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CANAAN/FALLS VILLAGE CORNWALL KENT NORTH CANAAN SALISBURY SHARON



FINISHING STRONGER, AGAIN!

UPPER LEFT TO RIGHT: *NEXT TOP MOUNTAINEER* REHEARSAL
HVRHS ENVIROTHON TEAM PLACES FIRST AT STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
LOWER LEFT TO RIGHT: CORNWALL BAND PLAYS AT TOWN MEMORIAL DAY
CELEBRATION; N CANAAN STUDENTS CLEAN SCHOOL GROUNDS

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

FINISHING STRONGER, AGAIN!

What a year! We began the year with the hope that we were going to be viewing Sars-CoV-2 in our rearview mirror, but instead collided head on with Delta, Omicron and related variants. While COVID remained a clear constant, the public health path forward was not. Thus, staff and students had to learn to persevere with their learning while at the same time respecting differing individual practices due to the emerging flexibilities in CT Department of Public Health policies regarding masks and vaccinations. Despite these challenges, our teachers, staff, students and parents/caregivers remained undaunted. The education of our students remained the “true north” that unites us and we are finishing the year on target with Region 1 curricular goals.

We have devoted the preceding issues of this newsletter to celebrating the Region 1 staff and students for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. In this edition, we are sharing information about the remarkable learning and activities that have taken place in the latter part of the year, as well as showcasing the graduates from our middle schools and HVRHS. In addition to their academic achievements, students completed this chapter of their learning knowing that they are resilient, courageous, flexible, and empathetic as a result of the challenges they faced in the last two years. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of them on their success and wish them well as they embark on the next step of their life journey.

The end of a school year is always a bitter sweet time and although it was a difficult year in many respects, the same is true for this year. We are sad to say goodbye, but at the same time, we are happy to have the beautiful summer season to spend quality time with friends, caregivers and family.

We thank everyone for partnering with us in our efforts to provide our students with the best education possible this year and we look forward to seeing students when they return in the fall.

Have a joyful and healthy summer!

All the best,
Lisa Carter, Superintendent Region 1 Schools

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MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS

We started school this fall believing things had settled down. We now know that in many ways the year was equally - if not more - challenging. Yet across the Region, we have seen countless examples of staff and students recognizing difficulties and pressing on, making the school experience that much richer.

This year brought the return of many beloved Region 1 experiences such as school plays and musicals, athletics, and community events. The FFA Open House brought students and families from across the Region to HVRHS, showcasing the incredible work of teachers and students in the Agricultural Education program, the plants and animals they work with, and the Who'sCTEKS robotic creations. We are looking ahead to field days and commencement ceremonies that students will remember for years to come.

Some activities returned in different ways during the 2021-2022 school year. Some schools enjoyed school-based experiences with Nature's Classroom, bringing the magic of the programming here to Region 1. Fourth Grade Arts Day: Redux brought visiting artists to students in their own school buildings for a variety of experiences in visual and performing arts. Professional learning opportunities brought teachers and staff from across the Region together virtually, and allowed staff to connect with staff developers both near and far.

Region 1 has also been able to move forward in new efforts during the last school year. Teachers and administrators have "unpacked" the entirety of our new Continuum of Professional Practice (the definition of effective teaching for student learning in Region 1) and begun to infuse both *Habits of Mind* and our *Portrait of a Graduate* into curriculum and instruction in grades PK through 12. We have begun the work of making a public site for our curriculum. Schools have developed structures for embedding social-emotional learning into the day. Students from HVRHS and Sharon presented projects at the inaugural Troutbeck Symposium. With the generous support of Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, we are able to offer transportation to a Regional summer learning program and offer a new summer enrichment program at HVRHS geared towards middle school students.

Region 1 has much to be proud of. This would be true in any year, but it is especially true given the many challenges that arose during the 2021-2022 school year. As our time as co-Assistant Superintendents comes to a close, we want to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for the opportunity to serve together for the last two years. Thank you for the kind words, the thoughtful questions, and the support that you've offered. The work of Region 1 takes a village - or six towns - and we cannot think of any better or stronger than ours.

Scott A. Fellows, Ed.D. and Jill Pace, Assistant Superintendents

REGION 1 STUDENTS STEP UP

“I HAVE NEVER LEARNED SO MUCH.”

- Griffin Tomaino



When I came up with the idea of putting on an original production in 8 weeks, I knew it was ‘ambitious’. That was the term people used when I talked about it and that floated in my head when I told Haley Considine and Gavin Budny about the idea, and they were game. No questions asked, just “let’s do it.” So, I wrote to Principal Ian Strever and got on a group call with my new co-directors. We weren’t directing anything but our hearts at that point. We made some documents all headed with a temporary name, *The Unwritten Show* - little did we know we’d keep it for what it stood for.

So, yes, I knew it was ‘ambitious’. But I had no idea what that meant at the beginning of it all. Don’t be mistaken, however, for I loved every second of it. All the work was a necessary component of the art we were creating, and I loved it. I knew that the stress I experienced was simply an indicator of how productive I was being, and I knew that we all felt it. Every obstacle we were approached with was an opportunity to understand it, learn how to overcome it, and leave it in the past as we charged towards our goal.

