

Hart's Hill Highlights

May/ June 2025 Edition

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Where has the time gone!? As we head into the final two months of school and reflect on the past year, I am so amazed at the efforts, hard work, and progress all students have demonstrated. I am so proud of each and every student for their commitment to their school work, their dedication to their teachers, and for all the extra time put into learning and growing. The most enjoyable aspect about being a principal is watching the growth and progress a child makes over the course of a year! It happens at different times and points in the year, but when it does...it puts a big smile on my face and renews my energy and passion for education. A final thank you goes out to you...the parents and guardians who work tirelessly each and every day to make sure that our students are ready for school, prepared, and get their work done. Thank you for putting in the extra work at home, for balancing the crazy schedules, and dedicating your time and energy to support your child's academics and overall success. A healthy school-parent relationship is one of the main ingredients in what makes Hart's Hill Elementary so special. Thank you.

I encourage you to continue to work hard with your children over the next 8 weeks and make one final push in preparation for summer and the 2025-2026 school year. We will be busy at Hart's Hill Elementary over the next few weeks; with students attending field trips, participating in building events/activities, and concluding with celebrating our 5th graders with our Advancement Ceremony at Whitesboro High School on June 20th at 6:00pm.

Thank you for a wonderful first year at Hart's Hill. As we look ahead to next year, I become even more excited for the new opportunities and adventures we can embark on here at Hart's Hill. I would like to wish you and your families a safe, sun-filled, relaxing, summer break. I will see you all on our first day of school: September 4, 2025!

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*To inspire, cultivate, and empower all learners
to maximize their potential.*



On Tuesday, May 20, 2025 The Whitesboro CSD will be holding it's School Budget Vote. I encourage you to participate in supporting our wonderful district and our students!

Propositions on the Ballot

Proposition #1: Basic Budget

Proposition #2: School Buses

Board of Education Election

There are two candidate running for two seats, each for a three year term. The candidate will appear on the ballot in the following order:

Mrs. Cheryl LaValley

Mr. Steven Farr

Polling Hours

Polling hours are 7:00am – 8:00pm at the following locations:

Parkway School, Deerfield Elementary School, Marcy Elementary School.

NEWS FROM SCHOOL NURSE AND OFFICE

MAY/JUNE 2025

Medication Pick-up

If your child currently has medication in the Health Office, it **MUST BE PICKED UP by a parent or guardian before or on the last day of school.** I cannot hold medications over the summer.

PHYSICALS

Updated physicals are required for all students that are new to the District, entering Kindergarten, and in grades 1, 3, and 5. If your child has a physical over the summer, please mail, email or fax me a copy of their exam. Have a safe and fun filled summer!

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Reminders

All bike riders and walkers need to have a permission slip from their parent/guardian to ride their bike/walk to or from school. Do not forget your helmet if you are biking to school or home.

Upcoming Events

- 3-5 Math Assessment 4/30, 5/1
- Budget/Public Hearing May 6
- NYS Science Test Grade 5 May 8
- District Art Show 6 PM May 9
- Spring Concert 6:30 PM May 12
- Spring Extravaganza May 16
- K Screening May 20, 21, 22
- Budget Vote/Elections May 20
- NO SCHOOL - May 23, May 26
- Board of Ed Meeting 7PM June 3
- NO SCHOOL - June 19
- 5th Grade Advancement 6/20



TEACHER/STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK: MAY 5, 2025 - MAY 9, 2025

THANK YOU TO OUR HART'S HILL PTO AND WONDERFUL PARENTS/GUARDIANS FOR SUPPORTING OUR HARD WORKING TEACHERS/STAFF! IT WAS A WONDERFUL WEEK TO CELEBRATE ALL THEY DO FOR OUR STUDENTS.



