

# HART'S HILL HIGHLIGHTS

January-February 2025

Happy New Year and welcome to 2025! I hope this message finds you and your families healthy and in good spirits. I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and were able to spend time with your families and loved ones. It's hard to believe that we are approaching the half-way mark on the 2024-2025 school year. I'm amazed at how fast time flies, both personally and professionally.

As I've mentioned before, I am incredibly proud of the hard work our teachers and students put in every single day. I love visiting each classroom and seeing all the wonderful work they complete! I hope you too enjoy seeing the work they come home with! At home, please continue to emphasize the importance of working hard in school, demonstrating good listening skills, and being safe, responsible, and respectful students. It helps support our strong school-home connection.

Looking ahead, we're entering the heart of the instructional year! Over the next two months, teachers will be working diligently to challenge our students and make significant strides in their curriculum. Additionally, the second trimester will conclude on March 21, 2025. Should you have any questions regarding the newly adopted Standards-Based Report Card, please don't hesitate to reach out.

I would also like to thank the Hart's Hill Elementary PTO for their hard work and dedication to the building. We have been fortunate to have the full support of the PTO and move forward with many new events, ideas, and initiatives. Highlighted in this newsletter are just a few new events/initiatives for the 2024- 2025 school year such as "Stories with Santa" and the purchase of a "Sensory Path" for our students to utilize.

I am looking forward to an exciting new year and continuing to challenge students to be the best version of themselves. Again, Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

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# HART'S HILL NEWS

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## January 2025 Important Events / Dates

- 1.13.25 - Hart's Hill PTO Meeting: 6:00pm Library
- 1.20.25 - MLK Jr. Day: NO SCHOOL
- 1.28.25 - Kindergarten Registration: 9:00am - 5:00pm
- 1.29.25 - Lunar New Year: NO SCHOOL

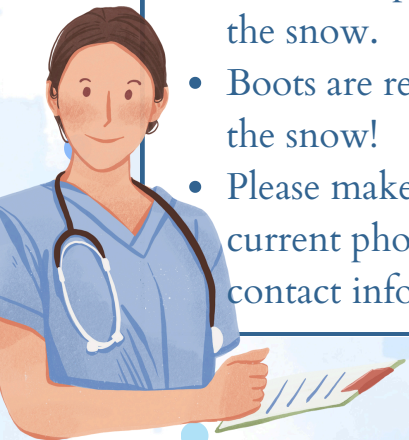


## February 2025 Important Events/ Dates

- 2.2.25 - Groundhog Day
- 2.4.25 - BOE Meeting @ Hart's Hill Elementary 7:00pm
- 2.10.25 - Hart's Hill PTO Meeting: 6:00 pm Library
- 2.11.25 - Grade 4 Beginning Orchestra/ Band Concert @ Hart's Hill Elementary
- 2.17.25 - 2.21.25 - MID - WINTER RECESS - NO SCHOOL

## Nurse Updates

- Please contact the school nurse/secretary if your child is ill or out of school for the day
- Please continue to send in updated physicals
- Please keep a change of clothes in your child's backpack for spills or if their clothing gets wet while playing outside in the snow.
- Boots are required to play in the snow!
- Please make sure we have your current phone number / contact information



## Main Office Updates

- If you are bringing in items for your child, please be sure that the items are labeled with the child's name and teacher/ This is very important so that the items arrive to their proper destination.
- Students are OUTSIDE every chance we get - please make sure students are coming to school with winter clothing (jacket, gloves, boots, hat).

**INSIDE DAY - WINDCHILL**  
**BELOW 20 DEGREES**



# CUPID KINDNESS BAGS

THE HART'S HILL SCHOOL COMMUNITY IS MAKING KINDNESS BAGS FOR INDIVIDUALS AT THE HOPE HOUSE. OUR GOAL IS TO MAKE 100 BAGS FOR ADULT MEN AND WOMEN IN NEED. EACH GRADE LEVEL HAS BEEN ASSIGNED A DIFFERENT ITEM TO PLACE IN THE BAG. FOR TOILETARY ITEMS, PLEASE BRING IN FULL SIZE GOODS. EVERY STUDENT IS ASKED TO PLEASE BRING IN ONE OR TWO OF THEIR ASSIGNED ITEMS.

KINDERGARTEN- TOOTHPASTE AND TOOTHBRUSHES

FIRST GRADE - HAND LOTION

SECOND GRADE - ADULT GLOVES OR MITTENS

THIRD GRADE - ADULT WINTER SCARVES

FOURTH GRADE - ADULT WINTER HATS

FIFTH GRADE - SHAMPOO

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED ITEMS, WE NEED TO COLLECT SOCKS, PACKAGES OF CRACKERS OR COOKIES, AND CHAPSTICK!

PLEASE KINDLY RETURN ITEMS TO SCHOOL BY WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN SHOWING LOVE AND KINDNESS!

# GIRLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION READS TO HART'S HILL STUDENTS

On January 9, female athletes from the High School Girls' Athletic Association (GAA) took time out of their busy schedules to visit Hart's Hill Elementary and read to students. It was an exciting and interactive afternoon, where Hart's Hill students had the opportunity to ask female student-athletes questions about school, sports, and the importance of trying your best, putting forth maximum effort and never giving up.

