

WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM

DR. KATHLEEN DAVIS, INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS



DISTRICT NEWS:

Dear Parents & Guardians,

I would like to wish all of our families a restful holiday season. My hope is for everyone to have a wonderful week with your families.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kathleen Davis

ELEMENTARY NEWS:

SANTA VISITED OUR SCHOOLS!

Santa made a surprise visit to our elementary schools and personally greeted all of our students. Everyone was excited and loved seeing him. Santa's sleigh was led by Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer, and Santa's helpers. Santa's special helpers passed out candy canes to all of our students, while snow magically fell from Santa's special workshop. It was a great way to celebrate with our students and we couldn't thank Santa enough!

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS:

CPR KITS DONATED

As part of their support of America's Greatest Heart Run & Walk, Adirondack Bank has donated CPR kits to JFK Middle School and Donovan Middle School. "As the American Heart Association prepares to celebrate its 100th anniversary, we are intent on building a nation of lifesavers who can perform Hands-Only CPR if someone suffers a sudden cardiac arrest in front of them," said Jonathan Henderson, M.D., pediatrician, Utica Pediatrics, and member, Board of Directors of the American Heart Association in the Greater Utica Area. "Most out-of-hospital sudden cardiac arrests happen at home. We want to prepare our students to be able to take action should the need arise. The American Heart Association was instrumental in passing the CPR in Schools Law, requiring every high school graduate in New York to have learned Hands-only CPR. Adirondack Bank is making it easy for these two middle schools to comply with that law. We are grateful for their sponsorship." Today, two 8th grade students at JFK, Marija Savery and Peyton Perkins, were taught how to give hands-only CPR. Thank you to the American Red cross and Adirondack Bank!!

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS:  
SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

We are thrilled to announce that senior Aimen Shahbain has been awarded a full, four-year QuestBridge National College Match Scholarship to

Boston College! Aimen is an exceptional student who thrives in the classroom and is involved in many activities in the school community at Thomas R. Proctor High School. We are so excited for you Aimen!

Kierstin Simpson is the 2023 Heisman High School Scholarship School Winner for Thomas R. Proctor High School. This award is given in recognition of Outstanding Achievements in Academic, Athletics and Community Service. Congratulations Kierstin on being an outstanding student-athlete!

SPEECH & DEBATE PLACE FIRST

Congratulations to Proctor's Speech and Debate Team for placing first amongst all schools at the tournament. Special congratulations to Zuhaira Myint, Kim Lynn Lu, and Victoria Chhaya for sweeping first, second, and third respectively in delivery of their speeches. Congratulations to Nich Meong and Zarlasha Rahim Jan for sweeping first and second place respectively with their poetry and prose performances. #proctorproud



SPECIAL BOE MEETING

The Proctor choir performed for the special Board of Education Meeting on December 19th in the Proctor Auditorium. They sang a medley of holiday music for all to enjoy!



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