

Fillmore CENTRAL SCHOOL

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FUN Times! Kiddie Ag Day at Alfred State



Kiddie Ag Day at Alfred State was SO much fun! First grade learned about various ways to store food for animals, about all different types of animals, how technology is useful for farms, how cows are milked at the university, and so much more!



Winter weather is here...

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- Buffalo News Television Stations: NBC, CBS, ABC and Spectrum
- Rochester News Television Stations: 13WHAM and FOX
- Wellsville Radio Stations: 95.7, 103.5, 101.9, and 93.5

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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Dear Fillmore Families,

This time of year offers a wonderful opportunity to pause and reflect on what matters most. At the heart of this reflection are the relationships we hold dear: our families, friends, and those who bring you joy.

At FCS, we are grateful for the opportunity to educate and support your children. Every day, our faculty and staff work to create an environment where all students feel safe, valued, and encouraged to succeed.

During this season, I hope you find time to celebrate the connections you value. Whether it's gathering with loved ones or honoring traditions, may these moments bring happiness and peace to you and your family.

On behalf of everyone at FCS, we wish you a memorable holiday season!

Mike Dodge
Superintendent



Third Graders Run Annual Food Drive

This year the 3rd graders ran the annual food drive to donate to the local food pantry. The collection dates were from November 4th to November 15th. During this time, the elementary students collected a total of 1,184 canned and boxed goods. Mrs. Pastorius' 1st grade class collected the most (309 items) and won a popcorn party! Thank you to everyone who donated and helped support our community!



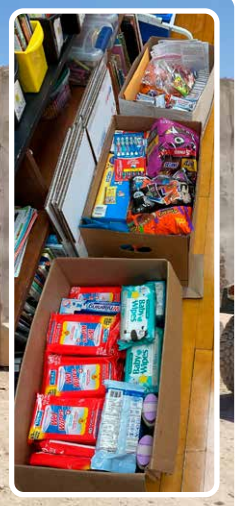
ADOPT a PLATOON

We have recently been collecting items for a care package to send to our platoon that is currently stationed in Iraq. On October 11th we were able to send out two large care packages to our platoon of 24 young



men and women in Iraq. We included cards, letters, snacks and hygiene products that we collected. We have also been able to keep in contact with our soldiers through email between their 1LT Joshua

Lawrence Marvel and one of the 2nd grade teachers Mrs. Carly Smith. Through that the students are able to ask questions, send pictures, and communicate with the soldiers.



FCS Middle School Musical 2024

ANNIE, JR HIGHLIGHTS





ENTREPRENEURSHIP CLASS NEWS

The entrepreneurship class did it again this year. This time Mrs. Ellsworth's students, Rylie France and Damien Hanner were set up at the 2024 FCS Craft Show. They sold various student-made items all throughout the day. Their professionalism and fantastic

people skills were greatly appreciated.

To spread the wealth, the entrepreneurship class decided it would be a wonderful opportunity to invite any interested young entrepreneur at FCS to set up with them at the craft show. The class placed flyers around the

school for any interested individuals.

This year Brad Parmenter and Aubrey Geertman were the only applicants that showed interest. Brad sold home-made loofahs and hand-painted porcupine quill jewelry. Aubrey not only sold her beautifully crafted bracelets, but also took special orders the day of the craft show.

