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The Addams Family -- Creepy, Kooky and Delightful!

by Ms. Schoonmaker, High School Musical Director

On March 18 and 19, Fabius-Pompey students entertained our community with three delightful performances of *The Addams Family*. A hardworking team of technical theatre students in grades 6 through 12 “made the magic happen” on stage, while our high school performers brought this hilarious and poignant story to life. Parents, community members and Fabius-Pompey faculty helped to build sets, create costumes and props, work backstage, play in the pit orchestra and prepare food to support our students’ efforts. This remarkable team effort not only produced three wonderful shows, but it also helped our students grow, learn and have great fun working together.

One special aspect of this production was the intensive acting work our performers did to prepare their roles with Nick Swensen. They spent two months digging into their characters, analyzing scenes and building relationships with their scene partners both on and off stage. This made it possible for them to really “enter into the world of the play” and draw the audience in as well. Kelsey Hall, Ray Sturge and Laura Enslin helped our performers develop the vocal technique and interpretive skills they needed to deliver this challenging musical with power and clarity. Lauren Puente’s remarkable choreography helped to move the story along in a humorous and compelling way.

A professional adjudicator from the Theatre Association of New York State (TANYS) came to watch a performance of *The Addams Family*. He then gave the cast, crew and creative team constructive feedback to help them develop their skills further. He was impressed with the way the entire cast worked together and the ways they supported each other to share a consistent interpretation of this story. Our cast, crew and production team learned a great deal from the adjudication process and were granted these special awards in recognition of their work.

Meritorious Achievement in Performance to the entire Cast.

Excellence in Cast/Character Development to Nick Swensen, Susan Schoonmaker, and Holly Adams.

Excellence in Costuming and Make Up to Cathleen Swanson, Kristin Palazzoli and Sheridan Davenport.

Excellence in Performance to Colin Sullivan for his portrayal of Uncle Fester.

Meritorious Achievement in Vocal Performance to Aubrey Dunham as Morticia Addams.

Meritorious Achievement in Vocal Performance to Mia Trail as Wednesday Addams.

Meritorious Achievement in Performance to Benjamin Swanson for his portrayal of Gomez Addams.

Meritorious Achievement in Acting to Natasha DiRienzo for her portrayal of Alice Beineke.

Meritorious Achievement in Acting to Owen Lee for his portrayal of Mal Beineke.

These awards helped our production team recognize and celebrate the outstanding work which is being done in our Fabius-Pompey theatre program. We appreciate all of the people who worked so hard to make it possible for our students to grow, learn and have great fun working on this production together. We are very happy our district is so supportive of the arts and were thrilled to return to live performances again.

*If you are interested in making a donation to support the theatre program at Fabius-Pompey, visit this link:
<https://www.showtix4u.com/events/21445?action=donation>. We appreciate your support!*



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BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS FOR MARCH 2022

Complete minutes can be found at www.fabiuspompey.org.

Personnel Items:

- Approved to rescind the following Elementary School student activity advisor appointments for the 2021-2022 school year: Laura Volo as Grade 5 Musical Advisor; Kristen Dominger as *Inside Outside* Advisor.
- Approved the appointment of the following *Inside Outside* Advisors for the 2021-2022 school year: Molly Dunham, Sarah Nugent, Luca Neugebauer.
- Approved the voluntary reduction from 1.0 FTE to .5 FTE for Melissa Acker as Account Clerk II, effective March 30, 2022.
- Approved the appointment of Nicholas Ryan as Long-term Substitute Teaching Assistant, effective March 7, 2022 through the 2021-2022 school year.
- Approved the appointment of Nicholas Ryan as Boys' Varsity Track Coach for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Approved Elizabeth Thayer as Substitute Teacher (uncertified) for the 2021-2022 school year.

Business Items:

- Approved to rescind the acceptance of the donation of 110 Apple iPads from Liana Branch of MobyMax.
- Approved the adoption of a resolution to place the purchase of three school buses on the ballot for public vote on May 17, 2022.
- Approved the January 2022 warrants and transfers as presented.
- Approved the adoption of a resolution to adopt the Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records (LGS-1).

Information Items:

- Approved the adoption of a resolution for the modification of COVID-19 measures, declaring that face coverings are no longer mandated to be worn in school buildings, effective March 2, 2022.
- Approved the 2022-2023 school year calendar.
- Approved the Committee on Special Education student recommendations as presented.

