

HUDSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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FEBRUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER



Dear Hudson City School District Community,

Can you believe it is February and that we are in the midst of the third quarter of the 2023-24 school year? It's true when people say time flies when you're having fun, and in Hudson, we have fun TOGETHER! I would like to acknowledge some amazing things happening in the Hudson City School District.

I am extremely grateful for the work of our Bluehawk community and District faculty and staff in supporting the efforts of the District to sustain a friendly, healthy and safe learning environment that is engaged with the community.

Celebrating the first #HudsonTogetherWeCan Friday Family Fun Night on my birthday, Jan. 19, 2024, and continuing to spread the joy that the Hudson Saturday Academy provided on Feb. 10, 2024, brought me great satisfaction to see so many smiling faces invested in our District.

I would like to personally thank Hudson City School District Board of Education members Selha Graham, Kjirsten Gustavson, Lauren Jones, Calvin Lewis and Lakia Walker, as well as Board President Willette Jones and Board Vice President Mark DePace, for attending and supporting both events. Additionally, a special thank you to Cheryl Rabinowitz, Leslie Coons, Theresa Hayes and Dr. Tia Pressey for their help with organizing the events and volunteering their time.

In an effort to best represent the needs of the District, Chief Financial Officer Tabatha Biggane and I will be attending a lobby day in Albany on March 5, 2024 to address concerns with potential state aid cutbacks in the 2024-25 budget.

From an administration standpoint, we continue to implement our new culture of inclusive practices. The launch of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Community Team at the beginning of this month was a privilege to witness. I cannot wait to see the growth and positive change that comes from our group of passionate staff members leading the important cause of creating a respectful, dignified environment that celebrates our diverse student population - and providing a safe space for embracing our District's unique backgrounds, cultures and perspectives.

Collaborative efforts in Montgomery C. Smith Elementary School, Hudson Junior High School, Hudson Senior High School and the District Office continue to be seen on a steady basis. Teamwork, community integration and implementation of effective strategies are among the top priorities we are sustaining. This includes the reinstatement of clubs and organizations such as Student Council and the Parent Teachers' Association at the junior high school.

As we transition into the second half of the school year, I welcome your continued support of our students and staff at District programs, activities and events. I appreciate each of you, and as always, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at pennymanj@hudsoncsd.org.

Here's to a fantastic third and fourth quarter of the 2023-24 school year!

Sincerely,
Dr. Juliette Pennyman
Superintendent of Schools
Hudson City School District

"CONVERSATIONS WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT" SPARKS ENGAGING CONVERSATIONS



Superintendent Dr. Juliette Pennyman continues to engage with the community each month as part of her Conversations With The Superintendent meetings, where residents have the opportunity to share, learn and communicate.

The Feb. 15, 2024 session included discussion on behavior protocols on school buses, praise for customized attention by teachers in classes, and logistics regarding pre-kindergarten registration.

The Jan. 18 program was highlighted by robust discussion on strategies to attract more students to school sports and the priorities of directly engaging with students and making curriculum relevant to students' lives.

Conversations with the Superintendent are a 6 p.m. on each month's third Thursday. Mark your calendar now for the next program on March 21, at a location to be announced.

Future meetings are on
April 18, May 16 and June 20.



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PENNYMAN'S PEN



The Feb. 5, 2024 edition of "Pennyman's Pen," Superintendent Dr. Juliette Pennyman's bi-weekly update for the community, shared the success of the first #HudsonTogetherWeCan Friday Family Fun Night and celebrations at Hudson Junior High School and Montgomery C. Smith Elementary School honoring Black History Month and attendance in school!

Read Pennyman's Pen here.



INAUGURAL DEI COMMUNITY TEAM MEETING LAYS GROUNDWORK FOR FUTURE PLANS



Congratulations to our new Hudson City School District Diversity, Equity, and Inclusiveness Community Team members!

Diversity has long been a deeply treasured asset in the Hudson City School District. That's why the District is embarking on a journey this school year to reimagine and rejuvenate its diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives. The goal is clear: Further embed a respectful, dignified environment that celebrates our diverse student population – and provides a safe space for embracing our District's unique backgrounds, cultures, and perspectives.

A new Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Community Team will be at the forefront of this new initiative. We're proud to introduce these vital stakeholders and thought partners, who represent a variety of voices and roles in all Hudson schools:

- **Samantha Anderson**, Art Teacher, Montgomery C. Smith Elementary School
- **Florence Berth**, Educational Aide, Hudson Junior High School
- **April Carrasco**, Secretary/Clerk/Typist, Montgomery C. Smith Elementary School
- **Victor Carrasco**, Custodian, Hudson City School District
- **Daren Collins**, Attendance Professional, Hudson Senior High School
- **Thomas Giosa**, Band Teacher, Hudson City School District
- **Darnell Harris**, Blue Hawk Hall Monitor, Hudson City School District
- **Alicia McCagg**, Special Education Teacher, Hudson Junior High School
- **Carrie Patch**, Associate Principal, Montgomery C. Smith Elementary School
- **Cheryl Rabinowitz**, Manager of Instructional Technology, Hudson City School District
- **Scott Vorwald**, Music Director, Hudson City School District
- **Larry Walker**, Blue Hawk Restorative Practices Professional, Hudson City School District
- **Mary White-Schlenker**, Speech Pathologist, Hudson Junior High School

We are thankful that this diverse group of caring professionals, each of whom will serve for one year, stepped forward to apply for this important initiative. Their interviews demonstrated a passion for supporting students and enhancing the Hudson City School District as a caring, supportive environment for every student, staff member and family.



Samantha Anderson



Florence Berth



April Carrasco



Victor Carrasco



Daren Collins



Thomas Giossa



Darnell Harris



Alicia McCagg



Carrie Patch



Cheryl Rabinowitz



Scott Vorwald

Inaugural DEI Community Team continued »



Larry Walker



Mary White-Schlenker

Specifically, the Team will help formulate and implement strategies, training, and programs in their schools and departments. Work is well underway, and a full schedule is planned through June. Highlights of our Action Plan:

- To build trust and respect, the Team will be guided by a clear mission, meeting times, and a defined timeline for action steps ranging from training to programming. It also will be influenced by the New York State Education Department's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policy and Culturally Responsive-Sustaining Education Framework, which promotes equitable opportunities for students.
- Transparency will encourage accountability and inspire insightful, broad-based feedback.
- External partners, such as parents, businesses and civic organizations, are integral to each student's success. Both external and internal DEI Community Team members will meet monthly to share feedback, be apprised of initiatives, review data, and develop action steps. Collaboration will cultivate trust and respect.
- Work has already begun. Building and District leaders have received training. Faculty and staff will receive training this spring.
- Progress and success will be measured via evaluations, feedback surveys, and qualitative and quantitative metrics.

We welcome your support of an environment where each student's dignity is protected, their voice is heard, their individualism is respected, their talents are nurtured, and their empowerment is encouraged. We thank you for joining us in congratulating our new DEI Team!

Please visit the [Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion page](#) on the Hudson City School District's webpage to learn more.

We will continue to provide updates about this important work.

Sincerely,



Dr. Juliette Pennyman



Dr. Tia Pressey

Dr. Juliette Pennyman,
Superintendent

Dr. Tia L. Pressey,
Manager of Diversity,
Equity, and Inclusion



SENIOR HIGH STUDENTS MEET WITH DR. PENNYMAN FOR “SUPERINTENDENT’S STUDENT ADVISORY TEAM”

Superintendent Dr. Juliette Pennyman recently held a “Superintendent’s Student Advisory Team” meeting with two students, Pearl Turner (left) and Labonna Prova (center), from Hudson Senior High School. The student-team allows Dr. Pennyman the opportunity to hear directly from students where the District’s strengths are and where the District can improve!



Would you like to help send a student to Nature’s Classroom?