Visit www.21stcenturyfund.net for the full story.

THE HISTORY OF CIVIL RIGHTS AT TROUTBECK

In August 1916 and again in 1933, the NAACP held conferences at Troutbeck - the home of Joel and Amy Spingarn - in Amenia, N Y. These seminal conferences were organized to improve race relations and discuss the political and social issues facing African Americans. The Spingarns were major players in the Civil Rights Movement. During World War I Joel established a training camp for Black officers. Amy was a patron of many leading figures of the Harlem Renaissance.

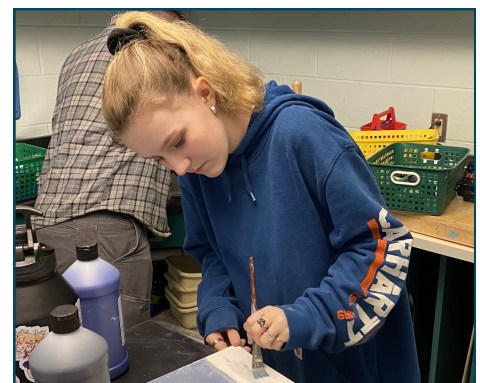
Much of this history has been forgotten. So, HVRHS, Salisbury School, Sharon Center, Hotchkiss, Indian Mountain, and others, hosted a symposium with student films, projects, and lectures on the topic.

(Turn to Pg. 23 or visit www.21stcenturyfund.net for more info.)

The Spingarn Medal

Established on June 29, 1914, the Spingarn Medal has been awarded every year since by the NAACP, with three exceptions. It remains one of the most prestigious awards given to African Americans. The medal serves two purposes: to call attention to the distinguished achievements of African Americans and to serve as an award for their achievements and ambition. In establishing the award, Joel Spingarn expressed his hope that the medal would “perpetuate the lifelong interest of my brother, Arthur B. Spingarn, of my wife, Amy E. Spingarn, and of myself in the achievements of the American Negro.” Below is a sampling of Spingarn recipients.

 Ernest Just in 1915, was a pioneering biologist, physiologist, and science writer.	 Rosa Parks, 1979, sparked the modern Civil Rights Movement in the Montgomery bus boycott.
 George Washington Carver, 1923, is famous for his work in agricultural chemistry.	 Maya Angelou, 1994, was an author, actress, playwright, producer, and historian.
 A. Philip Randolph, 1942, worked to establish the Fair Employment Practice Committee.	 Oprah Winfrey, 2000, is best known for her groundbreaking television show, Oprah.
 Martin Luther King Jr., 1967, helped lead the Montgomery bus protest movement.	 Ruby Dee, 2008, was an actress, poet, playwright and civil rights activist.
 Sammy Davis, Jr. 1968, was a Broadway/Hollywood star and civil rights activist.	 Cato Laurencin, 2021, innovated regenerative engineering and nanotechnology.



CORNWALL CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL



FINISHING THE YEAR STRONG AS A COMMUNITY

Community is at the heart of everything we do at CCS. We have finished the year strong by coming together as a Cornwall community, bringing community members in to visit our school, and going out into the community and beyond.

COMING TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY



On May 6th, the entire Cornwall Consolidated School community came together for the 18th Annual Walk-a-Thon. We raised money and walked together in support of a great cause - *Voice of the Children*, an organization providing support to children in Ukraine. It was a fun filled day with time together as a community!

BRINGING IN THE COMMUNITY

We have enjoyed welcoming community members back into our school. The entire school participated in *Poetry Read Aloud* in which community members came to share their favorite poems with each class. Sally Hart has come to read to kindergarteners during snack each Monday. Our 1st and 2nd graders enjoy community member Ellen Moon's stories on Friday afternoons. Joyce Samson, a retired CCS teacher and community member, has come back to work with 2nd graders on poetry. Wendy Miller from the Sharon Audubon was able to come share nature with the 3rd and 4th graders. The middle school students enjoyed a spring day with Nature's Classroom exploring and learning in the environment around them at school. Lastly, Peter Askim from Music Mountain was able to bring his instruments and students to CCS to share a wonderful concert with all!



(Photos are of Community Members Hugh Cheney and Ellen Moon.)

CCS GOES INTO THE COMMUNITY & BEYOND

CCS students have also been excited to get back out to explore their community through field trips. The Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd graders visited HVRHS for the FFA Open House and got to meet the new baby goats. The 1st and 2nd graders were also able to spend two days at the Sharon Audubon taking a Nature Walk and participating in a Pond Study. The 3rd graders attended a concert with other 3rd graders in the Region at Music Mountain. The 3rd and 4th graders also got to spend a day at the Connecticut Science Museum and even got to attend a performance of *A Wrinkle in Time* performed by The Goshen Players. The 5th and 6th graders went to the Cornwall Transfer Station to learn about recycling and compost and also spent a day together hiking at Kent Falls and enjoying a Mexican lunch at The Villager in Kent. 7th graders had a wonderful day in Old Wethersfield learning about Colonial history in Connecticut. Lastly, our 8th graders got to spend 3 days exploring Boston and spending time together before they graduate and head off to high school!



