschyk	Grace Dalton
Hayden Graves	Marissa Karis
Tristan Warner	Ellie Secor
Trent Jenny	Jeweliet Pruitt
Jackson LaBella	Marie Durdisova
Jacob Southwick	

MOST IMPROVED

Erica Carnright	Devin Smith
Emily Spatto	Brayden Walker
Tyler Stevens	Hunter Walls
Addison Battle	Ella LaFave
Nevaeh Yager	Emily Streator
Charles Treen-Goff	Lumakai Noga
Eva Newland	Andrew Becker
Rosalie Walker	Nate Amo
Hayden Graves	Ben Kaufman
Madelyn Prosser	Alannah Lawlor
Andrew Becker	Johnna Newland





QUARTER 1 EVENING OF EXCELLENCE

HONOR ROLL

LILLY BANKERT	JACKSON LAUREY
ETHAN BEHR	PEYTON MILLICK
JOSEPH BRINKERHOFF	VINCENT MONTEGARI
BRODY CAPLICKI	HALLIE MULLIGAN
EMMA CLAPPS	MCKENZIE MYERS
SYLAS DAVENPORT	SEAN NOLAN
WILLOW DELAND	ANDREW PETSCHAUER
MARK DUTCH	BRAYDEN ROMANOWSKI
NATHANIEL GATES	KARMA RUDD
TUCKER HILL	BLAIR SMITH
MADYSON HYDE	ELI SMITH
EVERLY KINIRY	CHASE ULTSCH
DANIEL KOZAK	CLAIRE WHALEY

HIGH HONOR ROLL

ADELINE BIRO
 TESSA BRONSON
 HOLLY DALTON
 ALEXANDRIA FLINT
 REAGAN HELMER
 JACKSON JENNY
 LAKEN KINIRY
 EMERSON LABELLA
 HENRY PUTNAM
 TUCKER SCOUTEN
 ELIZA SMITH
 EMILY SMITH
 COREY WHALEY

SCHOOL CITIZENSHIP AWARD

HADLEY IVES	ANDREW BANKERT
MASON SPADARO	MAXWELL SPADARO
HALLIE WELLS	SEAN NOLAN
REAGAN TOMAINO	ELIZA SMITH
OLIVER HATCH	DESTINY FARBER
MCKENNA TOMAINO	LILLY BANKERT
OLIVIA NOLAN	JAMESON BRAY
BRICEN ANKEN	GARRETT MIAZGA
ELIZABETH DUTCH	JEFFREY GEE

SOARING TO SUCCESS

IYLA STACY	AVONLEA SCOUTEN
AMIAH MOONEY	LEAH HOUCK
SAWYER SOUTHWICK	CHASE ULTSCH
NATALIE MUZIO	HALLIE MULLIGAN
WAYLON MCDONALD	CLAIRE WHALEY
JEMMA BURNS	EMMA FOX
HAYDEN WALLS	MARKUS STACY
EVALYN NOLAN	BRIANNA PETTEYS
TIMOTHY WINGHART	SLOANE HURLBUT

PARTICIPATION AND SPORTSMANSHIP

JOSIE DOOLEN
 FORREST LINKE

ART STAR AWARD

HALEY HUISING
 ADELINE BIRO

PERFORMANCE ARTS AWARD

LENNOX ADAMS
 ADELINE BIRO

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARD

EMMA DEMICHELE	CAITLIN BATTLE	COLE ROTACH
COREY WHALEY	HOLLY DALTON	TUCKER SCOUTEN

Pink Out

for the



Susan G.Komen Foundation



Our Fall athletic teams participated, once again this year, in “Pink Out” games/meets to support the Susan G. Komen Foundation and the fight against breast cancer. The Remsen Sports Boosters Club coordinated the Pink Out events for our Remsen student-athletes.



Thanks to our student athletes, coaches, the Remsen Sports Boosters, and our spectators, Remsen was able to raise \$1,500 to be donated to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Once again this year, the donation made by Remsen will be quadrupled!



Varsity Cross Country

Congratulations to our Cross Country Seniors; Natalie Barnard, Marie Durdisdova, Dylan Jones, Jaden Jordan, Haley Parker, and Ean Piaschyk.

Just before the start of the Cross County meet held at Remsen on Wednesday, October 16th, we took a moment to recognize and thank our seniors for their hard work and dedication to the Cross Country program.



