Superintendent’s Message

Good Things are Happening at School

Dear Friends of Frankfort-Schuyler:

As we enter the second semester of this school year, let us take time to congratulate our students and staff for the many accomplishments that have been earned during the year. Many of these accomplishments and activities are included in this newsletter. Also, I encourage you to check out our district website (www.frankfort-schuyler.org) for more information about student activities and programs. There are definitely “Good Things Happening At School.” With your continued support of our students and staff, I am confident that the achievements and successes will continue.

Thank you for your support of the Maroon Knights!

Robert F. Reina
Superintendent of Schools

Turn to page 6-7 to read about the good things that are happening throughout the Frankfort-Schuyler School District

FSCS Mission Statement

Our purpose is to provide a positive learning environment in which students and staff will have the opportunity to experience success and become lifelong learners.

FRANKFORT-SCHUYLER PRIDE - LET IT SHOW!

BOCES PRE-KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Thursday, March 12, 2020
8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Frankfort-Schuyler Elementary School

*Your child must be four (4) years old before December 1.

What to bring:
• Copy of child’s birth certificate
• Proof of residency (ex. school tax bill or electric bill)
• A picture of the child

Questions: Please call 315-895-7491 or 315-867-2098

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Monday, March 16, 2020 - 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 17, 2020 - 8:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. & 4:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.

*Your child must be five (5) years old before December 1.

What to bring:
• Birth Certificate
• Proof of residency (preferably a mortgage statement or lease agreement, no driver’s license please)
• Immunization records
• Small photo for a bus pass
• Proof of most recent physical
• Proof of dental visit
• Custody papers (if applicable)
Frankfort-Schuyler Clubs Come Together for St. Jude Run/Walk

On Sept. 14, members of the Frankfort-Schuyler Friends of Rachel Club, Key Club, National Honor Society and Builders Club came together to raise money and awareness for St. Jude.

There were 21 teams including the Frankfort-Schuyler Knights and 124 total participants who walked/ran the 5K in Whitesboro, N.Y.

Annual Will’s Fight Day Held at Frankfort-Schuyler to Honor Senior Willy Linscott

Frankfort-Schuyler CSD held “Will’s Fight Day” for Willy Linscott on Sept. 27. Willy is a senior at Frankfort-Schuyler. He was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia in 2016 and has been in remission since then. However, due to complications from treatments Willy, one year later, would need and receive a successful bilateral lung transplant. In the Summer of 2019, Willy had been diagnosed with severe pneumonia, which resulted in the need for a second bilateral lung transplant.

During “Will’s Fight Day,” students came together wearing red and black to represent Willy. They walked laps around the track in his honor, raised money to assist Willy and his family, wrote him well wishes and released balloons to bring awareness to Will’s fight.

On the day of “Will’s Fight Day” at Frankfort-Schuyler, and after 95 days of waiting, Willy’s family received the news that a donor had been found for him. On Sept. 28, he had his second lung transplant and has since been doing well. Willy continues his studies from home and is looking forward to graduating this year. He continues with his daily regimen and exercises and has even been skiing this winter.

*We wish Willy continued health and a speedy and successful recovery!*
Frankfort-Schuyler Elementary Students and Staff Participate in Breast Cancer Walk

On Oct. 16, Frankfort-Schuyler Elementary School held a mini-walk for breast cancer awareness in the gym. Students and staff, adorned in pink, participated in the walk.

There were three survivors on the team, so it was a particularly special cause for all participants.

Frankfort-Schuyler Elementary Students Win “It’s Cool to be Kind” Contest

Students in Ms. Humphreys’ class completed a “kindness pizza” sheet by performing acts of kindness and thoughtfulness throughout their days, and ultimately were one of several winners of the “It’s Cool to be Kind” contest.

This contest was sponsored by WKTV, Compassion Coalition, Roser Communications, The Pizza Box, Rock and Jump, Utica Center for Development and Rick Turk.

As their prize, students were given school supplies, bracelets, Rock and Jump passes, as well as pizza. Teacher Ms. Humphreys was given a new desk chair.

It sure is cool to be kind!
Elementary School News

Frankfort-Schuyler Elementary Takes Part in Anti-Bullying Pledge and Celebrates Unity Day

On Oct. 23, Frankfort-Schuyler Elementary students and staff came together to wear orange and sign anti-bullying pledges.

Orange, the national color representing Unity Day, was the dominant color in each and every classroom as students read aloud and signed their anti-bullying pledges, promising to be inclusive and kind to all.

