

Rambling Reporter

February 2018

Jean Amodeo Appointed as Emily Howland Elementary School Principal



The Southern Cayuga Central School District is excited to announce the appointment of Ms. Jean Amodeo as the new principal of Emily Howland Elementary School, effective March 1, 2018.

Jean Amodeo currently serves at Ithaca High School as the chairperson of the English department. Jean is an intelligent, enthusiastic, and dynamic educator who leads a team of twenty-four educators and staff. Under her leadership, Jean's team has achieved measurable increases in the academic success and graduation rates of all of their students. Together they share a genuine belief in the positive role that public education plays in the lives of students and families.

Jean has been teaching in the classroom since 1998, has coached rowing for the Cascadilla Boat Club in Ithaca, and has even taught rock climbing and hiking for the Boy Scouts of America. Jean brings a breadth of life and academic experience to our district and will be a great addition to our leadership team here at Southern Cayuga. I believe she will quickly and successfully transition to the primary level and be an outstanding elementary principal because of her communication and problem-solving skills, approachability, leadership experience, and great sense of humor.

Jean received her bachelor's degree from Ithaca College, a master's degree from Middlebury College in Vermont, and a Certificate of Advanced Study in Educational Leadership at SUNY Cortland.

Please join us in welcoming Jean Amodeo as the new Principal of Emily Howland Elementary School.

2018/2019 Budget

Budget season is under way. The Board of Education will be reviewing and discussing budget topics at their meetings throughout the winter and spring. The SCCS community is encouraged to attend. The dates of Board meetings can be found on the district calendar that was sent to community households in September. The public budget hearing is scheduled for Monday, May 7, at 7:00 pm in the high school library. Vote day is Tuesday, May 15, from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm in the district office.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

by Debbie Patrick

The King Ferry Food Pantry mission is to alleviate hunger and support self-sufficiency in Southern Cayuga County. Each month the pantry responds to an average of 112 household visits, providing over 5,000 meals to our neighbors in need. Clients choose their own food, based on individual preferences, needs and circumstances. We offer a wide variety of shelf-stable foods, fresh produce, dairy, protein, bread, bakery and personal care items. All that we do is only possible because of thoughtful contributions from caring people in our community.

The food pantry is located in the Ag Wing of Southern Cayuga High School, and is open on the first and third Saturdays from 9:00 to noon, with no appointment necessary. Those who desire an appointment for another time may contact Debbie Patrick at (315) 497-2049.

In the weeks ahead, many families will be celebrating Passover, Easter and the return of Spring. The King Ferry Food Pantry is offering an opportunity to donate a holiday meal basket for these celebrations. A donation of \$25 would cover the cost of special foods for families who need a little help setting the table for the March and April holidays. Choices will include ham, pineapple, carrots, potatoes and eggs, in addition to the other foods always available at the pantry.

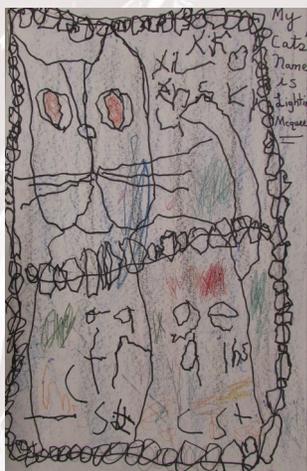
If you would like to donate a holiday meal, please complete the form below. The King Ferry Food Pantry is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and all donations are tax deductible. We appreciate your support and can assure you we are responsible stewards of all the community resources entrusted to us.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ Checks may be made payable to: King Ferry Food Pantry

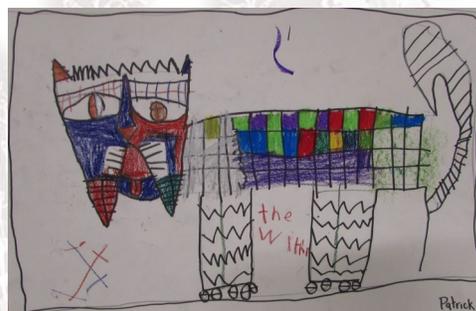
Send this form and your donation to:
 King Ferry Food Pantry
 PO Box 242, King Ferry NY 13081



Gage Lonsky



Gwen Sheils



Patrick Tyrrell

Abstract Cats by First Graders!

