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- 11 Jr./Sr. Prom
- 12 After Prom Party
- 16 Spring Concert
Gr. 9-12 @ 7:30 p.m.
- 17 Falconer Special Olympics
- 20 PTO Mtg. @ 6:30 p.m.
(Fenner)
- 21 Budget Vote: 2-8 p.m.
BOE Mtg. @ 5:30 p.m.
MS Spring Concerts:
Grade 6 @ 6:30 p.m.
Grade 7-8 @ 7:30 p.m.
- 23 Scholastic Fair (Fenner)
- 24,27 No School (Memorial Day)
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June

- 3-4 Kindergarten Screening
- 4 BOE Mtg. @ 5:30 p.m.
Spring Concert:
Grade 5 @ 6 p.m.
- 5-6 UPK Screening
- 7 Drive Your Tractor to
School Day
K-2 Field Trip (Midway
State Park)
- 10 PTO Mtg. @ 6:30 p.m.
(Fenner)
- 13 Fenner All Student
Recorder Concert @
5:30 p.m.
- 14 Kindergarten Family
Picnic
- 18 BOE Mtg. @ 5:30 p.m.

THE FALCON

FALCONER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

BUDGET EDITION
2024

Please
Remember
to

May 21
Budget Vote
2-8 p.m.
(HS Gym Lobby)

For additional budget information,
school calendars, and events please go
to www.falconercsd.org.



UPK
Enrollment
Still Open
for Fall
2024



Registration paperwork can
be picked up at Temple
Elementary or at the MS/HS.

Need help or have
questions?
Call: 716-267-3255

UPK Screening is June 5-6!

Congratulations
to the Cast and
Crew of GREASE!



Over 45 students participated in the production of the high school musical in March under the guidance of Artistic Director, Mrs. Heather Young, and Music Director, Mrs. Ann Marie Mogenhan. Congratulations to all on an outstanding performance!

Falcon Productions would also like to thank the generous continued support of the local community of drama at FCS!





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A Note from High School Principal, Jeff Jordan

Hi Golden Falcons and FCS families. We are getting close to the end of our 2023-2024 school year and I want to congratulate our students on their accomplishments this year in all areas of our school community. Our musical, clubs, and athletic teams have been excellent this year.

Now is the time to focus on finishing the school year strong. Be on time, stay current with your school work from week to week. Communicate with your teachers and utilize 9th period when needed. Our first NYS Regents exam in Algebra is scheduled for June 4 this year. Prepare and do your best.

We still have many opportunities to look forward to this year. Our Prom and After Prom will be fun as always and our spring teams are off to good starts. Best of luck to the class of 2024 as you prepare for your future. Graduation is June 27, 2024, on Bill Race Field. I hope everyone has a successful spring and stay Falcon Strong!



A Note from Superintendent, Stephen Penhollow

Our District continues to make considerations to provide for the educational and financial stability of our community during these challenging financial times. Given the continued uncertainty of resources we receive from the state on an annual basis, we've had to work very hard to maintain staffing and programs without creating harmful cuts to student educational opportunities while living under the imposed Tax Levy Cap. We continue to deal with the learning loss effects of COVID-19 for our students and staff. We're also being challenged to move toward new zero emission buses starting in 2027 and all of our buses must be zero emission by 2035. This will continue to require a significant change in infrastructure and a substantial consideration in future NYS funding. While we're preparing for these current and future challenges we're thankful for the community support we've received. We'll also continue to focus our efforts on providing a safe school and supportive environment with the continuation of our School Safety Advisor and Security Officers in all three buildings for 2024-2025.

We will continue to respect and stay below the allowed tax levy increase cap which will allow our taxpayers to be eligible for the State's tax rebate programs, and expect that the enacted NYS Budget will allow for no increase in the 2024-2025 tax levy for our community. Although the Foundation Aid formula remains restored this year, and aid projections have increased this year for FCS, we have, over the past 11 years, been shortchanged over \$42 million in Foundation Aid by NYS.

The Board of Education has also adopted a resolution to place a capital outlay project in the 2024-2025 budget for \$100,000. Much of the project will address reconstruction of existing fire doors by adapting them to include additional capabilities to also be able to be locked remotely when the district goes into lockdown at the MS/HS. This is the first step in making all district fire doors lockdown capable.

We will continue to share services with our neighboring districts and municipalities that will generate cost savings for all involved. Our area school district's consortium continues to provide our district with important savings through special education and distance learning programs. FCS will continue to investigate all areas of cost savings for our district taxpayers while still providing the highest quality of education for our students during an era of increased efficiencies. We truly believe that our two most important responsibilities are offering our students excellent educational opportunities while charting a financially sustainable long-term course for our schools.