We need donations for a silent auction

Date TBD March 2024

Donations/baskets due by 2/29/24

Objective: To raise money to provide scholarships to families and students. If you know someone who owns a business or provides a service please ask them for a donation(gift card/items they

produce). Teachers could help by creating baskets such as Game Night, Baking, Gardening, Movie Night, Spa, Coffee/Tea, or any other ideas you may come up with. This year the cost per student is over \$400.00. All donations are appreciated. We thank you in advance. -The Sixth Grade Team



“SILENT AUCTION” BEING HELD TO SEND STUDENTS TO NATURE’S CLASSROOM

In an effort to provide Hudson City School District 6th grade students the opportunity to visit Nature’s Classroom later this school year, the District is hosting a Silent Auction in March. The District is accepting donations and baskets from community members and local businesses until Feb. 29.

The cost for each student to attend is \$400. Potential ideas for baskets could include games, gardening, movie nights, baking and more. Any and all donations are appreciated. Thank you very much for your consideration! Please email konderwicl@hudsoncsd.org or semanickl@hudsoncsd.org for more information.

HUDSON JHS HOSTS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Celebration

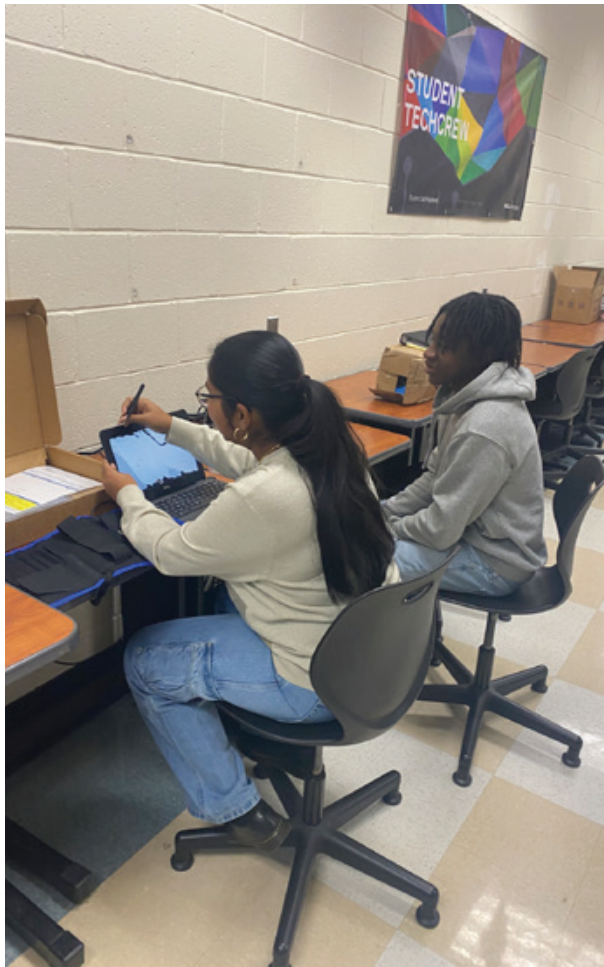
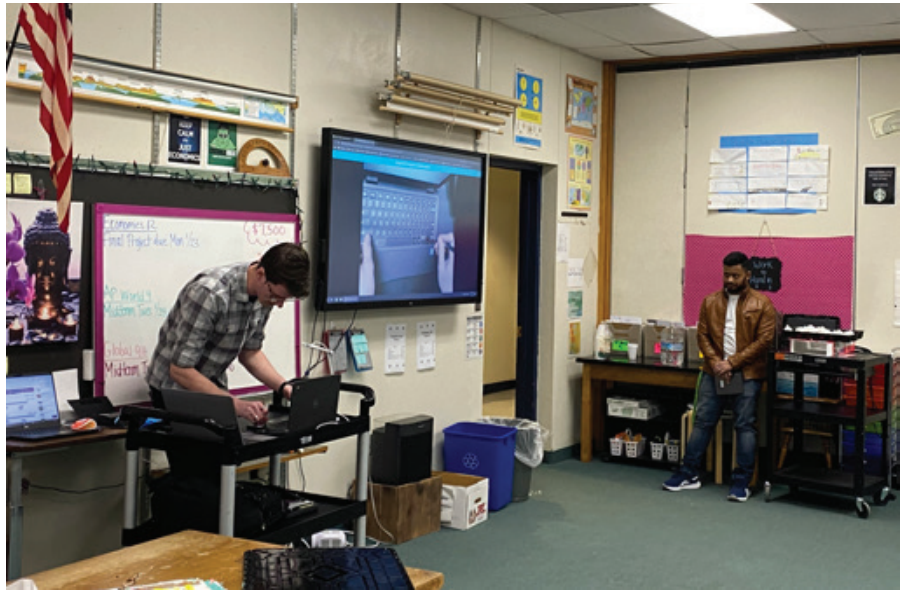


Hudson Junior High School hosted a Black History Month celebration Feb. 2! Mr. Giosa and Mr. Vorwald led performances of "Lift Every Voice and Sing," "A Change is Gonna Come" by Sam Cooke and "Soul Man" by Benjamin Duterde. Ms. Akinyemi led members of the 8th grade period 8 and 9 Spanish classes, and 6th grade writing, period 2 Dance and the Badila Family classes in the performance of Fanga, a classical African dance and royal family greeting with gift-giving and entertainment.

STUDENT TECH CREW ASSISTS IT DEPARTMENT

The 2023-24 school year marks the second year of the Student Tech Crew at the Hudson City School District! The District has two cohorts of students. Cohort 1 students are returning students who are already Dell Certified Technicians, while Cohort 2 students are in the first year of the program and are learning about computer repair in order to prepare for the test to become Dell Certified Technicians. This is the same certification the District's Computer Services Specialists have. This allows the students to repair computers.

Students work in classrooms and offices on Help Desk tickets submitted by District staff, and in the District Tech Office assisting with various IT tasks. They work under the supervision and direction of the District Instructional Technology Department. Their faculty advisor is Mrs. Bender.



HUDSON SENIOR AND MY BROTHER'S KEEPER FELLOW ATTENDS MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION IN ALBANY



Hudson Senior High School Senior and My Brother's Keeper fellow Dejuan Bailey and Hudson Senior High School Guidance Counselor Vernon (Rocky) Payne attended a special New York State celebration of the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Jan. 8 at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center in Albany.

Bailey was one of four MBK fellows in New York State to be highlighted

in a documentary touching on the inspiration of Dr. King.

Distinguished guests in attendance were Lt. Gov. Antonio Delgado, State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, New York State Assemblymember John McDonald, Chancellor of the New York State Board of Regents Dr. Lester Young Jr. and SUNY Chancellor John B. King Jr.

Dejuan took photos with Assemblymember McDonald and with one of the featured people in the film, Rev. Dr. Elgin Joseph Taylor Sr., the Senior Pastor of Sweet Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church in Albany.

We are so proud of you, Dejuan!



MCSES DONUTS AND ATTENDANCE CELEBRATION



On Feb. 2, 2024, Montgomery C. Smith Elementary School celebrated 273 students in Pre-Kindergarten through grade 5 for having 95% attendance during January 2024 in grand fashion - with a Donuts and Attendance party!



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2024-25 NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION REQUESTS BEING ACCEPTED

The Hudson City School District is accepting applications for non-public school transportation requests for the 2024-25 school year.

If your student(s) will be attending Hawthorne Valley, Columbia Christian

Academy or Catskill Montessori schools for the 2024-25 school year and will require Hudson City School District transportation to attend, please complete the form, [here](#), by April 15. The form is also present on the Hudson City School District's

website on the [Transportation page](#). For more information, please contact the Transportation Department at (518) 828-4360, ext. 2100 or by fax at (518) 697-8315.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN COUNSELOR BREAKFAST/LUNCHEON AT DONALD R. KLINE TECHNICAL SCHOOL



A special shoutout goes to our Hudson Senior High School Junior and Senior Questar III BOCES Career and Technical Education students at the Donald R. Kline Technical School who participated in a CTE Counselor Breakfast/Luncheon!

2024-2025
**KINDERGARTEN
SCREENINGS**
April 2-3, 2024
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Both at MCSES

Packets to
be mailed
out at the
end of
February.