School Board Elections

If you are interested in being a school board member, please call or visit the district office for a petition. It must be signed in ink by at least 25 district voters, and returned to the district clerk in the business office no later than 5:00 on Monday, April 16. Election day is Tuesday, May 15. New school board members must fulfill mandatory training within the first year of service. This includes fiscal oversight training and governance skills training. School board seats carry three-year terms. There are two seats up for election for the 2018/19 school year.



Qualifications for school board membership in NYS:

- Must be able to read & write
- Must be a qualified voter of the district; a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age
- Must be and have been a resident of the district for at least one year prior to the election but need not be a taxpayer
- May not have been removed from any school district office within the preceding year
- May not reside with another member of the same school board as a member of the same family
- May not be a current employee of the school board
- May not simultaneously hold another incompatible public office

Class of 2019 After Prom Party/Schwan's Cares Fundraiser



The parents of the Class of 2019 are hosting an After Prom Party to ensure there is a safe and entertaining venue for students after the prom. Please help support the event by making a purchase through the Schwan's Cares fundraiser. When you order by March 25, 20 percent of the product and 40 percent of the e-gift-card sales will go back to the event. You can continue to order through June 23 and 5 percent will go back to the event. Choose from over 300 high-quality foods that go from the freezer to table in minutes.

Order Online: visit schwans-cares.com/c/36622; click "Shop Now" and select team member (if applicable); start shopping!

Order by Phone: call 1-855-870-7208 provide Campaign ID 36622 and Fundraiser ID (if applicable)

Help Wanted

Substitutes are needed: teachers, teacher aides, bus drivers, bus attendants, cleaners, food service helpers. Apply online at southerncayuga.org/644 and click on one of the applications in the right side column.

The Inns of Aurora Sponsors a Slam Dunk Dinner!!

It was a picture-perfect winter day with balmy temperatures in the mid thirties and sunny skies. An auspicious afternoon to host the 6th Annual Dinner and a Game, sponsored by the Inns of Aurora, coupled with SCCS's 1st Annual National Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony!

Back in fall 2017, the behind the scenes work was well underway planning for the event. Sue Edinger, General Manager of the Inns of Aurora, graciously and generously gave her "thumbs up" in having the Inn sponsor this signature event for Southern Cayuga in collaboration with the SCCS Boosters Club. It has become a perennial favorite for both groups valuing the wonderfully generous and caring community members residing in Southern Cayuga. In talking to Sue, what she finds most important about this event is "the opportunity it creates to give back to the community that is so generous in supporting the Inns of Aurora." She expressed her "immense gratitude to the uniquely talented and hardworking individuals from the surrounding area making up our employee base along with all the community members who patronize our businesses throughout the year!"

Distinguished Executive Chef, Patrick Higgins, prepared a fabulous dinner, serving over 300 with James Balloni as the Sous Chef and Chef Dan Crysler assisting him, both of whom graduated from SCCS. The menu was comfort food at its very best, showcasing cheese ziti, meatballs and roasted chicken. The High School café was a generational blend of past, present and future graduates of SCCS, all of whom enjoyed the comradery of visiting together. During dinner there was underlying excitement brewing, as guests were looking forward to watching some hometown varsity basketball while attending esteemed community member Ken Furness' induction into the Hall of Fame. Boosters Club members were busy selling snacks, cold drinks and SCCS clothing while parents Nikki Finch and Amanda Hauptfleisch offered a beautiful array of gifts to purchase in support of 6th grade students' trip to Washington, DC this spring.



