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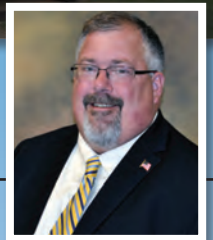
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Welcome Back to a Successful 2016-2017 School Year!



Message from the Superintendent



Once upon a time in education, we would wait for students to fail exams and/or classes before they would be offered extra help. Too often this approach led to most students never making a full recovery and they would be strapped with academic/social difficulties through graduation if they graduated. For example, 17 years ago New York State issued regulations

requiring all students who scored a 1 or 2 on a grades 3-8 ELA or Math exam to be provided academic intervention services (AIS). AIS provided additional ELA and/or Math instruction to affected students. The problem with this model is it applies interventions to student's year's after they first show signs of having difficulty. In other words, the help came too late.

Today in education, we know it is well proven that if we interact with students immediately upon them experiencing academic and/or social difficulties that we can help the students permanently overcome the issue. For example, if a child is having problems comprehending what they read, their teacher will apply specific strategies unique to the child's needs. The teacher will try different strategies until the child experiences success. In "edu-speak" we call this "fidelity".

Today, at Frontier we are moving past the AIS mandate and are instituting this early intervention model. This program is called Multi-tiered System of Supports (MTSS). The intent of MTSS is to support students immediately when they begin to show signs of becoming at risk for not being successful. Supports would be provided to the student and monitored for fidelity. If the student does not demonstrate improvement we increase the frequency of supports. This continues until the child becomes successful.

AIS is laudable, but we will not wait for test scores to support our students. Our district vision requires us to do whatever is needed so all kids can be successful.

Respectfully,
Bret

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Frontier Dedicates Press Box



A dedication ceremony was conducted September 16, before the Frontier Falcons varsity football game. The press box was renamed in honor of the district's former grounds chief, Steven M. Plumer, who died August 1, 2016. Steve was an essential part of the Frontier family for more than 35 years, and he was whom the athletes, past and present, remembered as "the guy" who always took care of the athletic field.

Family, friends and colleagues gathered before the game to pay tribute to Steve in a most fitting manner.



Frontier Board of Education President, Janet MacGregor Plarr, officiating the dedication.

Points of Pride

On October 18, the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, proudly commended the following students, staff and community:

- Middle School teacher, **Tricia Applegate**, along with PTA members **Tracy Conway** and **Christine Wright**, who coordinated a PTA funded summer reading incentive program for Middle School students. A total of 128,000 pages were read by students during the summer and more than 75 prizes were awarded to the readers.
- High School student **Christina Pierino**, grade 10, for her artistic talent and creativity for designing the cover of the 2016-17 Frontier Central School District Calendar. 
- High school student **Janie George**, Middle School student, **Josie George** and Pinehurst student, **Zachary George**, for raising more than \$5,000 for the “Spinal Muscular Atrophy Research Team” or S.M.A.R.T. Janie George is the driving force behind this charitable event. She runs the entire fundraiser together with her siblings, Josie and Zachary, selling wristbands that read *Frontier Pride* on one side and *S.M.A.R.T.* on the other.



Left to right; Board of Education member, Taz Guishard; Middle School teacher, Tricia Applegate; PTA officers Tracy Conway and Christine Wright, and Board member David Patton.



Left to right, Board of Education Vice-president, Davis Podkulski; Zachary George, Janie George, Josie George and Board of Education member, Marty Lalka.

Frontier Middle School Teacher, **Amber Chandler**, who has written a book for fellow teachers, *The Flexible ELA Classroom: Practical Tools for Differentiated Instruction in Grades 4-8*. Amber’s book helps to guide teachers as they reshape their classrooms to be a flexible, personalized learning space.



Left to right; Board of Education member, Pat Boyle; Christina Pierino and Board of Education member, Larry Albert.

Cloverbank Elementary Welcomes the following teachers:



left to right; Laura Bannister, Katelyn Piraino, Katie Mawer and Sara Suranyi.

