

June-August 2021

Richfield Springs Central School District

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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VIRTUAL GRADUATION STREAM

June 25th, 2021 | Livestream Link Available on District Website



Superintendent's Message



Thank you to the Richfield Springs community for supporting the 2021-22 school budget. We look forward to reopening in September with the pandemic behind us.

This summer, Richfield Springs has partnered with Frankfort-Schuyler for grades Pre-K through sixth grade academic summer school. This will be a very productive, rewarding and fun filled experience for our students and is made possible through our BOCES. This year the program is hosted at F-S and next year Richfield will host.

In addition to our wonderful senior class, we are saying farewell to three retirees. Our librarian of thirty years for the entire District, Vicky Greenman is setting sail. Our student attendance aide and so much more for the last nine years Diane Frohne will be greatly missed. CSE chairperson of six years, Linda Trimble is ready to enjoy time with family. We wish a very long, healthy and happy retirement to all of these wonderful ladies.

Best wishes to our graduating seniors. Hoping that everyone has a wonderful summer.

Together in Education,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. H. [unclear]". The signature is written in a cursive style.

A Message From The Board of Education

At this time of year, there is much to celebrate in our school district – and this year is no exception.

The members of the Class of 2021 have donned their cap and gowns and completed their last official exercise as students of RSCS. Congratulations to each of you (and your families) for all you have accomplished as warriors of the Purple and Gold! We will miss you as you begin the next chapter of your life – and we will be happy to celebrate your successes! Remember your mentors in the building – and know that if you ever need assistance or advice that they are here for you.

On the other end of the spectrum, the district is excited to welcome the Class of 2034 in September. There is always a lot of preparation and excitement at every level, but it's pretty special to be able to have the youngest students join the student body. The faculty and staff look forward to working with each child and their families to give each student tools to be successful lifelong learners.

We also celebrate and thank to faculty and staff who are resigning and moving on to other opportunities and those who are beginning their retirement. We hope that each and every one of you know how much we appreciate and respect the work that you have done for RSCS. For each individual moving on to the next challenge, please know that your contributions remain vital to the success of the District. We thank you and wish you nothing less than a happy, healthy future!

A wonderful thing about the RSCS community is that you have always shown remarkable

support for the centerpiece of our community. You come out and overwhelmingly support each fundraiser, teams and concerts, the theatrical performances and many other school based programs and events. You also support the budget – as you did again this past May. We thank you for your continued support of the academic programs that allow the faculty and staff to provide the most challenging and rigorous educational experience.

As we have all been affected by the global pandemic, it's been great to witness the successes of our students and staff. We continue to work together and get through each challenge as challenges are raised. We thank you for the focus and continued hard work in accomplishing each educational goal.

Finally, the Board wishes to thank Lee Supensky for his service as the Secondary Principal. Your leadership and guidance to the District have been superb. Thank you for your dedication to our school!

I personally want to thank you for your continued support of my candidacy for board trustee – I look forward to serving another three-year term. I congratulate Nancy Duevel as well. Nancy's passion for education and wisdom will be of great service to the District.

Enjoy your summer and please be safe. We look forward to welcoming back our students in September.

With respect,
Scot Mondore

Senior Class of 2021



Izabella Allen
Health Sciences Workforce



Cole Bobnick
SUNY Poly, RN/Pre Med



Sydney Burdick
Utica College, Forensic Accounting



Ronica Clarke
SUNY Oneonta, Secondary English Ed



Brooke Connolly
UAlbany, Physician's Assistant/Biology



Kathryn Conrad
Workforce



Brady Cowan
U.S. Marine Corps



Faith Cring
HCCC, Early Childhood Education



Jackson DiLiberto
Barcelona, Language Immersion



Holly Drummond
SUNY Morrisville, CNA, RN



Dylan Dyn
Alfred University, Business-Finance



Victoria Graml
Workforce

Senior Class of 2021



Meghan Hall
MVCC, Creative Writing, Business



Collin Helin
MVCC, Culinary



Jaqualyn Hosford
SUNY Oneonta, Dietitian



Katherine Kodz
SUNY Oneonta, Elementary Ed



David Leonard
Workforce, Journeyman



Caitlynn Miller
MVCC/Morrisville, RN



Samantha O'Connor
MVCC, Athletic Training Science



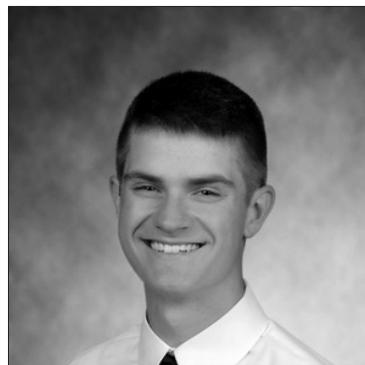
Thomas O'Connor
U.S. Marine Corps



Matthew Palmer
Workforce



Darren Panko
HCCC



Jacob Patterson
MVCC, Pre-Engineering Technology



Connor Scheffler
MVCC, Fire Protection

Senior Class of 2021



Amy Seamon
SUNY Oneonta, Secondary Math Ed



Natalie Teachout
SUNY Cobleskill, Veterinary Science



Damon Thompson
Syracuse University, Sports Broadcast



Bellecia-Adalina Tremain
MVCC, Nursing



Jackson Waid
Hartwick, Computer Sciences



Brady Young
Marist, Broadcast Journalism

Congratulations 
 *Class of 2021!*



Graduation Ceremony



Photo By: Giavonna-Cecilia Treman



Junior/Senior Prom 2021



2021 RSGS Seniors, Front Row Left-Right: Holly Drummond, Faith Cring, Jaqualyn Hosford, Bellecia-Adalina Tremain, Skyler Oakley, Amy Seamon, Katherine Kodz, Caitlynn Miller, Samantha O'Connor, Natalie Teachout, and Brooke Connolly. Back Row Left-Right: Matt Palmer, David Leonard, Jackson Diliberto, Cole Bobnick, Dylan Dyn, Meghan Hall, Colin Helin, Damon Thomson, Brady Young, Connor Scheffler, Tomas O'Connor and Jacob Patterson.



