



# HART'S HILL HIGHLIGHTS

March – April 2025

Hart's Hill Elementary Community,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family happy, healthy, and ready for Spring! This winter has surely been one to remember. As I reflect on the first two months of 2025, I am again amazed at the wonderful work students continue to complete. I truly can't believe that we are approaching March and April! Spring will be here before we know it.

We continue to work tremendously hard here at Hart's Hill. Teachers and staff have completed wonderful projects and the halls have been filled with student's hard work. From our classroom projects, building initiatives, most recent classroom celebrations, and parental engagement opportunities; our building continues to balance the implementation of a strong academic program while supporting the social-emotional needs of our students.

Looking ahead, our second trimester will be concluding on March 21, 2025. Report cards will be sent home on March 28, 2025. Teachers have done an excellent job challenging students over the past 13 weeks. I have seen significant growth across the building in all grade levels! Please continue to reinforce the skills that are taught here at school at home as well!

Lastly, we are quickly approaching NYS ELA and Math (Science 5) assessments for grades 3–5. I highly encourage all students in those respective grades to take the assessments. Participation in these assessments is a crucial piece of data that the State reviews. It also ensures that we as a building have multiple measures of data to review to make informed instructional decisions! Additional information will be sent home.

Sincerely,  
*Luke Manolescu*

Mr. Manolescu  
Building Principal

## Contact Info

**Email:** [Imanolescu@wboro.org](mailto:Imanolescu@wboro.org)

**Phone:** 315-266-3430



# HART'S HILL NEWS

March – April 2025

## Main Office Reminders

### Parent Drop-Off

Please be advised that parent drop off in the morning at the gym doors is between 9:10 and 9:20. After 9:20, you will have to park and walk your child to the main office. The school day begins at 9:20 each morning.

If your child is late, a note will be required at the main office and a reason for the late arrival. If you are picking your child up for an appointment please be sure to always have photo identification.

### Outside Recess/ Lost and Found

Students are outside nearly everyday for recess. Please be certain children wear appropriate clothing during winter months. This includes winter boots, gloves/mittens, hats, winter jackets, and snow pants. Please label all items with your child's name so that we can return them to the proper owner when they get misplaced.

There is a lost and found box in the hallway near the office. If your child is missing an item encourage them to check here for it. A parent-square message was sent out with pictures of lost and found items!

## Upcoming March Events

- |      |                                      |
|------|--------------------------------------|
| 3/10 | PTO Meeting 6 PM                     |
| 3/11 | Board of Education Meeting 7 PM      |
| 3/14 | Superintendent's Conf. Day—No School |
| 3/17 | St. Patrick's Day                    |
| 3/25 | Board of Education Meeting 7 PM      |
| 3/26 | Kindergarten Readiness Night 6-7PM   |

## Upcoming April Events

- |          |                                   |
|----------|-----------------------------------|
| 4/8,9    | NYS ELA Assessments Grades 3/4/5  |
| 4/14     | PTO Meeting 6 PM                  |
| 4/15     | Board of Education Meeting 7 PM   |
| 4/18     | Good Friday—No School             |
| 4/21-25  | Spring Recess—No School           |
| 4/30,5/1 | NYS Math Assessments Grades 3/4/5 |

**APRIL SHOWERS**  
Bring  
**MAY FLOWERS**

The page is decorated with a light blue background featuring a watercolor-style floral and insect border. On the left, there are green leaves, yellow flowers, and a ladybug. On the right, there are green leaves, yellow flowers, and a ladybug. At the bottom left, there are blue flowers. Small blue circles are scattered throughout the background.

# HART'S HILL NEWS

March - April 2025

## Nurse's Office Reminders

### Physicals

Thank you to all who have sent in physicals! I am nearing the homestretch in meeting this NY State requirement! Please continue to send in a copy of your child's physical every year so I can keep their health record current.