Kindergarten at HVRHS
Open House



1st and 2nd graders at Audubon



1st and 2nd graders at HVRHS

Below Left to Right:
5th and 6th grades at Transfer Station
7th graders at Old Wethersfield
8th graders in Boston



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CORNWALL CONSOLIDATED Class of 2022



Steven Barber



Everet Belancik



Graham Belancik



Hayden Bell



Henry Berry



Lily Beurket



Colton Bodwell



Colby Brown



Arianna
Danforth Gold



Steven
Delgado Buni



Mia DiRocco



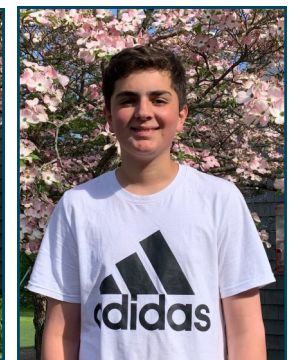
Dylan Gonzalez



Robbie Happy



Simon Markow



Gabe Poll



Caleb Robles



Finn Scribner



Joseph Villa Arpi



Alexandra West



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SPRING IS IN THE AIR!

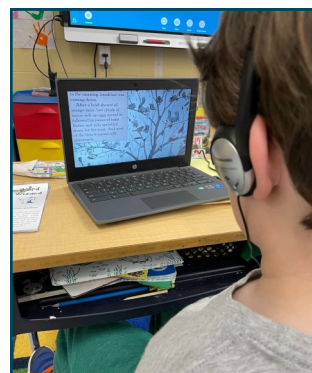
Second graders visited a local farm to meet the animals (horses, sheep, chickens, and cows)! They named one baby cow Milky Way when it was born. The students also enjoyed



planting seeds in recycled egg cartons. We then took a hayride for a closer look at Milky Way and the other cows.

Don't look up, you might be hit in the head by a meatball or pickle. Students in 2nd grade at Kent Center School, spent two weeks diving into over 20 books written by local artist Judi Barrett. Although Judi did not visit KCS this year, the classrooms were alive with writing, reading, and art projects. After reading *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*,

students broke into groups to conduct jobs like passage picker, word finder, discussion director, connector and artful artist.



MATH AND DIMENSIONS

We are learning about two-dimensional shapes and geometry during math. The students began their investigation by playing the workplace "Last Shape In Wins". The students worked in small groups and took turns fitting triangles, rhombuses, trapezoids, and hexagons into a larger hexagonal outline. The student placing the last block is the winner! Workplaces are an important learning tool in second grade because they encourage strategic mathematical thinking and provide opportunities for repeated practice.



AND SOCIAL STUDIES



We are studying our government, too. We discussed the rights and responsibilities of citizens and we spent time learning about our local government, too. The students enjoyed visiting the Kent Memorial Library and learning all about the role of selectman and the different services of Town Hall. We enjoyed hearing two stories read by Selectman Jean Speck. The students then discussed various issues related to Kent and worked in small groups to try and solve one. We all felt like town officials!

A NEW ARBOR DAY TRADITION!

On Friday, April 29th the Kent Center School community and town of Kent enjoyed the 21st annual Arbor Day Celebration! This is a special event where we combine science, history, art, and music in our school-wide, community celebration. Arbor Day is about taking care of our trees for us and future generations to enjoy. This year marks the start of a new tradition where we plant a tree on the town grounds instead of at KCS. We are so excited for this new opportunity and there are many people to thank who helped make this possible: the Kent Conservation Commission for supporting this project; Bruce Bennett, our Town Tree Warden, for his expertise and help picking the location; Jos Spelbos for helping to pick and plant this year's tree; the 8th graders, Oliver Hernandez and Odin Boniswho, who helped prep the site; Rick Osborne and his town crew for digging out the old stump and prepping the site for us; and the Kent Greenhouse for their generous donation of this beautiful tree. Thank you all for your help and support! We look forward to watching the beautiful Chinkapin Oak tree grow here in town for years to come.

Every KCS family received a tree sapling thanks to Bartlett Tree Company. We would also like to thank Melissa Cherniske for organizing these donations.