First Quarter Honor Roll

| Honor Roll | Gr. | Connor Nendza | 12 | Josiah Tucker | 9 | Grace Clark | 12 | Annalisa Bialek | 9 |
|--------------------|-----|------------------------|------------|-----------------|----|-----------------------------|------------|---------------------|----|
| Hayley Cassidy | 7 | Aleata Roboski | 12 | Lena Tucker | 9 | Alexander Hatch | 12 | Jared Boon | 9 |
| Tucker Duvall | 7 | Evan Valentine | 12 | Landon Wright | 9 | Michaela Lewis | 12 | Zoey Clem | 9 |
| William Fountain | 7 | High Honor Roll | Gr. | Olivia Zimmer | 9 | Nathan Tanner | 12 | Greta Kettinger | 9 |
| Evan Hale | 7 | Dalton Bennett | 7 | Jonah Bialek | 10 | Ryan Vedder | 12 | Indigo Knapp | 9 |
| Jesse Hennard Jr | 7 | Carter Benson | 7 | Hailee Ellis | 10 | Anderson Wiltsey | 12 | Kallie Pastorius | 9 |
| Andy Phillips | 7 | Jasmine Bentley | 7 | Mason Findlay | 10 | Derek Wood | 12 | Natalie Phillips | 9 |
| Alexa Romasser | 7 | Addison Boon | 7 | Parker George | 10 | Principal Honor Roll | Gr. | Madeleine Rowley | 9 |
| Dakota Weierheiser | 7 | Katelynn Ellis | 7 | Owen Hatch | 10 | John Bendzus | 7 | Judah Russell | 9 |
| Aaliyah Marshall | 8 | Jamison Hatch | 7 | Susannah Hinz | 10 | Addison Bennett | 7 | Levi Russell | 9 |
| Kallan Sanasith | 8 | Riley Hatch | 7 | Brooke LaBelle | 10 | Jordan Bialek | 7 | Lily Sisson | 9 |
| Blake Washburn | 8 | Joseph Hoffman | 7 | Mylee Miller | 10 | Owen Chapman | 7 | Brayden Walton | 9 |
| Meyah Worthington | 8 | Ryan James | 7 | Campbell Mucher | 10 | Brooklynn Dewe | 7 | Evelyn Chapman | 10 |
| Rylie France | 9 | Trenton Kellogg | 7 | Tucker Pomeroy | 10 | Leo Garrison | 7 | Nadia Incognito | 10 |
| Tenlee Miller | 9 | Bradley Parmenter | 7 | Shadia Reddy | 10 | Cicealia Jett | 7 | Addison LaTour | 10 |
| Carter Mills | 9 | Nash Phillippi | 7 | Kelsie Songster | 10 | Elliott Linderman | 7 | YaoYang Qian | 10 |
| Owen Nevinger | 9 | Grason Roberts | 7 | Kylie Songster | 10 | Coen Munto | 7 | Eleanor Reitnour | 10 |
| Paityn Worthington | 9 | Rosalena Smith | 7 | Leila Balicki | 11 | Jackson Parrent | 7 | Julia Schilke | 10 |
| McKoy Gayford | 10 | Maddilyn Warren | 7 | Scarlet Dowling | 11 | Katelyn Romance | 7 | Grant Smolen | 10 |
| Alexis Hatch | 10 | Gracelynn Watson | 7 | Peyton Duvall | 11 | Ezra Schilke | 7 | Brooklynn Templeton | 10 |
| Dallas Johnson | 10 | Maddison Zimmer | 7 | James Hillman | 11 | Annabella Tucker | 7 | Adalyn Wartinger | 10 |
| Connor McCumiskey | 10 | Lauren Cox | 8 | Ezra Knapp | 11 | Caleb Tucker | 7 | Mya Keeler | 11 |
| Alexis Robbins | 10 | Anna Ellis | 8 | Jayden Marshall | 11 | Logan Weierheiser | 7 | Mattilyn McCumiskey | 11 |
| Craig Swift | 10 | Gabriella Goodliff | 8 | Jameson Rhett | 11 | Allie Clark | 8 | Elizabeth Phillips | 11 |
| Isaac Wilcox | 10 | Eden Hark | 8 | Kaleb Rosier | 11 | Grayson Cox | 8 | Morghyn Ross | 11 |
| Dominick Wood | 10 | Abigail Tanner | 8 | Carson Sanasith | 11 | Aubrey Geertman | 8 | Jenna Rowley | 11 |
| Jayce Ashton | 11 | Harlee Ando | 9 | Isaiah Sisson | 11 | Autumn Hale | 8 | Elijah Strickland | 11 |
| David Bower | 11 | Jillian Beardsley | 9 | Victoria Tetta | 11 | Hannah Keeler | 8 | Janek Bialek | 12 |
| Samuel Cool | 11 | Ryan Benedict | 9 | Tyler Voss | 11 | Liam McCumiskey | 8 | John Boon | 12 |
| Zachary Fraser | 11 | Shelby Clark | 9 | Chloe Wolfe | 11 | Emalyn Mucher | 8 | Evelyn Cox | 12 |
| Emma Halbert | 11 | Harlee Crane | 9 | Josslyn Andrews | 12 | Makaila Radke | 8 | Ryleigh Goodliff | 12 |
| Alivia Kiff | 11 | Carter Fraser | 9 | Julia Beardsley | 12 | Carsyn Ross | 8 | Gage Hartman | 12 |
| Jordan Speta | 11 | Olivia Hopkins | 9 | Kalen Beardsley | 12 | Abigail Swift | 8 | Molly Mahoney | 12 |
| Timothy Stann | 11 | Jace Pastorius | 9 | Jacob Bennett | 12 | Grace Walton | 8 | Damon Potter | 12 |
| Aiden Freeman | 12 | Jonah Sardina | 9 | Kirra Bentley | 12 | Jackson Bennett | 9 | Kaitlin Troupe | 12 |

FCS Fall Reading Celebrations

Throughout the fall students have been participating in several reading programs and celebrations.