The phone numbers are as follows to report illnesses:

#### **Mrs. Jill Bauernfeind, BSN, RN**

—School Nurse—

315-266-3434

[jbauernfeind@wboro.org](mailto:jbauernfeind@wboro.org)

#### **Mrs. Karen Farr**

—Secretary—

315-266-3430

[kfarr@wboro.org](mailto:kfarr@wboro.org)



### Dates:

March 3, 2025 - April 12, 2025

# D.E.A.R. INITIATIVE

### Information:

D.E.A.R. stands for drop everything and read. During this initiative, students will identify a book at their respective independent reading levels. For the duration of D.E.A.R., students will carry their book with them wherever they go in the building. More information to come! *Outside recess will be the only exception.*

### Goal:

To read 90 minutes (1.5 hours) independently in school.  
*Blocks of 5-8 minute independent reads leading up to blocks of 10 minute independent reads.*

### Student Expectations:

Mr. Manolescu will meet with all students during their lunches to explain the D.E.A.R. process. He will review expectations and our building goal. Mr. Manolescu will also explain how each student has the opportunity to earn a "reading buck" which can be used for a \$5.00 discount at the Spring Scholastic Book Fair at Hart's Hill!



## D.E.A.R.

DR0P Everything And Read!

1. Book is ready. You have already chosen your Just Right book
2. Find a quiet spot to read. Stay put! No bathroom. No Drinks.
3. Get started right away. Eyes on words. Read the whole time.
4. No distractions. Build Stamina.
5. Yes! Read!

DROP EVERYTHING AND READ!  
**D.E.A.R.**





# Kindergarten

## Parent Information Night



On March 26, 2025, parents of incoming Kindergarten students are welcome to join Hart's Hill Elementary teachers, staff, and administration for an informational presentation on Kindergarten expectations, procedures, and pertinent school information for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year.

Mr. Manolescu, building principal, will share an informational presentation with parents. Parents will then have the opportunity to circulate the gymnasium to visit various "booths" that will focus on aspects of the Kindergarten year (academics/ instruction, behavior/ social-emotional play, schedules, related services, nurses office/main office, etc) . This will help parents gain a better understanding of what to expect for the upcoming school year while also maintaining an informal no pressure atmosphere.

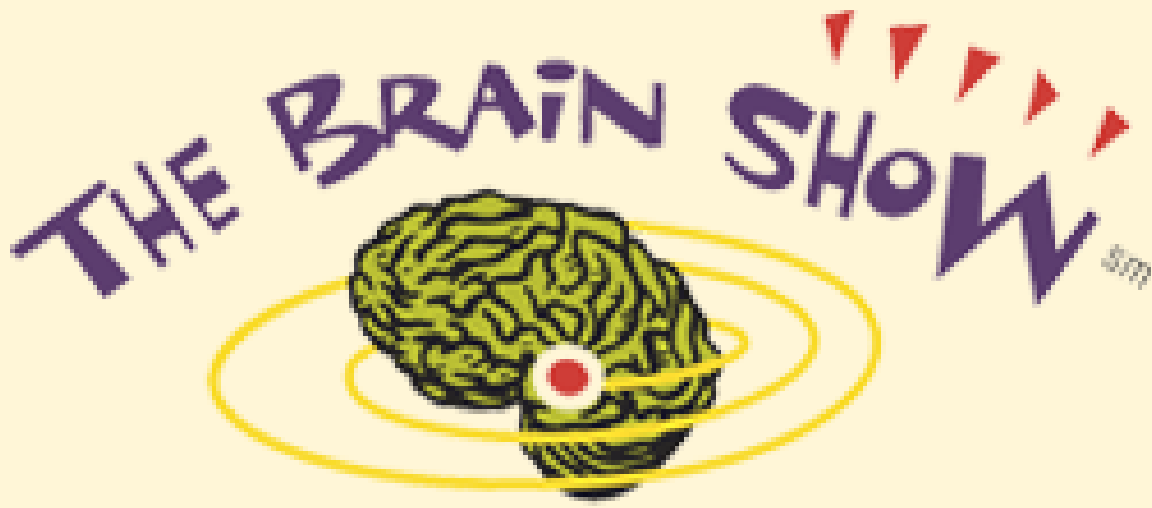
The format this year will be a little different than in years past. Incoming kindergarten students are more than welcome, but this night will be primarily for parents to meet staff, circulate informational tables, receive resources, and ask staff questions. Incoming Kindergarten students will have opportunities to come to Hart's Hill Elementary during their Kindergarten Screening dates on May 21-22. Additionally, we will be looking to update our "Popsicles on the Playground" event (usually held in August) prior to school for incoming Kindergarten students. These events will focus more on allowing students to familiarize themselves with their peers, the school environment, and their teachers/staff.