Arbor Day committee members are Miss Leach, Miss Hollowell, Mr. Rose, Mrs. Starr, and Mrs. Tarabara

- Arbor Day Committee



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE KENT CENTER Class of 2022



Peter Austin



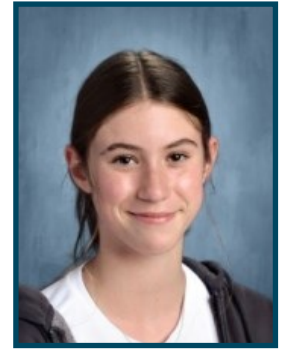
Elias Booth



Jack Darby



Kaelyn Darrin



Olivia De Sanctis



Dominick
DeLonge



Elizabeth Forbes



Alejandro
Garcia-Pedroso



Owen Gawel



Taylor Green



Adam Hock



Jenna
Janiak-Anderson



Oliver Kim-Diaz



Abram Kirshner



Genevieve
Malinowski



Fuller Manes



Ava McDougall



Ashton Osborne



John Russell



Gabriel Sario



William Saxton



Celeste
Trabucco



Thylonius
Williams

LEE H. KELLOGG SCHOOL

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OUR COMMUNITY AND SHARED VALUES MAKE US STRONGER

At Lee H. Kellogg, our students work toward Character Learning Targets: We are people who act. We do our part to make the world a better place. This year gave us many opportunities to aim for these targets and to spread our wings as Falcons.

Community building is the foundation for all learning at Kellogg and we are ending the year with a feeling of gratitude. Our students have experienced learning opportunities together as multi-aged “Bunches”, sharing community meetings involving read-a-thons, exploring our environment, and creating a thunderstorm using only our hands and feet. As a community we celebrated Earth Day and are looking forward to our Field Day.

Kellogg students have embraced change, whether it be with new staff and a new principal or the changing conditions of a learning environment coming off the heels of COVID. Overall our students show kindness and acceptance and continue on their learning path. We have embraced opportunities to learn outside of our school walls as all grades took field trips. From overnight trips to Boston and Nature’s Classroom or day trips to the farm, nature preserves, and performances, students appreciated these moments with their classmates.



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In Kellogg tradition, alongside the artistic hand of Chris Hanley, our students created unique projects that were born in their imaginations and soon after decorated the walls of our school. Once again, our eighth grade students gifted LHK with a collaborative piece that is now a forever part of our halls. This year's gift was a wall mural of the solar system that welcomes our students into the Science Lab.

We have been blessed for the past 18 years to have Chris Hanley encourage and inspire the artist in all of us. We will miss her and wish her well as she enters her retirement but we will certainly never forget her.





“Live your beliefs and you can turn the world around.”

- Henry David Thoreau

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2022

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Maureen Madison Graney



Marc M. Hafner



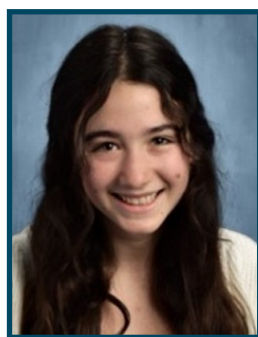
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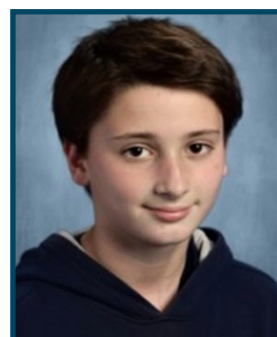
Kristoffer Allen Quinion, Jr.



Ibbly Sadeh



Haylen Alexis Sincovic



Silas Andre Porter Tripp



Mary Helen Worden

NORTH CANAAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

- Dr. Alicia Roy



Finishing Stronger defines North Canaan Elementary School. Every day we are excited to start our day at NCES. For this newsletter, we are proud to share our Peace Week activities, our Walk, Bike & Roll to school photos, and our addition to the campus arboretum on Arbor Day. As our sign in the front of the school proudly states: "Happiness is another beautiful spring day at NCES."

Whatever season it is, we are always happy to be learning together at our school.

PEACE WEEK

Three industrious and caring 7th-grade students – Emeline Krauz, Addie Diorio, and Sydney Howe – organized a week of events to promote the creation of a peaceful environment that respects nature. One day we cleaned the school grounds with Mrs. Johnson’s help; another day each student created a kindness folder on which all of the students in the classroom wrote a kind thought about the student. We also colored mandalas, acknowledged our heritages, and celebrated peace.

