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## DRYDEN MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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### Class Spotlight

#### FACS Small Business

Preparing students for life beyond the classroom is our ultimate goal. In the spirit of bringing high interest and real life activities to the classroom the period four Family and Consumer Science class have started a business; *The Muffin Movers*. The students will be selling baked goods to staff during their class period. Part of this experience includes the students participating in all aspects of being a small business. While we operate the cart, students will have jobs such as server, bookkeeper, inventory, distribution, and more. All the while working on health and hygiene skills, social skills, and money skills. The students are very excited about their new venture and are eager to test out their new skills.



*The Dryden Middle School mission is to promote the core values of excellence, integrity, and creativity.*

### Modified Winter Sports

Attention Modified Athletes ~ The Modified Winter Sports Session II starts practice on Wednesday, January 2nd.

Please get your Health History form and signed Code of Conduct to the Middle School nurse by the deadline of **December 7th**. You will not be able to practice/play without clearance from the nurse. Contact Mrs. Stamp in the Athletic Office with any questions (844-8694 ext 5243 or [Istamp1@dryden.k12.ny.us](mailto:Istamp1@dryden.k12.ny.us)).



## All-County Music Festival

Each year, The Seneca Tompkins County Music Educators Association (STMEA) hosts all county music festivals for select student musicians from throughout the two counties. Selection is based on student's New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) solo ratings from last spring in comparison with candidates from the other participating schools.

Representing Dryden School at this event is an honor that carries with it a considerable time commitment both in terms of school rehearsals and home practice. The Jr. High Honor Band will spend over nine hours together preparing for their concert performance.

This year's festival will take place right here at Dryden Central School. The STMEA All County Music Fall Festival Concert will be held on Saturday, November 17, 2018 at 2:00pm.

This concert will feature three performing groups: Junior High Orchestra, Junior High Concert Band, and High School Concert Band. This concert is free and open to the public. All are welcome to attend.

The 2018 Dryden Middle School Concert Band participants are as follows:

Erin Dobson

Alyssa Annonson

Emma Park-Miller

Obadiah Smolenski

Maxwell Haney



## Fall BOXTOP Challenge

HUGE Congratulations to Mrs. Czarnecki's homeroom for winning the Boxtop challenge. She collected over 480 boxtops!

Find more information about Dryden Middle School on the web at: <https://ms.dryden.k12.ny.us/>

## Technology Class

Eighth grade students have been working hard in our Aerodynamics and Flight Unit. We just got done with our balloon lab where we tested the properties of air using balloons in different stations. One major station that can be seen in our first picture was to see how many helium balloons it takes to lift up a ruler.

We also released some helium balloons outside with some pre-written notes saying we would like our balloons returned to school and asking for a return note saying where the balloon was found. Both of these stations were meant to show the properties of air and its affects on flight.

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The sixth grade robotics classes are hard at working creating different props to match their robotics' track themes. These two pictures are only a small glimpse at what students are making for their tracks. Students have learned many different techniques and used many different types of tools to in this robotics program project. Now in the final stages of making tracks, these students will soon see their Edison robot travel through their tracks including a haunted house, Spongebob's neighborhood, and the landscape of the Night Before Christmas. Students have worked very hard and we cannot wait to show their final products.





# Ecology Unit

## Living Environment

Eight grade living environment students are continuing their unit on ecology, the study of nature. These students have been going outside in all the rain and observing abiotic and biotic factors and collecting goldenrod galls and cutting them open to analyze their contents. Graphing has been a huge component and the students are continuing to refine their skills in that area.



The science department is beginning a huge study on the new bus garage and its ecological impact on the North campus area. Students are collecting soil and water samples and taking photos of the biodiversity pre-bus garage. Samples and data will continue to be taken throughout the project as contractors start cutting down the land to make way for our new bus garage.

## Middle School Music



*“AABA Form”  
Compositions by  
6th graders in  
Robert McMahon’s  
music class*



## Middle School Musical

On Friday November 9th and Saturday November 10th over 70 Middle School students participated in the Fall Musical, *'Getting To Know ... Once Upon a Mattress.'* Once Upon a Mattress is a parody on the story of the Princess and the Pea. Princess Winnifred (Emma Park-Miller) swims the moat of the castle to get to Prince Dauntless (Ben Anderson). Upon her arrival, Winnifred is underestimated and bullied because of her personality and physical appearance by the Queen (Ainsley Bouffard) and Wizard (Jill Miller). But with the help of new friends like Lady Larken (Ella Goggan), Winnifred helps the castle inhabitants learn that being different isn't always a bad thing; in fact, your differences are what make you special and unique. The members of the cast and crew put in approximately 150 hours of preparation while getting ready for the production. The weekend was a massive success with 700 people in attendance between the two performances.

# Student Council Update

Past events:

- **Halloween Dance** -was a huge success. More than 200 students attended, many in costumes. A costume contest was held and the students that had the best costume were given free admission into a future dance. The price of admission is \$5.00 and all the profits go towards activities and programs that benefit our students. Students can also earn free admission to the dance by following the rules and expectations, earning Dryden Dollars and turning those dollars into free dance admission.

Current events for student council include:

- **Holiday food drive** - the food drive helps to stock our local food pantry during the holiday with a goal of 360 food items. The winning grade will win an ice cream social or donut party.
- **Seasonal door decorating contest** - the students also love to decorate the doors of the school, brightening up the halls. The winning team of decorators will earn a donut or pizza party.

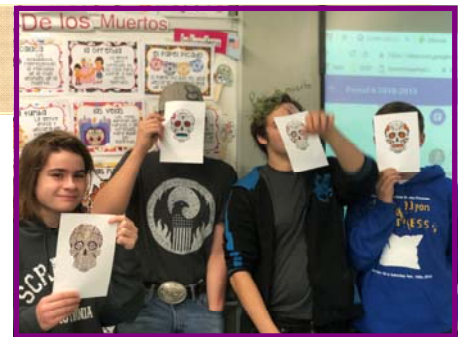
Future Events:

**Dodgeball Tourney** - sometime after the holidays we plan to have our 2nd annual dodgeball tourney



## Spanish 1

*Students in 8th grade Spanish are enjoying learning about the Mexican celebration "Dia De Los Muertos"*



## 6th Grade Science

In Sixth grade we have finished our first unit on Scientific Process and Metric Measurement. Students were able to learn the material with many hands on activities. Highlights from the units included:

- Bounty Lab
- Rice Krispie Lab
- Temperature Lab
- Popcorn Lab
- Chromatography Lab

We have started our unit on Ecology and looking at Disruptions in our Ecosystem. We will be taking a closer look at the wolves of Yellowstone and the impact of zebra mussels on the Hudson River.