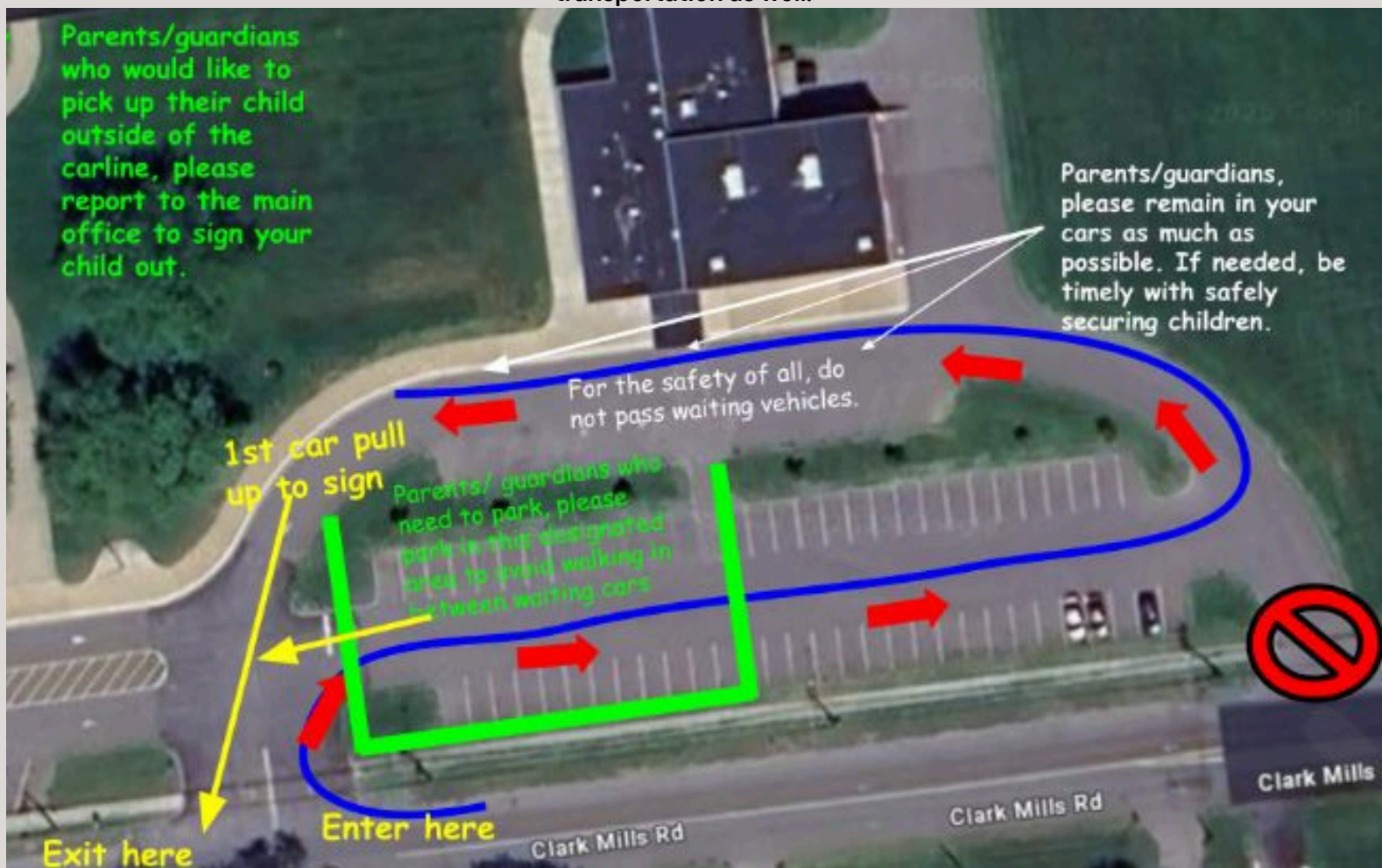
NEW PARENT PICK-UP PROCEDURES

UPDATED MAY 2025

In an effort to make parent/guardian pick up safer and more efficient, there will be a **NEW** procedure starting. Please take some time to view and read through our new parent pick-up directions. As we work through this new procedure, I will make notes for any potential or additional changes for the 2025–2026 school year.