The high school students shared valuable insights on maintaining good grades, volunteering, and how participating in clubs helps build lasting friendships. Hart's Hill students thoroughly enjoyed the event and loved spending time and chatting with their older Whitesboro HS role models.

A big thank you to all the members of the GAA for dedicating their time to the Hart's Hill students - we truly appreciated it!

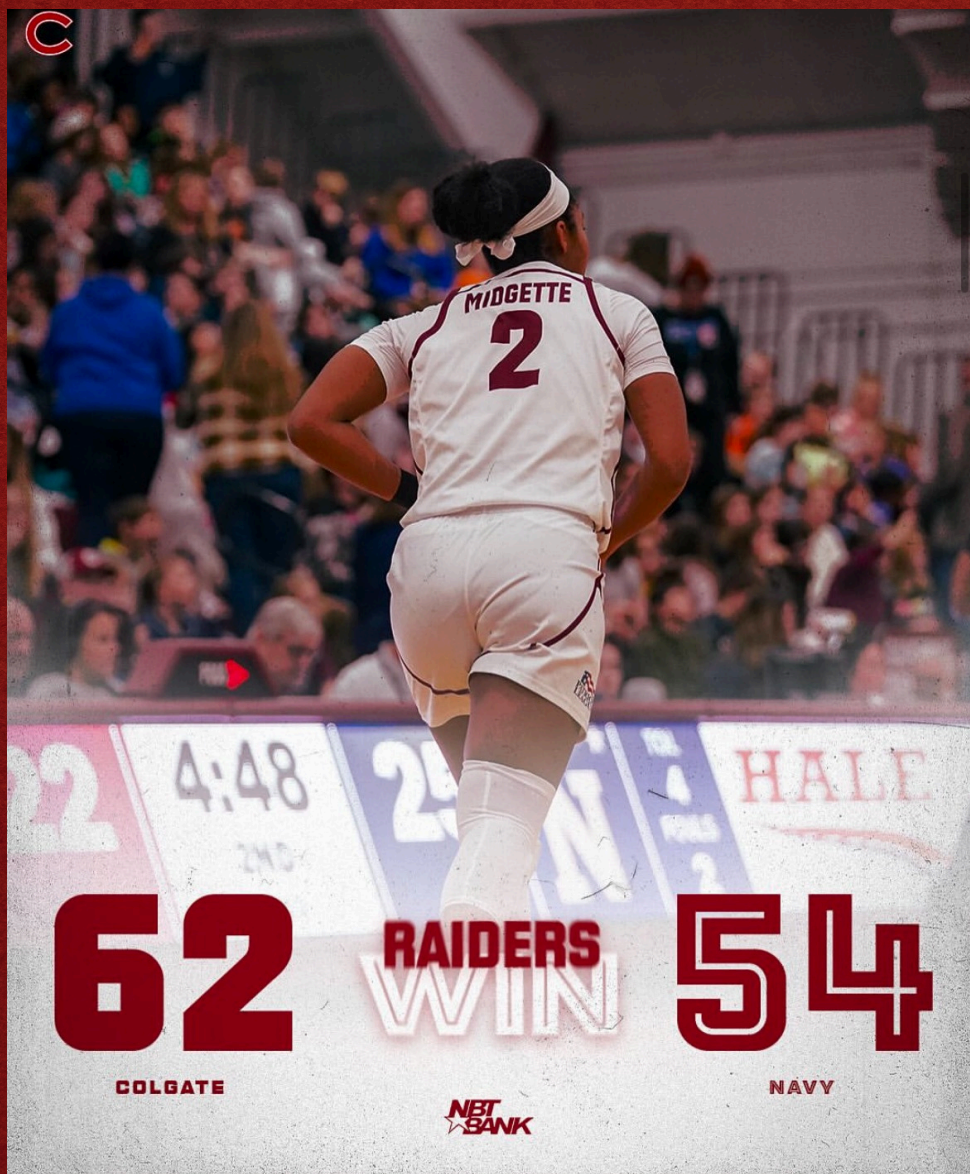




# COLGATE RAIDERS

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

On January 15, 2025, the Hart's Hill Fifth Grade classes traveled to Colgate University to watch the Raiders Women Basketball team take on Navy for the 2025 Kids Day Game! A fantastic event for our students to experience on a University campus!