**Schedule:** March 26, 2025

**Time:** 6:00 – 7:00pm

**Location:** Hart's Hill Elementary Cafeteria/ Gymnasium





**TheBrainShow.com**

**March 19, 2025!**

K-2 Assembly

3-5 Assembly

The Brain Show is a great way to celebrate education and to communicate to children that learning can be cool and fun. The Brain Show is an engaging school assembly show because it presents an entertaining, yet educational platform to involve the students, as well as their teachers.

The Brain Shows has the authentic look and feel of a real live TV game show complete with colorful podiums that feature computerized lights and sounds. It really excites the kids and motivates them to participate and interact as a team! We are very excited here at Hart's Hill!

Educational questions, submitted by your teachers, are incorporated into the game show to test students on topics they have recently covered!

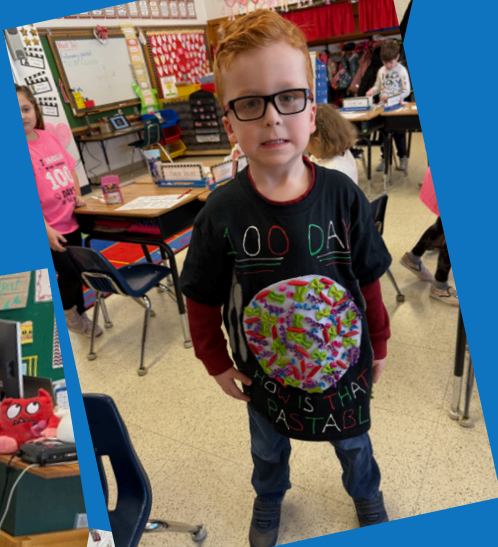
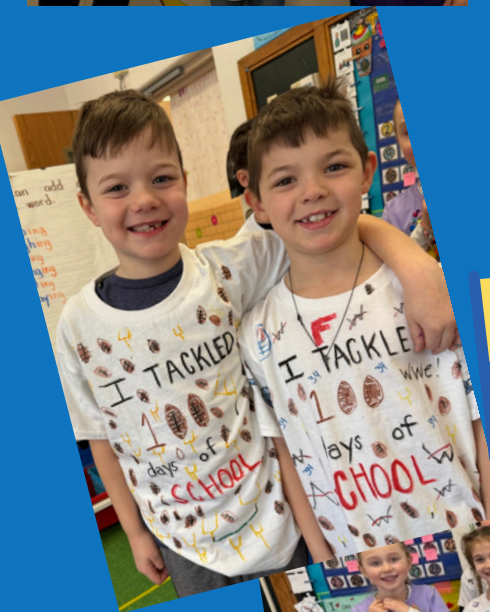
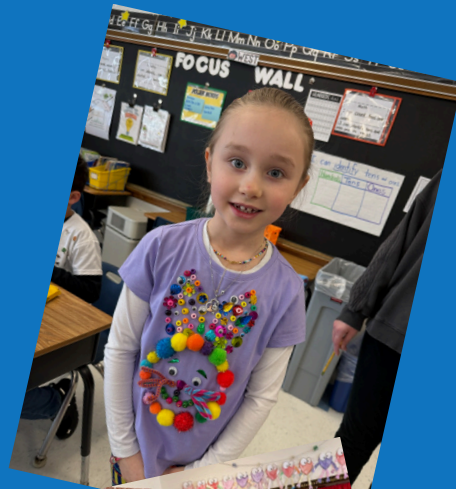
Thank you to the Hart's Hill Elementary PTO for covering the cost and bringing another great opportunity to our building!





# 100 DAYS of SCHOOL flew by

100



100



100

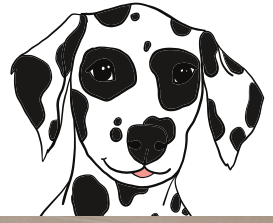




# GRADE 2 CELEBRATES 101 DAYS OF SCHOOL



## “DALMATIAN DAY”





# TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM



## GRADE 3 LEADS THE WAY



### **RAISING BROOK TROUT: LIFE-CYCLE OF A TROUT, TROUT HABITAT, AND WATER SCIENCE!**

Grade 3 classroom teachers will be guiding students while they learn about the life-cycle of a Brook Trout. Students will be: feeding their fish, monitoring pH levels, nitrate and ammonia levels, recording water temperature, documenting growth, and maintain observational records. Students will record their data and work together to raise healthy fish! This initiative offers a wonderful hands-on learning opportunity.

