



Miss Palladino-Principal

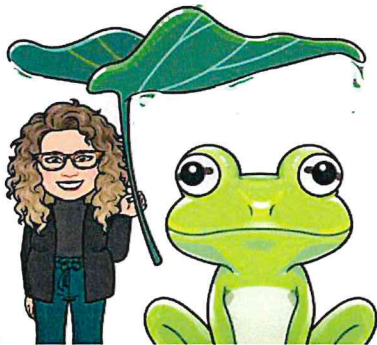
April 19, 2024

Donovan Middle School Principal Palladino's Update



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LOOKING AHEAD

April 15-May 3

Semi-Formal Tickets on Sale
in Main Office

May 17

NO SCHOOL: Unused Snow
Day

May 21

NO SCHOOL:
Superintendent's
Conference Day

May 24, 27, 28

NO SCHOOL: Unused Snow
Days and Memorial Day

JUST A REMINDER!

Donovan Middle School Grade 8 Events

- **Semi-Formal Dance**

Friday, May 3, 2024

5:30pm-8:30pm

Five Points Public House & Events Center

623 Columbia St., Utica

(Between March 4-May 3: Students with more than 3 unexcused tardies, any unexcused absences, any full day in or out of school suspensions and/or failing 2 or more courses Marking Period 3 may not attend.) Tickets will be on sale from April 15-May 3 ONLY, Cost: \$20.00.



- **Grade 8 Awards Ceremony**

Wednesday, June 12, 2024

4:00pm

Donovan Middle School

1701 Noyes St., Utica

(By invitation only.)



- **Grade 8 Moving Up Ceremony**

Thursday, June 27, 2024

10:00 am start time

Students should report at 9:30 am.

Utica University Nexus Center

400 Oriskany St. W., Utica

(A formal letter will be sent home in May. Each family will receive 2 tickets and may request more. Students moving up do not need a ticket since they are participating in the ceremony.)



Social Emotional Learning



Social and emotional learning (SEL) is the process through which children and adults understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions. See attached resource:

Just Breath Coloring Stress Relief Coloring Sheet

RAVING ABOUT A RAIDER and STAR AWARD WINNERS

Attached is a list of award winners for the month of March.

RAVING ABOUT A RAIDER (RAR) Raffle Tickets are given to students by any staff in the building for attendance, behavior and academics. Some examples of how to earn a RAR Raffle Ticket are turning in lost money, improved attendance, improved tardiness, getting a perfect score on an assessment, helping others and any other reason a staff member wants to reward or thank a student. Staff may also recognize other staff with RARs; typically, 10 student winners and 2 staff winners are chosen each month via a lottery drawing.

STAR RAIDER Awards are given out by the Attendance Teachers Mrs. Kristoff and Mrs. Lupi. Teachers nominate students monthly for Citizenship, Most Improved, Best Participation and Perfect Attendance. From the nominees, winners are chosen, via lottery system, to receive a special certificate and reward for the month.





JUST
BREATHE



HELLO SPRING



RAVING ABOUT A RAIDER

March Award Winners

<u>Student</u>	<u>Nominated by</u>
Abdul Malik Abdullahi	Ms. Jones
Star Gonzalez	Mrs. Sutherland
Kurisah Gray	Mr. Singleton
Bilal Juma	Mr. Galiulo
Raequan Miller	Miss Palladino
Syriah Mobley	Anonymous
Xavier Nkurunziza	Mrs. Egresits
Anra Ohiievych	Mrs. Mihajlovic
Apahthyon Smith	Ms. Graham
Mohammed Sultani	Mrs. Mihajlovic

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Nominated by</u>
Christopher Morin	Anonymous
Ms. Wyborski	Ms. Weaver

MARCH

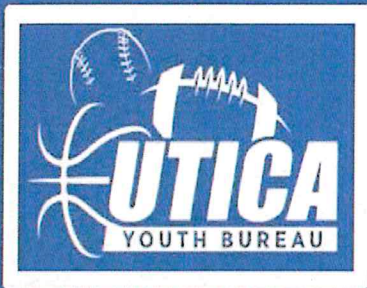
S.T.A.R. RAIDERS

AWARD WINNERS

Grade 7	Grade 8
Outstanding Citizenship	
<p>Hannah Jodway Nominated by: Mr. Colone</p> <p>Bubacarr Darboe Nominated by: Ms. Tessmer</p> <p>Arianna Whitehurst Nominated by: Ms. Pasqualicchio</p>	<p>Naziah Carter Nominated by: Ms. Stutzenstein-Mankad & Ms. Wronka</p> <p>Lena Galime Nominated by: Ms. Tillotson</p> <p>Hser Lay Htee Nominated by: Ms. Saville</p>
Most Improved	
<p>Abubakr AlJamal Nominated by: Ms. Ricci</p> <p>Fatuma Abdi Nominated by: Mr. Anweiler</p> <p>Melody Wake Nominated by: Ms. Piazza</p>	<p>Calvin Thi Nominated by: Ms. Edick</p> <p>Ibrahim Jabir Nominated by: Ms. Buono</p> <p>Payton Chrystie Nominated by: Ms. Roundtree</p>
Best Participation	
<p>Hilal Ahmad Jalalzai Nominated by: Ms. Mihajlovic</p> <p>Isaiah Mitchell Nominated by: Mr. Hawley</p>	<p>Oh Ler Pwe Htee Nominated by: Ms. Mihajlovic</p> <p>Trinity Stevens Nominated by: Ms. Roundtree</p>
Perfect Attendance	
<p>December Htoo Shea Bluet Moo</p>	<p>See Mu Lah Htoo Kaw Ler Bwe Moo</p>



YOUTH JOB FAIR 2024



Ages 14-21

Tuesday, April 23rd

1:00pm-3:00pm

Utica Recreation Center

220 Memorial Parkway, Utica NY 13501

You will be able to speak with local employers about seasonal, part-time or permanent employment.

