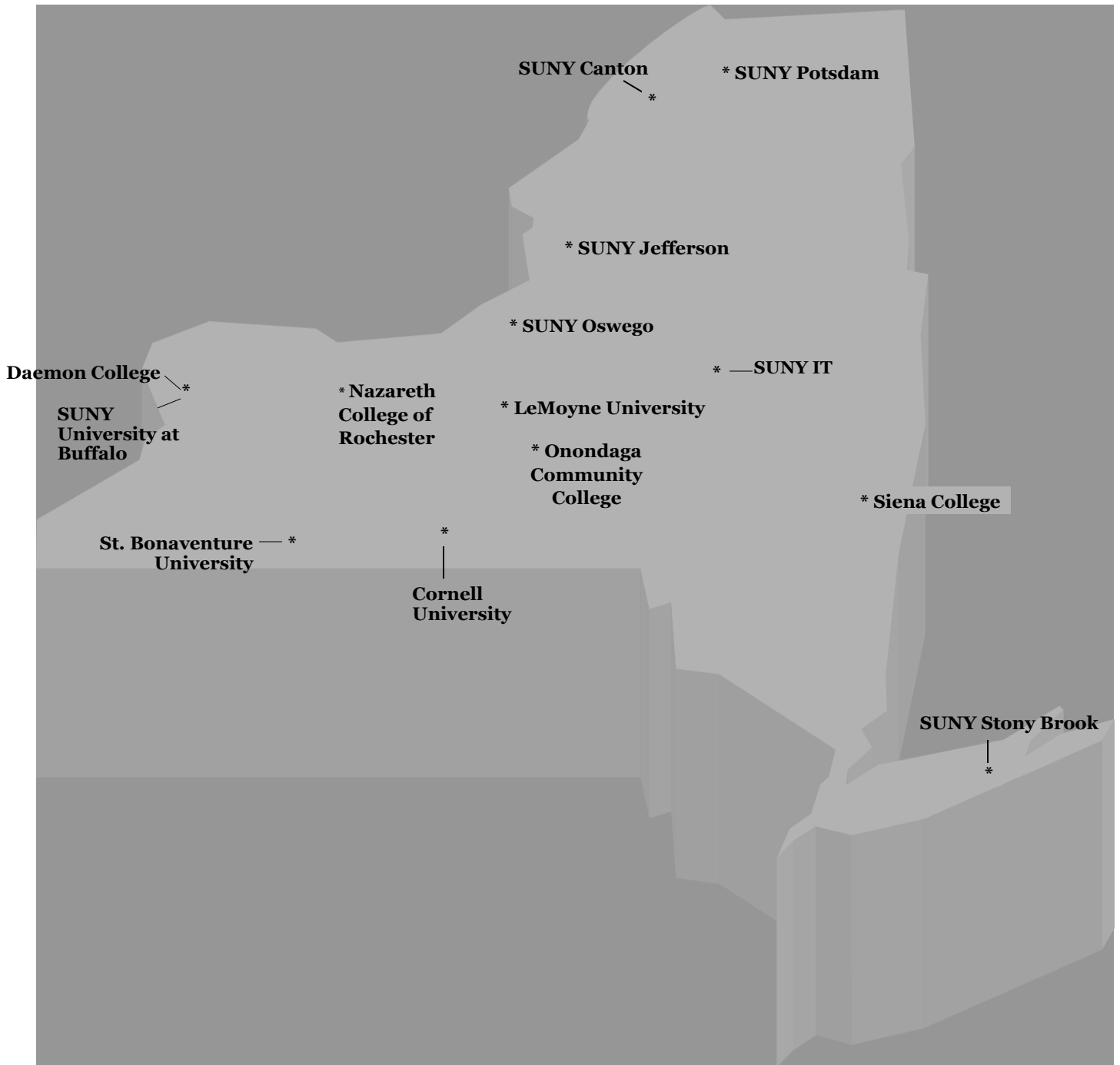


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Belleville Henderson Central School

Number of Seniors entering College - 19

Number of Seniors entering the Workforce - 5

Number of Seniors entering the Armed Service - 0

JUNE 2019 END-OF-THE-YEAR COMING EVENTS IMPORTANT DATES

I am providing this list of important end-of-the-year dates for you to refer to as needed. You may wish to post this list on your refrigerator or in your classroom. As you can see, it will be a busy month of June and we hope you can join us in the many activities and celebrations occurring at Belleville Henderson.