One School, One Book

Our One School, One Book fall selection was Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl. Students in grades K-6 all received a copy of the book to read at home with their families over a three-week period. At school, teachers supported the book in class with activities, trivia, and read aloud videos. The book was wrapped up with a fun, sugar filled Wonka Night event where Willy Wonka himself read the last chapter of the book to families. Thank you to all of the families, teachers, and volunteers that supported our event and the One School, One Book program.

National Young Reader's Week

National Young Reader's Week was celebrated November 11th-15th. Students participated in a dress up spirit week with different themes. The principals: Mr. Talbot and Mrs. Petre read stories to classes. Also, to pair with our One School, One Book selection, classes participated in Wonka-themed activities as well.

Book Blast

This program is new to FCS this year. The goal of the program is to put books in the hands of FCS students. Students were given a treasure map to invite family and community members to donate towards grade appropriate books. Students were also able to win prizes and will receive their books in December.

Overall, it has been a great reading journey this fall. Thank you all for supporting a love of learning and reading at FCS.



Congratulations to the following FCS Musicians for their participation in
New York State School Music Association Zone 15
Junior High Area All-State Ensembles
 November 1-2, 2024

Junior High Mixed Chorus
 Grayson Cox, Tenor

Junior High Band

Emalyn Mucher, Flute
 Makaila Radke, Flute
 Greta Kettinger, Flute
 Lena Tucker, Clarinet
 Indigo Knapp, Clarinet
 Daniel Howard, Clarinet
 Natalie Phillips, Alto Sax
 Ezra Schilke, Alto Sax
 Bradley Parmenter, Tenor Sax
 Zoey Clem, Trumpet
 Madeleine Rowley, Trumpet
 Elliot Wartinger, Trumpet
 Lauren Cox, French Horn
 Owen Chapman, Trombone
 Leo Garrison, Euphonium
 Landon Wright, Tuba
 Caleb Tucker, Tuba
 Amelia Pastorius, Timpani



Senior High Area All-State Ensembles
 November 15-16, 2024

Senior High Band

Eleanor Reitnour, Clarinet
 Adalyn Wartinger, Clarinet
 Evelyn Chapman, Alto Sax
 Claire Schilke, Alto Sax
 Elizabeth Phillips, Trumpet
 Mya Keeler, French Horn
 Nathan Tanner, Trombone
 Jenna Rowley, Timpani

Senior High Mixed Choir

Evelyn Cox, Soprano
 Scarlet Dowling, Alto
 Victoria Tetta, Alto



FILLMORE
MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Lady Eagles Soccer



VARSITY

In a year where many expected a drastic fall, the Varsity Lady Eagles soccer team refused to leave their perch. Despite some tough challenges the girls clawed their way to a tenth straight Allegany County Athletic Conference Championship, the #1 Seed in Section V Class D, a semi-final appearance in Sectionals (dropping a tight 1-0 game to eventual state semi-finalist Keshequa), the #5 ranking in the final New York State Sportswriters' Class D Poll, and an outstanding overall record of 17-2.

Jr. Mattie McCumiskey was named Allegany County Defensive MVP, while Sr. Ryleigh Goodliff, Jr. Morghyn Ross, So. Mylee Miller, Fr. Tenlee Miller were 1st team All-Stars, while Kallie Pastorius was an Honorable Mention All-Star. Ryleigh Goodliff and 8th grader Emalyn Mucher earned Section V All-Tournament Honors.

The Lady Eagles are graduating five seniors: Ryleigh Goodliff, Summer Friedl, Julia Beardsley, Grace Clark, and Montanta Gayford (who were all recognized with the Heart-Focus-Energy Award). Ladies, thank you for your leadership and kindness this season and for all you have given to Fillmore Soccer over the years. Your impact will never be forgotten.

The Lady Eagles would like to thank family, friends, and the greater school community for your support. You help fuel our program and we have a hungry group of returners that are going to do everything in their power to continue to make you all proud. Lady Eagles Soccer never stops!

JUNIOR VARSITY

The JV Lady Eagles soccer team had a successful season this past fall. The team finished with a stellar record of 7-5-1 while playing a tough schedule. 20 girls started the season in August and 20 girls stuck it out until the end in October. The girls would like to thank their family, friends, and community for their support this season!

WINTER SPORTS INFORMATION

- Game schedules can be found at www.sectionvny.org
- Just click Fillmore and you can have any schedule you need.
- You can also download the app on your phone "ACTIVITY SCHEDULER"

This year we have:

- Girls Basketball (Mod – JV – Varsity)
- Boys Basketball (Mod – JV – Varsity)
- Wrestling (Mod – Varsity – w/Keshequa)
- Boys Volleyball (Varsity)
- Cheerleading (Varsity & Spirit Squad)

We ask all spectators to make us proud by displaying great sportsmanship.

