



HART'S HILL HIGHLIGHTS

November - December Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I hope this message finds you and your families well, healthy, and in good spirits as we approach the holiday season. As we head into November, I am so pleased with the incredible start to the school year we've had. Our teachers and students are working hard in their classrooms, we have enjoyed many wonderful building events, and we are all having fun learning! Thank you again parents/guardians for all that you do in supporting your children everyday to ensure their school day is a success. I encourage you to continue to maintain good routines, find time to reinforce the skills students are learning in school at home, and reach out when needed. A successful school-to-home partnership is essential to student growth and progress!

Here at Hart's Hill, we've already kicked off the school year with some fantastic events, including our Ice Cream Social/Scholastic Book Fair, Fire Prevention Day, Jared Campbell Anti-Bullying Assembly and Bullying Prevention Walk, Love Like Olivia Day, Fall Fest, and our building community Veteran's Day Acknowledgement Ceremony and flag display.

As we look ahead to November and December, I'm excited to share some upcoming activities and initiatives at Hart's Hill that will bring our community closer and create engaging experiences for our students, staff, and families. Our teachers have worked so hard to plan, organize, and create these events for our students. They truly are the best. Looking ahead, we have the Turkey Trot at Hart's Hill Elementary on November 22, 2025 beginning at 10:00am. On December 6, 2025 at 9:00am, Mr. and Mrs. Claus will be visiting Hart's Hill for our second annual "Stories with Santa". More information will be sent regarding these two events in the coming days. Also, Hart's Hill Elementary's Holiday Concert will take place at the Middle School on December 9th at 6:30pm. Many of these events are made possible through the hard work and support of our PTO, so a big thank you to them! If you're interested in joining the PTO, our next meeting is on Monday, November 17th at 6:00 p.m. in our library.

As a reminder, Trimester 1 closes on December 5th for students - report cards will be distributed to parents/guardians at parent-teacher conferences. Please make sure you are signed up with your child's teacher for a conference. Parent-teacher conferences this year are scheduled for: *December 2, December 5, and December 12*. These conferences are a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress and build a strong collaborative partnership with teachers. *A reminder that on these days, students will be dismissed at noon; parent pick-up will begin at 11:45am.*

We're looking forward to an exciting holiday season filled with joy, learning, and community engagement. Thank you for your continued partnership in your child's education. Wishing you and your families a warm and wonderful November and December!

Luke M. Manolescu

Mr. Manolescu
Building Principal



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HART'S HILL
NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2025

Office/School Nurse Updates

Illnesses

Please keep your children home if they are sick with any of the following:

- Fever (100 degrees or greater) or chills - must be fever free for 24 hours, without the use of medication, before returning
- Persistent or "wet" cough
- Headache
- Severe congestion
- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea -24 hours without symptoms before returning
- Unexplained rash

Physicals

- Physicals are due for those children in K, 1st, 3rd, and 5th grade per NYS Dept. of Ed. Please send in a copy of your child's most recent physical if you haven't already done so.
- Please keep contact numbers updated so I can reach you if your child is ill.
- With the cold weather approaching, please supply your child with chap stick if they tend to get chapped lips.
- Kindergarten parents, please remember to keep a complete change of clothes in your child's backpack for accidents or spills.
- Please contact me at 315-266-3434 if you have any questions.

Outside Recess

Students are outside nearly everyday for recess. Please send appropriate clothing during the winter months. This includes winter boots, gloves/mittens, hats, winter jackets, and snow pants. Please label items so that we can return them if misplaced.

There is a lost and found area in the hallway near the main office. Please have your child check here for a missing item.

School Notes

- Please indicate first/last name of child
- Teacher's name
- A note is needed for absences with reason

Deliveries to Office

Please label all items brought to the office with student name/teacher so they reach their proper destination. Thank you.





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Office/School Nurse Updates

November Events

- 11/4 Board of Education Meeting 7 PM
- 11/11 Veterans Day - No School
- 11/17 PTO Meeting - 6 PM - Library
- 11/22 Turkey Trot - 10 AM
- 11/26 - 11/28 Thanksgiving Recess
No School



December Events

- 12/2 P/T Conf. Early Dismissal - 12 Noon
- 12/5 P/T Conf. Early Dismissal - 12 Noon
- 12/6 "Stories with Santa" - 9:00-10am
- 12/8 PTO Meeting - 6 PM - Library
- 12/9 Holiday Concert - MS - 6:30 PM
- 12/9 BOE Meeting 7pm Administrative Bld
- 12/12 P/T Conf. Early Dismissal - 12 Noon
- 12/22 - 1/2/2026 Winter Recess

Parent/Teacher Conf.