As always, we thank you in advance for your support. In addition to this newsletter, a copy of the budget is available for inspection in each of the elementary and middle/high school offices as well as our three public libraries and our website.

Please remember to attend our annual Budget Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 7 at 6 p.m. in the High School Media Center and vote on Tuesday, May 21. Stay Falcon Strong!



GSA Club Members Attend Youth Leadership Conference

Some of our GSA club students traveled to Hamburg High School on April 16 for the annual Youth Leadership Conference. The students met with other GSA's from all over the southern tier, attended workshops on a variety of topics, and finished the night by seeing an amazing performance. This year marks Falconer's 10th year with a GSA, and the conference is most GSA member's favorite activity of the year.



MS/HS Opens "Falcon's Nest"

Our new student-led Falcon's Nest community clothing and hygiene closet is now open free of charge to all students at FCS. Seniors Conner J. and JuliaMay B. developed the program after discussing different

ideas to help Falconer Central School students. The closet is located in the Southern Chautauqua Credit Union Office and open during school hours. All items located in the closet have been donated by FCS students and staff. Thank you to the Kiwanis Club for donating two clothing racks to the closet. Great job Golden Falcons!



Falconer After Prom and Senior Vigil 2024

Falconer's After Prom party theme this year is "Hollywood Nights". We are planning on more than 200 students and 80 adults attending the all-night event. This year's activities include a DJ, inflatables, mechanical bull, 360 photo booth, comedian, games, silent auction, a live casino, live bingo, airbrush tattoos, caricature drawings, and a store with over 200 donated items/baskets/gift cards that students can purchase with the "Falcon money" they earn throughout the night. At the end is a live auction with an auctioneer to battle to win prizes such as TVs, mini refrigerators, laptops, Air Pods, large denomination gift cards, cash, etc.

The Senior Vigil will consist of a night on the road! After graduation, the seniors set off for a couple games of bowling at JBC to include pizza, snacks, and beverages. They will then head to the Lakewood YMCA for a couple hours of activities. Next, they will stop at Northwest Ice Arena for some ice skating and bumper cars. They end back at the high school for their last breakfast as the Class of 2024.

There will be chances to win great prizes all through the night. We would like to thank the Falconer and surrounding communities for the generous donations we receive every year. Our After Prom party and Senior Vigil are solely funded through community donations and fundraising. We have received very generous monetary donations, gift baskets, gift cards, and discounts from our amazing community and local businesses. Our purpose is to keep our juniors, seniors, and their dates safe on Prom Night, and our seniors safe on graduation night. We want them to have fun, make memories, and win some great prizes.

We are still seeking donations such as monetary donations, gift card donations, pop/water/Gatorade/breakfast items (for Vigil), theme baskets, prizes, bulk candy, baked goods, etc.

For more information, call or text Beth Armstrong at 716-450-3668.



Mozart Club Award Given to FCS Senior

Congratulations to Senior Miranda W., who is the recipient of the 2024 Josephine Fenton Gifford Scholarship Award of the Mozart Club, Jamestown, NY. This prestigious, highly-selective scholarship is based on a future career in music, resume, essay about goals, and a vocal performance.

Congratulations Miranda and well done!



FCS Senior to be Representative

Senior Addison S. was recently selected by the League of Women Voters of NYS Education Foundation to be a representative at the annual Students Inside Albany Conference May 19-22, 2024. This conference is designed to increase a student's awareness of their responsibility in representative government. This interactive conference will bring together 60 selected high school students from across the state to learn about NYS government and the process by which citizens can participate in the policy-making arena. Students will engage in legislative shadowing experiences that will increase understanding of the roles in government and how they impact New York State legislation and policy development. Addison plans to pursue a degree in Political Science after graduation.



Three FCS Ceramic Art Students Receive Recognition from St. Bonaventure University

Acknowledgements & Accolades go out to High School Students Addison C. (10), Kimberly G. (11) and Anna C. (12) for having their artwork accepted into St. Bonaventure University's prestigious, High School Juried Art Exhibition. Highly-esteemed artwork not only has to be evaluated by Mrs. Cheney as being worthy of submission, but then voted by the Quick Center curators upon submission. If accepted, both teacher and student(s) receive email confirmation, along with an invitation for the student artist, their families, friends and their instructor to join them for a reception honoring the opening of the exhibition. The exhibition will be on display at the Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts until Sunday, May 5. Congratulations for such an honorable achievement in recognition of your dedication and hard work!



