

FRONTIER NEWS

Winter 2022

HAMBURG, NY 14075



Pictured from left, standing, Madelyn Ventre, Ethan Zydel, Jackson Radomski, Victor Wong, Brendon Busch and Elayna DiPasqua, sitting, Katelin Kerl, Gretchen Newell and Gracie Joyce.

Student Star Awards

Congratulations to the 2022 Southtowns Chamber of Commerce Student Star Award recipients from Frontier High School. The purpose of the award is to recognize many of the outstanding Southtowns students who significantly impact their school and/or community through extraordinary deeds and good character. Students are selected through a process of teacher nominations and committee voting. The annual award ceremony was held virtually again this year.

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Elementary Orchestra Concert

Districtwide, fifth grade orchestra students gathered to perform for their families at the Elementary Orchestra Concert. Read more on Page 6.



Pictured are Cloverbank fifth grade violinists, Grace Desmond and Peyton Porter.

2022 District Budget Vote Timeline

March 1 -

School Board Candidate nominating petitions available in the Office of the District Clerk

April 18 -

School Board Candidate nominating petitions due in the Office of the District Clerk by 5pm

April 19 -

Board Adopts 2022-23 Proposed Budget

May 3 -

Budget Hearing, meeting is anticipated to start at 7pm in the Frontier Education Center

May 17 -

Budget Vote & Election, 7am-9pm at the Hamburg Senior Community Center



IMMEDIATE OPENINGS

- Bus Driver
- Bus Attendant
- Auto Mechanic
- Cleaner
- Laborer
- Groundworkers
- Teacher Aide
- Food Service Helper
- School Lunch Monitor
- Substitute LPN/RN
- Substitute Teachers (certified and uncertified)

For more information, go to www.frontiercsd.org/employment

Message from the Superintendent

Frontier Families:

Incredibly, we are at the halfway point for the 2021-22 school year. In-person instruction has replaced remote or hybrid learning, and we continue to work toward a sense of normalcy. All of our athletic, musical and academic programs are successfully up and running. We are working closely with our PTA groups in all of our buildings to allow complete access to our facilities and allow children and families access to all of their incredible events.

As we continue through the year and look forward to the future, Frontier Central School District is transitioning into the budget season. This year the District is the benefactor of additional funding from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) and the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA) which will directly assist in the establishment of programs to address students' learning needs and their social-emotional wellness. As the budget process continues and we internally audit our programs, I invite the community to follow the budget process on our website and/or conversations during our District Board meetings. If you cannot attend the meetings live, please follow us on YouTube. You can find the links on the District homepage under "District News" on the day of the event, or access previous Board meetings in the Board of Education section on the website. As a reminder the District's budget hearing is May 3, 2022, followed by the budget vote on May 17, 2022.

The SOAR capital project is up and running! Currently Phase 1 of the SOAR project is under review at the State Education Office. The District anticipates approval of Phase 1a which includes considerable construction work on our high school athletic complexes, and all of our elementary buildings. Highlighted work at the elementary schools includes:

- New playgrounds
- Upgraded kitchen lines
- Renovated classroom space at Pinehurst Elementary
- Parking lot renovation at Big Tree Elementary

Phases II, III and IV will address the middle school, high school, all-purpose athletic field with lights and further infrastructure components in all of our buildings.

Finally, I would like to remind the community to continue to follow all of the District's activities and events in the Falcon Community Update. Spring is around the corner - Go Falcons!

Sincerely,

Christopher Swiatek
Superintendent



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Schools

District News

Falcon Community Update



In order for the Frontier Central School District to share news and positive announcements with the school community, we have developed the Falcon Community Update. This weekly newsletter will share brief snippets from each of our schools, athletics and PTAs about recent activities and upcoming events. In addition, the district will provide updates on any important information.

Read the weekly Falcon Community update at www.frontiercsd.org/falcon-community-update.



Victoria Reyes, Blasdel, Ms. Juron



Stay tuned for information on an upcoming art show at your child's school!



