

# Addison School District Newsletter

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## Halloween Fundraising Dance at Tuscarora Elementary School

The junior class hosted a Halloween dance at the elementary school on Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> as a class fundraiser. Dressed in festive Halloween costumes, students danced to spooky tunes and played games like “Pin the Nose on the Witch” and “Witch Hat Ring Toss” for the chance to win Good Knight Tickets. Students had fun making Halloween crafts and playing a guessing game with candy corn. Ryker Eppinger-Ford had the closest guess and won the jar of candy corn as a prize! A costume contest was held, and the winners included a unicorn, a superhero, Beetlejuice, a Buffalo Bills player, and a dragon. The juniors also took the opportunity to get dressed up, each coming as a character from the Super Mario Bro’s universe. Although the juniors planned the event, one class officer said, “Our fundraiser would not have been a success without the support of the many staff members who chaperoned the dance, especially Mrs. Keech, our class advisor.” The juniors loved having the opportunity to visit their old school and host a memorable night for the kids.



By Anna Lyons and Kaylee Keech



## Northrup Schoolhouse and Sanctuary Visit

On a chilly Thursday, October 17, 2024, 7<sup>th</sup> grade students from Addison Middle School went to the Northrup Schoolhouse and Northrup Wildlife Sanctuary located on the Learn Road between Cameron Mills and Rathbone, NY. Students were greeted by the wonderful volunteers of the Middletown Historical Society and then split into two main groups; one explored the sanctuary and the other participated in programs centered around the old schoolhouse. Students learned about the typical school day at Northrup Hill District No.10 Schoolhouse, expecta-

tions of student behavior, and the curriculum taught in the 1800s and early 1900s. When students were not in the schoolhouse, students were outside playing games such as ring toss, horseshoes, sack races, and hoop rolling.

The Sanctuary offered students the experience of winding through the 24-acre wildlife preservation. Beginning the hike, students were offered the breathtaking view of the valley below from the vista point near the head of the trail. Students then began the slow descent to the wetland-marsh at the north end of the preserve, followed by the ascent back to the beginning of the trailhead. Evidence of deer, turkey, and beaver were evident along the way, along with the chirps of feathered friends warning any wildlife that packs of 7<sup>th</sup> graders were on their way if they couldn’t be heard already.

Lucas V. said he liked the hike and exploring in the woods.

Taylor P. said, “I liked the games. They were fun, like the sack races where everyone was smiling and having fun.” Charlee R. said, “I like how we got to see tests and what we used to do in schools, the rules, and using potatoes as hand warmers.” Overall, the experience was one that students will remember for a long time.

By Grace Heidrick



## Cross Country Ugly Dress Run

The cross country team participated in an ugly dress run on Thursday, October 17th. The students ran through the streets of Addison wearing their favorite festive attire. This is an annual tradition to change-up the fall running season and enjoy each other.



### ADDISON CSD AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

THE ADDISON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION AUDIT COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2024 AT 5:00 P.M. IN THE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA.

THE ADDISON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION WILL HOLD A REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA. THIS IS A CHANGE FROM THE ORIGINAL SCHEDULE. THERE WILL NOT BE A BOE BUSINESS MEETING ON NOVEMBER 26, 2024.

Senior Spotlight: Class of 2025

**Elexa N.**

**Favorite part of high school?**  
Yapping

**What are your plans after high school?**  
Go to college for biology

**Favorite staff member?**  
Mrs. DuBois

**Where do you see yourself in 10 years?**  
Med school/working at a hospital

**Proudest moment of high school?**  
Student council

**What advice would you give to younger students?**  
Lock in/focus



**McKenzie S.**

**Favorite part of high school?**  
Sports and returning to Addison from STEM

**What are your plans after high school?**  
Go to college and own a home

**Favorite staff member?**  
Mrs. DuBois

**Where do you see yourself in 10 years?**  
Having a successful career and being happy

**Proudest moment of high school?**  
Passing all the college classes

**What advice would you give to younger students?**  
Do your work on time; be your own person

Middle School Monster Mash

On Friday, October 25th, the PTO hosted a Halloween dance for students at the Middle School. Students came dressed up in their spookiest Halloween costumes and danced the night away to their favorite songs. At the dance, a costume contest was held with a student from each grade taking home the prize of a bag of treats! The winners were Cambria K. from 6th grade; Tristan C from 7th grade; and Darrien B from 8th grade. Students had a blast celebrating Halloween and having a fun night out with their friends!