Your child's teacher will send home notifications as to the date and time of your conference.

Conference dates are:
December 2, 5, and 12

If you will be picking your child up from school on these days, please send in a note for the pick up. Pick up time is 11:45.

Thank you!!!



Thank you to our 5th Grade students for leading Hart's Hill in the Pledge of Allegiance and morning announcements each morning. Thank you for doing a wonderful job!

School Closing Due to Weather Conditions/Emergencies

Occasionally, it may be necessary to close school or delay its opening. To know if school will be delayed or closed, please tune in to one of the following stations:

WIBX-950 AM WRUN-1150 AM WUTR-TV Utica
 WKTV-Utica WIXT -TV-Syracuse WTVH Utica
 Spectrum Cable News



Hart's Hill's "Character Matters Campaign"

September "Be Respectful" Nominees



Maura Aery, Vinny Calabrese, Julian (JJ) Collea, Isabella Curtacci, Catherine Dillon, Emilia DiPietro, Rowan Edwards, Brooklyn Froio, Grace Gardiner, Rowan Hulser, Jordyn Johnson, Ayla Kalies, Rory Miller, Raina Nandzik, Angelo Pekala, Benjamin Rainbow, Kobe Sarnier, Alexandria Schoen, Veronica Susianto, Josie Simpson, Zachary Slover, Lucas Tarkowski, Scarlett Wiggins, Jessica Zhushma

October "Kindness" Nominees



Lily Alexander, Lucas Bostic, Nora Bostic, Jake Bunal, Emma Curtacci, Easton Fitzsimmons, Paisley McNiell, Ava Niles, Lillyana Roberts, Joseph Rowland, Cameron Santamasino, Grayson Scherer, Collin Schmidt, Jane Sorensen, Juliana Stewart, Cole Stevener, Emilia Stevens, Josephine Wander

Jared Campbell



Jared Campbell visited Hart's Hill on October 16, 2025. Students in K-5 experienced the singer/songwriter as he shared his message about kindness, friendship, and being confident young students. Jared spread his message through inspirational stories and his talent of singing and playing the guitar.

Check out Jared's website:
<https://jaredcampbell.com/>

Love Like Olivia Day

October 16, 2025, was also 'Love Like Olivia Day' where students/staff across the district wore purple and raised funds for Olivia Sacco who passed away in 2024. Funds raised will go to her memorial scholarship awarded to a graduating senior at the high school who displays characteristics of kindness, compassion, and strong character. Hart's Hill raised just under \$300.00! Thank you for your generous donations in Olivia's memory.



BULLYING PREVENTION WALK

HARTS HILL ELEMENTARY

Hart's Hill students and teachers participated in an Annual Bullying Prevention Walk on Friday, October 17, 2025. This event aimed to raise awareness about bullying and promote a culture of kindness, respect, and inclusion within our school community. Each classroom created a unique poster that highlighted the various themes that have been discussed in school related to "Bullying Prevention Month". Students from each classroom then carried the posters during our special walk. Combined with our special guest musician, Jared Campbell, students worked hard to spread the message of being a good friend and lifting each other up!



Hart's Hill 'Fall Fest!

October 24, 2025

On October 24, 2025, Hart's Hill teachers, staff, students, and community members came together for an exciting, fun-filled evening of festivities and fantastic costumes! Students had the opportunity to visit each classroom in the building for a special trick-or-treat experience. At the end of the evening, families enjoyed delicious cider donuts and cider in the cafeteria. In the gymnasium, students participated in a "Monster Stomp," where they could win even more treats! A great time was had by all. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Hart's Hill teachers and staff for making this event possible. Special thanks to Mrs. Radell for her hard work preparing, organizing, and ensuring the even was a success. Also, thank you to Hart's Hill PTO and all the parents and guardians who contributed candy. Your cooperation and support are greatly appreciated!