It is said that many hands make light work and we are incredibly grateful to the countless folks who volunteered their time to make this event happen. Without a doubt, Joanne Cartner is our "MVP"; she is the conduit who makes everything come together at SCCS, including selling tickets to many events hosted by the Boosters. The 'can do' attitude embraced by the entire SCCS custodial team, along with Jenice Jones from the HS Cafeteria and SCCS Administrators, makes getting things done at the school an absolute pleasure! Larger events require extra help and having SCCS graduates Brianna Schmitt and Megan Osterhoudt volunteer their time was terrific! Moving tables and chairs around to create our dining room space necessitated an army of basketball players and we are grateful to Greg Otis and the boys and girls basketball players who helped set up in a myriad of ways! We thank SCCS students Kaley and Bryan Driscoll, Samantha Halverson, Jackson Otis, and Steven Sherman for overseeing a 50/50 raffle and community member Marianne Littlejohn, the winner of the raffle, for donating her proceeds back to the SCCS Boosters Club. And last, but certainly not least, we thank Sue Edinger, her staff and the Inns of Aurora for their sponsorship of this incredible community dinner.

A little bit goes a long way and with the support of many, the SCCS Boosters Club and the Inns of Aurora were able to bring over 500 people together on a beautiful winter night in January. There is much to celebrate in this rich and caring community we live in and members of SCCS Boosters would like to thank you for the part you played in making this community event happen!

HELP WANTED!

Full-Time Cleaner;
12-month position; competitive starting salary and benefits package

Full-Time School Bus Driver/ Groundskeeper; 12-month school position; competitive salary & benefits package; two years experience in parks or grounds maintenance AND eligible for appropriate level NYS driver's license

Substitute School Bus Drivers; starting salary \$19 per hour; may work daily; enjoy summers off and all school holidays and recesses

Applicants should apply online with the **Support Staff Application**; go to southern cayuga.org/644, click on the application in the right column. SCCS is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

School Transportation Requests Due April 1

Parents wanting transportation to and from private and parochial schools and daycare centers need to submit their application requests to their home school district by April 1 for the 2018/19 school year. Parents must file an application every year, even if they are currently receiving transportation services. For further information please contact the district office or the transportation department.



The fifth graders traveled to Cayuga Community College in January to participate in STEAM University. STEAM is an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics. Students signed up for two workshops that interested them, with choices ranging from basket making, coding, crocheting, culinary arts and many other options. This was a wonderful experience for children to see a college and to work in a collaborative setting with students from other districts.

Students Helping Students

By Mary Ferro

Southern Cayuga students identified as being at risk of hunger on weekends and school breaks are referred to the Backpack program by school staff or other agencies. This program provides an option for the days when school meals are not available. Nutritious packages include a minimum of four grains, four proteins and four fruits/vegetables - sometimes more, depending on the length of the break. The foods are child-friendly, light to carry, ready to eat, or easy for children to prepare for themselves when they are hungry.

Program coordinator Mary Ferro works with student volunteers to pack weekend food bags. Students are learning about the challenge of hunger; they understand that hunger is an issue in our community and they can do something about it. They offer input about the weekly menu, the nutritional value of the food they are handling and how it will benefit their fellow students. “By raising the food security level of students experiencing hunger, we help them strive toward academic success,” says Ferro. “When students help pack the bags, they are reminded that life situations often change and you never know when you may be the one needing help.”



Chandler Hastings, a student volunteer, takes advantage of the opportunity to be involved in helping other students.

One in six children in America faces hunger, all across the United States. The King Ferry Food Pantry and Southern Cayuga Schools have demonstrated a commitment to reducing hunger among children during and beyond the school day, in and outside of the classroom. “We haven’t found a solution to hunger in America, but we have resources available so no one should be hungry in our community, especially our children,” says Ferro. “In addition to working with the Backpack Program, I often volunteer at the Food Pantry on Saturdays”. The King Ferry Food Pantry is located on the Southern Cayuga High School campus.

