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Newsletter of the Forestville Central School District

Message from the School Board

Dear Forestville Families and Community,

As we enter the final months of the 2025-2026 school year, I would like to thank you for your continued support. This school year has been marked by meaningful academic and extracurricular accomplishments in both the Elementary and the Middle/High School.

As we prepare for the annual School Budget vote, it is important to acknowledge our progress and remain focused on the future. We have an outstanding team of teachers, staff, and administrators who continue to uphold our mission and remain dedicated to expanding educational opportunities for all students. Their commitment, alongside the support of our families and community, is what makes FCS exceptional.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to prioritizing district needs and advancing student achievement. Our two-year capital project begins this spring and will include renovations to the elementary school cafeteria and entrance, the high school fitness center, and the locker rooms in both buildings. In addition, the Clean Green Energy Project scheduled to start in June 2026 will upgrade the heating and cooling systems in both buildings. These projects will enhance efficiency, improve function, and ensure a welcoming learning environment for all students.

The Board of Education held budget workshops in January, February, and March with our superintendent and business executive to review budget priorities, discuss expenditures and goals, and prepare for the next steps in the budget process. Our next Budget Hearing will take place on Thursday, May 7, 2026, at 5:15 p.m. in the Alene J. Bradigan High School Library followed by the regular Board of Education meeting at 5:30 p.m. The Annual Budget Vote and School Board Election will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, from 1-8 p.m. in the Hornet Lobby at the High School.

I encourage you to visit our school website for information on upcoming school board meetings, budget details, important dates, upcoming events, and district updates.

Thank you for being an essential part of the Forestville Central School family. Your unwavering support for our school community strengthens our district and is essential to the success of our students.

Sincerely,

Andrea Spengler

FCS Board of Education President



Budget-At-A-Glance

2026-2027 Proposed Budget
\$14,982,238

Increase of \$787,891 or 5.6%

Proposed Tax levy Increase of 2.9%

Budget Overview

- Our primary focus revolves around elevating student achievement, enhancing our facilities, and broadening our educational programs.
- We prioritize the prudent utilization of reserve funds while upholding the long-term financial stability of the District.
- It is our commitment to deliver top-tier education to our students while upholding fiscal responsibility within our community.
- We aim to foster partnerships with neighboring districts and BOCES to facilitate educational collaborations and shared services.
- Addressing the escalating need for building improvements, we have allocated \$100,000 in the 2026-27 budget for a capital outlay project. We anticipate recouping approximately 86% of these costs through state building aid the following year.

Public Hearing

A public hearing for the voters of the District on the 2026-2027 budget will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 5:15 p.m. in the Alene J. Bradigan High School Library.

Budget Vote

All eligible voters will have an opportunity to vote on the budget on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 from 1-8 p.m. in the High School Hornet Lobby. Parking is available in the back parking lot.

BUDGET 2026

Superintendent's Message

Dear Forestville School Community,

I am pleased to present the proposed 2026–2027 school year budget, which reflects our continued commitment to educational excellence, responsible fiscal stewardship, and long-term investment in our facilities. This year's budget represents an important step forward as we begin the next phase of improvements supported by our community.

Thanks to voter approval in May 2024 and 2025, we are excited to begin work on both the Capital Project and the Clean Green Project. Much of the initial work will take place at the elementary school during the upcoming summer months. These improvements include a redesigned cafeteria, a rebuilt and modernized locker room, and enhancements to entrances and hallways that will improve both safety and the overall student experience. These projects are designed to provide our students with learning environments that reflect the pride we have in our schools and community.

At the same time, this budget remains focused on maintaining and strengthening the programs and services that support our students every day. Over the past several years, our faculty and staff have made meaningful progress in areas such as student support services, instructional coaching, and inclusive extracurricular opportunities. For the 2026–2027 school year, our goal is to continue delivering these programs with fidelity while ensuring they remain sustainable and impactful.

The proposed budget reflects a 5.6% budget-to-budget increase. It is important to note that 2% of this increase is attributed to a planned debt transfer that is fully offset by corresponding revenue. When adjusted for this, the true programmatic increase is 3.7%. The proposed tax levy

increase is 2.9%, which remains within the allowable tax cap. This balanced approach allows us to move forward with critical facility improvements while continuing to support the educational programs our community expects.