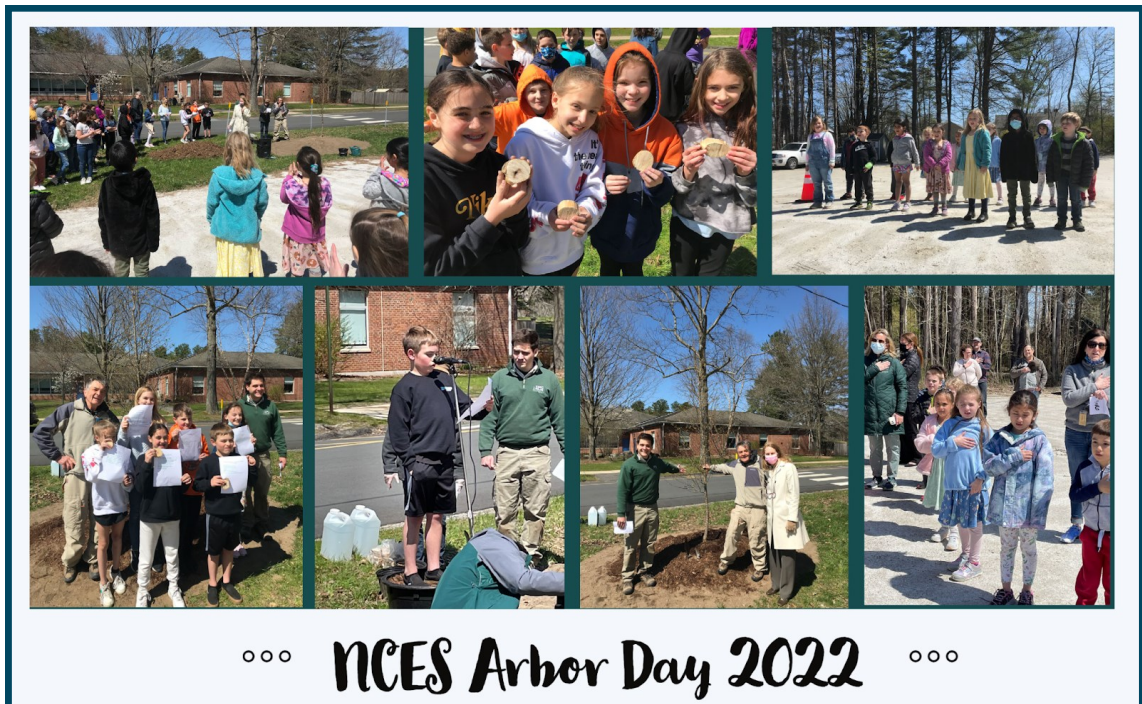




WALK, BIKE, & ROLL TO SCHOOL

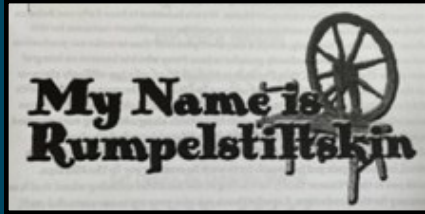
Although our original date was a rainy one, the morning of Tuesday, May 10, was sunny and perfect for riding, walking, or rolling to school. Families joined in the fun, and we started our day having had some exercise, bike safety, and sun on our backs. What more could we ask for the start of a school day? The enthusiasm to mark the return of this annual event at NCES was no surprise. Keep the wheels rolling, NCES!

32ND NCES ARBOR DAY CEREMONY



Friday, April 29th, marked the 32nd Arbor Day Ceremony at our school and the 150th anniversary of National Arbor Day. Thanks to the ongoing dedication of Tom Zetterstrom and Selectman Christian Allyn, the donation from the Canaan Foundation, and the support from the North Canaan Selectmen, Town Crew, Chris Toomey, and Laurelbrook Natural Resources, we added a hophornbeam to our school's thriving arboretum to honor the 5th grade, who shared poems they created. First graders also sang while a strong wind was blowing. The trees (and smiling, happy, and cold faces) are one more example of the strength of the NCES community.

LIGHTS DOWN, CURTAIN UP, STUDENTS TRANSFORM



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NCES CLASS OF 2022



Wesley Robert Allyn



Caiden Xavier
Brewer



Cohen Wayde
Cecchinato



Christopher Michael
Crane Jr.



Katherine Elizabeth
Crane



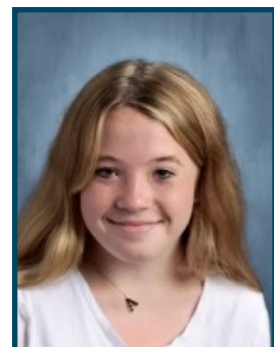
Richard Gill
Crane, III



Shanaya Duprey



Anthony James
Foley



Allison Ford



Suzanne Marie
Gilpatric

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NCES CLASS OF 2022



Kierra Jade
Greene



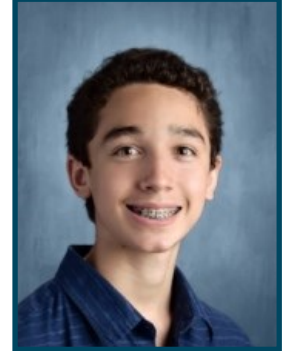
Camren
Holst-Grubbe



Hannah Fayth
Johnson



Madelyn Grace
Johnson



Anthony Michael
Labbadia



Logan R. Labshere



Zachary Martin



Alexa Calee
Meach



Ryan P. Mullen, Jr.



Daphne Grace
Paine



Brian Perez



Owen Riemer



Kyle Rosier



Abigale E. Sherwood



Cole Lindley
Simonds



Lauren Brianna Sorrell



Blake Whitney



FOND FAREWELL TO OUR BELOVED LIBRARIAN, MRS. TRUDY ALLYN

-Millen Murray

What can I tell you about Trudy Allyn? For the past year I have had the privilege of working as her assistant, and during this time I have seen her in ways I never had noticed before. Trudy has a gift for bringing stories to life. While reading to any of her classes, you can find her creating different voices for each of the characters, complete with facial expressions, and booming sound effects that make everyone sit up and listen to hear more and find out what will happen next!



