



DRYDEN

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DRYDEN MS/HS MAKES A DIFFERENCE



On Thursday, Oct. 31, Dryden Middle/High School students and staff came together for Service Day, an afternoon of volunteer work with the goal to enhance, support and contribute to Dryden Schools and the community.

Classes ran as scheduled on Thursday until 11:00 a.m. when students separated into small groups and reported to designated locations to begin their projects.

On campus, students revitalized the courtyards by trimming trees and spreading fresh soil. Students also crocheted blankets to donate to those in need, as well as made fleece blankets for animals at the SPCA of Tompkins County. Another group aimed to spread positivity around the school by painting rocks adorned with words of encouragement, creating self-help posters and drawing motivational notes. Other students assembled birdhouses and created fall wreaths to give to community residents. Thank-you cards were written for veterans, Dryden bus drivers and first responders.



“When our middle and high school students work together with staff to accomplish service projects, they learn how to give back to both their school and community. More than 30 projects were completed by 700 students,” said Kyle Colunio, Dryden High School Principal.



Students also prepared the school hallways with Halloween decorations for “Trick or Treat Street,” an option for young children in the Dryden area to safely participate in trick-or-treating throughout the building.

In the Dryden community, students volunteered at the Southworth Library, where they organized books and toys. Students also visited a local nursing home, cleaned up Montgomery Park and read to students at Dryden Elementary School and Cassavant Elementary School.



“An all-out effort was needed by students, staff and community members to accomplish this feat. We are proud to be able to offer opportunities for students that go beyond the classroom,” said Colunio.

DCSD UPDATES MISSION, VISION STATEMENTS

On Opening Day in September, Dryden Central Schools officially announced the district’s new mission and vision statements, as well as updated core beliefs. The district believes the new statements chart a path that all stakeholders can support, keeping students’ interests, safety and well-being at the core of everything they do. Dryden Schools also designed new banners and classroom posters with the help of CITI BOCES PR, which were hung throughout the school as a daily reminder of the district’s values.

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CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

OUR MISSION

Educate and empower each learner to achieve excellence and build a better world.

OUR VISION

We aspire to be the school district others strive to become.

OUR CORE BELIEFS

- Students come first.
- We act with integrity and accountability.
- Everyone can learn.
- We cultivate resilience and build strength of character.
- We have high expectations for all.
- We value diversity and treat everyone with respect, compassion and dignity.
- A safe, joyful and nurturing environment promotes learning and growth.
- We encourage creativity, problem solving and innovation.
- Positive relationships and partnerships are essential.

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DEAR FAMILIES,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. As we turn the corner on winter and the days become longer, it is hard to believe that the 2019-2020 school year is more than half over. I am proud of the work we are doing in the Dryden Central School District, and we continue to make progress on a path of continuous improvement that is aligned to our core beliefs, as well as rooted in our mission to educate and empower each learner to achieve excellence and build a better world.

I wanted to spend time in this letter updating you on our voter approved 40 million dollar Capital Improvement Project as I am sure many of you wonder about this work as you drive around our community and see the activity going on in and around our buildings. As you may be aware, the scope of this project is focused on our MS/HS campus with some small improvements at the three elementary schools. I am happy to meet with anyone to discuss how planning for a Capital Improvement Project works and how work in a project is prioritized.

At this moment, renovations in the auditorium and performing arts wing at the MS/HS are nearing completion, and we will be proud to present the MS/HS musical "Seussical!" in March in the auditorium. Updates to the high school gym include a new floor and new lighting. The gym will be repainted and new banners donated by the Athletic Boosters will be affixed to the walls of the gym as well beginning this summer. The new middle school and high school cafeterias are now complete and serving students. The cafeterias are anchored by a brand-new kitchen.

Renovations continue on the locker rooms, ceilings, and lighting at the MS/HS as well as tile replacement in the corridors. At this time, a nurses' suite, wrestling room, fitness center, FACS classrooms, and general classrooms are being renovated or constructed in our existing footprint. This summer all the lockers in the MS portion of the building will be replaced. These are the original lockers to the building and they have served us well, but it is time to let them go!

