

WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM

DR. KATHLEEN DAVIS, INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS



DISTRICT NEWS:

Dear Families:

The school budget vote will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, from 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Voting locations can be found on the district website. The 2024-2025 budget has a strong emphasis on student learning and programming. The budget for 2024-2025 school year is \$266,454,264. Please know there will be no increase on the levy.

There is no school on Friday, May 17, 2024, except for Columbus Elementary School. Columbus School will be in session in order to comply with the State Education Department's requirement of 180 days of instruction.

Have a great weekend!

Dr. Kathleen Davis
Interim Superintendent

Raider's Day will be Thursday, May 23, 2024. Wear red & black!

ELEMENTARY NEWS:
NYS ENERGY FIELD TRIP

On April 18, 2024, Jefferson Elementary Tech Club went on a field trip to NYS Energy Center next to the Utica Zoo. The students loved all the hands-on technology.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS:
CTE 7TH GRADE EXPO

7th graders from the Utica City School District visited SUNY Polytechnic Institute on 5/9 and 5/10 for the district's first annual CTE/STEM Expo. Students were introduced to various career fields related to the new Career and Technical Education (CTE) pathways that will be available at Proctor High School by the fall of 2025.

The UCSD CTE department collaborated with higher education and over 40 industry partners from the region to promote authentic learning experiences. The goal was to create interactive booths to excite students about the CTE pathways that will be available to them, provide career awareness and exposure, and engage students in interactive, hands-on experiences to create a vision of what their future career could be. Business partners were very impressed with how engaged students were and their performance as they tried various activities throughout the day.

Utica City School District will break ground at Proctor High School during the spring of 2024 in preparation for the new CTE addition that will house 12 pathways. Each was selected based on local stakeholder input. CTE pathways will offer a rigorous career-focused curriculum paired with a range of

industry and higher education partnerships providing opportunities for internships, mentoring, job shadowing, and college-level coursework. The district-wide approach of CTE implementation K-12 will help prepare students in Central New York for jobs in the region's growing industries including: advanced manufacturing, skilled trades, health professions, cybersecurity, finance, education and more.



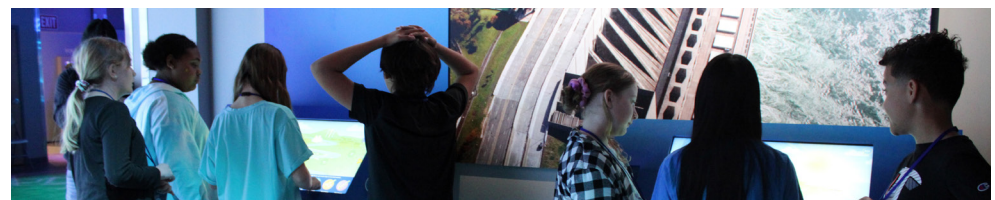
HIGH SCHOOL NEWS:
FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

UCSD's Seventh Annual Fine Arts Festival is this Saturday, May 18, 2024, from 11:00am-3:00pm at Proctor High School (free admission - please use the Arcuri entrance). There will be: K-12 Art exhibits, musical performances, caricature drawings, face paintings, crafts, games, basket raffles* and refreshments! *Cash only - No ATM on site.



JUNIOR PROM AT PROCTOR!

On May 3, 2024, Proctor High School students gathered at the Delta Hotel to dance the night away at their Junior Prom! The theme of the prom was a masquerade, where students were treated to a buffet, desserts, great music, and a photo booth.



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