We remain deeply committed to transparency and community engagement throughout the budget process. The annual budget vote will take place on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Hornet Lobby at the high school. We also encourage you to attend our Budget Hearing on Thursday, May 7th at 5:15pm in the Alene J. Bradigan High School Library, where additional details will be shared and questions welcomed.

As always, we are grateful for the continued support of our Board of Education, staff, and community. Your partnership plays a vital role in ensuring that we can provide high-quality educational opportunities while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

If you would like more information, please visit our district website at www.forestville.com. I am also always available to answer questions and discuss the budget further at 716-965-6539 or reach me at joconnor@forestville.com.

We look forward to your continued support as we move ahead with these exciting improvements and maintain the strong foundation of our educational programs.

Sincerely,

Dr. John O'Connor

Superintendent of Schools



Vote! May 19, 2026
1 - 8 p.m.
High School Hornet Lobby

Proposed 2026-2027 Revenues

Tax Levy

2025-2026	2026-2027	Increase/(Decrease)	% Change
\$4,123,697	\$4,242,810	\$119,113	2.9%

State Aid

2025-2026	2026-2027	Increase/(Decrease)	% Change
\$8,584,355	\$9,132,359	\$548,004	6.4%

Other Revenue

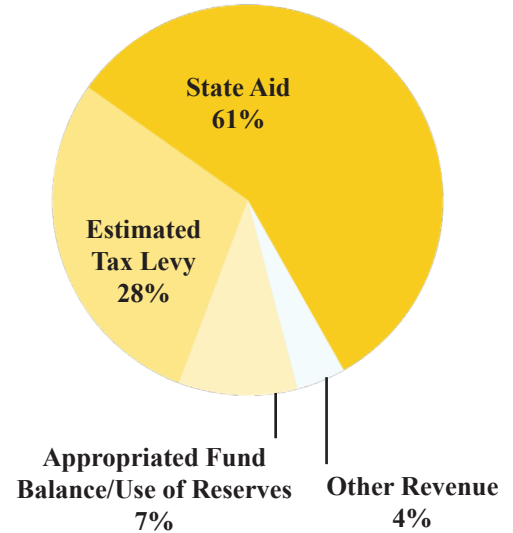
2025-2026	2026-2027	Increase/(Decrease)	% Change
\$559,193	\$570,883	\$11,640	2.3%

Appropriated Fund Balance/Use of Reserves

2025-2026	2026-2027	Increase/(Decrease)	% Change
\$927,102	\$1,036,236	\$109,134	11.7%

TOTAL REVENUE

2025-2026	2026-2027	Increase/(Decrease)	% Change
\$14,194,347	\$14,982,238	\$787,891	5.6%



Proposed 2026-2027 Expenditures

Program Component \$10,111,926

The Program Component represents the largest portion of expenditures. This component maintains all current programs and services and supports the District's mission and vision. This component provides funding for instruction and educational support services for all students. Transportation, health, library, co-curricular activities, and athletics are also included in this component.

2025-2026	2026-2027	Increase/(Decrease)	% Change
\$9,726,314	\$10,111,926	\$385,612	3.96%

Capital Component \$2,936,802

The Capital Component includes costs associated with the operation and maintenance of District facilities, including utilities, building and equipment repairs, and grounds maintenance. Funds are also included for principal and interest payments on capital projects.

2025-2026	2026-2027	Increase/(Decrease)	% Change
\$2,540,692	\$2,936,802	\$396,110	(15.59%)

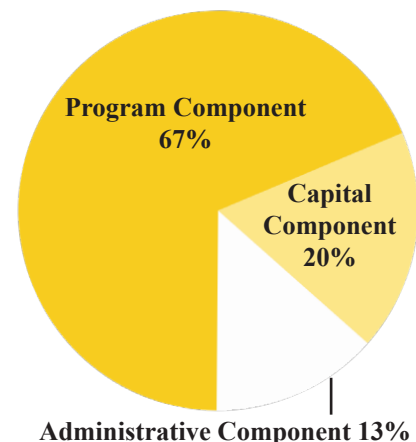
Administrative Component \$1,933,510

The Administrative Component provides for the general support and management of the school buildings and the District.