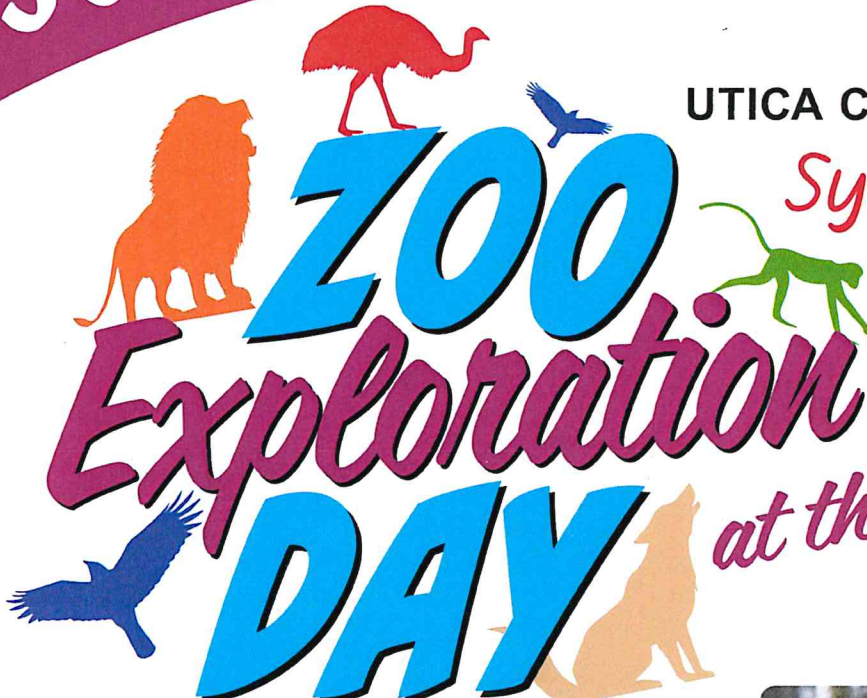
Donovan Middle School

“Today we Learn, Tomorrow we Excel!”

UCSD DRESS CODE

- Clothes and footwear should be safe and appropriate.
 - Clothes SHOULD NOT make reference to drugs, alcohol, gangs, or tobacco.
 - NOT APPROPRIATE=tube tops, net-tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps, plunging necklines, and see-through clothes.
 - NOT APPROPRIATE=short skirts/shorts, hats/hoods, bandanas, any items that are rude, use curse words, make fun of others, or have sexual content.
 - Undergarments should be completely covered with outer clothing.
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- ## In addition...
- Cell phones will be confiscated if visible to staff, locked in the safe, and the parent/guardian will be contacted to pick up the phone.

JOIN US FOR FREE!

ZOO
Exploration
DAY

UCSD
UTICA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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UTICA ZOO

Monday, April 22, 2024
11:00am-3:00pm

FREE admission for the day
for students and families in the
Utica City School District

Families can enjoy a day at the
Utica Zoo (a Utica gem!) visiting
the animals, walking the beautiful
grounds of the zoo and spending
quality, relaxed time together.

For questions, please contact
Community Liaison Emma Rasmussen
at 315-917-1407 or your school
identified Student Engagement Specialist.



REGISTER NOW!

Must register to attend

Deadline 4/17/24



May 2024



**DONOVAN
MIDDLE
SCHOOL**

MISS ANN MARIE PALLADINO, Principal
Main Office: 315) 368-6541 / Nurse: 315) 368-6552

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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04			Math 7-8 CBT DAY 1	Math 7-8 CBT DAY 2		
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
i-Ready D3 May 6-June 7	05 CINCODEMAYO Orthodox Easter	Science 8 CBT DAY 2	DAY 1 BUDGET HEARING 5PM Optimist Dinner (Invite Only)	DAY 2 Grade 7 Field Trip to SUNY POLY Grade 8 Hilda assembly and luncheon	DAY 1 Semi Formal 5:30-8:30 pm (Five Points)	DAY 2 Grade 7 Field Trip to SUNY POLY Grade 8 Hilda assembly and luncheon
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
HAPPY Mother's Day	DAY 1 PARENT EDUCATION SERIES GENERAL HEIKIMER 4PM / INFRONT OF GYM	DAY 1 NYSESLAT	DAY 2 NYSESLAT	DAY 1 NYSESLAT	No School-unused Snow Day	DISTRICT WIDE Art Show 11AM-3PM PROCTOR HIGH
19	20	SUPERINTENDENT'S CONFERENCE DAY NO SCHOOL		23	24	25
DAY 2	DAY 2	Finals-Art, Health, Science, Tech, PE International Night 3-5 pm (Invite)	DAY 1 NYSESLAT	DAY 2 World Language Speaking Exams	No School-unused Snow Day	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
MEMORIAL DAY NO SCHOOL	No School-unused Snow Day	World Language Speaking Assessment	DAY 1 World Language Speaking Assessment	DAY 2 National Jr. Honor Society Induction 4 pm (Invite Only) World Language Speaking Assessment	DAY 1	

**What's
Going On...**
www.uticaschools.org
UticaCitySchoolDistrict

VISION
Students will be prepared to be successful in high school.
MISSION
DMS Staff will use data driven decision making to provide academically challenging experiences for all students in a respectful, re-