KINDERGARTEN SCREENINGS FOR 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR

2024-25 Kindergarten Screenings will take place on April 2 and 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Montgomery C. Smith Elementary School. To get on the mailing list and schedule a screening, please call April Carrasco at (518) 828-4360, ext. 1113. Reminder: Please bring the COMPLETED registration packet with all the supporting documentation to the Registrar in the District Office located in Hudson High School PRIOR to your screening appointment.

Questions?

Contact the registration office at
(518) 828-4360, ext. 2100 or email
registration@hudsoncsd.org.

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START YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION WITH PRE-KINDERGARTEN!

APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED STARTING MARCH 5; DISTRICT LAUNCHES LOTTERY FOR SLOTS

The Hudson City School District is offering residents pre-kindergarten options for the 2024-2025 school year. Due to updates in New York State regulations, pre-kindergarten registration can no longer be a first-come, first-served basis. As a result, a lottery will be used to select eligible children. If there are sufficient pre-kindergarten slots to serve all applicants, the lottery will not be held and all completed applications will be offered a pre-kindergarten spot.

Pre-kindergarten immerses students into a learning-focused community that nurtures individual growth and provides a strong foundation for lifelong education. Children in

quality early childhood programs learn socialization skills through group activities; experience reading- and writing-readiness activities; are better prepared for school success; and are more likely to attain higher levels of education. All pre-kindergarten options require attendance in person; a virtual option is not available. The pre-kindergarten calendar generally follows the Hudson City School District calendar.

Universal Pre-Kindergarten is a full-day program; Targeted Pre-Kindergarten is an income-based full-day program. The district uses income criteria to determine a child's placement.

The district has several pre-kindergarten classrooms on site at Montgomery C. Smith Elementary School as well as spots at community-based organizations such as [Head Start](#), [The Starting Place](#) and [Bright Tykes Early Learning Center](#). Other organizations may be considered as well. Transportation is not provided to pre-kindergarten programs.

Eligibility: In February, applications are sent as requested for eligible children. An eligible child:

- Turns 4 years old on or before Dec. 1 of the school year when the student would attend.
- Cannot turn 5 years old before Dec. 1 of the school year when the student would attend.
- Resides within the Hudson City School District.

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Key Dates

- March 5 through May 3: Applications will be accepted.
- May 6: Lottery drawing, if the number of applications exceeds the slots available.
- May 10: Parents will be notified regarding a child's placement or addition to the waiting list by phone or mail. This will include notification about next steps, including navigating the registration process.
- May 31: Deadline for parents to notify the district of their intent to accept the slot by emailing registration@hudsoncsd.org.

Applications: Parents are asked to complete the following forms, provide the requested verification documents and rank their preferences for programs and locations. Every effort will be made to accommodate families' choices. Forms are available [here](#) or by picking them up in the District Administrative Office from the Registrar.

- The application.
- Evidence of a medical physical within one year.
- Current immunization record.

- Copy of parent or guardian photo identification.
- Proof of residency.
- Language questionnaire.
- Copy of your child's birth certificate or passport.
- Income verification form, which must be completed whether or not a family qualifies for an income-based program. An application is incomplete without this form.
- McKinney/Vento form, regarding housing status.

To submit an application, email registration@hudsoncsd.org or drop off at the Registration Office. The submitted packet is reviewed by district personnel. If an application is incomplete, parents will be notified. The district, while attempting to honor placement requests for locations and programs, maintains all final decisions. Applications will be accepted beyond the application period for open slots or the waiting list.

Lottery Procedures: Complete applications submitted by May 3 are assigned a number in the order received by the district. This

tracks the applications submitted; it does not suggest that the child automatically has a spot.

The numbers are then entered into the blind drawing conducted by the Hudson City School District's Registrar and Director of Student Services. Numbers are drawn until all applications are accepted or waitlisted. If one sibling is drawn during the lottery, any other siblings are automatically accepted pending availability.

Hudson City School District policy allows district employees' children living outside the district to enroll in Hudson. However, for pre-kindergarten programs, children residing in the school district will be placed before non-resident children are considered, regardless of the date of the submitted packet.

How to Learn More

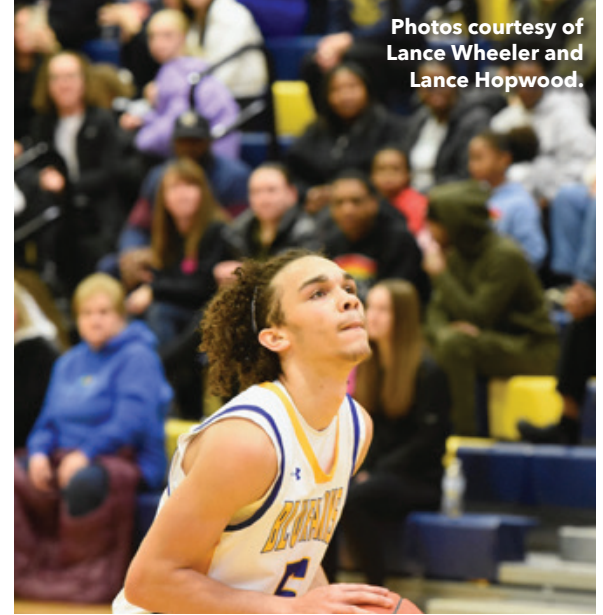
Please contact the registration office at (518) 828-4360, ext. 2100, or email registration@hudsoncsd.org.



Thank you!

**We look forward to your child's educational journey starting
with Hudson City School District pre-kindergarten!**

ROBINSON RECORDS 1,000 CAREER POINTS AS A BLUEHAWK

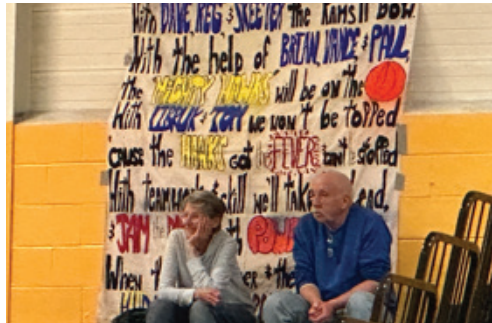


Photos courtesy of Lance Wheeler and Lance Hopwood.



Congratulations to Keith Robinson, who scored his 1,000th career point for the Hudson Senior High School Boys Varsity Basketball team!

1974 HUDSON VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM HONORED



On Jan. 20, 2024, the 1974 Hudson Senior High School Boys Basketball Team was honored 50 years after winning a Sectional Championship! Check out a highlight video of the ceremony [here](#).

Photos and video courtesy of Lance Wheeler.

AED/CPR/NARCAN TRAINING FOR DISTRICT FACULTY AND STAFF



Our students aren't the only individuals learning new, important skills! Recently, 17 Hudson City School District Faculty and Staff members completed Automated External Defibrillator/Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation/ Narcan training at Hudson Junior/Senior High School.



HUDSON SATURDAY ACADEMY A FESTIVAL OF FUN

We had such a great time with our families and community vendors at the first Hudson Saturday Academy of the 2023-24 school year on Feb. 10, 2024.



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Photos by Lance Wheeler.



FRIDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHT DRAWS BIG CROWD



A **HUGE** thank you to our families, faculty and staff for making the first #HudsonTogetherWeCan Friday Family Fun Night on Jan. 19 a success! We had a blast and can't wait for the next one!

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MCSES ARTWORK WITH Ms. ANDERSON

Students in Ms. Anderson's art classes recently created beautiful illustrations and worked on new techniques in art!

Grades K-1: The adaptive class explored mixing primary colors to make secondary colors in a tactile way. Students made three paintings with black paint to create different kinds of lines. Then, the classes added color to make paintings about mixing green, orange and purple. Students also read "Little Blue and Little Yellow" by Leo Lionni.

2nd Grade: Students created silhouettes, including symbols that represent something about themselves.

4th Grade: All worked incredibly hard on their dream rooms. These rooms were planned out, drawn and built to show what space would make them happy. Students also created three-dimensional furniture to add to their spaces.

