



DEPEW NEWS

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Summer 2024

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Message from the Superintendent

Within the next two months, the Depew Union Free School District will be welcoming their new Superintendent of Schools. As I look back on my time as Interim Superintendent of Schools in Depew, I am very thankful for the opportunity to have served this school community. The last six months have passed very quickly but I will always remember what we accomplished together in the District.

In this position, one gets to work with every aspect of the school community, including the Board of Education, teachers, instructional leaders, SEA staff and district architects and engineers. In each of these areas, we are all focused on creating the best educational experiences for our students.

My fondest memories, however, will be those spent saying good morning to the students in the hallways and getting to know them while observing their learning. My classroom visits were very meaningful as I observed the interaction between the students and their teachers.

At the elementary level, I saw firsthand how children with diverse backgrounds and cultures came together to share ideas and learn from each other and their teachers. Whether I was listening to the high school band prepare for an upcoming performance or observing young adults in the skilled learning classroom, each lesson demonstrated the diverse learning experiences here in Depew.

Another very special event was the sendoff for the varsity bowling team as they headed to the State Finals. The team walked the hallways of the high school and were met with congratulations and well wishes from their classmates and teachers. Later that week, they became state champions.

A great school district offers many different types of educational programs for students and I have come to learn that Depew is one of those school districts. I could see the full scale of these offerings as I attended the Annual Music Awards Night, the Art Show, the Athletic Banquet, the Breakfast of Champions and the Annual Middle School Freedom of America Essay and Art Contest. I also had an opportunity to attend the monthly meetings of the Academy of Finance, another one of Depew's outstanding educational programs.

Depew's children are in great hands with so many outstanding educators. I have been very proud and amazed at what I observed and learned about the Depew instructional programs.

Another very vivid memory was the "Parade of Graduates," an event that I will always remember, as prospective graduates paraded in their caps and gowns through the hallways of Cayuga Elementary, the Middle School and then the High School. The emotion of this event, with all of the other students standing in the hallways congratulating them and wishing the graduates good luck, will never leave my mind.

I have enjoyed my time at Depew and wish the best for the new Superintendent of Schools, the Depew staff members and the students of this great community.

Best Regards,

C. Douglas Whelan, Ed.D
Interim Superintendent of Schools



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DEPEW SCHOOL DISTRICT

Message from the Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Personnel

On June 30, 2024, I will be saying goodbye to Depew UFSD, ending my 19-year career as an administrator. This marks the conclusion of a four-decade-long career in education. Making this decision was not easy.



Joseph D'Amato,
Director of Curriculum,
Instruction and Personnel

Reflecting on my time in Depew, I am filled with gratitude for the countless opportunities to work with exceptional educators and support staff. Together, we have demonstrated that with teamwork and dedication, no goal is too lofty. We have faced challenges, celebrated successes, and remained committed to the growth and well-being of our students.

Throughout my career, I have had the privilege of working with remarkable families who entrusted me with their most precious treasures—their children. It has been an honor to witness the resilience, brilliance, and potential within each student. I want to thank you all for allowing me to be a part of their lives.

I would also like to thank the Board of Education members, for the opportunity to be a Wildcat and for their unwavering support over the years.

While saying goodbye is difficult, I leave with a profound sense of gratitude and fulfillment. The memories, friendships, and experiences I've had in Depew will always hold a special place in my heart.

I will sleep well knowing the district is in capable hands, and that future students will have the opportunity to grow and learn in the proud Wildcat tradition.

Sincerely,

Joseph D'Amato
Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Personnel

The Depew Union Free School District is conducting the census defined in New York State Education Law Section 3242

If you have children in your home 18 years of age or younger, or between the ages of 18-21 who have not yet graduated from high school, please provide all of the information requested.

If you do not have children within these age ranges you do not need to complete this census.

Scan the QR code to take the census or visit our webpage, depewschools.org/page/census



Depew Teachers Retirement Class of 2024

You may have retired, But your presence will linger, Inspiring us all.

Marcia Andolina

Sue Ellis

John Kling III

Joe Franjoine

Kelly Jeffords

Thank you for your many years of service and dedication to our Depew students and community.

