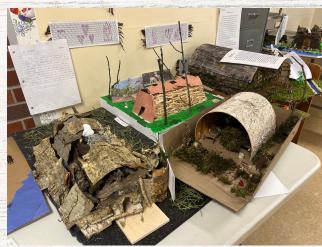


# SPOTLIGHT January 2024

## Stokes 4th Graders Bring History to Life with Longhouse Project





Stokes 4th graders are studying the history and geography of our state, including the contributions of Native American tribes. They learned about the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) Confederacy, meaning People of the Long House, and made longhouses. This hands-on learning project provides valuable insights into the region's rich cultural heritage. Making replicas of longhouses is a way for students to engage with and understand these historical structures' architectural and cultural aspects.



# Pre-K Students Learn about Martin Luther King, Jr.

After discussing Martin Luther King Jr., the Pre-K students in Mrs. Pinti and Mrs. Baker's class engaged in a writing activity. During this session, the children were asked to reflect on either a wish or dream or consider how they could improve the world, their classroom, or their home.

# Ridge Mills Students Spread Joy and Generosity with a Food Drive







Ridge Mills students spent two weeks collecting food items for donation to the Rescue Mission in December. "Complementing their efforts, each classroom engaged with the book "Maddi's Fridge," which explains food scarcity sensitively and gently while emphasizing themes of friendship, kindness, giving, and being a difference maker," said Ridge Mills Principal Michael Flagg.

"Grade levels competed to see who could bring in the most food to earn an ice cream party, but due to an overwhelming amount of giving and participation, the whole school won the prize!" said Flagg. <u>Stewart's Shops</u> generously donated the ice cream and toppings. The <u>Ridge Mills Elementary PTG</u> organized and facilitated this fun and meaningful event.



Rome Free Academy Junior Setter, Thylia Keoviengsamay (center) nicknamed the "volleyball quarterback" by her coach/father, Pete, reached the 1,000 career points milestone during a match on Jan. 12 against VVS. A member of the varsity team since her freshman year, Keoviengsamay is averaging more than 30 assists per game this season for the 12-1 (as of the end of the night, Thursday) Black Knights.

### **FREE ADMISSION** REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED



# **NEW YORK STATE CELEBRATES**

Panel Discussion & Film Screening Tues., February 13, 2024 at 2:30 PM Rome Free Academy, 95 Dart Circle, Rome, NY 13441



Join New York State, the Mohawk Valley Hate and Bias Prevention Regional Council, and the Rome NAACP for a screening of the State's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Observance and panel discussion on the pillars of his work. Register by visiting https://bit.ly/47MoD9v or scanning the QR code.





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# **Household Income Eligibility**



The Rome City School District seeks your assistance in ensuring that our district and community receive the full funding entitlement for which we are eligible. To achieve this, we kindly request your cooperation in completing the Household Income Eligibility Form (HIEF) <u>LINK to form</u>.

- 1. Completing the Form: Your participation is crucial for our district's receiving all the funding it deserves.
- 2. Submission Options: You have three convenient options for returning the completed form:
  - Use the provided self-addressed envelope for mailing.
  - Have your child bring the form to the cafeteria staff.

Full article on the District website: LINK



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