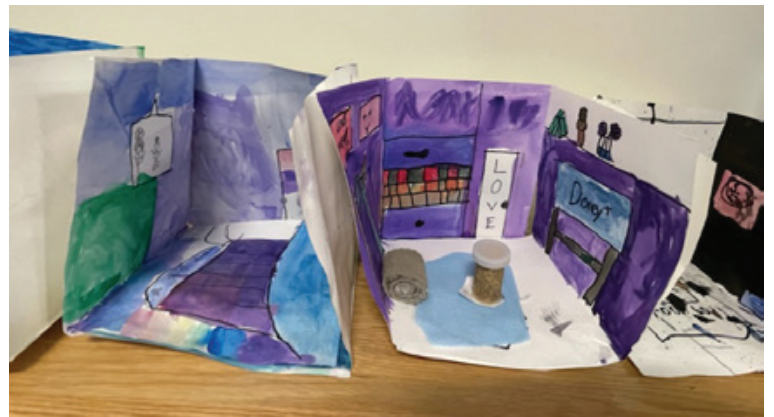
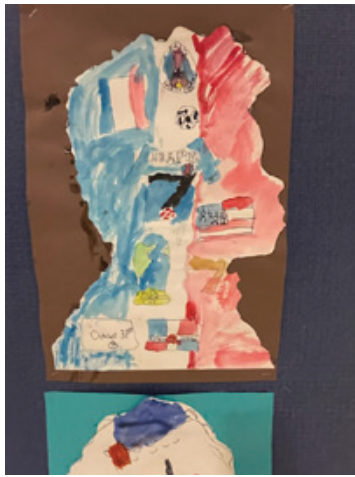
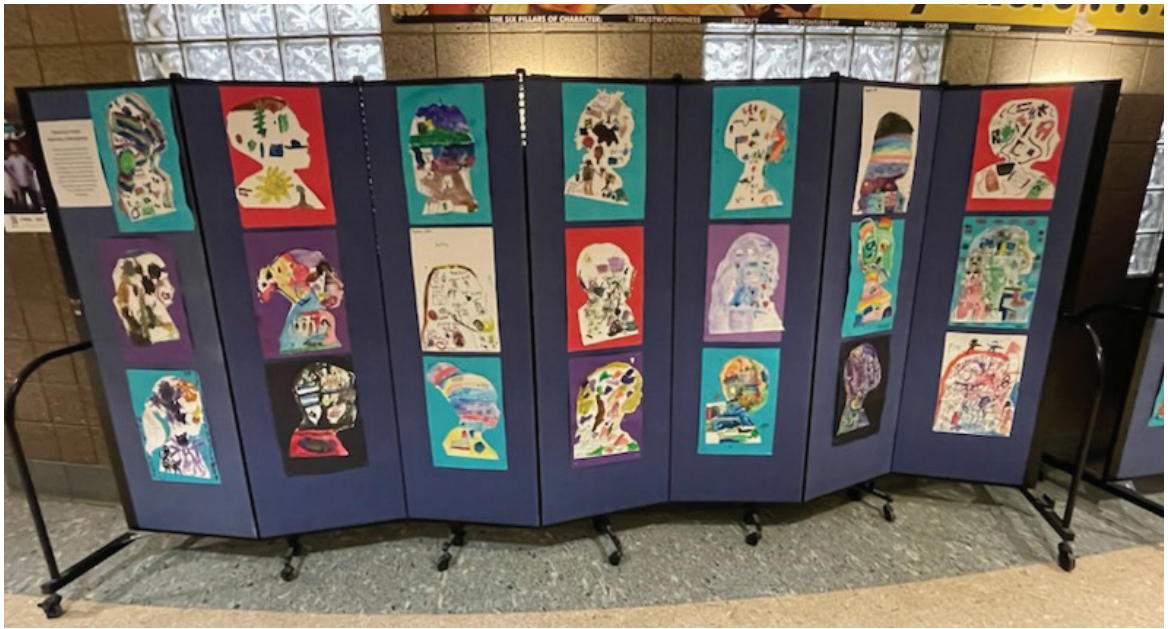
5th Grade: These innovators created reduction prints for social change. Students made prints of a cause they want to advocate for or a change they would like to see in the world or at school.

Student Spotlight: Kaspeya Hasan completed a mixed-media portrait during her lunch period over several days. She drew the rose from observation.



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2023-24 MCSES SPELLING BEE

On Jan. 11, 2024, several students in grades 1-5 participated in the Montgomery C. Smith Elementary School Spelling Bee!

All students participated in a classroom spelling bee leading up to the school-wide event. The grade 1-2 winner was Andrew S. and the grade 3-5 winner was Bessie G.

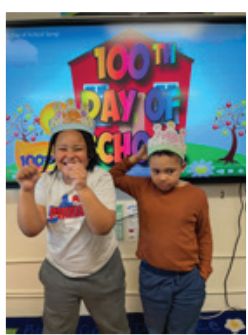
Congratulations to you both!



MCSES CELEBRATES 100TH DAY OF SCHOOL

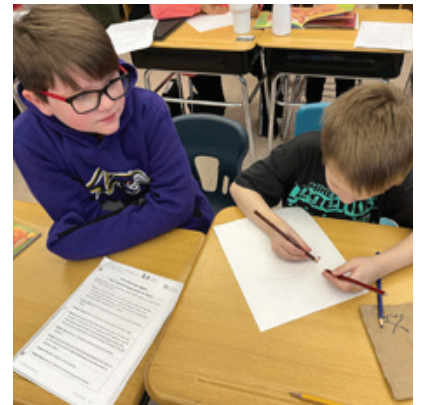
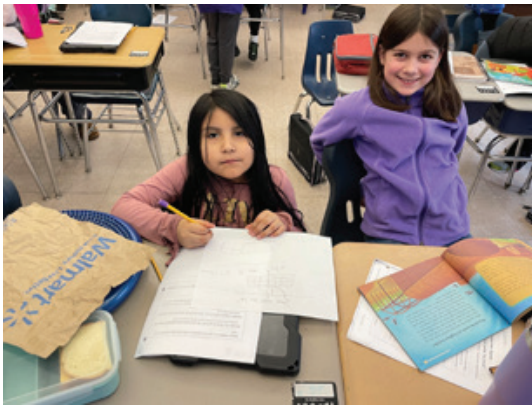
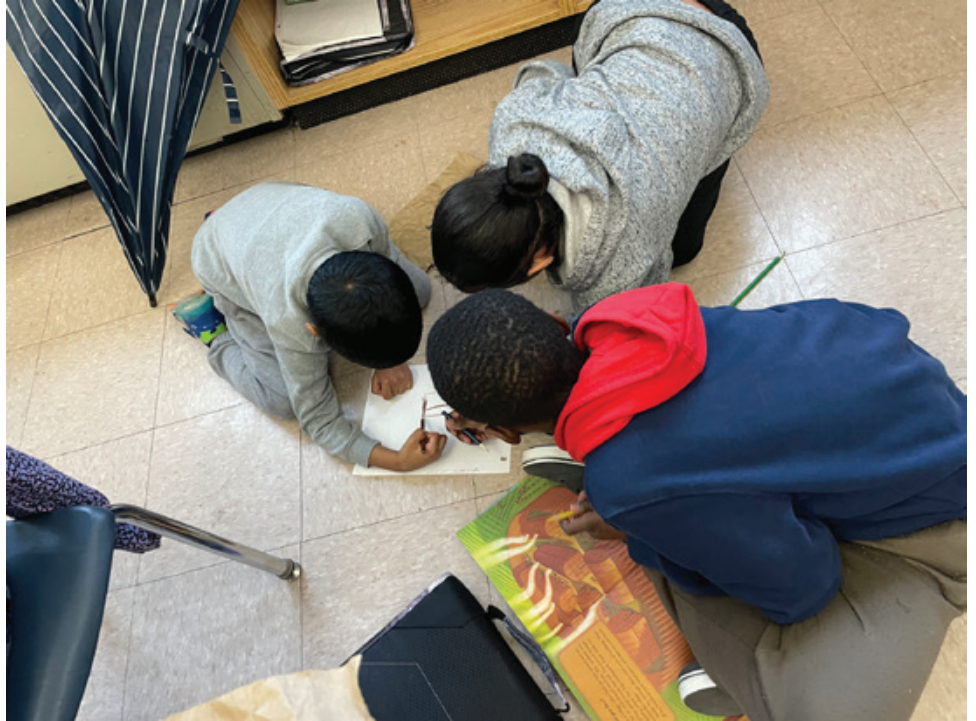
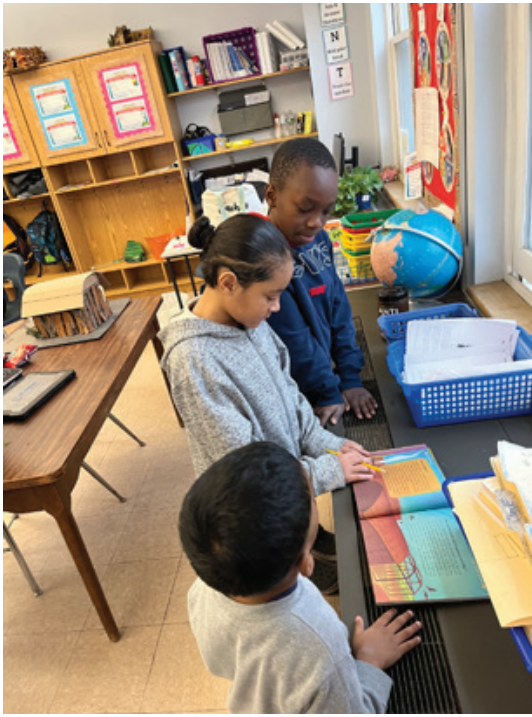
The 100th day of school is always a big deal at Montgomery C. Smith Elementary School! Check out how Ms. Betke's class celebrated this year on Feb. 9!