Easter Egg Hunt Finds Success

Mrs. Gunnell's family and Mr. Spry's family had a great time at the second annual Easter Egg Hunt that the class of 2026 organized! The class of 2026 would like to thank all who supported this fun community event.



Unified Bowling

Unified Bowling had its inaugural season at Falconer Central School. Unified sports join people with and without disabilities on the same team, promoting friendship and understanding. Throughout the season, Falconer competed against area teams from Section 6.

Matches were filled with high fives and smiles. The culminating event was held in Buffalo in March. With the success of this season, the district is hoping to add Unified Basketball to our opportunities next school year.

Winter Games 2024

Mr. Fiasco's class attended the Winter Games 2024, hosted by Collaborative Children's Solutions at the Northwest Ice Arena. Students rotated through various adaptive stations such as ice hockey shoot, curling and adaptive football. A special guest appearance was made by three-time NFL Walter Payton Man of the Year Nominee, Harrison Phillips of the Minnesota Vikings. Mr. Phillips gave a brief presentation and engaged with the students during their activities. The students truly enjoyed their day.

Equine Fun

Mr. Fiasco's class visited Centaur Stride and rode horses.



FBLA's Stellar Performance at the Spring Competition

Congratulations to Falconer Future Business Leaders of America members for their performance at the 2024 Spring District competition. Members from Clymer, Falconer, and Randolph gathered at Jamestown Community College on Saturday, February 3 to compete in a total of 28 competitive events. Six high school members achieved District "Top 2" status in their performance events and earned the right to compete at the State Leadership Conference in April.

FBLA-High School

Lily B.: 2nd Public Speaking; 2nd Economics
 Anna C.: 2nd Impromptu Speaking; 1st Parliamentary Procedure
 Finley D.: 2nd Intro to Public Speaking; 3rd Intro to Financial Math; 1st Introduction to Word Processing
 Hanna H.: 1st Client Service; 2nd Business Communications; 2nd Parliamentary Procedure
 Declan L.: 1st Business Communications; 1st Economics
 Lily S.: 1st Job Interview; 3rd Parliamentary Procedures
 Lilli S.: 2nd Intro to Decision Making; 3rd Intro to Business Communications; 3rd Introduction to Word Processing
 Anthony W.: 1st Business Calculations

Pictured: Anthony W., Lilli S., Finley D., Lily S., Bradley D., Mrs. Michelle Johnson (Advisor), Anna C., Hanna H., Lily B.



FBLA-Middle School

Maci A.: 2nd Learning Strategies
 Carson B.: 1st FBLA Concepts ; 2nd Elevator Speech
 Liam G.: 2nd Career Research ; 3rd Leadership
 Luke S.: 1st Career Research ; 1st Exploring Business Issues

Pictured: Liam G., Carson B., Miss Ava Turk (Advisor), Luke S., Maci-Lynn A



CCMTA Solo Competition

Mrs. Battaglia and the entire music department would like to congratulate the thirteen band students and two fifth grade string students who attended the Chautauqua County Music Solo Festival at Fredonia HS at the beginning of February. Out of the fifteen students who attended, thirteen students received an outstanding rating of an A+ and two received an outstanding rating of an A. Five students received a perfect score.

At the upper level solo repertoire of level 5, Alexis C (pictured here), received a perfect rating of 100.

We are so proud of each of the students for their accomplishments. They represented the best of Falconer Central School. BRAVO!!!



Little Diggers Volleyball

Girls in 4th-6th grade participated in Falconer Volleyball's Little Diggers program. The program was five weeks long and the girls had so much fun learning about volleyball!



