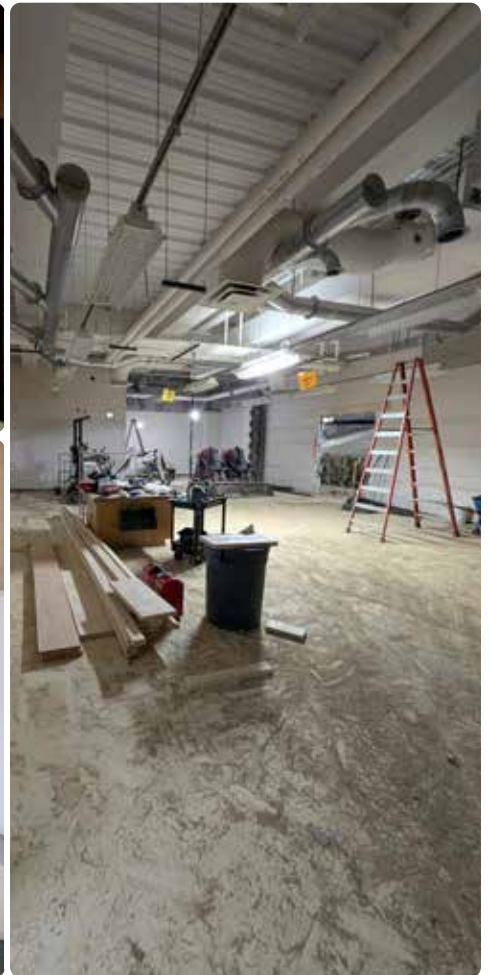


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Capital Project Began in March



Work began March 1 on the districtwide capital project that includes many exciting updates at the Middle-High School campus and other infrastructure improvements in both buildings. The project was approved during a December 2024 capital project vote.

Photos of the finished product are renderings from our architecture firm CPL.

- *New athletic field house at the MHS Campus*
- *Football field and track renovation, including new field lighting*
- *Parking lot and site light upgrades at the MHS*
- *STEM and Tech Shop Renovation*
- *Pool locker room renovation*
- *Kitchen Serving Line Upgrades*
- *Elevator rehabilitation*
- *Access control and security upgrades across both campuses*
- *Classroom mechanical system upgrades to include air conditioning (MHS and Elementary)*
- *Gym upgrades, including bleachers and wall pads*
- *Roof replacement and rehabilitation at the Elementary, MHS, and Bus Garage.*
- *Interior upgrades to the football field press box*

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Dear Members of the Allegany-Limestone Community,

At Allegany-Limestone Central School District, we take pride in offering a well-rounded, top-tier educational experience built upon our commitment to the “Three A’s”: Academics, Arts, and Athletics. These pillars define who we are and reflect the values of our community.

Academics

Our students continue to achieve strong academic outcomes thanks to the dedication and hard work of our teachers, combined with the use of modern, research-based instructional practices. We have made meaningful strides in key areas such as STEM, mathematics, and reading. Through innovative pedagogy and a focus on continuous improvement, our educators ensure that every student is supported and challenged to succeed.

Arts

The arts remain a vital part of the Allegany-Limestone experience.

Students benefit from a robust selection of courses that encourage creativity, expression, and critical thinking. In addition, field trip opportunities enrich learning by connecting classroom instruction to real-world experiences, helping students broaden their perspectives and deepen their appreciation for the arts.

Athletics

Student participation in athletics continues to be strong, reflecting both school pride and community spirit. Our student-athletes demonstrate excellence not only on the field, but also in the classroom. Their academic achievements are just as impressive as their athletic accomplishments, showcasing the discipline, commitment, and balance that our programs foster.

A Community Commitment to Excellence

The high-quality experience we offer is made possible by the unwavering

support of our community. However, with decreasing financial support from New York State, it has become increasingly important to sustain our programs at the local level.

To maintain the level of excellence our students deserve, we are proposing a 2.39% tax levy increase. This investment will allow us to continue providing outstanding opportunities across academics, arts, and athletics—ensuring that Allegany-Limestone remains a place where students thrive.

Together, we can preserve and strengthen the exceptional educational experience that defines our district.