For more information about the Backpack Program, please contact Mary Ferro at 315-364-7111 or FerroM@southern cayuga.org. The most wanted food donations are shelf stable milk, high protein granola bars, canned chicken and cracker kits, shelf stable pudding, Chef Boyardee microwavable cups, vegetable single serve cups and applesauce individual serve cups. Donations to support the Backpack Program can be sent to the King Ferry Food Pantry, PO Box 242, King Ferry, NY 13081.

Thank you!

by Carin Kopp

The King Ferry Food Pantry thanks the Southern Cayuga Anne Frank Tree Project and its supporters for raising over \$7,000 to purchase upwards of 19 tons of food for children and families in the Southern Cayuga School District. This gift will support the weekly Backpack Program, school meals for students in need, the Summer Mobile Pantry for children, the Children’s Birthday Bag Project and continued food support for the families of children who graduate from the Backpack program. The King Ferry Food Pantry sincerely thanks all involved with this project! It is only through your support that we are able to meet our mission to alleviate hunger and support self-sufficiency in Southern Cayuga County.



Winter Weather Reminder — Emergency Closing of School

Decisions about closing school are made by the Superintendent after receiving reports from the Transportation Supervisor and Town Highway Superintendents. Due to the size of the District (about 165 square miles), conditions in different areas vary. Local radio and television stations will announce cancellations, delays, closings or if a bus advisory is in effect. The SCCS district website, as well as various others, will provide these same announcements. Our phone messaging system also provides alerts about closures.

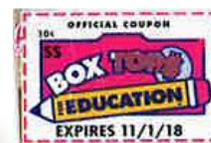
Websites to Check: SCCS www.southerncayuga.org, Auburn *Citizen* (auburnpub.com) and the Syracuse *Post Standard* (Syracuse.com), and the local television stations.

Please do not phone TV/radio stations or the school, as this only ties up phone lines. If your area has **extremely** bad weather and blocked roads, please notify the Transportation Department of these conditions. On days when school is in session, please notify the school office if your child is unable to attend due to impassable road conditions. It is of extreme importance that you instruct your children immediately and thoroughly of what they are to do if school is dismissed **BEFORE** the regular hour for any type of emergency.



Box Tops for Education

Unfortunately the **Labels for Education** program is ending, with January 2, 2018, as the deadline to send them in; we can redeem merchandise until May 31.



The Box Tops for Education program continues; please be aware of the expiration dates on them! This is an easy way to earn cash for our school. Cut out the symbol on participating products and send them to Emily Howland. Each one is worth 10 cents for our school!



Thank you for your very generous sponsorship of our Southern Cayuga Youth Basketball League teams. 2017/2018 CCYO SEASON SPONSORS

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K&R Eggs
Land of Lakes Realty
Lifespan Therapy
Oakwood Dairy
Osterhoudt Farms
Sunnyside Farms
Town & Country Pet Grooming
Valley Hill Farm
VansRidge Farm
Willet Dairy



SAVE YOUR CANS & BOTTLES!!

The fifth grade class will hold their annual can and bottle drive the week of April 2. Donations can be dropped off at the Emily Howland parking lot. For pick up any time before or during that week, please call John Nedza at (315) 515-8158. The fifth grade class thanks you for your support!!

**Coming Soon!!
Eighteenth Annual
Family Science Night at Southern Cayuga
Thursday, March 15, 2018, from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Emily Howland Cafeteria**

Students in grades K through 8 are encouraged to participate. Projects can include, but are not limited to, energy demonstrations, chemistry experiments, model building, long-term plant experiments, physical science demonstrations, hands-on activities, animal experiments and much more. The projects don't have to be big, elaborate or time consuming. The purpose of Science Night is promoting interest in science related topics.

If you think your student might be interested, have your student return the permission form below to either his/her homeroom teacher or Mr. Benenati. You could also send an email and include in the message the name of your student's homeroom teacher. He/she will then receive a Registration Packet containing information about what topic to choose, the details of setting up and how to register for the Science Night. All Registration Forms are due to Mr. Benenati by March 9, 2018.