Laura Bannister
Grade 4

MS Teaching English as a Second Language, Canisius College; BS Childhood/Special Education, Canisius College; substitute taught at Frontier and Orchard Park Schools.

Katelyn Piraino
Grade 4

MS Ed. Childhood Special Education, Buffalo State College; BS Childhood Education, Buffalo State College; taught at Buffalo Schools; long-term substitute at Frontier and taught Summer School at Buffalo Public Schools and Frontier.

Katie Mawer
School Psychologist

MS, CAS; School Psychology, Niagara University; BA, Psychology, Daemen College; worked in the state of Vermont for three years.

Sara Suranyi
Grade 5

MS Curriculum Instruction, Buffalo State College; BS Childhood Education, Nyack College; substitute taught for Frontier, Buffalo Public Schools and Syracuse Central Schools.

Big Tree Elementary Welcomes the following teachers:



left to right; Molly Cook, Suzanne Makowski and Amy Smith

Molly Cook
Grade 3

MS Ed Elementary Ed, Medaille College; BS Communications, Canisius College; taught three years at Seminole Springs Elementary in Eustis, Fl.; three years at Nativity of Our Lord School, Orchard Park.

Suzanne Makowski
Grade 5

MS Elementary Education, Medaille College; BS Early Childhood Education, Medaille College; long-term substitute at Ellicott Elementary, Orchard Park and long-term substitute at Pinehurst Elementary.

Amy Smith
Grade 4

MS Literacy, Buffalo State College; BS Childhood Education, SUNY Geneseo College; taught six years at St. Amelia School, Tonawanda.

Blasdell Elementary Welcomes the following teachers:



Rachel Reimondo and Amanda Zawierucha

Rachael Reimondo
Special Education

MS Differential Instruction, St. Bonaventure University; BA Early Childhood Education, Niagara University; taught at St. Peter & Paul School, Hamburg; long-term substitute at Tapestry Charter School, Buffalo and long-term substitute at Frontier Middle School.

Amanda Zawierucha
Kindergarten

MS Ed Literacy, St. Bonaventure University; BS Early Childhood, SUNY Cortland College; taught three years at Edukids UPK program, Hamburg and two years elementary in Indianapolis, Indiana.





Pinehurst Elementary Welcomes the following teachers:



left to right:
Kaitlyn Quinlivan
and Shana Stahl

**Kaitlyn Quinlivan
Grade 1**

M.S. Ed., Literacy, presently at Canisius; BS Childhood & Sp. Ed., SUNY Geneseo; preferred building sub at Pinehurst.

**Shana Stahl
Grade 4**

MS Special Ed., Buffalo State College; BS Childhood Education, Daemen College; taught grades 5/6 at Baker Victory for three years; worked at Aspire of WNY and substitute teacher for Frontier.

Frontier Middle School Welcomes the following teachers:



Melinda Phillips, Shannon Connors and Sarah Stanton

**Melinda Phillips
Special Education**

MS Science Educational Studies, SUNY Binghamton; BS Childhood Education/ Students with Disabilities, SUNY Geneseo; taught two years at Johnson City School District, NY and Hancock Central School District, NY.

**Shannon Connors
Music**

BS Music Ed., Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam; MS Music Ed., Buffalo State; taught Middle and High School music in Silver Creek Central School District.

**Sarah Stanton
English**

MS Literacy Specialist, University at Buffalo; BS Childhood Education, SUNY Fredonia; long-term substitute at Bishop Timon St. Jude and long-term substitute at Hamburg Central School District.

Frontier High School Welcomes the following teacher:

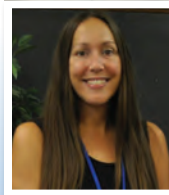
**Nicolette Bannister
Special Education**



MS Differentiated Instruction, Canisius College; BS Childhood Inclusive Education, SUNY Fredonia; worked at Erie 1 BOCES and taught at WNY Children's Psychiatric Day Treatment Center.

