

WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM

DR. KATHLEEN DAVIS, INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS



DISTRICT NEWS:

Dear Families:

I hope this message finds you well as we approach the Memorial Day holiday, a time of reverence and reflection. I want to begin by expressing my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who participated in the recent school budget vote. Thank you for your engagement and support. I am pleased to announce that the budget passed with overwhelming community support. This is a testament to the strength and unity of the Utica City School District, as well as our shared goals for future success.

Wishing you a safe and meaningful Memorial Day weekend. We will see students back in class on Wednesday, May 29th. (No School – Friday, May 24, Monday, May 27, Tuesday, May 28th.)

Dr. Kathleen Davis
Interim Superintendent

ELEMENTARY NEWS:
STEAM DAY AT COLUMBUS

On Friday, May 17th, Columbus students participated in a STEAM Day. Students had the opportunity to experiment and learn through hands on experiences. It is evident that students were actively engaged, and enjoyed this opportunity!

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS:
OPTIMIST CLUB AWARD WINNERS

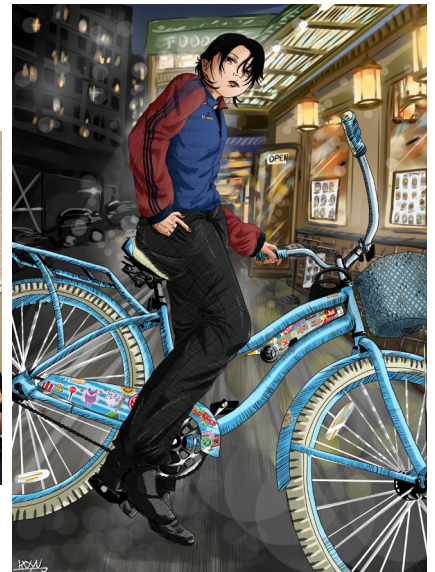
Congratulations to Donovan Middle School's East Utica Optimist Club Award winners!

Susan Lam Thach
Paw Lwe Moo
Melody Emmons
Lena Galime
Jasayda Johnson
Oleksandr Kudrynskyj
Brianna Whitehurst
Rylan Jantzi
Dante Calabrese
Shazeb Shahid

Young at Art! exhibit is to showcase the work of young, emerging artists across the region and this year's theme is *Imaginations at Play*. On June 8th there will be a reception and awards ceremony to celebrate artists. Best of luck to all finalists!

MVCC ART SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Congratulations to Kyut Paw on receiving the Presidential Scholarship award in the Mohawk Valley Community College Art Scholarship Contest! Each year, aspiring senior art students who plan to attend MVCC to pursue a degree in the arts are invited to participate in this contest. Kyut is a senior who will attend MVCC in the fall to study in the Game Art Program. Congratulations Kyut Paw, we are so proud of your accomplishment!



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HIGH SCHOOL NEWS:
FENIMORE YOUNG AT ART!

Congratulations to Senior Kyut Paw, and Sophomore Hannah Miller on having their work selected for display in the Fenimore Museum's *Young at Art!* Regional Art Contest! Kyut Paw's Digital Art piece titled, "Bike in New York City" and Hannah Miller's Mixed Media piece titled, "Sweat" will be exhibited at the Fenimore Museum in Cooperstown, NY from May 24th through July 21, 2024. The goal of the