READ THE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER ONLINE!

Visit the Fabius-Pompey website at www.fabiuspompey.org and find us at the bottom of the District flyout menu.

THE ARTICLE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT DISTRICT NEWSLETTER IS MAY 6.

Please email articles to jgasparini@fabiuspompey.org.

EMERGENCY CLOSING OF SCHOOL

When circumstances require the emergency closing of school, the following radio and television stations will broadcast the information: WAER-FM88.3; WRVO-89.9; WSYR/Y94FM/B104.7/106.9; WTKW-99.5/WKRL-100.9/WKRLH-106.5/WTLV-105; WSTM-TV (Channel 3); WTVH-TV (Channel 5); WIXT-TV (Channel 9); YNN (Channel 10).

Please review with your children the details of the plan that you have established in the event there is an emergency early dismissal of school.

TRANSPORTATION REQUESTS

Due to restrictions during the COVID-19 pandemic, special transportation requests for birthday parties and playdates cannot be honored. Seating is limited. If a bus change is necessary, please make your request at least seven days in advance to allow planning for properly distancing students.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

	Term Expires
Mr. Donald Neugebauer, President (315) 683-5331	6-30-24
Mr. Eric Exelby, Vice President (315) 683-9434	6-30-23
Mr. Andrew Aiken (315) 427-1553	6-30-23
Mrs. Holly Frazee (315) 247-9522	6-30-22
Mr. William Heselden IV (315) 466-1548	6-30-24
Mr. John Repak (315) 677-3956	6-30-22
Mrs. Carlena Wallace (315) 683-5638	6-30-24

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings are held in the High School Library at 6:30 p.m.

May 3, 17

June 7, 21

Dates, time and location are subject to change.

Please visit the District website for updates.

www.fabiuspompey.org

ANNUAL BUDGET VOTE AND BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER ELECTION

The Fabius-Pompey Central School District vote for the 2022-2023 budget and Board of Education member election will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 9 p.m., prevailing time, by voting machine at the Fabius-Pompey Middle School-High School in the Town of Fabius, New York (for residents of the Towns of Fabius and Cuyler) and the Pompey Community Church in the Town of Pompey, New York (for residents of the Towns of Pompey, LaFayette and Cazenovia).

FROM LLOYD L. PECK, ED.D. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

It is hard to believe that the school year is coming to an end so quickly, with only two months left on the school calendar. It seems like only yesterday that students were arriving for the first day of school with heavy backpacks and a mask covering their smiling faces. It has been a very different but productive school year. Schools have effectively maneuvered a long year of COVID and COVID mandates, and are now mask-free and starting to get back to pre-COVID norms, with families and friends attending concerts, plays and sporting events without COVID restrictions.

Many events have taken place in the District over the past month. Middle School-High School students participated in *The Addams Family* musical, National Honor Society inductions, the start of spring sports, College Night, chorus and band concerts and ELA state testing in 6th-8th grade. The Elementary School enjoyed the first ever Big Truck Career Fair, 3rd grade chorus concert and participated in the state ELA tests as well.

District-wide, the Fabius-Pompey Art Department participated in a kindergarten through 12th grade art show at the Fayetteville Free Library for the entire month of April.

As mentioned above, the District is moving back to pre-COVID status, but the effects of COVID will long be felt by all students and staff within the District. The toll on the mental health of our students is recognized by the District, and in an attempt to provide even more support to our student body, the District is adding an additional school psychologist to work with our student body. As a district, we realize that students need additional support in the current climate of COVID, social media and the ever-challenging world of just being a child. Hopefully, by adding an additional school psychologist, the District can further help our students to be successful both emotionally and in the classroom.

Lastly, it is time to vote on the school budget. One of the most challenging aspects of this position is to keep up with the needs of the District and students and still maintain a feasible operating budget with the lowest tax impact to our community. The District needs additional positions, such as the new school psychologist, but where do we find the money without impacting our students? Working very closely with the Board of Education and our Business Administrator, Dan Silky, the District was able to put together a very responsible budget, adding the resources we need and trimming in the areas that we did not. The budget is always challenging, but the District has a very educated and veteran Board of Education that recognizes the needs of both the students and the taxpayers, and they have approved a budget that allows for a minimum tax increase while still advancing education in the District. The vote is Tuesday, May 17.