Enjoy your well-deserved retirement. You will be missed.

DEPEW SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Wandering Wildcat is Here!

The Wandering Wildcat is officially in the Depew School Community! At the Color Blast Dash in June, hundreds of books were given out to Depew families as part of the new book program.

The Wandering Wildcat will be visiting different locations in the community and giving out books to Depew students in kindergarten through fifth grade during the summer months. Research shows this practice can help support literacy rates, strengthen the home-school connection, combat learning loss when school is not in session and build bonds within the community.

The Wandering Wildcat came to life through a grant secured by Mrs. Tonya Trumphour and Mrs. Erin Peszko. The grant is from The American Federation of Teachers through the Depew Teachers Organization. There were also book donations from the Western New York Teachers Desk and Penworthy Publishing. Mrs. Peszko and Mrs. Trumphour are so excited to see this program come to fruition.

Watch our social media for updates of July and August events you'll find The Wandering Wildcat!



On May 19, a team of Depew Teachers joined by many family and friends of beloved Depew teacher Sue Owens, participated in the 2024 Hospice Walk. The team was the second-leading fundraising team of the entire event, raising \$9,170 for this great cause. It was an emotional day as we remembered our dear friend and colleague who left us far too soon, but a beautiful way to honor her.



Thank you to the students of Connect Life Club who ran all the blood drives this school year.

TOP SENIORS



CONGRATULATIONS

to the

Top 12 of the Senior Class of 2024



1. Julie A. Durham

Valedictorian

Daughter of Mark and Molly Durham, Julie is set to embark on her collegiate journey at the University of Rochester. There, she'll major in psychology while also participating on the track & field team. Her ultimate goal is to become a forensic psychologist.



2. Sasa Nguyen

Salutatorian

Daughter of Hoang and Quy Mui Nguyen, Sasa is poised to attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute to study electrical engineering. Her sights are set on a career in the renewable energy sector.



3. Alyssa J. Ackman

Daughter of Renee Flynn and Douglas

Ackman, Alyssa will be in the honors program at SUNY Brockport. With a dual major in computer science and cybersecurity, she's contemplating a career path in software engineering or programming.



4. Jacob A. Mills

Son of Thomas Mills and Andrea White, Jacob is set to attend the University of Notre Dame. While he hasn't yet declared a major and remains uncertain about his future career path, he's eager to explore his options and find his passion.



5. Makayla R. Seawood

Daughter of Jerry and Susan Seawood, Makayla will be attending Duquesne University to study forensic science and law. She aspires to become a forensic DNA analyst and work in a federal laboratory.



6. Evan N. Kinderman

Son of Nickolas and Melanie Kinderman, Evan will attend the University of Rochester, where he'll major in biomedical engineering and minor in economics. He also plans to join the Long Distance Running Club.



7. Paige L.

Paige recently completed a year in the electrical program at the Potter Road Career & Technical Education Center. Her next steps include seeking employment and applying to join the IBEW Local #41 electrical union.



8. Addisyn R. Smacziak

Daughter of Joe and Wendy Smacziak, Addisyn will be in the physician assistant program at Daemen University and compete on the track & field team. She aspires to become a Dermatology Physician Assistant.



9. Christopher J. Kanick

Son of Joel and Traci Kanick, Christopher will attend Clarkson University to study aerospace engineering. He also plans to join the baseball team. His career goals include becoming an aerospace engineer with aspirations to work for a major global company.



TOP SENIORS



CONGRATULATIONS

to the

Top 12 of the Senior Class of 2024



10. Dmytro Chervonyak

Son of Valentyn and Iryna Chervonyak, Dmytro will be pursuing mechanical engineering at the University at Buffalo. His career aspirations involve starting with an engineering position and gradually establishing a successful business.



11. Ryleigh T. Scuto-Mills

Son of Leisa Mills and Michelle Scuto, Ryleigh will be in the honors program at Hilbert College, where he'll major in political science on the pre-law track. With aspirations to attend law school, his ultimate goal is to become a lawyer dedicated to advocating for social justice.