Frontier Central School District Welcomes:

**Jill Cooke
School District Social Worker**



MS Social Work, University at Buffalo; BS Criminal Justice, Buffalo State College; worked for Mid Erie Counseling & Treatment Services for five years as a Mental Health Counselor and Program Supervisor, and On Track at Lake Shore Behavioral Health as an Outreach and Recruitment Specialist and Primary Clinician.

**Andrew Mencer
Students With Disabilities**



MS Social Studies Education, Niagara University; BA Special Education, Niagara University; worked at Erie 2 Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES

Alternative Education Consultant Teacher and Erie 2 Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES Special Education Social Studies Teacher.

**Timothy Blevins
Supervisor of Transportation**



The district extends a warm welcome to Timothy Blevins, recently appointed to serve as Supervisor of Transportation. Mr. Blevins joins Frontier after working 15 years as Head Mechanic for the Grand Island Central School District. He is an active member of the Head Mechanic Association, serving as both president and vice-president, the WNY NYS Pupil Transportation Association and the School Bus Instructors Association.

Tim's number one goal is to have a 100% safety record; transporting Frontier children safely is a top priority. He would also like to continue building morale amongst transportation staff and organize various activities.

Mr. Blevins is a Frontier alumni and resides in the Village of Blasdell with his wife.



Terrific Kids

We wish to congratulate the Frontier Terrific Kids in Grades 4 and 5 that are honored each month by the Kiwanis Club of Hamburg as being Thoughtful, Enthusiastic, Respectful, Responsible, Inclusive, Friendly, Impeccable and Caring.

OCTOBER 2016

Blasdell

<u>Grade 4</u>	<u>Grade 5</u>
Madison Andrisani	Anna Feldman
Ava Carcione	Grace Gordon
Jacob Macpherson	Angela Haji Ramazan
Madison Osborne	Edward Kelley
	Marcus Schwarzott

Big Tree

<u>Grade 4</u>	<u>Grade 5</u>
Brooke Grabowski	Allison Groth
Karla Lessord	Carlene Mack
Sophia Oaks	Rafael Marquez
Santana Romyak	Nicholas Shea
Thomas Utter	

Cloverbank

<u>Grade 4</u>	<u>Grade 5</u>
Ava Chiappone	Brooke Banach
Maddyson Donisi	Noelle Bowman
Chase Porter	Cole Casciano
Autumn Reeder	Ryan Guilmain
	Nicholas Marsocci

Pinehurst

<u>Grade 4</u>	<u>Grade 5</u>
Grace Collins	Brooke Baumann
Olivia Eckhert	Quinn Callahan
Isabelle Kleinmann	Abbey McGuane
Colette Landers	Grace Mullins
Cole Rychlik	Anthony Venditi

NOVEMBER 2016

Blasdell

<u>Grade 4</u>	<u>Grade 5</u>
Jacob Aanerud	Evan Brown
Matthew Bridges	Jennifer Donaldson
Jordan Faust	Noah Schwab
Aidan Govenettio	Mackenzie Skybyk-Schuh

Big Tree

<u>Grade 4</u>	<u>Grade 5</u>
Bryan Flowers	Dominic Artemyak
Robert Kibler	Belle Cleary
Jack Michlinski	Brianna Fluker
Brenden Woods	Thomas Little
	Garrett Rautenstrauch

Cloverbank

<u>Grade 4</u>	<u>Grade 5</u>
Reed Coene	Mackyla Arce
Delaney Francavilla	Amanda Concialdi
Benjamin Michalak-Brown	Colin Galley
Aiden Niedermeier	Isabella Jusiak

Pinehurst

<u>Grade 4</u>	<u>Grade 5</u>
Brady Bozard	Eli Caldwell
Emily Carriero	Mallory Esford
Brandon Nowak	Gabriel Hasselback
Trevor Sealander	Jamison Newell
Maria Theisen	Tanner Smaczniak



Sunny skies and warm temperatures were the perfect setting for Blasdell Elementary students who participated in a Turkey Trot Marathon on Friday, November 18th. Instead of running the traditional 26.2 miles, everyone ran, jogged or walked for 26.2 minutes around a course designed by Blasdell's physical ed. teacher, Mr. Ostrander, with the help of retired physical ed. teacher, Mrs. Dunwoodie.