FCS Unplugged

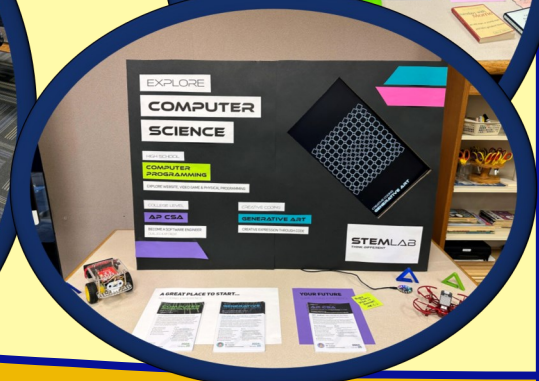
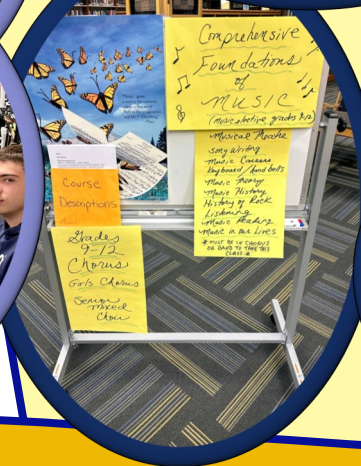
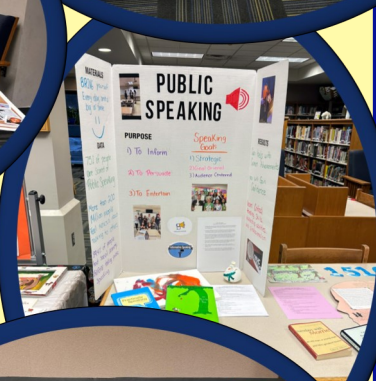
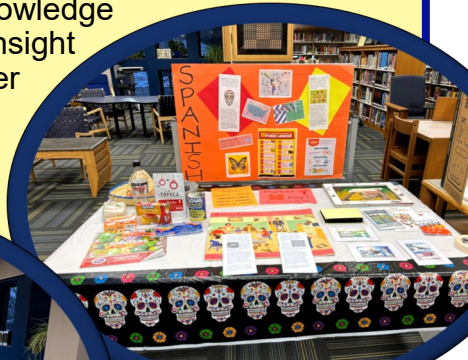
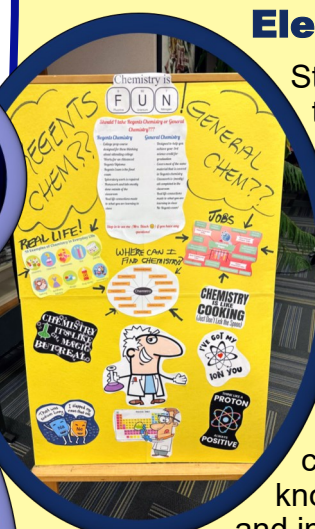
The Thursday prior to spring break, students in the middle/high school had the opportunity to “UNPLUG” from their devices and schoolwork and participate in different activities that fostered personal connection and creativity! These activities included playing board games, decorating cupcakes, practicing yoga, playing games in the gym, reading and enjoying a snack, participating in eclipse activities, Lego building challenges, and more!



Elective Preview Week

Students in the high school had the opportunity to explore the variety of course options offered at FCS! We encourage our students to take a range of courses in a variety of subjects to get a well-rounded education that may spark their interest in unique topics. From their experiences in classes, students may gain knowledge and insight

that can shape career goals and future plans!



Scheduling

We have been working diligently with students on their schedules for the upcoming school year. Granted, we haven't gotten to all of them, but we encourage parents/guardians to get involved and reach out to their child's counselor if they want more information!

Upcoming SAT and ACT Dates

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Late
June 1, 2024	May 16, 2024	May 21, 2024
ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Late
June 8, 2024	May 3, 2024	May 19, 2024

Register for SAT at
www.collegeboard.org

Register for ACT at
www.act.org

Scholarships

SENIORS!

Scholarship applications are available on our website! Not sure how to get there? Follow the arrows or stop in for some help!



College Information

Applying to College

FAFSA ID

FAFSA

New York State Higher Education

FAFSA

New York State Higher Education

Requesting a JCC Transcript

NCAA - Student Athlete

Scholarship Links

Excelsior Scholarship

Falconer Scholarship Application

Scholarship Program

2024

Commitment to education



331

Scholarship Funds



79%

Received Awards



634

Student Recipients



\$3,489

Average Award Per Student

Every year, the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation awards more than \$1 Million to graduation High School Seniors, undergraduate and graduate students, and adult learners pursuing a high educational degree.

Awarded in 2023

\$1,538,351

Scholarship Opportunities

General Scholarships

Awarded to graduating high school seniors and current college students from the Chautauqua Region. Online applications open April 15th and are due July 15th. Students are notified in November and scholarships will be paid in January of 2025.