12. Ellie C. Evangelista

Daughter of Ronald and Heather Minotti, Ellie will be attending Niagara University, where she plans to dual major in international studies and English. She aspires to have a career as a literary translator and hopes to travel extensively.



**Rank is based on 7 semesters and is weighted.*

Class of 2024 Post-Secondary Plans

We're incredibly proud of everything our seniors have achieved so far and eagerly anticipate their future successes!
Below is a list of where the rest of the senior class will be heading next year.

Alfred State College

Alfred University

Buffalo State University

Canisius University

Charleston Southern University (S.C.)

Clarkson University

Daemen University

Duquesne University (Pa.)

Employment

Fashion Institute of Technology

Finger Lakes Community College

Fordham University

Genesee Community College

Hilbert College

Johnson & Wales University (N.C.)

La Roche University (Pa.)

Linemen Institute Of The Northeast

Local #14 NEIEP

Morgan State University (Md.)

Nazareth College

Niagara University

Nova Southeastern University (Fla.)

Ohio State University (Ohio)

Professional Culinary Academy

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Rochester Institute of Technology

Stony Brook University

SUNY Brockport

SUNY Erie

SUNY Fredonia

SUNY Niagara

SUNY Oneonta

SUNY Oswego

United States Air Force

United States Navy

University at Albany

University at Buffalo

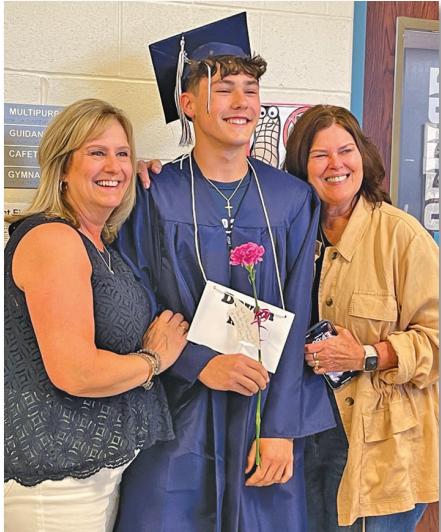
University of Notre Dame (Ind.)

University of Pittsburgh (Pa.)

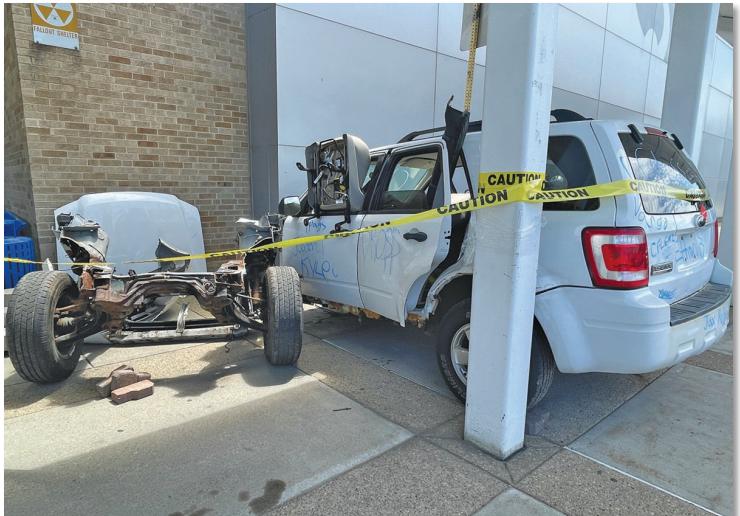
University of Rochester

University of South Florida (Fla.)

SENIOR CELEBRATION GALLERY



Seniors said their goodbyes as they walked the halls of Cayuga Heights Elementary, Depew Middle and Depew High School during their senior walk in May.



"Stick a fork in it, they're done!" The senior prank involved a disassembled car and forks in the grass as they marked the end of their school career.

SENIOR CELEBRATION GALLERY



Students and chaperones enjoyed a magical night at prom.



Home of Depew Senior signs decorated lawns throughout the district.



The Depew High School seniors who proudly voted in the budget and Board of Education election.



Sasa Nguyen and Alyssa Ackman pose with DHS Principal James Lupini.