Thank you for your continued support!

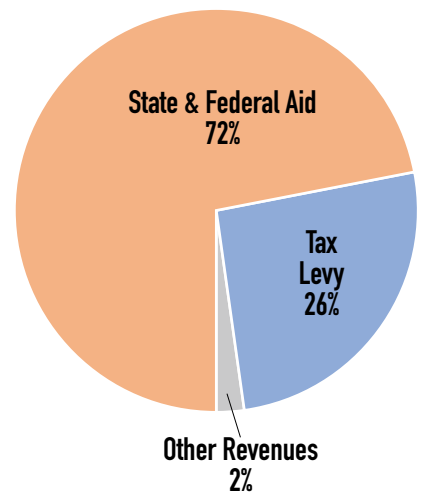
*Tony Giannicchi
Superintendent of Schools*

2026-2027 Proposed Budget

Estimated Receipts	2025-2026	2026-2027	%
Estimated Real Property Tax (Including STAR)	7,440,850	7,619,430	2.399%
Other Tax Items	114,692	77,075	
Other Local Sources	118,100	123,900	
State and Federal Aid	20,969,895	21,177,754	
Appropriated Other Funds		415,531	
Appropriated Surplus	431,070	441,025	
Total Receipts	29,074,607	29,854,715	



Estimated Revenues

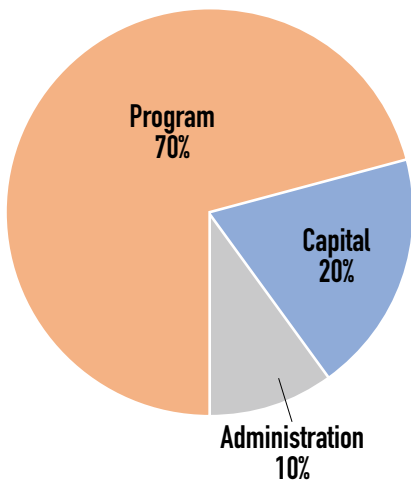


2026-2027 Proposed Budget

	2025-2026	2026-2027
Program Budget		
A1300 Finance	35,000	23,500
A1600 Operation & Maintenance and Technology	575,000	655,000
A2000 Curriculum Development & Inservice Training	223,860	233,560
A2110 Instruction - Regular School	6,800,850	6,873,800
A2200 Special Programs	4,314,735	4,367,776
A2300 Summer Education Programs	62,201	74,000
A2600 Instructional Media & Technology	1,143,100	1,070,800
A2800 Guidance, Health, Psychologist & Extra Curricular	1,418,615	1,481,970
A5500 Pupil Transportation	1,287,250	1,325,700
A9000 Employee Benefits	4,544,090	4,718,800
A9900 Interfund Transfers (Special Aid and Cafeteria)	135,000	135,000
Total	20,539,701	20,959,906
Capital Budget		
A1600 Operation and Maintenance	1,970,300	1,912,000
A1900 Refund of Real Prop. Tax, BOCES Capital Exp.	236,199	238,797
A5500 Pupil Transportation (Bus Purchase)	672,306	325,000
A9000 Employee Benefits	482,605	558,100
A9700 Transfer to Debt Service	2,195,450	2,827,720
A9900 Transfer to Capital Fund (Capital Outlay Project)	100,000	100,000
Total	5,656,860	5,961,617
Administrative Budget		
A1000 Board of Education & District Meeting	23,435	24,735
A1200 Central Administration	264,979	274,424
A1300 Finance	369,275	350,061
A1400 Legal, Personnel & Public Information	529,000	528,000
A1900 Liability & Student Insurance, BOCES Adm., Dues	271,407	279,590
A2000 Curriculum Development & Supervision	720,750	734,682
A2200 Special Programs	115,000	118,200
A9000 Employee Benefits	584,200	623,500
Total	2,878,046	2,933,192
Grand Total	29,074,607	29,854,715

2.68%

Estimated Expenditures



PROPOSED 2026-2027 SCHOOL BUDGET

The District Vote takes place on May 19, 2026.