RSGS Juniors, Front Row Left-Right: Taylor Siver, Caroline Furner, Kiara Gray-Smith, Kalie Evangelow, Brooke McCord, Trinity Appell, Katie Beck, Jordyn Seamon, and Molly Bobnick. Pictured Back Row, Left-Right: Austin Bowman, Tyrus VanBuren, Nathan LaVere, Damon Boss, Alex Brown, Roberta Schaefer-Gilbert, Claire Collins and Elaina Johnson.



Clark Foundation Scholarship Recipients



Pictured above, (Front left-right): Brooke Connolly, Katherine Kodz, Ronica Clarke, Cole Bobnick, and Sydney Burdick. Pictured above, (Back left-right): Brady Young, Dylan Dyn, Damon Thomson, Amy Seamon, and Samantha O'Connor.

Congratulations to this year's Clark Foundation Scholarship winners. Each student earned the award with over an 85 average and placed in the top third of the graduating class. The scholarship is renewable annually for eight semesters or more in certain cases. The awards run between \$3000 and \$8000 a year and can increase each year based on merit.

Name	Parents w/Town	College Attending	Major
Cole Bobnick	Lisa and Kevin Bobnick of Richfield Springs	SUNY Poly	Nursing
Sydney Burdick	Carl and Susan Burdick of Richfield Springs	Utica College	Financial Crime Investigation
Ronica Clarke	Roy and Tamika Clarke of Richfield Springs	SUNY Oneonta	English Education
Brooke Connolly	Sarah and John Connolly of Richfield Springs	UAlbany	Physician's Assistant Biology
Dylan Dyn	Amy Hawkes and John Dyn of Jordanville	Alfred University	Finance
Katherine Kodz	William and Pamela Kodz of Richfield Springs	SUNY Oneonta	Education
Samantha O'Connor	Kenneth and Nicole O'Connor	MVCC	Nutrition and Dietetics
Amy Seamon	Patricia McCord and Joseph Seamon of Richfield Springs	SUNY Oneonta	Math Education
Damon Thomson	Kelly and Michael Winslow of Richfield Springs	Syracuse	Broadcast Communication
Brady Young	Joseph and FaithAnn Young of Richfield Springs	Marist	Broadcast Communication

National Honor Society Inducts New Members.

The National Honor Society Induction ceremony was held on Tuesday, May 25th. The chapter officers read each of the tenets of the National Honor society: president Dylan Dyn (scholarship), secretary Cole Bobnick (service), vice president Brooke Connolly (leadership) and treasurer Sydney Burdick (character).

The following students were inducted and received their membership certificates from Dr. Wilson and Mr. Supensky: Molly Bobnick, Elaina Johnson, Katherine Kodz, Isabel Martinez, Roberta Schaefer-Gilbert, Damon Thomson, Kalen Barnhart, Ronica Clarke, Emily Diotte, Kalie Evangelow, Amy Seamon, Margaret Worobey, and Brady Young.



Pictured above (Left-Right Front Row): NHS Seniors Katherine Kodz, Sydney Burdick, Ronica Clarke, Brooke Connolly, and Amy Seamon. Pictured above (Left-Right Back Row): Cole Bobnick, Damon Thomson, Brady Young and Dylan Dyn.

NHS senior members received their NHS medallions from Mr. Mondore and Mr. Piatti. The medallions will be worn at graduation in June: Cole Bobnick, Sydney Burdick, Ronica Clarke, Brooke Connolly, Dylan Dyn, Katherine Kodz, Amy Seamon, Damon Thomson, and Brady Young.



Congratulations to all NHS members for their hard work throughout a very difficult year. We are proud of you.



Pictured middle right (Left-Right): New 2020 Members: Molly Bobnick, Damon Thomson, Katherine Kodz, Isabel Martinez, Roberta Schaefer-Gilbert, and Elaina Johnson.



Pictured bottom right (Left-Right): New 2021 Members: Brady Young, Amy Seamon, Ronica Clarke, Kalie Evangelow, Emily Diotte, Margaret Worobey, and Kalen Barnhart.

It's a Wrap! RSCS Greenhouse Is Complete

May 20th, 2021 marks the completion of the RSCS Greenhouse. A collaboration of students came together and wrapped the outside of the structure. This project is an accumulation of a couple of years worth of effort. Mrs. Davis procured the greenhouse in a grant and Mr. Barkman's Agriculture Engineering class completed the structural work leading up to completion.

The weather was perfect as there was no wind to carry the plastic sheets. The main upper plastic piece was the first and then the end caps were put into place. Many hands were needed to hold the plastic in place and complete this final step.

Mr. Barkman would like to thank the following students for their help:
Seventh graders: Anna Hall and



Pictured above: (On left) Morgan Marriott and Faith Cring, (On right): Thomas O'Connor, (Within the Greenhouse structure, left-right): Skyler Oakley, Connor Scheffler and Davis Leonard.

Morgan Marriott, Twelfth graders: Cole Bobnick, Brady Cowman, Faith Cring,

David Leonard, Skyler Oakley, Thomas O'Connor, and Connor Scheffler.