### **RELEASING OUR BROOK TROUT!**

Our ultimate goal is to participate in a field trip to a locally identified stream, in collaboration with the DEC (Department of Environmental Conservation), where we will release the fish into a local stream and learn about river ecosystems.



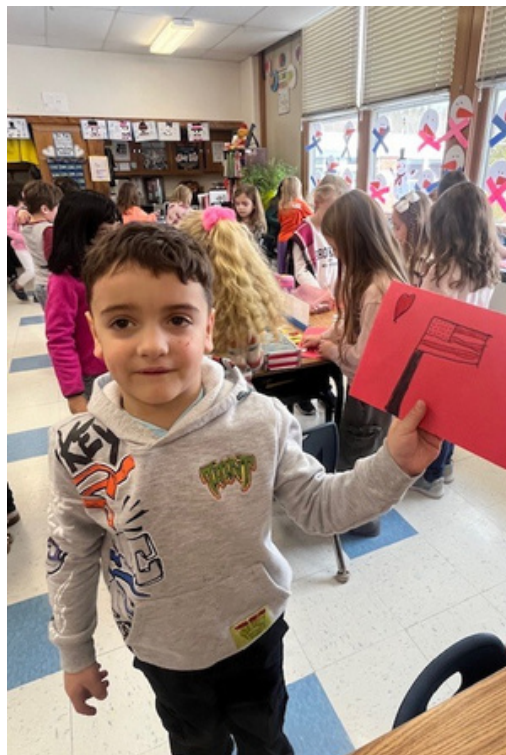
# Valentine's Cards for Veteran's



First graders at Hart's Hill worked hard to decorate Valentine's Day cards for Veterans. In collaboration with Assemblywoman Marianne Buttenschoen's office, students at Hart's Hill decorated Valentine's Day cards to cheer up our local Veterans.

Below is a message from Assemblywoman Buttenschoen:

"I hope this message finds you well. The beautiful cards created by your students were distributed to local American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts, nursing homes, and various veteran community events throughout the NY 119th Assembly District. These cards brought genuine warmth and joy to the veterans who received them, leaving a lasting impact they will cherish. Thank you once again for your heartfelt participation and for making such a difference in our community."





