

# BRIDGES

Mount Morris Central School District

*Dare to be Excellent!*

*At Mount Morris Central School District  
we are building the future, laying the foundation  
of lifelong learning, opening minds to explore,  
to create, and to achieve excellence.*



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## Mt. Morris Revives C.T. Andolina, M.D. Science Scholarship Award

Mt. Morris CSD is proud to reinstate the C.T. Andolina, M.D. Science Scholarship Award, a \$250.00 scholarship given to a graduating Mt. Morris Central Senior who has attained a high scholastic standing in science subjects for three and a half years and also attained general scholastic excellence in their other courses. The award is in recognition of outstanding academic achievement and intellectual promise in the field of science. The recipient must pursue a course of study in science or science related fields as a major in college.

*“I wanted to continue to recognize my brother’s commitment to the community with this scholarship.”*

~ Anthony Andolina.

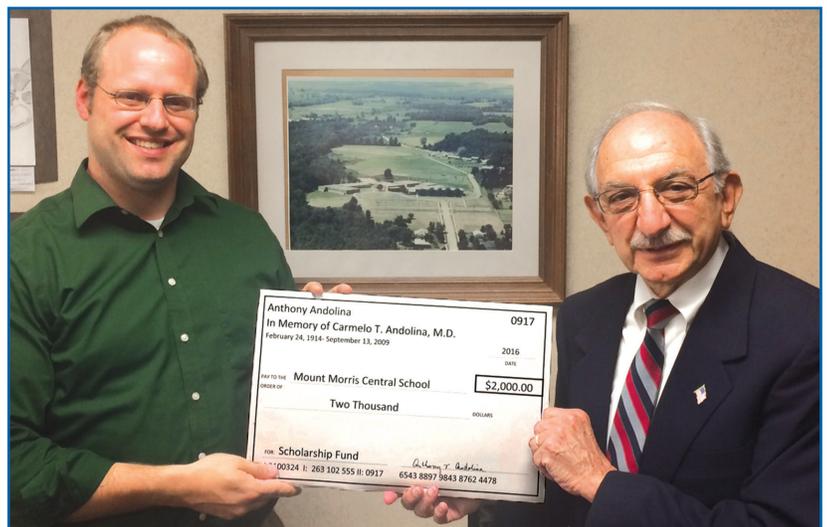
The scholarship was created by Anthony Andolina in honor of his brother, Carmelo Thomas Andolina. Carmelo graduated from MMCS D in 1933 and went on to study Chemistry at Niagara University. From there, Carmelo was accepted to Loyola University of Chicago Medical School.

Upon completing his higher education, Carmelo served in the U.S. Army where he attained the rank of Captain. He was honorably discharged from active duty in 1946, after serving almost four years and participating in both the European and the Pacific Theaters of war. Carmelo was the recipient of many decorations, including the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in administering care to troops on the front lines.

Following his stint in the military, Carmelo returned home to Mt. Morris and opened his own medical practice. As a general practitioner, he performed tonsillectomies, appendectomies, repaired hernias, set broken bones, treated all sorts of wounds, and delivered babies. Carmelo practiced medicine in Mt. Morris for 38 years.

Carmelo also served as the Livingston County Coroner, MMCS D Physician, and Chief of Staff at Noyes Memorial Hospital in Dansville.

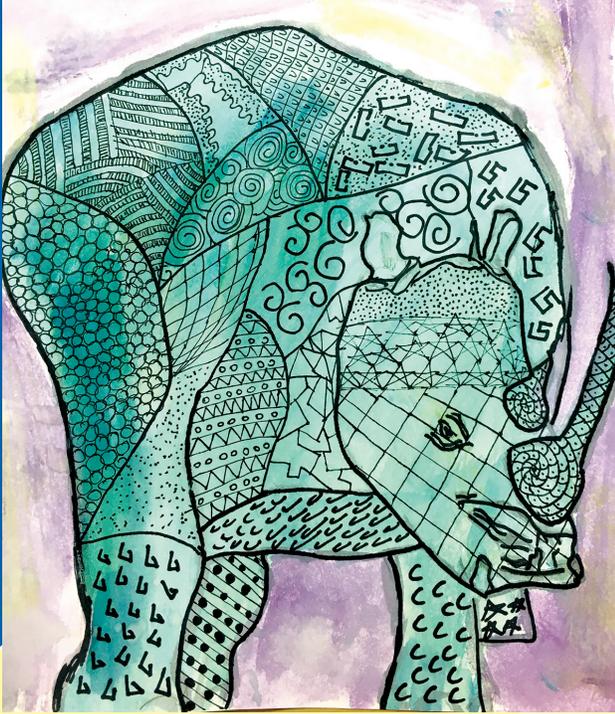
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*Michel Cox, MMCS D Business Administrator (left) and Anthony Andolina*