By Kaylee Keech



Valley Early Childhood School News



Students at the Valley covered letters C, D and E this month and numbers 1-5. Students also learned about Halloween safety at KKI. They celebrated staff birthdays and the Knights of the week. Students made D shaped donut crafts and talked about many items that begin with the letter D. They also learned about and how to ask for what they need and want. For example, they practiced using a strong and respectful voice so that it is clear what they are asking for. The 3-year-olds have been learning about everything pumpkin-related, the different parts of the pumpkin, how a pumpkin grows and even carving a pumpkin. Miss Korver, Miss Lacey, Mrs. Grist, Miss Tammy and Mrs. Wright dressed as pumpkins and performed the 5 little pumpkins song for the kids and the kids got to sing along.

Students have made various crafts to represent the things they are learning at Valley. Mrs. Gardner and Ms. Preston talked about germs and how they can cause people to get sick, emphasizing how it's important to keep hands out of our mouth, nose and to use a tissue. They learned about how when students put their hands in those places and then touch things or put toys in their mouth, that also spreads germs. Mrs. Gardner demonstrated this by using a spray bottle with water in it to show how far a sneeze can go. She also demonstrated this with green silly string. They talked about when people sneeze, they should try their best to do it into their "chicken wing" (elbow) or a tissue. Ms. Preston demonstrated this by pretending to sneeze into her hands where she had hidden green slim to show the germs. She then touched various toys and walked around to show the children how those germs were spreading to everything she touched. They talked about how important it is to wash hands to help keep everyone healthy and safe. The students also enjoyed some gym and outside time.

By Kaylee Keech



### Science Classes Study Tuscarora Creek

Students in Mr. DeRycke’s Living Environment and A.P. Environmental Science classes at Addison High School have been conducting an ecological survey of Tuscarora Creek. They have been using kick seining and dip netting methods to collect biological samples from the creek. In the lab the students have been using microscopes, magnifying glasses and dichotomous keys to identify the various species present in their collected samples. Once identified, the students then made counts of how many of each different species was found.

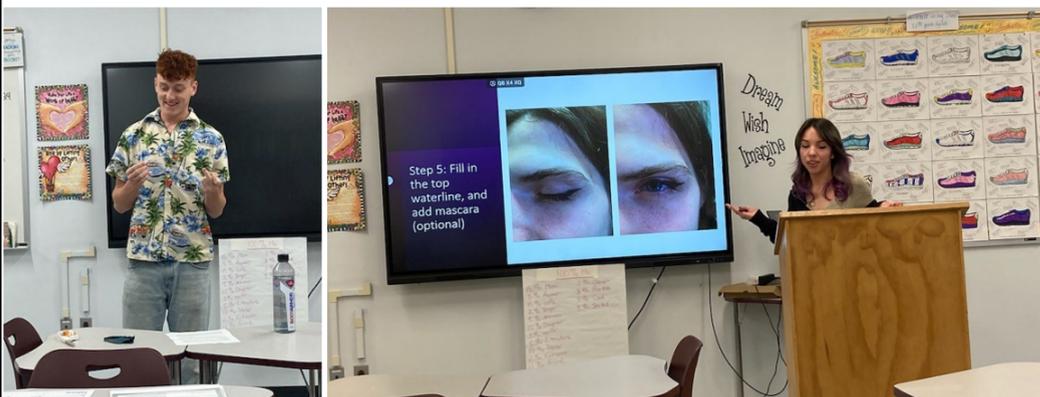
The students will then use this species census data to determine the biodiversity of Tuscarora Creek. This biodiversity data will help measure the environmental health of the creek. Collected organisms have then been added to the class’ 40 gallon freshwater aquarium for extended observation of their behavior in a model stream ecosystem.

This field/lab activity is providing the students with the opportunity to develop real life skills as wildlife biologists and environmental scientists.



### Demonstration Speeches in ACE Public Speaking

The students in Mrs. Ferratella’s ACE Public Speaking class wrote demonstration speeches on how to do something. They were encouraged to pick a topic of their choice. They were instructed to provide a tangible model of what they were demonstrating. The students were given 3-5 minutes to speak. The students from Mr. Lyons’ study hall joined the class to give them a more authentic audience and watch the demonstrations. Student, Andrew Jones claims, “I think I presented very well. I felt a little more pressure since students from Mr. Lyons’ class came up to watch. But when I was done, I became more confident because now I know I can do it.” Andrew presented on how to properly make pre workout and the benefits of it. Some of the other topics that were presented were how to tie your shoes, how to draw a flower, how to make a golf ball curve, how to throw a foot-



ball, how to get gas at the gas station, and many others. All of the students that presented made the 3-minute mark, which was the minimum. Students benefited from this activity by using critical thinking and gaining confidence in speaking in front of a group of people. The audience also benefited by improving their active listening skills.