DEPEW HIGH SCHOOL



Academy of Finance Students are becoming #FutureReady!

This year our AOF students have had the opportunity to participate in a variety of work-based learning activities. Students meet quarterly with mentors from the business community to work on career development skills; sophomore students attended a leadership conference at Canisius College in March, our juniors attended an etiquette and dining luncheon in April, and our seniors took a behind-the-scenes tour of Platter's Chocolates to see how this local business has become a leader in their industry.

In addition, our students built their College & Career portfolios which they used in our year-end Mock Interview Competition. These portfolios include students' resumes, cover letters, letters of recommendation, transcripts, attendance records, career and college research, and examples of their transferable skills such as leadership, time management, researching and managing information, interpersonal skills, teamwork and more. During our Mock Interview, students displayed their work, accomplishments and skills to our "potential" employers in hopes of being selected as the best candidate for the job.

Our hands-on, interactive work-based learning model helps to equip AOF students with the mindset, skills, and connections necessary to navigate their educational and professional journey after high school. We can't wait to see what the future holds for these prospective professionals!

DHS H.E.L.P. Club Getting into the Community

This year the DHS H.E.L.P. Club has been focused on spreading joy and developing community connections. Members of the group felt it would be a good idea to focus our energy within the school as well as at Elderwood. Some members of the group had previously volunteered with seniors and wanted to be sure they were honored, remembered and celebrated. They felt small mementos throughout the year would be good reminders that we are thinking of them. During December, members of the H.E.L.P. Club and Impact team crafted winter gnomes to deliver. In celebration of Spring, H.E.L.P. members designed greeting cards with handwritten notes and made chocolate-covered pretzels for the residents. We also delivered pretzels to the high school staff with a note of thanks for all they do. It has been found feeling grateful boosts happiness and fosters both physical and psychological health for both the giver and recipient.



Students Design and Build Mancala Boards

Mr. Raymond Cooper's Computer Integrated Manufacturing class successfully completed their Mancala Board Manufacturing unit. The unit consisted of Computer-Aided Design and Computer-Aided Manufacturing and allowed students to run their programs on the CNC Mill. Each student designed their board and produced the final product. At the end of the project, students competed in a bracket format Mancala tournament.

The 2024 Depew Mancala Champion was Ethan Mahoney, who defeated Maggie Bush 25-23.



DEPEW HIGH SCHOOL

Grim Reaper Day at DHS

On the last day of May, SADD students hosted Grim Reaper Day at Depew High School, a day to commemorate those who have lost their lives to substance abuse and distracted driving-related crashes. SADD members dress like Grim Reapers and throughout the day take “victims” who vow to be silent for the rest of the day. The day ended with an assembly with the District Attorney’s office and Victim Impact Panel warning high school students of the dangers and consequences of distracted driving and driving under the influence. Thanks to all the participants and presenters.



22-23 Yearbook Receives National Recognition

The Depew High School Yearbook Club is proud to announce that last year's yearbook, entitled "It's About Time" was featured in Volume 29 of Herff Jones' Portfolio publication. This publication features the top 10% of our publisher's books as a "best of the best" collection. This is the second year in a row our school has been featured. Our high school Yearbook Club has so much to be proud of!

DHS French Club Incoming Officers

The DHS French Club is proud to announce the incoming officers for next year:

Co-Presidents: Austin Smith and Emily Klima
Vice President: Arianna Rodrigues
Co-Secretaries: Anna Maki and Kayla Szuba
Treasurer: Savannah McKay

Our French Club Motto is: "Oui Love French!"



DEPEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

Freedom in America Essay and Poster Contest:

On Friday, May 10, the winners of the 50th Annual Depew Middle School Freedom In America Essay and Poster Contest were crowned. The winning essay was written by eighth grader, Gabby Maggiore. The winner of the poster contest was seventh grader, Teresa Lesinski. Both winners were awarded a cash prize, along with a plaque commemorating their achievement.

The assembly was held in the Depew High School auditorium in front of the entire middle school, families of the presenters and judges. The program was streamed on the district YouTube channel and also recorded by local news station, WGRZ Channel 2.

