

Addison School District Newsletter

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Remembering Our Loved One: Layanah Griffin: Domestic Abuse Awareness Event

On Friday, September 29th 2023, Addison Class of 2022 Alum, Layanah Griffin, lost her life in a domestic abuse incident. In high school, she was a cheerleader and a member of the band and chorus. After graduation, she attended Mansfield University and planned on becoming an English teacher. Layanah loved animals, drawing, writing stories and gaming. She was a very talented singer and lit up the room wherever she went. She was kind to everyone. Layanah had a strong faith in God. She started in Addison as a junior and blended into the community like she had always been a part of it. Layanah had a calm de-



meanor that put everyone around her at ease. She was engaged in all that life had to offer. Students and staff agree that she treated everyone as the most important person in her life. On Friday, October 27th, the Addison High School Student Council led a “purple out” to raise awareness for domestic abuse and honor Layanah’s legacy. Bracelets were sold for \$1 to benefit a not-for-profit women’s organization.

By: Kylene Stierly



Junior High Area All State Concert 2023

The 2023 Zone 15 Middle School Area All-State Concert was held on Saturday, November 4, 2023 at Hornell High School. Representing Addison were John C. (Mixed Chorus) and Emily S. (Band). To be selected for these ensembles, students had to prepare an audition piece and perform for a judge last spring. Students throughout the region, consisting of Yates, Schuyler, Steuben, Allegany and Chemung Counties, competed for spaces in these ensembles and only those with top scores were able to participate.

Event organizers and guest conductors all commented to the work ethic held by all participants and thanked the performers, parents and music department staff for their hard work and dedication to the arts. In addition to the Band and Mixed Chorus that Emily and John participated in, there was also an Orchestra that performed.



James Mosher-Returning BOE trustee



Effective on October 25, 2023, the Board of Education appointed James Mosher as a Trustee. Trustee John Stierly resigned from his position on the Board in August and James will fill this seat until the Board Election in May 2024. James has been working in the postal career for 22 years. He graduated from Addison in 1996 and attended Corning Community College. He loves to travel, go on cruises and go to various sporting events. He is an active member of the UPMA. He is very close with his family. He previously served on the Board and we welcome him back and thank him for his volunteerism and interest in the District.

Addison Middle High School Drama Club presented *12 Incompetent Jurors* October 28th and October 29th, starring Mr. Richardson!



THE ADDISON CSD BOARD OF EDUCATION (BOE) WILL HOLD A BUSINESS MEETING ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2023 AT 6:00 PM IN THE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA.

Senior Spotlight: Class of 2024

Sierra C.

Favorite Part of High School:
Getting job opportunities through the school

What are your plans after high school: Go to college at Corning Community College

What has been your proudest moment of high school: Working for the school

Where do you see yourself in 10 years: Working at Corning, Incorporated

How has Addison helped contribute to your success thus far: Helping with college credits



Lillian S.

Favorite Part of High School:
Having electives to choose from

What are your plans after high school: College

What has been your proudest moment in high school: Having good Regents grades

Where do you see yourself in 10 years: With a stable job

How has Addison helped contribute to your success thus far: Real life skills



Welcome to Miss Aldrich!

Miss Aldrich is one of our newest staff this year, working as a librarian aide. She is 22 years old, originating from Jasper, NY. She lived in North Carolina for two years where she owned a daycare. This inspired her to get into the school setting when she moved back to New York. Miss Aldrich didn't quite know what position she wanted at the school, but she just knew she wanted to be around kids. Now that she has been working in the library for a few months, she has found a love for teaching respect and responsibilities to students. She appreciates that her job in the school offers a space that is not only for kids to read but for kids to decompress with friends.

When asked what she liked about the school district so far, Miss Aldrich responded that the administration is super involved compared to other districts. She says that we have a great community and everyone is always willing to pitch in to give back to the students.

In the future, Miss Aldrich plans on going back to school to specialize in elementary education. She also mentioned that if that doesn't work out, she is interested in becoming a Behavior Specialist. During her spare time, Miss Aldrich loves to write and journal, and create art projects.