Please keep cheering positive and supportive for all involved.

Livestream Link for
FCS Winter Sports



FALL TEAMS/ATHLETES EARN NYS SCHOLAR ATHLETE RECOGNITION

All our varsity programs at FCS earned Scholar Athlete Recognition Averages of each team (includes 75% of each roster):

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|------------------|------|
| Girls Soccer | 96.6 |
| Girls Tennis | 96.0 |
| Girls Volleyball | 95.5 |
| Cross Country | 95.4 |
| Boys Soccer | 93.9 |

All Varsity Athletes combined for a 93.1 average with 46 athletes a 90+ avg.

OPEN HOUSE 2024



On October 17th, another successful Open House allowed students and community members to gather and participate in many exciting events at Fillmore Central School. Family and friends visited classrooms to engage in scavenger hunts, observe classwork and student projects. The PreK hallway had vehicles from the yearly Car Show on display. There were many writing samples and colorful pictures throughout the hallways. Art rooms were a common stop to see the unique art work on display from all of our talented students. A favorite stop of many, the Agricultural room, offered opportunities to get popcorn, experience the bubble machine, and interact with the petting zoo.

The 4th grade classrooms proudly displayed their Native American projects which consisted of long houses, masks, traditional instruments and more. The annual "What Should My Teacher Be for Halloween" contest was a popular spot in the 5th and 6th grade hallway, where people could vote for their favorite costume. 6th grade students demonstrated their knowledge of their novel My Teacher is an Alien, with creative projects and PowerPoints. 7th Graders expressed their creative side with "Where I'm from" poems that they shared with friends and family.



The café was also filled with displays of information regarding the Ski Club, the FFA fruit sale, the Centerville Scouts, Girl Scouts, Reality Check, and other after school clubs available to students.

The small gym was a bustle of activity. The Fillmore Faculty Association had our wonderful retirees passing out free books and pencils. Racks of sports apparel were available for purchase from the Sports Boosters. There were students accepting donations for many delicious baked goods for the Music Boosters, a program that offers many opportunities year-round for students that participate in the music department.

The second year of the One School, One Book program was a huge success! Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Buckley were able to pass out Charlie and the Chocolate Factory to students in grades K-6 along with their reading schedule and book bag treats. This has been a great opportunity for promoting reading between home and school in a fun and engaging way.

The Scholastic Book Fair, set up by Mrs. Sanasith and Mrs. Coon in the library, is always a fun stop to buy books and gifts. Special thanks go out to FROGS members who helped set up and tear down the Book Fair before and after Open House.

Thank you, Fillmore teachers and staff, for all of your hard work preparing for this special night. Fillmore families and community members, thank you for coming out!

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DRAMA DEPARTMENT NEWS

**SHEA'S
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**SHEA'S
WONDER
AWARDS**

2024-2025 SEMI-FINALIST

Fillmore Central School

The Shea's Wonder Awards program is a dynamic initiative designed to celebrate and support the arts in high schools, foster excellence in musical theatre, and provide valuable educational opportunities for students. This program is deeply committed to nurturing young talent, promoting collaboration, and building a strong sense of community within the world of musical theatre.

**FILLMORE CENTRAL SCHOOL
HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA
CLUB
PRESENTS**

**APRIL
4 & 5,
2025**

**Disney
NEWSIES
THE BROADWAY MUSICAL**

**7:00PM
FCS
AUDITORIUM**

The Fillmore CSD High School Drama Department is THRILLED to announce that we have been announced as semi-finalists for the 2024-2025 Shea's Performing Arts Center Wonder Awards. Participating in this program has been a pipe dream for current co-directors since 2020, when the FCS High School Drama Club was a semi-finalist in a similar program through Shea's called the Kenny Awards. The show that year was *Bye, Bye Birdie*, under the director team of Adam Slocum, Jodi Brown and Jess Chapman and with FCS Alumnus Patrick DiRienzo, Hannah Roeske, Kieran Kelley and Julia Columbo set to be outstanding leads. Due to COVID, the show never made it to production and the Kenny Awards were more or less cancelled. Since then, the awards program has undergone many changes and the high school musical director team at FCS has evolved as well. Co-Directors Jess Chapman, Beth Tucker and Steve Thomas wanted to get a couple of shows under their belts together before applying for the program again. Well, the time has come and they cannot WAIT to bring the 2025 FCS High School Musical production of Disney's *Newsies* to life next Spring as semi-finalists for the Shea's Wonder Awards.