

HYDE PARK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT **CONNECTIONS**



Roman's Remarks

As we recognize Teacher Appreciation Week and School Nurse Appreciation Day, we pause to celebrate two groups of professionals whose work is essential to the success and well-being of our students and school community.

Our teachers are the driving force behind student achievement. Each day, they inspire curiosity, encourage growth, and create learning environments where students can thrive academically, socially and emotionally. Their dedication, creativity and commitment to excellence shape the strength of our entire community.

At the same time, our school nurses play an equally vital role in supporting student success. They are often the first to respond when a child is in need, providing care and comfort while helping to ensure our students are safe and ready to learn.

As we look at our proposed budget for the year ahead, we are reminded that every investment we make reflects our district's priorities. At the heart of that budget is our commitment to supporting those who make our schools strong. A budget is more than numbers, it is a reflection of our values. It represents our investment in the people and programs that make student success possible, and there is no greater investment than in our educators and caregivers.

Thank you for the countless hours and the unwavering belief you have in our students. Your work drives excellence, strengthens our schools, and makes our community stronger each day.

On behalf of the entire district, thank you for all that you do.

With Hyde Park Pride,



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April Artist and Musician of the Month

Kayandrae Campbell

12th Grade, Franklin D. Roosevelt High School

Kayandrae is recognized as an exceptional student and artist whose dedication and creativity set her apart. She consistently invests significant time and effort into her work, often exceeding project expectations to produce high-quality artwork. Demonstrating initiative and passion for her craft, Kayandrae regularly develops independent projects, filling sketchbooks with original ideas and refining her artistic skills outside of the classroom. Her strong work ethic has contributed to continued growth in her technical abilities and artistic development. In addition to her classroom achievements, Kayandrae is a member of the National Art Honor Society and has earned multiple honors through the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards competition.



Sylvia Jusino

6th Grade, Haviland Middle School

Sylvia has demonstrated exceptional determination and dedication through her continued growth as a young musician. Her hard work and commitment to strengthening her skills on the clarinet have contributed to significant progress throughout the year. Sylvia approaches each rehearsal and lesson with perseverance and a strong desire to improve, setting an example for her peers through her dedication to music. Known for her kindness and respect toward others, she is a positive presence both in and out of the classroom. This year, Sylvia was selected to participate in the Elementary All-County Band, an achievement that reflects her musical talent and willingness to challenge herself. She consistently meets every challenge with a positive attitude and enthusiasm.



Violet Ave Teacher Receives Recognition from MHSSC

Congratulations to Natalie Ellis, a teacher who has dedicated 28 years of dedication to Violet Ave, for being awarded for excellence by the Mid-Hudson School Study Council.

“I have worked with Natalie for 20 years, and she is one of the most caring teachers I know,” said teacher Jessica Nicosia. “She goes above and beyond to provide her multilingual learners with a safe, compassionate, supportive learning environment.”

The Mid-Hudson School Study Council (MHSSC) annually presents its Awards for Excellence to recognize outstanding staff members in school districts across the Mid-Hudson region. The awards honor contributions in categories such as administration, pupil personnel services and staff support. Recent recipients have included principals, teachers and aides from various districts.



Ellis is very involved in the HPCSD community and she is an active participant on several committees. She spearheads Sparrow’s Nest fundraisers to help parents who have been diagnosed with cancer. She is also on the school safety team.

Ellis has facilitated her own professional development courses. She organizes the PARP (Pick a Reading Partner) events, Read for the Record and helps with the Read Across America initiatives.

“Natalie’s heart is truly in serving others. She cares deeply about ensuring that the needs of her students are met and that families feel supported and valued,” said Principal Jesse Laguerre. “Her dedication extends far beyond her classroom, as she continually works to create meaningful opportunities that strengthen literacy, connection, and community throughout our school.”

College Commitment Day for Hyde Park Athletes

As we continue getting closer to the end of the school year, our seniors are reaching many milestones, and celebrating special moments. May 1st was college commitment day for seniors who showed up proudly wearing gear representing what they'll do and where they'll go after they walk across the stage. May 6 was specifically remarkable for the student-athletes, as a signing was hosted in the gym for those that are continuing their academic and athletic career collegiately.

From the field to the track and in the pool, FDR seniors have pushed themselves in and outside of the classrooms, enabling them to go into college competing in the sports they've dedicated years to. This year, FDR had 17 athletes signing to continue athletics in college.

"I think what's really inspiring is that our students are not just athletes, they're great human beings. They have great character, with integrity, and are service minded," said Superintendent Dr. Pedro Roman. "Those traits are going to carry them wherever they go."

After an impressive five-year varsity track and field career, Marina Scott has officially committed to continuing her academic and athletic career at Marist University. Known for her achievements in sprinting, Scott has become recognized many times within the Section and New York State level.

"I'm grateful for more chances to set new PR's and improve my own capabilities," said Marina.

We are more than proud of all of our student-athletes and wish them the best of luck with their future endeavors!

MAY ATHLETES OF THE MONTH



Emma Hunt

Varsity Crew

Sophomore rower Emma Hunt has been rowing since 7th grade and is always showing up to practice in any condition ready to work. Her constant positive attitude, desire for self-improvement, and the encouragement and support of her teammates push the team to be the best version of themselves.



Shea Montgomery Varsity Baseball

Junior Shea Montgomery made a strong effort to help his team achieve a 12-2 victory over Wallkill. Shea went 1-for-2 with two runs, one stolen base, and one double. Shea has become a key player for Roosevelt: the team is undefeated when he posts at least two runs.

FDR College-bound Athletes

Joseph Andros - Jacksonville University, DI Rowing

Marina Scott - Marist University, DI Track

Troy Speare - Bryant University, DI Swim

Olivia Wayne - St. Bonaventure, DI Track and Cross Country

Ajani Lee-Barnes - St. Thomas Aquinas, DII Track

Said Kakish - Union College, DIII Football

Isaa Kakish - Norwich University, DIII Football

Celeste Gorres - Norwich University, DIII Soccer

Alexis Duke - SUNY Delhi, DIII Basketball

Peyton Mcfarland - Alfred State, DIII Wrestling

Calum Quirk - Alfred University, DIII Football

Luke Dakin - Western New England University, DIII Wrestling

Riley Clements - Mount St. Mary University, DIII Volleyball

Abigale Greenspan - Mount St. Mary University, DIII Volleyball

Colin Buttitta - Bard College, DIII Track and Cross Country

Jovanni Rivera - Kings College, DIII Baseball

Lilly Parise - Sussex Community College, DIII Basketball