By Ryan Thompson



### A New Look for the Technology Wing

The middle/high school has a new area for technology classes that was completed this fall. The latest phase of the Capstone Project included a reconfiguration and upgrade of the high school art room. The upgrades in the new space include ceiling-mounted retractable power outlets above the worktables, a kiln room, a larger ceramics area, a large shelving unit for storage and displaying artwork, LED lighting along with plenty of windows that provide an abundance of natural lighting, multiple sinks, and new cabinetry. “The space is a wonderful place for students to work, be creative, collaborate, and share ideas” says Ms. Dubois who teaches Creative Crafts, Studio in Art, Drawing and Painting, Ceramics, and Sculpture. Mrs. Kujawski, who teaches Materials Processing and 6th and 8th grade technology said, “With the new space there’s lots of room for the students to work, allowing them to build larger projects. Another plus is that the finishing room has its own ventilation so there’s no sawdust in the air.” Mr. Roy, who teaches 6th, 7th and 8th grade technology and Manufacturing at the high school says, “These tables are awesome.”

By Grace Heidrick and Kenzie Stuby



**The following students have reached 100 Steps:**

**Kindergarten**

Brantley J  
Quinn M

**Grade 3**

Leyna B  
CJ D  
Grace H  
Brayden J

**Grade 4**

Kelzey M  
Tyler H  
Peyton M  
Cora W  
Bricen W  
Oliver H  
Lilyth P  
Kloee M  
Owen T  
Reagan V  
EvaMae W

**Grade 5**

Colton B  
Jaylee H  
Macie H  
Maximus J  
Dalton M  
Olivia O  
Fernando S  
Marc S



**Farewell, Miss Frank**

This fall, the Addison community was delighted to get to know Miss Frank, a student teacher in Mrs. Guinnip's eighth grade math classroom. Originally from New Jersey, Miss Frank attends Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania. After graduation she will be looking for jobs in Pennsylvania, but after student teaching here in Addison she would not mind coming back to New York if the right job came along.

Miss Frank commented on how supportive everyone at Addison was of her during her student teaching assignment, saying, "My favorite part of student teaching here at Addison is the family that I've had while being here." She greatly appreciated her Addison "family" making sure she was growing and staying on top of everything - especially Mrs. Benton, Mrs. Guinnip, and Mrs. Gerber. Miss Frank's favorite part of student teaching was learning different ways to teach concepts so that the children will understand. One example being the "kissing fish" that Mrs. Guinnip uses to help students identify when vertical angles are equal in angle value. She also enjoyed the non-teaching aspects that play a big part in a teacher's classroom like making posters, decorating the classroom door, and decorating the hallway.

Miss Frank will be greatly missed by both the staff and students in the Addison Middle School as she moves on to her next student teaching position at Williamson Junior-Senior Highschool. The Addison community wishes her the best of luck and success in all of her future endeavors!

By Kaylee Keech



**Our Very Own Senior Entrepreneurs**

Need a place to satisfy your sweet tooth? Senior Lily Newell has started a locally owned baked goods business, named HOME BAKED WITH LOVE. Lily decided to start this business at the age of 16 because one of her family friends asked her to make a cake for a party. After she made her first sale, it inspired her to turn baking into her full-fledged venture. The encouragement from her family and all the positive feedback she received motivated her to pursue her path. Her menu has a large variety of very yummy and tasty baked goods, and also some seasonal offerings.

Lily wants to make sure she has a clear communication with her customers, so she created a Facebook page for her baking business. Her Facebook is Home Baked With Love @baked.with.love.lily and she encourages community members to check frequently for pop-up items that are available and special offerings. She plans to continue her business throughout her senior year and would like to attend college next year, hopefully offering her services there when possible.



By Andrew Jones



Student, Maxx Belemonti, is an entrepreneur while in high school looking to expand on his business. The reason he decided to start his own business is because he wanted to follow in his father's footsteps. His father owns his own franchise. Maxx has been successful early on in his career running a variety shop. He sells clothes, toys, perfume and various items in his shop in Bath, NY. He hopes to open up multiple businesses in the near future. Maxx has had a few bumps in the road along the way but he's on the right track to becoming successful in the near future. He loves what he's doing and is striving to become more successful to make his parents proud.

By Ryan Thompson

**Welcome to Addison, Ms. Wallan**

Taylor Wallan is an alumnus of Addison High School; she graduated in 2017. She grew up in the community of Addison. She has been working as a cleaner for our school for five months now. She was originally from Addison, but she had spent several years living in Conesus, NY, and she recently moved home. The job was suggested to her, and she applied without knowing how much she would really like it and plans to stay for a long time. She suggests that the most important part of the job is keeping the school clean for day-to-day use.

Ms. Wallan really likes how inclusive the entire district is. She plans to continue to work hard, save up, and grow in her career. She also likes to read fictional books in her spare time. She would like our community to know that she is a safe space and is happy to help any way she can.