Students learned about bullying, its potential harm and the importance of acceptance and inclusion, all pillars of the foundation of Unity Day.

Frankfort-Schuyler Fifth Grade Choir Visits Residents at Foltsbrook Center

On Nov. 14, the fifth grade choir at Frankfort-Schuyler paid a visit to residents at Foltsbrook Center in Herkimer, N.Y.

The students, led by elementary music teacher Mr. Hance, sang patriotic songs they had prepared for the elementary school’s Veterans Day Celebration and gave residents holiday cards that were created by the elementary art classes. This was the first time the students have performed at Foltsbrook Center.
Frankfort-Schuyler Elementary Holds
Veterans Day Program

On Nov. 8, Frankfort-Schuyler elementary school students, staff and community members came together to give thanks and honor those, specifically living in the local community, who have fought for our freedom.

The program included musical performances by student singers and instrumentalists, guest speakers Herkimer County Clerk Sylvia Rowan and Major Scott Helmer, an essay contest, an introduction from local veterans in the crowd and a lunch for all. The students created patriotic artwork, hung throughout the halls displaying their gratitude for all to see. This program was made possible in part by contributions from many local businesses and eateries.

Frankfort-Schuyler Elementary Hosts
Brian Chevalier Character Education /
Anti-Bullying Assembly

On Sept. 12, Frankfort-Schuyler Elementary School treated their students to a fun and interactive assembly with Brian Chevalier, who has been engaging and inspiring audiences in schools since 1995.

Mr. Chevalier’s assemblies are full of song and dance and encourage full audience participation. He performs original character education songs that get students on their feet and singing along. His performances celebrate good character and share messages about respect, fairness, cooperation, bullying, good citizenship, teamwork, responsibility, making healthy choices, caring, sharing and empathy with the students.

Students at Frankfort-Schuyler Elementary School enjoyed their time with Mr. Chevalier and will carry the lessons he left with them for the remainder of the school year and beyond.

Utica Comets Hockey Players
Visit Frankfort-Schuyler K-Kids

On Nov. 12, two Utica Comets hockey players paid a visit to the K-Kids at Frankfort-Schuyler. K-Kids is a community service club for elementary students, sponsored by the Frankfort Kiwanis Club.

K-Club students in grades 3-5 were there for the visit from Utica Comets goaltender Richard Bachman and defenseman Guillaume Brisebois. The players spoke about their journeys to becoming professional hockey players, did a Q&A session with the students and signed autographs. Each student also received a magnetic Utica Comets season calendar.

There was also a group of middle school students in attendance from the Builders Club, also sponsored by the Frankfort Kiwanis Club. The Builders Club students played a game of floor hockey with Bachman.
Good Things Happening

1. The Middle School Builders Club has been very busy. In December, the students met with the Kiwanis Club and helped wrap Christmas presents. The members also decorated more than 100 cookies, which were distributed to local organizations to share with the elderly in our community.

2. Middle School art students made and decorated Christmas ornaments for residents of the Foltsbrook Home.

3. National Junior Honor Society members have participated in several service projects, including raising more than $450 for local flood victims after the Oct. 31 flood, working with the Gram Lorraine Christmas Clothing program providing holiday gifts for local children and participating in the Math-A-Thon, raising more than $1,500 for St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital.

4. Frankfort-Schuyler, in cooperation with Project Fibonacci, will be hosting a drone camp for eighth grade students.

5. Representatives from WKTV and the Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority will be meeting with our sixth grade students to discuss weather, television, broadcasting and the garbage/recycling process.

6. In the Elementary School, students in the K-Kids club (sponsored by Kiwanis) collected three bags of mittens and hats for Catholic Charities.

7. Elementary School students delivered snowman pins and Christmas cards to local senior homes. The pins and cards were made by the students. In addition, the fourth grade chorus presented a concert at Foltsbrook. The fifth grade students presented a concert at the Mohawk Homestead.

8. In January, the Elementary School hosted its first Career Day for our students. People working in a variety of businesses were able to teach the children about their careers.

9. The Elementary School is once again participating in the Chemo Comfort Bag program. These bags, which will be filled with comfort items such as fuzzy socks, hard candy, hand sanitizers, gum, chapstick, tissues and supportive notes, will be delivered to cancer centers throughout the Mohawk Valley, Albany and Syracuse. You may contact the Elementary School office for additional information.

10. Frankfort-Schuyler, in cooperation with the United Way and the Herkimer County System of Care Project, will be offering the Ready For Kindergarten (R4K) project. This project helps to identify and create bridges between families and children, ages 0-4, with community resources and the school. The goal is to help children become socially, emotionally and academically ready to learn. More information will soon be available.

