## Addison School District Newsletter

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#### Addison Middle/High School Celebrates Homecoming

On September 28<sup>th</sup> the middle school and high school had their annual Homecoming parade and dances. The week prior, an air of excitement abounded in the middle and high school through sports events, spirit days, and a pep assembly. In the high school the week's spirit days began with "Pajama Day" and continued on to "Anything but a Backpack Day", "Adam Sandler Day", "Color Wars Day", and "Knight Pride Day".

New this year, the high school athletes paraded through Tuscarora Elementary School encouraging younger students to join athletic programs and to include them in the Homecoming festivities. Andrew J., soccer player, said, "It was beneficial to the little kids and I was happy to see them with smiles on their faces."

Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, bedecked in Addison gear, the high school students gathered in the event center during 9<sup>th</sup> period. What happened next was a time of high spirits and an awe-inspiring victory. Along with the usual announcement of the homecoming court nominees and athletes, this year a game of musical chairs was organized by the Student Council. Five students from each grade were selected, for a total of 20 students. With 19 chairs out on the court, the music started, and the game began. Through 18 rounds of eager cheering and frantic struggles and dives for chairs, Tayzer F. emerged victorious, doing his senior class proud.

Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, middle and high school class members arrived at Maple Street for the Homecoming parade. This year, the float theme was *Color Wars*. Each grade chose a color to represent on their class float. The winning float was the junior float, which represented the color blue through the game of "I Spy."

In the evening the middle school and high school each had their own dances. At the high school dance, the homecoming court was announced: Freshmen, Madison S. and Keaton Q.; Sophomores, Alivia S. and Weston N.; Juniors, Ava K. and Sawyer W.; Seniors, Jadyn S. and Tayzer F.

The high school dance ended at 10pm, concluding the Homecoming activities for this school year. Homecoming gives students a wonderful opportunity to celebrate athletic accomplishments and school pride. A special thank you to the Student Council and their advisor, Ms. Keech, and all the coaches and athletes who help make Homecoming a success. Go Knights!



























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Senior Spotlight: Class of 2025

Kayleigh R.

Favorite part of high school?

What are your plans after high school? Go to college for social work

Favorite staff member?

Mr. Greenfield

**Proudest moment?** 

Moving up to Varsity cheer in 10th grade

Where do you see yourself in 10 years? Married with children and helping people

What advice would you give to younger students?

Don't worry about what other people think; do what you love.



Frank H. Favorite part of high school? Basketball

What are your plans after high school?

Get an apartment with my beautiful girlfriend and find a job

Favorite staff member?

Mrs. Janeski

**Proudest moment?** Being crowned Prom King

Where do you see yourself in 10 years? Married and working full time as a mechanic

What advice would you give to younger students?

Do NOT procrastinate. You WILL regret it!

#### Valley Early Childhood School News

Students have been kicking off the start of school at the Valley by focusing on the letter A and Johnny Appleseed. They've also spent time practicing their names and taste testing apples. During one special Knight Know It session, Miss. Korver and Ms. Lacey talked about apple picking and about how to make applesauce. They made the applesauce ahead of time and demonstrated to the children during school. Then the students marched around the gym and sang their Johnny Appleseed song. Afterwards the kids got to taste test the applesauce. The students also celebrated birthdays and Knights of the week!

After A comes the letter B, where students took a look at brown and black bears, as well as band-aids on the bear's booboos. The 4-year-olds have been learning about shapes, colors and learning how to use self talk. The 3-year-olds have been learning about all things fall such as acorns, squirrels and nuts as well as the numbers 1 and 2. The students also talked about lockdown drills and how to stay safe in those situations.

The students and families at the Valley have much to look forward to, as the Cherrydale Fundraiser (9/30-10/18), Valley Open House (10/16 from 5:30 to 6:30) and Picture Day (10/23) events are coming up soon.

By Kaylee Keech























Mrs. Hand's 8th grade ELA students use their peer editing skills to give feedback to their classmates on their essays, which are focused on the history and heroes of 9/11.



