



## DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

May 2017

Home of the Golden Falcons

### May

- 1-5 NYS Grades 3-8 Math Exams
- 2 Public Hearing @ 8 p.m.  
Board of Education Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
- 3 CCMTA Scholarship Auditions @ Forestville HS
- 4 Grades 9-12 Spring Concert in H.S. Aud. @ 7:30 p.m.
- 6 7- 8:30 p.m.-After Prom Open House  
Junior/Senior Prom After Prom
- 16 Budget Vote 2-8 p.m.  
Grade 5 Concert and Arts & Academic Festival  
Board of Education Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
- 20 CCMTA Spring All-County Festival @ SUNY Fredonia
- 23 M.S. Spring Concert in H.S. Aud.; Grade 6 @ 6:30 p.m., Grades 7-8 @ 7:30 p.m.
- 26 Vacation Day (No School)
- 29 Memorial Day (No School)
- 30-6/1 Battle of the Classes
- 30-6/16 Grade 6 Selborne Project (session III)

### June

- 6 Board of Education Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.



### The Story Pirates Visit Temple and Fenner Students

The Story Pirates are a nationally respected education and media organization, dually based in New York and Los Angeles. They turn kids' original stories into wild sketch comedy musicals featuring professional actors to show those kids just how amazing their ideas are. We would like to send a HUGE thank you to the PTO for giving the students such a great experience.



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Students wrote stories and submitted them to the Story Pirates, who then chose a few from each building to perform. Below are the names of the students who saw their stories come to life on stage.

#### FENNER STORIES

- "You Just Got Rainbow'd" by Patrick H. and Chazz S., Grade 4, Mrs. Bohall

- "The Day My Twin Fell In A Groundhog Hole" by Brynn Z., Grade 5, Mrs. Roth

#### TEMPLE STORIES

- "The Rhino Trap" by Natalie P., Grade 1, Miss Adams

- "The Magical Classroom Fairy" by Anna C., Grade 1, Mrs. Boughton

- "The Princess and the Prince" by Angela P., Grade 2, Mrs. Perry

### New Seating in MS/HS Library

The Middle/High School library has new seating areas for reading and working on homework! Mrs. Binkley worked with Fancher Chair to purchase eight chairs in two different styles. These chairs will help to update our library and provide flexible areas that can be used for whatever projects come up in the future. We are very fortunate to have community businesses that make such high quality products and that care about our students and our school.





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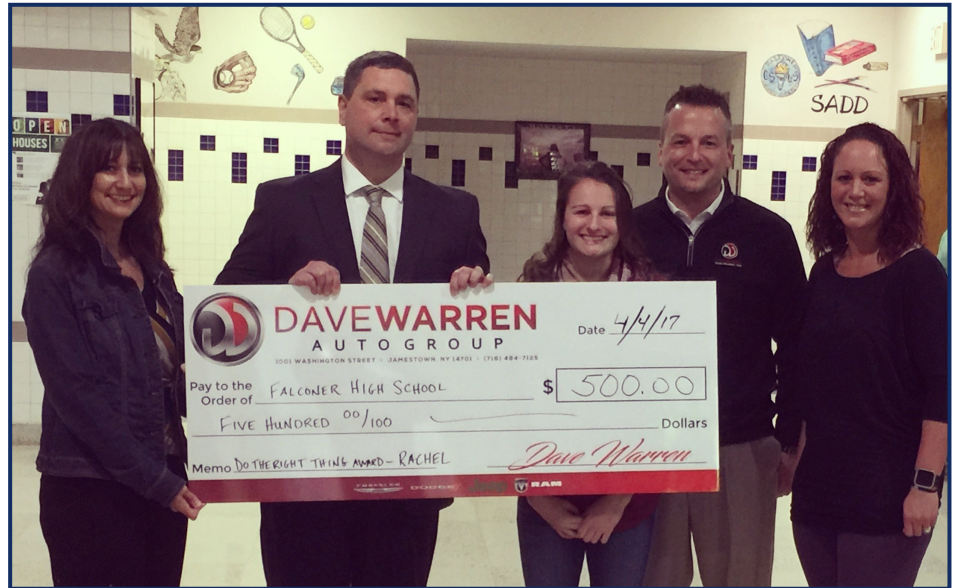
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**FCS Senior Receives**



**"Do the Right Thing Award"**

The winner came from a nomination from Mrs. Emily Scholeno Physical Education/Health Teacher at Falconer High School. In the nomination, Mrs. Scholeno wrote the following.