11. Frankfort-Kiwanis Club will present the 46th Annual Kiwanis vs. F-S Faculty Basketball Game. The event will take place on Friday, March 6, starting at 5:30 p.m., in the F-S High School gym. A suggested donation of $1 can be made for attending the event. A concession stand will also be available. All proceeds will benefit the Ilion-Frankfort food pantry.
Good Things Happening

F-S Mohawk Valley All-Stars

Frankfort Schuyler athletes Hailey Traut (soccer), and Tyler Rosati, Alex Vohid, Jeff DeSarro and Michael DeRollo (football) were selected as All Mohawk Valley All-Stars.

2020 National Junior Honor Society Outstanding Achievement Award

The following students have been nominated for the 2020 National Junior Honor Society Outstanding Achievement Award:

Colin Bick
Angela Lyubezhanina
Somali Mathlin
Jenetta Merdanovic
Brianna Mullenax
Molly Reid

This award is given to NJHS members who have demonstrated excellence in scholarship, service, leadership, character and citizenship.

Greater Utica Area Honors 19 Music Students

Nineteen music students in Grades 6 through 12 were nominated for and participated in the Greater Utica Area Honors Wind Ensemble and Middle School Concert Band. Students attended three rehearsals and performed a concert in January.

The event was organized and led by Director of Bands at Syracuse University Dr. Bradley Ethington and by Kristyn Cutler, band director at Westmoreland High School.

The Middle School participants were: Isabella Paragi, William Cool, Natalie Smith, Thomas Eck, Joseph Mathlin, Addyson Thibault, Xion Wilson, Colin MacDonald, Colin Bick and Olivia Urtz.

The High School participants were: Angelina Tangorra, Maddison Winters, Haley McKernan, Jayden Guyer, Xander Wilson, Brandon Kosicki, Dante Palumbo, Victoria DeLuca and Nathan DiStefano.

Frankfort-Schuyler All-State Football Team Selections

The Section III Class D champion Maroon Knights were honored with five players - including a pair of first team selections in seniors Tyler Rosati and Alex Vohid.

Rosati and Vohid were each selected as Class D first team offense players. Rosati, a running back who was an honorable mention all-state pick last year, rushed for almost 1,300 yards and 21 touchdowns. Many of the gaping holes Rosati and his fellow backs ran through were opened by lineman Vohid.

Frankfort junior Jeff DeSarro was selected to the second team defense as a defensive back, but he accounted for more than 1,200 passing yards and set a school record 16 passing touchdowns as a quarterback.

Senior offensive end Michael DeRollo and senior linebacker Joe Parrotta rounded out the Frankfort-Schuyler honorees as honorable mentions after helping the Maroon Knights capture the program’s first Section III title since 1982 after completing an 8-3 season.
Frankfort-Schuyler Central School District’s New Senior Citizen Outreach Program Organizational Committee Facilitates Community Involvement

Frankfort-Schuyler Central School District’s Senior Citizen Outreach Program exists to encourage intergenerational relationships and activities between Frankfort-Schuyler students and community senior citizens.

The Friends of Rachel Club is in its eighth year at Frankfort-Schuyler and is made up of students in grades six through 12 who wish to make a positive impact on the school and community. In the Friends of Rachel Club, members seek to spread kindness and compassion by attempting to address the five challenges of the Rachel’s Challenge national organization: look for the best in others, dream big, choose positive influences, speak with kindness and start your own chain reaction. The club has been one of several driving catalysts in the establishment of the Senior Citizen Outreach Program at Frankfort-Schuyler CSD.

In an effort to connect with senior citizens in our area, the Friends of Rachel Club is carrying out an already realized dream of theirs by hosting a Senior Prom on February 15. Some highlights of the night include bussing from local nursing homes, on-site aid and health professionals, student-dancing and socialization volunteers, light food, a DJ, photo booth and corsages for guests.

In addition to initiatives such as the Senior Prom, Frankfort-Schuyler CSD students have performed holiday concerts at the Foltsbrook Center and made visits to area facilities to interact with seniors.

Angie Dorantes, activities director at Foltsbrook Center, said, “Our residents love to see the students, especially the interactions they have had over the holiday season. Our Senior Living residents are looking forward to the computer class that will be beginning soon. Our residents love to continue to learn and the student involvement and interactions brings them such joy.”

A Senior Citizen Outreach Program planning and organizational committee, responsible for facilitating current and future initiatives, includes representatives from several Frankfort-Schuyler clubs.