Parents - if you'd like to be part of the planning and preparation committee for this event, please send a note with your child to the attention of Mr. Benenati; include an email address if you have one. You don't need to be able to attend meetings to help us out. Let's make this Family Science Night bigger than last year's. Let the ideas start formulating!! If school is cancelled, the event date will be Thursday, March 22.

For more information, contact Mr. Benenati at benenatif@southern cayuga.org or send a note.

Good Luck! Get those creative ideas flowing!

Please return this bottom portion, retain upper part for your information.

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Home Room Teacher's Name _____

We, the parents/guardians of the above student are interested in helping our student participate in Family Science Night on Thursday, March 15, 2018 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Emily Howland Cafeteria. Please send home the Registration packet with our student. The snow date is Thursday, March 22, 2018.

Parent/Guardian email _____

Yes, we are interested in helping set up this program. Please provide contact information, comments and suggestions. Please return this form to Mr. Benenati as soon as you can to receive a Registration Packet with more information. This form does not register you for Family Science Night.

Kindergarten Registration

Friday, May 11, at the Emily Howland Elementary School from Noon to 3:45 pm. A child must be five (5) years old on or before December 1, 2018, to be eligible to start school. Under current law, children who turn six (6) after December 1, 2018, must begin school no later than the first day of school the following September. Our mailing for next year's incoming kindergarten students will be sent in the beginning of March. If your child is eligible for kindergarten and you didn't receive a letter, please call the school at 364-7284.

Pre-Kindergarten informational night is Tuesday April 3, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm at Emily Howland cafeteria. Children who turn four (4) on or before December 1, 2018, are eligible to attend our Pre-Kindergarten program. A mailing will be sent in the beginning of March. If your child is eligible for pre-kindergarten in the fall and you didn't receive a letter, please call the school at 364-7284.

Cardinals by Kindergarten Students



Allison



Cody



Isabel



Weslee

From the Health Offices

Ann Marie Brown and Sharon Botsford

Many of our families and students have had the flu at home. If you have not had it, we don't want you to get it! Parents, please remind your children to cover their cough and to wash their hands. Also, if your children are not well, please keep them home. According to the CDC, if you have not had your flu shot, it's not too late.

During the month of February, students in grades 7 and 10 have hearing and vision checks. If your child has glasses, please encourage them to be worn. They would be amazed at what they are missing. Spring sport physicals are planned for May 10, 15 and 22. If your child has already had one, please provide a copy to the Health Office.

Our younger students go outside for recess most every day. Please check the weather and temperature daily and encourage appropriate dress for your child. We do have a collection of gloves and hats in the Health Office at Emily Howland. If your child is in need of outer wear, please call and we will be happy to assist. As always, thank you for sharing your beautiful children with us. Please call with any questions or concerns.



SOUTHERN CAYUGA
Anne Frank
 TREE PROJECT

The Southern Cayuga Anne Frank Tree Project (SCAFTP) is sponsoring a FREE Community Movie & Pizza Night at the SCCS High School on Friday, March 9, at 6:00 pm.

Hidden Figures tells the incredible untold story of Katherine Jonson (Taraji P. Henson), Dorothy Vaughan (Octavia Spencer) and Mary Jackson (Janelle Monae) – brilliant African-American women working at NASA who served as the brains behind the launch into orbit of astronaut John Glenn, a stunning achievement that turned around the Space Race. The visionary trio crossed all gender and racial lines and inspired generations.



Enjoy free pizza as well as math and science games beginning at 6:00 pm. Math and science story time with Elaine Meyers for ages 6-8 and families from 6:00 to 6:20 pm. The film screening begins at 7:00 pm.

For more information please call (315) 364-7111 or contact dana@lifespatherapies.com or zimpferW@southerncayuga.org. This event is free and open to the public.

