



FALCONER CENTRAL SCHOOL

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

September 2017

Home of the Golden Falcons

September

- 18-22 Spirit Week

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

- 21 Homecoming Parade @ 6 p.m. & Bonfire (following)

- 22 Homecoming Football Game @ 7 p.m.

- 23 Homecoming Dance in H.S. Gym @ 7:30-10:30 p.m.

October

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

- 4 Photos: Underclassmen, Senior Retakes, Sports

- 6 Go Home Early Drill (All Students dismissed 15 minutes early)

- 9 Columbus Day (No School)

- 10 After-Prom Meeting in 8th Grade Project Rm. @ 6:30 p.m.

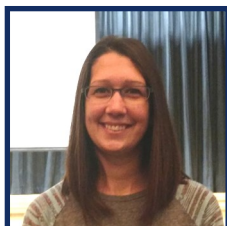
- 12 Photos: Fenner FBLA Fall District Meeting

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

- 20 1/2 Day (Elementary)

- 23 Photos: Temple

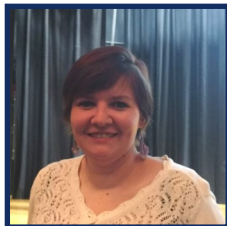
- 27 Superintendent's Conference Day (No School)



Kayla Bidney
Elementary Teacher



Brittany Brace
PE Teacher



Genevieve Cooper
Teaching Assistant



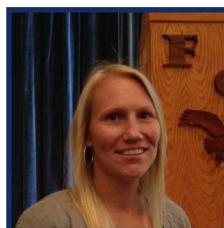
Nathan Cutting
Teaching Assistant



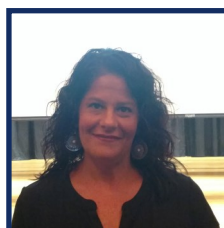
Jessica Davis
Teaching Assistant



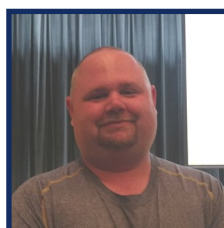
Rebecca Hattaway
Teacher Aide



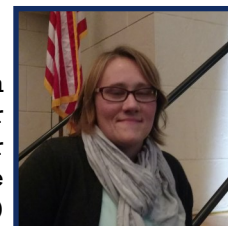
Tracey Hendrickson
Teacher Aide



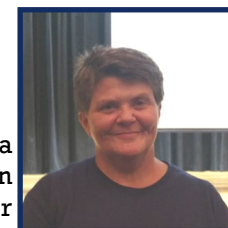
Andrea LeBaron
Reading Teacher (part-time)



Michael Smith
Working Supervisor



Rebecca Spinler
Teacher Aide (per diem)



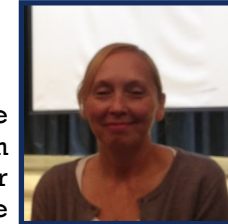
Patricia Swan
Cleaner



Denise Swezey
ISS Supervisor



Cindra Thompson
Bus Driver II



Lorie Thompson
Teacher Aide



Samantha Whippo
Elementary Counselor

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I hope you have had the opportunity to enjoy time with your children over this past summer. As we enter into this new school year, we hope to build on the many successes we had across the District last year, while continuing to build toward our new goals. Our teachers, administrators, and support staff started their school year on August 28 with three days of professional learning to kickstart the education of over 1,200 growing minds that will pass through our doors. I would like to extend thanks to our buildings and grounds teams for their summer-long efforts. Our campuses look great and add an enthusiastic feel that inspires us all to do our best in the classroom, stage, and athletic fields.



Stephen Penhollow, Superintendent

We will continue to build on the success we developed through the use of instructional strategies implemented to keep our students engaged in their learning. We also introduced lessons designed to provide higher level thinking and writing skills across the curriculum. We will continue to use these strategies and expand upon them in this new year.

Education continues to change throughout our state. In order to meet these new challenges in standards and assessments, our District continues to implement standards-based curriculum. There is a lot of work involved in adapting the standards-based curriculum, as well as all the lesson plans, units and resources that were previously used. This will require professional learning for our teachers and administrators as they work to provide a rigorous instructional program and meet new mandates while continuing to provide college level credit opportunities for our students.