"Character is the real foundation of all worthwhile success. When I see that quote, one student comes to mind in particular. Rachel B., a senior at Falconer Central School, is a leader by example who has strong work ethics that have shown through in everything she has achieved in the classroom, athletic field and on the court. Rachel puts forth 100% in everything she works for. Rachel holds a leadership position as a captain in three sports, holds officer positions in clubs, along with being ranked in the top ten of her class. Rachel had decided to take on her senior year and grab every achievement.

In the classroom, she is pushing herself by taking college courses. In athletics, she is grasping every athletic achievement she can, along with pushing whoever is next to her to be the best they can be. In her senior role, I have watched so many classmates and younger athletes look up to Rachel and respect her for being such a strong leader. To try to describe Rachel in such summary seems almost impossible. She is an example of that one student that you can hope others get motivated by to set the same example. Losing Rachel next year seems impossible to begin to replace in character, poise, athleticism and the many examples she sets."

Congratulations Rachel and thank you for setting the example of what it is to "Do the Right Thing" in everything you do.

Pictured above (from left to right) Rosa DeMarco, Dave Warren Community Outreach Coordinator, Jeff Jordan Falconer, High School Principal, Rachel B., award winner, Dave Warren, Owner of Dave Warren CDJR, and Emily Scholeno, nominator and Physical Education and Health Teacher.





## FBLA Accepts Their State Theme as a Challenge

At their training last summer, the New York State Officer Team, including our very own Emily J., selected the theme "Suit Up, Step Up" to motivate their 2016-2017 members. The theme was accompanied by a very lengthy Program of Work which includes 12 challenges that get students involved in building their skills, promoting FBLA, supporting the community, and a variety of other activities. After completing all twelve challenges, the chapter focused their sights on their upcoming competition season. After finding great success at the District Competition in February, all the members continued studying, creating reports, designing presentations, and practicing their speaking events.

During the first week in April, Mrs. Johnson escorted six members to the State Leadership Conference in Rochester, NY. After two very busy days of workshops, competitions, officer campaigns, dances, and general sessions, over 800 attendees gathered for the Awards Ceremony. With so many competitors in over 70 competitions, it's no small feat to be called to the stage because you made the top 5. Needless to say, our Falconer members were extremely proud to hear one of their own called up to accept an award. Emily J. placed 4<sup>th</sup> in FBLA Principles & Procedures. In addition, her 15-page Local Chapter Annual Business Report earned her another 4<sup>th</sup> place trophy. Sydney K. and Emily J. teamed up to create an American Enterprise Project which earned them a 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophy as well as the opportunity to represent the state at Nationals in Anaheim, California this June. Our chapter also accepted 5<sup>th</sup> place in both the Chapter Business Display and the Chapter of the Year competitions and a 1<sup>st</sup> place plaque for their participation in the Need to Network Program of Work challenge.

Falconer FBLA is always looking for new members who would like to get more involved in building their personal skills all while making a difference in their school and local community. Meetings are held every Wednesday after school in Room 131. If you have any questions about what the club has to offer, stop by to speak with Mrs. Johnson. Come see just what it takes for you to "Suit Up, Step Up."