[#HudsonTogetherWeCan](#)



NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE GETS SPOTLIGHT AT MCSES

Students in Ms. Pitts' and Mrs. Martinez's class at Montgomery C. Smith Elementary School have been studying Native Americans. When they heard that Mrs. Holmes and Ms. Casciaro's students had learned about the Native American culture as well, students collaborated to share their knowledge.

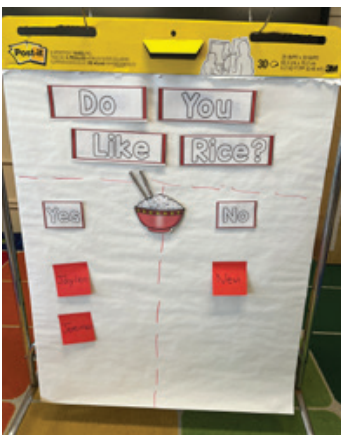




CHINESE LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS AT MCSES

Several classes at Montgomery C. Smith Elementary School expanded their cultural knowledge by studying the Chinese Lunar New Year, which was Feb. 10.

Students in Mrs. Paradowski's class learned about China in Social Studies and celebrated the Chinese Lunar New Year by wearing red and enjoying a variety of Chinese dishes and traditions. Ms. Betke's class celebrated the Chinese Lunar New Year by reading stories, listening to songs, making lanterns and tasting Chinese food!



INVENTIONS LEAD TO PROBLEM-SOLVING AT MCSES

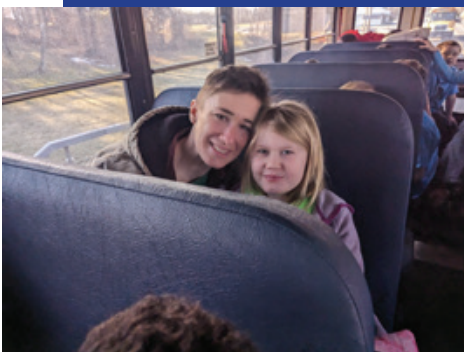
Students in Ms. Casciaro's class at Montgomery C. Smith Elementary School researched how "invention breeds invention." To conclude their studies, students used others' inventions to create their own invention to solve a problem. The problem presented was to use the invention to get a wad of paper into a garbage can 2 feet away.





MCSES 3RD GRADE ATTENDS "STEP AFRIKA" AT PROCTORS THEATRE

The Montgomery C. Smith Elementary School recently took a field trip to Proctors Theatre in Schenectady to see "Step Afrika," a multimedia and interactive theatrical performance of percussive dance styles from Western and Southern Africa.



HUDSON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES SECOND QUARTER HONOR ROLLS AND JANUARY 2024 ATTENDANCE RECOGNITION RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the newest members of the Hudson Junior High School High Honor Roll, Honor Roll and January 2024 Attendance Recognition honorees for the second quarter of the 2023-24 school year.

To earn honor roll and/or perfect attendance recognition at Hudson Junior High School, students must meet the following academic qualifications:

High Honor: No grades below 85 for the quarter.

Honor: No grades below 80 for the quarter. To qualify for any honor roll, a student taking a course that has a Pass/Fail grade must receive a Pass in that course. Any student with a mark of F (Fail) or I (Incomplete) is disqualified from all honor rolls for that quarter.

Attendance Recognition: No absences or tardiness during January 2024.

Grade 8 High Honor Roll

Marilyn Ajpacaja-Chavaloc, Nashat Albin, Adelaide Alvarez, Nevaeh Benschop, McKenna Boushie, Aniya Cottle, Lucia Fraboni, Jorge Gonzalez, Logan Hoffman, Emmie Keeler, Trenten Keller, Alexandra Larsen, Farjan Mim, Kayden Morrison, Lilliana Rustick, Alexandra Shores, Maysie Skoda, Juliana Troy, Enzo Turner, Kashawn Wilson and Khaleah Wilson.

Grade 8 Honor Roll

Jayshelle Fermin Ventura, Dominic Florio, Parker Kittrell, Sinane Najat,

Amarion Perry, Bailiegh Rivenburg and Natalie Sherman.

Grade 8 Attendance Recognition

Marilyn Ajpacaja-Chavaloc, Gradphillip Ajuoga, Maleek Alert, Adelaide Alvarez, Nevaeh Benschop, Kolton Bloomer, Ryan Clark, Aniya Cottle, Leila Credle, Elizabeth Finkle, JaReam Harvey Perry, Ronan Hayes, Logan Hoffman, Emma Hotaling, Abigail Konow, Lydia Metz, Sinane Najat, Denzel Oswago, Amarion Perry, Naraya Prayogg, Nahidur Rahman, Aubriana Riozzi, Bailiegh Rivenburg, Lilliana Rustick, Savanna Rustick, Mir Ishtiak (Saikat) Saikat, Natalie Sherman, Arthur Sherman III, Alexandra Shores, John (Jack) Silcock and Alayvah Ware.

Grade 7 High Honor Roll

Gavin Abitabile, Anahi Ashraf, Dontavies Beebe, Victoria Carius, Jah-Majesty Chan, Jordan-Matthew Cobbins, Evan Conte, MD Sakin Hasan, Grant Maresco, Flor Membreno-Romero, Shujath Miah, Arieonna Muniz, Guy Scoffier, Mackenzie Steuhl, Luke Visagie, Amaria Williams and Jonathan Williams.

Grade 7 Honor Roll

Ajani Bowen, Jayden Duncan, Tahaylia (Chloe) Gilzene, Imtiyaz Malik, Jonathan Marsh, Nathaniel Mingua and Grace Walker.

Grade 7 Attendance Recognition

Adam Alamri, Jahnyla Beauford Ensley, Bentley Bousquet, Ajani Bowen, Mathias Cintron, Evan Conte, Bella Decoteau, Quayvon Duke, Jayden Duncan, Gerson Flores

Aristondo, Issabella Hoyt, David Kaplowitz, Brendan Laurange, Vaness Li, Jimena Lopez, Grant Maresco, Jonathan Marsh, Nathaniel Mingua, Amoria Novak, Nathan Sapcoe, Guy Scoffier, Santiago Vargas Garcia and Luke Visagie.

Grade 6 High Honor Roll

Brayden Barrett, Parker Chmielewski, Sindid Chowdhury, Camryn Clark, John Davi Jr., Macklin DePace, Ezekiel Herishko, Shakila Huda, Helena Maresco, Ryder McClary, Curtis McLaughlin, Kamran Miah, Rodney Peck Jr., Jessica Pepoon, Jackson Pullen, Raihan Sarker, Makayla Shores, Jayden Toyloy and Alfredo Vargas Garcia.