VETERANS DAY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT CEREMONY

NOVEMBER 10, 2025

On November 10, 2025, Hart's Hill Elementary celebrated our building community veteran's for a Veterans Day Acknowledgement Ceremony

Parents, guardians, and building staff were celebrated for their military service! Hart's Hill thanks you for your service.

Participants!

Kindergarten

- Mila Nagurney (Matthew Nagurney, dad; US Navy)
- Fiona Rose (Chad Rose, dad; US Army)
- Auston Starczewski (Andrew Starczewski; Father; US Army)
- Jackson Engle (Andrew; father, US Army)

Grade 1

- Jordyn Johnson (Joseph Johnson, dad, US Air Force)
- Lily Tooke (Chad Tooke, dad, US Army)
- Jason Constantine (Ed Constantine, dad, US Marines)

Grade 3

- Joelle Johnson (Joseph Johnson, dad, US Air Force)

Grade 4

Evan Park (Step-father, US Army)

Grade 5

Nora Curley (John Curley, dad; US Navy)

Ella Rose Beaton (Grandfather)

Staff

Joe Muller - Assistant Superintendent, Air Force

Steven Farr - BOE Member, Air Force

Jessica Griffith - (TA, US Marines)

Clay Bramhall - SPO, US Marines)



**VETERANS DAY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT CEREMONY
NOVEMBER 10, 2025**



Veterans Day Acknowledgement Ceremony
November 10, 2025



HART'S HILL 5TH GRADERS PREPARED FOR VETERANS DAY BY PLACING OVER 200 FLAGS TO HONOR THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED OUR COUNTRY.

THE FLAGS WILL REMIND STUDENTS OF OUR VETERANS AND THE MANY SACRIFICES THEY HAVE MADE FOR OUR COUNTRY. A SPECIAL THANK YOU GOES TO THE WHITESTOWN VETS CLUB FOR DONATING THE FLAGS, AND TO OUR PTO MEMBERS FOR THEIR HELP IN ORGANIZING THE PICKUP AND DROP-OFF.



Please join us in wearing blue on **Friday November 14th** to spread awareness for Type 1 Diabetes.

On World Diabetes Day, we raise awareness about diabetes, its impact on millions of lives, and the importance of early detection and prevention.



HART'S HILL ANNUAL



**NOV
22**

TURKEY TROT

**NOV
22**

This family run takes place on the grounds of Hart's Hill Elementary

1/4 Mile: 10AM

3K: 10:15 AM

All race entries are \$3. All money collected this year will be donated to Spring Farm CARES Animal and Nature Sanctuary. Detach and return entry forms to Mrs. Carrock or Mrs. Pezdek. Same day sign-ups will be available! Please return sign-up sheet by **November 19th, 2025 - NO SHIRTS AVAILABLE ON RACE DAY**

Entry Form

Racer's Name _____

I _____ hereby give permission for _____ to participate in Turkey Trot run activities. I verify that they are in good health and physical condition. I also acknowledge that participating in running events carry with it inherent risks. I hereby waive Whitesboro Central Schools and their employees from any liability.

Signature of guardian/runner: _____

Choose Event: ___ 1/4 Mile ___ 3K
any checks can be made out to Hart's Hill PTO



We're raising dough!

HART'S HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

December 3, 2025

4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

4821 Commercial Drive, New Hartford, NY

Use code FUND4U at panerabread.com, in the Panera App, or at the kiosk in-cafe.

Online orders placed all day at your event cafe will count toward your total sales.

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OF NET SALES
WILL BE
DONATED*

Bring this flyer or show a digital copy to your cashier when ordering at the cafe to ensure your organization gets a portion of the net sales.

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Hart's Hill Elementary's **STORIES** with Santa

Please join us for hot cocoa, crafts, cookie decorating (donated by Hannaford), ornament making (donated by the Whitesboro Middle School Technology Club) stories read by Mr. & Mrs. Claus, and so much more!



December 6, 2025

9:00am-10:00am

Stories read to: K-2 9:00-9:30

Stories read to 3-5 9:30-10:00

Students will alternate between crafts and stories with Santa. While one group is enjoying stories, the others will be enjoying crafts and snacks!

\$5 per child

\$20 limit per family

We will also be collecting unwrapped, new toys for
Stuff the Bus.