Workforce Training Scholarships

Awarded to Chautauqua County residents who are pursuing job training or certification outside the high education degree pathway. Online applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

Mark Your Calendars

July 15, 2024

Applications, transcripts and student aid award letters are due

November, 2024

Students receive notification of award status

January, 2025

Awards are distributed for second semester expenses

Also, be sure to check out the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation Scholarship Program!

www.crcfonline.org/scholarships

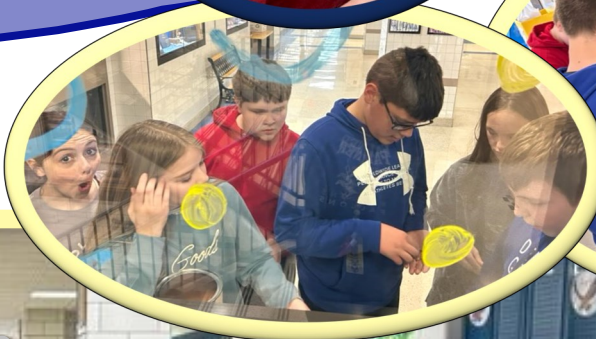
Meet the Crochet Corner

Middle school students gathered together to learn how to crochet with Mrs. Barron during 9th period. Crocheting shows many benefits such as helping reduce stress, improve dexterity, creativity, mindfulness, and boosting self-esteem (and so many more things!). It also builds community in a calm and creative environment. Thank you to a few wonderful ladies for the donation of yarn.



Pennies for Paws Contribution

The 6th grade students have been busy and have collected over \$177 for the Pennies for Paws campaign.



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Middle School Students of the Month



February
Journey W.
8th Grade



March
Harlee K.
6th Grade



Middle School Kiwanis Terrific Kids



January
Lilianna F.
7th Grade



February
Matthew O.
8th Grade



March
Brodie G.
6th Grade

Public Budget Hearing:

Tuesday, May 7, 2024
At 6 p.m.
Middle/High School Media Center

School Budget Vote and Board Member Election:

Tuesday, May 21, 2024
2 p.m. — 8 p.m.
Middle/High School Gymnasium Foyer

WHAT IS ON THE BALLOT?

PROPOSITION #1 PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET

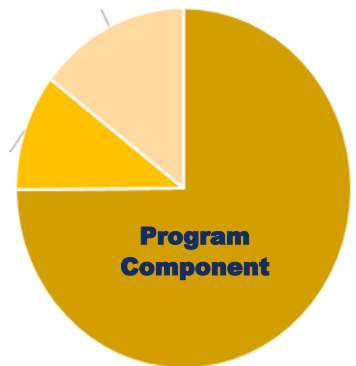
The 2024-2025 Proposed School District Budget for
The Falconer Central School District is \$30,825,000.

PROPOSITION #2 EX-OFFICIO STUDENT MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education of the Falconer Central School District,
is hereby authorized to have a student attending high school
within the District Serve as an ex-officio student member of the
Board of Education.

Capital Component

Administrative Component



ELECTION OF TWO CANDIDATES TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Two (2) candidates will be elected to five (5) year terms of the Board of Education

- Marcella Centi
- Tracy Schrader

Absentee and Early Voting Ballots:

Applications for absentee and early mail voting may be obtained at the office of the District Clerk in the Middle/High School Business Office. Completed applications must be received at least seven (7) days before the District Vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter (May 14, 2024), or the day before the District Vote, if the ballot is to be delivered to the voter in person (May 20, 2024). Completed absentee and early mail ballots must be received by the District Clerk by 5 p.m. on May 21, 2024.

TOTAL 2024-2025 PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET

	Adopted Budget 2023-2024	Proposed Budget 2024-2025
Program Component:		
Instruction/Teaching	\$10,306,790	\$10,673,533
Special Education	\$3,344,858	\$3,416,755
Pupil Services	\$1,228,259	\$1,291,422
Extra Curricular	\$509,035	\$577,655
Pupil Transportation	\$1,061,710	\$1,111,002
Legal and Interfund Transfers	\$121,994	\$109,870
Employee Benefits	\$5,625,772	\$5,902,513
Total Program Component	\$22,198,418	\$23,082,750
Administrative Component:		
Central Administration	\$297,102	\$314,096
Business Administration	\$406,716	\$437,173
Instructional, Security and BOCES Administration	\$1,659,805	\$1,752,607
Employee Benefits	\$682,141	\$731,119
Total Administrative Component	\$3,045,764	\$3,234,995
Capital Component:		
Operations & Maintenance	\$1,650,905	\$1,790,468
Employee Benefits	\$457,087	\$506,368
Purchase of Buses	\$380,000	\$414,000
Debt Service and Capital Outlay	\$1,783,244	\$1,796,419
Total Capital Component	\$4,271,236	\$4,507,255
Total Proposed Budget	\$29,515,418	\$30,825,000

Proposed Revenue Plan

	2023-2024	2024-2025
Tax Levy	\$7,133,890	\$7,133,890
State and Federal Aid	\$19,803,093	\$21,116,110
Other Revenues	\$463,435	\$490,000
Fund Balance/Use of Reserves	\$2,115,000	\$2,085,000
Total Proposed Revenue Plan	\$29,515,418	\$30,825,000