Giavanna Ditto, High School,
Ms. Beyette



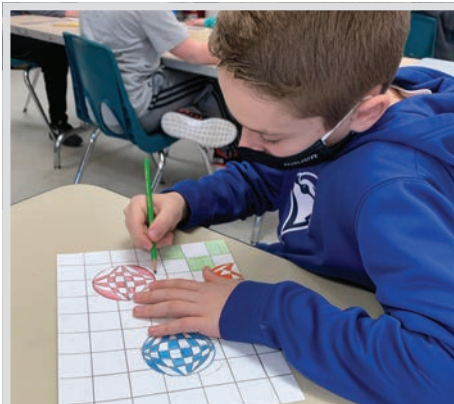
Sophie Collins, Middle School,
Mrs. McCarthy



Jasmyn Caraballo-Pietri,
High School, Mr. Hartnett



McKenzie Jones, Middle School,
Ms. Schaefer



Dominic Boncore, Big Tree,
Mrs. Turner



Colson Spina, Pinehurst,
Mrs. Quinn

Seen Around Falcon Nation

"The Blasdell Bee is a piece of Frontier history and makes our school really unique. And I like knowing that when I move to middle school, even though I'll officially become a Falcon, I will still be with my Bees, my Blasdell Bees."

- Killian Zajac, Blasdell 5th grade student on the school mascot.



The High School Library Media Center did a collaborative lesson with Mr. Schober's journalism class to research newspaper headlines from "then and now." Students used primary sources dating back to the early 1900s to compare.



A toy fire engine was raffled off at Frontier Middle School to benefit the Luca Calanni Foundation. Pictured from left, front row: Carter Amodeo, Carter VanLew, Cullen Bishop-Marriott, Aiden Haertel and Reed Eckhart; back row: Raffle winner Mrs. Nicole Phillips, Brett Stack, Tanner Rutz and Mrs. Ashley Calanni, Luca's mother.



Cloverbank's Annual STEAM Day was November 24. Students went through six centers with STEAM activities planned by Library Media Specialist Miss Sommer.



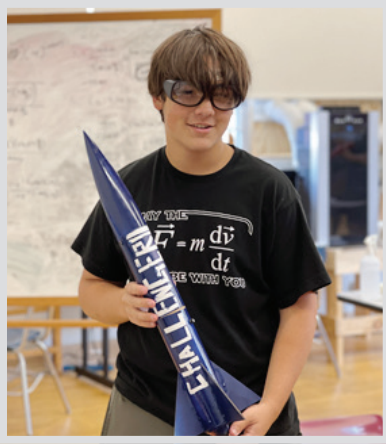
Big Tree first graders welcomed 2022 by writing resolutions and celebrating with a confetti-filled "Noon Year's Eve" countdown.



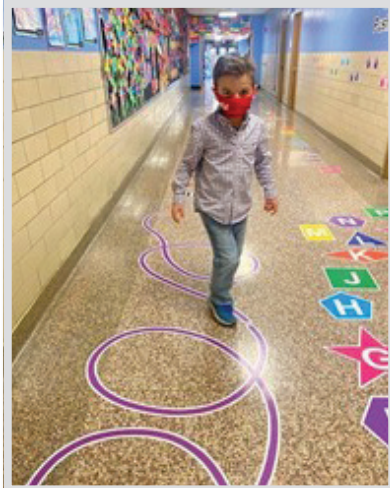
Each child in Mrs. Koteras' second grade class at Cloverbank was assigned a day in December to bring in a food item for a needy family. They collected two boxes of food for a family in our community.

"I love playing the violin. All the people in the orchestra are really nice and make it so fun!"

-Peyton Porter, Cloverbank 5th grade student on Elementary Orchestra



The Technology Education department has been modernizing its classroom with 3D printers, laser engravers, resin printers, plasma cutters, and much more in conjunction with all new course content in Mr. Ouimet's classes to prepare students for engineering and technical school.



The Pinehurst PTA purchased a sensory path! The students have been enjoying all the different commands, including tip toeing along a narrow path, and finishing with a tree pose to calm themselves.



Big Tree students enjoyed a virtual Pep Rally with Mr. Scudder and Mr. Zienski to get everyone ready for the Buffalo Bills' big game. Classes enjoyed singing and dancing to "The Bills Make Me Wanna Shout!" Pictured is Ms. Kowalczyk's class.



Pinehurst held their annual Turkey Trot on November 24. Pictured are grade level winners with Mrs. Lester and Mr. Dreyer: Avery Duszkievicz, Alex Szafranek, Josie Fanning, Asher Tardif, Alaina Ritz, Griffin Faust, Charlotte Chido, Nathan Same, Kennedy Amodeo, Aubrey Conti, Keaton Braun, not pictured: Ainsley Jakubowski.