Falconer will also be entering into the next steps in our Capital Construction Project this year, and I know I speak on behalf of the Board of Education when I say we are all very excited about improving our District buildings, facilities and lots. With overwhelming support from our community displayed last spring during the Annual Budget Vote and Capital Construction Project Vote, we are confident we will be changing student lives together, both in academics and extra-curricular activities. The first phase of the project will include the redesign of the Fenner bus and parking lot to ensure safer student dismissal, roof replacement, and our all-weather track and multipurpose field.

Please take the time to view our Website at www.falconercsd.org. In the coming months, Falconer MS/HS will join Fenner and Temple Elementary on Facebook. We want the community to share in the school's accomplishments and activities. You can find many pictures and news updates at the site. We continue to add highlights to the Website each week.

We certainly have a lot of work to do, but we are a great District with great teachers and great support. Together, we will achieve great things. On behalf of the Board of Education, we wish the entire Falconer family an exciting and successful school year!

Stephen M. Penhollow, Superintendent
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After four years of dreaming about it, and two years of working towards their goal, Falconer Central School Key Club members completed their service trip to the Dominican Republic this past July. The group, consisting of students Macey A., Brittany D., Katie E., Meghan H., Brianna L., Hannah W., and FCS teacher and volunteer Key Club adviser, Mary Plumb, traveled in partnership with Rustic Pathways, an organization that provides international service and educational travel opportunities to High School students world-wide. It was an experience of a lifetime, as some students had never flown on an airplane or seen the ocean. However, the most powerful part of the trip involved the service work in the mountainous central region of the Dominican.



The team worked for 23 hours over five days, using pick axes and shovels to break ground and dig over 930' of ditches along tree-lined, rocky mountain roadways. They cemented, placed and covered PVC pipe for water distribution to the small, relatively isolated communities of Hatillo and Crucero. Rustic Pathways has worked for years in the mountain region outside of Jarabacoa, DR, to provide running water in rural communities. In Hatillo, the 355' line installed by Falconer students fills a tank that will eventually connect to 52 homes (housing about 400 people). Despite language and cultural differences, local residents of all ages and community activists axed and shoveled side-by-side with the Falconer team and expressed their heartfelt gratitude for the work accomplished. Brianna L. commented during an evening reflection that it is amazing that "people with so little can give so much," as the locals showed their gratitude daily with coffee and sugar, fresh picked avocados from their trees, and generous hospitality.

The base camp for the trip was at Rancho Baiguate, a sprawling organic eco-tourism ranch outside of Jarabacoa. At the Ranch, students stayed in dorm-style housing and ate locally prepared meals in the buffet-style outdoor cafeteria. On much needed rest days, students enjoyed the beaches of the Dominican, local cuisine, and sightseeing in Colonial Santo Domingo. One afternoon, they hiked down to the Salto Baiguate, a waterfall visited by locals and tourists. There they watched an elderly man descend the steep steps hewn out of rocks, carrying an empty 10-gallon water jug. A younger man at the waterfall took the jug and filled it from a stream descending from the rocks nearby. The older man then carried the now 80-pound load back up the stairs to carry it to his home. This moment solidified for the Falconer students the importance of their work. "We have so much clean water, we play in it," reflected one Falconer team member.

Throughout the trip, students had many opportunities to talk with program guides about the country, including the socio-economic structure, education, political structure and public safety infrastructure. The country struggles with solid waste management, with no real infrastructure established for garbage collection and removal. Students commented that seeing the amount of garbage produced by those with so little material wealth made them think about their own consumption patterns. "I don't really need everything I have, and I certainly don't need everything I want," said Hannah W.



The Falconer Key Club wants to say thank you to all of our neighbors here in NY that made this trip possible. Over the course of the past 18 months, Key Club held numerous fundraisers and asked for donations to defray the cost of the trip, raising approximately \$10,000 through the generous support of local businesses, residents, churches and organizations. The Falconer team knew they were there working on behalf of all those who gave their support, and the Dominican people served by this project are grateful for our community, as well. Katie E., Key Club 2017-18 President, found her commitment to community service strengthened by this trip and is looking forward to increasing her service work here in WNY. Meghan H., Key Club Treasurer, reflected, "This once in a lifetime experience has taught me to be grateful for everything I have, and I will carry that lesson with me for the rest of my life."