The mission of the SCAFTP is to educate and empower children so they recognize their abilities as individuals to use their thoughts, words, and deeds to cultivate and promote understanding, tolerance, and justice within our community and in our society as a whole. More information about the SCAFTP can be found



We have had two female basketball players honored this season as the ESPN Fueling Excellence Athlete of the week. Catie Kopp received the honor for the week of December 4. In the two games that week, she averaged 20 points, 12 rebounds a 10 steals per game. Lauren Sherman received the honor for the week of January 1. She scored 7 of her 19 points in the fourth quarter to propel the team to an overtime win against Newfield. Congratulations!

Help Wanted

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Aurora Free Library

March 10: Movie Night *Thor Ragnarok* at 7:30 pm. FREE

March 24: Petty Thieves Band at 8 pm; suggested donation \$10.

April 7: Tri-Cities Opera performs *Jack and the Beanstalk* at 11 am.

Preschool Storytime meets on Wednesdays at 9:30 am (doors open at 9:00 am) when SCCS is in session. Bring your child, age birth to 5, to listen to stories, enjoy other activities and meet other families with young children in the area.

Register for the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program. It's easy! Just sign up your birth to age 5 child at either the Aurora or Hazard Library. Claim a prize or book for each 100 books read until 1,000!

We now have a Chromebook for use in the library!

Would you like to volunteer to help when we are open, at programs or movie nights, or could you offer a program for the community? Please contact Sandy at aurorali@rochester.rr.com or call the library to discuss opportunities.

Southern Cayuga Book Club meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:15 pm. All are welcome whether you read the book or not. On March 7 we are reading *The Girl in the Tangerine Scarf* by Mohja Kahf. We will have a special guest speak to us about Islam. Contact either library for information on the monthly read as well as the meeting time/place; new members are always welcome.

Hazard Library

Our February programs were lots of fun!

Did you join the 2018 Winter Reading Challenge? It was a great activity for the whole family!!

Did you try the Break Out Box???? It was a challenge to your puzzle-solving skills!!

Did you learn to use your library card to access Heritage Quest Online? It was fun to learn how to find out more about the family tree. And it's even better that the online program is FREE with your library card!

Story Hour continues to meet when SCCS is in session. Miss Lisa greets the children at 9:30 am on Tuesdays at the library. Stories, songs and a craft are on the schedule. There was even a celebration of National Bubble Wrap Day! New children are always welcome to join the group.

Donations for our Annual Book Sale in August may be left on the porch of the library until the snow melts.

Check our Facebook page for our Spring Break activities. Yes, it will be Spring again!

Local Libraries

Hazard Library

2487 State Route 34B
Poplar Ridge NY 13139
Phone 315-364-7975
www.HazardLibrary.org
librarian@hazardlibrary.org
Facebook Hazard Library Association
Tuesday 9 to noon and 2 to 8
Thursday 1 to 8
Saturday 9 to 2

Aurora Free Library

370 Main Street
Aurora NY 13026
Phone 315 364-8074
www.aurorafreelibrary.org
Monday & Friday 3 to 8
Wednesday 10 to noon and 3 to 6
Saturday 10 to 3
"Like" us on Facebook

Opportunities to Enjoy the SCCS Pool!

Community/Family Swim is now Monday, Wednesday **and** Friday!
when school is in session

5:00 to 7:00 pm

Water exercise 5:30 to 6:30 pm

\$3 per person or \$5 per family

Swim lessons begin April 9; see registration form on page 15

POOL RENTALS

The SCCS Pool is available for rent! \$125 for two hours includes use of a party room!

Schedule your child's event here!! Birthdays, family gatherings, just for fun!

Contact: Cathy Murray for information on any of these options
murrayc@southern cayuga.org 315-730-7087



Join Us for Dinner and a Show!

Chicken BBQ!

