

WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM

DR. KATHLEEN DAVIS, INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS



DISTRICT NEWS:

Dear Families:

There are so many great clubs and extracurricular activities we encourage our students to participate in during the school year. This involvement is critical at the MS and HS levels as students prepare for their future. So many skills are learned when you become part of a team or club that carryover into the work force. It is also an opportunity to really become aware of strengths and interests.

We encourage parents to contact their child's schools to learn more about what is offered at each level.

Have a great weekend.

Dr. Kathleen Davis
Interim Superintendent

**ELEMENTARY NEWS:
KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION EVENT**

Utica City School District is thrilled to announce a Kindergarten Registration Event for the 2024-2025 academic year. The Kindergarten Registration Event will be held on February 12th - 16th, 2024 from 9:30AM to 2:00PM at Conkling Elementary School, 1115 Mohawk Street, Utica (please use McQuade Ave entrance). Students must turn 5 years old on or before December 1, 2024. This does not apply to students currently enrolled in Utica Universal Pre-K.

Please bring with you: original Birth Certificate, up-to-date physical, proof of residency and parent identification. For questions, please contact the Office of Early Childhood Education 315-792-2216.

MLK DAY ART & ESSAY EXHIBITION

Each year, the New York State Education Department honors Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s memory by inviting schools to submit original student artwork and essays that reflect Dr. King's Six Principles and Steps of Nonviolence. This year, Albany Elementary's 5th and 6th grade students participated in it. You can view their submissions here: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/nysogs/albums/72177720313633323/>

**MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS:
DONOVAN PIZZA WITH THE PRINCIPAL**

On January 10th and 17th, Donovan Middle School held "Pizza with the Principal" to celebrate their Marking Period 1 Principal's List, High Honor Roll and Honor Roll students and families.



**HIGH SCHOOL NEWS:
BECOME A REAL LIFE ROSIE**

Thomas R. Proctor High School hosted MACNY (The Manufacturers Association of Central New York) to promote their Real Life Rosies Program. All senior girls were invited to hear about this great career opportunity MACNY is offering with the support of MVCC and Working Solutions. The program has been established to train Proctor senior girls in a variety of skills that will help them grow professionally and offer opportunities for continuous development. Manufacturing offers a wide range of opportunities in a variety of processes, including safety, CNC Machining, hand tool usage, robotics, and lean manufacturing. Senior girls heard from keynote speaker and Utica alumnus, Sabah Haji, who works in the manufacturing industry at Wolfspeed, as well as MACNY representatives who spoke about how this training can lead to career opportunities upon graduation.



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REGENTS WEEK

Regents Week Reminder: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 - Friday, January 26, 2024

YOUTH ART MONTH FLAG DESIGN CONTEST

Congratulations to 10th grader Hannah Miller who received an Honorable Mention for her flag design in the NYS Youth Art Month Flag Design Contest. This year's Youth Art Month theme is "Dream in Art".