# Artists in the Spotlight

by ROBERT HARTIGAN



by KIONA MORF



by KIARA RODRIGUEZ



by LILLIAN BACON



by JYE CROCKER





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## The 600 Club

The 600 Club is not just an expression that describes someone who has a good series at the Lanes, but it also indicates where we are with our enrollment. Just five years ago, our enrollment was exactly 500 students and since that time we have grown to over 600 students this year. This increase in enrollment is a testament to the growth and revitalization of our community as a whole.

This year, another area of growth has been in the number of students who require high cost special education placements. Our budget was established in the spring, and since then we have had a significant increase in the number of students who moved to our district who require high cost special education placements, as well as an increase in students whose programs changed to require a special placement. These high cost placements generate aid, however, they have a significant impact on the overall budget. The revenue that is generated by these special education expenses lessens the local fiscal impact of these new placements, but the costs contribute to our overall budget number. We have implemented target spending freezes and we have been able to bring some of our students back to programs within the District. If we continue to have additional unexpected high cost special education placements, it may be necessary to increase the spending level of our budget.

## New Solar Savings

One component of this year's Capital Outlay project, which the district receives 93% State Aid on, is dedicated to the creation of a rooftop solar panel system. This system will produce energy that will go back into the grid and serve as a direct offset to our consumption.

Our system will consist of 40 rooftop panels that will have a 46" x 25" footprint. The installation of our solar panel system will take place in the spring and the community will be able to monitor our energy production through our webpage.

*Sincerely,*

*Gregory Bump, Superintendent of Schools*



*Jordan Lewis is the recipient of the President's Scholarship. Pictured with Becky Chenaille, High School Principal. (See Student Spotlight on page 10)*



# Fall Athletics Record Breaking Season



The fall 2016 athletic season was a memorable one here at Mount Morris. Not only were our student-athletes given the opportunity to participate in football and volleyball, but our varsity boys' and girls' soccer teams had outstanding seasons.

The football team finished the year with a win in the Connors Ferris Bowl over Dundee to finish the season with a record 3-6. Hector Pagan Martinez made a game saving interception on the final drive.

The varsity boys' soccer team, led by Coach Joe Connolly, went 15-4 and made it to the sectional semi-finals before losing to eventual champion, Alfred-Almond. Senior Reed Goho broke the season assist record with 13 this season. Eladio Soto, Kyle Soto and Reed Goho made the LCAA All-Star team. Kyle Soto, Reed Goho, Eladio Soto, Jordan Lewis and Isaac Todd all made the Exceptional Senior Team. Isaac Todd and Kyle Soto also made the Sectional Tournament Team.

The varsity girls' soccer team, led by Coach Laura Hamilton, made the sectional semi-finals for only the second time in school history. In the second round, the girls upset #1 seed Bloomfield 1-0. Senior Lauren Ferraro broke the school record for career goals with 41. Madelynn Regal and Lauren Ferraro made the LCAA All-Star Team. Shoniqua Patterson and Lauren Ferraro both made the Exceptional Senior Team.

"As an athletic department, we are very excited about the new opportunities that are available to our student-athletes and hope to continue providing additional opportunities in the future," said Jesse Hamilton, Athletic Director.



# Mt. Morris Beebots Participate in Robotics Competition

The Mt. Morris Robotics Team, The Beebots, participated in a competition held on Saturday, November 12 at the YMCA in Rochester. The problem that the Beebots faced was how honey bees are impacted by humans, thus the name Beebots was created. The Beebots were judged on the project, robot design, core values, and robot game. The Beebots had to identify a problem when people and animals interact, design a solution that made the interaction better for animals, people, or both, and then share the problem and solution with others. The Beebots had to discuss why they chose the design that they did and the attachments that would help to make the game more successful. The team then had to talk about working as a team and were given a problem where they had five minutes to develop a solution. The Beebots were given a two-and-a-half minute time frame to program their robot to perform a variety of missions and gain points.