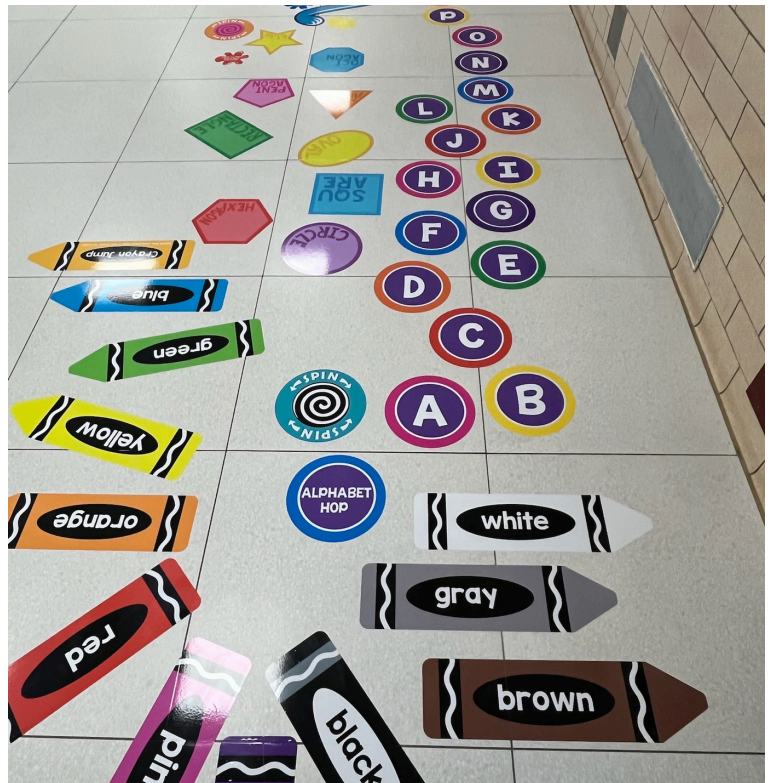
# Hart's Hill Adds Sensory Path

## OUR NEW SENSORY PATH!

Over the holiday break, Mr. Adams (head custodian), Mrs. Farr, and myself were able to install our new Sensory Path.

A Sensory Path is a decal system that is designed to transform a school space into a child friendly, thematic, and safe area for movement which provides appropriate proprioceptive and vestibular sensory input to help decrease sensory seeking behaviors and increase cognitive function.

Thank you to our Hart's Hill PTO for funding this initiative and bringing this to our building. It adds another support/resource for our students to enjoy and learn! Students have loved the addition of it!





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# STORIES WITH SANTA SUCCESS



On December 7, Hart's Hill Elementary School hosted its Stories with Santa event, bringing holiday cheer to the entire community. Students and their families had the special opportunity to sit down with Mr. and Mrs. Claus. They delighted young listeners by reading a few holiday stories to students in grades K-2 and 3-5.

Following story time, families enjoyed the chance to create memories by taking pictures with Mr. and Mrs. Claus. Afterward, students and families took part in a variety of holiday-themed activities, including crafts, ornament making and cookie decorating, all while sipping some hot chocolate with marshmallows.

The event also supported the local community with the Stuff the Bus toy drive, giving students and families had the opportunity to bring in a toy to support students and families in need. Thank you to our wonderful, hardworking fifth grade teachers for organizing the event and all the teachers and staff members that volunteered their time to make it truly special for our students. Thank you to the Hart's Hill PTO for sponsoring and purchasing many of the decorations.

It was a wonderful turnout and family fun was had by all. Happy holidays from Hart's Hill Elementary School!








On December 18th, The Grinch visited Hart's Hill and caused quite the stir! Fortunately, SPO Office Clay was able to capture him... but not before he was observed teasing students with his mischievous behavior!











# The Grinch!





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2 — Winter Recess —	3	4
5	6  <i>DAY 1</i>	7 <i>BOE Mtg. Marcy, 7 PM</i>  <i>DAY 2</i>	8  <i>DAY 3</i>	9  <i>DAY 4</i>	10  <i>DAY 5</i>	11
12	13 <i>PTO Mtg. 6pm</i>  <i>DAY 6</i>	14  <i>DAY 1</i>	15  <i>DAY 2</i>	16  <i>DAY 3</i>	17  <i>DAY 4</i>	18
19	20 <i>NO SCHOOL— Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</i>	21  <i>DAY 5</i>	22  <i>DAY 6</i>	23  <i>DAY 1</i>	24  <i>DAY 2</i>	25
26	27  <i>DAY 3</i>	28 <i>Hart's Hill Kindergarten Registration</i> <i>DAY 4</i>	29 <i>NO SCHOOL— Lunar New Year</i>	30  <i>DAY 5</i>	31  <i>DAY 6</i>	



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2 Groundhog Day	3  DAY 1	4 BOE Mtg. Hart's Hill, 7 PM DAY 2	5  DAY 3	6  DAY 4	7  DAY 5	8
9	10 PTO Mtg. 6pm DAY 6	11 Beginning, Orchestra/ Band Concert 6pm DAY 1	12  DAY 2	13  DAY 3	14  DAY 4	15
16	17 Presidents' Day	18	19	20	21	22
— MID-WINTER RECESS —						
23	24  DAY 5	25  DAY 6	26  DAY 1	27  DAY 2	28  DAY 3	
						





### JANUARY EVENTS:

- 1/28/2025 - HART'S HILL KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION
- 1/29/2025 - LUNAR NEW YEAR - NO SCHOOL

### FEBRUARY EVENTS:

- 2/4/2025 - BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING @ HART'S HILL - 7PM
- 2/11/2025 - BEGINNING ORCHESTRA/BAND CONCERT @ HART'S HILL - 6PM
- 2/17/2025 - 2/21/2025 - MID-WINTER RECESS - NO SCHOOL