June 3	Grade 4 and 8 Science Written Exam (morning)
June 3	Science and Social Studies Fair 5:30-7:00 pm
June 3	Board of Education Meeting 7:00 pm
June 5	Booster Club Athletic Banquet 6:00 pm
June 6	Yearbook Assembly grades 7-12 2:15 pm
June 7	Cap and Gown Photo 7:30 am
June 8	Belleville Parade 6:00 pm
June 12	Senior Walk through halls Elementary – 2:35 pm, High School with song – 2:50 pm
June 13	Senior Picnic and Dismissal 11:30-12:30 (park)
June 14-17	Senior Trip
June 17	Last day of classes for Grades 7-12
June 17	Board of Education Meeting 7:00 pm
June 18	Regents exams begin
June 18-25	Early elementary dismissal begins 1:45 pm
June 19	Last day of Pre-K classes
June 20	Pre-K celebration 10:00 am
June 21	Kindergarten graduation 9:30 am
June 24	Grade 6 Awards and Celebration 9:30 am
June 25	Middle School/High School Awards Ceremony 7:00 pm
June 25	Elementary Fun Day
June 26	Grades K-2 awards ceremony 8:30 am
June 26	Grades 3-5 awards ceremony 9:45 am
June 26	Elementary dismissal 10:45 am
June 26	Elementary Report Cards go home with students
June 26	Last day for all staff (regular hours)
June 28	Baccalaureate and graduation practice 9:00 am
June 29	Baccalaureate 5:30 pm
June 29	Alumni and Graduates Banquet 6:00 pm
June 30	Graduation 2:00 pm
June 30	NYS Trap Tournament
July 1	Captains' Day for grades 4 and 5
July 2	Middle Level/High School Report Cards Mailed Home

From the Desk of Superintendent Jane A. Collins

The school year is fast approaching with Regents Exams beginning on June 18 and the last day of school for all students on June 26. On June 30, 2019, this year's amazing seniors will graduate and move into a new chapter in their lives. We thank our parents for your support of their education. And, we recognize that it takes a number of teachers and staff to guide the students over their 13 years of education. The Board and I would like to extend a special thank-you to all our employees for their dedicated service.

The Month of June is filled with so many great activities like the Booster Club Athletic Banquet, the Pre-K Celebration, the Kindergarten Graduation, the Grade 6 Awards and Celebration, the Middle/High School Awards Ceremony, the Elementary Awards Ceremony, the Baccalaureate, the Alumni and Graduate Banquet, and Graduation. We are so proud of all our students' hard work and dedication to their studies!

The arts are alive and well! Our musical concerts were excellent, along with the drama production of *The Addams Family!* I hope you catch a parade when our band is marching, too!

This year, all boys and girls varsity athletic teams received the Scholar Athlete Team Award. The criteria for this award is that 75% of the team must have an average of 90% or better. There are very few schools in NYS who have this distinction.

In December 2017, the community approved a \$2.75 Capital Improvement Project. The majority of construction is this summer. The scope of work involves a partial new roof at the bus garage along with upgrades to the heating system. The small vehicle storage floor will be removed and filled in with stone and then, topped off with concrete. At the K-12 school, the auditorium seating will be replaced along with the vinyl flooring, and the curtains will be changed. The stage rigging will be upgraded. Our gymnasium bleachers will be replaced and the gym mezzanine will become a fitness area where fold out gym bleachers will be available to increase seating capacity, as needed. Heating systems will be replaced in 26 rooms. Some air conditioning units will be updated for the technology closets and a few offices. The varsity fields will undergo major upgrades. We expect the majority of the work to be done by September 2019.