RSCS 2017 Graduate Lands Dream Job With NASA

RSCS alumnus Carson Hula '17 graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute this May with a Bachelor of Science degree in aeronautical engineering, and has secured a job in the high-flying field. Hula, Valedictorian of the RSCS Class of 2017, will begin work this June as a Human Spaceflight Systems Engineer, working for Barrios Technology at NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas.

Hula interned at that NASA center in the fall of 2019 and is thrilled to continue learning on the job, supporting American and international crewed space missions. Involved in music, theater, basketball, baseball, media production, American Legion programs, and more at RSCS, Hula looks back fondly on his alma mater and hometown.



Carson Hula, RSCS Alumnus 2017 and Valedictorian is pictured here as he began his internship at NASA, in the fall of 2019.

At the start of his career and reflecting on his grade school days, Hula encourages current students to pursue STEM fields and get involved in hands-on studies, creating and exploring what their minds, research, and hardware can do.



Mr. St. Peter Named New Middle School & High School Principal.



Mr. St. Peter comes to us with 27 years of experience in the Waterville Central School District, 16 as a high school English teacher and 11 as an administrator. He and his wife Kelli are pictured above.

Matthew St. Peter has been an educator for twenty-eight years. He began his career teaching ninth, tenth, and twelfth grade English in the Waterville Central School District, as well as coaching football, basketball, baseball, tennis, and golf.

In 2006, Matthew moved from the classroom into the role of administrator. He served as Waterville Elementary School's principal for six years during which time the school was recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. In 2012 he became Waterville High School principal and then transitioned to assistant principal and Athletic Director. He re-entered the teaching profession in 2017 and taught AP English Literature and Composition, Tenth Grade English, Public Speaking, as well as developing a course focusing on life-skills and post-graduate preparation.

He received his Bachelor's Degree in English Literature from LeMoyne College in 1991, his Master of Arts in Teaching from Colgate University in 1993, and his administrative degree from SUNY Cortland in 2006.

He has been married to his beautiful wife, Kelli, a fourth grade teacher, for

twenty years. They have two amazing children, Kaitlyn, who will be attending LeMoyne College in the Fall, and Matthew who is currently a Junior at Waterville High School.

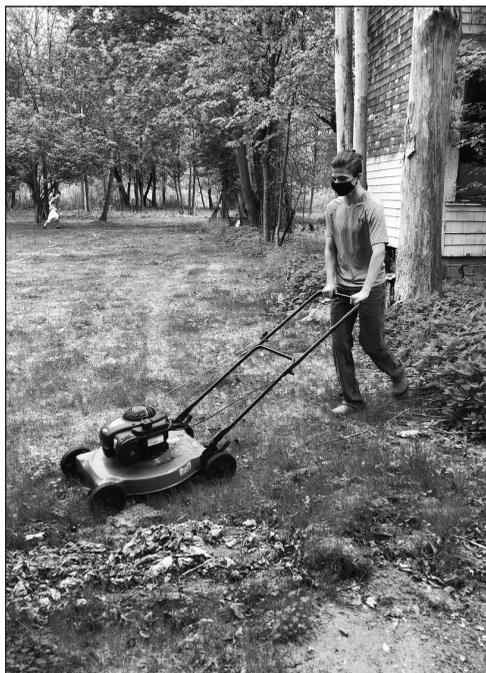
He is most proud of the relationships he has created in his long career and looks forward to facilitating and fostering a "shared vision" for Richfield and the Richfield Springs Central School District.



RSCS Students *Spring* Into Action

An older home, adjacent from the Dollar General was recently dismantled. During the deconstruction, a natural sulfur spring was discovered on the property. As a result, the property is now being turned into a "Pocket Park", for village residents to enjoy.

RSCS students Damon Boss and Brayden Misencik saw the opportunity, and decided to help out. Additional adult volunteers are also on site, outfitted with landscaping equipment and flowers to adorn the newly redefined space. Damon and Brayden used this opportunity to complete some of their community service hours. Well done Damon and Brayden!



Damon Boss makes short work of grass trimming.



Brayden Misencik clears away debris from the area.

Staff Retirements

The Richfield Springs school community gives thanks to Mrs. Frohne, Ms. Greenman, and Ms. Trimble for their service and dedication to our students and staff. We will certainly miss Diane, Vicky and Linda! Please join us in congratulating each of them as they transition to retirement.

Mrs. Diane Frohne has served the Richfield Springs school community in a variety of capacities. When she started her career as a substitute, then an attendance officer, she was a K-2 Greeter, supervised students in ISS, assisted in the Backpack Program and served as the district SchoolTool coordinator. Most recently she has served as the attendance officer and secretarial services to Mr. Supensky in the High School Principals office. We will certainly miss her communications and smile!

Ms. Greenman has been in education for 34 years. She has served the Richfield Springs school community for the past 30 years. She oversaw both building libraries, collaborated with RSCS IT on many projects

and the Innovation Learning Lab, in addition to sharing her passion for literary research databases. She has a degree in Elementary Education, Art Education and Library Science.

Ms. Trimble was 36 when she started teaching in 1995. During her career, she taught GED classes, ESOL, English (middle school), special education/ h.s. resource; and last but not least, she was a CSE/CPSE chairperson.

"It has been an honor to serve the children and families of this community. I greatly value the mutual trust, respect and open communication that we were able to share with each other in regards to the needs of your children. Thank you. I shall miss you and my CSE/CPSE partner, Mrs. Potter!"