Senior Nights



Girls' Varsity Soccer

Congratulations to Remsen Senior, Lorelai Walker.

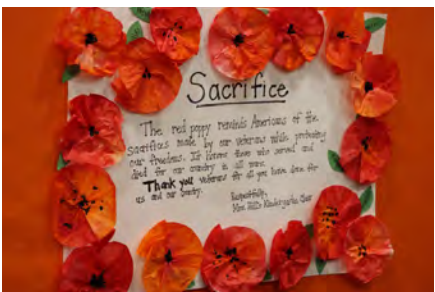
Before beginning the Girls Varsity Soccer game against Town of Webb on October 10th, both teams and all spectators present, took a moment to congratulate the senior players from both teams.





CELEBRATING OUR *Veterans*

On Thursday, November 7th, students in Pre-K through grade 12 performed at our Celebrating Our Veterans program. The special evening, dedicated to our veterans, included performances from our Pre-K through Grade 6 general music classes, the Elementary 5/6 Grade Band and Chorus, as well as our Jr./Sr. High band and chorus ensembles. During the evening, we also had three student speakers, a special guest conductor (Mr. Billard), and an opportunity for staff and community members to join in for the performance of "Armed Forces - The Pride of America". It was a very special evening, dedicated to some very special people.



Remsen Welcomes *Regent Mannion*

The staff and students of Remsen CSD welcomed Regent Patrick Mannion for a brief visit earlier today. Regent Mannion is a member of the NYS Board of Regents, representing the 5th Judicial District which includes the counties of Oneida, Jefferson, Herkimer, Onondaga, Lewis, and Oswego.

Regent Mannion began his visit in the Jr./Sr. High School where he was greeted by Principal Pelrah and a group of student ambassadors. After introductions, students led Regent Mannion to our Agriculture classroom to learn about our state-approved Agriculture CTE program as well as some of the neat things that our students are doing in FFA. Regent Mannion learned about some of the projects that our students have been working on, and he took a turn on the virtual welder. After visiting the Agriculture classroom, Regent Mannion stopped into our Family and Consumer Sciences classroom to learn about our state-approved Human Development CTE program.

After visiting the Jr./Sr. High school, Regent Mannion was escorted to the Elementary school where he was greeted by Principal Lamphere, Ms. Kistowski (and Easton), Mrs. Allen and a group of young student ambassadors. While in the Elementary school, Regent Mannion was treated to a readers theater presentation of the story Peanut Butter and Cupcake by our third grade classes.

We had a great visit with Regent Mannion and hope that he enjoyed his time with some of the staff and students of Remsen.

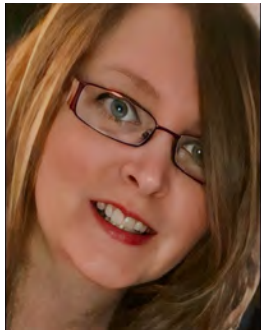
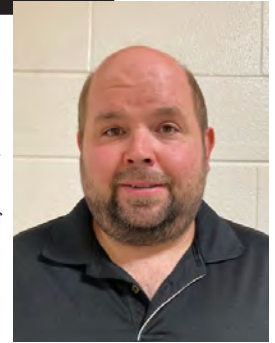
Thank you Regent Mannion for visiting Remsen!



WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

Mr. Benjamin Doty

Mr. Doty grew up in Blodgett Mills, a town just outside of McGraw. Upon graduating from McGraw Mr. Doty went to work in a body shop and then entered the construction field. In 2020 he moved up north and became the grounds manager in Old Forge. Mr. Doty lives on a golf course with his wife Holly and children Kyle, Maddy, and twin girls Kim and Sam. His family keeps him very busy! Outside of work, Mr. Doty plays a lot of golf and is the girls' jv basketball coach at Adirondack. Mr. Doty has also coached youth sports for over 10 years. We are excited to have Mr. Doty on the Remsen team as the grounds worker. Our campus looks great!



Mrs. Sherry Taylor

Mrs. Taylor is a dedicated certified teacher assistant with 16 years experience in the education field. She is skilled in student academics and behavior management techniques. Mrs. Taylor is a proud Remsen resident, mother of 3 with 2 grandchildren. Remsen is her Alma mater which is why she is excited to be joining the Remsen Central School District team.