Summer school for K-8 will begin on July 1. If you are interested in your child attending, please contact Miss Michelle Morales or Mr. Storey. If you are interested in the Henderson/Ellisburg Summer Recreation Program, please contact Marcie Matthews at (315)938-5544 or Bryan Flagg (315) 783-3240.

We thank the voters for participating in the budget vote and election. We would also like to recognize Kurt Gehrke for his 15 years of dedicated service on the Board of Education along with Gary Ramsdell for his five years as a dedicated Board of Education Member. We welcome Anthony Barney and Kyle Gehrke to the Board of Education. They begin their 5 year term in July 2019.

Belleville Henderson is a school system where we grow great leaders! It is evident in the academic results, our athletic programs, our arts accomplishments, the FFA, and our extra-curricular programs that we are "Panther Strong."

Sincerely,

Jane A. Collins,
Superintendent

From the Principal's Desk

I am very pleased to share with you a press release to the Watertown Daily Times regarding one of our Panthers. Congratulations Courtney Hanson!!!

4-H Youth Design Mission Patch, Bound for International Space Station

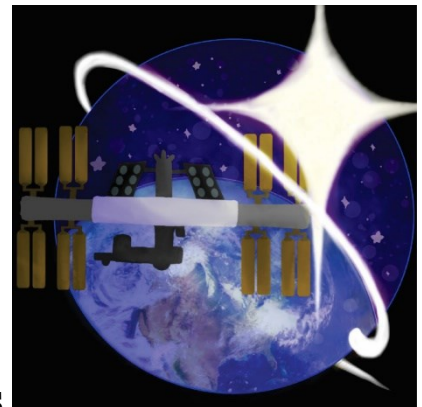
In January, it was announced that a team of youth from the 4-H Program at H.T. Wiley Intermediate School was selected to implement their experiment on the International Space Station as part of 4-H participation in the Student Spaceflight Experiments Program Mission 13 to the ISS. The experiment focuses on the breakdown and removal of rust in space. In February, youth in 4-H Afterschool Programs in Jefferson and Lewis Counties had an opportunity to design a mission patch to travel to the ISS along with the experiment, as has been the tradition for many missions to space to date. With over 100 entries in two categories, K-6 and 7-12, two mission patches have been selected to represent 4-H and Jefferson/Lewis County school's participation in this project. Students used the following mediums to create their designs: crayon, pencil drawing, colored pencil, marker, and graphic design software. The patch submissions were judged by the Jefferson County 4-H Advisory Committee, and selections were made for each age category.



Mission patch submitted by C. Hanson, 5th grade, Belleville Henderson 4-H Afterschool Program

Cornell Cooperative Extension is pleased to announce the winners of the Mission Patch Design Contest. The final selection for the K-6 category was a design from 5th grader Courtney Hanson from Belleville Henderson 4-H Afterschool Program. The final selection for the 7-12 category was Jasmine Thorpe from Indian River High School 4-H Makerspace Program.

The final experiment will be assembled at Cornell University Lab of Material Science during the week of June 10th (date TBD). The winners of the Mission Patch Design Contest will be invited to observe the experiment assembly, as well as tour the Cornell University Spacecraft Planetary Imaging Facility.



Mission patch submitted by J. Thorpe, 12th grade, Indian River 4-H Makerspace Program

The experiment is currently scheduled to launch from Kennedy Space Center on July 8th, 2019, and will be transported to the ISS via a SpaceX Dragon spacecraft. Currently, H.T. Wiley Intermediate School is working to raise funds to send the team of experiment design finalists to watch their experiment be launched into space! Anyone interested in supporting this fundraising effort can contact Lisa Worden at lworden@watertowncsd.org or 315.785.3780.