FABIUS MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Monday, May 30, 2022

The annual Fabius Memorial Day Parade will take place this year on Monday, May 30, at 10:30 a.m. As always, this day is to celebrate and honor those who have served and are serving our country. Line-up for the parade will be at the Fabius-Pompey Elementary School parking lot. The parade begins promptly at 10:30 a.m. There will be a short ceremony at the Evergreen Cemetery at 10:00 a.m., and the ceremony at the Monument (corner of Route 80 and Keeney Road) will begin after the parade (approximately 11:00 a.m.).

NEW PARADE ROUTE THIS YEAR: The parade route will be different than in previous years. From the F-P Elementary School parking lot it will turn left (west) onto Main Street (Route 80), right (north) onto Route 91, right (east) on Academy Street, right (south) on Ridge Road and right (west) on Main Street (Route 80), ending back at the F-P Elementary School parking lot.

The Fabius Fire Department will be holding a chicken BBQ at the Fabius Fire House, 7825 Main Street, Fabius.

Questions? Call Shari Schlicht at (315) 751-5654 or Melanie Vilardi at (315) 436-8305.

FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Each year the budget development process starts in January and is ongoing through the spring until final adoption. It is a deliberative process, establishing a delicate balance between the District's financial requirements, including the many state mandates, and the District's needs and wants. When allocating resources, we look to improve educational opportunities while keeping pace in creating a setting for our students to remain competitive. It is not a requirement for us to offer the Honors and AP classes or the many extracurricular activities provided. We offer them to make sure our students are provided a well-rounded education and remain competitive.

Like many businesses, operations have changed for us as we have dealt and continue to deal with Covid-19. We made the decision to keep our buildings open for in-person learning. During the pandemic, we also offered remote learning for those not comfortable with coming to school. We have needed to create and fill positions to help students deal with the social, emotional and learning issues caused by Covid-19. We have had work-arounds with sports and other extracurricular activities. Not all ideal situations, but with the cooperation of the teachers, support staff, buildings and grounds personnel, bus drivers, parents and students, we all made it work.

Since 2012, one of the state mandates affecting school districts is the 2% tax cap. The tax cap is an ever-moving target calculated using a complex formula that is somewhat difficult to plan for or predict. Because of the way the tax cap is calculated, this year our tax cap is 2.93%. With a 12-month increase in the CPI of 8.9%, inflation is affecting all of us. In doing a detailed review of the budget during the last few months, we were able to adjust some budget line items. Even with some major line item increases, by paying off some capital debt we were able to bring the proposed 2022-2023 budget in at \$20,035,232. This is the same as last year's budget. As you all know, a budget has two sides, expense and revenue. Not to make things confusing, even though this year to next year budget is the same, since we paid off some debt we also lost the building aid that went with the debt. We lost aid revenue of \$462,000. The short explanation of what is going on is, on the expense side we have some significant increases in cost due to some needed positions that were filled and along with that we have to pay for the hit of inflation on all of our expense lines. We had adjustments to the revenue side with the loss of state aid and an increase of federally supported aid. With your support, our proposed calculated tax increase is 2.75%. That said, we are still under this year's state law allowable tax cap.

The budget is a spending plan that needs to be educationally sound while being fiscally responsible to the community. We need to engage sound fiscal school management practices for the strategic long-term financial welfare of the District. We use fund reserves to offset future expenses as we maintain a balance between revenue and expenses.

With all this said, what it really comes down to is that you are voting on our spending plan, the budget. The 2022-2023 budget is equal to last year's budget at \$20,035,232. Considering the current average inflation rate of nearly 9%, the Board has made the decision to use \$577,456 of our fund balance reserve to keep the levy in-check. By using this fund balance, the tax levy will have an increase of 2.75% with an estimated tax rate increase of approximately the same percentage.

The Board continually strives to maximize the efficiency of all working parts while maintaining excellence in our schools. Considering student needs and District obligations, while being respectful of our neighbors and their resources, Board members have thoroughly reviewed each of the 200-plus budget line items. Working together with the engagement of the community, administration and staff, we have approached the budget development process with creativity and efficiency. We have tried to maintain the balance between keeping our program cost down while remaining committed to being the best District we possibly can be.