Ms. Laura Roberts

Ms. Roberts has lived in Remsen all of her life. She graduated from Remsen in 2013. After high school she went on to MVCC and graduated with an associate degree in Human Services. Ms. Roberts has worked at Upstate Caring Partners for the past eight and a half years, most of that time as a Manager. Outside of work, she enjoys crafting, spending time with family, exploring new places, and spending time with her cat. She is very excited to be a part of the Remsen Central School team.



Mr. Justin Pietruch

Mr. Pietruch joined the Remsen Central School District on October 28th as the new Elementary School Music Teacher. After growing up in Marcy, New York, he moved to Rochester where he earned a bachelor's in Music Education from Roberts Wesleyan College in 2011.

His most recent position was at Sanford Middle School where he taught General Music and Chorus. Outside of school, Mr. Pietruch enjoys spending time exploring nature with his daughter, playing board games with his family, and taking his dogs on hikes. Mr. Pietruch is excited to be a part of the Remsen Central School District community.

Mr. Joe Bessmer

Mr. Joe Bessmer grew up in Remsen and has worked in construction his whole career. He has been a superintendent with Rifenburg companies since 2016. Mr. Bessmer resides in Remsen with his wife Katie, and their two kids, Beau and Lydia. Joe is excited to work in the place that he calls home. Outside of work he loves to spend time with his family, being outside, doing jobs around the house, working in the garden, and going up to Piseco Lake on the weekends.

Mr. Bessmer began as our Head of Facilities/Senior Custodian on Monday, October 28, 2024. We are excited to have him as part of the Remsen team!



Mrs. Abigail Roberts

Mrs. Roberts was born and raised in Remsen. After graduating from Remsen, she went on to gain a wide range of work experience; starting in the medical field as a care attendant, then serving as a unit secretary, and most recently, working at the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL-Rome Labs) as a Management Assistant. Mrs. Roberts resides in Remsen with her husband Kurtis and two children Kolton and Nora. Outside of work she enjoys spending time with her family, camping, boating, or doing just about anything outdoors.

Elementary *Family Night*



Our first Elementary Family Night of the school year took place on Wednesday, October 9th, at 6:00 PM. Families were invited to come to the elementary school for an evening of fun and learning.

The evening began with a pizza and salad dinner, followed by a session for parents and one for students. The focus for the evening was on coping strategies. While parents learned about coping strategies, students created calming jars and talked about using their breathing to help calm themselves. After the sessions, families enjoyed a bit of board game fun together.

We would like to thank the folks at Cornell Cooperative Extension for their partnership in making these fun family nights possible.

If you were unable to attend the family night last evening, don't worry, there will be others throughout the school year.



Remsen Elementary *Soaring Students of the Month*

OCTOBER

Avery Dineen
Winston Plete
Joanna Kasprowicz
Carrick Strong
Jameson Leary
Liam Shew
Natalia Hrim
Luke Meeker
Linken Phillips
Carsen Bronson
Kalessi Felshaw
Laken Kiniry
Vincent Montegari
Cecelia French
McKenzie Myers
Brody Caplicki

NOVEMBER

Charlie Stanek
Alex Hudyncia
Sloane Hurlbut
Jasmine Horstman
Lennox Adams
Waylon McDonald
Paisley Kimsy
Josie Doolen
Timothy Winghart
Haley Husing
Annabelle Wilcox
Jackson Jenny
Emily Smith
Jayden Rios
Jameson Bray
Denver Walker

