



WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM

DR. KATHLEEN DAVIS, INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

**DISTRICT NEWS:**

Dear Families:

The Communications Committee met yesterday and made a decision to put out sandwich boards, with a QR Codes, at events so parents can load pictures up to the district portal to help us feature student accomplishments. It is a great way for parents to participate and increase our recognition of students. Thank you all in advance for participating.

Just a reminder that May 17th is a recess day for all schools, except for Columbus School, due to an unused emergency day. Columbus School will have to be in session in order to meet the requirements of the State Education Department that all students must be in session for 180 days. Columbus School used two emergency days therefore they must be in session. I will be spending the day with the staff and students to support all of them. I look forward to making it a great day!

Dr. Kathleen Davis  
Interim Superintendent

**LIBRARIAN OF THE YEAR**

Congratulations to Meredith Bruno, Librarian at Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary for being the recipient of Librarian of the Year for the Oneida/ Herkimer Library System. She will be honored at a luncheon at OHM BOCES on May 13th. Mrs. Bruno has taken initiative in developing MLK's PBIS program and working closely with classroom teachers to ensure efficacy. Meredith consistently researches funding and grants for the library. She has secured funding for a "Little Library" outside of her building for their community members and families to utilize, as well as fundraising initiatives to enable MLK to host a Scholastic Book Fair. She has organized and hosted family events to encourage literacy and family engagement in her school community. Her continuous focus on our diverse population provides our students with exposure to culturally responsive and relevant literature, enabling our students to make strong connections.

**TVL BOYS & GIRL TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
TUESDAY, MAY 14TH, 2024 / 4:00 PM START  
HOSTED BY: THOMAS R. PROCTOR HIGH SCHOOL  
LOCATION: PROCTOR HS STADIUM, UTICA NY

**PARENT EDUCATION SERIES**

All district parents welcome (k-12)! May 13, 2024 at General Herkimer's gym, 4:00pm. The topic is **HEALTHY LIFESTYLE & NUTRITION FOR CHILDREN: importance of balanced diets and meal planning, promoting physical activity and reducing screen time, addressing common health concerns in children.**

**ELEMENTARY NEWS:**  
**EAST UTICA OPTIMIST CLUB**

Glory Kyet was chosen to represent Conkling Elementary and to be honored at the annual East Utica Optimist Club awards banquet. She was chosen for her upbeat attitude, good citizenship, leadership potential, enthusiasm, and for demonstrating a positive approach

to challenges.

**MLK MULTICULTURAL NIGHT**

MLK Elementary School's Annual Multicultural Night was a true celebration of culture and community! Parents, staff, community members, and local businesses donated cultural foods to share, and dance groups from the Utica community came to perform!

**MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS:**

**JFK GIRLS TRACK MEET: MAY 5, 2024**

JFK Girls won against Holland Patent 62-53. All players contributed to the win. The following athletes placed 1st: Leylani Billini- Discus , Amra Krupic- High Jump and Gabby Gazzilli- Triple Jump.

**HIGH SCHOOL NEWS:**

**FINE ARTS FESTIVAL**

UCSD's Seventh Annual Fine Arts Festival IS 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.*

**"POST-GRAD" DAY**

All seniors are encouraged to wear something to celebrate their post-secondary plans on May 15, 2024. This could include clothing representing their college choice, military, trades, or work plans. Staff should also wear their college shirts and/or a representation of post-secondary pathways. On this day, all underclass teachers should share their post-secondary stories to get students thinking about what they want to do after graduation.



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