## FCS Students Represent in Poster Contest

The Art Department is proud to announce that FCS had 2 winners and 1 honorable mention in this year's Chautauqua Alcohol and Substance Abuse Council poster contest. Congratulations go out to Erika B. (8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Honorable Mention), Keely B. (9<sup>th</sup> Grade, high school category, 3<sup>rd</sup> place) and Maximus C. (10<sup>th</sup> Grade, high school category) who was the overall Grand Champion Winner!! 12 finalists were selected from over 300 entries and winners were announced at an awards ceremony held recently at the James Prendergast Library. Each received a ribbon, a monetary prize and two prints; one to keep and one to display here at Falconer Central School. If you see these dedicated artists, be sure to congratulate them on a job well done!



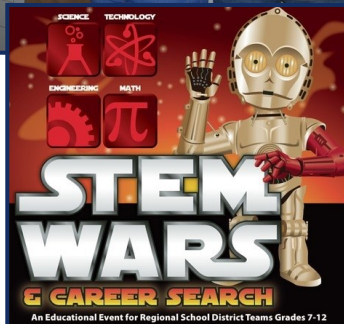




### FCS Students Represent at STEM Wars

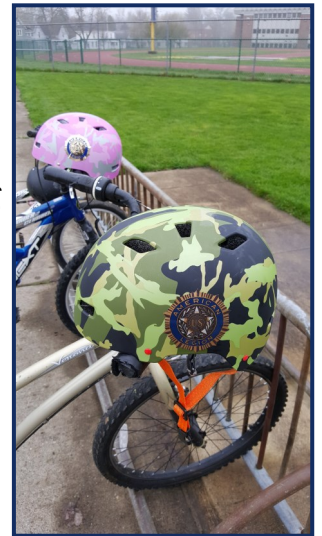
Over 900 students competed this year at Stem Wars. Alex L. took 1<sup>st</sup> place in Middle School CO<sub>2</sub> Car Race, Matt D. took 3<sup>rd</sup> place. In the High School, CO<sub>2</sub> Car Race Chase J. took 1<sup>st</sup> place. Mackenzie B. and Austin B. took 1<sup>st</sup> in the cardboard furniture competition. Great job to all

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### Legion Donates Helmets

H.C. Fenner would like to thank the Henry Mosher Post 638 American Legion for their generous donation of several bicycle helmets. Many of our students ride a bike to school every day, and some don't have a helmet. Their donation will help to keep our students safe! (By law, all bicyclists under the age of 14 are required to wear an approved bicycle helmet when riding a bicycle.)



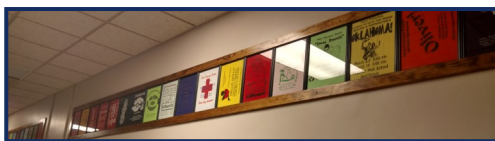
### March's 3B's Class Winners

Congratulations to Mrs. Bohall's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Class on earning the 3 B's Award for March.



### Show Shirts Get New Life

Beginning with the 1989 show "How to Succeed In Business" most of the Falcon Productions' shows produced since are represented in this historical display of T-shirts. Thank you to the Maintenance staff for their help with the wooden frames and mounting. Check out the display in the hallway along the High School Auditorium.



### Fenner Student Competes in Chautauqua's Got Talent

Congratulations to H.C. Fenner's 5<sup>th</sup> grader, Miranda W., on making it to the finals in Chautauqua's Got Talent's eighth season. Miranda was voted through 4 rounds prior to competing in the finals. Miranda sings and plays the piano. We are all so proud of you!

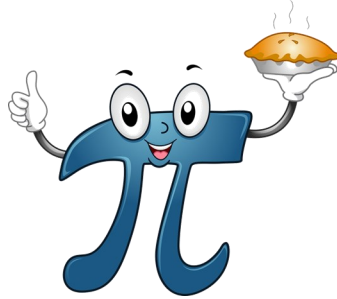


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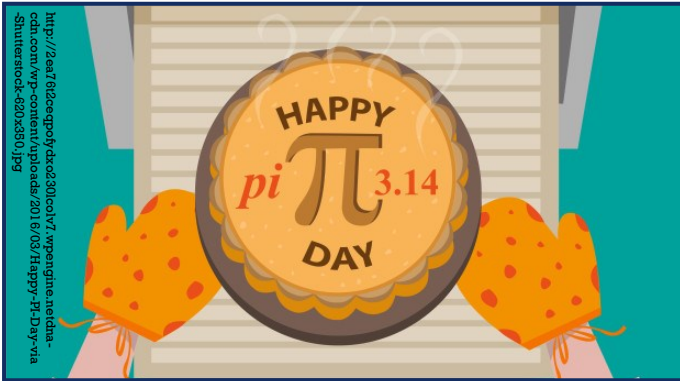


