

WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM

DR. KATHLEEN DAVIS, INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS



DISTRICT NEWS:

Dear Parents,

This upcoming week, Mr. Andre Paradis will move from Central Office, as the Chief Accountability Officer, to the High School as Proctor Principal. Mr. Paradis holds a School Building Leader Initial Certificate issued by the State Education Department. He is also certified as a School District leader, Chemistry 7-12, and Biology and General Science 7-12. He earned his BS in Zoology with a minor in Genetics from North Carolina State University, MS in Science Education from Syracuse University, and National Board Certification in Science. He has over 20 years of teaching experience. Mr. Paradis has taught numerous courses including Chemistry, Advanced Placement (AP) Chemistry, Biology, Physics, and Forensics. Mr. Paradis was a principal for the New Hartford Schools prior to coming to Utica City Schools.

We are excited that he is committed to his new post as Principal for Proctor. Mr. Szczesniak, will continue on with his work at proctor as an Assistant Principal. He will be working closely with Mr. Paradis to ensure a smooth transition. We would like to thank Mr. Szczesniak for his great work and efforts to ensure that Proctor had strong leadership during this transition period while we searched for a permanent building leader.

Sincerely,
Dr. Kathleen Davis
Interim Superintendent

MUNSON COMMUNITY ARTS

Registration is now open for FREE summer art classes for kids ages 4-17! This is an incredible opportunity for UCSD families. The registration is first come/first serve, so don't wait! Please see flyer on our website for more information: www.uticaschools.org.

ELEMENTARY NEWS:

COMMUNITY READER'S DAY

The Utica City School District held their Second Annual Community Reader's Day on Friday, March 22, 2024 at Kernan Elementary School. It was a great turnout this year! Volunteers read a book aloud to a chosen homeroom and shared anecdotes and life experiences about hard work and perseverance. Community readers is a great opportunity for students to hear first-hand examples of how reading and education helped each community member succeed in his or her career.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS:

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Donovan Middle School sent a team to the Battle of the Books. This is the first time Utica has sent a team

to this event! The game-show style quiz competition took place on March 25th at MVCC. Students from local schools battled to be the first to identify the book and/or author in question.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS:

WOMEN & STEAM SYMPOSIUM

The Women & STEAM Symposium featured a panel of women business owners who have found success in their respective fields. The symposium also provided networking opportunities and a Creating Connections career/college fair. This was an excellent opportunity for young students to learn from inspirational women in STEAM fields, education, entrepreneurship, and leadership. Thirty-three girls that are enrolled in technology classes at Proctor High School took advantage of this great opportunity presented by The Project Fibonacci, Inc. and sponsored by NYSTEC. The girls learned of STEM camp opportunities through Project Fibonacci and Griffis Institute for the Summer of 2024. The camps will immerse them in relevant hands-on activities and projects in related fields of study.

ATHLETIC NEWS:

THE 2024 UTICA ROADRUNNERS SCHOLARSHIPS ARE NOW OPEN!

Utica Roadrunners have the promotion of family health and fitness through running as our primary mission. Each year, we sponsor a number of events to help raise money for collegiate scholarships for outstanding graduating student-athletes in our community. We are pleased to announce that this tradition will continue in 2024 with the Paul Ohlbaum and Howard Rubin Scholarships for outstanding male and female applicants. Minimum qualifications the Scholarship Board will consider include the applicant's running achievements, academic achievements, and extracurricular activities. The \$500 scholarships are a one-time award to be used for tuition, fees, or residential costs at an accredited college or university. Runners who have received a full ride scholarship are not eligible for this scholarship. All applications must be received AND COMPLETE by Friday, May 31, 2024, to be considered! Incomplete applications missing any required documents will not be considered. Apply at www.uticaroadrunners.org.



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