This summer our Transportation Department will move to its new facility on Mott Road and our Facilities Department will move to the old bus garage. At this time, the current facilities building will be torn down to make way for a new drop off and pick up lane at DES as well as much needed additional parking. Work on secured entrances will begin at all four buildings this summer.

In addition, new high efficiency boilers have been installed at the MS/HS as well as Freeville Elementary School.

Finally, this summer the E Wing at the MS/HS will be torn down to make way for a new outdoor event facility that will include bathrooms and a concession stand. In addition, work will begin on a multi-purpose synthetic field that will be available for physical education, our athletic program and community programs.

We believe that a safe, joyful, and nurturing environment promotes learning and growth. This is why we believe so strongly in the Capital Improvement Project. As work in the project begins to wind down this coming fall, we plan on hosting open houses so that you have an opportunity to see the new spaces that your child(ren) and our community will benefit from as they continue to learn and grow as students in the Dryden Central School District.

We hope that spring finds all of us soon, and we look forward to seeing each of you at upcoming concerts, celebrations, school events, art shows, athletic contests and the musical!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joshua I. Bacigalupi".

Joshua I. Bacigalupi
Superintendent of Schools



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FUN



BIG RED BARN JAMBOREE



DES HALLOWEEN PARADE



**FREEVILLE
FIRE VISIT**



**CASSAVANT
ALPHABET**

**CASSAVANT
ELEMENTARY
ENJOYS THE SNOW
DURING RECESS**



BIG APPLE CRUNCH



DES COPS, KIDS AND TOYS



SCHOLASTIC ART AWARDS

Twenty-four Dryden High School students received Scholastic Art Awards at the Clemens Center in Elmira on Saturday, Feb. 1.

This special event honored students, teachers and schools by publicly recognizing the young artists of our region.

Following the awards presentation, a reception was held at the Arnot Art Museum where students' artwork was on display.

These students collectively received 40 awards: 21 Honorable Mentions, 10 Silver Keys and nine Gold Keys (one Gold Key Portfolio). Congratulations to all!

[View student award-winners' work here!](#)

JACK ALLPORT

NAOMI CATOR-SZYMANSKI

DEPRISE DELGADO

BRYANT DEPAULL

ADRIAN FINNEY

AMELIA GAIR

CHARLOTTE GREENE

GABRIEL GREENE

JAKOB GREENWOOD

KIRSTEN HAMBERG THROPP

AMELIA JENNETTE

EMMA KIDNEY

LAURA KREBS

SOPHIA LYNCH

TOBY (HAILIE) MOORE

KIRSTEN NYGARD

ELIZABETH PALUMBO

ERIN PECK

ANNE PERKINS

ALEXANDER PUSHLAR

KYLEE REICH

SPENCER STRICKLAND

CAROLINE TENKATE

MADISEN TUCKER

Naomi Cator-Szymanski
Undeniably Controversial
Gold Key
Drawing & Illustration
American Visions Award



Gabriel Greene
Where We Used to Stand
Gold Key Photography



Charlotte Greene
Timeless
Digital Image of Student Work Here
Gold Key Photography



Spencer Strickland
The Porter's Dilemma
Gold Key Photography





#LION PRIDE AWARD RECIPIENTS



Mrs. McGrattan



Mrs. Wenzel



Sam Dow



Ms. Briggs



Mrs. Perine



Mary Hicks



Lyndsi Prignon and Lori Smith



Mr. Vitale



Coach Jones



Coach Sautter



Varsity Football Coaches



PAGES THROUGH THE AGES GIFTS BOOKS TO STUDENTS

In June, the Dryden High School Class of 2019 chose their favorite children's books to donate to this year's incoming kindergarten class. They wrote messages to the kids and carried the books into graduation.

