



## Hart's Hill Elementary School MARCH/APRIL 2022

### March is "Music In Our Schools" Month

#### Band, Chorus, Orchestra-Spring Concert

March is the National "Music in Our Schools" month where schools throughout the nation celebrate music in the public schools. Our Hart's Hill music students are having a great comeback to in-person ensembles. Chorus, Band, and Orchestra ensembles began meeting in January. Band and Orchestra lessons began in September and we are pleased with the progress all our music students are making. Our Spring Concert will be held on Monday, May 16, 2022 at 6:30p.m. in the Whitesboro High School Auditorium. Please be sure to mark your calendars for this special concert.

#### 2022 OCMEA - Elementary All County Festival

Elementary All County will be held this year on the weekend of April 1 and 2 at Proctor High School. Representing Hart's Hill in the All County Chorus will be Rachael Higgins and Bryce Marleau. Congratulations to these students!

#### Quaver Music & Quaver Music Notes

Our Elementary Music Curriculum is called "Quaver Music." One great feature is an application called "Quaver Street." Every student at Hart's Hill has access through "Class Link." Students can learn about composers, develop note reading skills, compose, and so much more. Many students have enjoyed the interactive component of "Quaver Music." For extra fun, students can use "Quaver Notes" to change their student avatar, found on their "Student Dashboard." A new feature is the "Music Room." Students can personalize their own Music Room via Quaver Street. Every month students are awarded 200 Quaver notes by entering the code for the month. All this information is located in the "Classwork" section of each grade levels "Google Music Classroom." The code for February is SwingLow22, and the code for March will be posted as soon as it becomes available.

#### The Axiom Brass and Hart's Hill Band Students

On Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup> band students traveled to the high school for a special performance from the Axiom Brass. Students listened as this world-class brass quintet discussed how to grow as a musician and the ways that music can open up your world. They also performed varied types of music, from J.S. Bach to contemporary American composer George Walker. We are grateful to the Chamber Music Society of Utica for sponsoring this wonderful event.

#### The Addams Family - High School Musical

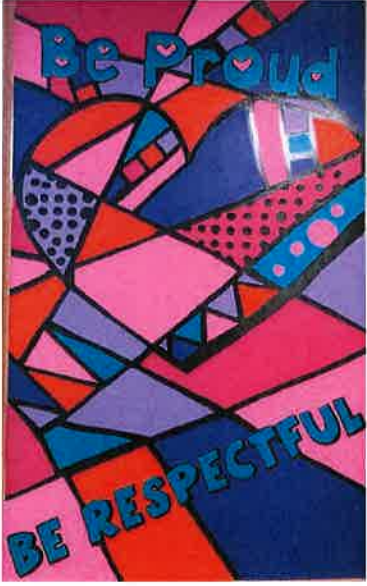
Whitesboro High School will be presenting the musical, *The Addams Family*, on April 28, 29, and 30. Please stay tuned for times and ticket information.

*"Music is a language that should always be spoken."  
-quote from a Hart's Hill 5<sup>th</sup> grader*

#### Mission Statement

To inspire, cultivate,  
and empower all  
learners to  
maximize their  
potential





Lining the hallway outside of the cafeteria, local artist Angela DeCarlis has been working to create something for everyone at Hart's Hill. Keeping with the theme of hearts, four panels display positive "be" statements to inspire our students along with beautifully painted murals. The PTO would like to thank all the parents and faculty who continually show their support.  
More art to come!



## 100th DAY OF SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS

"First graders celebrated the 100th day of school with lots of fun activities, crafts and family fun collections of 100 things to share! Thank you to our first grade families for helping to make our 100 celebration fabulous fun!"



Second grade celebrated the 101st day of school on February 17th. It was a fun-filled day with activities such as writing why we think school is a "paw"-some place, along with writing 101 words, a STEM project that asked the students to design a dog house, and a math place value war that involved comparing 3-digit numbers. Overall, everyone had a great time celebrating how much we have learned this year!





At 2:22 on 2/2/22, the second grade classes led the building in 2 minutes of mindfulness as part of their Two's Day celebrations. Mrs. Alcuri, Mrs. Donovan, and Mrs. Russo's classes participated throughout the day in activities that focused on the number 2, duos, and pairs. There were math, reading, writing, and STEM activities. It was an exciting day, and the students had twice the fun.

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## Fifth Grade Winter Olympics



The fifth graders participated in their own "Winter Olympics" as a culmination of their Winter Olympic sport research paper. The students competed in four events including a snowball relay, sledding, snowman building and a snowball rolling contest. Medals were awarded to the winners for each event. Fifth graders were also able to enjoy edible gold medals and warm chocolate to round out their day. A good time was had by all!



## Parent Drop-Off

Please be advised that parent drop off in the morning at the gym doors is between 9:10 and 9:20. After 9:20, you will have to park and walk your child to the main office. The school day begins at 9:20 each morning.

