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ACS Board of Education (BOE) Update

Lifelong learning can be described as an ongoing process in which one continues to educate oneself and build new skills over time. Continual life-long learning is necessary and crucially important for many reasons: enhancing perspective, improving overall health and well-being, increasing one's self-confidence and improving productivity. It is natural human nature to learn and to grow.

Our Board of Education is frequently honing new skills through presentations and training sessions. On September 27, 2022, BOE President John Stierly III and Vice President Alan Stierly, along with Superintendent Joe DioGuardi, partook in a Board Leadership Training. Mike Ford, Instructional Coach and Education Consultant, spent several hours discussing trust, communication, leadership, effective boardsmanship, active listening and coaching.

School attorney Sara Visingard, Esq., facilitated a training on Mandated Reporting / Anti-Harassment for Board members on October 11, 2022. Attorney Visingard highlighted the following topics: the Dignity for All Students Act and Title IX, the roles and responsibilities of staff and School District Officers, timeframes, investigations, corrective actions, District policies, and documentation. Creating a safe and supportive environment for all is a top priority of the Addison Central School District. This opportunity was excellent for our Trustees to stay up to date on the most current on best practices, laws and regulations that are necessary to keep everyone safe.

Lastly, School Board Recognition Week was October 17-21, 2022. Through this annual recognition program, NYS School Boards Association strives to increase awareness of and appreciation for the hard work and commitment school board members have in their efforts to ensure all students succeed. The Board of Education Trustees were acknowledged by several students and parent groups at the Business Meeting held on October 25, 2022. High School Student Council, represented by Marshall B, Middle School Student Council, represented by Izzy M and Tuscarora PTO, represented by Elementary Education Teachers Andrea Cady and Sheri Morse each presented small tokens of appreciation to the Trustees.

"It takes strong schools to build a strong community. These volunteers devote countless hours to making sure our schools are helping every child learn at a higher level," District Clerk, Kristie Mather said. "They make the tough decisions every month and spend many hours studying educational topics and regulations, in order to provide the kind of leadership our community stakeholders expect."

Act-n-Do: Mrs. Buchanan's Art class raised \$215 for Act-N-Do this year by painting and auctioning off pumpkins to the district faculty and staff. Students expressed the difficulty of initially coming up with their ideas and working with the shape and form of the pumpkins. Morgan wanted to make sure that her pumpkin would "stand out and be unique." Some students needed additional time outside of class to create their masterpieces, while others looked at artwork for inspiration.















BOE meeting on Tuesday, October 25th.



November 10, 2022 Issue 6 Page 2 of 4 **School Year 2022-2023** Reading Buddies: 8th grade and 2nd grade

Mrs. Hand, Mrs. Hamilton and their 8th/2nd grade classes have recently started a Reading Buddies Program. When speaking with some of the 8th grade students, they had great things to say about the activity. Gracie said, "It was fun, benefitted the 2nd graders, and helped them through the reading. My student was a good reader. It was a great experience all around." Peyton said, "It was amazing! I told my student she was the best reader and made her realize how much she liked reading to other kids." Emma said, "It was a fun





experience and I think it helped with my public speaking. I didn't think I was that good of a reader, but I think it will turn out good as we continue, and it will help the younger students too." Many of the other students involved also agreed that this was a great program and that they wished they had been given the same opportunity when they were younger.

"Reading is Sweet" Winners for the month of October!

144 borrowers checked out 340 books from the library during the month of October (NOT including Sora!) We randomly selected 10 students from this month's student borrowers to receive free ice cream/chip coupons: Koa Dowling, Chloe Smith, Eliana Orcutt, Logan Ford, Liam Bond, Chase Conklin, Alex Boutelle, Levi Reagan, Ella Sharp, and Caydence Meade. Congratulations!

Come back during the month of November to check out more books and be entered to win November's giveaway. From Mrs. Ingles



You are a leader.