NEW CHANGES

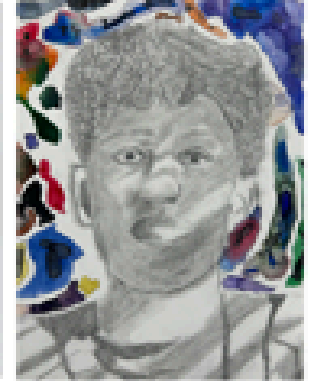
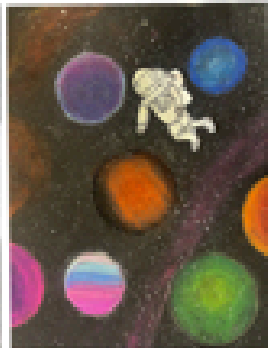
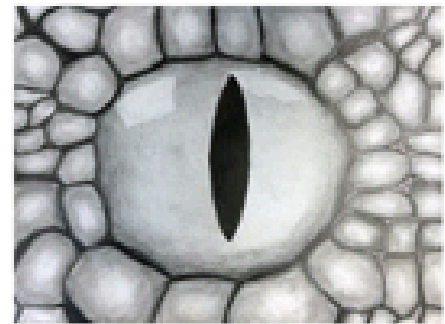
1. Students will be released around 3:10–3:15pm. Mrs. Sardo will begin calling the first 8–10 cars promptly at 3:15pm.
2. As stated in the past, I am requesting that ALL parents/guardians remain in their vehicles, follow the pick-up route, and remain patient. Unless your child needs support getting into the vehicle (i.e. booster seat, assistance securing safety seatbelts etc...) you should remain in your vehicle at all times. This also help to prevent any safety issues from possibly occurring. Those parents/guardians securing students, please be timely and considerate of the process.
3. **Please review the attached pick-up procedure map.** There will be a new entrance for all parents/guardians that choose to pick-up in person (Main Office). Please make note of the change. Please **DO NOT** enter the first entrance off of Clark Mills Rd.
4. If you would like to continue to pick your child up in person and do not want to wait in the car-line, you may still do so but will need to report to the main office. **There will be no further 'in person pickups' or waiting at the gymnasium entrance. This area will be designated for carline pickups only.** Please be patient as we identify those students who will now need to transition to the main office to sign out rather than reporting to the gymnasium/cafeteria. Again, I am kindly asking you to consider waiting in the carline for pick-up as our vestibule is on the smaller side. If you are walking home with your child, please report to the main office for sign out. **Parents/guardians always have the option to use/request school provided transportation as well.**



Whitesboro Central School District



Art Show
May 9, 2025
at Whitesboro
High School



**Show Times are Listed on the
Back of This Invite By School and Location**

**You are invited to the District Art Show on May 9, 2025 at
Whitesboro High School.**

Silent Auction 6:30-8:00pm

The Award Ceremony will be in the Auditorium at 6:00pm. All Principal and Scholastic Award Winners will be recognized at the Ceremony. All award winners should have been previously told they were receiving one of these specific awards.

Due to the large attendance last year, we are asking people to come to the show at their designated school times. We appreciate all of your support.

Elementary Schools

In HS Cafeteria:
Harts Hill: 6:30-7:30
Deerfield: 7:30-8:30

In Upper Level of the Pit:
West Road 6:30-7:30
Marcy: 7:30-8:30

Secondary Schools

Hall from Cafe to the Pit
MS 6:30-8:30

Lower and Upper Level of the Pit
HS 6:30-8:30



Hart's Hill Elementary Spring Music Concert

May 12, 2025
Whitesboro Middle School
6:30pm





5TH GRADE ADVANCEMENT

June 20th, 2025

6:00pm

Whitesboro High School

Refreshments to follow





**American
Heart
Association®**

Dear Families,

Hart's Hill Elementary School will be partnering with the American Heart Association between May 27th - June 5th to raise awareness and funds to support heart health. A kick-off event will be held on Tuesday, May 27th, that will teach students heart-healthy habits. Throughout the next two weeks, various activities and discussions about heart-healthy choices will be reinforced during PE class. In addition, students will be exposed to heart-healthy facts each day on the morning announcements as well as completing mini exercise challenges as a school!

In place of traditional fundraising, our school community has set a collective goal of raising \$1,000. For every \$200 raised, a fun bonus element will be added to our final walk. If we reach our \$1,000 goal, students at each grade level will earn one of the heart-healthy hero figures pictured above.

On Thursday, June 5th, we will celebrate both our fundraising and educational efforts with a special walking event on the outdoor loop at school. During this event, students will take part in a culminating "change drive" fundraiser, where they are encouraged to bring in loose change and drop it into collection bins as they walk the loop. We will have a DJ helping us pump students up, representatives from the AHA, and fun exercise activities for students to complete as they walk.