## PI Day Activities

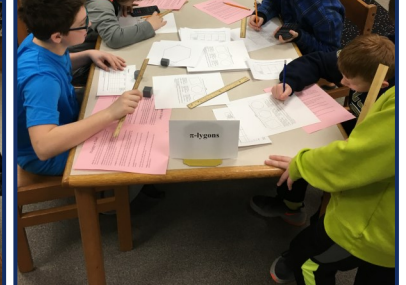
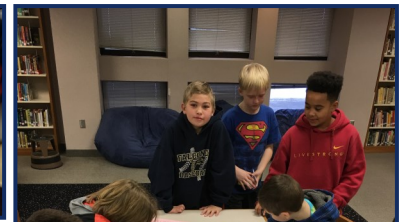
At Fenner, Mrs. Penhollow's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class celebrated PI day on March 4. The class spent the day doing PI activities that included a pie eating contest, putting up the digits of PI in the hallway that wrapped around the entire entrance way of Fenner Elementary, making circles using the diameter and circumference, calculating PI using the formula that they learned and much more - It was a great day for PI.



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In the Middle/High School the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in the 6<sup>th</sup> annual PI Day celebration in the MS/HS library media center. Eight stations were set up for students to try different activities relating to PI. An art station was a new feature this year with spiral drawing kits. Games like SMADness, PI Jenga, and PI-Ya! were popular as well. Mrs. Binkley, Mr. Anderson, and Miss Richardson coordinated the activities. It was a fun day to play with math!



## Annual Scholastic Fair

On Thursday, March 16, 2017, H.C. Fenner Elementary School held its annual Scholastic Fair. There were nearly 100 projects and participants in this year's fair. Participants included students from 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. Students were encouraged to create a project that demonstrated their interest in a particular topic. This year's projects included everything from the fantastic world of Harry Potter, How Popcorn Pops, information on the blood in the human body, diabetes, rock tumbling, the different types of grass, Legos, and everything in between. Judges from the local community volunteered their time to come in, interview, and score each student's project. Later that evening, the school gymnasium was open for parents, students, and friends to come look at all the wonderful projects. Also that evening, an awards ceremony was held to honor the top five projects at each grade level. In addition, six students received the Principal's Award selected by Mr. Gilbert, School Principal. These students received a medal in honor of their accomplishment. Each student who completed a project received a certificate of participation and collectible currency from countries throughout the world. To view all the projects, please visit [www.falconerschools.org/elementary](http://www.falconerschools.org/elementary). The Scholastic Fair Committee would like to thank the Falconer Elementary PTO for generously providing funding to purchase medals, certificates, and currency for the students who participated, and refreshments for the judges. The Scholastic Fair was organized by teachers: Cindy Nutt, Nicole Seeley, Bryan Voorhis, and Building Principal, Gary Gilbert. Those receiving top honors included:

### 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Top Honors :

- Abigail C. – Monarch Butterflies
- Brynn H. - Soccer
- Khloe L. – PH Water Levels
- Caitlyn N. – All About Sharks
- Emily R. – I Am Adopted

### Principal's Choice:

- Jordyn C. – Diabetes
- Haven K. and Mackenzie K. – Hummingbirds

### 4<sup>th</sup> grade Top Honors :

- Augustine K. – Wild Horses
- Katrina S. – How to Raise an Orphan Lamb
- J.C. H. – iPad Animation
- Javier G. – Chemistry in the Kitchen
- Rachel E. and Channing B. – Technology Past & Present

### Principal's Choice:

- Nolan L. – Green Growing Grass
- Mia V. – What is the Scholastic Fair?