Ms. Trimble is retiring in Wayne, PA to live near (walking distance!) her granddaughters. Wayne is a lovely, quaint city on the Main Line (PA railroad) with lots of neat shops, parks, entertainment, etc. Pre-COVID days, she would hop on the train and go

into Philly to visit the sites (the Liberty Bell, the Philadelphia Museum of Art (where Rocky Balboa/Sylvester Stallone ran up all those steps!, the gorgeous old brownstone neighborhoods, etc.) And by the way, it really is "Always Sunny in Philadelphia"!



Ms. Trimble is pictured here with her two granddaughters. She will be moving to be near them in her upcoming retirement.

RSCS Students Receive SKYWARN Training

Students in Natural Disasters & Weather participated in the abbreviated SKYWARN Training offered by the National Weather Service in Binghamton via Google Meet.

Participating students will be able to phone or use online apps to record and share severe weather condition observations. The SKYWARN trained weather spotters provide meteorologists with weather observations to assist them to make "life-saving warning decisions."

For more information, please visit: <https://www.weather.gov/SKYWARN>



Students who participated in the training are: Brady Cowan, Faith Cring, Jackson Diliberto, Caitlynn Miller, Thomas O'Connor, Trinity Appell, Austin Bowman, Alex Brown, Claire Collins, Camryn Cool, Caroline Furner, Kiara Gray-Smith, Bryce L'Hommedieu, Brooke McCord, Matthew Palmer, Amy Seamon, Taylor Siver, Damon Thomson, and Brady Young

RSCS Coin Drive Generates \$4,926 For The Richfield Springs Food Bank

Over the years the Richfield Springs Central School has held annual events to give back to the community. Most of which occurred in the fall, during homecoming week. The annual food drive is a grade 7 through 12 level competition that provides an opportunity for students to give back to those in need. Students are asked to donate non-perishable food items, such as canned goods and more.

This year, like everything else in the world, things couldn't function as normal. But that did not stop RSCS! Janine Shulkie and Samantha North devised a plan to create a COVID friendly event, that could help the Richfield Springs Food Bank. As a result, a two-week Pre-K through 12th grade coin drive was created, where buildings and classes could compete against one another.

Pre-K through grade 6 conducted a coin collection, while grades 7 through 12 had a penny war. After day one of this school-wide activity over \$100 was raised and by the end of the week that increased to over \$600. At the beginning of the second week a challenge was brought to the faculty and staff to match what the students donated. This models the behavior we want our young people to learn as well as dou-



Pictured above (Left-Right Front Row): Ella Mead, Benjamin Spengler, Abbeygail Schultz, Jayde Moss, Luke Hebert, Sophia Seamon, Jackson Weaver, Aurora Chiodo. Pictured above (Left-Right Back Row): Ms Samantha North, and Ms. Janine Shulkie.

bles the impact of our unannounced donation for our community.

At the completion of the competition, the total student donations came to \$2,362!

Mrs. Wust's kindergarten class finished in first for the elementary competition and the Class of 2023, won the 7 through 12 penny war competition. This activity brought a different type of school unity. In addition to the

students, faculty and staff donations, two local businesses joined in on the fun, Rathbun Renovations and Cooper Auto. The groups collectively generated nearly \$5000 for the Richfield Springs Food Bank!

Thank you to all those who helped by donating to this competition. It is a true blessing to be part of this giving and supportive community.

Seventh Grade Technology Students "Feel the Weight" in Structural Bridge Design

Our seventh grade students have been learning about the history and engineering of bridge building. The students are now being challenged to apply their knowledge to design and build their own bridge which, will be crushed in the quest for data! Students will compare and contrast their max weight load against other student designs, in relation to the weight of

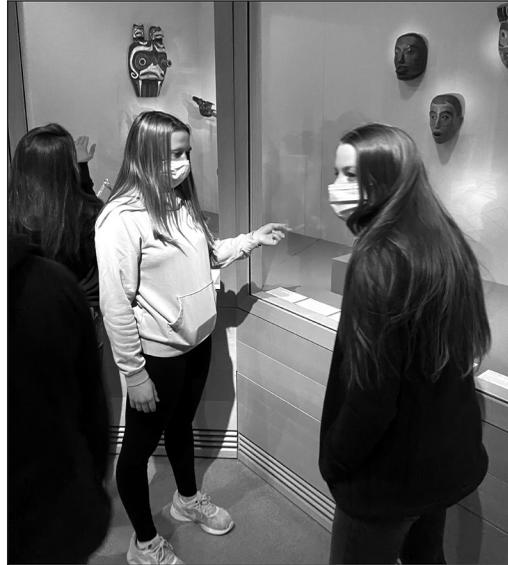
each bridge. The winning design has to meet the following criteria: be the lightest weighing bridge design, handle the heaviest load and be the most economical to build.

Pictured left (Left-Right): Kobe Lindsay, Riley O'Connor, and James Chadwell, as they work together cutting, gluing and assembling their bridge design.



RSCS Art Students Visit the Fenimore Museum

The College Now Photography students visited the Fenimore Art Museum to see an exhibit highlighting Ansel Adams's Manzanar photographs. Adams is known for his majestic landscapes and the size of his prints. The Manzanar exhibit however, serve as a reminder, "about an unfortunate moment in our country's history that must be better understood. It also should serve as a warning as to what can occur when emotion and fear overwhelm clarity and courage." The camps were located in California during the 1940's. <https://www.fenimoreartmuseum.org/current-exhibitions/manzanar>



Pictured (Top Left, Left-Right): Samatha O'Connor, Natalie Teachout and Lauren Johnson are enjoying the Native American exhibit.

Pictured (Top Right): Kalen Barnhart is posing next to the A.J. Fenimore Cooper bust sculpture, as she learns about the museum's history.