The Student Spaceflight Experiments Program [or SSEP] is a program of the National Center for Earth and Space Science Education (NCESSSE) in the U.S. and the Arthur C. Clarke Institute for Space Education internationally. It is enabled through a strategic partnership with DreamUp PBC and NanoRacks LLC, which are working with NASA under a Space Act Agreement as part of the utilization of the International Space Station as a National Laboratory.

CAPITAL PROJECT

Starting in May, we are beginning construction on the capital project that the voters approved on December 7, 2017. This project will be addressing issues identified in our building conditions survey. The scope will include work on the bus garage, athletic fields and the K-12 building. The work on the bus garage will include replacing the roof, some entrance doors, replacement of the floor in the small vehicle storage bay, and the heating and ventilation in the building. Construction on the bus garage will begin in May. Construction on the varsity athletic fields will begin in the middle of June right after the end of the baseball and softball seasons.

Construction on the K-12 building will begin July 1st following our June 30th graduation. The scope of the work done in the K-12 School will include work in the gymnasium, auditorium and uninvent systems throughout the building. In the gymnasium, we will be replacing the main bleachers and mezzanine bleachers, as well as, the mezzanine flooring. The project also includes some fitness equipment. In the auditorium, the stage rigging will be upgraded along with replacing the curtains. The auditorium seats will be replaced. The construction is expected to last the entire summer with the majority of the work expected to be completed by the beginning of the next school year. With all of the construction going on this summer, we are asking everyone to be cautious if you are in or around the building. Mrs. Forrester will continue to monitor visitors to our school with the front door being our single point of entry. Construction workers will be expected to follow these protocols and will receive a background safety clearance by Watchdog, the construction management company overseeing the project. We are excited to get started on this project, and we can't wait for everyone to see the improvements to our school.

HENDERSON SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

Starts: July 8th Ends: August 15th

Time: Monday - Thursday / 1:00—4:00 PM

Location: Henderson Recreation Pavilion

Ages: Children who will be starting Kindergarten in the fall

Registration Begins: May 30th

Contact: Marcie Matthews @ 315-771-9143

Cost: \$20.00 per child

Shot records needed at time of Registration

Come Join Us for Some Fun Summer Activities

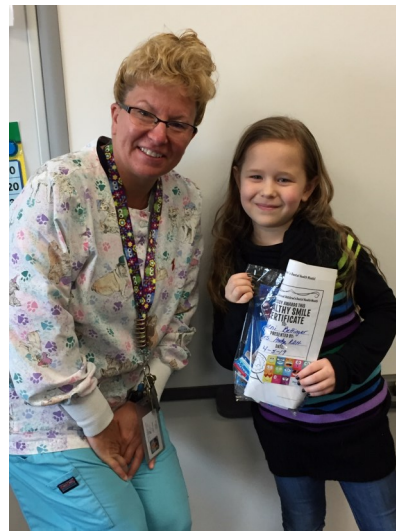
News from Mrs. Hodge (Dental Hygienist)

February was Dental Health Month. I conducted a Dental Health Contest for the students. Each grade had a particular task to perform.

PreK-Kindergarten: Coloring Contest 1st-2nd Grades: Create a Picture of their Dental Experience with a few sentences 3rd-6th Grades: Create an Essay of Dental Health

The Winners of the Dental Health Contest were the following students:

PreK AM Class, Mrs. Taylor: Aubree Cough
Pre K PM Class, Mrs. Taylor: Elsa Gleason
Kindergarten, Mrs. Coseo: Lucas Valley
Kindergarten, Mrs. Gordinier: Kelly Perez-Cordova
1st Grade, Mrs. Eastman: Megan Bernat
1st Grade, Mrs. Scoville: Raeni Bettinger
2nd Grade, Mrs. Clark: Tristan Neff
2nd Grade, Mrs. Costello: Asher O'Brien
3rd Grade, Mrs. Dudley: Lily Spencer
3rd Grade, Mrs. Marlowe: Ella Eastman
4th Grade, Mrs. Eastman: Indigo Mullin
4th Grade, Mrs. Lawrence: Daniel Remington
5th Grade, Mrs. Bellavia: Garrett Tryon
5th Grade, Mrs. Taylor: Shaelyn Agaciewski
6th Grade, Mrs. Corron: Lilly Gillette