Big Tree Elementary

Congratulations Big Tree Elementary on winning the Weather Machine with Andy Parker from Channel 7 News! Meteorologist Andy Parker surprised the students and staff when he arrived in the gymnasium and announced they had won The Weather Machine assembly!

The Weather Machine presentation is a great STEM learning experience for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics geared for students in grades K-6. The contest promotes school spirit and can be a great learning tool for students to experience problem-solving, discovery, exploratory learning and actively engaging a situation in order to find its solution. Again this year I'll be demonstrating the "Green Energy" elements of The Weather Machine and how they are all around us. These demonstrations are meant to inspire the scientist and inventor in each student!



Andy Parker makes the announcement of winning the weather machine contest to the students.

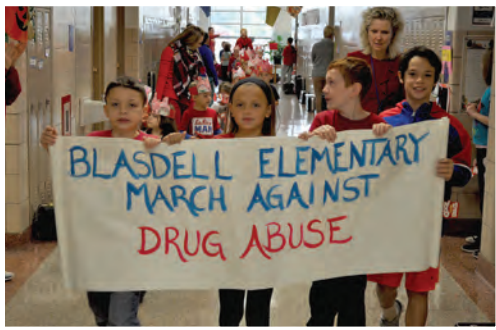
The Weather Machine is capable of producing all types of weather, from actual tornados & lightning to snowstorms and just about anything in between. The auditorium presentation is upbeat, and will keep you on the edge of your seat!

Blasdell Elementary

Red Ribbon Week – YOLO: You Only Live Once-Be Drug Free!



Blasdell Elementary actively participated each day with a different theme during Red Ribbon Week, October 24-28. On Wednesday, October 26, "March Against Drugs" Day was in full force with a student government lead march through the school while students donned "Just Say No To Drugs" masks. The march was to signify that drugs have no place in our community.



Student government officers lead the march through Blasdell's hallways. Left to right; Vice-president, Eddie Standish; Secretary, Avery White; Treasurer, Aiden Jablonski and President, Makai Cacatian.



Students marched through the halls wearing their "Our School is cool to do drugs" mask.

Cloverbank Elementary

Fire Prevention Week

Fire Prevention Day was established by President Woodrow Wilson in 1920 and extended to National Fire Prevention Week in 1922. It commemorates the Great Chicago Fire, the tragic 1871 inferno that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. The fire began on October 8 but continued into and did most of its damage on October 9, 1871.

Members of the Lake Shore Volunteer Fire Company made the annual visit to Cloverbank Elementary during Fire Prevention Week, spreading their message of fire safety, demonstrations and familiarizing the children with fire equipment.



Volunteer Firemen Craig Staffeldt incorporates a hug from his daughter Alexis while he and fellow firemen, Adam Norman, demonstrate fire prevention in Mrs. Buss's class.



Stop-Drop-and Roll! Firefighter Farris demonstrates to kindergarten children in Mrs. Kelly Buss's class the correct way to "Stop-Drop-and Roll".

Cloverbank Elementary Welcomes Board of Education

Cloverbank Elementary welcomed members of the Board of Education and Superintendent, Dr. Bret Apthorpe on November 7. The visit highlighted Cloverbank's students along with academic and cultural initiatives. Student Council members, consisting of 4th & 5th graders, guided the Board members throughout the building stopping at various rooms and explaining the academics of the classroom. Points of interest included the Builder's Club, Student Council, Band, Chorus, Orchestra, Adaptive Physical Ed room, Bucket Filler philosophy, and their new Reading Hall of Fame.



Board members listen tentatively to 5th-grade student council members, Megan Przybysz and Bailey Hart, during their tour throughout the building. Board members front to back; Larry Albert, Taz Gusihard, Cloverbank principal, Renee Kumiega and Pat Boyle.



