

Pupil Services

Spring Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

May	Speech Disorders Month
May 8	Sup. Conference Day
May 10	Pre-K Screening
May 11-12	Kindergarten Screening
May 11	PTO Meeting
May 16	FETA Sponsored Ice Cream Social
May 16	Elementary School Concert
May 16	Budget Vote
May 26	Fun Day
June 2	Elementary Field Day

House speech and language pathologists Rebecca Bevacqua and Katie Murphy spread awareness and kindness with water bottles provided to all staff members.

Did you know?

Speech-language pathologists treat more than speech sounds? Communication disorders are among the most common disabilities in the United States. Speech-language pathologists (SLPs) address concerns with articulation, fluency, voice and resonance, language, cognition, hearing, swallowing, social communication, and communication modalities. In the school setting, we are an integral member of a student's team!

Better Hearing and Speech Month

Important advice from our in house speech and language pathologists—Rebecca Bevacqua and Katie Murphy

Did you know that May is Better Hearing and Speech Month? Hearing, speech, and language are all vital components of communication and play incredibly important roles in both learning and teaching. Our speech-language pathologists are raising awareness this month by providing staff with information on speech and language disorders, tips to make their classroom communication-friendly, and suggestions on how to protect their voice and hearing. **Did you know that teachers and coaches are the professionals at the highest risk to develop voice disorders?**

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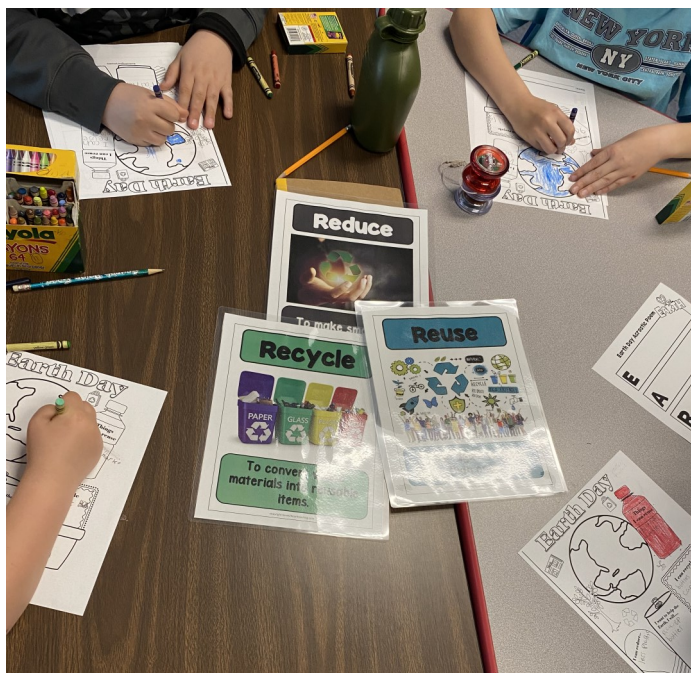


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Earth Day Learning Takes Center Stage



Our speech/language students have been busy learning about the weather and Earth Day during the spring season! Students have engaged in a variety of activities targeting their speech/language goals. They have been practicing their speech sounds, expanding their vocabulary, and working on their writing. They have done all of this while discussing what they love about the Earth and what they can do to protect it.



Occupational Therapy News



Occupational Therapy (OT) helps people participate in their daily living activities

and when a health condition or disability makes it difficult to do so OT is there to facilitate interventions to achieve the most independence. For a school based OT we help students participate in their schooling. We help in many areas from handwriting, sensory processing, fine motor, gross motor skills and daily living skills.

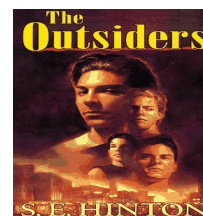
Dojo Store



Ms. Brown-Knobel's class recently visited the Class Dojo store to redeem points that we have earned for showing good character and demonstrating positive behavior.

Middle School News

Mrs. Westad's students in 7th and 8th grade are working hard on their academics and making good progress towards their goals for the year! The 7th graders just finished reading *The Giver*, are learning probability in math, basic chemistry in science, and the Industrial Revolution in social studies. The 8th graders recently finished reading *The Outsiders*, and are learning pythagorean theorems in math, chemistry in science, and the Roaring 20's in social studies. We are looking forward to the beautiful spring weather and are excited





Academic Support Services

Ms. Wendel's fabulous First Graders are building their reading skills as they engage in fun, interactive activities. Take a look at their learning as they partake in games like bingo, fiddlesticks and 4 in a row. This terrific trio loves reading and learning. I'm so proud of them for maintaining a positive attitude while working hard!



Career Readiness Students Growing Plants for sale

Mrs. Schechter's class has been busy with their next SCHECHTER'S MARKET project. They are learning about, growing and repotting plants and will sell Marigolds and Petunias in the cute little pots they are decorating.



Call for your order Today!
\$1.75 for Petunias and Marigolds



Academic Support help with Ms. Smith

In kindergarten classes the students are adding numbers up to 10. Skye and Oden are enjoying counting using manipulatives in the form of chips to help them come up with the answer. Great job Oden and Skye!



Enrichment Program

The Fort Edward Enrichment Program was a great success this year. Check out some interesting facts about the program below. We would also like to say thank you to Irving Tissue for sponsoring the program for our students.

2022/2023 Fun Facts

15 Courses Offered

STEM, Sports, ,
Mindfulness, Arts,
Music, Health & Fitness,
Theatre, and more.

800+ Minutes

Of extra support time
provided prior to
programming for homework
help November - April.



185 Students ...

That's the total number of
registered students grades
3-6 for sessions 1,2,& 3
combined.

100% of Parents...

said that the program was
a positive experience for
their child.

How does our program help our students?

A yellow sticky note with a blue wavy top edge and a folded bottom edge. It features a list of five benefits, each preceded by an empty checkbox. The Fort Edward Flying Forts logo is in the top right corner of the note. Below the list is a photograph of a large group of students posing outdoors.

- Builds Confidence
- Sparks Curiosity
- Provides STEM skills
- Creates opportunities for artistic exploration
- Provides a safe, healthy, nurturing outlet for our students!