2025-2026	2026-2027	Increase/(Decrease)	% Change
\$1,927,342	\$1,933,510	\$6,168	0.32%

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

2025-2026	2026-2027	Increase/(Decrease)	% Change
\$14,194,347	\$14,982,238	\$787,891	5.6%



Tax Rate Impact Per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation

Estimated Tax Levy

2025-2026	2026-2027	Increase/(Decrease)	% Change
\$4,123,697	\$4,242,810	\$119,113	2.9%

Tax Rate Impact Per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation (Full Value)

2025-2026	2026-2027	Increase/(Decrease)	% Change
\$10.62	\$10.93	\$0.31	2.9%

Voting Information

The 2026-2027 Proposed Budget Budget and Board of Education Election

Proposition #1 - Proposed Budget

The budget proposition would authorize the appropriation of \$14,982,238. to meet estimated school district expenditures for the 2026-2027 school year. This represents an increase of 5.6% compared to the 2025-2026 adopted budget. Adoption of this budget would result in anticipated tax levy increase of 2.9% which is within the limits of property tax cap as calculate within the accordance with Chapter 97 of the Laws of New York and qualifying homes will be eligible for the state's Star rebate.

Proposition #2 - Bus Purchase

The bus purchase proposition seeks voter approval to purchase two (2) new Micro-Bird 30-passenger gas buses and one (1) new Blue Bird 65-passenger gas bus at an estimated cost of \$394,955 to be used in the transportation program of the District.

Board of Education Election

Voters will elect three members to the Board of Education. Three (3) at-large vacancies will be filled on the Board of Education by reason of expiration of the term of office of one incumbent. The three candidates receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected to a four-year term to commence on July 1, 2026, and expiring on June 30, 2030.

Public Hearing: A public hearing for the voters of the District on the 2026-2027 budget will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 5:15 p.m. in the Alene J. Bradigan H.S. Library.

Budget Vote: All eligible voters will have an opportunity to vote on the budget on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Hornet Lobby which is located at the Middle-High School. The Hornet Lobby is in the back of the building where you enter to the gymnasium.

Voter Registration Reminder

1. A citizen of the U. S.
2. Eighteen years of age or older and;
3. A resident of the Forestville Central School District for a period of 30 days or more preceding the annual vote and election.

Military Voters

Applications for qualified military voters will be available from the District Clerk's Office. The District Clerk must receive a valid ballot application no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 24, 2026. The voter may designate a preference to receive the application or ballot by mail, facsimile or electronic mail.

Absentee Ballot Procedures

Absentee ballots for the Budget Vote and Board Member Election will be available by application to the District Clerk's Office for any qualified voter who will be unable to vote in person due to illness or physical disability, hospitalization, incarceration (unless incarcerated for conviction of a felony), or travel outside the District for employment or business reasons, studies or vacation on the day of the vote/election.

Applications for absentee ballots will be available from the District Clerk's Office on or after April 24, 2026. Applications must be received by the District Clerk by May 19, 2026 to be processed by mail or by 3:30 p.m. on May 19, 2026, in person. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Office, by mail or in person, prior to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 to be counted.



