



Thursday, December 16, 2021

High School



- **COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION WEEK** - Mrs. Idland's AP Computer Science class celebrated Computer Science Education Week with a live virtual chat with an Amazon engineer. Students asked questions about how to become an Amazon engineer, and what it means to have a job in computer science.



- **CELEBRATION** - The Chess and Games Club held a special club-combo holiday celebration with the Egalitarian Club to enjoy some old-fashioned gaming challenges.

- **HOLIDAY SPIRIT WEEK** - The High School will be having a holiday spirit week as a way to kick off the last week before Christmas break. Please encourage your children to take part in the daily themes.



- **NEW TECHNOLOGY** - The Technology Education department has been modernizing its classroom for its students! New equipment like 3D printers, laser engravers, resin printers, plasma cutters, and much more is being used in conjunction with all new course content in Mr. Ouimet's classes to prepare students for engineering and technical school. Technology education focuses on project-based learning where students design, model, produce, and test their own products right here in the classroom.



Middle School

- **DOOR DECORATING** - FMS Student Council is sponsoring a Door Decorating contest. Students are decorating their classroom doors in the spirit of the holidays. There will be a winning room from each grade level. Winners will be given a special holiday treat!
- **DONATION DRIVE** - The National Junior Honor Society is sponsoring a Holiday Donation Drive to benefit the Buffalo City Animal Shelter. They are collecting toys, blankets, food, bowls, treats, collars and leashes.
- **CONCERTS** - The Music Department was happy to present Holiday Concerts in person this year! FMS Choral, Band, Orchestra and Jazz Lab added joy to everyone's holiday spirit!



Big Tree Elementary

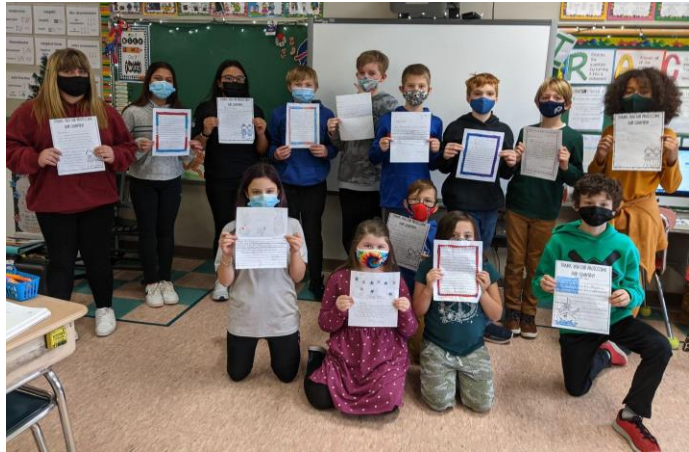
- **WEAR ORANGE** - Big Tree is wearing orange Friday, December 17, to support our tiny Falcon, Luca Calanni on what would have been, his 13th Birthday. Spare change will be collected to donate to the Luca S. Calanni Foundation. Money from the foundation goes right back into our Hamburg Community.





- **SCIENCE OF LIGHT** - Students in Mrs. Melanie White's first grade observed the properties of objects that produce light or sound waves, in our science kits.

- **LETTERS TO WWII VET** - After reading and discussing an article in the Buffalo News about Ed Stone, a U.S. Navy veteran that survived the attack on Pearl Harbor, Mrs. Makowski's students wrote letters to him.



Blasdell Elementary

- **CANDY CANE DAY** - Mrs. Ebeling's kindergarten class dressed up for candy cane day! They enjoyed writing their sight words in sugar and glitter using candy canes.



Cloverbank Elementary

- **SPIRIT DAYS -**
Cloverbank has Spirit Days starting Friday and leading up to break. Please wear Orange on Friday for "Live Like Luca" day to celebrate Luca's birthday and legacy. See the image for information on days next week.

Holi-YAY Spirit Days



December 17th- Live Like Luca
Wear orange as we celebrate the birthday and legacy of Luca Calanni.



December 20th- Ugly Sweater Day
Wear your ugliest crazy or holiday sweater.



December 21st-Holiday Colors & Hats Day
Wear red, green, white, blue, silver or gold or a holiday hat to show your holiday spirit.



December 22nd- Flannel Day
Wear a flannel or plaid shirt so you look warm on these cold winter days.



December 23rd-Pajama Day
Wear your coziest pajamas the day before Winter Break!



- **CONCERT -** The Annual Fifth Grade Winter Concert, which couldn't happen last year, returned this year to a new venue. Thank you to Frontier High School for hosting our Cloverbank Band and Chorus members for a lovely concert last week.



Pinehurst Elementary



- **DECADES DAY** - Phoebe Gollnau and Kaitlyn Prior from Mrs. Howard's first grade class and Kylie Long and Bradyn Lammerhirt from Mrs. Evancho's second grade class celebrated the decades of the 1960s and 1970s.