Grade 6 Honor Roll

Matilda Cintron, Olivia Fawcett, Abriella Francis, Tate McCrady, Hailey Raymer and Meghan Simmons.

6th Grade Attendance Recognition

Esther Abuka, Tucker Alvarez, Michael Camarillo II, Sindid Chowdhury, Matilda Cintron, John Davi Jr., Olivia Fawcett, Sherrae Fearon, Sully Feller, Abriella Francis, Sheccid Gonzalez, Delfino Gonzalez, Giselle Gonzalez Garcia, Ryder McClary, Tate McCrady, Kamran Miah, Safaa Nawab, Lamarco Nooks, Chloe Panadis, Brenda Quizhpi-Zhagui, Jameson Race, Noah Rogers, Natalya Santiago, Raihan Sarker, Bentley Shook, Makayla Shores, Meghan Simmons and Nevaeh Smith.





MR. GRUBLER'S SCIENCE CLASS TESTS THE ATTRACTION OF MAGNETS

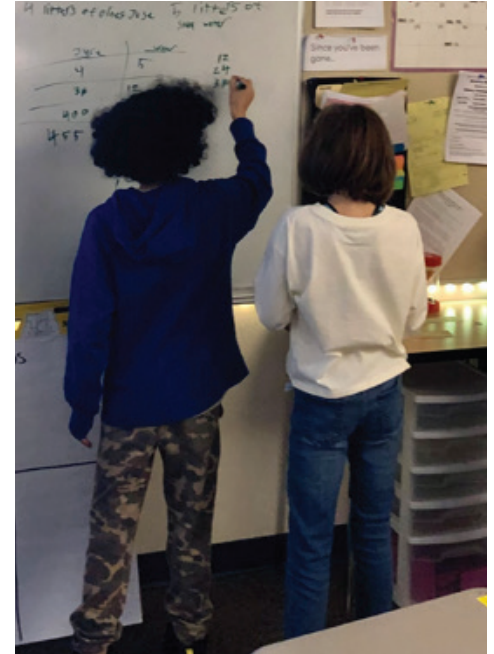
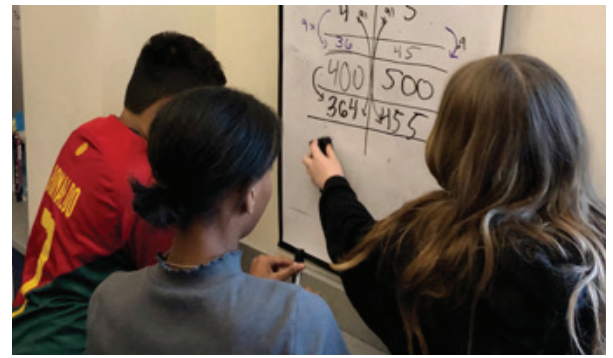
Students in Mr. Grubler's Hudson Junior High School science class recently explored the attraction and dispersion of magnets. The class measured the distance strong and weak magnets would travel, whether they were attracted to each other or polar opposites. The experiment also included a surprise visit from Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Manager Dr. Tia Pressey, who greatly enjoyed the collaborative lesson!



PROBLEM-SOLVING IN HUDSON JUNIOR HIGH MATH CLASS

Students in Ms. Mabée's Hudson Junior High School math class used problem strings to help create equivalent ratios. The class used real-world problems and recipes involving pizza, breadsticks and juice mix in their scenarios. Students also needed to determine the unit rate.

Way to go, class!



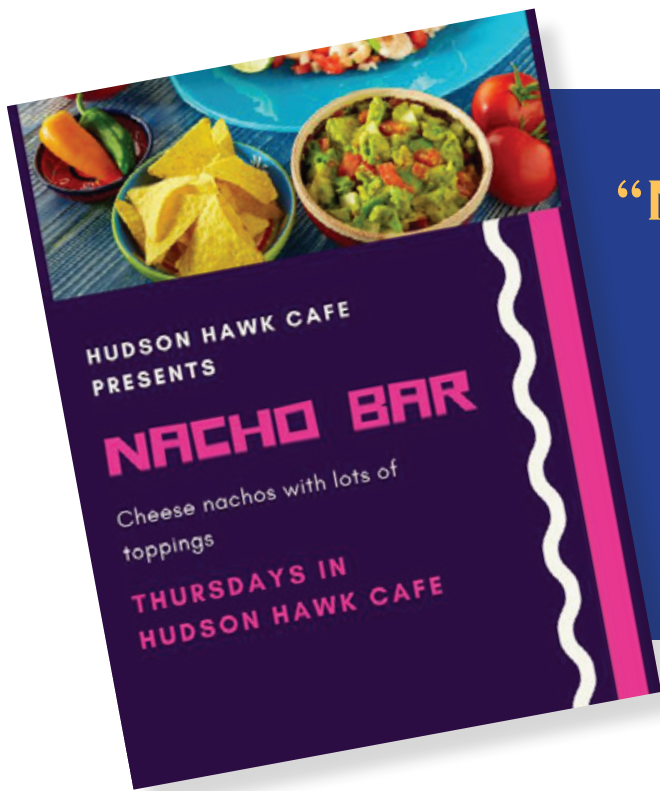
CONTINUATION OF AVID STRATEGIES AT HUDSON JHS

Hudson Junior High School students used the AVID strategy of "Quiz, Quiz, Trade, Trade" to practice new vocabulary. Practicing Greek and Latin roots, prefixes and suffixes, students worked in pairs and then found new partners to learn the word parts.



AVID is a cooperative-learning technique in which students review information with other students by asking and answering questions. Working with peers in a nonthreatening manner builds confidence, encourages greater participation, and results in more thoughtful discussions.