Pictured (Bottom Right, Left-Right): Zachary Stetson, Brooke McCord, Kalie Evangelow, Alex Brown, Claire Collins and Nathan LaVere are exploring the American Folk Art Exhibit.



Students toured the Alexander Hamilton "Hamilton's Final Act: Enemies and Allies" exhibit. This exhibit featured primary sources of correspondence between Hamilton and Aaron Burr.

The Thaw Collection of American Indian Art exhibit was also an student favorite. This exhibit featured nearly 850 items highlighting the artistry, historical and cultural significance.

Pictures From Around Campus



Mrs. Boss's fourth grade is taking a break and enjoying the warm weather and sunshine! Pictured here (Back Row Left-Right): Reed McCartney, Jacob Maine, Alana Carter, Emaleigh Dennis, Ashlee West, and Logan LaFance. (Front Row Left-Right): Wayne Purpura, Chester Seamon, Drake Oseassen, and Benjamin Furner.



Mrs. Young's sixth grade class is reading around the campfire, on a rainy day. Pictured here (Left-Right): Finnigan Dibble, Dylan Burditt, Amber Connolly, Hunter Ough, Natalie Dumond, Camdon Seamon, Paige O'Connor, and Liam Gorman.



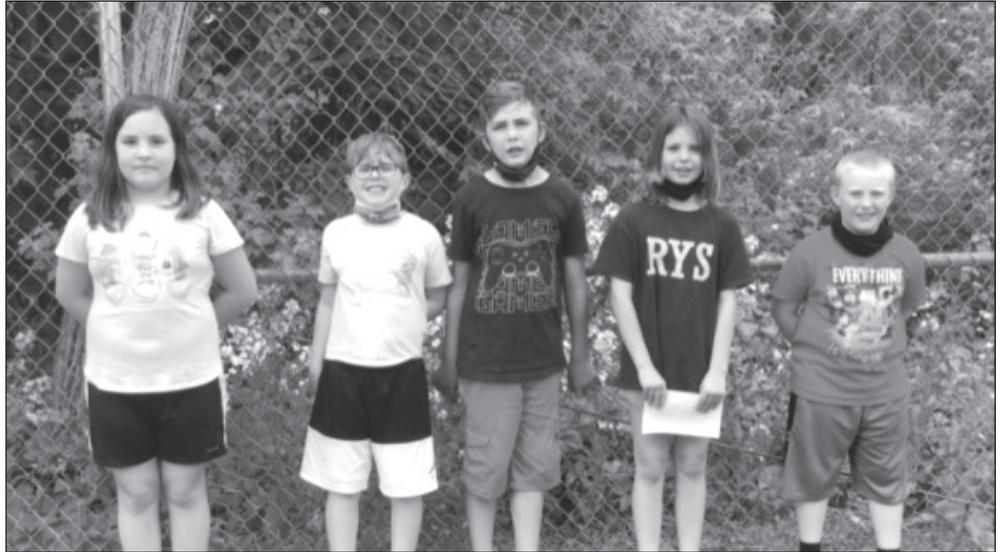
Class of 2021 Senior Cole Bobnick earned his "25 Straight" patch for shooting twenty-five straight in the New York State High School Trap League!! Coach Mr. Edward Bello Jr. presented Cole with this achievement!

Elementary Students Learn About Recycling

A group of third and fourth graders have been hard at work informing their fellow students about plastic and its harm on the environment.

It all began on Earth Day when they watched a short clip about things that harm the environment and ways to make a positive impact on the planet. After watching the clip, they discussed and brainstormed one way they could make a change right here in school. It became their mission to stop using plastic utensils in the cafeteria. They did research and wrote their opinions to present to classes. They learned about petitioning for a cause and got signatures from 119 students!

The students then brought the petitions to Dr. Wilson, who suggested they do more research to support their opinions and take their argument to the board. On June 9, they attended the meeting vir-



Pictured Left-Right: Dylan Mead, Emmet LaBruzso, Benjamin Furner, Mya Kane, and Holland Oldick

tually and presented their idea. Some possible solutions were discussed, so the students are in the process of checking to see if the plastic is recyclable. If it is, they will make containers to recycle them for the cafeteria.

The students even got a shout out from National Geographic Education on Twitter!

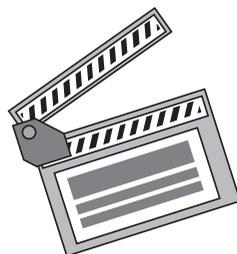
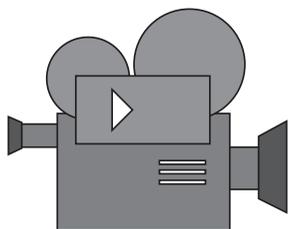
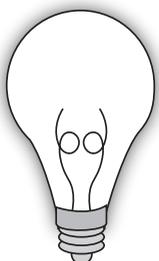
First Graders Perform "The Glum Princess"

Mrs. Kalkowsky's First Grade Players performed the reader's theater, "The Glum Princess." See it on the schools Facebook page or on YouTube. Just search for "The Glum Princess Richfield Springs Central School.



Pictured Left-Right: Harvey Vickerson, Camryn Bass, Jase Lynch, Emma Dyn, Jackson Mead, Frank Clements. First Grade Players not pictured: Parker Harris, Nathaniel Briggs, Nayce Hall.

Use your Apple iPhone or Android smartphone camera and scan the QR Code to link to see the YouTube performance!



LIGHTS!