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#### Welcome to Addison, Ms. Klem

Ms. Klem began teaching at Addison Central as the 9th grade English teacher this September. Ms. Klem is adjusting to her new position after graduating from Mansfield University this past May. Another adjustment is the relatively small size of Addison compared to her hometown of Endicott, New York. Endicott holds fond memories for Ms. Klem. She was active in her school; she took a multitude of Honors and AP classes and was very involved in the band scene.

School wasn't always Ms. Klem's strength, however. Until high school, Ms. Klem considered herself to be a "horrible" student, but then something clicked. She began to care. Her love of learning ignited, teaching became the perfect profession for her- one in which "you can never stop learning." Ms. Klem thinks teaching is about more than the materials being taught. She believes "putting students first is of the utmost importance" and values "teaching the students rather than just teaching

them what you think they should know."

Although she attended and graduated from Mansfield University, she knows that college is not for everybody. For people like her brother- a successful member of the NAVY- college could hinder more than help. She is determined to present students with all their available options, whether that means college, military, or joining the workforce. She's not afraid to help students even if their interests don't align with her subject, English.

Inspired by a math teacher who noticed her love of reading and helped her to start a book club, Ms. Klem feels making a connection with students is key. She would like the Addison community to know that she's excited to be here and has "full faith in this district and what we're doing here."

By Anna Lyons



#### Welcome to Addison, Miss Bills



Miss Makayla Bills went to Addison and graduated in 2020. After graduation, she went to CCC for a year, then went on to get her bachelor's degree in early childhood education

from Alfred University last spring. This is her first year of teaching, which she is very excited about! She is teaching 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Tuscarora. She was inspired to become a teacher because she loves kids and wants to make a difference in their lives in any way that she can. The most important part of her job is simply to love her students

and show them that they have someone that truly cares about their success and about them overall. She was really influenced by one of her now co-workers, Mrs. Jamie Wheeler. Miss Bills was placed in Mrs. Wheeler's room as an aide right before student teaching, and she learned so much from her!

Miss Bills' goal for our Addison students and the community is to stay involved and encourage students to find something they enjoy doing. She is currently helping as an assistant coach of the varsity girls' soccer team. She is also the president of the boy's indoor soccer program and a PTA member. She loves to travel, coach, and spend time with her family and friends. She also loves to volunteer in the community whenever she gets a chance. Miss Bills has also been busy planning for her upcoming wedding this August. By Maxx Belemonti



#### Welcome to Addison, Ms. Perry



The Addison community would like to give a warm welcome to Ms. Perry! Ms. Perry was born and raised in Corning, New York. She graduated with a degree in Inclusive Childhood Education. She has loved working with children ever since she was a little girl. Her mom is a teacher, and she grew up watching her love for teaching and children and knew her path was to follow in her mother's footsteps.

Her goals are to make an impact on each and every one of her students' lives. She hopes to impact students in more than just the classroom. Having a strong relationship with both her students and their families is very important to her. She wants to be involved in extracurricular activities, such as running clubs or possibly coach in her future. Her future goals would be to continue to learn and grow into the best teacher she can be through the help of Addison staff, students, and community. During her free

time, she enjoys being with her family and friends. One of her passions is riding horses. She has been an avid horse rider since the age of nine. Running is a sport she started in high school and has become a huge part of her life.

Ms. Perry did track and cross country all throughout high school and then continued

her three-season career of running at St. John Fisher University. She teaches 3rd grade at Tuscarora Elementary School. She would like to give one of her college professors credit for getting her into teaching. The professor was a public school teacher and wanted to inspire students at the college level to become teachers themselves. She was always welcoming and supportive, and Ms. Perry felt like she could go to her with anything. However, she would have to say her biggest motivator and role model would have to be her mom. She has pushed her to become the teacher she is today. Ms. Perry aspires to become as great and dedicated of a teacher as her mom. By Ryan Thompson



#### Welcome to Addison, Mr. Heidrick

Mr. Heidrick is from Addison and has lived here his whole life. He has children and grandchildren in the Addison School District. The advice he would give the students in the district is to stay in school. Mr. Heidrick feels the most important feature of his job is disinfecting, which students and staff are very grateful for. He said that he liked how everyone knows everyone and everyone knows everyone's parents. His future goal is to retire in the district. He has a little hobby farm that he works on in his spare time. He also enjoys fishing, farming, and relaxing. By Grace Heidrick