Additional 2024-2025 proposed budget information can be found on our District website at
www.falconerschools.org

SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

OVERALL BUDGET PROPOSAL	Adopted Budget 2023-2024 School Year	Proposed Budget 2024-2025 School Year	Contingency Budget 2024-2025 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount	\$29,515,418	\$30,825,000	\$29,969,725
Increase (decrease) for the 2024-25 school year		1,309,582	454,307
Percentage increase (decrease) in proposed budget		4.44%	1.54%
Change in the consumer price index		4.12%	
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$7,133,890	\$7,133,890	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable**	\$0	\$0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$0	\$0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A+B+C-D)	\$7,133,890	\$7,133,890	\$7,133,890
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$0	\$3,234	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$7,374,983	\$7,388,857	
H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purposes, Excluding Permissible Exclusions and Levy for Library Debt, Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve (E-B-F+D)	\$7,133,890	\$7,388,857	
I. Difference: (G-H); (Negative Value Requires 60% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$241,093	\$258,201	
Administrative component	\$3,045,764	\$3,234,995	\$3,087,720
Program component	\$22,198,418	\$23,082,750	\$22,968,750
Capital component	\$4,271,236	\$4,507,255	\$3,913,255

* Non-aidable equipment and nonessential maintenance may not be included in a contingency budget. Fees will be charged for community use of buildings and grounds except where there is no cost to the district.

**List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount; (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements.

Description	Amount
Ex-Officio Student Member of Board of Education	\$-0-

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2024-2025 School year

Estimated Basic STAR¹ Exemption Savings: \$459

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2024-2025 by the qualified voters of the Falconer Central School District, Chautauqua County, New York, will be held at the gymnasium foyer in said district on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, between the hours of 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. prevailing time in the Middle/High School, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting machine.

¹The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

Board of Education Candidates

At the May 21, 2024, Annual School Budget Vote and Election of School Board Members, there will be two (2) Board seats up for election. Candidates are listed in the order they will appear on the ballot.

Marcella Centi

Mrs. Marcella Centi is a proud Falconer Central School alumna and a current Board of Education member. She was first elected to the Falconer Central School Board of Education for the 2019-2020 school year. She states it has been her privilege to serve on the Falconer Central School District Board of Education for the past 5 years. Mrs. Centi currently works as an elementary teacher in the Jamestown Public School system. She and her husband enjoy being a part of the Falconer community and feel blessed that their daughter can attend Falconer Central School District with all the opportunities and experiences it offers.



Tracy Schrader

Mrs. Tracy Schrader was appointed to the Falconer Central School Board of Education in 2018, where she currently serves as President. A graduate of Falconer Central School, she went on to continue her education at Jamestown Community College, Slippery Rock University, and SUNY Fredonia earning Bachelor's degrees in both Elementary and Special Education and a Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction. A current 28-year Special Education teacher at Southwestern Central Schools, Tracy also holds the position of Chairperson of Special Education K-12 at that district for the past 24 years. During this time, she has been actively involved and chaired numerous committees. Additionally, she has coached volleyball, been Student Council Advisor, held the position of Special Education Coordinator for Unified Sports, and has been a member of the Executive Board for the Southwestern Teachers' Association. Recently, Tracy was selected to serve on the Board of Regents and New York State Education Department's Blue-Ribbon Commission on Graduation Measures Advisory Committee. Tracy resides in Falconer with her husband Chris. Together they have two children, Ben and Addison. Tracy's goal with continuing her Board of Education membership is to collegially work thru challenges and changes so that students of Falconer get a top-quality education with multiple opportunities for success.



Learning About Survival Traits

The students in third grade have been learning about how an organisms traits can help it to survive. The students were playing a fun game where they tried to see if dark brown or tan mice would survive better in a desert environment.



Third Grade Visits the HS to Learn About the Eclipse

The students in third grade learned about the eclipse with Mrs. Binkley in the high school media center before Easter break. Students were able to go into a portable planetarium and see how and why we were in the path of totality for the eclipse. They were all excited to get their solar eclipse glasses from the school district!



Sewing in 3rd Grade

Mrs. Garrison and Mrs. Pawlak's classes spent time learning how to sew before Easter. The students sewed Easter bunnies by hand and then stuffed them and sewed them closed. Everyone had fun and loved their final projects!



Eclipse Learning in 5th Grade

The 5th grade at Fenner has been busy with science. Prior to the lunar eclipse, the 5th grade was able to visit the planetarium courtesy of Mrs. Binkley. She was able to show students a virtual replication of the eclipse. Students also created eclipse art in Mrs. Valvo's class.