**Please help us to meet our building-wide fundraising goal! All donations will be accepted through Thursday, June 5th with our change drive finale.
Thank you for your support!**

HART'S HILL ELEMENTARY PTO PRESENTS THE

SPRING EXTRAVAGANZA

FRIDAY, MAY 16TH - 5:30-7:30 PM

ADMISSION AT THE DOOR:

PLEASE BRING A NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM

CHILD MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

EACH CHILD WILL RECEIVE:

POPCORN, BOTTLE OF WATER, BALLOON ANIMAL, POPSICLE, PHOTO SESSION, SPIN THE
PRIZE WHEEL!



The Fairy Tale Chronicles: Tales of Friendship, Kindness, and Forgiveness

For Grade 4 Parents/Guardians: June 18th, 2025 @ 6:30pm at the
Hart's Hill Elementary Cafeteria
More specific information to be sent home by Grade 4 teachers!



SOCKS COLLECTED FOR SMARTWOOL'S SECOND-CUT PROJECT

~ YEAR 4~

DRUM ROLL PLEASE:

12,614

SOCKS COLLECTED OVER 4 YEARS

THANK YOU, HART'S HILL FAMILIES, FOR HELPING MOTHER EARTH. WE KEPT 20
BOXES, 140 POUNDS AND 3,154 SOCKS
OUT OF LANDFILLS.

AMAZING!

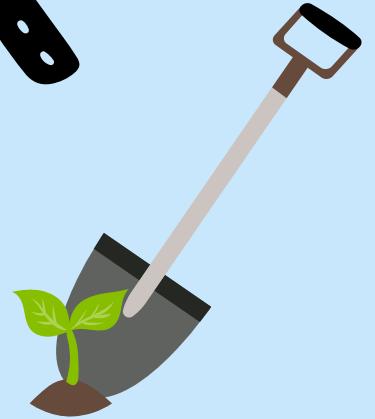
GIVE YOURSELVES A PAT ON THE BACK.

KEEP SAVING SOCKS FOR NEXT YEAR.

MRS. HUTHER'S CLASS WILL BEGIN COLLECTING
JANUARY-APRIL 2026.



ARBOR DAY



Thank you to Bartlett Tree Experts who graciously donated over 100 Maple Trees in celebration of Arbor Day. Thank you to all families who requested a tree. Your support and efforts in greening our community as well as your commitment to planting and nurturing these trees plays a vital role in enhancing our environment and fostering a love for nature among our youth.

The students always enjoy coming home with a tree!



**BARTLETT
TREE EXPERTS**

SCIENTIFIC TREE CARE SINCE 1907

TEACHERS WIN BIG VERSE 5TH GRADERS IN ANNUAL VOLLEYBALL MATCHUP!



IN DOMINATING FASHION, HART'S HILL TEACHERS WIN STRAIGHT SETS
AGAINST THE 5TH GRADE CLASS IN HART'S HILL ELEMENTARY'S 5TH
GRADE VS. TEACHERS VOLLEYBALL MATCH!

IT WAS A CLEAN SWEEP AND THE TEACHERS REMAIN UNDEFEATED FOR YET
ANOTHER YEAR!



VOLLEYBALL



On March 19, 2025, K-5 Students were able to participate in the Brain Show Assembly. Students worked on teams to answer general knowledge questions and compete in a friendly competition! It was so nice to see students enjoy, interact, and have fun with one another! Thank you to our Hart's Hill PTO for sponsoring this event!



D.E.A.R. INITIATIVE

Dates:

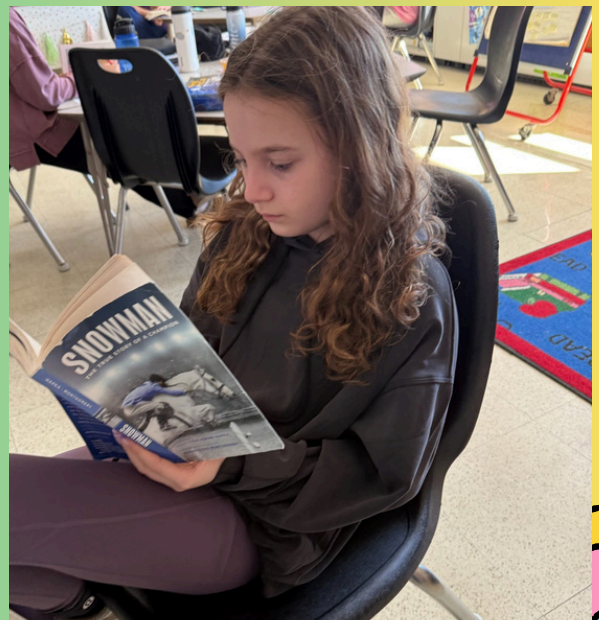
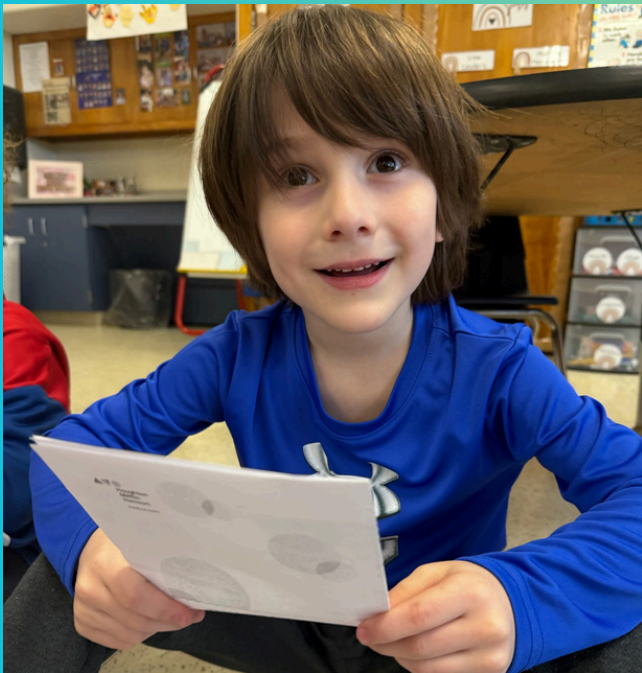
March 3, 2025 - April 12, 2025

Information:

D.E.A.R stands for **drop everything and read**. During this initiative, students identified a book at their respective independent reading levels and carried that book with them for an entire month...wherever they went! So proud!

As a school, we met our independent reading goal of **90 minutes!**

We had such a fun time enjoying reading for fun!



D.E.A.R. INITIATIVE

Dates:

March 3, 2025 - April 12, 2025

Here are a few teacher doors decorated to celebrate D.E.A.R. and encourage student participation! Our theme was Basketball/ Space Jam!



TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM



GRADE 3 CONTINUES TO LEAD THE WAY



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

Grade 3 classroom teachers continue to guide students and take care of our 40 Brook Trout at Hart's Hill! Students have been continuing to learn about the life-cycle of a Brook Trout all while maintaining feeding their fish, monitoring pH levels, nitrate and ammonia levels, recording water temperature, documenting growth, and taking detailed observational records.

RELEASING OUR BROOK TROUT!

In collaboration with the Department of Conservation (DEC) and Trout Unlimited, we will be releasing our Brook Trout in the Sauquoit Creek at Dunham Manor Park on June 11th! So exciting!!!! Students will be able to get a little wet, explore the creekside habitat and get a little dirty with some hands-on learning!

WE ARE
GETTING BIG!!!



2025

May Building Calendar

Hart's Hill Elementary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 3-5 Math Assessment Day 1	2 Day 2	3
4	5 Day 3	6 Bd of Ed Budget/ public Hearing 7PM Day 4	7 Day 5	8 Grade 5 Science Test Day 6	9 District Art Show 6 PM Day 1	10
11	12 Spring Concert 6:30 PM Day 2	13 Day 3	14 Day 4	15 Day 5	16 Spring Extravaganza Day 6	17
18	19 Day 1	20 K Screening School Budget Vote & BOE Elections Day 2	21 K Screening Day 3	22 K Screening 5th Gr Track Meet Day 4	23 NO SCHOOL	24
25	26 Memorial Day NO SCHOOL	27 Day 5	28 Day 6	29 Day 1	30 Day 2	31

2025

June Building Calendar

Hart's Hill Elementary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	2 Day 3	3 Bd of Ed Mtg 7PM Day 4	4 Day 5	5 Day 6	6 Day 1	7
8	9 Day 2	10 Day 3	11 Day 4	12 Day 5	13 Day 6	14
15	16 Day 1	17 Day 2	18 Day 3	19 Juneteenth NO SCHOOL	20 5th Grade Advancement, HS 6 PM Day 4	21
22	23 Day 5	24 Day 6	25 Day 1	26 Day 2	27 Report Cards Issued Day 3	28
29	30					