All proceeds will go to fifth grade activities.

Thank you for your support.





MV Trout Unlimited Partnership

BROOK TROUT EGGS HAVE ARRIVED!

On November 12, 2025, Trout Unlimited Volunteer Mr. Bill Jackson met with Mrs. Huther's third grade class to deliver 200 Brook Trout eggs! Mrs. Huther's class will be raising the Brook Trout all the way through their life cycles until they are ready to be released in a local creek in the Spring! Such an exciting time for Mrs. Huther's students!





MEET "GEICO" THE GECKO

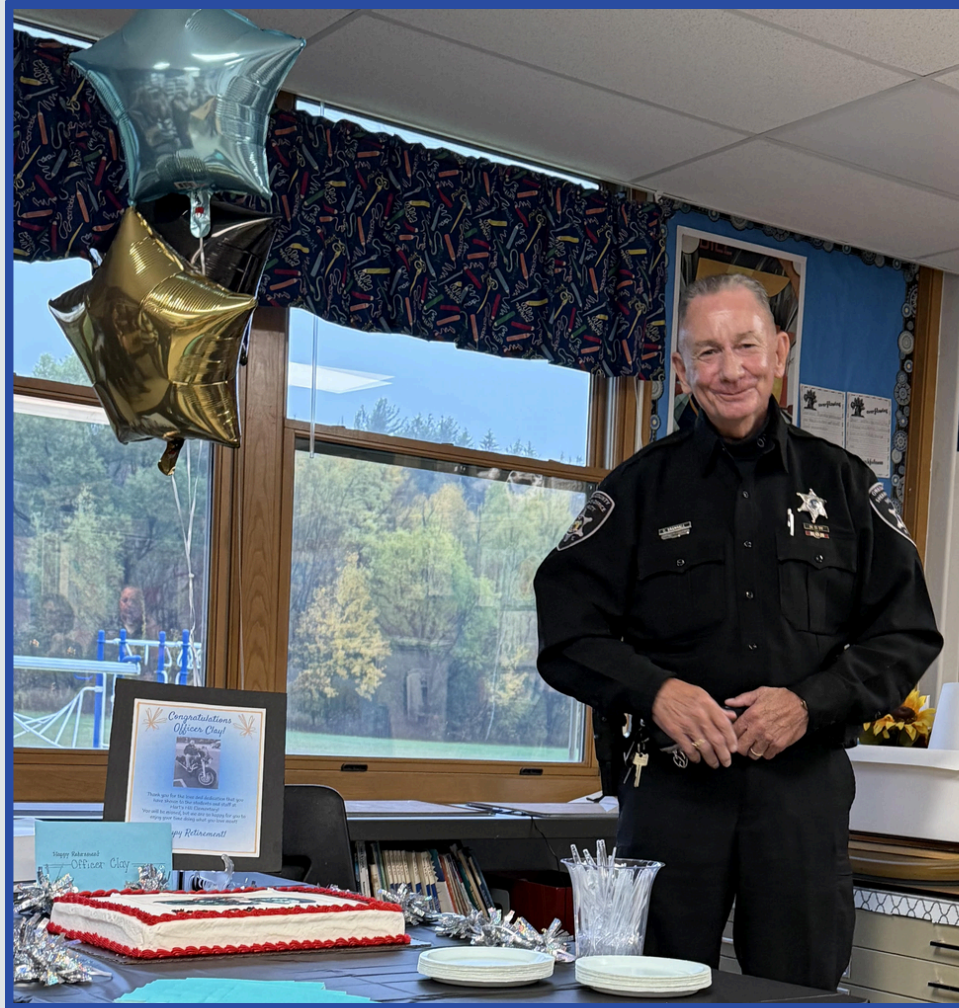
MRS. PHELAN AND THE ENTIRE HART'S HILL 5TH GRADE ARE RAISING A LEOPARD GECKO THIS YEAR AS PART OF THEIR SCIENCE CURRICULUM!

"GEICO," WHO WAS NAMED BY THE 5TH-GRADE STUDENTS, HAS ACCLIMATED WELL TO HIS NEW HOME AND IS GROWING FAST! STUDENTS WILL BE LEARNING ABOUT GEICO'S HABITAT, ENVIRONMENT, AND ANIMAL CHARACTERISTICS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

GOOD LUCK, MRS. PHELAN!