Being our school librarian for 41 years, Trudy has touched the lives of so many children. Her love of stories and steadfast belief in the importance of children being exposed to books of all kinds has helped instill a love of reading in children for many years. Trudy listens to the children's requests, and if she doesn't have the book they are searching for, she researches to see what exactly the book or series is all about and then places the order to get the books in as soon as possible - because for her, there is nothing more satisfying or important than watching a child read a book. Trudy will be sorely missed, but the mark she has made on so many SCS children will never be forgotten!

FINISHING ON A STRONG (& DELICIOUS) NOTE

- Deana Conlogue & Sarah Freund



Second graders at SCS were finally able to experience their first field trip! In Science, we are studying matter and its properties. With these principals in mind we ventured to Arethusa Dairy Farm to observe their ice cream making process. We learned how Arethusa Farm uses milk (liquid) from various local farms to make ice cream and cheese (solids). Even better than the engaging science lesson was being able to sample the delicious result! From there, we headed to White Memorial Conservation Center, where we used our 5 senses as we picnicked, hiked, and observed many birds, turtles, and frogs, It was a much awaited highlight to the end of another successful year!

FOURTH GRADE GOES UNDERGROUND

- Barbara Carr & Kat Bucceri

The fourth graders at Salisbury Central School have been investigating weathering and erosion and how it changes the world around us. After several years of COVID-19 restrictions, we were finally able to hop on a bus and travel to Howe Caverns in Howes Cave, NY. The students were so excited to ride deep into the caves and witness the beautiful formations from our studies.



Highlights of the underground tour include “The Winding Way”, which consists of pathways as narrow as 18 inches at certain places and the boat ride on the River Styx at the bottom of the cavern. Fourth graders had fun pointing out stalactites and stalagmites and keeping an eye out for “Cave Bacon”, otherwise known as flowstone. A smaller, but just as enthralling, component of the trip was the mining activity where students panned for rocks and minerals at the HC Mining Company. Everyone was excited to go home with their very own samples and identification card. This inspired students to bring in more rocks from home so we could make observations.



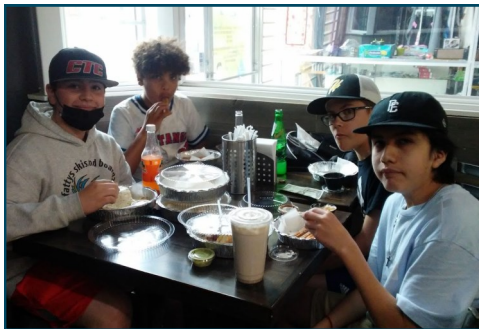
This experience allowed the students to learn more about the science behind some of our natural wonders and to ask questions about our ever changing Earth. Our day at Howe Caverns was a great reminder of the importance of real-life experiences that only field trips

SALISBURY 7TH GRADERS GO TO HARTFORD

- Kathleen Ruiz & Ruth Salas-Ramos

After two years of COVID restrictions seventh graders were excited to take a field trip to Hartford, CT. The weather was spectacular that day and we made the most of it! Our first stop was at the Wadsworth Atheneum Art Museum - a true gem. Students took a guided tour of the highlights of the museum. There was a special exhibit on 20th century artists such as Pablo Picasso, Salvador Dali, Marc Chagall and Diego Rivera. Students explored the connections between art and writing as they composed guided poems inspired by the paintings of these great artists. In the museum's art studio students created abstract watercolor paintings that captured the moods of their poems.

Next we had lunch at El Mercado/ The Marketplace in the heart of Hartford's Latino Community. Students sampled foods from México, Dominican Republic, Colombia and Perú. Most were able to practice the restaurant/food vocabulary they learned in Spanish class when placing their order. A popular choice was "Chocolate con churros." Some words that students used to describe the day: delightful, surprisingly fun, unique, exciting, eye-opening, amazing, and spicy!



CONGRATULATIONS TO SALISBURY CENTRAL CLASS OF 2022



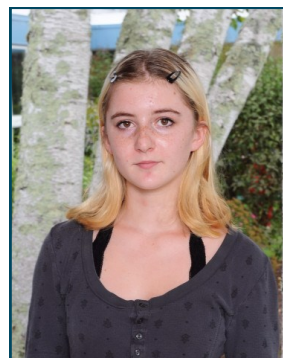
Kevin Aguilar



Elizabeth Allyn



Oliver Ayer



Olivia Brooks



Victoria Brooks

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SALISBURY CENTRAL CLASS OF 2022



Ileana Carter



Kip Carter



Hunter Conklin



Mabel Fenton



Stella Fenton



Anna Gilette



Nicolas Gonzalez



Carter Haab



Chloe Hill



Sara Ireland



Neve Kline



Eric Lopez



Annie Prinz



Eloise Prinz



Oliver Pzynski



Tanner Reid



Rebecca Sadlon



Ava Segalla



Orla Shillingford



Pierce Smith



Alex Woodworth

SHARON CENTER SCHOOL

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FINISHING STRONGER, AGAIN!