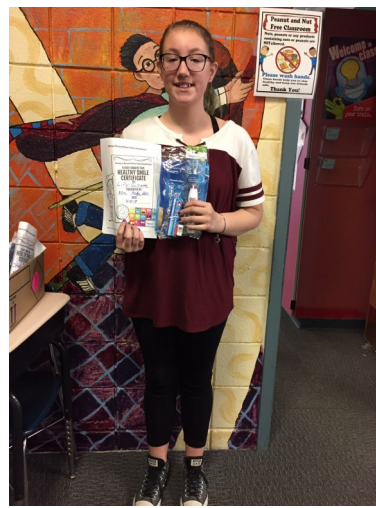
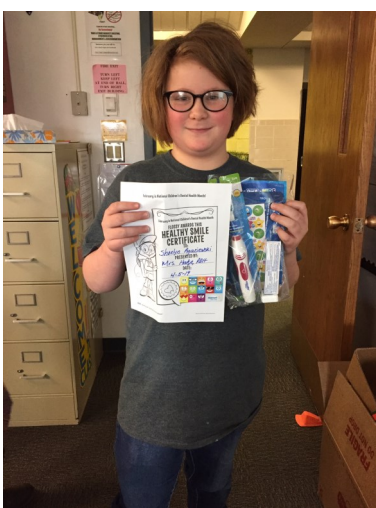
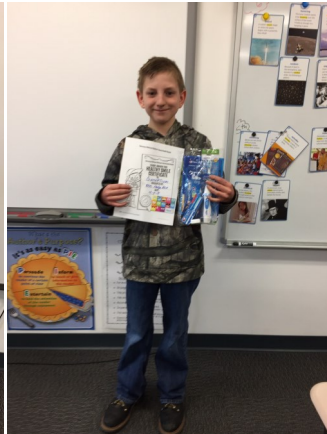
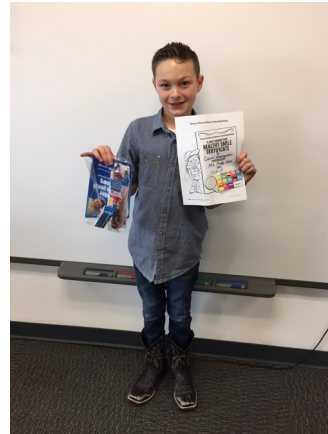
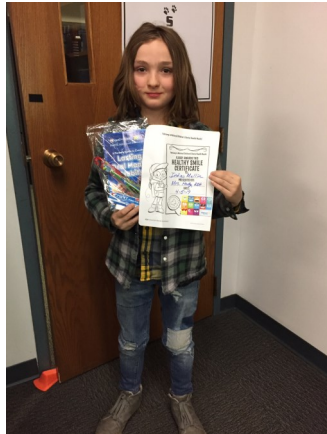
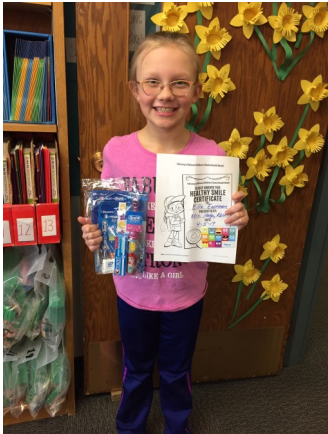
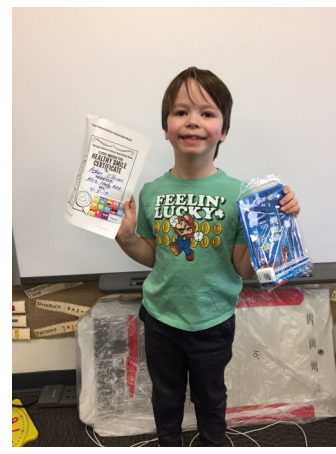