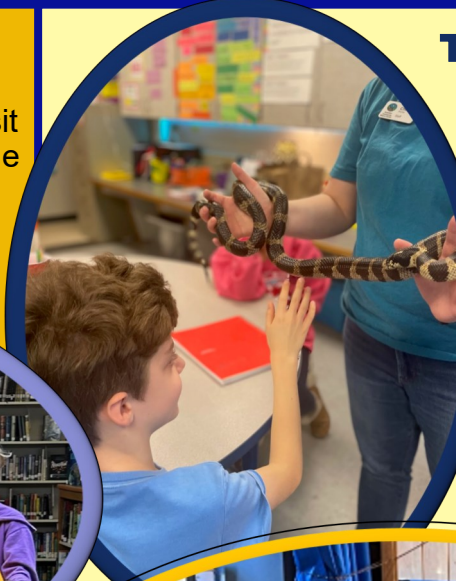
Fourth Graders Learn About Black Bears

Miss Katie from the Audubon Society taught the 4th grade students about black bears. They learned about adaptations that black bears use for survival.



The Audubon Visits 5th Grade

The naturalist brought several live specimens to our classrooms, including the snake Teddy is about to touch! She spoke of amphibians and reptiles.



Learning About the Flag in 4th Grade

On February 26, Mr. Steve Cybart and Mr. Marty Schroeder from the American Legion visited the 4th graders. They talked about the history and significance of the American flag. They announced the annual writing contest, "What the American flag means to me," which is open to 4th graders across the county. All of our 4th grade students wrote essays for the contest.



Harvey C. Fenner Elementary January Soaring Students

Palmer N.,
Logan L.,
Jolisa T.,
Lennox H.,
Brooklyn W.,
Carson W.,
Madalyn W.



Aiden R.,
Kendall V.,
Tucker C.,
Gwen D.,
Tucker C.,
Brandon E.,
Rowan G.,
Quinelle M.

Jarred G.,
Jensen L.,
Shawn D.,
Logan V.,
Livianna C.,
Celcilia K.,
Lauren Y.,
Parker S.,
Jonah J.,
Payson M.,
Lukas Y.



Harvey C. Fenner Elementary February Soaring Students

Deborah M.,
Justin A.,
Anthony V., Lydia
V., Hunter P.,
Christopher T.,
Carson W.



Sawyer L.,
Keegan C.,
Aubrey D.,
Alaina B., Aiden
R., Sammy J.,
Ariana T., Nayeli
N., Nolan C.

Colton G.,
Elizabeth B.,
Luke R.,
Huxley H.,
Simon C.,
Kayden W.,
Aleria B.,
Faith R.,
Isabella S.,
Michael H.



Harvey C. Fenner Elementary March Soaring Students

Trenton S., Grace D., Ian C., James B.,
Avivianna S., Anthony M., Annie R., Waylin G.,
Avery Y., Claire T., Ceci K., Seth S.

Emmett G.,
Fiona C.,
Penelope B.,
Baillie B.,
Madayln W.,
Mason D.,
Logan L.



Sophia S., Clifton L-S.,
Dillon M., Conner H.,
Shawn R., Hunter C.,
Owen D., Emma D.

Fishing for a Good Book at Temple

Temple Elementary celebrated PARP, or “Pick a Reading Partner”, this year by “fishing for a good book”! Throughout the week, the students participated in fish games, fish facts, and a directed drawing of a fish. All of the students added their own fish to the wall mural titled “Fishing for a Good Book”. Aleida Foulk, a local illustrator and Falconer’s very own art teacher, visited Temple on Friday, March 1 to explain to the students how she became an illustrator and the role of an illustrator. Miss Foulk is the illustrator of the book *Swim With Fish* written by Debbie Pietsch. Miss Foulk shared how she had to practice drawing fish and how she used her iPad to create the illustrations for the book. The students were also introduced to Miss Foulk’s next book with Pietsch titled *Bears Like to Fish, Too!* The Falconer PTO purchased enough copies of the book for each class and for a number of copies to be raffled off to students. The Temple students enjoyed Miss Foulk’s presentation and her book! She was a great reading partner! Thank you to the Falconer PTO for always supporting Temple’s PARP!