When: Thursday, March 1, 2:30 until sold out

Where: HS Cafeteria; dine in or take out

Menu: Chicken BBQ, salt potatoes, baked beans

Price: \$10

Call: Joanne Cartner in the HS office; 315-364-7111, ext 2103

Sponsored By: the Scipio Fire Department

Benefiting: the Junior Prom After-Party Committee



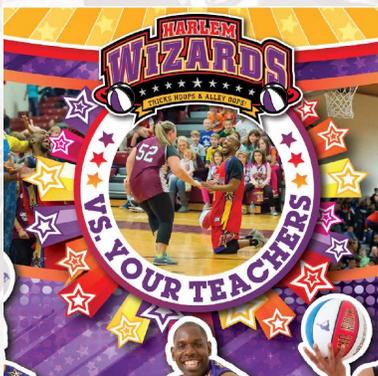
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My Fair Lady!

Time: 6:30

Price: \$8 for adults; \$5 for seniors & students

The same show will begin at 7:00 on March 2 & 3



The Harlem Wizards are coming BACK to challenge the SCCS Red Flash!

When: Wednesday, March 28

Where: High School Gym

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are available online and at the high school office. Please come enjoy the event and support your SCCS PTO.

SCCS Masterminds

The Southern Cayuga Masterminds team currently has four wins and two losses and is in third place in the league, behind Jordan-Elbridge and Moravia. We traveled to Moravia on February 12 and will go to Port Byron on February 26 to continue league play. Southern Cayuga's Riky Pearson is leading the league in scoring and Conrad Murphy is 8th out of the top 10 scorers. Congratulations!



Technology Classes

The eighth grade tech students were not able to set a new record in the Boomilever competition, but John McLaughlin and Anthony Weaver had the lightest structure that held the most weight, 10.2 Kilograms. Aedan DiSanto and Louis Hasenjager had the highest efficiency rating with 142. This means their structure held 142 times the weight of the structure. Not bad, but not a new record either. Students have completed their sailboat projects where they attempt to build the fastest and best designed model sailboat to complete a course in a 10 foot long piece of 8 inch PVC pipe. Louis Hasenjager and Aedan DiSanto were this year's champions with a boat that took just 4.87 seconds to go the distance.

The energy applications students, the principles of engineering class, and the production systems class toured two local manufacturing plants, Stonewell Bodies in Genoa and Fingerlakes Manufacturing in Moravia. We would like to extend our thanks to Todd Mix and Neal Purdy for allowing our students to visit and inquire about career opportunities at their facilities. Metal fabrication is apparently alive and well in the area with world-wide demand for their quality products. It is our intent to visit some other Cayuga County businesses to observe the production and assembly of other local products that require design and engineering.

Navigating Our Way to High Quality Childcare

by Elaine Meyers



I am proud to be a board member of ABC Cayuga. ABC Cayuga fosters understanding and action around early childhood development and learning in Cayuga County. Our data shows that investing in early childhood has tremendous benefits for a community: more vibrant economies, lower crime rates and higher standards of living. We seek to engage parents, grandparents, teachers, caregivers and anyone else who impacts the lives of children - in other words, YOU! - to make Cayuga County the best possible place to be a child.

A current crisis in early childhood development and learning is the availability of high quality childcare. ABC Cayuga is gathering data to begin to improve both access and quality of early childcare. If you have children age infant to five, please complete the survey on page 14. It will make a difference and we want to make sure the Southern Cayuga Central School district has a voice in our conversation. If you have questions or concerns, contact me at elaine.meyers4@gmail.com or call 315-364-8986.



Childcare Survey

Please complete this survey if you have used or are looking for childcare services for children birth to five years of age in order to attend work, search for a job or attend school. Your responses will help to improve access, affordability and quality of childcare in Cayuga County for all.

