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DRYDEN MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Student Council Update

6th Grade Science

Students have been busy immersing themselves in Ecology and applying what they are learning about the wolves in Yellowstone to an ecosystem closer to home. Before the holidays they were working on a group project creating a food web of a local ecosystem and tracking how matter and energy move through that food web. Student groups presented their webs to the class. We will finish Ecology early in January by studying the effects of zebra mussels on the Hudson River ecosystem. Our next unit of study will be Energy and Matter.



success is a fun grade level competition. This year the 6th grade were victorious and as a reward they were given a make your own sundae party before heading off for Thanksgiving Break.

The halls are looking festive as the student elves are busily decorating the doors of the classrooms. Every year students try to out do each other with themes, moving parts and elaborate door designs. The judging will take place on Thursday, December 20 after school. The winning team will receive a pizza or donut party.



MS Student Council

This is a busy time of year for student council. We held a very successful Thanksgiving food drive, thanks to all parents that sent in food items with their child. We collected over 360 food items, passing our goal of 350 items. All items were given to the local food bank to help families in need in our community. The secret to our food drive



The week before the holiday the school celebrated with a holiday spirit week. Students were able to wear pajamas to school, dress up as their favorite Christmas character and of course wear an ugly sweater. Staff enjoy these weeks too.

Family and Consumer Science

Cooking Up a Holiday Treat 🏠

It's no secret that the 7th graders taking FACS this semester know how to cook! Pictured here are our enthusiastic chefs working in the food lab to prepare muffins. There wasn't a bad batch in the bunch in this first time endeavor and the whole place smelled simply divine.

FACS recipes are never top-secret either so if you have a craving for a muffin, ask your student to bake for you during holiday break. It's good practice for them, and a wonderful gift for you!



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Transportation Technology

Eighth grade Transportation Technology students have been hard at work during our boats' unit. They have been very active in creating the direction and unit questions of our unit. They found their boat design by conducting solid research and now they are finishing up their

creations and they will be testing them in the pool on Friday, December 14th. Awards will be given based on the best looking boat, the best dressed crew, and the most spectacular sinking!



2018 Fall 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. Student selections were based on New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) solo ratings from last spring in comparison with candidates from the other participating schools. This year Dryden had the honor of hosting the 2018 Fall Music Festival. Guest conductor, Mr. Daniel Moshier (retired music teacher for the Carthage Central School district and past NYSSMA President) rehearsed the group from 9 am-2pm on Saturday, November 17 and the students performed an outstanding

concert at 2pm that same day. The Dryden Central Music Department would like to congratulate the following students for being accepted to participate in this year's 2018 Seneca Tompkins Music Educators Association (STMEA) Fall Music Festival Junior High All County Concert: Alyssa Annonson, Erin Dobson, Maxwell Haney, Erin Park-Miller and Obadiah Smolenski. Many groups and departments pitched in to make the festival a great success!



Dryden had the honor of hosting the regional 2018 Fall Music Festival

Along with all of the participating students and their families, the Dryden Music Department would like to thank the following: Dryden Administration Team, Dryden Music Boosters, Dryden Cafeteria Staff, Dryden Athletic Department, Dryden Buildings/ Grounds Staff, Dryden Custodial Staff.

Dryden Music Boosters

The Dryden Music Boosters is a parent organization that supports our PreK-12 Music Department. Our major spring fundraiser is the annual Jazz Dessert Night. The Dryden Music Boosters are seeking volunteers to help prepare for Jazz Dessert Night which will be held this year on Friday, April 26, 2019 in the Middle School Cafeteria at 7:00pm. Remaining Dryden Music Boosters Meetings will be held at 7 pm in Room D-8

on the following days:
Wednesday, 1/2/19
Wednesday, 2/6/19
Wednesday, 3/6/19
Wednesday, 4/3/19
Wednesday, 5/1/19
Wednesday, 6/5/19
If you are able to attend, please plan on entering the building through the Middle School main entrance. Thanks in advance for any help you can provide.

The Dryden Music Department would like to congratulate all of the Middle School performing ensembles for all of their hard work and dedication preparing for the first concert of the school year:
December 19, 2018
at 6:30pm.
The following music ensembles have been doing a great job all school year: Band 6, Band 7/8, Jazz Band, Chorus 6, Chorus 7/8.



Respect Workshop

Dryden Middle School counselors Eric Guercio and Rita Boettger presented a Respect workshop for sixth grade students in Mrs. Tasselmyer's science classes. Students were inspired to "courage up," follow the Golden Rule, and give their best effort every day. They watched short videos and participated in stations to consider the importance of respectful behavior, identify disrespect in scenarios, work together to brainstorm solutions to tough situations, and learn about different conflict resolution skills. We encourage you to continue this valuable conversation with your student at home.

Accelerated Living Environment

Eighth grade accelerated living environment students just turned in their lab reports on their fast plants experiment and learned that fertilizer really does help with plant growth. These students also started a project with the entire science department looking at the effects on our ecosystem behind the high school pre and post bus garage. We finished our big unit on ecology right before winter arrived and the 8th graders did well. We have now begun a unit on biochemistry and will be learning about the four organic compounds: carbohydrates, lipids, proteins, and nucleic acids.



They will do some experimentation with enzymes and also test foods for these biomolecules. We will also continue to look at the big picture of biology by studying trout in the classroom. They remember doing this in fifth grade, but they will get a more advanced version for the high school setting. Our trout have broken out of their eggs and are now feeding on their yolk sacs. Stay tuned!

*Do I not destroy my enemies when I make them my friends?
—Abraham Lincoln*