Mr. Sal Carlino and Mr. Joe Pagano, who planned and organized the contest, were extremely impressed with the finalists and their submissions.

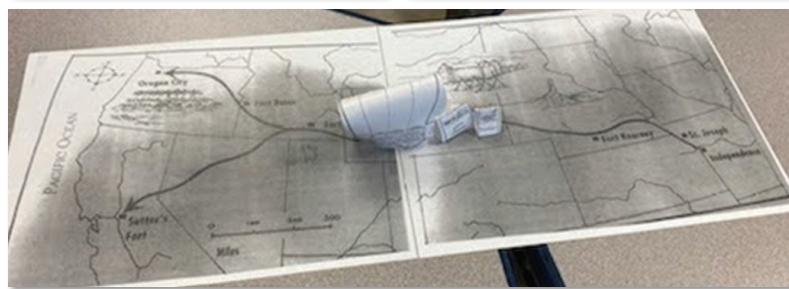
Several special guests were also invited to the event.

Mr. Anthony Caruana, retired middle school ELA teacher, and Mr. Bob Snyder, retired middle school art teacher, were among those in attendance. Mr. Caruana and Mr. Snyder created and ran the program during their time as Depew teachers. Both men were very excited to see the program still going strong.



Seventh Graders Role Play

Students in Mr. Sal Carlino's Social Studies classes enjoyed their study of Manifest Destiny. This was the period in the 1800s when more than a half million people moved west to Oregon and California. These families joined other families as part of Wagon Trains, led by a guide, who took them to their destination. Students had to select various items to carry on their wagon, including food, clothing, tools, supplies and family heirlooms. The twist was that they could only bring a select amount of items, having to leave some behind because of space and weight concerns for the wagon and the oxen that had to pull it. As in life, fate brought life and death, as well as success and failure along the way, which the students experienced throughout the activity. In the end, the students understood the factors that were part of this important time in American History, also known as Westward Expansion. While the purpose was to have fun, the students also had to think critically about their family's goals, and the pitfalls they may come across as they traveled west.



Innovation Station Class Attends WNY IMPACT Expo Conference

Eighth grade students in Mrs. Christine Rosch's Innovation Station class attended the WNY IMPACT Expo conference at Buffalo State University on May 20. They were among 400 people who came together to share and learn about technology and creative problem-solving. Students from many districts in the area, including Depew, shared their passion projects, which used innovation and the skills they had learned in their classes all year to help solve problems and make improvements in our communities.

They were able to experience a professional conference with keynote speakers, sessions presented by both students and community professionals and an opportunity to network with people from other school districts. This finale of the Innovation Station elective course earned the attending students a point toward their Seal of Civic Readiness in the high school. Everyone on the trip enjoyed the experience.



Delilah Torres Hirsch, who imbedded Makey Makey technology into her interactive display encouraging people to support sharks, and Anthony Brown, who designed and produced the Innovation t-shirts worn by Depew at the event in addition to creating a system to encourage more school attendance by students.

DEPEW MIDDLE SCHOOL/CAYUGA HEIGHTS

NJHS New Member Induction and Two-Year Recognition Ceremony

The Depew Middle School National Junior Honor Society inducted 22 seventh and six eighth graders into its chapter. In addition to achieving honor roll averages for three consecutive marking periods, students demonstrated strong examples of leadership, service, character and citizenship. Students participated in a candle-lighting ceremony relaying the 5 Pillars of Honor Society. New members also took a pledge promising to uphold the ideals of the Honor Society in their school and community. The ceremony also recognized the 29 eighth graders who are two-year members. Congratulations to all!