1. How many children (age newborn to five years) do you currently have in childcare or preschool?
 One Two Three or more
2. Do you use full-time care or part-time care?
 Full-time care (30 hours or more) Part-time care (less than 30 hours)
3. What type of care do you use? Check below all that apply.
 Childcare center Preschool Home-based care
 Family Friend of the family Neighbor
Other (please specify) _____
4. If children are in preschool, do you need wrap-around care?
 Yes No
If yes, do you need or use wrap-around care before hours, after hours or both? _____
5. If your childcare provider is a friend or family member, name relationship
 Child's grandparent Child's aunt or uncle Family friend
 Neighbor N/A
6. Do you use a combination of the types of childcare providers mentioned above for your child's care?
 Yes No
7. Did you have a difficult time finding care for a newborn or toddler?
 Yes No
Other (please specify) _____
8. If cost was not an issue, what type of care would you prefer?
 Childcare center Home-based care (home-based care takes place in a home delivered by a registered daycare provider, group home daycare provider, family or a friend who is not licensed but helping out the family).
Other (please specify) _____
9. Would you prefer the location of your childcare to be closer to . . .
 Home? Work?
Other (please specify) _____
10. Using a separate sheet, please feel free to provide further comments to help us understand your family's childcare needs.

Please return your responses to Sharon Botsford at Emily Howland Elementary School or send to Elaine Meyers, 1462 Atwater Road, King Ferry NY 13081. You may take the survey online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/abccayuga>



Swimming Lessons at SCCS Pool



WHO: All SCCS students, grades K-6

WHAT: American Red Cross Swimming Lessons (Levels 1 to 7)

WHEN: Session II Mondays, April 9 to May 21
Wednesdays, April 11 to May 23
Fridays, May 4 to June 8

Please indicate which days; you can register for more than one day/session)

COST: \$35 per student per session

TRANSPORTATION: Students at Emily Howland will be met in the cafeteria and escorted to the pool and locker rooms, where they will prepare for lessons. At 4:45 all students MUST be signed out and picked up by a parent or guardian. If students are signed out by someone other than the person on the registration form, a note must accompany that student. Students are welcome to stay for community swim with a permission slip and an adult present by 5:00 pm.

BRING: swimsuit, towel, hair tie/cap for long hair; goggles are also helpful to many

DO NOT BRING: toys, food, gum, band aids or glass

QUESTIONS: Contact Cathy Murray, 364-7111 ext 2256, 730-7087(cell)
or murrayc@southern cayuga.org

Registration: Send completed registration form with exact payment to student's teacher. Checks made payable to SCCS Swim. No late registrations will be accepted!! Space is limited to 40 swimmers for each day.

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: March 30 **OR** 40 REGISTRANTS

NAME OF CHILD _____

Name of Parent/Guardian _____ Phone # _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone # _____

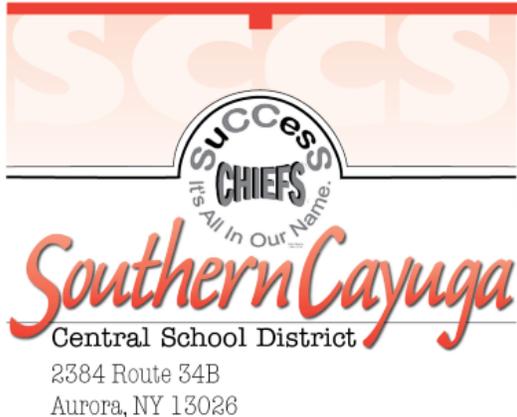
Teacher's Name _____ Bus # _____

Swimming Level if Known (circle one) non 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Program Choice (circle please) MONDAYS WEDNESDAYS FRIDAYS

I give permission for my child _____ to stay for Swimming Lessons
from _____ (dates).

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____



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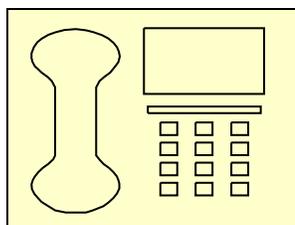
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Please be sure the district has your correct emergency contact information, including your phone number(s), email address and mailing address. You can add or revise your information from a link on our website, or by calling 315 364-7111, ext 2114.