THANK YOU, SPO 'OFFICER CLAY'!



Effective Friday, October 31, 2025, Officer Clay Bramhall will be retiring from the Oneida County Sheriff's Office and his duties as our building SPO. Officer Clay has been a staple at Hart's Hill and has been adored by both students and staff alike. I am so thankful for his commitment, dedication, and presence in our building. He will be greatly missed.

Clay will be focusing on his health, family, enjoying his hobbies, and fully enjoying retirement!

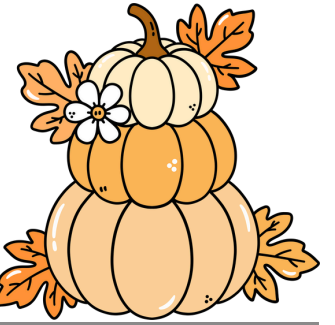
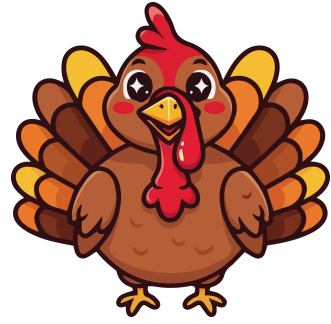
Officer Clay has left such a positive impact at Hart's Hill and it will be felt for years to come!

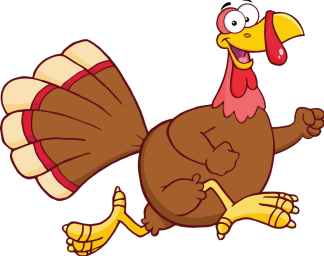
Moving forward, Officer Woody Zurek will be posted at Hart's Hill Full-Time for the month of November while the Oneida County Sheriffs work to fill Officer Clay's position.

Congratulations, SPO Bramhall!

Hart's Hill

November 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Day 5	4 Bd of Ed Mtg. - 7 PM Day 6	5 Day 1	6 Day 2	7 Day 3	8
9	10 Day 4	11 Veterans Day NO SCHOOL	12 Day 5	13 Day 6	14 Day 1	15
16	17 PTO Meeting - 6 PM Day 2	18 Day 3	19 Day 4	20 Day 5	21 Day 6	22 Hart's Hill Turkey Trot 10 AM
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	Day 1	Day 2	Thanksgiving Recess - NO SCHOOL			





Hart's Hill December 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Day 3	2 P/T Conf. Early Dismissal 12 Noon Day 4	3 Day 5	4 Day 6	5 P/T Conf. Early Dismissal 12 Noon Day 1	6
7	8 PTO Mtg. 6 PM Day 2	9 Holiday Concert - Middle School 6:30 PM Day 3	10 Day 4	11 Day 5	12 P/T Conf. Early Dismissal 12 Noon Day 6	13
14	15 Day 1	16 Day 2	17 Day 3	18 Day 4	19 Day 5	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
NO SCHOOL - WINTER RECESS - NO SCHOOL						
28	29	30	31			
WINTER RECESS - NO SCHOOL						



Whitesboro Central School District

Whitesboro Central School District
Board of Education



The Whitesboro Central School District Board of Education is responsible for the educational program for the District. Board meetings are typically held the first Tuesday of the month beginning at 7:00 p.m. Dates are printed on the district calendar and the district website (www.wboro.org).

Whitesboro Central School Board of Education members are:

Mr. Brian McQueen - BOE President

Mr. Steven Farr - Vice President

Dr. Jonathan Henderson

Mr. Thomas Schoen, Jr.

Mrs. Cheryl La Valley

Dr. Steven Szatko

Mr. Michael Head

Whitesboro Central School District

NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE

The Whitesboro Central School District does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, handicap or age in employment or in providing student access to educational programs, courses and activities. This policy is in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975. Any alleged grievances should be reported to the appropriate compliance officer. Compliance officers are as follows:

Section 504/ADA Coordinator

Mr. Christopher O'Neil

Whitesboro High School

6000 State Route 291

Marcy, New York 13403

Title IX Coordinator

Mr. David Russo

District Administration Building

65 Oriskany Blvd. Marcy,

Whitesboro, NY 13492