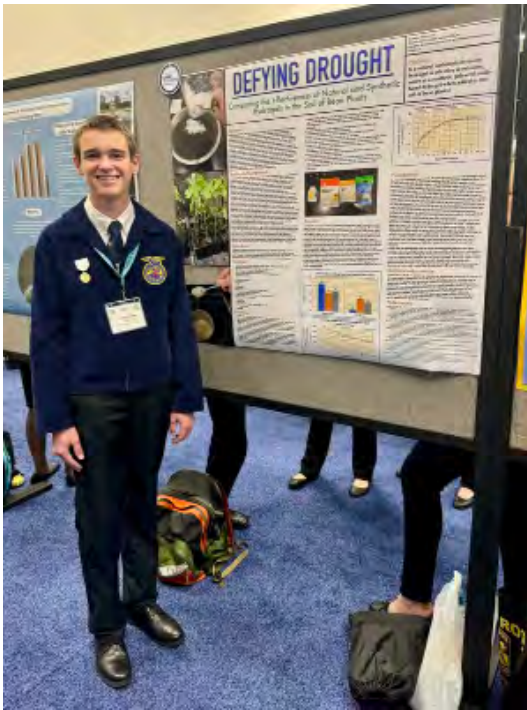
DECEMBER

William Pett
Tayah Doolen
Isaiah Gilbert
Scarlett Porter
Jane Quinn
Sarah Winghart
Buck Hawkins
Jeremy Kasprowicz
Zoey DeMala
Kalen Pouliot
David Barrett
Adrian Smith
Markus Stacy
Presley Stooks
Brayden Romanowski
Gianna Ferguson

RAM TICKET DRAWING



Our first Ram Ticket Drawing was held at the end of our first marking period. Each winner received a \$25 gift card. Congratulations!



Trent Jenny, a member of the Remsen FFA chapter, achieved an impressive milestone at the 97th National FFA Convention by placing 3rd in Division 1 of the Environmental and Natural Resources Category at the National FFA Agriscience Fair. Trent qualified for this event by placing 1st at the New York FFA Convention. His project, which compared natural and synthetic hydrogels for agricultural use, highlighted his innovative approach to modern farming challenges.

Trent's research focused on hydrogels—substances that can absorb and hold water, helping to keep soil moist. By studying both natural and synthetic hydrogels, he aimed to find out which type worked better for supporting crop growth and minimizing environmental impact. This research is increasingly important as farmers look for sustainable solutions to improve productivity in changing climate conditions.

Trent's achievements were recognized nationally, and he was awarded a \$500 scholarship to support his future studies.

Agriscience plays a crucial role in the future of farming by blending scientific research with agricultural practices. Trent's project is a great example of how young people can contribute to

advancements in agriculture. By participating in the Agriscience Fair, he joins a community of innovators eager to tackle pressing agricultural issues.

Trent Jenny's success is a proud moment for the Remsen FFA chapter and serves as an inspiration to fellow members. He was also congratulated by the New York State Commissioner of Agriculture Richard Ball on his exciting achievement.

Congratulations
Trent Jenny





Focus on Fire Safety

On Friday, September 20th, students in the elementary school were visited by Mr. Tom McDonald to learn about fire safety. Two presentations were given, one to students in grades pre-k through three and one to students in grades four through six.

After learning a bit about the equipment that is used to fight fires, students were reminded of the importance of being aware of potentially dangerous situations and to tell an adult if they see something that might lead to a fire. Students were also reminded to have a plan, just like we do at school, of how to get out of their homes in the event of a fire and where to meet to ensure that everyone is safe.

After the presentations, students received resources to take home that included some of the reminders that they learned about during the fire safety sessions.

Thank you to Mr. McDonald and the Remsen Fire Department for the fire safety presentations and for all that you do for Remsen.

YWCA Presentations



On Wednesday, October 16th, Mrs. Tracy Stancato from the YWCA came to the elementary school to speak with our 4th, 5th, and 6th graders about healthy relationships. Mrs. Stancato used materials from the One Love Workshop for the presentation. The focus of the One Love workshop is to “inspire young people to recognize and talk about an issue that affects everyone [relationships].

During the brief presentations, students were taught how to identify healthy and unhealthy behavior in a relationship and discussed how they could respond when they see the signs of an unhealthy relationship in their or their friends’ lives.

On Wednesday, November 6th, Mrs. Tracy Stancato from the YWCA came to the Jr./Sr. High School to speak with our students about bullying and its effects on our mental, physical and emotional health. During the presentation they discussed what different types of bullying look like, how and why bullying takes place and also how students can participate in reporting and preventing bullying behavior.



Mrs. Izzo's Spanish classes, along with members of the International Club, recently completed a service project. All students in their 7th grade year, complete a unit on recycling and turning trash into something beautiful, usable, and sustainable.

This year, the students took bags of styrofoam piping that was used to protect the legs of our new student desks and turned them into stunning Christmas tree ornaments.

The ornaments were delivered to Sunset Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Boonville, NY. The pictures included show the original bags of styrofoam, the students working on the ornaments, and the completed ornaments.