### 5<sup>th</sup> grade Top Honors:

- Miranda W. – Roller Derby
- Cara P. and Mary Beth S. – Which Popcorn is the Best?
- Brynn Z. – Legos
- Hunter C. – Rock Tumblers
- Zeta M. - What You See Isn't Always What You Get

### Principal's Choice:

- Addison P. - #Stronger than fear
- Emily S. and Emma P. – Corning Glass Museum





### March Student of the Month Lunches



Koleson and his friend, Ethan ate lunch with Mr. Bianco in his classroom.



Lauren ate lunch in Mrs. Hannon's office with her friend, Grace.



Maddie and her friend, Ava, ate lunch in Mrs. Hannon's office.

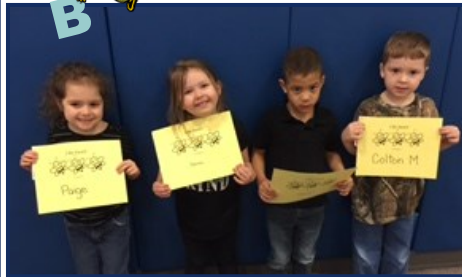


Tyler and his friends, Erik and Jordan, ate lunch in Mrs. Hannon's office.



Julianna ate lunch with her friend, Giada, and Mrs. Perry in her classroom.

### March 3B's Winners



AM UPK



PM UPK and Kindergarten



1<sup>st</sup> Grade



2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

### March Cheer Bear Winners



Mr. Bianco's Kindergarten Class



Mrs. Melquist's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Class



Mrs. Collins' 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Class





### Mission Statement

The Board of Education, collective staff, and community of the Falconer School District are committed to preparing our children to be productive members of society. Through continuous evaluation and improvement, this partnership will provide a quality educational environment for students to meet the graduation requirements.

### Alma Mater

Falconer High School here's to you best in the land. 'Neath the old gold and blue, we will proudly take our stand. In classroom study, field, or track with you dear as our guide, no honor ever shall you lack. I'll win your pride.

### Board of Education Agendas, Additions/Deletions, & Minutes

- To access any of the above documents, go to:
- [www.falconerschools.org](http://www.falconerschools.org)
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### Don't forget to Vote

Please vote on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, from 2-8 p.m. in High School Gym Lobby. Vote on Budget, Building Project, and Board of Education Positions.



### Donations Being Accepted for Relay for Life

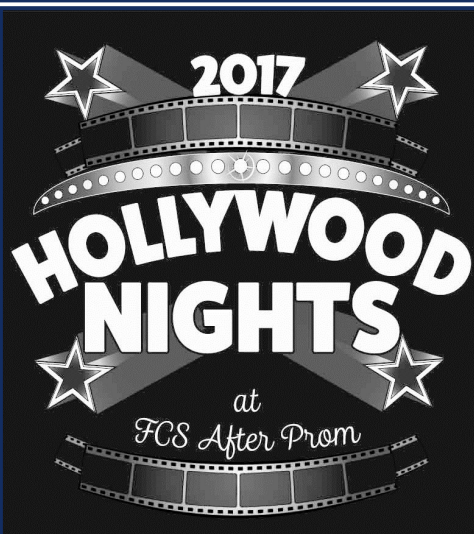
Honor Society will be participating in Relay For Life on June 2 and would very gratefully accept any donations you may be interested in contributing.

The Honor Society also has luminaria bags in memory/honor/celebration for \$5 each. See Mrs. Luce or a Honor Society member if interested. Checks for any contributions should be made out to the American Cancer Society.



Kindergarten Screening  
May 23, 2017  
May 24, 2017

UPK Screening  
June 6, 2017  
June 7, 2017



### Open House

You are invited to preview the transformation and see all the fun we have set up for our students. Please visit our "After Prom" Open House on May 6 from 7-8:30 p.m.