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Together, We Can!

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Welcome to the 8th edition of The Hawk's Quill!

We are very excited you liked our first one.

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Interview with Assistant Principal Ms. Patch

By Elsa Umstead

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Ms. Patch is the new Assistant Principal at the Junior High School. Read on to learn more about her!

What are the big differences between elementary and junior high kids?

“Junior High kids can put on their own coats and are aware of themselves, their boundaries, and others’ boundaries.”

What do you like about the two different schools?

“At the elementary, I liked all the hugs, and doing the morning announcements. At the junior high, I love the students’ humor and how lots of them are in clubs and after-school activities.”

What is it like to be an assistant principal?

“It’s very rewarding. I help everyday and get good exercise because I walk around the school. I do a lot of unlocking and locking doors.”



Why did you start working in elementary school?

“I was a classroom teacher for a long time and wanted to step up and learn more about children.”

What did you do before becoming an assistant principal?

“I worked in East Greenbush for six years as a reading and writing teacher for 6th grade.”

What is your favorite book?

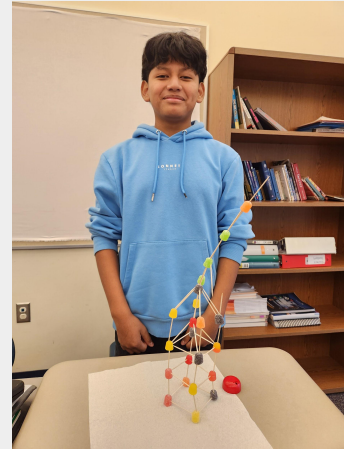
“*The Hunger Games.*”

Relational Capacity Day

By Elsa Umstead

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November 25, 2025 was Relational Capacity at the Junior High School. It is a day devoted to winning challenges and playing games with peers. The day is organized by the students in our AVID program who assign each teacher a challenge or game to do with their classes. The purpose of the day is to continue getting to know each other in a fun, competitive, collaborative way.



8th grader Luis with his gumdrop tower



7th grader Osirion and his spaghetti tower

In Ms. Mabee's sixth grade math class, we did a riddle cup stacking challenge where we could not touch the cups nor the rubber bands. We learned to

work as a team to solve the riddle.



Cup stacking!



Mr. Schansinger, 8th grader McKala, and their balloon tower

7th grader Carter Black said, "It was more fun than past years. I enjoyed it and I felt like we still worked but it was more fun than a usual school day."

Winter Concert



By All Staff

Quarter 2



7th & 8th grade band under the direction of Mr. Giosa

Elsa Umstead, 6th grader, said, “It was a lot of coordination between the band and the choir, and it was hard to wait until performance time because you just wanted to get it over with!”

Fatheah Jannat, 7th grade choir member, said, “In my opinion, the concert was great. My favorite song was ‘Go To The Distance.’ I loved how it sounded with two parts.”

7th grade band member Louis Scoffier said, “All of us worked hard on the music ever since September. I think we performed the song ‘You’re Welcome’ from *Moana* the best.”

Hudson Junior High School held their Winter Concert on December 9, 2025. Performances included 6th, 7th, and 8th grade choirs, 7th and 8th grade quintet, and the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade bands.



7th & 8th grade choir under the direction of Ms. Stern

Hawk Games

By Safaa Nawab and Elsa Umstead

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 MABEE
 ROGERS
 WILLIAMS

GRUBLER
 KENT
 OTT
 STERN

HALPIN
 LANDO
 PITTS
 WHEELER

*Can you find the names of these
 Junior High School teachers?*

*Heads up! Some names are in
 the puzzle backwards!*