We will always continue to look for ways to improve and are open to any ideas, budget or otherwise, that will benefit our children and our community. Thank you to our community members who have attended Board meetings during the past year, providing input for District programs and making budget recommendations.

**BREAKFAST MENU FOR
MAY 2022
(subject to change)
Grades K-12 \$1.35**

Monday - French toast or bagel with cream cheese.

Tuesday - Bagel with cream cheese and sausage.

Wednesday - Breakfast pizza or bagel with cream cheese.

Thursday - Pancakes and sausage (ES) or bagel with cream cheese and sausage.

Friday - English muffin with egg and ham or sausage and cheese or bagel with cream cheese.

Cereal, toast, fresh fruit and yogurt are available daily at ES and MS-HS. Danish and Pop-Tarts are available daily at MS-HS.

All breakfasts include milk and juice. Students must take a fruit or vegetable.

LUNCH

Sandwiches available daily:

Peanut butter and jelly, tuna, ham, turkey, cheese and egg salad (subject to change)

Salad bar available daily at MS-HS
Hummus or legumes


Fresh fruit, vegetables and milk are available with lunch daily at the ES and MS-HS.

Gluten-free options are available daily.

LUNCH MENU FOR MAY 2022

(subject to change)

Grades K-5 \$2.45 / Grades 6-12 \$2.55

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 Chicken nuggets Mashed potatoes Fruit and milk	3 Philly cheese Hot pocket Baked beans Fruit and milk	4 Individual pizza Tossed salad Fruit and milk	5 Pizza Tossed salad Fruit and milk	6 Tomato soup Grilled cheese sandwich Fruit and milk
9 Chicken patty Corn Fruit and milk	10 National Shrimp Day Shrimp poppers Sweet potato fries Fruit and milk	11 Cheese calzone Mixed vegetables Fruit and milk	12 Pizza Tossed salad Fruit and milk	13 National Hummus Day Rib-b-q Celery and hummus Fruit and milk
16 National Pickle Day Cheeseburger French fries Pickles Fruit and milk	17 Pizza crunchers Marinara sauce Chickpeas Fruit and milk	18 Mini corn dogs Carrots and dip Fruit and milk	19 Pizza Tossed salad Fruit and milk	20 Homemade Mac and cheese Tossed salad Fruit and milk
23 Chicken nuggets Corn Fruit and milk	24 Spaghetti and meatballs Carrots Fruit and milk	25 Brunch for Lunch French toast with syrup Hash brown Sausage Fruit and milk	26 Pizza Tossed salad Fruit and milk	27 Hot dog Baked beans Fruit and milk
30 <i>Memorial Day No School</i>	31 Mozzarella sticks Marinara sauce Mixed vegetables Fruit and milk			Milk 65¢ Snacks 65¢ Ice Cream 65¢

For a complete meal, you must take a minimum of three items. One item must be a fruit or vegetable.

Middle School-High School Cafeteria: Mrs. Marion Carr
(315) 683-5327 or mcarr@fabiuspompey.org

Elementary School Cafeteria: Mrs. Cheryl Bliss
(315) 683-5857 or cbliss@fabiuspompey.org

STUDENT CHARGES

The District offers a variety of healthy, economical meals for all students. It is understood that there are times when a student will forget lunch money. If a student has a balance of three charges, parents will be contacted. Long-term circumstances can be addressed through the Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk program or a confidential meeting with a District administrator. If a student needs to charge, arrangements can be made through the cafeteria manager or a District administrator.

ONLINE PAYMENT FOR LUNCH ACCOUNTS

Payments for lunch accounts can be made online at myschoolbucks.com. A student ID number is necessary to make a payment and can be obtained from the cafeteria.

District Phone Numbers

Bus Garage	(315) 683-5278
Committee on Special Education	(315) 683-5465
District/Business Office.....	(315) 683-5301
District Office Fax	(315) 683-5827
Elementary School Fax	(315) 683-5680
Elementary School Nurse.....	(315) 683-5197
Elementary School Office	(315) 683-5857
Middle School-High School Cafeteria.....	(315) 683-5327
Middle School-High School Fax	(315) 683-5569
Middle School-High School Guidance Office.....	(315) 683-5460
Middle School-High School Nurse.....	(315) 683-5214
Middle School-High School Office	(315) 683-5811

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COUNSELING OFFICE NEWS

by Mrs. Barnum and Mr. Piorkowski, School Counselors

Summer School

Counselors will be contacting any students who may need to sign up for summer school at the end of the school year. Remember, to stay on track for graduation, you should attend summer school if necessary!