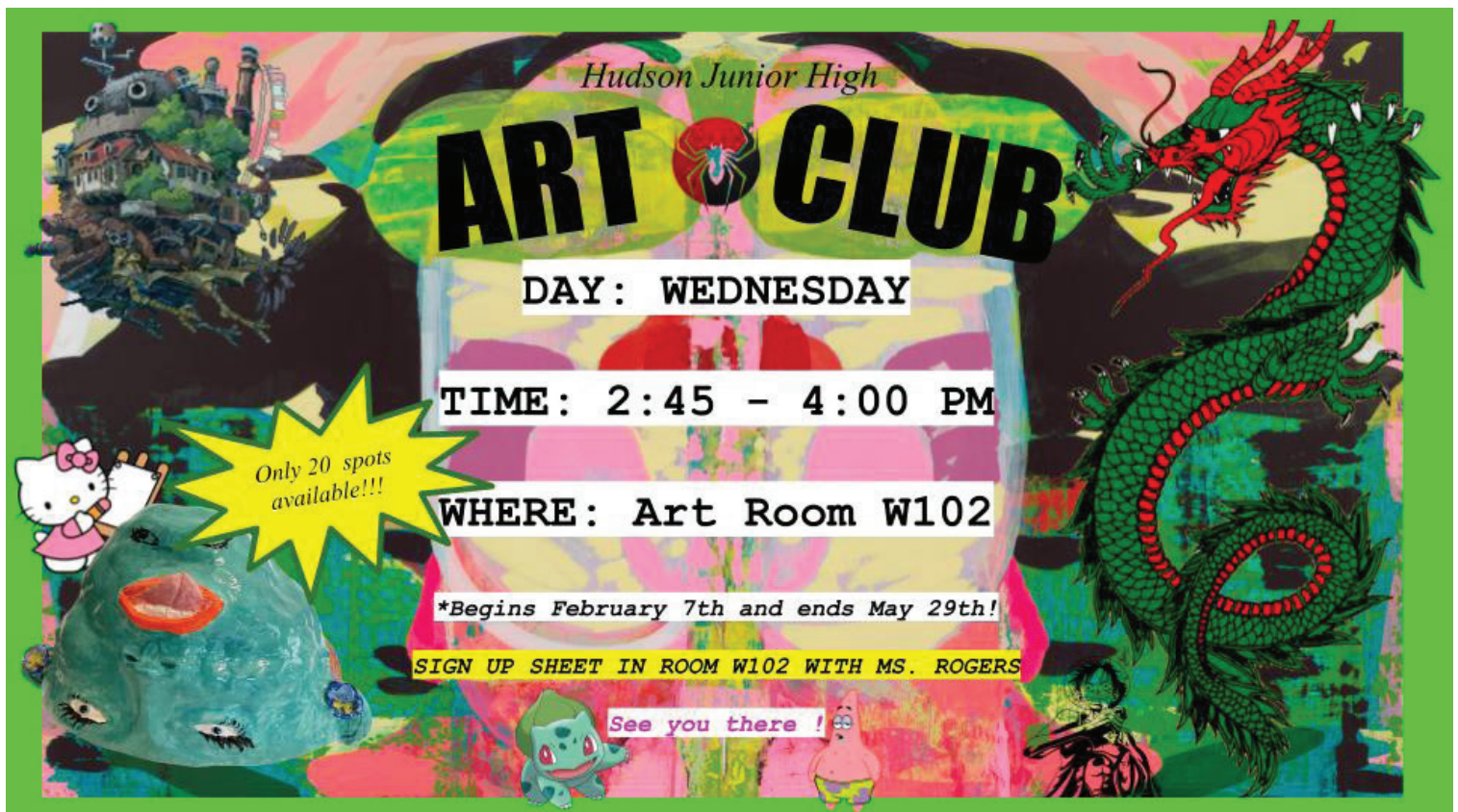


“NACHO BAR” THURSDAYS AT HUDSON JSHS

Did you know that Thursday lunches at Hudson Junior/Senior High School now feature a Nacho Bar? This is just one weekly alternative hot food menu item the District is providing for students! View the breakfast, lunch and alternate menus for all buildings under “Cafeteria Menus” here.

HUDSON JUNIOR HIGH LAUNCHES ART CLUB

The Hudson Junior High School Art Club held its first meeting on Feb. 7; meetings are Wednesdays from 2:45 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Room W102 with Ms. Rogers until May 29. We cannot wait to see the students express their creativity!



HUDSON JHS LIFE SKILLS STUDENTS MAKE BIRD FEEDERS

Mrs. McCagg's Hudson Junior High School Life Skills Class made bird feeders out of oranges and hung them outside the front of the junior high school. The class has been learning about local birds and how they survive in the winter.



HUDSON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES SECOND QUARTER HONOR ROLLS FOR 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

The Hudson City School District congratulates its Hudson Senior High School High Honor, Honor and Merit Roll members for the second quarter of the 2023-24 school year.

To earn honor roll recognition at Hudson Senior High School, students must meet the following academic qualifications:

High Honor: the overall average for the quarter must be at least 90%, with no mark lower than 80%.

Honor: the overall average for the quarter must be at least 85%, with no mark lower than 75%.

Merit: the overall average for the quarter must be at least 80%, with no mark lower than 70%.

In order to qualify for any rank, a student taking a course that has a Pass/Fail grade must receive a Pass in that course. Any student with a mark of F (fail), NM (loss of credit due to excessive absences), or I/INC (incomplete) is disqualified for all Honor Rolls.

9TH GRADE

High Honor Roll: Tisi Bishop, Kaleigh Brodowski, Kianjah Chan, Ryan Conte, (Tech Valley) Amelia Edwards, Jordan Francis, Joie Hall, Abdullah Hossain, (Tech Valley) Sumaiya Islam, Sadia Jahan, Likkiyrah Johnson, Viki Li, Laiba Liton, Duray Maddox Jr., Jarin Mahi, Addison Mann, Mickey Ouru,

Schuyler Phillips, Matthew Pierro, Robert Seaton, Niyohna Smith, Nazia Sultana, Mason Tamburro, (P-Tech/HVCC) Aiden Visage and Angel Williams.

Honor Roll: Gavin Boushie, Emadul Chowdhury, Tahmid Chowdhury, Edwin Gomez, Josh Jerome, Sydney Keeler, Elizabeth Marsh, Muaj Rahman, Terrance Robinson Jr., Sergio Rodriguez-Romero, Klaudia Vitale and Jennifer Zarate.

Merit Roll: Wyatt Brixius, Kameryn Clarke, Megan Corcoran, Charly Delacruz-Cruz, Vanessa Drabick, Cerenity Fowler, Athena Haldane, Ella Howe, Juan Molina Duran, Noah Porreca, Pablo Quintero Romero, Malachi Robinson, Noelle Simmons, Terell Slowinski, Skyler Sweet and Elijah Walker.

10TH GRADE

High Honor Roll: Nafiza Ananya, Sumiya Begum, Jaidyn Bertoldi, Nazmun Bhuiyan, Morgan Curran, Radiya Fabiya, Griffin Foster, Asia Johnson, Abira Khair, MST. Warda Mahamud, Emy Maldonado Lopez, Emily Membreno, Sahd Miah, Charlie Molinski, Labonna Prova, Oliur Rahman, Keith Robinson, Madison Sickler and Pearl Turner.

Honor Roll: (Tech Valley) Hafsa Chowdhury, Meghan Daly, Sebastian Dermott, Oscar Giovannucci, Kianie

Guerrero, Shyri Higgs, Gannon Logue, Marc Mena, Donnovane Onyango, Matthew Plaia, Damian Ramirez-Rodriguez, Zaid-Anthony Robinson, Brody Schunk, Tallulah Stinson, Dante Troy, Mymona Tuly and Eliana Wright.

Merit Roll: Rihanna Brandt, Conor Bryant, Mallory Buchan, Eli Conte, Diana Lemus, Armani Mack, Katie Moore, Karmasia Nichols, Christian Rodriguez, Emily Stoddard, Shaun Terry, Valencia Virgo and Cadence Weiss.

11TH GRADE

High Honor Roll: Mariah Acosta Simmons, Neyam Affan, Lynn Carr, Ummuy Chowdhury, Wyatt Christie, Deja "Devyn" Davis, Tessa Goldstien, Autumn Hopkins, Halimah Hotbani, Samiha Huda, Daija Jones, Makayla Kudlack, Rafid Al Mahmud, Lena Meicht, Logan O'Connor, Thomas Orbinski, Jacob Petersen, Ayesha Rahman, Alvira Sarker, Kristen Steils, Zeniah Vaughan and Emilie Weig.

Honor Roll: Kayla Davis, Natasja Dooling, Russell Huang, Amilcar Lopez, Iyana Mackey, Joseph Medina and Shifath Miah.

Merit Roll: Anthony Cozzolino, Samiul Eric, Raelis Foster-Smith, Nahid Hassan, Matthew Long, Juwan Morrison, Evan Propst, Ashley Tampasis and Tahseem Williams.

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12TH GRADE

High Honor Roll: Enam Ahmed, Katharine Antonelli, MD Ahsan Anwar, Ehasan Arafat, Dejuan Bailey, Reese Bernockie, Calel Bradway, Anthony Bruni Jr., Fathima Chowdhury, Sarai Chung, Jordan Cunningham, Jalyn Dominguez, (P-Tech/HVCC) Jackson Fuchs, Arafh Ghani, Samuel Gomez, Emma Gower, Sara Hanley, Alyssa Harp, Olivia Hoffnagle, Lance Hopwood, (QIII-Career Academy) Anastasia Hotaling, Ashton Hotaling, Kenneth Jackson, Salmi Jaman, Amani Kanaga, Lucas Katz, Most Kakoli Khatun, Vivi Li, Gabriella Logue, Nabila Miah, Sophia Morrison, William Morrison, Joshua Racine, Tanjina Rahman, Magdalena Ramos, (Tech Valley) George Schmitt II, DeViniece Scott, Victoria Steils, Angelina Tamburro and Mahim Wali.

Honor Roll: Tahfizul Abir, Mahiul Alam, Daisy Castellanos, (QIII-Career Academy) Sha-He Cross, Rayvon Foster-Smith, (QIII-Career Academy) Amya Givens, Tatyana Harris, Kimberly Hernandez Flores, (QIII-Career Academy) Kevin Krein, Dylan McDonald, Lynval Palmer, Aleya Parker, Cecilia Perez, Danielle Podmijersky, Hannah Race, Quynn Vertetis, Julianna Weig, Tatiana Williams and Zachary Zibella.