- Dr. Karen Manning, Principal

Finishing Strong Again, what a perfect summary of the year. The SCS community members continued to exceed expectations as they navigated school and continual challenges of the seemingly never ending pandemic. Daycares closed unexpectedly, parents, students and staff became ill. Everyone worked collaboratively to meet the health and safety guidelines in order to keep school open and return to pre-pandemic functioning.

We experienced great joy as we welcomed the community back into the school building and expanded opportunities for parents and community members to engage in activities at school. Families are coming into school to bake, garden, and read with students. Families are coming in to meet with us and to support Field Day 2022. Student Council members provided tours for members of our Board of Education, Board of Finance, and Town Selectmen. The energy is contagious. Community members came to school and shared exciting career opportunities with our middle school students on Career Day.

Our Drama Department welcomed the community to our stage showcasing our talented students in engaging performances of Jonathan Rand's *Law and Order Fairy Tale Unit*. It was an amazing show and an amazing weekend!

We are all looking forward to 2022-2023 and increased opportunities to engage in community-home-school collaboration!

THE MAGIC OF SPRING

- Mrs. Allison Bryant



With generous donations from Paley's in Sharon, Kindergarteners started seeds for corn, beans, broccoli and cucumbers and have been watering daily and watching them grow. They sowed turnips, beets, chives, peas and carrots into the raised bed gardens and have been pulling weeds when they are outside playing and using watering cans to keep them moist. In this way they are learning about plant parts, what plants need and how they grow.

They are also watching the life cycle of tadpoles by raising two leopard frog tadpoles in their classroom. They are drawing and writing sentences about each stage of a frog's life. With the help of a retired teacher, we'll also be watching Eastern Black Swallowtail chrysalides emerge. Learning about plants and animals is fun and important for kindergarteners and we are lucky to be viewing these changes with our own eyes.

FIRST GRADERS CREATE THEIR OWN STORE

- Mrs. Karen Ducey



First graders are using what they have learned and their imaginations to create a store. The store is a wonderful source of learning for the students. It reinforces their math, reading and writing skills. All of the students are playing cooperatively and thinking interdependently which enhances their social development. What great creating, imagining and innovating the first graders have done. Great job!

TROUTBECK SYMPOSIUM

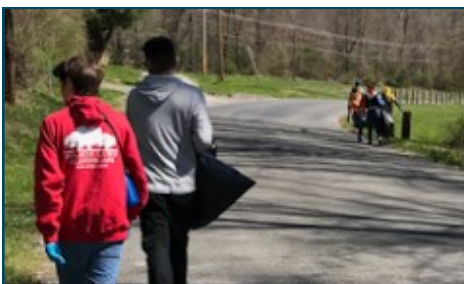
Ms. Lilly Barnett

8th grade students had the honor of participating in the Troutbeck Symposium this spring with Mrs. Barnett's art class. Students took a Langston Hughes poem *One Way Ticket* and responded to it with their artwork. Local filmmaker Ben Willis compiled their work into a film, with the students reading the poem in the background as a voiceover. The work was part of a much larger project involving nine local private and public schools. Great job to the whole class for the collaborative effort.



8TH GRADERS GIVE BACK

- Mrs. Dallas Speranzo



8th graders are finding ways to be contributing members of society. They have helped clean up trash on Mudge Pond Road and volunteered at the Sharon Road Race, a fundraiser for Sharon Center Day Care. One student helped out at the local firehouse's pancake breakfast, too.



Our 8th graders will volunteer through the end of the year. They plan to sell tickets and usher at the school play, assist at an Audubon event, and help teachers organize their rooms after school. Please feel free to contact us with any further volunteer opportunities for these amazing students. We could not be more proud of them.

LIGHTS DOWN, CURTAIN UP, STUDENTS TRANSFORM

AS THE SHOW GOES ON

- Ms. Bethany Franklin and Mrs. Sue Bayer

In May, 14 students and 3 crew members from grades 5-8 performed *Law and Order: Fairy Tale Unit* by Jonathan Rand. The comedy is based on the TV show *Law & Order* and tells the stories of several mythical characters in the fairy tale criminal justice system. Unfortunately, one of our actors fell ill in the last week but crew members stepped up and filled in. It was wonderful to watch the school and community come together.



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Leonardo Cajilima



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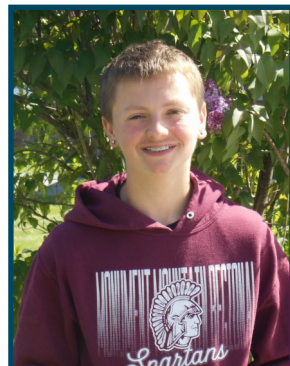
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AND HVRHS FINISHES STRONGER, AGAIN!



FFA Open House 2022 was a huge success. Students created engaging demonstrations and gave 500+ elementary students tours.

The Housatonic Valley Regional High School Envirothon team is moving on to the National competition in Ohio this summer!