“The Mt. Morris Blue Devils Robotics Team competed against 10 other teams,” said Judi Wheeler, Mt. Morris Robotics Club Advisor. “Overall our team’s performance improved over last year.”

The Beebots went on to demonstrate their skills in front of the Board of Education this year.



*The Beebots working on their project during the 2016 Robotics Competition. (Left to Right: Jesse Bacon, Benjamin Bacon, Gideon Rowley)*



## Hall of Fame Ceremony January 6, 2017

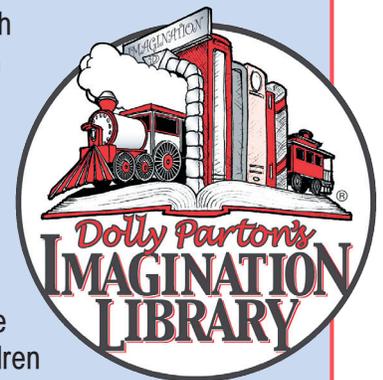
The Mt. Morris Central School Athletic Department would like to invite the entire community to join us on Friday January 6, 2017 in the high school gymnasium for the 10th Annual Athletic Hall of Fame Ceremony. On this evening, our girls’ varsity basketball team will play against Geneseo beginning at 5:30 pm. Immediately following this game at approximately 6:45 pm, there will be a ceremony to honor our newest members of the Hall of Fame. The boys’ varsity team will then play against Geneseo after the ceremony.

### The 2017 Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees

- Debbie Chichester (Class of 2000)
- Coach David Mead
- Patrick Muscarella (Class of 1968)
- Jodi Steen (Class of 1995)
- Gordon Zangerle (Class of 1932)

## A FREE Book Every Month for Children Under 5

Our PTSA has partnered with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program!!! This incredible partnership will benefit our community by allowing all Mount Morris Central School District residents who have a child/children under the age of five (5) to register their child/children to receive a FREE book in the mail EVERY month! Just fill out the information below and return it to Mount Morris Central School District and your child will receive their first book within two (2) months!



To enroll your child in the Imagination Library, send an email to [freebooks@mtmorriscsd.org](mailto:freebooks@mtmorriscsd.org) with the information listed below:

- Parent(s) Name • Child’s Name
- Child’s Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year)
- Child’s Gender • Mailing Address • Phone Number



# The Importance



# Homecoming

The concept of school pride is often over-looked between just being at a school and being a student. Students can be a part of something exciting. At Mt. Morris Devils, we work to promote our school and our students.

Using the term “Dare to be Excellent” and bringing PRIDE into our learning demonstrates how school pride can become contagious.

There are several ways you can show school pride at MMCS: wear your Blue Devils gear, attend a sporting event, and participate in Homecoming. These simple actions are important because it encourages a commitment from students, faculty, and community alike.

The Mt. Morris Central School District works to promote Mt. Morris Pride by incorporating the “MM” logo throughout the school and white into as many areas as possible.

In addition, Mt. Morris also encourages student participation in their efforts to build school spirit momentum beyond graduation. Stories of school pride and of student involvement in clubs, organizations, and in their community, and the nostalgia felt by alumni for their school.

We encourage students to show school pride every single day, because it truly is a lifelong commitment.



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wonderful to be a Blue Devil!



# Do What You Love, Love What You Do

## Taking a Stand against Drugs and Bullying



*MMCS D Red Ribbon Week banner.*

a challenge to write a six sentence paragraph focusing on identifying bullying effects, understanding that bullying is a problem, and increasing awareness about bullying. For Grades 7-12, the essay questions were the same but required the students to write longer responses.

MMCS D collaborated with the Mount Morris Kiwanis Club who provided the financial support for the cash prizes, and joined in the judging of the competitions. A \$25 cash prize was provided to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place writers.

In addition to the District's bully prevention campaign, Red Ribbon Week was also incorporated. Red Ribbon Week celebrates a drug free lifestyle. The theme this year was, "Do what you love, love what you do." The banner was signed and decorated by students and identified things in their life that they love that promote a healthy lifestyle, i.e. friends and/or family. Every student that participated in creating the banner was given a wristband.

