



Week of June 9 - June 13, 2025

DR. REED'S WEEKLY

HIGHLIGHTS

Good morning,

Two weeks from today is Graduation! This year has zipped by! It has been wonderful to watch our students grow over the year. This will be the last Weekly Highlights for this school year as assessments increase next week beginning on Tuesday. As we wind down the school year over the next two weeks in all of our buildings, I wish all of you the best for a successful end to the year.

Before getting to our highlights, I want to make you aware of the new law that requires districts to implement a "bell to bell" internet-enabled device ban policy. The law creates a universal practice of: No unsanctioned use of smartphones and other internet-enabled personal devices on school grounds in K-12 schools for the entire school day (from "bell to bell"), including classroom time and other settings like lunch and study hall periods. All New York State Public Schools must follow this law, which goes into effect in the 2025-2026 school year. Our district stakeholder groups have been very helpful as we prepare for this mandate. You will receive more specifics on what this entails for you and your child(ren) in terms of storage of devices and ways that families can still contact students and other information.

More to come...

I wanted to start the highlights with featuring our kick-off for the 8th Grade Path to Success Transition Program. Yesterday, all 8th grade students met with high school mentors and had pizza and a chance to learn more about each other. We are happy to get this program off the ground. I thank, Mrs. Brewer and Mr. Coyle for taking on the advisorship role. I also thank, the middle and high school leadership team for helping make this program happen. I believe this program can make a difference so our freshmen will be more successful.



FRANK KNIGHT SCHOOL

This week at Frank Knight Elementary, students in Mrs. Jones' class wrapped up their unit on the value of money. They have been learning about different coins and their worth. To review, Mrs. Jones organized an activity where students could use plastic coins to "purchase" items from a classroom store. After selecting what they wanted, each student explained their buying process to the teacher, reinforcing both their math and communication skills.



ELIZABETH CADY STANTON

This week, students in Mrs. Woodard's class created depictions of our Founding Fathers and American Revolutionary heroes. Each student was assigned a historical figure to research. After gathering information, they planned and wrote a biography detailing their figure's life. As a final step—pictured here—they used their drawing skills to bring these heroes to life. This engaging activity helped deepen their understanding of history in a fun and creative way.



SFMS

The 6th grade band students had an amazing day at Seabreeze Friday, and we're grateful for the support and help in making it possible. The music adjudicator was so impressed with these young musicians. He couldn't believe they only just began last year. He gave a rating of OUTSTANDING with a score of 100!!!! We are all so proud! The rain cleared and everyone had such a great time in the park.



MYNDERSE ACADEMY

This week, the Jazz Band and High School Band put on a fantastic concert at Mynderse Academy, showcasing their talent and hard work. A special thank you goes to Mrs. Fitzgerald, our dedicated high school band instructor, for her hard work and support. During the performance, we also took a moment to recognize and honor our graduating seniors for their commitment and contributions to the music program.



CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

June is here! Testing has begun! Students preparing to walk into the testing room for the first Regents Exams of the year.



SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Congratulations to our two retiring high school special education teachers, Mr. and Mrs. Turchetti whose years of dedication and care have made a lasting impact. You will be deeply missed!

We also honor an outstanding middle school paraprofessional, Mrs. Burlew whose compassion and commitment have touched so many lives. Thank you for everything!

Finally, we are grateful to our school psychology intern, Mrs. Davis, for her valuable support to students this year.

Best of luck to all!

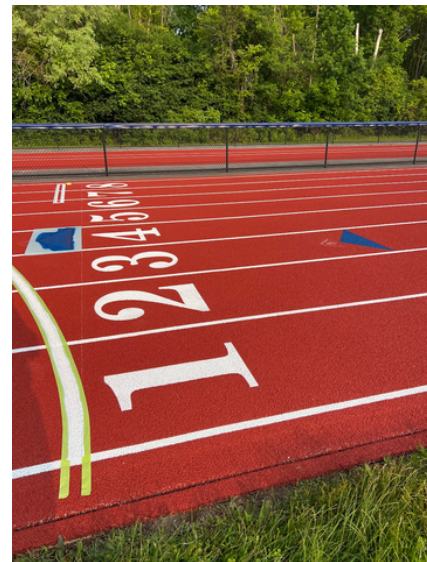


ATHLETICS

Academic and Athletic Awards were handed out on Wednesday night. All Mynderse Academy sports teams achieved NYS-Scholar Athlete status this year. This will earn Mynderse a NYSPHSAA School of Distinction award for 2024-2025. Only 10% of schools in Section V receive this award. Congratulations students-athletes!



The track is resurfaced and open to public use!



TRANSPORTATION

This year, the Seneca Falls Transportation Department has gone the extra mile—literally—making it possible for students to experience hands-on learning through a wide variety of enriching field trips. Thanks to the coordination, dedication, and flexibility of our transportation team, students have explored local and regional destinations that bring curriculum to life.

From the thrills of Seabreeze Amusement Park to the historic elegance of Rose Hill Mansion, and from the star-filled skies of the Rochester Planetarium to the action of a Rochester Red Wings game, students have had the opportunity to learn beyond classroom walls. Additional adventures included visits to the Genesee Country Museum, Seneca Falls Historical Society, Burnett Park Zoo, Vince's Park, Seneca Lake State Park, Taughannock Falls, and many more.

Whether it's a quick trip across town or a full-day exploration, our transportation department continues to make safe, reliable, and diverse educational experiences possible. Their hard work ensures students have access to memorable, real-world learning opportunities all year long.

Have a good weekend! As always, thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,
Dr. Michelle Reed
Superintendent of Schools

"Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much" -Helen Keller