The finale of the tour ended in the foyer with all 22 student council members thanking their guests for their visit to Cloverbank Elementary!

Cloverbank Elementary



Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week is an alcohol, tobacco and other drug and violence prevention awareness campaign observed annually. Each day during the campaign, students and staff participated in a theme day; Friday, October 28 was "Fashion Disaster Day, Don't Let Drugs Mix You Up!" These students really got into the spirit of the theme.



Pinehurst Elementary

Character Fair

The 13th annual Character Fair was once again a wonderful success, spearheaded by art teacher, Mrs. Laura Glista. The Character Fair incorporates bringing the community and character virtues together at Pinehurst for the students to experience. The whole day was filled with activities and demonstrations that encouraged the students to practice good character.



Students in Mrs. Edwards' class went outside for the 4-H horse demonstration learning respect, responsibility and caring for animals.



Mrs. Rogers' kindergarten class enjoyed their furry, Florida visitors; Eddie and Shadow. Both Greyhound dogs were rescued from Florida where they use to race.



Halloween Happiness at Pinehurst

From the hallway to the runway! Students in kindergarten through 2nd grade, walked through the hallways receiving high-fives from the students in grades 3-5 then proceeded to the stage to an arousing applause from parents waiting in the auditorium.



Middle School

Halloween Smiles

What to do with all that leftover Halloween candy? Well, the Middle School National Junior Honor Society had a great plan when they collected 259 pounds of Halloween candy. They sold the candy back to Winning Smiles Dentistry. The dentist sent the candy to military troops overseas. The National Junior Honor Society club will use the \$259 that they received toward a service project later in the school year.



Left to right; Detective Thornton, Tyler Eisen; Office Black, Reagan Godspeed; Chief Wickfield, Evan Kilcoyne; Lieutenant Dorrit, Elizabeth Daughtry; and sitting Mrs. Fairfax, Megan Quinn.

Mystery at Shady Acres

On November 2 and 3, the Middle School presented their annual play, *Mystery at Shady Acres*, a mystery/comedy by playwright Michelle R. Davis. The cast tried to solve the baffling theft of a diamond necklace belonging to Mrs. Fairfax, a wealthy American staying at Shady Acres, a cozy hotel tucked away in the remote English countryside in the late 1920s.

The light-hearted “whodunit” had enough twists and turns to make Agatha Christie smile!



High School

Frontier High School Hosts International Guests

Frontier Central High School's World Languages Department hosted its annual International Day on October 20.

A total of 29 students from the University of Buffalo's English Language Institute visited Frontier High School. The visitors were from a variety of countries including China, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Ethiopia, Colombia, South Korea, Vietnam and Iran/Qatar. They were accompanied throughout the day by Frontier High School World Language students and spent their time sharing their cultures with language classes and experiencing life in an American High School. After school, the International Club hosted a Halloween party for the entire group.

The intended purpose of this annual event is to foster cultural tolerance between students of different ethnicities and to create international friendships.



left to right; Nhu Nguyen from Vietnam and her host, Frontier French V student, Cassidy Weibel.



left to right; Momoko Adachi from Japan and her host, Frontier Spanish V student, Kayla Gawlak.



High School Homecoming!

The tradition of decorating Frontier High School's hallways kicked off the annual Homecoming celebrations. This year's theme for Homecoming was "Frontier Goes to Disney World"! Great summer-like weather enhanced the evening activities from Powderpuff game, food trucks, bonfire, pie eating contest, chicken bbq, parade and the Varsity football game against Orchard Park.



Music Club Presented . . . Relativity

Frontier High school Music Club presented their annual play, The Theory of Relativity, by Neil Bartram and Brian Hill. This unconventional and moving musical drama took place in a coffee shop and examined the interconnectedness of all people through an array of diverse life experiences. The Theory of Relativity introduced a compelling array of characters experiencing the joys and heartbreaks, the liaisons and losses, the inevitability and the wonder of human connection.