County-wide *Wear Red Day* was October 28.

## Fire Safety Sparks Interest in MMCS D Elementary

Members of the Mt. Morris Fire Department put on a fire safety assembly for the MMCS D Elementary School in October to promote fire safety in homes. Students watched various video clips about preventing fires, carefully putting fires out, escape routes, and calling 911. Students were given the opportunity to tour a fire truck, meet the fire department's mascot Sparky, and take home goody bags filled with fire prevention activities.



*Mrs. Caskey's 1st graders pose in front of a Mt. Morris fire truck.*

# Junior Achievement Program



*“I am really excited to bring Junior Achievement back to Mount Morris Elementary School. The program allows our students to gain knowledge about our community and the global economy. Our second graders and our fifth graders will certainly enjoy this amazing learning experience.”*

~ Rachael Greene,  
Mt. Morris Elementary  
School Principal

The Livingston County Business Education Alliance (BEA) is pleased to be kicking off the 2016-17 Junior Achievement Program year. Thanks to the strong support of educators, business partners, and the community at large, the BEA will continue to provide the Junior Achievement Program as well as many other BEA initiatives.

Junior Achievement is the world’s largest organization dedicated to educating students in grades K-12 about entrepreneurship, work readiness and financial literacy through experiential, hands-on programs.

Junior Achievement’s unique approach allows volunteers from the community to deliver curriculum while sharing their experiences with students. Volunteers transform the key concepts of the lessons into a message that inspires and empowers students to believe in themselves, showing them they can make a difference in the world.

## Return to Mills Mansion

Our friends in Diane Gears’ fourth grade class were thrilled to return to Mills Mansion this fall. The fourth graders also spent the afternoon at Letchworth State Park where they visited the Humphrey Nature Center and the Council Grounds. The students recently learned about Mary Jemison, the white woman of the Genesee, so they were very excited to go to the Council Grounds where they were able to view Mary’s gravesite, monument, and homestead.



*Mrs. Gears’ 4th graders learn the history of Mills Mansion.*



*Mrs. Gears’ 4th graders enjoy the Council Grounds at Letchworth State Park.*

## Student Spotlight

### Emily Kenney



*Jump out of the Fishbowl and into the Ocean*

Emily Kenney, 17, is a Mt. Morris Senior and has a lot to look forward to. Emily has been accepted to her number one college choice, SUNY Brockport. She aspires to be an English teacher.

“My mom said to look at SUNY schools because they are good teaching schools; I went to SUNY Brockport and it was love at first college,” said Emily.

People that know Emily would say that she always wanted to be a doctor, but when Emily entered tenth grade, inspiration struck.

“I was helping a fellow student out with his math homework and he looked at me and said, ‘You should really be a teacher’, I said ‘no, I want to be a doctor because doctors help people,’ said Emily. “He told me teachers are better because they teach people how to become doctors. From that moment on, I wanted to become a teacher.”

While Emily has no fellow classmates or friends attending SUNY Brockport, she is very excited to live away from home. Emily is looking to Double Major in Special Education and General Education with a concentration in English, as well as a minor in Spanish.

Emily expressed that without the support of her friends and family, none of this would be possible. Emily came to Mt. Morris CSD when she was in the fifth grade. Emily came from a small private school where she was repeatedly bullied to such an extent that she could not focus on her academics and was misdiagnosed with ADHD. Upon entering Mt. Morris CSD, Emily immediately found what she was looking for - the sanctuary of friends.

Some of Emily’s best friends are reaching for their aspirations and inspired Emily to do the same along the way. “Lucy is going to Keuka College, and Timothy is joining the military,” said Emily.

Emily has participated in a number of extra-curricular activities such as drama club, chess club, stage crew, and volunteering at the school library. Emily participated in basketball for three years but left the team to focus on her academics.

Emily has held her place on the honor roll throughout her high school career. She feels that a major factor in her early acceptance to SUNY Brockport was her SAT scores, as she received her acceptance a mere three days after the college received her scores.

If Emily could offer only one piece of advice, it would be, “No matter how outrageous your dream is, just go for it. If it changes that just means you’re adapting into who you are supposed to be, but take good notes along the way.”

