

WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM

DR. KATHLEEN DAVIS, INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS



DISTRICT NEWS:

Dear Utica City School District Families:  
Happy New Year! As we turn the page to 2024, I am thrilled to welcome each and every one of our students back from the holiday break. I hope this past week has been a time of joy, rest, and rejuvenation with your loved ones. As we embark on this new year, we will continue to celebrate student success each week in the Friday message. I am hopeful this will be a great New Year!

Sincerely,  
Dr. Kathleen Davis

ELEMENTARY NEWS:  
COLORING CONTEST WINNERS

Congratulations to all of the Bank of Utica's coloring contest winners! The three grand prize winners are: 4-6 Age Group: Ethan Zumpano/General Herkimer, 7-9 Age Group: Ruseel Abushgra/Albany, 10-12 Age Group: Lilia Malisa/General Herkimer. The runners up won pizza parties for their entire class! Winners are as follows: 4-6 Age Group: Set Lah/Hughes, Aisah Omar/Conkling, Emmanuella Hser/Kernan, Wanida Mustafa/MLK, Mohammed Abushgra/Albany, A'iani Trotman/Hughes, 7-9 Age Group: Amila Kadic/Jefferson, Julia Saw/Kernan, Daylani Ellis/Columbus, Elise AKA Avi/Jones, Alessandra Park/Jefferson, Anisa Hojdanic/Conkling, Brooklyn Fish/Columbus, 10-12 Age Group: Serenity Rodriguez/Albany, Rosalina Roman/Jones, Ali Almayahi/General Herkimer, Ella Yager/Watson Williams, MaKenzie Kilbourn/MLK, Sam Shine/Watson Williams.

STEM KIT POSTERS

Students at Columbus Elementary worked with teachers, families, and their peers to complete a daily STEM activity from the ABCs of STEM kits and then created a personal poster. Students shared their poster and ideas with their peers as they all work together to explore the world of STEM in our community.



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS:  
DONOVAN WRESTLING

Congratulations to Gabrielle VanDusen who is the first female student to win a wrestling match in UCSD history! Gabrielle is in 8th grade at Donovan Middle School.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS:  
PHS GIRLS INDOOR TRACK

PHS Girls Indoor Track 4 x 400m Relay Team broke the school record. They ran 4:18.12 on 12/15/23 at Utica University: Makayla Watson, Aimee Valentine, Megan Lew & Jasmin Gonzalez-Rivera.

FIRST PHS WRESTLING MATCH IN 25 YEARS!

The UCSD in collaboration with Sauquoit and host school New Hartford proudly hosted the first match at PHS in 25 years! It was a great night, some of Proctor's Alumni wrestlers showed up including long time coach Al Rocci (1974-1995). Alumni pictured: Vincent Parrotta 1993, Paul Irizarry 1992, Michael DiBrango 1992, Scott Sequin 1993, Joe Puleo 1995, Fred Orsino 1980, Bucky Fernald 1970, Bill Soldato 1970, and Bernie Tomaino 1970.



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