On Thursday, Sept. 26, kindergarten classes at each elementary school building received a special visit from a group of seniors in the Class of 2020. The seniors read to the students and distributed these books to the children.

This is part of the new graduation tradition that was started last year called "Pages Through the Ages," an initiative sponsored by "It's Talktime Dryden" to instill the love of reading in our youngest learners.



REP. TOM REED VISITS MEETS WITH DHS STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

On Tuesday, Oct. 1, Rep. Tom Reed visited Dryden Middle/High School to take a tour of the capital improvement project renovations and speak with a group of high school students about the current political climate.

Reed took a brief tour of the district's \$38.8 million capital improvement project, visiting the new middle school cafeteria and kitchen space. He was joined by Emily Shipe, Dryden Business Manager and Kelly Daley, Dryden Board of Education member.

"It's a very exciting day for all of us to have Congressman Reed here to see the great things we've been doing here in Dryden," said Shipe.

After the tour, the Dryden High School Student Leadership Team met with Reed and asked about his plans to combat climate change. Reed noted that as a Republican, he believes government mandates may not be the answer to this crisis.

"In order to deal with this issue, we have to unleash the innovation of technology that's going to address climate change. What that means is: how are we going to produce the next generation of energy? What technology is out there that could potentially be a positive impact? We are very supportive in my office of tax policy and research incentives to encourage that type of innovation," said Reed.

When speaking about his current top priorities, Reed emphasized the "most rewarding" work he does is with the Problem Solvers Caucus, a bi-partisan group in the United States House of Representatives made up of Democrats and Republicans working together to find solutions to key policy issues.

"I spend a lot of time trying to break the culture of D.C. in regard to its gridlock. The Problem Solvers Caucus tries to be proud Republicans and proud Democrats, but at the end of the day, we're still Americans. That's what it's going to take to deal with issues like national debt and climate change. If we only do it with half the country, that's not going to work. We have to unite and come together to find common ground," said Reed.

The Leadership Team also asked Reed about local business growth in Central New York and possible solutions to the student debt crisis.

Janelle Vuong, member of the Student Leadership Team, shared that speaking with Rep. Reed shifted her impression of what political conversations can look like.

"I think this really helped add to my perception of politics. Considering the activism that's been arising the past couple years, it can still be a welcoming environment and an open conversation," said Vuong.

Felipe Bicalho, spokesman for the Student Leadership Team, added that this visit allowed him to see a more personal side of politicians.

"When you have someone who can show up here, talk to you, shake your hand and have an open and transparent conversation, it's really important, especially to this generation growing up," said Bicalho.



Rep. Tom Reed (R-NY) speaks with the Dryden Student Leadership Team about the current political climate during his visit on Tuesday, Oct. 1.



Dryden Business Manager Emily Shipe discusses Dryden's capital improvement project renovations with Rep. Tom Reed.



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATES



HOMECOMING





HONOR ROLL ANNOUNCED FOR FIRST MARKING PERIOD

Congratulations to the students who achieved honor roll for the first marking period of the 2019-2020 school year!

GRADE 12 HIGH HONOR ROLL:

Busby, Robert Gregory; Carpenter, Rachel Lea; Cochrane, Mya Elizabeth; Davenport, Violette Rose; Delgado, Deprise Noelle; Dow, Samuel Hicks; Finney, Adrian Robert; Flood, Alivia Lee; Gonzalez, Salina Maria; Green, Rylin Moukmany; Greenwood, Jakob Douglas; Hamberg-Thropp, Kirsten Ann; Jennette, Amelia Eve; Kehn, Shelly Marie Ann; Krebs, Laura Rose; Lawson, Noah; Lobdell Jr, Harold Lynn; Miller, Emily Susan; Murphy, Caelan Elizabeth; Murphy, Patrick Loring; Murphy-Wilkins, George David; Newton, Katherine Marleha; Perkins, Anne Webster; Pushlar, Alexander Paul; Russell, Braden Scott; Scheidweiler, Ashleigh Elizabeth; Scott, Vincent Olivie'; Shipman, Dori May; Sicina, Alexa Ann; TenKate, Caroline June; Thorington, Ashley Marie; Ver'Schneider, Adam James; Whitener, Adeline Mae; Williams-Phillips, Jersey Lynn; Woernley, Eryn Lynnae.