Getting to know:

Bastien has come to us from Western Belgium and is living with the Clark family. So far, he has loved the "American experience." While not completely certain what he wants to do in the future, he knows he wants to do something that involves finance and economics. Upon returning to Belgium, he plans to go to University and travel. He said that he definitely wants to come back to America, even if it's just to visit once a year. Bastien joined the soccer team, playing for the first time ever. He scored three goals. He plans on joining indoor soccer, ski club and tennis. He wants to participate in as many activities as he can to get the full experience. He is enjoying his classes this year. His favorite classes are Psychology, Calculus, Material Processing, and Participation in Government. He enjoys the hands-on and interactive learning the school offers compared to the note and test-taking ways in his home country. The teachers are much friendlier, the school is larger, the classes are more interesting, sports are very persistent, and he can easily absorb all the knowledge he needs instead of staying up all night to study. While staying in the states, Bastien has encountered many firsts like pumpkin carving, rodeos and football games. He is patently waiting to visit New York City and go to a college basketball game. He has completed some community service by handing out the medals at the Wine Glass Marathon and he has found that his favorite "American" food is Mooney's Mac & Cheese. A fun fact about him is that he skipped 4th grade in Belgium because he was too smart, allowing him the opportunity to eventually study in America. By: Morgan Allison

It's Halloween All Around







Valley gathered for a Trunk-or-Treat and a parade.





















Tuscarora Elementary School students and staff dressed for the occasion.























Addison Middle/High School: The Addison student council initiated many fun Halloween activities at the middle and high school this year. Many kids and the staff were involved in the costume contest.



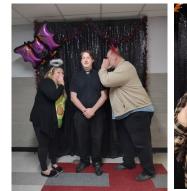












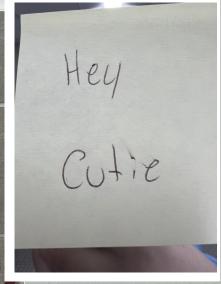


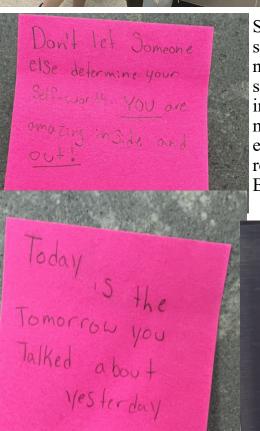






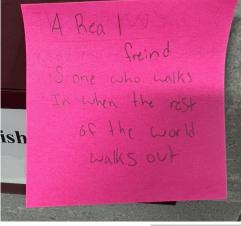




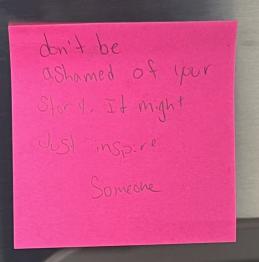


Students are spreading kindness around school by leaving positive messages for each other to read.

By: Katie Miles



Life is Too Short To Spend It at war with yourself



Voll need to get your personal health good tectore you can really love and care for some one,"



Tuscarora Welcomes a New Teacher Ms. McCracken

The Addison School District is proud to have Ms. McCracken begin her teaching career at Tuscarora Elementary School. She grew up in Syracuse, NY and attended SUNY Fredonia. She initially wanted to work with 2nd graders because it was her favorite when she attended school. Her first job working with kids was as a camp counselor, where she had the opportunity to work with 5th graders. This experience made her realize it was the age group she wanted to teach. In order to maintain positive relationships with her students, she hopes to be approachable and that her students know that they can confide in her. She has enjoyed getting to know her fellow colleagues as well as her students. She values building relationships with her class and maintaining a healthy environment. She explained she was very nervous to start since it was her first teaching position, but she's very excited to be here and make a difference in students' lives.

By Kira Dailey, Lyla Clark and Isaac Corwin



Presents:



School Club/Org.

Fair!

Friday,

(Half Day)

Any Questions?

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November 18th

Each club or organization will have their own table! The fair will be hosted in the trophy hallway, which will be lined with tables. Overflow will continue past the loading dook and Mr. Lyon's noom. The fair will be <u>student ran</u>, and participating club members will be excused from their classes to participate. Advisors aren't required to be present the whole time but are expected to help students set up/take down. It's recommended that each club/org. have materials for students to look at. The goal is to recruit! All other students will come to the fair during their Social Studies classes and will be able to walk through the fair during their lunch



Yearbooks are on sale for \$50. Bring check made payable to Addison Yearbook to Mrs. English Room C207 (High School) or Mrs. Dickerson (Middle School Office) or order online at jostens.com (look for Addison Junior Senior High School Addison NY).

Payment also may be made in three installments: \$15 by Oct. 14, \$15 by Feb. 17 and \$20 by April 14. If paying by check, please include a note with student's name, check # and amount paid.