Looking back on her time here as a Blue Devil, Emily remembers Ms. Bowens fondly as she gave Emily the inspiration to become an English teacher. Emily also remembers the dedication of Mrs. Gala, to whom Emily dedicates her passing all of her math Regents exams.

“Don’t let your home life discourage you. Your home is a fishbowl, jump out of the bowl and into the ocean and show the world what you can do,” said Emily.

## Student Spotlight

### Jordan Lewis



*There is no place you can't go.*

Jordan Lewis, 17, is a Mt. Morris Senior who aspires to help people. As a well-known member of the MMCS athletic scene and all-around great student, Jordan is daring to be excellent!

Having held his place on the honor roll throughout his high school career, Jordan is also a member of the varsity soccer and track team.

“I always wanted to be in the medical field in some way, whether I become a doctor or something else,” said Jordan. “I just want to help people.”

Jordan has attended Mt. Morris CSD his entire academic career and many of his friends are split between going off to college or heading into the military.

Looking back on his history as being a Blue Devil, Jordan fondly remembers the effort put forth by teachers like Mrs. Gala and Mr. Paley, both math teachers who helped Jordan achieve his highest academic level as math was not the easiest subject for Jordan.

“Mrs. Gala pushed me to be my best as I always struggled with math,” said Jordan. “Mr. Paley was also my track coach. I considered him my friend.”

Jordan has recently been accepted to Daemen College and is awaiting acceptance to Nazareth College. Having applied to both schools with the goal of earning his Doctorate in Physical Therapy, Jordan is eager to go wherever the road may lead.

When first researching potential colleges, Jordan applied to Daemen and Nazareth College, taking proximity, cost and courses into account. However, Jordan expressed that if he does get accepted to Nazareth College, he will choose that over Daemen College, although attending Daemen would hold some perks for Jordan. Jordan is the recipient of the President’s Scholarship having scored exceptionally well on his ACT exam. If Jordan attends Daemen, he will receive \$11,000 a year for five years.

Upon completion of college, wherever that may be, Jordan plans to either open his own Physical Therapy clinic or work at a hospital.

One key to Jordan’s success is his attitude and work ethic. “As long as you try and put forth the effort, there is no place you can’t go,” said Jordan.

# Students Thrilled by Rotary Donation



Three members of the Mount Morris Rotary Club visited Donna Todd's, Gina Chesnes', and BOCES third grade classes on October 27 and distributed *Webster's Dictionary for Students* to each of the students. The Rotary members explained what the Rotary Club is and how the organization aims to help children. Distributing dictionaries to students is one of the things that the Rotary does to contribute every year. Upon completion of their presentation, the eager third graders spent the rest of the day leafing through their new dictionaries.



(L-R) Rotarians Gail Cochrane, Dan Santini, and Linda Lomnicki distribute dictionaries to 3rd graders.

# First Quarter Honor Roll

## 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

### HIGH HONOR

Ethan Ackerman  
Lillian Bacon  
Kristian Cady  
Ethan Carlock  
Tesa Coleman  
Devon Crawford  
Rose D'Angelo  
Andrew Edlen  
Molly Gardner  
James Hotchkiss  
Selena LaBarbera  
Jordan Lewis  
Nelly Lin  
Grace Rowley  
Lucy Sweeney

### HONOR ROLL

Anthony Delgado Rivera  
Lauren Ferraro  
Timothy Fleming  
Tristen Gandy  
Reed Goho  
Hannah James  
Emily Kenney  
Joseph McCart  
Shoniqua Patterson  
Meleah Pescini  
Jason Yencer

## 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

### HIGH HONOR

Colin Brickwood  
Madeleine Clinton  
Cesar Coyote-Medina

Spencer DiSalvo

Kane Hoag  
Linda Lin  
Francisco Mendez Lugo  
Monique Nichols  
Christian Passamonte  
Madelynn Regal  
Trinity Rodriguez  
Angel Santos  
Nicholas Torcello  
Devon Young

### HONOR ROLL

Yaslaitza Anaya Martinez  
Tatium Benedict  
Melissa Cappadonia  
Alex Crespo Lazu  
Joshua Hart  
Vanessa Mancuso  
Kristin Rawleigh  
Anderson Torres  
Tatiana Vazquez