- **GOT WATER?** - In Mr. Penberthy's class, as part of the 5th grade "Got Water?" science unit, one of the lessons is a simulation of the negative

effects of plastic waste, oil spills, acid rain, and pesticides on lake animals. Each student simulated an animal and had to collect food (beads) from the gym floor. In the second round all students except for four were hindered by one of the pollutants and had to modify their eating (illustrated by walking while holding their ankles) which then affected their ability to survive by collecting enough food. Students then compared the ability of the healthy animals to survive vs. the animals effected by pollution. Pictured is Brody Kasprzak.





Frontier Central School District

- **ADMINISTRATION UPDATE** - Starting on January 3, 2022 the District will make an administrative shift in two buildings. Mrs. Thurston will be joining the Blasdell Elementary staff as the new Interim Principal and Ms. Lester will be joining the High School staff as the new Acting Assistant Principal. We look forward to a smooth transition for the students, faculty and staff of each of the buildings and wish both Mrs. Thurston and Ms. Lester the best with their new positions.
- **FINAL HOLIDAY CONCERT SCHEDULE** - I have had the opportunity to witness the excellence of our students and staff in our Music and Performing Arts departments. Below is a list of the remaining Holiday concert season:
 - High School Orchestra & Band Concert, December 16, 7:00 PM
 - High School Choral Concert, December 21, 7:00 PM
 - Pinehurst Band Concert, December 22, 6:30 PM, High School
- **ATHLETICS** - The 22nd Town of Hamburg Lions Club Basketball Tournament kicks off today. The Tournament hosts four southtown schools of Frontier, Hamburg, Lake Shore and Lackawanna. This JV and Varsity Tournament starts on Thursday, December 16 and ends on Saturday, December 18. The Town of Hamburg Lions Club has donated thousands of dollars in scholarships for Frontier Students since the beginning of the tournament. We can't thank them enough for their support of our Athletic programs and student athletes.
- **PARENT PORTAL UPDATE** - Over the past three months the District has been demoing student information systems (SIS). The decision on the direction of the SIS has been determined by the ability of the new system, eSchool, to communicate with our existing systems and usability for our staff. The three primary areas it needed to be compatible with are:
 - Google Classroom - Our primary digital medium for classroom instruction and distance learning when needed.

- eDoctrina- This system is used to build students assessments in the classroom and as an evaluation tool for our instructional staff.
- Versatrans (Tyler Technologies) - Versatrans is the system we use for our bus routing software.
- **AMSDELL ROAD** - Erie County Department of Public Works provided us with an updated road closure plan that will imminently impact our transportation runs to not only the Middle School but many of our other routine school runs. Below I have attached the schedule of repairs provided to us as a resource for your family:
 - 12/16- Single lane closure all day
 - 12/17- Amsdell Rd. Closed for all traffic 9am- 2pm
 - 12/20- Amsdell Rd. Closed for all traffic 9am- 2pm
 - 12/21-12/31- Single lane closure all day

Thank you for your patience as we work together through this potential traffic flow situation.

- **FALCON UPDATE** - This will be the final Falcon Update of the 2021 calendar year. I would like to wish all Frontier families health and safety during the Holiday Season. May the time spent with loved ones bring joy to the season.



High School PTSA

- **SOUP-PER-BOWL** - The Claws vs. Paws SOUP-PER-BOWL sponsored by the Hamburg Parent-Child Connection, Hamburg HS PTSA and Frontier HS PTSA will return Wednesday, February 9 at Hamburg High School. Do you have an amazing soup, chili or mac-and-cheese recipe? The Hamburg HS PTSA has once again challenged the Frontier HS PTSA to determine the "Best in Town." Please start preparing your submission. Information on how to sign-up will be coming soon.

Middle School PTA

- **ICE SKATING PARTY** - The FMS PTA took over the Nike Base this weekend for our Annual Ice Skating Party. We were excited to host you! By the looks of it, it was a fun time. A special shout out to our volunteers, thank you. Happy holidays from the FMS PTA to all of our Families.



Frontier Black & Blue Booster Club

- **FUNDRAISER** - The Frontier Black & Blue Booster Club is conducting a Frontier Mask Fundraiser in conjunction with the Buffalove store. Masks are \$6 and are available in adult and youth sizes from www.buffaloveapparel.com and clicking on Frontier Falcons.



FRONTIER Fundraiser



To raise money to support the Frontier Falcon Booster Club.



Frontier Face Masks \$6

Masks available in both youth & adult sizes.

2-Ply - Non Medical Grade - Anti Microbial - Reusable & Rewashable

Access fundraiser products by visiting buffaloveapparel.com, clicking on Frontier Falcons on the drop down menu or by shopping our retail store.

Don't forget to add a face mask lanyard to your cart while shopping!



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