By Maxx Belemonti



**Addison Middle-High School Ski and Snowboard Club**

**What's new this season?** Swain is making several changes to the way they operate this season. Please read the information below and reach out to one of us if you have any questions. These are changes that we as advisors have no control over. Hopefully they will make the process of registering your child for Ski Club easier!

❖ The school club website used to order tickets and submit forms is now password protected, parents will need to enter a password to access the page. ➤ Website link: [www.swain.com/clubs](http://www.swain.com/clubs)

➤ Website Password: **thinksnow!**

❖ Students will **NOT** receive coupons for ticket packs; They will receive a plastic card with a photo and a barcode. The barcode will be scanned at the ticketing window to redeem an anytime or twilight lift ticket.

❖ Medical and Rental forms will be completed electronically. Swain's software will force each parent to complete these as soon as they purchase a ticket pack or a rental package.

❖ Swain will need a photo from every student/member in the club, our software will allow the parents to upload a photo.

**Trip Dates:** Based on popular demand last year, we will be skiing on Friday nights only this year! Kids are welcome to store their equipment and ski apparel in one of our classrooms during the school day. Our scheduled trip dates are as follows:

- ❖ Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>
- ❖ Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> **In the event we need to cancel a trip for any reason, a make-up trip will be scheduled for Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>.**

\*\*\* Please note that if you plan to just go to Swain with the club, you can purchase the Twilight Lift Ticket 4 Pack for \$129 before November 15<sup>th</sup>. If you think you will use the tickets at times without going with the club, it may be in your best interest to purchase the regular lift ticket packs. Please choose what is best for your family.

**Transportation:**

- ❖ **All students must sign up in their appropriate main office prior to the scheduled trip dates.** This will ensure appropriate transportation is arranged, attendance records are accurate, and Swain needs a complete roster **in order** to scan appropriate student barcodes for tickets.
- ❖ The bus will depart from the Addison-Middle High School bus loop at approximately 3:15 pm. We will make a brief stop at the Larry Romance & Son's Inc. in Woodhull at approximately 3:30.
- ❖ The bus will return to the Larry Romance & Son's Inc. in Woodhull at approximately 10:00 pm and the Addison-Middle High School bus loop at approximately 10:15. **We ask that you please be on time when picking up your child!**

**Behavior/Eligibility:**

- ❖ All students must be academically eligible **in order** to be transported with the club.
- ❖ All students must follow the Code of Conduct. Behavior concerns addressed in school or at Swain could impact a student's eligibility to participate with the club. **If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to us!**

Sincerely,  
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Mrs. Painter [jpainter@addisoncsd.org](mailto:jpainter@addisoncsd.org)

**ProAction** of Resilient Children & Families  
**RESILIENT** Children & Families  
**HAPPY FALL** JENNIE MOSE Family Resource Center  
November 2024 Our services are free of charge and every family is welcome!

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 Literacy Activity Leaf Man	5 PAT Pumpkin Patch AM/PM Hours	6 Sensory Leaf Art	7 Drop in Play AM/PM Hours	8	9
11 Veterans Day	12 Drop in Play AM/PM Hours	13 Pine Cone Process Art	14 AM/PM Hours Fall Harvest 10:30	15	16 9-11 AM PARENT CONNECTIONS
18	19 PAT Shape Scarecrows AM/PM Hours	20 Osbeck and Leaves	21 AM/PM Hours Music Movements	22	23
25 Fall Fine Motor Activities	26 Turkey Sensory Bags	27 Science Melting Turkey	28	29	30

Hours:  
Monday 8 am - 1pm  
Tuesday 8 am - 1pm  
Wednesday 2-3pm Community Center  
Thursday 8 am - 1pm  
Friday Closed  
Location: 14 South Street Addison, NY  
Coordinator: Heather Balch  
Phone: Center: 607-358-3839 Cell: 315-521-0615  
Email: balchh@proactioninc.org  
Website: www.proactioninc.org/events  
Facebook: Jennie Mose Family Resource Center

United Way Community Partner  
Office of Children and Family Services

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and the Addison Central School District

**Annual Veterans Day Celebration**

**NOVEMBER 13TH**

8:45 am - Check in at the Addison American Legion (85 Maple Street)

8:50 am - Board the bus to parade

8:45 am - Bus Circles Elementary School bus Loop

9 am - Parade in Middle High School Building with reception to follow

10:45 am - Bus Departs to drive through Valley School

11:45 am - Bus returns to Addison American Legion

Addison Middle - High School Drama Club Presents:

**Clue**

Friday November 22nd at 7pm  
Saturday November 23rd at 7pm

Who dunnit?