CLASS OF 2027 CHICKEN BBQ

MAY 19

3:00 - 7:00 PM

HS Cafeteria

**Enter through the Hornet
Lobby near the Aud**

PRE-SALE TICKETS \$15

**Dinner includes ½
chicken, 2 sides & roll**

**See a Junior or Mrs.
Botticello in the office.**



**SUPPORT THE
JUNIOR CLASS!**

FORESTVILLE SUMMER ENRICHMENT



TWO SESSIONS

SESSION 1

JULY 6-9TH & JULY 13-16

SESSION 2

JULY 20-23 & JULY 27-30

**MANY ACTIVITIES TO
SPARK STUDENT INTEREST!**

**MORE DETAILED INFO COMING
SOON!**

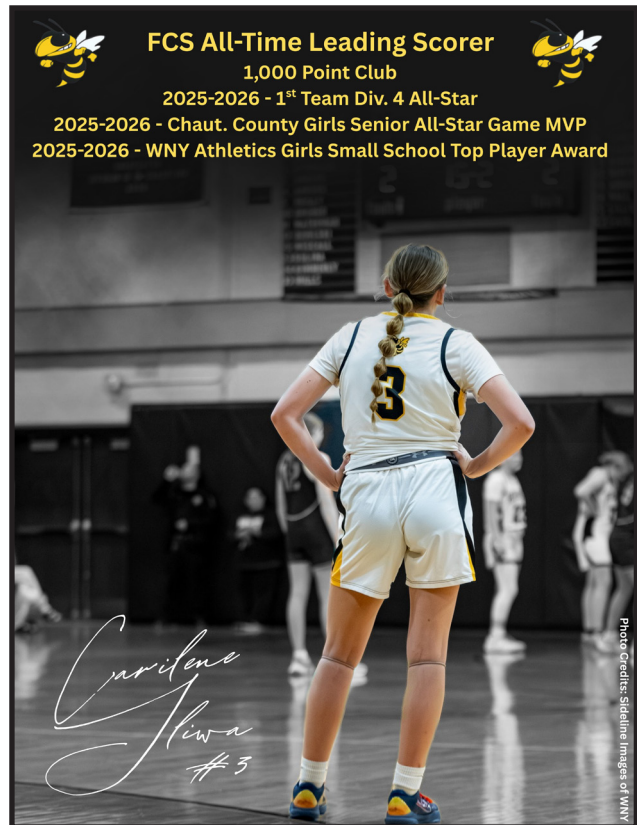


Sliwa Reigns Supreme

The FCS Basketball program record book has a new name at the top: Carilene Sliwa. The senior forward capped off an outstanding career in the Hornet black and gold during the 2025-2026 season. Among her personal accomplishments, she became the third member of the Girls Basketball 1,000 point club, became the FCS Hornet Basketball all-time leading scorer, was named as a 1st Team Division 4 All-Star, earned the Chautauqua County Girls Senior All-Star game MVP, and was also named by WNY Athletics as one of the Small School Top Players in Section VI.

Carilene was a catalyst for the Hornet Varsity Girls Basketball team throughout the season as well. Leading the Hornets to the Section VI Class D Championship game in early March.

Sliwa will graduate in June, but her lasting mark on the court will be etched in FCS athletic history forever. After graduation, Carilene will continue her softball career at Gannon University this fall. She plans to major in nursing. Carilene has been the starting shortstop on Forestville's Varsity Softball Team for four years, a first-team all-star for two years, and part of the All-WNY team last season.



Unified Bowling Finishes Successful Season

The Silver Creek-Forestville Unified Bowling Team placed 3rd at the CCAA Unified Bowling Championships on March 3, 2026 at the Jamestown Bowling Company. FCS freshman, Anthony Yuszyk received the Sportsmanship Award and Alexei Dawson received the Character Athlete Award at the championship match. Congratulations!



Elementary Updates

Dear Forestville Families,

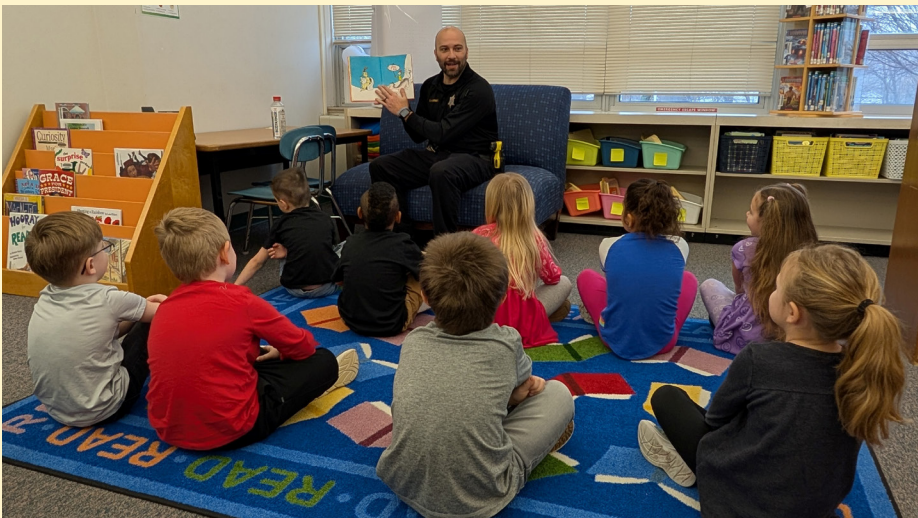
As we welcome the arrival of spring, there is a renewed sense of energy and excitement throughout Forestville Elementary! The longer days, warmer weather, and opportunities for outdoor learning are a wonderful reminder that we are heading into one of the most meaningful stretches of the school year.