Lady Falcons Volleyball Begin Season Differently

The JV and Varsity Lady Falcons Volleyball teams did things a little differently this summer: instead of going away to a camp, they had the camp come to them. The All American Volleyball Camps' program sent two All American Players the second week of August to jumpstart the upcoming season in our very own gymnasium. 6'0" outside hitter, Ingrid Hanson-Tuntland, and 6'3" middle blocker, Lauren Ford, (whose careers now involve them playing professional volleyball overseas) helped teach fundamentals and skills to newcomers of the sport, as well as fine tune mechanics of the veterans of the teams. Varsity Coach, Kourtney Ames, and JV Coach, Andi Gunnell, are both excited for what the upcoming season will hold for the teams, with a

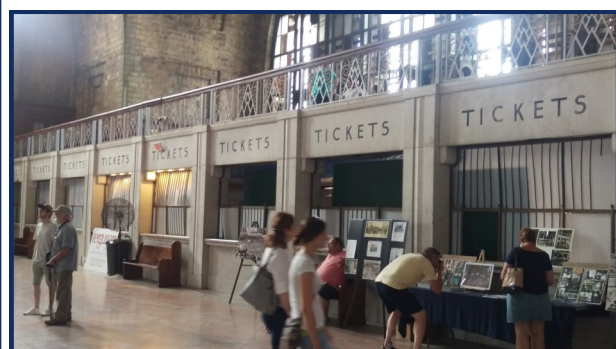
successful scrimmage already played against Allegany-Limestone's teams.

The teams also enjoyed a team-bonding session influenced by the Kindness Rocks Project. The athletes painted rocks together, which Coach Ames and Coach Gunnell will hide around Falconer with words such as "Inspire," "Be Heard" and "Follow Your Dreams" on the front of them, along with colorful designs to help brighten someone's day. However, there is a twist to the rocks the girls painted: if anyone does find one of these and sees our hashtag on the back (#falconervballrocks), that person can bring it in/give it to one of the coaches to get a free concession item of his or her choice at a home game! Check out our schedule on arbiterlive.com.

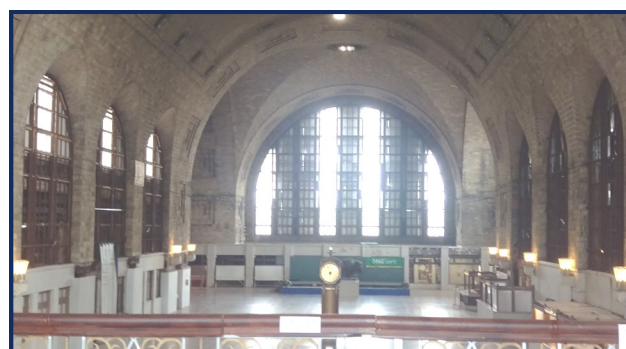


Social Studies Department Explores Buffalo History

Members of the High School Social Studies Department spent a Sunday afternoon visiting the Central Terminal and Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic Site in Buffalo over the Summer. US History teacher, Tim Butzer, Government & Economics teacher, Jacob Proper, and Global History and AP US Government teacher, Corey Markham, started with a guided tour of the iconic Central Terminal on Buffalo's Eastside. Individuals from the non-profit preservation group Central Terminal Restoration Corporation provided fascinating information about the architecture and history of the complex. To conclude the afternoon, the group walked through the site of "Teddy" Roosevelt's inauguration as President of the United States after the assassination of President William McKinley. These Falconer teachers will be



incorporating what they learned from their Summer adventure during the school year.



Fourth Grade Picnic

On June 21, the 4th grade classes went to Allegany State Park for their end-of-year picnic. The students enjoyed fishing, nature walks, kickball, basketball, water balloons, and spending time together. Thank you to the PTO for providing transportation.



Temple Field Day

Left: 2nd graders and the water balloons
 Below: 1st graders and water balloons
 Right: 2nd graders and the Sea Sponge Relay



June 3 B's Winners!



Kindergarten



1st Grade



2nd Grade

1st and 2nd grade Reading Awards (2016-2017)



June Cheer Bear Winners

Mrs. Collins' 2nd Grade Class



Temple's 2nd Grade Visits Fenner

Last June, in preparation for the transition to Fenner, 2nd Graders visited and toured Fenner. They met Mr. Gilbert in the Café and even stopped in to see the Nurse, Mrs. Buccola.