7th Grade NEW Members: Alexis Bridenbaker, Logan Cooper, Ashley Erman, Ryan Glinski, McKenna Groff, Carson Hartz, Luke Herman, Elliana Hoffman, Adalina LaMarca, Addison Lambert, Ella Mahoney, Shawna McCarthy, Michael McCluskey, Gloria Menavanza, Kelsey Michalski, Myles Munson, Cameron Nowak, Olivia Osborne, Selena Pierce, Travis Ruppert, Samantha Schilling, Madeleine Warden-London

8th Grade NEW Members: David Eugene, Geoffrey Jankowski, Ava Juszkevicz, Candide Menavanza, Madelyn Schroeder, Torrey Steinwandel

8th Grade 2-Year Members: Joseph Buenafe, Shayla Burns, Nicholas Colaizzi III, Emily Cordon, Chloe DesSoye, Owen Dickens, Cameron Faria, Lilah Fatta (President), Cassidy Krauze, Alexis Kuhl, Emily Leach (Vice President), Gabriella Maggiore, Brooke Massimi, Olivia Nagy, Alana O'Hara, Athena Ortiz, Carter Ostrowski, Bella Petruskas (Treasurer), Leonidas Reinhardt, Isabella Rivera, Steven Seelig, Avery Sywak, Jamie Tomasulo, Grace Vitale (Secretary), Calleigh Witkowski, Nathan Witt, Vilius Wolfe, Heather Yates, Lawson Zlotek



The newest members of the National Junior Honor Society.



Sixth graders enjoyed kickball for their annual field day in June.



Smiles all around as the eighth graders enjoyed field day.



Family and friends showed their support to the eighth graders at their moving up ceremony.



Despite a rainy start, the weather cleared and the National Junior Honor Society washed a lot of vehicles during the annual car wash. Thank you to all our NJHS Members that participated!



Cayuga Heights students participate in a Flag Day parade around the track.



Students at Cayuga had beautiful weather for field day activities.



Cayuga Heights fifth-graders celebrated the end of elementary school with family and friends at their promotion ceremony.



Cayuga Heights Universal Pre-Kindergarteners celebrated the end of their year at their graduation ceremony.



CAYUGA HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Cayuga Heights Coding Club



The Cayuga Heights Coding Club had another successful year, with third and fourth grade students participating from February through April. Students used Code.org to learn computer coding skills in block language format. These students were challenged with course levels beyond their normal grade levels and they all performed magnificently.

Each year the students have a friendly competition to see who can complete the most challenges and lessons. This year's top award winners were the following:

Grade 3:

Zoey Coyle - 1st Place
Alanna Gates - 2nd Place
Jenevieve Veiders - 3rd Place

Grade 4:

Ryan Kuczkowski - 1st Place
Ian Walker - 2nd Place
Kellen McGloin - 3rd Place



Leadership in Action!

The leadership skills of Cayuga students came to life this school year. Students became more aware of what was happening around them and found ways to show service to others. Being a leader takes courage, awareness and the willingness to take on a challenge. Our students at Cayuga Heights were doing just that!

Rylee McGill from Mr. Adam Nagy's fourth grade class displayed amazing leadership on an afternoon bus ride home. There happened to be a wonderful substitute driver who was unfamiliar with the route. Rylee took it upon herself to sit in the front seat and help the driver become more comfortable. She assisted her with recognizing the students on the bus and answering any questions the driver had. This sort of initiative exemplifies leadership.

Another student worth noting was Mackenzie Rodgers from Mrs. Andrea Richards' and Mrs. Alyssa Quintilone's fifth-grade class. Mackenzie showed interest in Autism Awareness Month as she has a younger brother with autism. She knows firsthand that autistic children benefit from using fidget devices. Mackenzie then created a sensory basket of fidgets to donate to one of our special education classes. Helping others is a great way to display leadership.

As these are some of the specific examples of student leadership in action, small events occurred daily at Cayuga Heights that demonstrated positive leadership. Whether it was setting an example in the cafeteria, older students helping younger ones with activities and in the hall, or even a simple smile to show caring and our "paws"itive spirit- Cayuga students were leaders every day.



Students pose with fidget devices.



Rylee McGill

Students Display Positivity through Creativity



The month of April at Cayuga Heights was all about cultivating positive attitudes and how developing a positive mindset can help with success. Students and staff participated in many different activities to help showcase positivity.