I want to take a moment to thank you for your continued partnership and support. Your involvement plays such an important role in the success of our students and our school community. We truly appreciate all that you do!

PARP & Literacy in Full Bloom!

Our Pick A Reading Partner (PARP) celebration has been incredible! This year's theme was Reading Road Trip USA, in honor of America's 250th birthday. We kicked off PARP month with a school-wide presentation with Jeff Musial from Nickel City Reptiles and Exotic Animals. From guest readers filling our library and classrooms to family engagement at our All-American buffet PARP Family Night, it has been inspiring to see our school come together to celebrate the joy of reading.

Reading at home continues to be one of the most impactful ways to support your child. Even just 15–20 minutes each night makes a significant difference. Keep up the great work!





Learning & Growth:

This time of year is especially important for student growth. Our teachers are continuing to provide high-quality instruction, targeted support, and engaging learning experiences for all students.

For our students in grades 3–6, New York State assessments are approaching. These assessments are one of many ways we measure student progress. The most important thing you can do is ensure your child is well-rested, arrives to school on time, and feels confident and supported.

PBIS & School Culture:

At Forestville Elementary, we continue to focus on our PBIS expectations: Be Respectful, Responsible, Safe, and Kind.

We are so proud of our students for demonstrating these expectations each day! Through our Hornet Bucks/Class Dojo system, monthly Hornet Heroes celebrations, and positive recognition, we are seeing students take ownership of their behavior and contribute to a positive school environment.



Attendance Matters:

As we head into the final months of the school year, consistent attendance remains critical. Every day of instruction counts!

Please continue to:

- Send your child to school each day unless they are ill
- Ensure timely arrival
- Communicate with the school regarding absences

We appreciate your partnership in supporting strong attendance habits.



Clothing & Weather Reminders:

Spring weather in Western New York can be unpredictable! Please continue to send your child with appropriate outerwear, as we will take advantage of outdoor recess whenever possible.

If your family is in need of clothing or other support, please don't hesitate to reach out. Our Hornet Clothing Closet is available to help.



April is the Month of the Young Child:

We always look forward to celebrating the Month of the Young Child in April! This is a special time to recognize our youngest learners and the importance of early childhood education.

Spring Events & Activities

Spring is a busy and exciting time at Forestville! Here are a few highlights to look forward to:

- Spring concerts and performances (more details coming soon!)
- Hands-on learning activities and classroom projects
- Outdoor learning opportunities as the weather improves
- End-of-year celebrations and field trips (stay tuned!)

We encourage families to stay connected through our school communications in Class Dojo and social media for updates and announcements.



I continue to be incredibly proud of our students, staff, and families. Forestville Elementary is a special place because of the strong sense of community we share. Together, we are creating a positive, supportive environment where all students can thrive.

Thank you for being such an important part of our school family. Wishing you a wonderful spring season!



Sincerely,
Shauna McMahon
Elementary Principal



Maple Tapping

Mrs. Dolce's 6th grade Science Class tapped maple trees on the campus to collect sap that will later be made into maple syrup.

This activity is in connection with the New York Agriculture in the classroom program. Upon final production, students will submit their syrup sample in the "Schoolyard Sugaring," a maple syrup contest.



100th Day of School



Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten: Students who will be age five by December 1, 2026, can sign up for our Kindergarten program. Our Kindergarten Informational Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 7, 2026. Please contact the Elementary Main Office at (716) 965-2742 or email Elementary Office Secretary Brenda Schneider at bschneider@forestville.com for further information. A packet needs to be completed in full in order to register.