PROPOSITION NUMBER 1

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, that the budget for the Allegany-Limestone Central School District, Cattaraugus, New York, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, as presented by the Board of Education, is hereby approved and adopted and the required funds therefore are hereby appropriated and the necessary real property taxes required shall be collected by a tax on the taxable property in said District to be levied as required by law.

Voter Eligibility and Voting Location

- Registered voters over the age of 18 who have been residents of the district for at least 30 days are eligible to vote

District Residents vote in the Allegany-Limestone Middle-High School Gym

If you have additional questions you are encouraged to contact: Mr. Tony Giannicchi, Superintendent – tgiannicchi@alcsny.org or Mrs. Daniele Vecchio, School Business Administrator – dvecchio@alcsny.org

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THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION:

Maggie Nuss and Monti Crowley are running for two open seats on the Board of Education.

These are five-year terms, July 1, 2026 to July 1, 2031.

Margaret “Maggie” Nuss



As a lifelong Allegany resident, I think it is important to give back to my community and the Allegany-Limestone School Board is one of the ways I can do this. Being on the Board of Education has given me insight on what goes into making our district outstanding. I would like to continue sharing my knowledge and perspectives and continue to be a voice of the community.

When I am not working, I enjoy riding motorcycle with my husband and spending time with my family & friends.

Please come out on May 19th to vote on the School Budget and for myself and Monti Crowley to represent our community on the Board of Education.

Martha “Monti” Crowley



Monti received her Associates in Science Degree from SUNY Alfred. Monti is a retired Registered Nurse. Along with being a retired RN, Monti was an educator at Olean

Business Institute and JCC, so she values and understands the importance of education. Monti is a member of the Zonta Club and has several years of volunteering at schools and health fairs. Monti had the benefit of being educated overseas and all four of her children have attended excellent schools all over the country. Monti can say without a doubt that Allegany-Limestone School District is one of, if not, the best schools they have ever been a part of. By joining the School Board, she hopes to continue with and assure this excellence for each child in the district.



The InvestiGators



The 4th grade InvestiGators enjoyed a hands-on learning experience when guests from Stayer’s Greenhouse visited to teach them about how plants grow. Students explored what plants need to thrive, asked great questions, and examined real seeds during the lesson. Each InvestiGator also received a small gift card to purchase a plant to grow at home, helping them continue their learning beyond the classroom. This generous gesture sparked excitement, responsibility, and curiosity among our young gardeners. We extend a warm thank you to Stayer’s Greenhouse for their kindness and for taking the time to share their knowledge with our students.

FARM TO SCHOOL TASTE TEST COMING MAY 1, 2026

CHEF PAM FROM BRIGAIID WILL BE IN ALLEGANY-LIMESTONE MIDDLE-HIGH SCHOOL ON MAY 1st.

All food will be purchased with farm to school products from here in New York State. Staff will learn to cook from scratch, and students will be able to taste test the products.

Lunch includes—hot dog fried rice with dressing, slow roasted honey carrots, baked maple blueberry sheet cake.



SUMMER PROGRAM IS BACK

Summer Program 2026 will run from July 6th to August 14th. Be on the lookout for registration paperwork to come home in early May!

Registrations must be completed, submitted and paid by June 12th. Registrations will close after the first 75 participants are submitted and paid.

You can register for mornings or afternoons or both. There will be separate charges for mornings and afternoons. Charges cover the entirety of the program period.

7:30am-1:00pm includes breakfast and lunch at the Elementary school. \$100 per child, \$75 each additional child.

1:00pm-4:30pm Allegany Town Recreation Department (at the Old High School). \$50 per child, \$30 each additional child.





The ALCS Drama Club production of "9 to 5: The Musical" was a smash!



Students Excel in National Latin Exam



Pictured from left to right: Henry Ring, Rachel Boes, Mia Zinz, Asher Ledford, Lilly Mascioni. Not pictured: Cao Yong

Mrs. Steven's Latin students participated in the National Latin Exam this year. The National Latin Exam is a challenging contest consisting of 40 multiple choice questions on all things grammatical, mythological, lexical, and historical from the ancient Roman world! Students were joined by over 100,000 others from all 50 states and 26 other countries in this contest, and our Gators excelled. The following students achieved special honors, achieving scores above the national average.