If your child is late, a note will be required at the main office and a reason for the late arrival. If you are picking your child up for an appointment please be sure to always have photo identification.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.



## OUTSIDE RECESS

Students are outside nearly everyday for recess. Please be certain children wear appropriate clothing during winter months. This includes winter boots, gloves/mittens, hats, winter jackets, and snow pants. Please label all items with your child's name so that we can return them to the

proper owner when they get misplaced. There is a lost and found box in the hallway near the office. If your child is missing an item encourage them to check here for it.



## "NO PARKING IN FIRE LANE"



Please refrain from parking your vehicle at any time in the yellow fire lane to pick up your child during or at the end of the school day. Parking in the fire lane not only puts the children at risk, it also halts the flow of bus traffic. Please park your car in a PARKING SPACE and

not along the edge of the curb near the STOP SIGN. This is hindering easy access in and out of the parking lot and may cause a serious accident.

## GREETINGS FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE



Just a reminder that **\*ANY\*** symptom of illness should trigger a call to see if your child can come to school or if they will need a Doctor's note or COVID testing to return. I am happy to answer your questions and help you navigate through the Whitesboro and Department of Health guidelines. PLEASE help us keep all of our students and staff healthy!

Thank you to all who have sent in physicals! I am nearing the homestretch in meeting this NY State requirement! Please continue to send in a copy of your child's physical every year so I can keep their health record current.

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\* The phone numbers are as follows to report illnesses:

Mrs. Jill Bauernfeind, BSN, RN — School Nurse—315-266-3434  
jbauernfeind@wboro.org

Mrs. Karen Farr—Secretary—315-266-3430  
kfarr@wboro.org





## UPCOMING EVENTS—MARCH

- 3/1 7 PM Board of Education Meeting
- 3/17 St. Patrick's Day
- 3/18 Superintendent's Conf. Day—No School
- 3/21 PTO Meeting 6 PM
- 3/22 7 PM Board of Education Meeting
- 3/29,30 NYS ELA Assessments Grades 3/4/5

## UPCOMING EVENTS—APRIL



- 4/5 7 PM Board of Education meeting
- 4/11-18 Spring Recess—No School
- 4/22 Elementary Report Cards Sent Home
- 4/25 PT Conferences / Noon Dismissal
- 4/26 7 PM Board of Education Meeting
- 4/26,27 NYS Math Assessments Grades 3/4/5

### Participation in the NYS Testing Program, Grades 3-8

Under the Federal Every Student Succeeds Act, the law requires that 95% of students in each tested subgroup take the appropriate New York State 3-8 Assessment. If a school ranks in the lowest 10% of participation statewide, it must submit a self-assessment plan to the Commissioner of Education for approval. Other consequences include; not being able to be recognized as a Reward or Blue Ribbon School, losing local authority of decision making, and being required to allocate funds to targeted areas.

Assessment information is very valuable for schools. The data garnered from the NYS 3-8 tests provides us with information on how our students are meeting standards set by the NYS Education Department. It allows us to see how our students are performing and helps guide our instruction on a daily basis. As a district, we want to use this information to examine our instructional programs and to determine if students need additional interventions to be successful. The district strongly encourages all students in grades 3-8 to participate by taking the NYS Assessments. If you have questions regarding the testing program, please feel free to contact Ms. Putnam.

### NYS Assessment dates:

ELA: March 29 & 30

Math: April 26 & 27

Science: June 6






# HART'S HILL ELEMENTARY

## March 2022





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Board of Ed Mtg 7PM</i> Day 2	2 Day 3	3 Day 4	4 Day 5	5
6	7 Day 6	8 Day 1	9 Day 2	10 Day 3	11 Day 4	12
13 Daylight Savings Time Begins 	14 Day 5	15 Day 6	16 Day 1	17 Happy St. Patrick's Day Day 2	18 <i>Superintendent's Conf. Day</i> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	19
20	21 <i>PTO Meeting 6PM</i> Day 3	22 <i>Board of Ed Mtg 7PM</i> Day 4	23 Day 5	24 Day 6	25 Day 1	26
27	28 Day 2	29 <i>NYS ELA Tests Grades 3/4/5</i> Day 3	30 <i>NYS ELA Tests Grades 3/4/5</i> Day 4	31 Day 5		



# April 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
					1 Day 6	2	
3	4 Day 1	5 <i>Board of Ed Mtg 7PM</i> Day 2	6 Day 3	7 Day 4	8 Day 5	9	
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17	18 <b>Spring Recess</b> <b>No School</b>	19 Day 6	20 Day 1	21 Day 2	22 <i>Elementary Report Cards Sent Home</i> Day 3	23	
24	25 <i>P/T Conf. Noon Dismissal</i> Day 4	26 <i>Board of Ed Mtg 7PM</i> <i>NYS Math Tests Grades 3/4/5</i> Day 5	27 <i>NYS Math Tests Grades 3/4/5</i> Day 6	28 Day 1	29 Day 2	30	