## 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

### HIGH HONOR

Carmen Cruz  
Parker Estruch  
Danine Herrera Olivo  
Isaiah Kenney  
Aleyshka Lopez-Crespo  
Nayellie Martinez Pena  
Tristen Merrill  
Nogah Pescini  
Joelle Provino  
Gabrielle Rowley  
Alec Spicciati  
Emily Sutherland

## HONOR ROLL

Joseph Luckenbach  
Justin Martin  
Alexis Peck  
Kirsten Rivera  
James Sprague  
Holli Waldron  
Kathleen Warren  
Brianna White

## 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

### HIGH HONOR

Jesse Bacon  
Danielle Callaro  
Alyssa Cornelius  
Jose Coyote-Medina  
Robert Hartigan  
Conner Markel  
Peyton Martin  
Calem Merrill  
Kiona Morf  
Erica Morgan  
Ryan Morgan  
Gary Mullen  
Gideon Rowley  
Yaigsa Sepulveda  
David Waterman III

### HONOR ROLL

Nathan Callaro  
Savannah Nunez  
Taylor Steen

## 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

### HIGH HONOR

Liz Junery Crespo Toledo  
Brandon Fleming  
Edmee Lopez Crespo  
Charles Martell-Dale  
Treyton Monteleone  
Evelyn Morf  
Kody Mosher  
Gabriel Simons  
Alivia White  
Elizabeth Young

### HONOR ROLL

Isabelle Chesnes  
Isiah Frye  
Jillian Smith  
Jason Spears

## 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

### HIGH HONOR

Jeylismar Betancourt Colon  
Kimrey Conley  
Paige Conley

Dominic Coyote-Medina

Jye Crocker  
Abriel Gazzetta  
Ian Lin  
Daniel McCart  
Courtney Merrill  
Sofia Quilo Illescas  
Brittany Rathburn  
Hope Rowley  
Hunter Rowley  
Stephen Somers

### HONOR ROLL

Marshall Gaddy  
Briana Lang  
Nicole Martell-Dale  
Isabella Martinez-Serrant  
Natalie Muscarella  
Trinita Muscarella  
McKenzie Ryan  
Josiah Shattuck  
Shaemus Simons  
Phaelen Waldron

## The Principal's List

Junior High students who receive a quarterly average of 96 or higher will be recognized on the Principal's List. Congratulations to the students who reached this achievement during the first quarter:

## 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Elizabeth Young

## 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Ian Lin  
Brittany Rathburn

# Odyssey of the Mind (OM) expanded to two Division I teams and two Division II teams for the 2016-17 school year!

Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program that provides creative problem solving opportunities for students from Kindergarten through college. Team members apply their creativity to solve problems that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics. They bring their solutions to compete on the local, state, and world level. Thousands of teams from throughout the U.S. and from about 25 countries participate in the program.

Creativity is being taken away from the world, and it is up to Odyssey teams to rescue it! This is the problem that our two Division I Mt. Morris Odyssey Teams will have to solve. The team will create a humorous performance about an unexpected superhero who encounters three different situations where they must save creativity in some way. The performance will also include a clumsy sidekick, a nemesis character, a choreographed battle, and a cliffhanger ending.

Our two Division II Mt. Morris Odyssey teams will create and present an original performance about time travelers looking to discover the inspiration for great works of art. The future and the past collide about important works of art – both existing and yet-to-be-created. The OM team travels through time – twice into our past and once into our future. They will see how two classical artists were inspired and introduce a team-created artist from the future. The performance will include how the three works of art positively impact the world, a visual and audible effect that indicates when time travel is occurring, two re-creations of the classic works of art selected from a list, and a team-created work of art.

Team practices are after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays and 1-2 Saturdays per month. They are currently scheduled to have 130 hours of practice prior to the regional competition.

This year the Regional Competition will be held at York Central School on March 11, 2017. The States Competition will be held on April 8, 2017.



## We Need Your Help! Bring In Your Box Tops!

Box Tops are found on various food products and are worth 10 cents each for school

districts that send them in to the Box Tops for Education program. The funds are used for enrichment opportunities, school supplies, and other daily needs of our students.

Send your Box Tops in with your children. Community members can drop them off in the Main Office or mail them to the attention of MMPTSA at 30 Bonadonna Ave, Mt. Morris, NY 14510.

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