Miss Aldrich would like to let the Addison community know that she's here for the students as much as she can be, and she believes in them.

Welcome, Miss Aldrich, to the Knights community!

By: Kylene Stierly



Emir Kilic Wins Second Place in the Annual Math Competition

The Addison Students in calculus, pre-calculus, algebra 2, and ACE Business Math attended the Alfred University mathematics competition on Friday, November 3rd, 2023. Initially, students take a 75-minute exam consisting of 30 multiple choice questions based on their first 3 years of high school. The questions test their original thinking and



creative problem solving without calculators. This competition is open to all high school students. The total number of participants is typically restricted to 300-350. Our very own Turkey exchange student, Emir Kilic, was awarded 2nd place in this competition! We are very proud!

By: Autumn Nangle & Brooke VanCise



Getting to Know: Emir Kilic

Emir, one of the exchange students for this school year sat down for an interview to introduce himself. Coming from Turkey, he discussed a few things he noticed coming to Addison that stood out to him. A couple things were the size of cars being larger and shops being farther apart. He also commented on how people are "warm to each other" and very welcoming.

He also touched on some of the things he is doing while he is here. Emir plans on wrestling this year since school sports teams are rare in his country. He was impressed by the school having a different sport every season to try out for. He is also interested in going to university here, saying that it was one of the reasons he wanted to come here. On the subject, he also mentioned that he wanted to come here to experience American culture, saying that it was very similar aside from religion. He said he didn't "feel like a foreigner" when he came here.

When asked about something he wanted people to know about him, he said, "I may seem a little cold when people look at me but normally, I'm really talkative", going on to talk about how despite this, some people approached him right away to strike up conversation.

Outside of school, Emir keeps extremely busy. Some of his hobbies include playing soccer, watching history documentaries and studying languages. A couple of these languages include German and Russian. Emir is very happy to be here and is enjoying the fresh air. Welcome to Emir from Turkey!

By: Sierra Cevette





7th Grade Field Trip to Northrup Hill Schoolhouse

On November 1st the Addison Middle School 7th grade visited Northrup Hill schoolhouse and Audubon wildlife sanctuary to gain both an educational and fun experience. Students hiked up a portion of Northrup hill along with playing games children would have typically played at recess such as sock races, ring tosses, and roll the wheel. Students also got a tour of the schoolhouse. While on the hike students listened to nature and painted tree bark white so no one would get lost.



Students also learned about the “potato hot pockets” that were used to keep hands warm and as a snack before dinner.



Tuscarora Teachers and Students Show Halloween Spirit



Great Places to Work

Great Places to Work is a team of staff that works on culture and climate to encourage a positive workspace and improve morale. It began when Superintendent DioGuardi read about it in an article. Mary Clark, high school counselor, volunteered to help bring the idea to the next level. This program offers good way for staff to get to know each other better. All staff is represented within the program with one person from each area of the district. For example, teachers, cafeteria workers, transportation department, administrators, and administrative staff have at least one person’s voice in the program.

Some of the positives of the program are bringing staff together in a social manner where they are encouraged to have conversations and uplifting experiences. One example of an activity that has been done was modeled after the “pay it forward” idea where someone buys a coffee for one person and that person would continue the kind act for the next person. The program aimed to get staff together at least once a month for a team building experience that facilitates and encourages positivity among staff in the district. Another example is wellness activities like a 5k run and walk and wellness day or two for staff.

The team is looking at reviving the program for the 2023-2024 school year to continue to spread positivity and kindness among the staff and members of the Addison School District. Please keep an eye out for upcoming events and news in the future of the GPTW team within the Addison School District.

By: Peyton Hager & Lila Hand

The following Tuscarora Students
Have Reached 100 Steps!

Kindergarten

Ivy B.
Kyleigh H.
Brantley J.
Liliana M.
Keira S.
Hunter C.
Maddux D.
Weston F.
Victoria G.
Alana C.
Kolton C.
Jaxon H.
Savannah L.
Lincoln M.
Henry R.
Darwin T.
Helen T.
Mirai W.