GRADE 11 HIGH HONOR ROLL:

Allera, Emma F G; Best, Morgan Rose; Bicalho, Felipe DeSouza; Brotherton, Alejandra Eva; Cator-Szymanski, Naomi Rose; Collins, Gabrielle Elizabeth; Couch, Miles Willoughby; Crocker, Jackson Donald; Dobson, Rowan Wyn; Edwards, Jazmine Nicole; Haines, Rylie Marie; Harvey, Tavian Tramell; Hoyte, Ashley Taylor; Hume, Bradley Towne; Humphrey, Owen Charles; Ingalls, Schalyne Colleen Marie; Kidney, Emma Leigh; Lynch, Sophia Marie; Mayes, Bethanie J; Morgan, Wyatt Patrick; Moss, Paige E; Nash, Lindsey Grace; Nydam, Heidi Kime; Owens, Nicole Noelle; Palumbo, Elizabeth Marie; Peck, Erin Joy; Perry, Bradley Steven; Phillips, Philip(Casey) C; TenKate, Madeline J; Turner, Kaylee Anne; Varvayanis, Luke Duncan; Vuong, Janelle S; Wilson-Riihinen, Genavieve Anastasia; Yuz'vak, David Yaroslav.

GRADE 10 HIGH HONOR ROLL:

Al Shoffe, Walaa; Bryan, Tori Leigh; Busby, Kristina Marie; Caskey, Lauralye Jean; Cavanagh Jr, Michael James; Coudriet, Seth Yevgeniy; Day, Natalie Marie; DePaull, Bryant Markus; Dodici, Emma Rose; Finver, Hollace; Galmer, Jayda B; Gardner, Kyler Andrew; Grace, Katherine Eliza; Harrington, Gwenivere Marie; Hicks, Benjamin Louis; Kalousdian, Aidan James; Lamb, Grace ; Lee, Benjamin Michael; Martinez, Tiffany Maria; Maza, Luke Sadiri; McDaniel, Brendan Rory; Murphy, Margaret Mulvaney; Nash, Mason Conner; Post, Bryanna Lee; Prignon, Jared Lee; Shcherenkov, Angelica Victoria; Silfer, Rie Maryalice; Spano, Abigail Nicole; Speight, Julian Lowell; Sprout, Charles Finnian; Stahlman, Kaelyn Bree; Trask, Julia Morgan; Weik, Nolan Richard.

GRADE 9 HIGH HONOR ROLL:

Anderson, Benjamin Mead; Bachner, Claudia Danielle; Brown, Samantha Marie; Casterline, Brody Frederick; Cornell, Kahlen A; Davis, Carlea Claire; DiNardo,

Gianna M; Ditommaso, Luca F; Dobson, Erin Bryn; Dow, Colton M; Eshelman, Zakary Erik; Freeman, Kylie Melissa; Green, Aiden Thavisap; Haney, Maxwell Robert; Henry, Ava Marie; Hisey, Mikayla Rae-Jean; Kazameas, Andreas Basil; Keem, Aaron Thomas; Lockwood, Kaden Jin Woo Avery; Lyon, Kiara Dawn; Lyons, Truman; Mihm, Ian Cullen; Owens, Emma Lee; Palumbo, Madelyn Rose; Park-Miller, Emma Louise; Pushlar, Sophia Marie; Rocker, Chloe Lynn; Scales, Morgan Louise; Stafford, Becca Lee-Anne; Stowell, Emma Anne; Stuart, Kelley Amber; Turner, Nathan James; Tylutki, Alice Marcelene; West, Christopher Alan; Wise, Hajo Johann; Yuz'vak, Sophia Y.