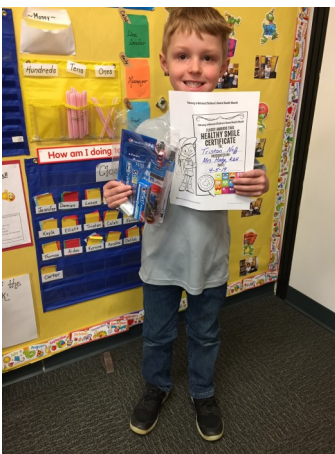
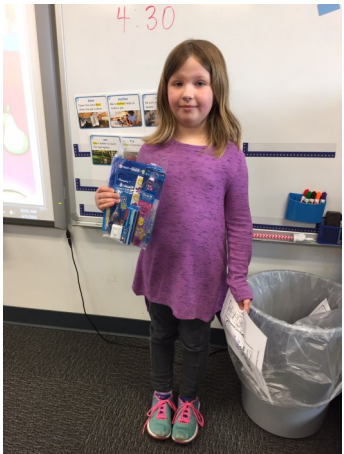
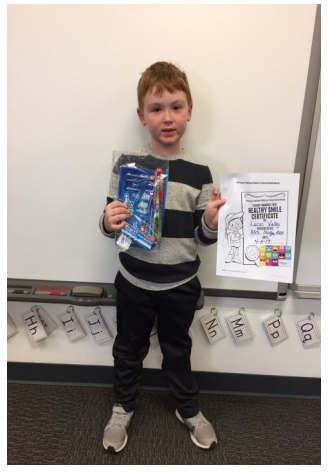
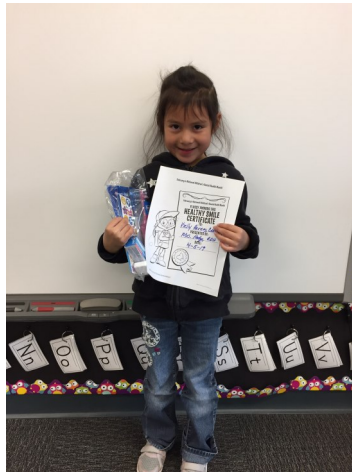
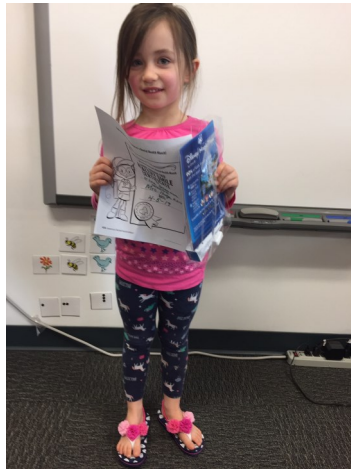
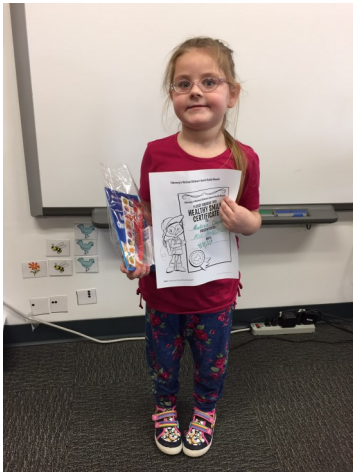