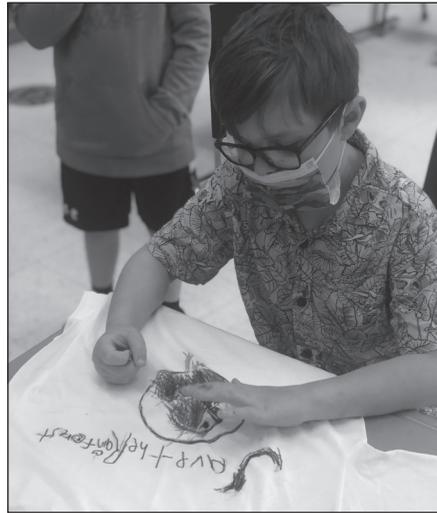
CAMERA!!

ACTION!!!

Third Grade Students Collaborate On Amazon Rainforest Fundraiser Event

On June 14th, third grade students in Mrs. Collis and Mrs. Dandrea classrooms worked diligently to organize a fundraiser for a great cause! The students wanted a way to show their support of continued protection of our world's precious resource for oxygen, rare and endangered species and plants, the Amazon Rainforest.

Together the two classes presented their case to Dr. Wilson, for approval, students called teachers to set up time slots to make visits with invitations, as well as running the day of the Pre-Kindergarten–6th grade picnic. Third Graders created, and performed a beautiful song, which presented facts about the Amazon. All together the students collected over \$500 in donations!



Pictured Top Left: Emmet LaBruzzo, Bottom left: (Left–Right), Camden Dandrea, Aubriana Gage, Haylee Hebert. Right side top: Third graders pass out coloring thank you booklets to Mrs. K's first graders. Bottom right: Third graders perform a Amazon presentation to Mrs. K's first grade.

Mrs. Collis's Third Grade Class Is "Buzzing" With Excitement

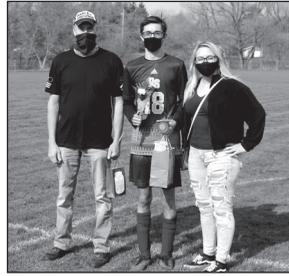
Mrs. Collis' class had a special visit from Mrs. Mead. Her granddaughter, Dylan assisted her grandmother in teaching third graders about her love of honey bees. The students learned facts about the honey bee, process of making honey and what products can be made from the delicious resource.

After her presentation, she assisted the children in making a wonderful Father's Day gift, adding a bit of her own farmed honey, making it that much sweeter!



Pictured Left: Dylan Mead, as she dons her protective bee keeper suit and stainless steel bee hive smoker. Pictured Right: Dylan and her grandmother Mrs. Mead as they go over the lesson.

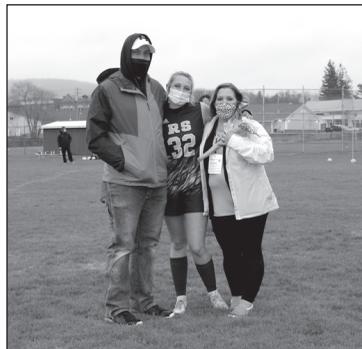
RSCS Soccer Senior Boys Night



Pictured above (Top row left-right): Jacob Patterson & family, Thomas O'Connor & family, Cole Bobnick & family, Darren Panko & family, Connor Scheffler & family, (Lower row left-right) Christian Adreev & family, Dylan Dyn & family, Jordan Diliberto & family, Damon Thomson & family, Brady Young & family.

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RSCS Soccer Senior Girls Night



Pictured above (Top row left-right): Natalie Teachout & family, Caitlynn Miller & family, Izabella Allen & family, and Amy Seamon & family. (Lower row left-right) Samatha O'Connor & family, and Jaqualyn Hosford & family.

RSCS Soccer Senior Action Shots



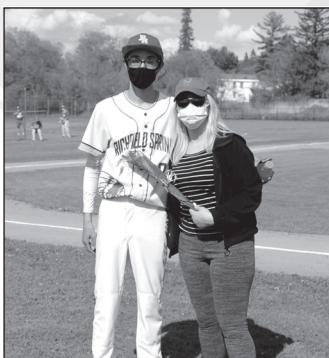
Go Indians!



RSCS Baseball Senior Boys Night



Pictured above (left to right): Damon Thomson, Connor Scheffler, and Jacob Patterson



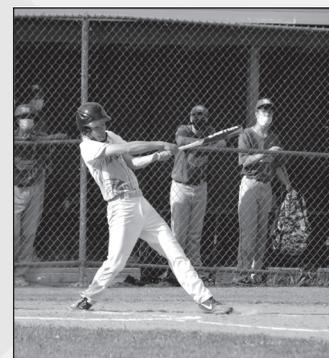
Damon Thomson and aunt.



Connor Scheffler and family.



Jacob Patterson and family.



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RSCS Softball Senior Girls Night



Pictured above (left to right): Jaqualyn Hosford, Samantha O'Connor, Brooke Connolly, and Sydney Burdick.



Jaqualyn Hosford and family.



Samantha O'Connor and family.



Brooke Connolly and family.



Sydney Burdick and family.



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RSCS Track & Field Senior Night



Pictured above (left to right): Darren Panko, Amy Seamon, Dylan Dyn, and Ronica Clarke (Not Pictured).



Ronica Clarke



Dylan Dyn and mom.



Darren Panko and mom.



Amy Seamon and mom.

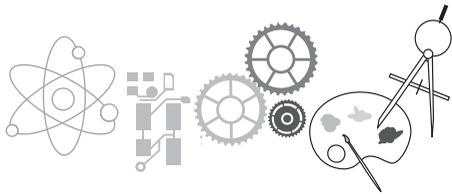
We run faster on YOUR track!