- Mia Zinz- Magna Cum Laude
- Rachel Boes- Magna Cum Laude
- Asher Ledford- Cum Laude
- Henry Ring- Cum Laude

Honorable Mentions: Lilly Mascioni, Cao Yong



Playground Vibes

Gators shine at All-County Festivals

Congratulations to our musicians who were selected to participate in the CCMTA All-County Festivals in March. They were selected based on musicianship, character, and auditions at the CCMTA Solo Festival hosted at ALCS in January.

Festival #1 at Franklinville Central School

6th Grade Chorus: Lila Billings, Ivan Hilmey, Aria Horton, Aria Pettengill, Madison Rettger, Carly Sudbrook, Madalyn Faulkner, Xavier Higgins, Mea Alleman, and Khloe Mascioni.

High School Chorus: Juniper Wedlock, Ava Rzepka, Mialyn Hite, Christina Booker, Madison Gergel, Madison Wolf, Abigail Crawford, and Jillian Riley.

Junior High Band: Abigail Higgins, Aubrey Eisenhart, Orielle Jennings, Jonah Flick, Gunner Dayton-Dulanski, Maliya Wojewoda-Ko, Carter Keesler, Ryleigh Beecher, Kornelius Nothem-Kettler, and Raelynn Steiner.

Festival #2 at Olean High School

Elementary Band: Aria Pettengill, Macie Malpiedi, Miles Haynes, Marcus Tom, Django Wedlock, Ella Schram, Hyunseo Oh, Ivan Hilmey, Lenci Hogan, and Templeton Horn.

Junior High Chorus: Sterling Prince, Anton Dreher, Logan Lingaton, Hailey Kriner, Norah McCutcheon, Lilly Mascioni, Isabel Matasich, and Autumn Rae Odom, Avery LaRose.

Senior High Band: Ember Degroff, Josie Hastings, Brandon Ullman, Nolan Wilczewski, Isaac Holliday, Anaya Mickens, Jackson Abbott, Kai Warner, Jill Riley, Rhyland Wilder, and Cooper Billings.

SPRING MUSIC DEPARTMENT CALENDAR

May 14: 5-8th Grade Band Concert
7 p.m. MHS Theatre

May 19: 5-8th Grade Choir Concert
7 p.m. MHS Theatre

May 28: High School Band, Choir, and Jazz Band Concert
7 p.m. MHS Theatre

May 8-9: NYSSMA Solo Festival
MHS

May 25: Memorial Day Parade
9 a.m.

June 4: 4th Grade Recorder Concert
6:30 at the Elementary School

June 12: 3rd Grade Flag Day
9:15 a.m. at the Elementary School

MATHCOUNTS

MATHCOUNTS Team participated in the state meet on March 14. The team went on a tour of the NYS Capitol building and NYS Museum as well. Team members (Left to right): Jensen Haseley, Kornelius Nothem-Kettler, Allie Buchanan and Lilly Mascioni.



ALCS inducts new members into NHS chapter



The Allegany-Limestone Chapter of the National Honor Society inducted 18 new members during a ceremony in the MHS Theatre on Jan. 27.

Welcome to our new members:

Madison Bartholomew, Donovan Booker, Zoey Bush, Cait Conroy, Danielle Dunkleman, Lyla Giardini, Ronin Haseley, Mya Hayes, June Hilmey, Molly John, Kendall Lemon,