The outstanding performances took place October 27, 28, and 29. This new musical was a heartwarming, emotional, funny, and very real performance of life issues that pertain to young adults.



Frontier Seeks Nominees to League of Distinguished Alumni

Frontier Central High School is accepting 2016 nominations for consideration for induction into the League of Distinguished Alumni. Those selected will be inducted during the annual High School Academic Awards Ceremony.

The Frontier Central School District formed the *League of Distinguished Alumni* in 2014 to honor, recognize and celebrate the achievements of Frontier Central's most accomplished and distinguished alumni whose successes will be forever known to students, alumni and the Frontier Central community at large.

If you are aware of a Frontier graduate who should be considered, based upon the criteria outlined below, please forward the information, along with your name, address and phone number, to Jeffrey Sortisio, Principal, Frontier Central High School, 4432 Bay View Road, Hamburg, New York 14075, **by Friday, December 16, 2016**. A three-page nomination form of the nominee must be included, along with the information from his or her college or community accomplishments. Nomination forms are available on the *high school portion of our website at www.frontier.wnyric.org* under *Site Shortcuts*.

Criteria for Nomination to the League:

1. Has graduated from Frontier Central High School at least 10 years prior to his/her induction.
2. Has exemplified the highest standards of character in both his/her personal and professional life.
3. Has exhibited outstanding service in his/her profession at the local, state or national level.
4. Has displayed outstanding service in his/her community at the local, state or national level.
5. Has demonstrated exceptional leadership in his/her personal and/or professional life.
6. Has attained a high degree of success at the local, state, national or international level in any appropriate field of endeavor including but not limited to, academia, arts, business media, entertainment, medicine, military, music, public service, other, etc.

Note: Those excelling in athletics are directed to the Athletics Wall of Fame Nominating Committee



Frontier Varsity Club Hosts Turkey Drive

The Frontier High School Varsity Club started & has been spearheading the annual Thanksgiving turkey drive at Frontier for the past 25 years. Over those 25 years, the turkeys have been distributed to food pantries and churches including Hamburg, Lackawanna, South Buffalo & Buffalo. The vast majority of the turkeys are now kept local and are distributed to the food pantry at Union Presbyterian Church in Blasdell.

Over the past few years, large numbers of turkeys are now being distributed to families in need in our own high school, a program that has been initiated and developed by Assistant Principal Courtney Charleson-Smith. Many thanks to all the staff, students and high school clubs that have generously donated making the annual turkey distribution possible.



Varsity club members take a moment by the truckload of turkeys before unloading the donation to Union Presbyterian Church food pantry. Left to right; Brandon Dunz, Zach Gerken, Emma Booth and Shelby Simmeth.



Job well done! In the basement of Union Presbyterian after unloading more than 50 turkeys to the food pantry. Left to right; Shelby Simmeth, Emma Booth, Food Pantry Coordinator, Mary Eisenbeis; Varsity Club Advisor, John Cordier, Food Pantry volunteer, Elaine Hilty; Zach Gerken and Brandon Dunz.



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BULLETIN BOARD

Character Council Virtue

October 2016

Obedience vs. Willfulness

Obedience is quickly and cheerfully carrying out the direction of those who are responsible for me.

November 2016

Gratefulness vs. Unthankfulness

Gratefulness is letting others know by my words and actions how they have benefited my life.

December 2016

Generosity vs. Stinginess

Generosity is carefully managing my resources so I can freely give to those in need.

Frontier Central School District Vision, Values, and Beliefs

The Frontier School Community values and expects a Frontier education to provide life skills and academic skills that allow our students to be successful in any endeavor. A Frontier education will lead to a sense of value of charity, service and community.

Key Frontier Values

Altruism *Versatility* *Great Character*
Individuality *Community* *Family*

The Frontier School Community believes:

- In community service to support one another with empathy and generosity;
- All work is dignified and is of value to society;
- In showing compassion and tolerance towards others and self, without sacrificing personal values;
- Students are responsible, dependable young men and women who demonstrate a commitment to their learning in and outside of the classroom.