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RSCS STEAM Club

On Thursday, May 20, the STEAM Club was lucky to have the inventor and scientist, Nikola Tesla join us remotely to present information and perform demonstrations in electricity, magnetism, and wireless transmission of energy and communication.

Many of the devices in use today are attributed to Tesla's original theories and inventions. The students interacted with him, and asked intelligent, thoughtful questions. His performance was provided through a grant, based through the following URL: www.Matheatre.com.



Mr. Wadnola introducing today's guest speaker, Scientist and Inventor Mr. Nicola Tesla.



Mr. Nicola Tesla greets the STEAM Club students.

RSCS Student Is Recognized For Heroism



Pictured above Left-Right: Mr. Piatti, Crosby Leinart, Michael Molinaro, and Mr. Wadnola.

Michael Molinaro, Adirondack District Executive of the Boy Scouts of America, presented Crosby Leinart with a Certificate of Recognition for his heroism during a family crisis. We could not be prouder of him and his efforts. We salute you Crosby!

Up, Up, and Away! Sixth Grade Balloon Launch

Mr. Hawkes has been doing the "Balloon Project" since the Spring of 2001 with both 5th and 6th grade students. It is a culminating project at the end of a Weather Unit his students partake in. Much of the weather is based on warm air rising and cool air sinking. The students simulate these conditions, by manipulating the balloon buoyancy.

Mr. Hawkes currently has six students in two student groups. Each group builds the balloons from complete scratch, using only tissue paper and Elmer's glue. The design of the balloon comes from the original hot air balloon designers from France, The Montgolfier Brothers. The Montgolfiers came from a paper making manufacturing family near Paris who began to experiment with large balloons filled with hot air. Each balloon we make is based of their original design of gluing "panels" of tissue paper together into "gores"



Mr. Hawkes is pictured above with some of his students during the balloon setup.



and then gluing the gores together. Over the last twenty years we have made over two hundred balloons and each of them flew, some further than others. Under normal circumstances it is a lot of fun to get the whole school outside to watch them fly!





A Parent's Guide to the New York State P-12 Science Learning Standards

What are the New York State P-12 Science Learning Standards?

The NYS P-12 Science Learning Standards are the educational goals for all of New York State's students from prekindergarten through Grade 12 in Science.

What is Science and why is it important for my child?

Science is the scientific approach to understanding the natural world. Among these are a demand for explanations supported by claims and evidence that are testable. Branches of P-12 science education include: life science, physical science, as well as Earth and space sciences.

Over the past several decades, streams of research studies, reports, policies, and publications have documented the benefits of students' science education to better prepare them for the workforce and college pathways. Careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) will only grow in the next decade, making it essential for accessibility to equitable learning opportunities for all students to excel.

When will the NYS P-12 Science Learning Standards be implemented?

The implementation timeline can be found at found on the [Science Curriculum and Instruction](#) website.

How can I learn more?

You can learn more about the [NYS P-12 Science Learning Standards](#) by talking to your child's teacher or visiting our [NYSED web site](#).



Scan the QR code to access this flyer on the NYSED web site for live links.



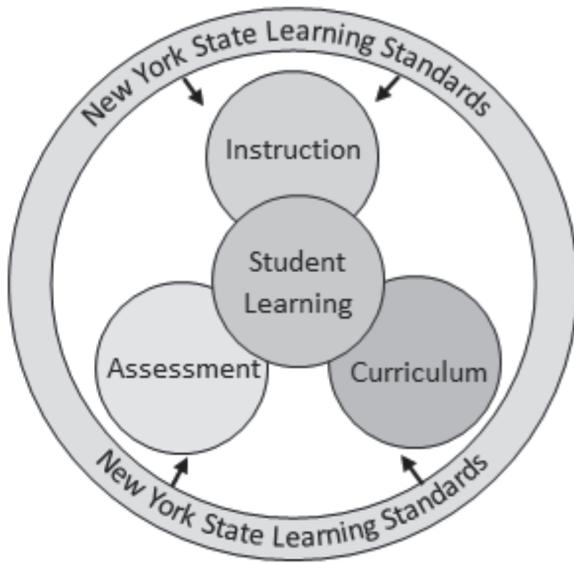
Parent Resources

Supporting Learning at Home

- ⇒ [New York State Science Standards Implementation Resources](#)
- ⇒ [New York State Parent Teacher Association \(PTA\) Parent Resources](#)
- ⇒ [Resources for Parents of Students with Disabilities](#)
- ⇒ [Multilingual Learner/English Language Learner Parent Resources](#)
- ⇒ [New York State Education Department Office of Curriculum & Instruction](#)
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The Standards and My Child's Classroom Learning



Student learning is best supported when goals are well defined. The model below shows how key parts of learning work together. The central focus, student learning, depends on curriculum, instruction, and assessment. The learning standards represent the overall knowledge and skills students need to learn by the end of each school year.