Tyson H.
DaniJo H.
Adrian M.

2nd Grade

Barry A.
Willow A.
Leyna B.
Abbigail B.
Ryan B.
Harper H.
Dawson H.
Paityn J.
Greyson P.
Paisley P.
Oliver R.
Sylas T.

3rd Grade

Tyler H.

1st Grade

Ava N.
Travis T.
Elana C.
Zoie E.

4th Grade

Kohen C.
Braelyn F.
Maximus J.



Naomi K.
Dalton M.
Maysin P.
Gracelin S.
Adalyn S.
Oliver T.
Rylee A.
Jaylee H.
Farrah M.
Fernando S.
Isabella A.
Gavin B.
Luke B.
Jackson H.
Nolan H.

Carys N.
Axel R.
Abriel Z.
Kennadi C.

5th Grade

Tyson G.
Harmony M.
Clay T.
Paxton C.
Andrew D.
Gabriel G.
George P.

Upcoming Winter Weather Season

Although we hope for no inclement weather, we live in New York and that is not going to happen. Bus safety is a critical component to overall school safety as our busses and bus drivers are on the road daily transporting students to and from school, traveling to out of district placements, as well as to extra-curricular/athletic events in the evening. As you know, delaying or closing school is a challenging decision to make. We use all information available (at the time) to make “the call”. We frequently communicate with the county and town and village highway departments to ensure we are making an appropriate decision. With all of this said, below is a brief summary of the various places to access delay/cancellation information, in logical order to do so:

School Closings/Delays/Cancellations:

1. Go to the school district web site: Addisoncsd.org – we will announce it there **first** with our on-screen alert (pop up message) on the home page. This is probably the easiest and quickest way to find out any information.
2. Go to the Addison District Facebook page.
3. Watch the local TV news and/or listen to the local radio stations– not always the fastest way to find out this information.
4. Wait for a call from our automated dialer system.

Note that in most cases, the call will be made before 6AM on the morning of the weather event. If the weather is **severe enough**, we will try to call off school the *night before*. We will follow the same protocol as above.

Canceling After School and/or Evening Events:

On the occasion where we have to cancel an after school or evening activity, late bus, and/or athletic event, we will work to make a decision (as soon as possible) and follow the steps above for cancellations.

Please note #1 - There is never the “right” time of day to make any of these decisions. Much of the decision will be dictated by weather patterns, forecasting possible future weather events, and the advice from those places that we may be travelling to; **This is ALL in the name of safety for everyone!**

Please note #2 – None of us went to school to be meteorologists, but we pledge to do the best we can with the information that is made available to us at the time, always erring on the side of caution. Remember, there is a delicate balancing act between needing to provide an education (and other related school services and activities) for our students and the monitoring of weather conditions that are inevitable this time of year!

Please note #3 - The ***variations in the weather***, along with changing road conditions, can be very different from school district to school district and even within our own district.

Please Note #4 - The use of a remote day or two (in late winter/early spring) is always a possibility if we have a challenging winter weather season!

In other news...



STEM DAY

Tuesday, November 21
Time TBD

Corning Community College, Corning

REHAB CAREERS

Tuesday, December 5th
10:00am-12:00pm

Arnot Ogden Medical Center, Elmira



MEDICAL CAREER PANEL

Wednesday, December 6th
9:30-11:30am

Corning-Painted Post High School, Corning

PROTECTIVE SERVICE CAREER PANEL

Thursday, December 14th
9:15-11:00am

GST BOCES Bush Campus, Elmira



Career Development Council

Visit Mrs. Smith in the guidance office to attend!

The Addison Village is seeking an 18+ year old individual to serve as a crossing guard for school arrival and departure, 30 minutes in the morning (7:30-8:00am) and 30 minutes in the afternoon (2:45-3:15pm).

Interested parties should contact the Addison Village for additional details.



Have you ordered your

YEARBOOK

yet?

Yearbooks are \$50. Bring check made payable to Addison Yearbook to Mrs. English Room D202 (High School) or Mrs. Dickerson (Middle School) or order online at jostens.com.