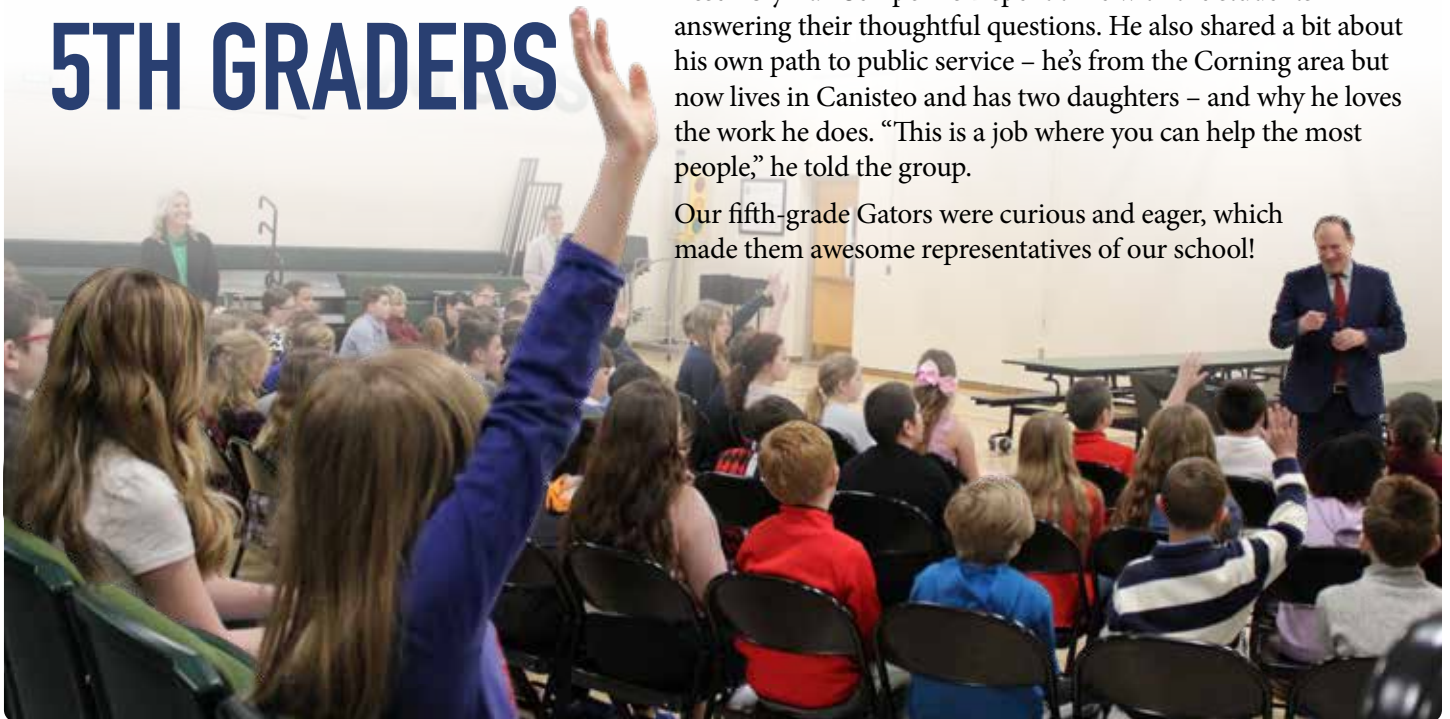
Abigail Middaugh, Michael Questa, Kaleb Reed, Summer Rhow, Monica Sorokes, Nolan Wilczewski and Kaiana Wojewoda-Ko.

ASSEMBLYMAN SEMPOLINSKI MEETS WITH 5TH GRADERS

Our fifth graders had an exciting real-world civics lesson when our NYS Assemblyman Joe Sempolinski stopped by for a visit in March. In connection with their social studies unit on government and civics, they sent their argumentative essays on the state's school cell phone ban to the offices of Assemblyman Sempolinski and State Sen. George Borello. In response, both lawmakers planned to visit to answer questions about the ban and so much more. (Unfortunately, Sen. Borello could not attend.)

Assemblyman Sempolinski spent time with the students answering their thoughtful questions. He also shared a bit about his own path to public service – he's from the Corning area but now lives in Canisteo and has two daughters – and why he loves the work he does. "This is a job where you can help the most people," he told the group.

Our fifth-grade Gators were curious and eager, which made them awesome representatives of our school!





Prince named to National Technical Honor Society

We are proud to announce that ALCS senior Adrianna Prince, an Early Childhood Education and Human Service student at the CABOCES Olean Center, was inducted into the National Technical Honor Society in January. Nice job, Adrianna!

First-ever Gator Get-Together was a BLAST!

In February, our Elementary staff shared their passions with our students and the kids got to choose from an amazing lineup of activities.

From brain games, Time with Toby our therapy dog, Cosmic Yoga, walking, and sensory games, to gardening, corn hole, reading, Valentine's Day projects, art, knitting, manicures, and even juggling. PHEW! That's a LOT of fun packed into one morning (in between Valentine's Day and 100th Day of School activities!)