# Kindness Bags

HART'S HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

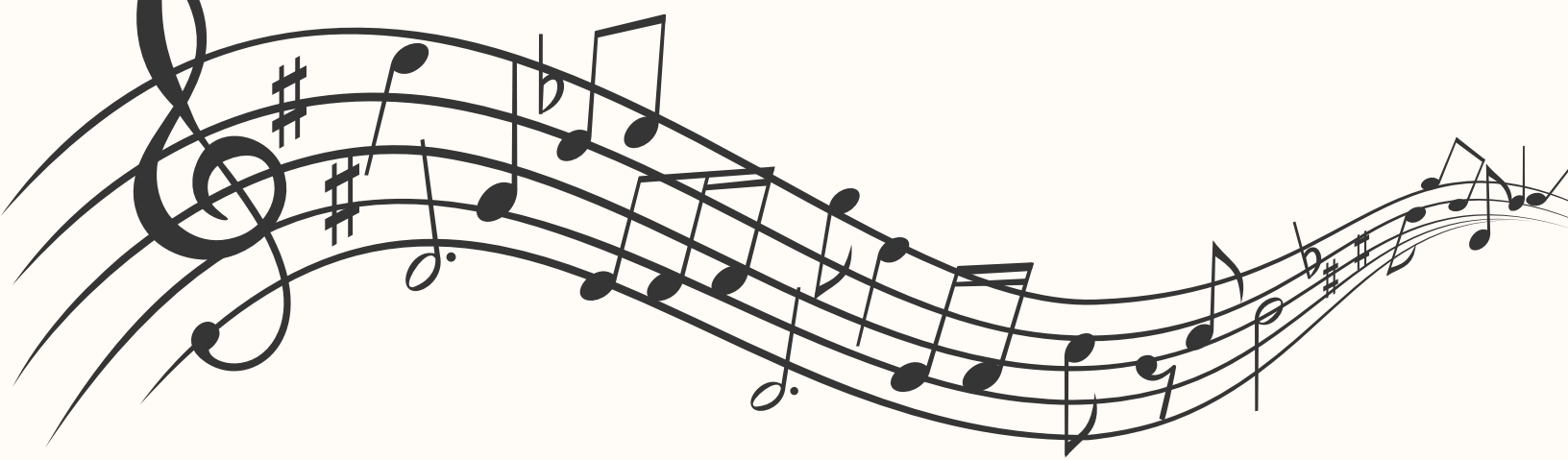
FEBRUARY 2025

## HART'S HILL DONATES 80+ KINDNESS BAGS TO HOPE HOUSE



Thank you parents for your contributions to help Hart's Hill donate over 80 Kindness bags to men and women at the Hope House in Utica, NY. Thank you to the New Hartford Hannaford for their donation of reusable bags. Additionally, thank you to Mrs. Ryan and Ms. Castano for their time and effort putting the bags together and dropping them off to the Hope House.





# March is “Music In Our Schools” Month

## **Band, Chorus, Orchestra - Spring Concert**

March is the National “Music in Our Schools” month where schools across America celebrate music in the public schools. Our Hart’s Hill music students are having a great music year beginning with our Holiday Concert in December and our Beginner’s Concert in February. Orchestra, Band, and Chorus students began lessons and ensembles in September and we are pleased with the progress all music students are making. Our Spring Concert will be held on Monday, May 12, 2025 at 6:30 PM in the Whitesboro Middle School Auditorium. Please be sure to mark your calendars for this special concert.

## **“Alice in Wonderland” - High School Musical**

Whitesboro Middle School is presenting the musical, Alice in Wonderland, on Friday, March 7 at 7 PM and Saturday, March 8 at 2 PM in the Middle School Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 general admission, and are available for purchase via the online box office link on the Whitesboro District Homepage ([www.wboro.org](http://www.wboro.org)). Hart’s Hill 4th and 5th graders will attend a preview of the musical on Wednesday morning, March 5.

## **District Orchestra and Band Concert**

The District Orchestra and Band Concert will be held Monday, March 10, 2025 in the Middle School Auditorium beginning at 7 PM. Many Hart’s Hill Band and Orchestra students will be performing.

## **2025 OCMEA - Elementary All County Festival**

Elementary All County will be held on the weekend of April 4 and 5 at Sauquoit Valley High School. Representing Hart’s Hill in the All County Chorus will be Max Hallam and Tanner Gulseth. Congratulations to these students!

## **Quaver Music & Quaver Music Notes**

Our Elementary Music Curriculum is called “Quaver Music.” One great feature is an application called “Quaver Street.” Every student at Hart’s Hill has access through “Class Link.” Students can learn about composers, develop note reading skills, compose, and so much more. Many students have enjoyed the interactive component of “Quaver Music.” For extra fun, students can use “Quaver Notes” to change their student avatar, found on their “Student Dashboard.” A new feature is the “Music Room.” Students can personalize their own Music Room via Quaver Street. Every month students are awarded 100 Quaver notes by entering the code for the month found on the Quaver Street Billboard.

***“Music is a language that should always be spoken.”***




-quote from a Hart’s Hill student





# HART'S HILL ELEMENTARY

## March 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1-Sat/ 2-Sun	3 Day 1	4 Day 2	5 Day 3	6 Day 4	7 Day 5	8
9 Daylight Savings Time Begins 	10 PTO Mtg 6 PM Day 6	11 Board of Ed Mtg 7PM Day 1	12 Day 2	13 Day 3	14 Supt's Conf Day NO SCHOOL	15
16	17 St. Patrick's Day Day 4	18 Day 5	19 Day 6	20 Day 1	21 Day 2	22
23	24 Day 3	25 Board of Ed Mtg 7PM Day 4	26 K Readiness Night 6-7 PM Day 5	27 Day 6	28 Day 1	29
30 	31 Day 2					

## April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Day 3	2 Day 4	3 Day 5	4 Day 6	5
6	7 Day 1	8 NTS ELA Assessments Grades 3/4/5 Day 2	9 NTS ELA Assessments Grades 3/4/5 Day 3	10 Day 4	11 Day 5	12
13	14 PTO Mtg 6 PM Day 6	15 Board of Ed Mtg 7PM Day 1	16 Day 2	17 Day 3	18 Good Friday NO SCHOOL	19
20 	21	22	23	24	25 	26
SPRING RECESS—NO SCHOOL						
27	28 Day 4	29 Day 5	30 NTS Math Assessments Grades 3/4/5 Day 6			