Summer Sessions at College for High School Students

Many colleges are offering summer sessions for high school students. Check the Counseling webpage for a sampling of some of the programs available.

Local Scholarships

Seniors should check the Counseling webpage for local scholarships and other scholarships being offered this year. Most applications are due in April or May. Some of the scholarships from previous years are Fabius-Pompey Sports Boosters, Fabius-Pompey Recreation, Delphi Falls Fire Company, Pompey Lions Club, Tully Rotary and the Fabius and Pompey Ladies Auxiliaries. A link to scholarship applications will also be on our webpage. We will be sending messages through the Remind app as we receive new scholarships.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES FOR THE CLASS OF 2022

Based on college acceptance letters provided by senior students as of April 22, 2022

Phoenix Angello

Lesley University
SUNY Fredonia
Drexel University

Seth Appleby

SUNY Oswego

Alyna Beardslee

The University of Vermont
Penn State
SUNY University at Buffalo
University of Michigan
Rochester Institute of Technology
University of Connecticut

Sydney Becken

SUNY Delhi
Michigan State University

Bailey Brown

SUNY Delhi
Daemen College
SUNY Adirondack
Le Moyne College

Edie Cox

Syracuse University
SUNY University at Buffalo
University of Pittsburgh

Joey Curr

SUNY Cortland
St. John Fisher College
The University of Tennessee

Aubrey Dunham

Le Moyne College

Kyle Fillingner

SUNY Alfred State

Kaitlynn Golden

Ithaca College
Keuka College
Nazareth College

Ryan Heselden

Onondaga Community College

Leah Hohm

SUNY University at Buffalo
SUNY University at Albany
University of Connecticut
SUNY Binghamton University
University of Pittsburgh

Oliver Hull

Clarkson University
University of Montana
University of Wyoming
SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry

Jacqueline Janicki

St. John Fisher College
Elmira College
SUNY Oswego
Nazareth College
SUNY Cortland

Sasha Lelakowski

Le Moyne College
Onondaga Community College

Shelby Miner

Siena College
Elmira College
Alfred University

Madison Morgan

SUNY Morrisville
Johnson & Wales University

Olivianne Mousaw

Le Moyne College
SUNY Cortland
Salem State University

Hannah Osborne

University of Rhode Island
Fordham University

Josephine Pazaras

University of New Haven
SUNY Alfred State
Syracuse University
George Washington University

Jacob Proper

SUNY Stony Brook University
University of Connecticut
University of Pittsburgh
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
SUNY University at Albany
SUNY University at Buffalo

Brian Purcell

Onondaga Community College

Brody Riehlman

Onondaga Community College

Kameron Sjuve

Community College of the Air Force

Cassandra Skeeel

SUNY Oneonta
Syracuse University
SUNY University at Buffalo
St. Bonaventure University
St. John Fisher College
Champlain College
SUNY New Paltz
Ithaca College

Nicholas Skeval

Franciscan University

Noah Stone

Onondaga Community College
SUNY Oswego
SUNY Potsdam
SUNY University at Buffalo

Colin Sullivan

St. Bonaventure University
Wilkes University
St. John Fisher College
University of Vermont
Providence College
Ithaca College
Bryant University
University of Colorado Boulder
SUNY Geneseo

Benjamin Swanson

Le Moyne College

Samuel Taylor

Onondaga Community College

Luke Valentine

North American Lineman Training School

Madeline Wallace

St. Bonaventure University
SUNY Oneonta
SUNY University at Buffalo
St. John Fisher College
St. Lawrence University
Clarkson University
SUNY Geneseo
Colgate University
Hobart & William Smith Colleges

Lein Walser

SUNY Polytechnic Institute
SUNY Fredonia

Eliza Way

Monroe Community College
SUNY Broome Community College

Gage Weber

Le Moyne College
St. John Fisher College
Keuka College

James-Michael Yomtob

Le Moyne College
SUNY Oswego
SUNY Cortland

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS NEWS

by Mrs. Lang, Advisor

Middle School and High School Teams Compete at the O²CM BOCES Super-Regional Battle of the Books Competition

Congratulations to our Middle School and High School Battle of the Books teams for advancing to and competing in this year's O²CM BOCES Super-Regional Battle of the Books Competition, held on Friday, March 25. Both teams have worked hard preparing for battle over the past 4 months by working together to read 8 titles and answering many trivia questions about the novels and their authors.