The Team placed first in the forestry and wildlife divisions, and first place overall in the state! Congratulations to team members Kara Franks, Spencer Markow, Anne Moran, Dana Saccardi, Hudson Sebranek, and Natalie Wadsworth. (See front cover photo.)

TRIBUTE TO THE FALLS VILLAGE AFS CHAPTER

- Vance Cannon



In the aftermath of the Second World War, Dr. Paul Stoddard founded the Falls Village Chapter of the American Field Service (AFS). In 1950, Housatonic Valley Regional High School welcomed its first exchange students from Germany. Since then, every year we have welcomed students from abroad and most years have sent our own students to countries and families all over the world. The cafeteria is now decorated with flags from all of the countries to which the Falls Village Chapter has sent students and from which it has received students. The 2021-22 school year saw five students from five countries spend the entire school year, one more for the fall semester and another for the spring semester. The flags were donated by former HVRHS faculty member Katie Gannet and the Andrea and Tim Downs family.

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BLUE AND GOLD

- Warren Prindle

The Blue and Gold Art Show returned with a bang after a two-year COVID-enforced hiatus. The big news was the renaming of the gallery to the Kearcher-Monsell Gallery. Lynn Kearcher was honored for her fifteen years of endless devotion to the HVRHS Art Program.

Additionally, the opening reception included the public unveiling of the new Tim Prentice kinetic sculpture that is permanently installed in the Del Eads Library Reading Room. The sculpture is named Mishe Pohkok, the native American words for "The Great Clear Sky."



NEXT TOP MOUNTAINEER RETURNS

After a 2-year hiatus, this competition returned on May 20th. The audience was entertained by the amazing performances of the "Saucy Seven" contestants. There were group dance numbers (choreographed by HVRHS senior Janay Gregory), a lip-sync contest, a personality contest, along with a talent section.

The host for the evening was sophomore Finn Cousins, who lead the audience and judges through the show. Special thanks to Ms. Taylor Monico who had been the supervisor of all of the rehearsals, as well as SGA President Haley Considine who organized the event. As the audience laughed, cried, and sometimes were just plainly shocked, the judges of the evening were scoring contestants on a variety of things.

Ultimately, the judges announced that Ruslan Peirce was Housatonic's Next Top Mountaineer. The SGA is already planning what next year's event will hold.



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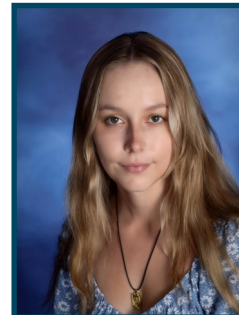
Jon Austin Bayer



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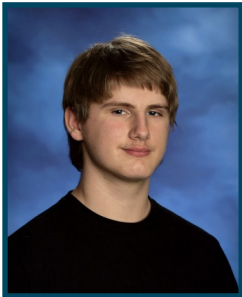
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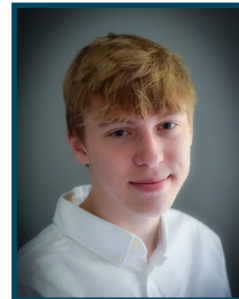
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Gregory Drumm



Parker Dunham



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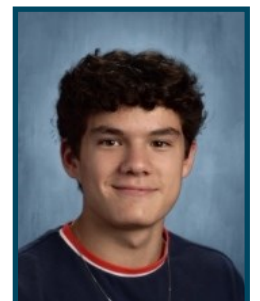
Raina Friend



Landon Good



Janay Gregory



Phillip Guillen



Jordan Haggard



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Katya Nweeia



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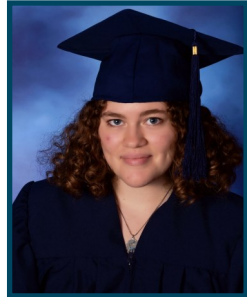


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Lilith Watkins



Caleb White



James Wiggins



Brayton Wood



Jack Yeung

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PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE

HVRHS strives to nurture confident communicators who are globally and environmentally aware and able to problem-solve and self-advocate.

“Intelligence plus character — that is the goal of true education.”

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

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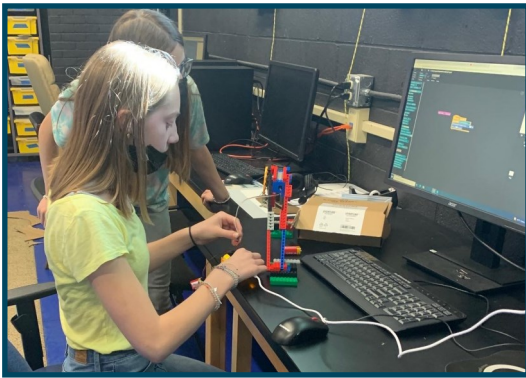
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REGION 1 OPPORTUNITIES FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

The Regional Middle School Athletics and Activities Program launched in Fall of 2022.

The program is designed to provide positive learning opportunities for the students who participate and to help unite our students as one community.

Over 130 students participated in a variety of activities including Art Garage, Coding, Soccer, Basketball, Cross Country, Track and Field, Baseball, and Softball.



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