Our youngest students (PreK-first) listened to stories about being positive and looked at the "sunny" side of things. Our second and third graders learned how to turn lemons into lemonade, and our fourth and fifth graders were encouraged to participate in a poster contest promoting positivity along with their lessons about recognizing negative thoughts and how to change them into positive ones.

The students' poster contest entries were amazing. It was very challenging for the staff to choose just one. After much deliberation studying students' anonymous work, fourth grader Kellan McGloin, from Mrs. Jasinski's class, had the winning poster. You can find his artwork displayed on the Cayuga Heights leadership page on the district website.



To encourage positivity with our wonderful staff, positive potatoes were hidden throughout the building! If a staff member found one of these little crochet keepsakes, they could receive a prize and move it to a new spot! Adults and students had a fun time spotting these uplifting tokens throughout the month.



As we continued to learn about positive leadership and character, it was always nice to spread joy to others and foster our students' educational and emotional growth.

CAYUGA HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Numberblocks Connects with Math

It was a fantastic year for math bringing Numberblocks into the classroom. The younger grades were introduced to numbers through the educational videos and quickly bonded with their favorites. Each character is formed by the actual number of blocks, plus personalized with exciting character storylines.

The math department dressed up as Numberblocks for Halloween and received positive feedback from students, who quickly recognized these new math friends. When entering the classroom, images on the door welcomed students and the figurines were available on the front desk. They served as “students” when children taught new concepts or as companions during “movie theater”.

Older grades still loved them as they showcase higher-level concepts such as odd and even or number comparison. It was a great resource to watch some of these episodes over the summer. Great lessons and fun at the same time!

First Graders, Rahaf Saleh and Jannatal Manha, work with the Numberblocks characters



Fourth Grade Cayuga Heights Spelling Bee

Nineteen students competed in the annual Cayuga Heights Fourth Grade Spelling Bee. All finalists were awarded a participation trophy for proudly representing the top spellers from their classrooms.

The champion, Brayden Skotarski, was a student from Mrs. Worley and Mrs. Alessi's classroom. The runner-up was Kellan McGloin from Mrs. Jasinski's classroom.

After multiple rounds of spelling, Brayden emerged victorious by correctly spelled the winning word “jewels.” All spellers showcased poise and perseverance in this friendly competition.



Sabretooth joined Cayuga Heights students at the Color Blast Dash in June.



ATHLETICS

Awards Night

The 2024 Senior Sports Awards was held in the High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, June 4th.

Our guest speaker for the awards was Orchard Park Physics Teacher and varsity boys basketball Coach Chris Frankowski. Chris, a Depew 2009 graduate, was a four-year, three-sport athlete as a Wildcat and was a part of two sectional championships as a player and one as a Depew coach.

Thank you to Chris Frankowski, our coaches, scholarship benefactors as well as our athletes and families for making the evening a special one.

Senior Athlete Award Recipients

Kailey Allen
4 Year, 3 Sports Award

Zack Budzynski
Depew Wildcats
Distinguished Athlete

Mya Bush
John Kotz Scholarship Award

Tommy Che
Mike Buckenroth
Memorial Award

Julie Durham
4 Year, 3 Sports Award,
Depew Wildcats Scholar
Athlete Award

Brayden Hoch
4 Year, 3 Sports Award

CJ Kanick
J. Emmitt Dawson
Scholarship Award

Jaxsen Kolb
4 Year, 3 Sports, Depew
Wildcats Distinguished
Athlete

Jenna Lis
J. Emmitt Dawson
Scholarship Award

Madison Morley
Partners For Courage
Award

Leah O'Connor
Partners For Courage
Award

Tyler Pagano
4 Year, 3 Sports Award,
Adolf S. Kotz Memorial
Award, Ettore Damiani III
Memorial Scholarship

Nathan Pawlik
4 Year, 3 Sports Award

John Redman
Depew Wildcats Scholar
Athlete Award

Addy Smacziak
4 Year, 3 Sports Award, Depew
Wildcats Distinguished Athlete

Zach Stubley
4 Year, 3 Sports Award

Mia Vannelli
Blair Scott Softball
Scholarship, Mike Buckenroth
Memorial Scholarship,
Ettore Damiani III Memorial
Scholarship

Tony Weber
Depew Wildcats
Distinguished Athlete

Several Student-Athletes Sign Commitment Letters

Depew Athletics would like to congratulate our student-athletes who participated in our Spring College Signing Day. In May, these young men and women announced the next step in their athletic and academic journeys. We were proud to celebrate their accomplishments with their families.