Our Middle School grades 7/8 combined team, "The Team Who Couldn't Come Up With A Name" (Addie Curtis, Tim Barnum, Alex Neider, Hannah Wilbur, and Gavin Myers), finished in 10th place after a hard-fought and epic battle filled with many literary challenges. Our High School team, "FPHS" (Alex Widdekind and Lily Ward), finished in 8th place after 16 grueling questions.



Our 6th grade battle was held a few weeks later. On Monday, April 18, after a close district battle between our two 6th grade teams, "66% Vegan" (Brady Neuner, Keller Smith, Tyler Doupe, and Walker Stone) and "B-Day Study Hall" (Adrian Snyder, SaoirseLeigh Cosgrove-Leet,



Mercena Herlihy, and Felicity Rosa, mentored by Mrs. Pollard), "B-Day Study Hall" moved on in a tie-breaker round to the O²CM BOCES Super-Regional Battle on Friday, April 22. After a long battle between 19 teams, "B-Day Study Hall" finished in 10th place.

Congratulations to all of our district's participants on a job well done!

**WHEN YOUR CHILD WILL BE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL,
please call or email the Health Office.**

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2ND GRADE NEWS

by Mrs. Cuipylo, 2nd Grade Teacher

Meet Tori, Mrs. Cuipylo's labrador retriever mix, who is in the early stages of training to become a Canine Good Citizen. Tori frequently visits the Elementary School so that she can get used to the many distractions she may encounter as a therapy dog in a school setting. She also provides support to students and staff during the day by allowing people to interact with her. Tori gives everyone in the building a big smile.



During the month of March, Mrs. Cuipylo's class learned about making maple syrup. NY Ag in the Classroom provided the supplies to tap maple trees in front of the Elementary School. Students first identified maple trees in front of the school and along Main Street. With the help of Mrs.



Cuipylo, students tapped five trees with a total of ten taps. Each day students would make a prediction about the amount of sap that would be collected based on the temperature. In order for sap to run, trees need cold nights and warm days. Mrs. Cuipylo and her

students collected 60 gallons of sap. They participated in the boiling process and made one and a half gallons of syrup. Delicious!

On March 25, students in 2nd grade participated in Ag Literacy week. Volunteers, Assemblyman Al Stirpe and eight FFA students from the MS-HS, read *Farmer Will Allen and the Growing Table* by Jacqueline Briggs Martin.



This story showcases the unique diversity of agricultural operations that is especially applicable to New York's combination of rural, suburban and urban landscapes.



The students were also part of a virtual field trip with Farmer Will Allen, who talked about gardening in all kinds of different spaces. Following this activity, students will participate in a seed planting and growing activity that goes along with their Plants Unit.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD NEWS

by Mrs. Lego, Advisor

The Fabius-Pompey Middle School Science Olympiad team competed in the regional tournament Saturday, March 5, at North Syracuse Jr. High School. Science Olympiad is a national science competition where students compete in 23 science events,



ranging from Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry and Physics. This year building events were back, after not doing them last year due to COVID. Alex Neider and Addie Curtis both competed in the building events, building a mousetrap vehicle designed to move in two directions a specific distance, using only a mousetrap as a power source, and a bridge designed to withstand a bucket full of sand. They all did great!

Leah Kirkby scored 1st place in Bio Process Lab, Alex Neider placed 2nd with his mousetrap vehicle, Leah and Alex came in 2nd in Write It Do It, Tim Barnum and Carter Warren placed 3rd in Rocks and Minerals. Addie Curtis and Tim Barnum won a medal in Solar System, Allison Marlow and Alex won a medal for Dynamic Planet and Hannah Wilbur and Addie Curtis won a medal for Crave the Wave. Overall, Fabius-Pompey was well represented at Science Olympiad this year!



AFTER SCHOOL HEROS NEWS

by Mrs. Valentine, Director

After School HEROS

Homework, Exercise & Recreation On Site

Licensed through the NY State Office of Children and Family Services, After School HEROS is child care housed right in the F-P Elementary School. It operates from school dismissal until 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, when school is in session. It even starts at 11:15 a.m. on scheduled early dismissal days. The program offers, homework help, daily snack, tons of activities such as arts, crafts, building and constructing, imaginative and expressive play, games, sports, use of the school playground and more!