GRADE 12 HONOR ROLL:

Busby, Carter Ray; Congdon, Evan James; Gardner, Kevin Michael; Guenther, Christopher Martin; ; Harding, Kevin J; Hicks, Ethan John; Hollenbeck, Nathaniel E; Knout, Madison Marie; Newhart, Tennessee Maile; Reich, Kylee Ann; Solomon, Nathan James; Strickland, Spencer Warren; Tiftt, James A; Underwood, Ethan James.

GRADE 11 HONOR ROLL:

Allport, Hallie Michele; Arsenault, Caleb J; Butler, Emma Renee; Cator-Szymanski, Noble Rye; Dibble, Quincey Paige; Dickinson, Liam Thomson; Garris, Teghan Lee; Guenther, Daniel James; Harris, Margaux Claire; Jackson, Amanda Charlotte; Morrow, Steven Andrew; Nygard, Kirsten Lousie; Oseid, Timothy James; Seymour, Nicholas Scott; Snyder-Hall, Grace M; Sprinkle, Katherine Melissa; Stetson, Morgan Reese; Swansbrough, Sierra Charles; Zacarias, Pedro; Zhe, Daniel Connor.

GRADE 10 HONOR ROLL:

Becraft, Stella Lovise; Bennett, Emmaline KE; Boothroyd, Connor MacNeil; Borove, Parker Jameson; Brockner, Julian T; Couch, Jillian Ella; Gulini, Lauren Grace; Hackworth, Adolphus Hiram Zachariah; Hernandez, Markos Antonio; Little, Allen Jacob; Matesanz, Corey James; O'Brien, Brinley Nichole; O'Neill, Patrick Gregory; Osburn, Isabella Aaryn; Pascarella Jr, John Alexander; Russell, Abriana Nicole; Salerno, Ayden Armond; Senyk, David Vyacheslav; Shipman, Mitchel Grant; Spano, Katherine Marie; Stahlman, Emma R; Starr, Madeline Ryann; Walthall, Orlando Lee James.

GRADE 9 HONOR ROLL:

Ayers, Blaise Robert; Ayres, Ryan Lee; Burke, Patrick Joel; Cubero, Matthew Connor Junito; Deeley, Allison Rae; Edwards, Rylee Xaviar; Goggan, Cole David; Grace, Brianna Laura; Harriott, Samuel Aram; Hawkins, Delaney Carolyn; Hisey, Jasmine Elizabeth-Dean; Howard, Lindsey R; LaMorte, Samantha Jean; Lockwood, Vallerie Ann; Martin V, Delbert Bush; McKnight, Taylor Kathleen;



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There may be opportunities to participate in the activities of the Dryden Central School District. We hope the calendar and the newsletters will help in keeping you informed of upcoming events and meetings.

*We have a lot to be proud of in our school district.
We thank the community for all the support they give us!*

McManus, Lucas Quinn; Monroe, Kameron Elliot; Passalugo, Vincent John; Stockholm, Kadence Renee; Tripp-Lumley, Danyelle Jean; Webb, Melissa Leigh; Williams, Marcus Terrel; Wolkmer Siqueira, Luiz Felipe; Woodman, Mason Michael.

GRADE 8 HIGH HONOR ROLL:

Anderson, Lauren; Annonson, Alyssa; Blomfield-Brown, Ella; Bouffard, Ainsley; Cavanagh, Matthew; Collins, Isaac; Conway, Morgan; Cowell, Nathaniel; Crocker, Mckenna; Cuykendall, Claira; DeJesus, Gianni; DeTuri, Stephen; Dickinson, Brianna; Gibbs, Ethan; Goggan, Ella; Green, Raelen; Greene, Christopher; Hastings, Kaylee; Hess, Linkin; Jenkins-Ortolano, Sabina; Kelsey, Madison; Lee, Katherine; Lobdell, Emma; O'Donnell, Riley; Perrine, Kaitlyn; Peyus, Roxy; Post, Morgan; Prignon, Laci; Pursell, Adrienne; Russell, Chloe; Shilliff, Jared; Shramko, Alexander; Slayton, Noah; Traphagen, Ashlynn; VanHoesen-Beeman, Kaylie; Weibly, Alexander; Weik, Collin; Willer, Abriella; Wojcik, Benjamin.