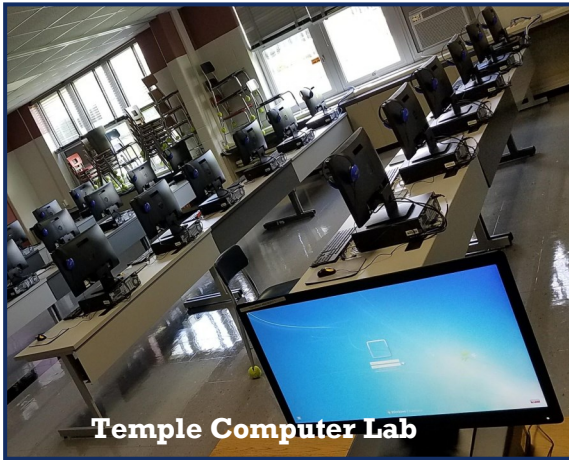
2nd Grade Tug Of War



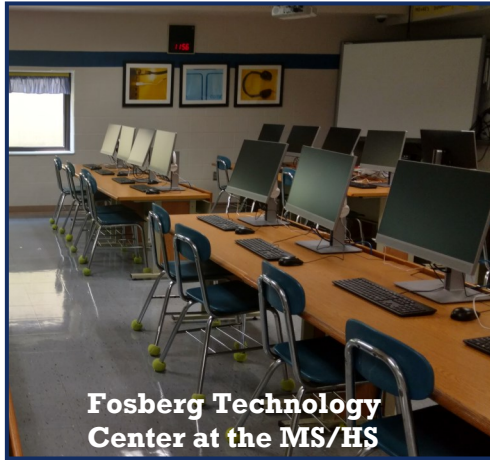
The Winners! - Mrs. Collins' Class

Teachers vs. Mrs. Collins' Class in Tug Of War





Temple Computer Lab



Fosberg Technology Center at the MS/HS



ChromeBook Cart

New and More Technology for the 2017-2018 School Year

Over the summer, the District Technology Team has been working hard to assemble and ready many new computers for students and staff in September. The changes will be seen district wide. Brand new computers were installed into all three buildings and included the Temple Computer Lab, the Fosberg Technology Center (MS/HS), the CAD computer lab, and 7 Chromebook carts holding 252 Chromebooks were added to Fenner and the MS/HS.

FCS Visits Chautauqua Children's Safety Education Village in June



Second Graders took a Field Trip to the Safety Village. Noah and Myla and some students in Mrs. Brandi's class are pictured on the left.



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The 4th grade classes were able to visit the Chautauqua Children's Safety Education Village. Thanks to a grant from the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation, the children participated in the "Amazing Race" challenge. They worked in small groups to solve clues and complete challenges, while using critical thinking skills to learn in a fun, interactive way. Everyone had a great time!



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

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Help the Axemen "Fill the Bus"

Falconer was a recipient last year. Please help the Axemen "Fill the Bus" with supplies. The Axemen Professional Firefighter Motorcycle Club's 2017 "Fill the Bus" School Supply Fundraiser continues until September 22 with "Fill the Bus" Day on September 23 at Friendly's Restaurant's parking lot.



Drop off locations include:

- Affinity FCU – E. 2nd St.
- Chautauqua Pools & Power Sports – Foote Ave.
- Community Bank – N. Main St., S. Main St., Fairmont Ave., & Main St. (Falconer)
- Cummins' Engine of Jamestown
- Every Day's Hardware – Foote Ave.
- Five Star Bank – Fairmont Ave.
- Greater Chautauqua FCU – Main St. (Falconer)
- JAC-FCU – E. 2nd St.
- Jamestown Harley Davidson – Main St. (Falconer)
- Key Bank – 5th St., Foote Ave., & Fairmont Ave.
- Lake Shore Savings – E.4th St.
- M&T Bank – Foote Ave., Main St. (Falconer), & Fairmont Ave.
- Northwest Savings – Main St. (Jamestown), Foote Ave, Main St. (Falconer), & Fairmont Ave.
- Southern Chautauqua FCU – E. 2nd St.
- Southside Redemption – Foote Ave
- Vegas Pad – Rte. 394 (Kennedy)

Reminder from the Nurses' Office

If your child had a physical over the summer, please be sure your School Nurse gets a copy.



After-Prom Meeting

The first After-Prom meeting will be held on October 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the 8th grade Project Room. Please come and lend a hand!

Mark Your Calendar for the Middle School Play

Co-Directors, Mrs. Binkley and Mrs. Mikula are excited about this year's show entitled "Superheroes, Unite!" by Leslie Cardwell and Jessica Stephens. Auditions were held recently and practice will be getting underway. Please mark your calendar for November 3, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. and November 4, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. for the performances of this fun and hilarious show in the H.S. Auditorium.



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