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year is open. Space, however, is limited, so don't put off making that call or sending that email for more information. When space allows, enrollment is flexible to meet the needs of different family situations and schedules. Children can be enrolled full time, on specific days of the week or can attend just once in a while as needed. To have your questions answered, check on availability and secure your child's spot, get in touch with Director Karen Valentine at muddysneakers4u@gmail.com or (315) 727-3285. You can access registration forms and learn more about the program's activities and policies by visiting the website, AfterSchoolHEROS.com. There is also a link to the HEROS website on the Fabius-Pompey Central School District website.

Trust that your child is safe and having fun after school when they're enrolled in HEROS!

F-P SPORTS BOOSTERS NEWS

by Mrs. Beardslee, Secretary

www.fpsportsboosters.org

Ben Neadom, President - benhoof10@aol.com
Kathy Beardslee, Secretary - kathycb1@gmail.com
John Feeney, Treasurer - (315) 677-3887

Good luck to all of our spring sports teams!

Attention, Seniors! Applications for the Sports Boosters Scholarships will be available soon in the Counseling Office and at fpsportsboosters.org. Winners will receive a \$500 scholarship at the end-of-year Sports Boosters Banquet. Good Luck, Seniors!

Buy a Paver! Purchase an engraved paver for the patio in front of the concession stand and become a permanent part of Fabius-Pompey sports history! Order forms are available at fpsportsboosters.org.

More ways to support your students and teams:

- Join Sports Boosters! We meet monthly in the Middle School-High School cafeteria. Come join us and see what we're about. Meeting dates and contact information are available on our website.
- Return your cans and bottles to Fabius Bottle & Can. Ask them to donate your refund to F-P Sports Boosters.

Visit fpsportsboosters.org for our meeting dates.

A.P.T.S. NEWS

by Mrs. Myers, President

www.f-p-aps.org

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Applications for A.P.T.S. Senior Scholarships are now available on the A.P.T.S. website and in the Counseling Office. The application deadline is May 27.

Elections are being held for all officer positions at our June meeting. If you are interested in running for a position or have questions, please email aps@f-p-aps.org.

Learn more about A.P.T.S. Visit <https://www.f-p-aps.org>.

Join our email list. Email f-p-aps-announce-subscribe@googlegroups.com.

Add your family to our directory. Visit our website to submit your information online.

Please mark your calendar for the following meeting dates:

May 10 and June 7

Our meetings are virtual and begin at 6:30 p.m.

YOUNG NATURALISTS CAMP at Pratts Falls

For students entering grades 3 and 4: July 5 - 8

For students entering grades 4 and 5: July 11 - 14

For students entering grades 5 and 6: July 18 - 21

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

This camp will be focused on immersive outdoor experiences that will introduce campers to the wonders of our local environment. Camp Director is Marcus Pitts, who is a local certified Earth Science teacher and graduate of SUNY ESF. You do not need to be a Town of Manlius resident to attend. For more information visit <https://manliustown.recdesk.com/Community/Program>.

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

AFTER-PROM COMMITTEE NEWS

by Mrs. Taylor, Committee Member

On Friday, June 10, our F-P juniors and seniors will be back at Skyline Lodge to celebrate their Prom! Now that they've set the time and place, it's time for us to pull together the After-Prom Party. You know what that means -- we need your help.

The After-Prom Party is paid for 100% through fundraising. This student event is admission-free, with entertainment, food and prizes offered as incentives for students to attend the party -- even those students who do not attend Prom. As we plan for this year's drug- and alcohol-free event, we are looking for different ways to make it fun and exciting, offering students a chaperoned environment where they can spend time with their friends and classmates one last time before graduation. The party generally includes games, entertainment, food and anything else we can think of to keep them busy. However, one of the biggest draws for students is usually the raffles and prizes, which is where you come in.

In years past we have raffled off dorm-sized refrigerators and microwaves, Keurigs, TVs, iPads, Apple watches and even some creative gift baskets designed with today's teen in mind. Of course, there are always gift cards, which everyone seems to love! We truly appreciate any donation you might be able to offer -- big or small. That's the beauty of working together as a community -- a little bit added together creates something powerful.