During the judging process, I decided that all the entries were excellent. It made selecting a winner a difficult task. Therefore, I felt that each participant should receive a prize. I gave each teacher, support staff, and student a coupon for a free snack in the cafeteria.

The winners received a goody bag full of Dental Hygiene supplies and a \$5.00 gift card to Walmart.

I want to thank all the students, teachers and support staff for participating in the Dental Health Month contest.

I am very grateful for my position at BHCS, for enabling me to promote the importance of good oral hygiene and allowing me to provide dental services to our students.



Belleville Henderson FFA at the New York State FFA Convention

Twenty one members of the Belleville Henderson FFA attended the State FFA Convention at the On Center in Syracuse May 2nd through May 4th. Students participated in contests, visited the college and career expo, listened to keynote speakers, saw Chris Lane in concert and earned awards and degrees.



Nine students from Belleville Henderson participated in career development event contests. Two teams participated in the quiz bowl contest, a jeopardy style competition, where students answer questions about agriculture and FFA. Team Blue consisted of Christopher Shelmidine, Brayden Billman, Katie Burger and Olivia Patterson. Team Gold consisted of Lisa Livingston, Shannon Simpson, Olivia Simpson and Kassie Burger. Great job to both teams! Elizabeth Hyman participated in the discussion meet contests where she discussed with other members topics such as how to promote inclusion within the diverse field of agriculture, and how to recruit top students into agricultural careers. Congratulations to Elizabeth, who placed 5th overall!

Six students earned proficiency awards for their excellent supervised agricultural



experience projects, or work outside of class time. Isaac Zumbach and Kassie Burger earned awards in dairy production, Alex Grimshaw in beef production, Hope Barney in equine science, Julia Dodge in poultry production and Rachel Newell in home and community development.

Eight members earned their empire degree, which required them to work at least

100 hours and have \$1,000 earned or invested in their supervised agricultural experience. They must have also participated in 5 FFA activities and have at least 25 hours of community service. These members include Caitlyn Barney, Kassie Burger, Alex Grimshaw Gia Lashway-Voytko, Olivia Patterson, Ethan Sanderson, Logan Simpson and Isaac Zumbach.

Presiding over sessions, were the six State FFA Officers, included Belleville Henderson's own Ethan Billman. During session 5, Ethan was able to give his retiring address talking about growth, friendship and finding a place where he fit in. A big thank you to Ethan for his service to and passion for this organization!

All in all, members had a great time trying new things, meeting new friends and learning new lessons!



HEALTH INFORMATION FROM MRS. BERTRAM

Upcoming Rabies Clinics

Thursday, June 20, 2019 5 – 7 pm

Protect your pet cat, dog or ferret by keeping up-to-date with a rabies vaccination. It's not only NYS law, but it's also a smart way to keep rabies from harming your pet and possibly your family. Pets need to be at least 3 months of age to receive their first rabies vaccine.

Come to any of the domestic pet vaccination clinics offered by JCPHS. If you have previous vaccination certificates, please bring them with you. These clinics are a great way to protect your pet and save money. Clinics are free, but a \$10 donation per animal is asked if possible.

Location: Jefferson County Dog Control at 21897 County Road 190; Watertown, NY 13601

Lyme Disease – there is valuable information on: www.cdc.gov for prevention and treatment, how to remove a tic, clothing to wear, what to watch for, etc. If you don't have a computer or are unable to access the information please let me know and I would be happy to send information home.

Mosquito bites can be more than just annoying and itchy. They spread viruses that make you sick. Although most mosquitos are just a nuisance, some kinds in the US and around the world can cause disease. Mosquitos bite during the day and night, live indoors and outdoors, and search for warm places as temperatures drop. Some will hibernate in enclosed spaces, like garages, sheds and under or inside homes to survive cold temperatures. Mosquito season in the north country starts in the summer and continues into fall. Use insect repellent that is EPA registered with one of the following active ingredients: DEET; Picaridin; IR3535; Oil of lemon eucalyptus; Para-menthane-diol or 2-undecanone. These have been proven safe and effective even for pregnant and breastfeeding women. Cover up wearing long sleeved shirts and pants. Keep mosquitos outside by using air conditioning, and window and door screens to keep mosquitos out, or use mosquito netting. For other valuable tips, information on prevention and mosquito diseases visit the www.cdc.gov website

Jefferson County Public Health Service offers programs for: STD clinics; Immunization clinics; rabies clinics; emergency preparations; programs for children with special needs - early intervention, child find (assistance for children for the best growth and development), physically handicapped children's program (helps parents pay for medical and related services for children with chronic illnesses or physical disabilities); lead screening for children. For more information or questions, please feel free to contact me. Public Health also provides information on immunizations recommended for travel out of the country.

Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired of Northern NY serves children, youth and adults. They have monthly parent and youth support groups. They provide vision rehabilitation services and have an assistive technology lab. Call 315-782-2451 for information.

Working Certificates are required for students under the age of 18. Please contact Mrs. Bertram for appropriate documents. A current physical is required. The application for employment certificate is on my webpage under student support-health office-health related forms.

Fluoride Rinse Program - NYS has stopped providing Fluoride rinse to the schools and so the program for Fluoride rinse and tablets has ended.

Dental Health Certificates are requested for grades: PreK, Kindergarten, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11.

Physicals are required for grades PreK or Kindergarten, Grades 1,3,5,7,9 and 11. Physicals are required for sports, working certificates and new students. You have the option of having required physicals done at your healthcare provider. Last year, NYS mandated the physical form but currently it is under revision, so the mandated form will not be required for the 2019-2020 school year. The school medical director is Dr. Alfred L. Gianfagna. School physicals at school are conducted by the medical director. Physicals forms are available at school. Some healthcare providers are currently using a computer generated physical form.

Smoking Cessation Programs: 1-800-Quit-NOW. Quitlines are telephone-based tobacco cessation services available at no cost to US residents in each state. They help tobacco users quit through a variety of service offerings including individual counseling, practical information on how to quit, referral to other cessation resources, mailed self-help materials, information on FDA-cessation medications and in some cases free or discounted cessation medications. Other information available at www.cdc.gov.

Current Drug and Alcohol information is available from the nurse' office upon request.

Sun Safety – The sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays can damage your skin in as little as 15 minutes. Follow these recommendations to help protect yourself and your family.

Shade – you can reduce your risk of skin damage and skin cancer by seeking shade or other shelter before you need relief from the sun

Clothing – when possible wear long sleeved shirts and long pants and skirts can provide protection from UV rays. Clothes made from tightly woven fabrics offer the best protection. A wet t-shirt offers less protection than a dry shirt and darker colors may offer more protection. Some clothing certified under international standards come with information on its ultraviolet protection factor.

Hat - wear a hat with a brim all the way around that shades your face, ears and back of your neck. Tightly woven fabric works best to protect your skin and a dark hat offer more UV protection.

News from the Band Room!

Belleville Henderson was represented by 2 students at the spring Bi- County festival which took place at Indian River High School on April 5 & 6. Laura Zehr and Rachel Newell performed in the Senior High Band. BRAVO!



Senior High Band: Laura Zehr, Rachel Newell

...And from the Chorus Room

Eight students participated in the Jr High Bi-County chorus in April: Avery Muldovan, Kaylie Chiodi, Kiah Duger, Riley Sheehy, Nick Babcock, Jared Bast, Kenny Zehr and Joel Zumbach. We were also so proud of the entire Middle Level chorus for their stunning performance of “God Bless America” at the Syracuse Crunch Game on March 15.



The High School chorus and band traveled to Darien Lake for a performance/competition and a day of fun at the park on June 1. A great time was had by all!

MUSIC NEWS- - Be sure and check the School’s Music Department website and music calendar whenever you need information or details about music events.

Parade Schedule for 2019

Saturday, May 18th

Watertown Armed Forces Parade

Parade starts @ 10AM

Monday, May 27th

Henderson Memorial Day Parade

Parade starts @ 10AM

Friday, June 7th

Watertown Dairyland Parade

Parade starts @ 7PM

Saturday, June 8th

Belleville Field Days Parade

Parade starts @ 6PM

*BHCS Marching Band will be playing “Sweet Caroline” for the parades. This classic hit will get the crowd to sing along!

Note of Thanks

The Music Department deeply appreciates our community’s support at all our concerts, parades and the school musical in the year 2018-19. We look forward to another great season of music next year!

Board of Education Meetings

Monday, June 3, 2019
Monday, June 17, 2019

Board of Education Members

John W. Allen, President
Adam J. Miner, Vice President
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