Over 100 pieces of styrofoam were saved from the landfill and turned into over 100 ornaments.



In the *Classroom* *just a glimpse of some of the great things going on at Remsen*



In Home and Careers class, students participated in Family and Consumer Sciences Literacy (FACS) Week.

Students read the story, "Made by Maxine," written by Ruth Spiro. The story contains a lesson about sustainability, telling the story of a child who loves to make new things from old things.

After reading the story, students discussed what is recyclable and ranked materials in order of how long they thought it would take for them to decompose. Students then evaluated their own lunches and determined how much garbage they were producing and then discussed various ways that they might be able to reduce their waste.

Lonny Eagleton from black veil brides came and talked to Pre K and told them all about what it's like to tour the world and play on stage in a band. He also sang them a couple songs, showed them his favorite guitar, and talked about how important it is to learn skills such as reading and writing. They absolutely loved it and are so excited they got to talk to a real rockstar!



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 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.



The Remsen boys cross country team finished their season at the NYSPHSAA State Cross Country Championship meet at Queensbury with an impressive second place finish behind Port Jefferson of Section 11. While representing Section 3, the Remsen team was an integral part of Section 3's first place finish in sectional competition.

The team was once again led by standout senior Ean Piaschyk who placed 12th overall with a time of 16:36.1. Juniors, Gavin Nelson (32nd, 17:12), Ethan Karis (34th, 17:14), Burke Gates (41st, 17:26.4) and Johnathan Dickenson (73rd, 18:25.1) all finished in the top 75 for the Remsen Rams. Also contributing was senior Dylan Jones and Freshman Connor Nelson.

This team is the first boys cross country team to advance to the state championships. They did a tremendous job all season representing our school and section. Coaches, families and fans of cross country were treated to an unforgettable season this year. Thank you to each member of the cross country team: Johnathan Dickenson, Burke Gates, Dylan Jones, Jaden Jordan, Ethan Karis, Connor Nelson, Gavin Nelson, Ean Piaschyk, and Owen Piaschyk.

Congratulations!

Varsity Boys' Cross Country

NYS Fuel Up Food Expo



On Wednesday, October 16th, the American Dairy Association North East, hosted the first ever Fuel Up Food Expo at the SRC Arena on the Onondaga Community College Campus. Students were invited to attend by our Director of Shared Food Services, Kate Dorr, who is also a registered dietitian nutritionist. Mrs. Obernesser and Mrs. Piaschyk brought 13 students in grades 5 through 9 to attend, along with our cafeteria manager, Robin Polovick.



Students were able to taste test and rate a variety of lunch items. Meal items included; Sriracha Chicken Salad, Breakfast Pizza, Drinkable Yogurt, Tikki Masla, and many more.

Fuel Up is an initiative focused on helping educators and students fuel wellness in the areas that matter most, like being mindful and staying healthy.

School and Business Alliance

Breakfast



On Friday, December 6th, six Remsen seniors joined our School Counselor, Mrs. Dineen, Principal Pelrah, and Superintendent, Mr. Jenny, for the 19th Annual, School and Business Alliance (SABA) Breakfast. The SABA breakfast brings students and leaders from area schools together with business and industry leaders from the local community. This year there were students from OHM BOCES, Clinton, Holland Patent, New York Mills, Oriskany, Remsen, Utica, Vernon-Verona-Sherrill, Waterville, Westmoreland and Whitesboro that attended the event with over 200 members from the business community. Our students had the opportunity to network with leaders during the breakfast and to hear from guest speaker, Alicia Dicks, President and CEO of The Community Foundation of Herkimer & Oneida Counties.




PRE-KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 4 HOLIDAY CONCERT

The elementary music program hosted the Pre-K through grade 4, Holiday concert on Wednesday, December 11, at 6:30 PM. The festive holiday event took place in the Jr./Sr. high gymnasium. Before the concert began, a small group of students, staff, and community members treated the audience to a selection of festive holiday music to help create a warm holiday atmosphere. During the program, each grade performed a special holiday piece that they had been working on for their families and friends to enjoy. The program for the evening include special student readings focused on the meaning of Christmas and the joys of the holidays. At the end of the concert, a very special guest, Mr. Santa Claus himself, made an appearance in order to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. Following the concert, guests were treated to hot chocolate and candy canes.





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