If your contribution is in the form of a check or gift certificate/card, it can be mailed directly to the After-Prom Committee, P.O. Box 19, Fabius, NY 13063. Please make checks payable to F-P After-Prom Committee. If you have a donation that requires pick-up, please contact ctangeli@hotmail.com to make arrangements. More information and updates can also be found on our Facebook page (FP After-Prom), including upcoming fundraisers and other ways to contribute.

Thank you in advance for thinking of the Fabius-Pompey students and helping us create an amazing After-Prom Party.

The **Fabius-Pompey Outreach Food Pantry** is located at the **Fabius Community Center, Main Street, Fabius**. The **Food Pantry** is **open 3 to 6 p.m. on the following Thursdays: May 12 & 26**. In an emergency call (315) 677-3590.

The **Food Pantry** at the **Delphi Falls United Church** is **open 10 a.m. to noon on the following Saturdays: May 14 & 18**.

To donate unopened, unexpired food items, look for bins at local churches and Post Offices. Our mailing address is Fabius-Pompey Outreach, P.O. Box 251, Pompey, NY 13138.

Please visit our website at www.fpoutreach.org for information and updates. *Thank you!*

Rides for medical appointments are available to those residing in the Towns of Delphi Falls, Fabius, LaFayette, Pompey and Tully. If you are unable to drive or arrange transportation, call **FISH (Friends in Service Here)** at (315) 696-8659. Volunteers drive **9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday**. Call at least three days prior to your scheduled medical appointment.

Country Critters Preschool is now **accepting applications** for the **2022-2023 school year**. Spaces are filling quickly. For more information and an application, please call Jennifer Rosenberg at (315) 436-0729.

The **Fabius and Pompey Historical Societies** will meet on **Wednesday, May 18, at 7:00 p.m.** at the **Fabius Community Center** with a program about the 1950 census. Laurie MacPherson will discuss what is new and different with this census and how you can access it. This program is free and open to the public. Refreshments will follow. Please join us!

F-P Elementary teacher Mrs. Cuipyllo will be **collecting tattered, worn or faded American flags** again this year. She will deliver them to the **Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 103 Memorial Day Watchfire** that will take place on **Sunday, May 29**, in the **Veterans Memorial Watchfire Park at the New York State Fairgrounds** for respectful burning on the pyre. Please **drop off flags at the Elementary School**, or send flags to school with your child by **Wednesday, May 25**.

Fabius-Pompey Outreach Annual Geranium Sale

Spring is here! It's time to order geraniums! Please send the completed form and a check made payable to F-P Outreach to Laura Windhausen, P.O. Box 87, Fabius, NY 13063, or call Laura at (315) 683-5240. **You can now order your geraniums online! Visit www.fpoutreach.org and click on the "Geranium Sale" link.**

Last day to order is Thursday, May 5. Pick-up is Saturday, May 14, from 9 to 11 a.m. in the parking lot behind Immaculate Conception Church in Pompey.

When you pick up your geraniums, please stay in your vehicle, and we will bring your flowers out to you!

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Enter the number of geraniums you wish to purchase on the line next to desired color, and total your order at the bottom.

Pink Rose _____ White _____ Red _____

Magenta _____ Salmon _____ Orange _____

White to Rose _____ Salmon Splash _____

Total geraniums _____ x \$3.00 each = Total cost \$ _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

Children born on or before December 1, 2017 are eligible to begin kindergarten in the 2022-2023 school year. Please contact Jean Gasparini in the District Office at (315) 683-5301 for registration information.

SHREDDING AND DISPOSAL DAY

Saturday, May 14, 2022

9:00 a.m. to Noon

Fabius Community Center

This is a spring cleaning opportunity . . . at no cost!

The following services will be provided:

- **Shred your papers** -- safe, secure shredding
- **Outdated prescriptions** -- drop them here, *no sharps*
- **Dead batteries** -- bring the old and pick up a new disposal bag
- **Cans and bottles** -- donate your refund to the Fabius Historical Society
- **Scrap metal collection** -- drop off your scrap metal -- *no wood, tires, etc.* -- proceeds benefit Fabius Evergreen Cemetery
- **Fabius-Pompey Outreach** -- please bring a non-perishable item

Enter at the Community Center from Main Street only. **Stop** at the stations you need. **Exit** through the school parking lot.