GRADE 7 HIGH HONOR ROLL:

Barlow, Hunter; Bennett, Gennavieve; Busby, Paul; Clark, Laura; Cross, Jamie; Cross, Travis; Davis, Maysie; Dickinson, Sawyer; Eshelman, Luke; Franzese, Tyler; Hagin, Gregory; Harrington, Talen; Jarvis, Hannah; Josey, Allyson; Lanzilotta, Autumn; Mentiplay, Riley; Mihm, Euan; Miller, Jillian; Morrow, Nicole; Nydam, Peter; O'Brien, Finnegan; Oltz, Dana; Poole, Nathaniel; Rose, Ryan; Ruff, Simon; Senyk, Lilia; Sheive, Olivia; Smith, Abbey; Songput, Suansian.

GRADE 6 HIGH HONOR ROLL:

Adams, Corvid; Anderson, Nora; Brockner, Jade; Cole, Rayna; Conroy, Weronika; Conway, Aubrey; Crispell, Nathaniel; Cross, Wyatt; Deeley, Emma; DeJesus, Aaliyah; Drake, Kennessy; Duncan, Makaiya; Greene, Ryan; Harmon, Isabella; Koekebacker, Autumn; McManus, Brody; Pascarella, Guiliana; Riggs, Liam; Scott-Mendez, Ariana; Stuart, Celia; Totman, Xavier; Turco; Abigail; Vuong, Jonah; Warwick, Danielle; Warwick, Natalie; Wojcik, Alivia.

GRADE 8 HONOR ROLL:

Best, Paul; Boyce; Rayona, Brooke; Brown, Logan; Brunner, Alexandra; Cooley, Raina; Dufresne, Isaiah; Erickson; Fraleigh-Barrows, Lillian; Freeland, Brandon; Gray, Ryan; Harding, Daniel; Head, Tyler; King, Edward; Shipe, Margaret; Smith, Jazmin; Stockholm, Madison; Surine, Olivia; Torrico, Brennan; Totman, Jacob; Valenti, Wyatt; Ward, Caitlyn.

GRADE 7 HONOR ROLL:

Allen, Braden; Baylor, Scott; Bourdon, Cayla; Cornelius, Jade; Curtis, Wyatt; Davis, Aidan; Debo, Bruce; Downes, Hunter; Eaton, Rylie; Lamey, Alexandra; LaMorte, Damian; Lanahan, Braden; Lindsay, Cassandra; Murphy, Daniel; Palmer, Cadence; Ramirez-Mendez, Josue; Schluter, Kayli; Stillwell, Elias; Talbot, Jesse; Washburn, Zachary; Williams, Brendan.

GRADE 6 HONOR ROLL:

Armstrong, Kaylee; Atkinson, Kylie; Bicalho, Rafael; Blanchard, Danielle; Brown, Alexandra; Brunner, Austin; Burke, Juliet; Case, Abigail; Case, Molly; Couch, Eliot; Covington, Payton; D'Angelo, Christopher; DeGuzman, Lynn-Li; Dimmett, Dahlya; Fiero, Madyx; Fitzgerald, Clare; Foster, Morgan; Glass, Mercedes; Hallock, Kelly; Henry, Austin; Hernandez, Sophia; Miles, Carmelo; Miles, Jayceon; Nygard, Mason; Oliver, Reagan; Perreault, Kira; Potter, Mattie; Scott-Mendez, Nicholas; Sliker, Acadia; Smith, DaLanie; Thomas, Grant; Tillinghast, Victoria; Underwood, Landon; Washington, Xavier; Wiiki, Kaiden; Wood, Brayden.