Middle School OM Team

ALCS Odyssey of the Mind Team is heading to WORLDS!

Congratulations to our Middle School OM Team for placing 2nd in their division and earning the opportunity to advance to World Finals at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa this May. Our Elementary team also had a strong performance, placing 7th out of 17 teams in the state.

We are so proud of both Gator teams for representing our district at States in Syracuse in March.

The MS team consisted of Orielle Jennings, Abby Higgins, Kalia MacArthur, Kendall Simpson, Sadie Smith, Maliya Wojewoda-Ko, Kallen Rose substituting for Quinn Irons and Coach Tristen Barnes.

The elementary team consists of Roux Brown, LilyMae Depew, Lilly Faulkner, Nolan Irons, Emma Mack, Fiora Porcello, Whitney Simpson and Coach Kimberly Stebbins.



Elementary School OM Team

Gator artists recognized at SBU Quick Arts Center

Congratulations to our Gator artists whose work was selected for the Middle School and High School Juried Art Exhibitions, featuring submissions from across the region hosted annually by the Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts at St. Bonaventure University.

Middle School artwork was on display from Feb. 4-March 16, and the High School show will be on display through May 11.

Sixth grade: Lilia Feria-Silva, Monica McConnell, Ivan Hilmey, Avery Wenrich, Lila Billings, Moriah Doner, Gaebriel Smith, Berkley Miller, Jase Flick, Maleah Bellamy, Antonio Hinchman, Grace Forest, Evan Bradley, Madalyn Faulkner, Collin Kenyon and Aubrey Spring.

Seventh grade: Julian Zampogna, Levi Marino, Olivia Taylor, Quinn Irons, Allie Buchanan, Mercey Stout Peters, Thomas Winship and Sarah Keech.

Eighth grade: Maeve Finch, Naudia McCutcheon, Ryleigh Beecher, Selena Bish, Asher Ledford, Valerie Eadie, Mia Zinz and Freya Baxter-Dugan.

Freshmen: Norah Hayes, Delilah Moore, Maely Shumway, Lilley Hemphill, Isabella Manning, Katy John, Corinne Barrey, and Claire Chimbel.

Sophomores: Madison Wolf, Juniper Wedlock, Gracelyn Stout Peters, Allison Kellogg, and Mel Hayes.

Juniors: Jossalyn Little, Amaressa Lynch, Avery Gonzalez, Laine Dayton, Madaline Hooper, and Sia Cleveland.

Seniors: Benjamin Johnson, Cameryn Slevinski, and Molly Olkosky.



ALCS Senior earns NYS Seal of Biliteracy



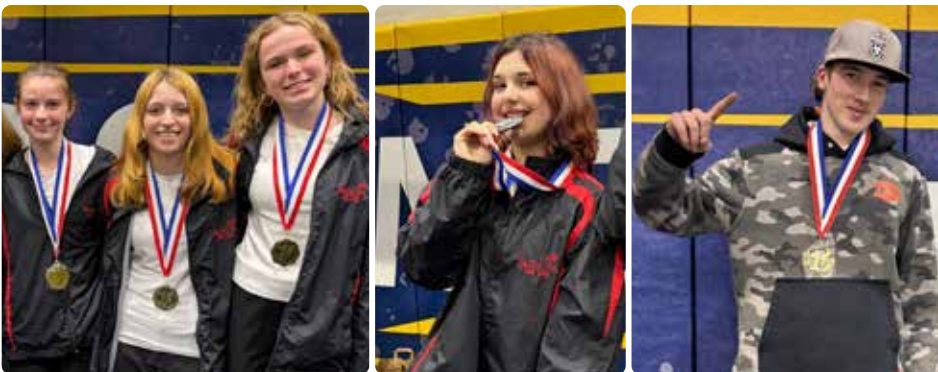
We are proud to recognize that senior Alexis Wojewoda-Ko has earned the prestigious New York State Seal of Biliteracy. This distinction is awarded to graduating seniors who demonstrate a high level of

proficiency in both English and at least one additional language.