UPK Registration

Pre-K age students who will be age four by December 1, 2026, can sign up for our UPK program. The UPK Orientation will be held on Wednesday, May 6, 2026. It is important to register for UPK early, as the program does fill up. If more than 18 packets are completed and turned in by May 16, we will conduct a random lottery to choose 18 students. After that date, if we exceed 18 registrants, those exceeding that number will be placed on a waiting list.

A Letter from Principal Grande:

Dear Forestville Community,

Spring has officially arrived, and with it comes a renewed sense of energy throughout our school. The shift in seasons is always a welcome one — longer days, warmer weather, and a noticeable boost in student activity both inside and outside the classroom.

Our spring athletic teams are already hard at work, and it has been great to see our student-athletes competing with pride and representing Forestville so well. Their commitment, along with the support of our coaches and families, continues to be something we take great pride in.

By the time you are reading this, our school musical, *Bye Bye Birdie*, will have already taken the stage from April 23–25. The production was a tremendous undertaking, and I would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who helped bring it to life. Special recognition goes out to Frank Prinzi (Director), Jay Hagen (Music Director), Wesley Wright (Lighting & Sound Director), Emily Fisher (Creative Consultant and Prop Coordinator), Kristin Britz (Art Director & Stage Manager), Jenn Corcoran (Choreographer & Movement Coach), and Sarah Pearson (Music Director). Their leadership, along with the dedication of our students and supporting crew, made this production a true success.

At the middle school level, our students are continuing to engage in New York State assessments in English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Grade 8 Science. This marks our second year utilizing Computer-Based Testing (CBT) across all three areas. Our students have adapted well to this format, and we remain focused on ensuring a smooth and supportive testing experience for everyone involved. These assessments continue to provide valuable information that helps

guide instruction and support student growth.

Looking ahead, the Class of 2027 will be hosting a Chicken BBQ on May 19 from 3:00–7:00 PM in the high school cafeteria.

Presale tickets are available for \$15 and can be purchased from any junior or by contacting Mrs. Botticello in the main office. We encourage our community to come out, enjoy a great meal, and support the Class of 2027.

As always, this time of year also brings important conversations about the future. Students will be working closely with Ms. Hazelton to make thoughtful course selections for next year. We remain committed to offering a wide range of opportunities — from Advanced Placement and JCC college credit courses to Career and Technical Education programs through Erie 2 BOCES — that challenge and prepare our students for success beyond high school.

With Teacher Appreciation Week approaching, I would also like to recognize the incredible work of our faculty and staff. Their dedication, professionalism, and care for our students do not go unnoticed. Forestville is fortunate to have such a strong team supporting our students each and every day.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school community. I hope you enjoy all that the spring season has to offer.

Warm regards,

Dan Grande

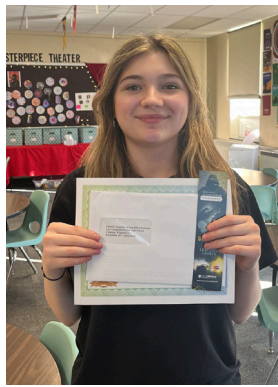
MS/HS Principal



Vote! May 19, 2026
1 - 8 p.m.
High School Hornet Lobby

Bye Bye Birdie





Seventh Grade Writing Contest

Four 7th grade students won “Unsolved,” a worldwide writing contest through Young Writers based in England. Students will be published in the upcoming book, making them published authors! Congratulations Ava N., Addie S., Ana Maria A., and Amorra B. Ana Maria also won an Amazon gift card!



Water for Sudan

Forestville Middle School students Ava Nearhoof and Alauna Sardineer reached their goal of raising \$1,000 for the nonprofit, Water for Sudan! The pair were inspired by the book, “A Long Walk to Water,” by Linda Sue Park, which details the struggle of the Sudanese Lost Boys on their dangerous journey from a refugee camp to the border with Kenya. Because of their efforts, Forestville Middle/High School is now in the running to be chosen for a visit by Salva Dut, the inspiration for the book and founder of Water for Sudan!

Pi Day

Mrs. Barrick’s middle school students celebrated Pi day by participating in various activities while learning about Pi! They calculated Pi by measuring circular treats and bubbles, played Pi Jenga and raced to roll the digits of Pi, and they even collaboratively made a Pi chain where each chain color represents a different digit of Pi. Thank you to all the families that provided treats for our students to measure and enjoy!