ATHLETICS

Boys Track Won Sectionals for First Time in School History

The boys won a nail-biter over East Aurora and Alden to win Class B Sectionals at Alden. The 4x400m relay team consisting of Landen Hibbs, Aidan Strang, Luke Triplet and Zach Stuble came in a clutch second place, while Hibbs finished second in the high jump to bring home the championship!

Zach Bridenbaker scored 28 points, winning the triple jump and placing third in each of the 110m hurdles, 400m hurdles and pole vault. Nathan Pawlik hit a massive personal best long jump going 20'11". That jump landed him third in the competition and third in school history!

Terrell Price was a double winner, finishing first in the 100m and 200m sprints. The 4x100m squad of James White, Edwin Martinez, Nathan and Terrell came in second. Robert Frost scored huge points in the discus, finishing in fifth. Andrew Peszko had his season-best time in the 4x800m and finished fifth.



Softball Wins Division Title

Varsity softball clinched the Division title and made it to the Class B1 Sectional finals when they defeated Lake Shore 4-0. The night was a special one with Mia Vanelli hitting a two-run home run in her first at-bat, her sixth of the season.

Bella Hill and Avery Smolarek were tough on the mound for the co-Division Champions, giving up three hits and striking out a combined eight batters.



Senior Night a Success for Unified Basketball Team

It was a special evening in May for our unified basketball team as they celebrated Senior Night for plenty of partners and Madison Morley! Our unified programs have grown so much over the years and the seniors graduating played a key role in the growth.



Baseball Wins Division Title

Varsity baseball ended their season with a perfect league record and the ECIC Division IV Championship over JFK.

The bats came alive in the third, with the boys scoring six runs to break a scoreless tie. Justin Refermat went 3-3 with two doubles, two runs scored and two RBI's.

Tony Weber and Danny Reese both got on base three times. Jeff Nawojski (win) and Drew Zmozynski (save) combined to give up just three hits and strike out 10 batters.





DEPEW PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Boys Basketball

Tommy Che
All Western New York
Honorable Mention
1st Team All ECIC IV All Star

CJ Kanick
1st Team All ECIC IV All Star

Tyler Pagano
Honorable Mention ECIC IV

Larry Jones
ECIC IV Co-Coach of the Year

Girls Basketball

Ashley Krysztof
2nd Team All ECIC IV All Star

Olivia Leazott
1st Team All ECIC IV All Star

Ella Pagano
ECIC IV Sportsmanship Winner

Mia Vannelli

1st Team All Western New York
1st Team All ECIC All Star
1st Team All ECIC IV All Star

Boys Bowling

Zach Budzynski
2nd Highest Average &
Sportsmanship Award Winner
North Small Schools

Jake Sharpe

Won High Set North Small
Schools, Division Roll Offs

Girls Bowling

Ray Cooper
ECIC North Small Schools
Coach of the Year

Emma Felton

ECIC North Small Schools
1st Team All-Star

Madison Nagel

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1st Team All-Star

Amelia Slowinski

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1st Team All-Star

Krystal Wainwright

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Sportsmanship Award

Cheerleading

Rian Alberti
ECIC All Star

Neveah-Noel Romano
ECIC All Star

Boys and Girls Hockey

Carly Irzycki
Section VI Honorable
Mention All Star

Jaxsen Kolb

ECIC Division 1
Honorable Mention All Star

Nick Vacanti

ECIC Division 1
Honorable Mention All Star

Scholar-Athlete

Julie Durham
All Western New York

CJ Kanick
All Western New York

Madison Morley
All Western New York

David Paradowski
All WNY Honorable Mention

John Redman
All WNY Honorable Mention

Mia Vannelli
All Western New York

Indoor Track
Robert Frazer and Morgan
Staskiewicz
Coaches of the Year



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