Earning this seal requires dedication, strong academic performance, and the ability to read, write, listen, and speak effectively in two languages. Students must meet rigorous criteria, which includes coursework, assessments, and a culminating project showcasing their language skills. Her final project – Mental Health and Immigrants – was presented in Spanish to professors in the World Languages Department at St. Bonaventure University.

Congratulations, Lexi, on this impressive accomplishment!

ALCS Places at Skills USA Competition



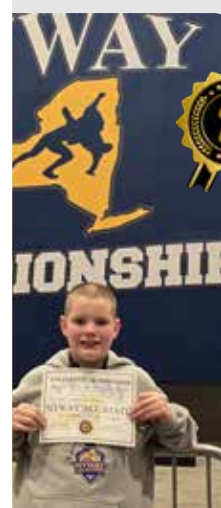
Congratulations to our Gators who placed top in their fields at the Skills USA Regional Competition at Alfred State College in early March. Many CA BOCES Career and Technical Education (CTE) students from centers in Belmont, Olean, and Ellicottville competed in the annual competition with several of the students placing.

CTE Center at Olean

- **1st Place: Quiz Bowl** – Hailey Scott, Lila Sheehy, and Kaleigh Coder
- **2nd Place: TV Production** – Ann Phetteplace

CTE Center at Ellicottville

- **1st Place: Small Engine Basic** – Luke Mascioni



After qualifying for the NYWAY State Championships last month, Maximus competed with the best wrestlers across New York State this past weekend and walked away with a **2nd place finish**. Congratulations Maximus for all of your hard work and dedication!
Gator Pride

NYWAY STATE WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

MAXIMUS COLBURN

Read Across America



We LOVED our visit with the National Honor Society guest readers from the high school. Every year, they visit to help us kick off Read Across America Week by popping into classrooms to read a Dr. Seuss book. Read Across America Week is held the week of Dr. Seuss's birthday, which is March 2.



STEM Night Sparks Curiosity & Innovation

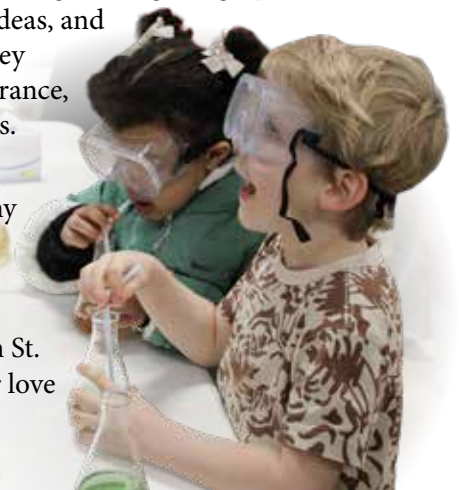
Families filled the hallways with excitement as students showcased creativity, problem-solving, and scientific thinking during this year's STEM Night. The event brought together hands-on learning experiences that highlighted science, technology, engineering, and math in engaging and interactive ways.

Students explored forces and motion by designing marshmallow catapults and launchers, testing how angle and force impact distance and accuracy. Others experimented with chemical reactions while creating fizzy lemonade and lava lamps, observing bubbling reactions and learning about density and gas formation. In another activity, students transformed copper pennies, discovering how chemical reactions can change the surface of metals.

Our Star Lab planetarium experience allowed students to travel through the solar system, explore planets, rotation, revolution, and the patterns of the night sky. Families also participated in Operation Safe Child ID cards, demonstrating how technology and data systems can support community safety.

Throughout the evening, students practiced the engineering design process - asking questions, planning solutions, testing ideas, and improving their designs. Most importantly, they worked collaboratively, demonstrated perseverance, and built confidence as young problem-solvers.

STEM Night was a wonderful celebration of curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking. Many thanks to all the elementary school staff, ALES PTO and MHS students who made the evening a success, as well as Napoleon Engineering and professors and students from St. Bonaventure University, and who shared their love of science and engineering with everyone.



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CALENDAR MISPRINT UPDATES LAST DAY FOR MHS STUDENTS

The District Calendar incorrectly states that the last day of classes for 7-12 students is Monday, June 15. The last day of classes is Tuesday, June 16.