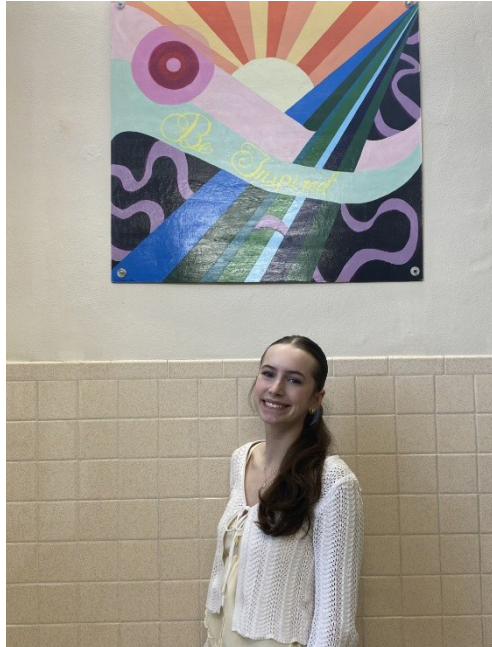


Tasty Bugs

The 7th grade seminar classes enjoyed a hardy feast of tasty bugs! Other grades also participated, tasting a variety of insects from grasshoppers to grubs. And the dipping sauces really enticed them to dig in!

Legacy Boards

The seniors in the Independent Art class have been painting their legacy boards once again! This project has been on hold since 2020. The four seniors are excited to have their paintings hung around the school, leaving their artist impression for high school students and faculty to admire. They will get their Legacy Board returned after five years on display in the high school. Missing from photos: McKenzie Burgess.



Ella Duliba



Madison Hall



Iris Muck



Jacob Core Wins at SkillsUSA

Career & Technical Education students from across Erie 2-Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES showcased their talents Tuesday at the SkillsUSA Region I Leadership Conference & Skills Olympics held at Alfred State College.

At the Carrier Educational Center, Jacob Core of Forestville

captured first place in Computer Maintenance.

The annual SkillsUSA event provides students with opportunities to demonstrate technical skills, leadership abilities, and professional development across a wide range of career-focused programs.

Valuable Lesson

Mr. McLhinney's Health Class recently started their unit on alcohol and its effects. The students wore "fatal vision goggles" and tried a number of field sobriety tests initiated by Deputy Hanner. The lesson included: the dangers of drunk driving, DWI arrests and blood alcohol content (BAC).



World Language Week

This year, Spanish students chose France as the country of study for our annual World Language Week celebration. Students learned about the iconic French perfume industry and created their own fragrances. They studied the history of impressionism and created their own impressionistic paintings. Students also sampled Hispanic ‘churros y chocolate,’ French

croissants, eclairs, candy bonbons and Italian candy, Zotz. Finally, they made crepes from scratch as part of the week’s activities to experience French cuisine. Our cafeteria staff created a delicious menu for the week as well: Greek chicken bowl, Puerto Rican empanada, Italian lasagna, Swedish meatballs, and Polish sausage were all on the menu!



2026 Commencement Speaker, Kathleen (Smith) Heckman

Kathleen Heckman (Class of 1988) is the Vice President for University Advancement at the University at Buffalo and will be this year’s commencement speaker. With nearly 30 years of experience in higher education advancement, she leads fundraising, alumni engagement, and advancement operations that support academics, student opportunity, and long-term institutional impact.

In her role, Ms. Heckman oversees engagement with UB’s global alumni network of more than 330,000

graduates worldwide, fostering lifelong connections that span generations, industries, and communities.

A proud alumna of the University at Buffalo, Ms. Heckman holds a Master of Business Administration and a bachelor’s degree in international business. She resides in Clarence, NY, with her husband, Andy, and their children, Drew (21) and Madeline (17).