Blasdell Student Government organized the Hat and Mitten Drive this year. Thank you, Blasdell families for your kind and generous donations!



On November 18-19, over 100 middle school students took part in the musical, Elf! The students performed four different shows in two days.



Blasdell's new Interim Principal, Mrs. Shannon Thurston, shares her love of reading with Mrs. Jakubowski's kindergarten class.

Elementary Orchestra Concert is a Success

Fifth grade Elementary Orchestra students took to the stage for the first time in their instrumental careers on January 11. It was a wonderful experience for the students and their families in the audience.

"The students were thrilled to play for their families. At home they only get to hear them practice one part, but it is so much better when all of the students are playing their parts together," Elementary Orchestra Teacher Mrs. Jacqueline Dubill said.

Orchestra students also found opportunities to perform in school and at the Frontier Educational Center around the holidays.

Last year, the students, who were then fourth graders, learned their instruments virtually, but despite some physical challenges to not learning in person, the students were very dedicated to practicing their instruments. Although, they were unable to have the end of year Beginning Strings concert last May, 30 students from each elementary school were still able to come together for a wonderful show this year.

In addition to the physical benefits of playing an instrument, Elementary Orchestra students learn dedication, discipline, collaboration and much more that will help them as they transition to the middle school. The Elementary Orchestra rehearsal and concert are also a



Lucy Kick, Candace Newman and Anna Domanowski.



Blasdel fifth grader, Wyatt Long. Wyatt introduced the second song called "Bohemian Stomp".

chance for the students from the different schools to interact with other fifth graders that they will call classmates next year.

Mrs. Dubill has been teaching at Frontier for 15 years and loves being a part of the development of young performing artists from the first time they pick up an instrument, to perfecting "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star," and on to learning to read music.

"When I see their reaction to mastering a piece for the first time and they know that it is a result of their hard work, that is my reward and why I love teaching our fourth and fifth graders," she said.

Middle School Play Full of Mystery and Laughs

Frontier Middle School will present the play "Three Murders and It's Only Monday" on Thursday, April 28 and Friday, April 29 at 7pm.

This murder mystery comedy follows private eye Harry Monday as he investigates three murders and the strange circumstances surrounding them. Join us as the plot unfolds!

Tickets will be on sale for \$3 and can be purchased from Ms. Heidi Margic, Ms. Joann Mis and members of the cast and crew through a ticket order form.

Please keep an eye out on our website for more information. Details are subject to change based on COVID-19 guidelines or restrictions at the time of the production.

Signing Days Held for College-Bound Student Athletes

Frontier High School held two NCAA signing days in November and January, honoring a total of four students committing college athletic programs. In November, Hannah Weiss signed with John Carroll University to play lacrosse and Haley Gerken signed with LeMoyne University to play volleyball. In January, Gavin Borrello signed with the University of Albany to play baseball and Zachary Reid signed with Westminster College to play lacrosse next year. Congratulations to our student athletes!



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Sports Highlight



At the December 7 Frontier Board of Education meeting, the board commended the Girls Varsity Volleyball Team for winning the New York State Section VI Championship for the second straight year. Pictured are Ella Niedbalski, Morgan Pasternak and Coach Schrufer.



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High School Musical: Sister Act

Join the Frontier High School Drama Club for this year's musical production of "Sister Act." Join us on Thursday, March 17, at 7:00 PM and will continue Friday and Saturday, March 18 and 19 at 7:00 PM and Sunday, March 20 at 2:00 PM for a few laughs, some great toe-tapping and hand-clapping music, and the chance to support live theater in our schools!

Rehearsals are underway for this full-length Broadway-style show made popular by the Touchstone Pictures Motion Picture starring Whoopi Goldberg. Filled with powerful gospel music, outrageous dancing and a truly moving story, students will deliver an unforgettable performance!

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors and may be purchased at the door or by calling (716) 926-1720 ext. 2182. At this time, all patrons must wear a mask while in the high school auditorium.

Tickets:
\$12 adult,
\$10 student

To purchase,
call 926-1720
ext. 2182.



Deloris (front left), played by RaeAnna Gott and the nuns pose during rehearsal!



Paige Tomlinson, RaeAnna Gott and Emma Schwarzkopf.

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