Merit Roll: Cooper Casivant, Richard Chiarito Jr., D’Jahnae Dowding, Kyle Hoffman, Michael Howard, Amya Moore, Aidan Nedwick, Natalie Novak, Chanelle Perkins, Logan Rivenburg and Rhianna Rosario.

SNEAK PEEK OF “LEADS” REHEARSAL FOR “THE ADDAMS FAMILY: SCHOOL EDITION”



The Hudson City School District was able to get a first look at a “leads” rehearsal for “The Addams Family: School Edition,” featuring senior Kenold Dorce as Gomez, junior Kiarra Rivera as Morticia, and sophomore Asia Johnson as Wednesday. The show takes place March 22-24, 2024 in the Hudson Junior/Senior High School Auditorium. The “leads” refer to the most prominent characters in the performance.

HUDSON SHS SENIOR AND QUESTAR III BOCES NEW VISIONS STUDENT PRESENTS FOR GOVERNMENT PROJECT



A very special shoutout to Hudson Senior High School senior and Questar III BOCES New Visions: Pathways in Education student Alyssa Harp, who recently participated in a group presentation for a government project.

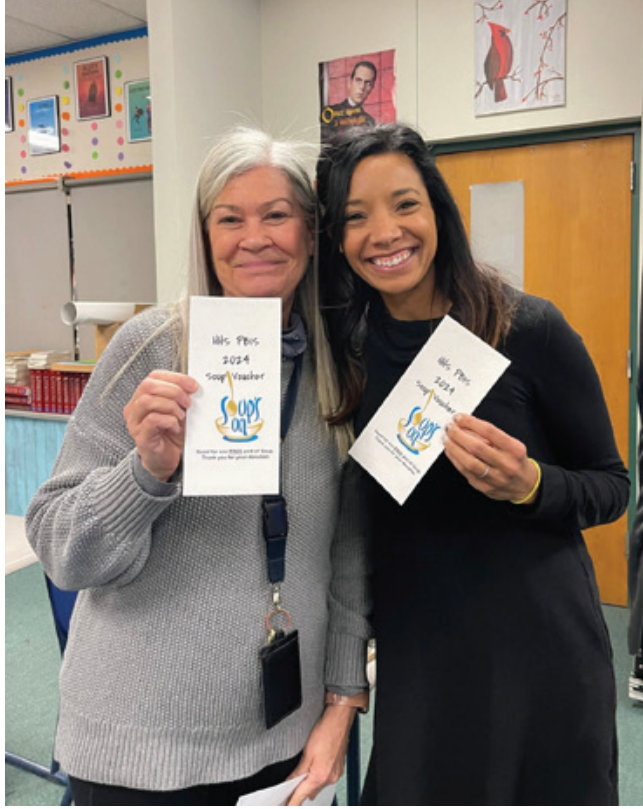
Students brainstormed ideas that they’d like to see implemented in their schools, then conducted a student survey and other research to support their plan, while also providing ideas and resources on how to launch their concepts at their schools.

Alyssa Harp’s group presented the idea of a “Free Food Fridge” being accessible for school community members to Questar III BOCES Superintendent Gladys Cruz and New Visions: Pathways in Education teacher Jenifer Kish.

INTRO TO AG CLASS MAKES RICE PUDDING WITH SPECIAL GUESTS

Students in Ms. Nowak's Hudson Senior High School Introduction to Agriculture class were tasked with following a recipe and creating rice pudding. With the help and support of District consultant Stephanie Forsyth, Superintendent Dr. Juliette Pennyman and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Manager Dr. Tia Pressey, the class successfully made a tasty treat!





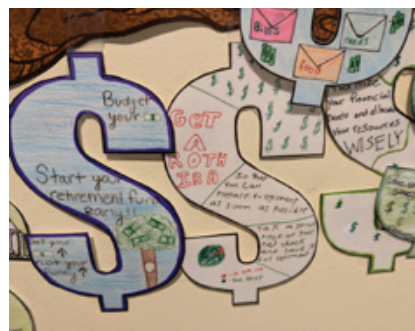
JANUARY HUDSON SENIOR HIGH PBIS WHEEL WINNERS

A huge shoutout to our monthly Hudson High School PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) winners: Ms. Brust (at left) and Ms. Manchuck (at right)!

Winners were chosen randomly on our Wheel of Winners during our High School Faculty Meeting. Names of those faculty who are supporting PBIS initiatives by writing positive referrals and using Kindness Currency are added to the wheel. Thank you to all of our faculty for recognizing students who are following the pillars RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE and SAFE. They each received a free soup voucher that will support the PBIS of Hudson High School. The annual soup sale for faculty and staff continues every Monday until March 10.

Congratulations to Ms. Brust and Ms. Manchuck!

FINANCIAL ADVICE SHARED IN “MONEY TREE”



Seniors in Mrs. Bender's first-semester Economics classes at Hudson High School collectively helped bring the teachers' bulletin board in the high school, "Money Doesn't Grow on Trees," to life with financial advice.

Each student designed a money "leaf" with their favorite piece of personal financial advice they learned during the course. The topics of the advice were wide-ranging, including job skills, interviews, planning for retirement, budgeting, saving, building credit and investing!

HUDSON REPRESENTATIVES OF MERGED SWIMMING/DIVE TEAM FINISH 2023-24 SEASON



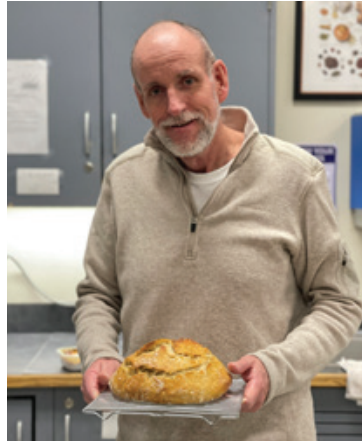
Congratulations to our talented student-athletes representing Hudson Senior High School who recently competed in their last meet of the 2023-24 season for the Hudson-Ichabod Crane Swim Team at Taconic Hills!

CREATIVITY LEADS TO APPLE TURNOVERS



To prevent a waste of unused apples from the cafeteria, Mrs. Schmitt's Life Skills Class (The Kindness Club) of Hudson Senior High School made homemade apple turnovers!

HOMEMADE BREAD FOR NATIONAL BREAD MACHINE MONTH



Did you know that January was National Bread Machine Month? The students in Mrs. Schmitt's Food and Nutrition Class at Hudson High School were busy experimenting with several bread machine recipes, including raisin bread and French bread. While 25 million Americans own a bread machine, not everyone does.

The class welcomed Hudson High Life Skills class teacher Mr. McDonald, who demonstrated how to make homemade "No Knead" bread and a quick homemade marinara sauce over pasta. "Kneadless" to say, it was a hit!

HOLIDAYS AND UPCOMING EVENTS TO NOTE

February 2024: Black History Month

February 2024: Career and Technical Education Month

Feb. 20-23: February Recess (No School)

Feb. 27: Board of Education Meeting, 6 p.m., Hudson Senior High School Library

March 1 and March 3: All-County (SHS Band, JHS Choir, MCSES Band) at Taconic Hills

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- March 8:** End of 3rd Quarter Interim
- March 12:** Board of Education Meeting and 2024-25 Budget Workshop Presentation,
6 p.m., Hudson Senior High School library
- March 14-15:** MCSES Spring Pictures
- March 15:** Superintendent's Conference Day (No School)
- March 15:** Hudson Junior High School Snow Ball Dance
- March 17:** St. Patrick's Day
- March 21:** "Conversations with the Superintendent," 6 p.m., location to be announced
- March 22:** Hudson Senior High Brooks BBQ Fundraiser
- March 25-28:** Hudson Junior High Spirit Week
- March 26:** Board of Education Meeting and 2024-25 Budget Workshop Presentation,
6 p.m., Hudson Senior High School Library
- March 27:** MCSES Report Card Conferences
- March 29:** Good Friday (No School)
- March 31:** Easter Sunday
- April 1-5:** Spring Recess (No School)