End of Year Calendar of Events

Event	Date	Time	Location
Jr.-Sr. Prom	May 9, 2026	6:00 - 10:00 p.m.	The Barn at Farrington Hollow
Spanish NHS Induction	May 12, 2026	7:30 p.m.	Jeff Geblein Auditorium
MS/HS Spring Concert	May 14, 2026	7:00 p.m.	Jeff Geblein Auditorium
CCSBA Honors Night	May 27, 2026	6:00 p.m.	Chautauqua Harbor Hotel
Elementary Spring Concert	June 4, 2026	1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.	Jeff Geblein Auditorium
Regular BOE Meeting	June 11, 2026	5:30 p.m.	Alene J. Bradigan HS Library
Class Night	June 12, 2026	7:00 p.m.	Jeff Geblein Auditorium
HS Academic Awards	June 15, 2026	8:30 a.m.	Jeff Geblein Auditorium
MS Academic Awards	June 15, 2026	9:30 a.m.	Jeff Geblein Auditorium
Annual Alumni Banquet	June 20, 2026	1:00 p.m.	Jeff Geblein Auditorium
Pre-K Moving Up Day	June 23, 2026	8:30 a.m.	Jeff Geblein Auditorium
Kindergarten Graduation	June 24, 2026	8:30 a.m.	Jeff Geblein Auditorium
6th Grade Moving Up Day	June 25, 2026	8:30 a.m.	Jeff Geblein Auditorium
Class of 2025 Graduation	June 27, 2026	2:00 p.m.	Jeff Geblein Auditorium



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Forestville, New York 14062

School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2025-26 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2026-27 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2026-27 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$14,194,347	\$14,982,238	\$14,792,281
Increase/Decrease from the 2025-26 School Year		\$787,891	597,934
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		5.6%	4.2%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.63%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$4,123,697	\$4,242,810	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$42,540	\$42,540	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **	\$0	\$0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$0	\$0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$4,166,237	\$4,285,350	\$4,166,237
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$100,342	\$133,745	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$4,123,697	\$4,242,810	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$4,123,697	\$4,242,810	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$0	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$1,927,342	\$1,933,510	\$1,914,553
Program Component	\$9,726,314	\$10,111,926	\$10,052,926
Capital Component	\$2,540,692	\$2,936,802	\$2,824,802
Statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2026-27 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.			
- All appropriations for equipment will be eliminated. - All appropriations for non-health and safety related maintenance will be eliminated. - Capital expenditures will be eliminated - All non-instructional, non-unionized salary increases will be eliminated, unless it's impossible to assure qualified personnel for minimum service, in which case employees may be paid necessary amounts			
** List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)			
Description		Amount	
Acquisition of School Buses		\$394,955	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	

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Under the Budget Proposed for the 2026-27 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings¹

\$328

Per Chapter 258, Section 495 of the Real Property Tax Law, a local Government Exemption Impact Report is attached to the proposed budget and is available for review on the school website at www.forestville.com.

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2026-27 by the qualified voters of the Forestville central school district, Chautauqua County, New York, will be held at Forestville High School in said district on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 1:00 pm prevailing time OR between the hours of 1:00pm and 8:00pm, prevailing time in the Forestville High School, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

Non-Discrimination Statement

The Forestville Central School District does not discriminate in its employment and admission to programs and activities as applicable, on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, age, economic status, marital status, veterans' status, political affiliation, domestic victim status, use of a guidedog, hearing dog or service dog, disability, or other classifications protected under federal or state law, and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The designated district compliance officers will coordinate compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements of Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, the Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act, and the New York State Human Rights Law.

The Forestville Central School District Compliance Officers are:
Superintendent,
4 Academy Street, Forestville, NY 14062 (716) 965-6539, MS/HS Principal,
4 Academy Street, Forestville, NY 14062 (716) 965-2711, Elementary Principal,
12 Water Street, Forestville, NY 14062 (716) 965-2742.

Complaints may also be filed with the Office for Civil Rights, New York Office, U.S. Department of Education, 32 Old Slip, 26th Floor, New York, NY 10005-2500, phone (646) 428-3800, fax (646) 428-3843, or email OCR.NewYork@ed.gov

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2026-27 by the qualified voters of the Forestville Central School District, Chautauqua County, New York, will be held at Forestville MS/HS School, Hornet Lobby in said district on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., prevailing time in the Forestville MS/HS School, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

1. The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law