#### Club Spotlight: Yearbook Club



Everybody loves looking back at their old high school yearbooks to remember what times were like "back in the good old days." What we often forget, though, is how much work goes into making the yearbook look good. That task is the job of the Yearbook Club. Ms. Havens, who runs both the business and advising part of the Yearbook Club, keeps busy with keeping track of themes and deadlines, as well as the money portion of the organization. Throughout the year, the Yearbook Team documents a plethora of school events. The Yearbook Team often works outside of school hours, taking pictures at sporting, club, and student council sponsored events. The team then puts all the pictures into chronological order to "Get a good snapshot of how the school year went."

In the Yearbook Club, students enjoy exercising their creativity, along with getting to feel a sense of ownership over the project when seeing it from start to finish. One member who takes photos for the Yearbook Club says that they love getting to find all the pictures that they contributed to the yearbook each year. They also commented on how they have enjoyed learning how to use a proper camera.

Ms. Havens thinks it is important to capture memories and history through the yearbook, so people can enjoy reminiscing years down the road. She encourages any student who is interest-

ed in joining the Yearbook Club to reach out to her – no experience is needed, as she can teach you all you need to know. The team is always looking for new members to help with taking pictures and creating a beautiful book of memories we can all enjoy for years to come.

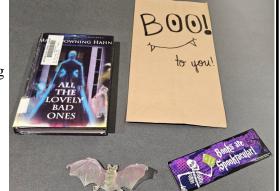


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#### **Library Happenings**

The Middle/High library will be offering "Boo Bags" to students during the month of October. Each boo bag will include a mystery/thriller/spooky book, a Halloween themed bookmark, and a surprise Halloween fidget/toy. Students can request a boo bag through a Microsoft Form link. The link is posted on the Schoology feed for both MS and HS on Schoology. The librarians will deliver boo bags to ELA teachers for distribution to their students. (One boo bag per student). This is a fun way to promote reading during the month of October.



By Kenzie Stuby

By Kaylee Keech

#### In the Know...



On November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> the Addison Drama Club will present Clue. This play is based on the board game Clue by Hasbro. Mark your calendars so you can see Colonel Mustard, Ms. Scarlett, Mrs. White, Miss Peacock, Professor Plum, and Mr. Green come to life in the Addison Performing Arts Auditorium. There will only be 2 showings and you don't want to miss them.



# Career Events



#### **OCTOBER**



**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15TH Business Career Day @ Elmira College** 9:00am - 11:30am

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29TH Business Career Panel @ Corning Incorporated** 9:30am-11:30am

### **NOVEMBER**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH Education Career Panel @ GST BOCES Bush Campus** 9:15am-11:00am

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH** Medical Career Panel @ Corning-**Painted Post HS** 9:30am - 11:30am

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST Administrative Assistant Careers @** Corning Incorporated **Time TBA** 

#### **DECEMBER**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH **Rehabilitation Careers @ Arnot Ogden Medical Center Time TBA** 

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11TH **Protective Service Career Panel** @ GST BOCES Bush Campus 9:15am-11:00am

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH **STEM DAY @ Corning Community** College **Time TBA** 

Sign up for career events with Lindey Smith in the Counseling office! lismith@gstboces.org



Dance Party 'MUSIC 'FOOD

\*activities/crafts October 18, 2024

Doors Open at 5:00-6:30pm 4:45pm **TUSCARORA** Come in costume or wear Halloween colors!

**STUDENTS** 

School Enter at **GRADES 3-5** Main Doors PARENTS: THIS IS A PARENT DROP-OFF EVENT FOR YOUR TUSCARORA STUDENT - PICK-UP FOR THIS

1 SNACK,

1 DRINK

Location:

Tuscarora

Elementary

EVENT WILL FOLLOW TUSCARORA STUDENT PICK-UP DISMISSAL GUIDELINES: A NAMETAG TO ID YOUR CHILD(REN) WILL BE PROVIDED AT DROP-OFF FOR THE EVENT. FOR ANSWERS TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS, EMAIL - SKEECH@ADDISONCSD.ORG

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