Popping Open Good Books at Fenner

On Friday, March 22, Fenner School wrapped up this year’s PARP (Pick a Reading Partner) event! Students were challenged to “pop open a good book” and read to meet a specific goal, which equated to 180 minutes of reading in total! The event kicked off at the beginning of March, with a “popping-good assembly” where balloons were popped to reveal the details of the upcoming days. At school, students had a ball “popping” in dressed for spirit days such as crazy sock day, pajama day, and twin day. In addition, they enjoyed book exchanges, a poem in your pocket day, and hearing guest readers from Jamestown Community College’s basketball teams, the Falconer Girls’ Athletics Association, and Falconer High School, who all graciously volunteered their time! The J.C.C. athletes AND our very own F.C.S. athletes from the boys varsity basketball team and the bowling team were able to join us for an inspirational assembly! Mr. Goold, our varsity boys’ basketball coach, shared a great message about working toward goals consistently and explained how putting in the work to get a little better every day can lead to getting a lot better over time (as it did for many FCS athletes this year)! The athletes were honored for their recent achievements and the basketball teams were happy to shoot some hoops for us, as we cheered them on! Students were encouraged to keep doing the 15 minutes of required reading every day, so they could reach their goals and become better readers over time!

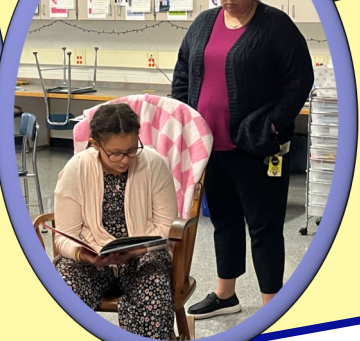
Fenner students did a wonderful job working toward their PARP goals this year, with over 170 students meeting the goal set, many of whom chose to read **every single day** and far-surpassed the minimum requirements. We’d like to extend a big THANK YOU to our Fenner families for supporting their young readers and to all of the teachers and volunteers who helped make this a success. We hope everyone will continue with a daily habit of “popping open good books”!

Temple Book Fair

Temple Elementary students and families shopped at the book fair.



Fifth Graders Visit Temple to Read to Students



March Students of the Month

Mi'lana J., Hudson S., Katniss P., Finley S., Calloway A., Camerson J., Kaydance H., Colin M.



Congratulations to Temple's Students of the Month!



December Students of the Month

Jeffrey G., Carson M., Connor K., Chloe S., Ryleigh B., Weslynn H., Paytan G., Maxwell S.

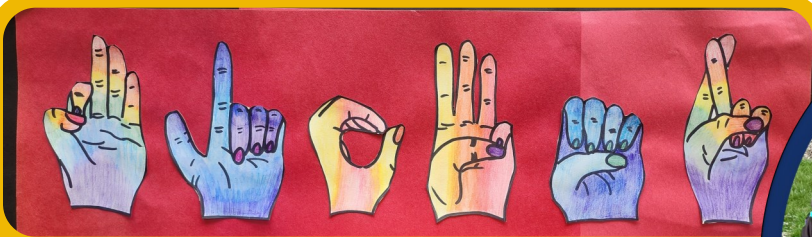
February Students of the Month

Emma C., Emily H., Ganessa N., Brysen V., Norah C., Willow R., Asa M., Annalee F.



January Students of the Month

Adayln D., Justice L., Alex M., Ava D., Cooper M., Ava K., Isabella N.



Nest? Where?

In the nature area at Temple Elementary, Mr. Ohl identified a killdeer nest camouflaged on the ground near the log reading benches. There are four well-camouflaged brown and black eggs in the nest. Mrs. Boughton's class carefully observed the killdeer mother's behavior. She pretended to be injured to lure predators away from the nest. The students then discussed the eggs' coloring.

District Art





Budget Edition: Reminders & Announcements



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.



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FCS Supports Junior Achievement

A group of FCS employees participated in JA's Bowl-A-Thon in March to help raise money for Junior Achievement programs.



AIS Bingo for Books!



Hello from the MS/HS Nurse's Office!

Just a few reminders as we get closer to the end of the school year. A letter will be sent out at the end of May to any student that takes medication with the date that the medication(s) need to be picked up. We are not able to keep any medications over the summer.

Please make sure your child's physicals and immunizations are up to date. The guidelines are as follows:

- ⇒ Physicals are required for any student in grades 7, 9, and 11
- ⇒ Vision screening required for students in grades 7 and 11
- ⇒ Hearing screening required for students in grades 7 and 11
- ⇒ Scoliosis screening required for girls in grade 7 and boys in grade 9
- ⇒ Tdap vaccine is required for students entering grade 6
- ⇒ Meningococcal vaccine is required for students entering grade 7 and again entering grade 12.

Please contact the nurse's office with any questions or concerns:
Roxanne Brazie RN 716-665-6624 ext. 4238
Stacy Bruce LPN 716-665-6624 ext. 4239

