

WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM

DR. KATHLEEN DAVIS, INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS



DISTRICT NEWS:

Dear Parents,

The district builds the school calendar with five snow days for emergency situations. This year, the district has used one day in all schools except in Columbus School which has used two days. If no further days are needed, we add the days to the calendar as recess days.

As of today, Columbus School will be in session on May 17th in order to get the required number of school days in for student learning under NYS Regulations. All other schools will be closed unless we need to use additional emergency days.

The Eclipse will be happening on April 8th. We will be in session and have a shortened day for students only. This decision was made so students would not be walking home in the dark when the eclipse impacts Utica City Schools. Staff will remain in school for the afternoon for required professional development.

Eid al-Fitr is being observed in Utica on April 10th. Students will not be in school on this day.

Have a great weekend.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Kathleen Davis  
Interim Superintendent

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

UCSD's System of Care partner ICAN is putting on an EGGciting Easter EGGstravaganza Friday, March 29, 2024 from 1:00-4:00pm at the Parkway Rec Center in Utica. This event is FREE and open to all families with children in the Utica City School District. Contact your school's ICAN Student Engagement Specialist to register. There will be egg coloring, face painting, a DJ, an Easter basket giveaway, activities with Future Engineers Club, and Utica Children's Museum Mobile Museum. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please contact Emma Rasmussen, Community Liaison with any questions at: 315-917-1407 • erasmussen@ican.family. \*Easter Baskets are limited and available on a first come, first serve basis.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS:

CINDERELLA'S CLOSET & RAIDER NATION THRIFT STORE

The Grand Opening Event and ribbon-cutting ceremony for Cinderella's Closet and the Raider Nation Thrift Store was a great success! The event was held Sunday, March 24th at Proctor High School. Both stores are open every Monday and Wednesday after school from 2:30-4:00pm.

CTE EMPOWER FEDERAL CREDIT UNION GUEST SPEAKER

Community Impact Officers, Julie Murad-Carusio and Stacy Austin, from Empower FCU visited the Business Math and Business Law classes of Mrs. Judy DeFina, CTE Business Teacher. The Empower representatives presented about Budgeting and had the classes separate into 3 "families." From there, groups had to make decisions in terms of housing, vehicles, and various expenditures with the "income" they were given. The students were then asked to give their opinion on what they would change to make their budget more feasible in the real world.

CAREER FAIR AT PROCTOR HIGH SCHOOL

Thomas R. Proctor High School held its 9th and 10th Grade Career Fair for students on Thursday, March 14, 2024 in the Main Gymnasium. The event showcased pathways in education with over 50 business partners attending from the following career clusters: Skilled Trades, Military, Law Enforcement, Business, Manufacturing, Healthcare, Human Services and Hospitality, and Fine Arts. Students had a chance to ask questions, see demonstrations, and experience hands-on activities that focused on the largest career sectors found in the Mohawk Valley. Thank you to our OHM School to Careers team for all of their hard work on making this event a success.



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ELEMENTARY NEWS:

CONKLING ELEMENTARY'S CAREER DAY

Roscoe Conkling Elementary School held a Career Day in which students were visited by community members who shared their professions. Students learned about CTE programming, software engineering, journalism, biology, becoming a DJ, and many other terrific job fields.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS:

DONOVAN DRAMA CLUB PLAY

Donovan Drama Club Presented: GAME OF TIARAS! This light hearted comedic tragedy delighted all that attended. The play took place on Thursday, March 21 at 6:00pm & Friday, March 22 at 6:00pm.