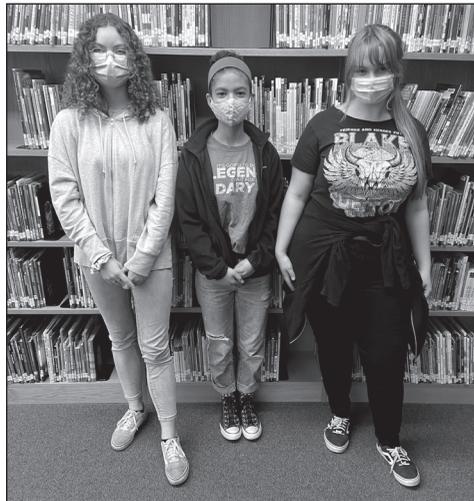
<p>Standards</p> <p><i>“What do we need to learn?”</i></p>	<p>Standards are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ goals for New York State students. ⇒ organized by subjects and grade levels. ⇒ the learning intended to be accomplished by the end of a specific school year. ⇒ approved by the New York State Board of Regents. <p><i>Example of a Kindergarten Science Standard: Plan and conduct an investigation to compare the effects of different strengths or different directions of pushes and pulls on the motion of an object.</i></p>
<p>Curriculum</p> <p><i>“What are we learning?”</i></p>	<p>Curriculum is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ the content, concepts, and skills students will learn to enable them to meet the standards determined by individual school districts. <p><i>Example: Locally developed units of study, such as a middle school unit on forces and interactions.</i></p>
<p>Instruction</p> <p><i>“How are we learning?”</i></p>	<p>Instruction is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ the approaches and strategies an educator chooses to teach the curriculum based on the needs of students determined by classroom teachers and districts. <p><i>Example: Small group instruction or cooperative learning during a laboratory activity.</i></p>
<p>Assessment</p> <p><i>“What have we learned?”</i> <i>“What should we do next?”</i></p>	<p>Assessments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ are processes used to learn about student progress. ⇒ guide and inform teaching. ⇒ are determined by local districts and/or teachers, as well as New York State. <p>* New York State administers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ELA and Mathematics Assessments in Grades 3-8 Science Assessments in Grades 4 (moving to Grade 5 in 2024) & Grade 8 Regents Examinations English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT) Alternate Assessment (NYSAA) <p><i>Example: Classroom observation of a student’s investigation of an ecosystem or analyzing a student’s science notebook based on laboratory experiences.</i></p>

"Battle of the Books" 2021

Richfield Springs' Battle of the Books middle and high school teams met Friday morning to wrap up a year of reading with a spirited team-centered competition, something they were unable to do last year due to the sudden shut down in March. Battle of the Books is an annual regional reading competition that RSCS joined in 2016.

Participating districts agree to read the same twenty books for middle school teams, sixteen for high school. Book teams spend all year reading as many of the books on the list as they can, noting key themes and concepts, and memorizing titles and authors. At the end of the year, they compete by identifying as many titles and authors as possible while book quotes, written by team advisors, are read aloud at the competition event.

This year, in an effort to celebrate the teams' achievements while keeping them safe, each school hosted their own event for their own students. Scores will be compared among participating districts to determine a winner of the "House Cup" which is proudly displayed at the winning school until the following year's competition. Regardless of where the "House



High School team, left to right: Roberta Schaefer-Gilbert, Isabel Martinez, Claire Collins

Cup" will go this year, there is no doubt that RSCS Battle of the Books members had a great time at this final event working as a team, sharing some laughs, and anticipating next year's book list!



The middle school team is ready to compete!



Middle School team left to right: Briana VanBuren, Danica Farley, Aiden Dibble, Braedon Schultz, Lila Galbreth

Fall Sports Calendar

As fall sports schedules continue to change, we encourage you to monitor the RSCS Sports Schedule on the Schedule Galaxy calendar.

You can find this calendar at the following URL: <https://www.schedule-galaxy.com/schools/160>

Smart phone users, please scan this QR Code for faster access!



Summer Band Lessons

Summer Band Lessons for Grades 4-12, with Mr. Blake, will be from July 12 - August 6.

Please sign up using the the following URL: <https://forms.gle/Wr561UuTD-KMjhzLA9>

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Seventh Grade Students Shadow RSCS Staff

Six seventh grade students were selected to participate in the career shadowing experience. As part of the guidance curriculum, Ms. Ambrose wanted to provide career awareness by offering an internal career shadowing experience.

Each career shadowing experience duration would be customized for each student, and require specific expectations, based upon their placement. All students must meet the following criteria in order to be considered, students must be passing all their classes, attend school daily, demonstrate positive behaviors and be a role model for all students.



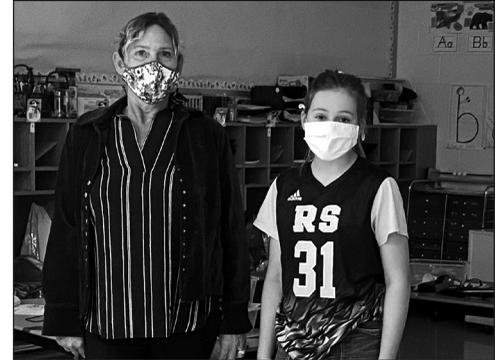
Mason Campbell is learning about the many faceted career field of Information Technology and Graphic Design with Mr. LaVerre.



Riley O'Connor is learning about becoming a second grade teacher with Mrs. Barnhart.



Cadence Conklin is leading the band as she shadows Mr. Blake (Band/Music).



Ella Mclean is learning about becoming a Kindergarten teacher with Mrs. Barracco.

From the students:

*"I love working with Mr. Blake. He is awesome!"
— Cadence Conklin*

*"I learned a lot about apple computers, how to wire things and taking computers apart. It was fun working with you. Thank you for the opportunity."
— Mason Campbell*



Anna Hall and Morgan Marriott are shadowing Mr. Barkman (Technology/Agriculture Technology).



Ella Mclean is working with Melany Tyler on her reading skills.

Bassett Healthcare Network Summer Plan 2021

Mondays: Cooperstown, Delhi, and Unadilla Valley

Tuesdays: Richfield Springs, So Kortright, Sherburne, and Sydney

Wednesdays: Laurens (PM), Delhi, Worcester (AM), GMU, and Morris

Thursdays: Milford (PM), Schenevus (AM), Stamford, Middleburgh, Edmeston, Sherburne, Sidney, and Unadilla Valley

Fridays: Telehealth visits

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