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Kindergarteners Write to Teach

In library, computer lab and the classroom, kindergarten students have gathered new knowledge from several informational resources to learn about hibernation and migration. Resources included: BrainPop Jr., PebbleGo, and nonfiction print books. Throughout the lessons, students were asked to listen for information about these topics that was new to them. Then, they were asked to decide what they were most excited about teaching others. This would be what they draw and write about. This common core standard allowed students to experience writing to inform others on a topic.

Tully Elementary Jump for Heart Fundraiser, April 13-17

Our Annual Jump Rope for Heart will be April 13th –April 17th. During this week all classes will engage in jump rope activities during their regularly scheduled physical education class. The importance of exercise and a healthy heart will be the focus of this event.

Jump Rope for Heart is a nationwide school event sponsored by the American Heart Association. The event is designed to help promote children participating in cardiovascular activities, such as jumping rope. The event also acts as a fundraiser to help raise money for the AHA and their fight against cardiovascular disease and stroke.

Donation envelopes have been sent home with your children. We ask that children do not go door-to-door to ask strangers for donations. You may put the contributions in the envelope provided by the AHA and send it in with your child.

Each student will be eligible to participate regardless of donations as it is part of our physical education curriculum. The Jump for Heart aligns with the National Health and Physical Education standards.
JENNA B. BAILEY

What is your proudest moment in high school so far?
My proudest moment in high school was making it to states for soccer my freshman year. Although I didn’t get to play most of the season because of a broken collarbone, I was still just as proud as the players who never left the field during the game.

What are your plans after high school?
After high school, I will be attending Herkimer Community College. I am excited to say I will be playing soccer there too.

What do you hope to achieve by the time you’re 30 years old?
I hope that I will have found a job that I am passionate about.

If you could invite two or three people to dinner, who would they be and what would you talk about?
If I could invite three people to dinner, I would invite Suzanne Collins, Leonardo DiCaprio and Lionel Messi. They are my favorite author, actor and athlete. I am interested in asking what inspired them to follow their dreams.

What challenges have you faced and how have you overcome them?
Time management has been the biggest challenge for me. I always have a lot going on between school, sports and family. It usually helps to write everything down on a calendar.

Who’s your hero and why?
My hero is my dad. He has raised two teenage girls who fight a lot. It must be rough, especially by himself.

JACOB M. JAWORSKI

What is your proudest moment in high school so far?
My proudest moment was passing my Trig Regents because I worked hard in a class I did not like.

What are your plans after high school?
I plan on going to SUNY Morrisville for Ag Science and ride horses on their Western IHSA Team.

What do you hope to achieve by the time you’re 30 years old?
I hope to be teaching Agriculture in a city school and owning my own farm.

If you could invite two or three people to dinner, who would they be and what would you talk about?
Michelle Bailey –my former riding instructor who would talk about our riding career Buck Brannaman- A horse trainer who I would ask of ways to train horses

What challenges have you faced and how have you overcome them?
When I was in 8th grade I hated talking in front of people but after joining FFA I am now able to talk in front of a crowd with no problem.

Who’s your hero and why?
My mom is my hero because she supported me through all the horse shows and helped me find my passion for agriculture and farm life.
Student of the Month for February

**STUDENT of the MONTH**

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Tully FFA Students Visit Albany!!

Did you know that in the next five years New York State is going to be short 25 to 30 agricultural educators? Did you know that the increase in minimum wage that Governor Cuomo is proposing could harm small farms? Well, the Tully FFA brought these and many other issues to the attention of their representatives in Albany on Monday, March 2, 2015. Students from all across New York State, including students from Canton, Carthage, Cazenovia, Cobleskill-Richmondville, Greenwich, South Jefferson, and Vernon Verona Sherrill high schools went to the Capital to speak about issues that are concerning in the agricultural community.

Before visiting with the State Assembly representatives and the State Senators students had to organize meetings with each representative and prepare to present their concerns. Students were able to learn about the political process and how to respectfully present their ideas to the representatives in a workshop presented by the New York State FFA officers and state advisor, Juleah Tolosky. Juleah Tolosky helped the students prepare by giving tips on how to clearly get their points across to the representatives, and she helped to inform the students on what to expect the next day at the Capital.

The Tully FFA would like to thank Senator Seward, Senator DeFrancisco, Senator Valesky, Assemblyman Roberts, Assemblyman Stirpe, Assemblyman Finch, and the Agricultural Commissioner Richard Ball for taking time out of their schedules to meet with our chapter. It was a beneficial experience for the students to learn more about the Capital, and we were able to present our ideas to the representatives. All of the students would agree with Tully FFA's chapter President Jake Jaworski when he stated: “I enjoyed interacting with the legislators and government officials. It gave me a chance to understand their perspective of agricultural a little bit.”

After a long day full of meetings with representatives students were able to participate in the annual Taste of New York Reception. The Tully FFA chapter was there representing the Onondaga Farm Bureau. They provided apples donated by Otisco Farms and chocolate milk and ice cream donated by Byrne Dairy. At the Taste of New York, the Tully FFA had a chance to meet and network with other representatives as well as see what other agricultural businesses there are in New York State. Taylor Currie stated: “The variety of agricultural products that are produced around NYS is amazing! It shows all of the opportunity that is available in our industry.” Overall, this experience taught students about political processes and issues that the agricultural community is facing.

Respectfully Submitted by Sara Reppenhagen

High School Graduation - Friday, June 26th @ 7:00 pm; Tickets required
ALUMNI NEWS

Tully’s Fulbright Scholarship Recipient

Hannah Hunter, Class of 2010, is the most recent Geneseo graduate to win a prestigious Fulbright Award. Hannah majors in childhood and special education with a concentration in women and gender studies and a minor in Asian studies. She received her award to support an assistantship in Malaysia teaching English.

Each year, about 1500 US students who have completed their undergraduate work are awarded Fulbrights. The Fulbright Program is the US government’s flagship international exchange program. Hannah is interested in attending graduate school for international education.

Congratulations

Our congratulations go out to Marissa Eibert, 2014 Tully graduate! She attends SUNY Brockport and has been included in the Dean’s List for the School of Health and Human Performance for the Fall 2014 semester.

Congratulations also to Mackenzie Murphy, Tully graduate of the Class of 2014. Mackenzie is a neuroscience major, and was named to the Dean’s List at Colgate University for the Fall 2014 semester.

Send In Your Alumni News

The Knight Insight wishes to highlight news of recent graduates. If you have information relating to academic or the career path of recent graduates, please email to: mfisher@tullyschools.org

If you prefer, mail your article to Mary Fisher, Tully Central School District, 20 State St, Tully, NY 13159.

If you have any questions, call the district office at 315-696-6204.

Our TULLY GRAD’S - Making Us PROUD!
TULLY DISTRICT WIDE NEWS

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Spring Coaching Staff

COACH
DOUG CLAY V BASEBALL
GARY MALONE V BASEBALL VOLUNTEER ASST
DON MOHAT JH BASEBALL
JASON PARKER JH BASEBALL VOLUNTEER ASST
JAYNE MORSE JH SOFTBALL
DENISE ABBOTT V SOFTBALL
GREG SCOTT V BOYS LACROSSE
STEWART SNYDER V BOYS LACROSSE ASST
DAN LONGNECKER JV BOYS LACROSSE
JEFF RUSSELL JH BOYS LACROSSE
CODY JAWORSKI JV BOYS LACROSSE VOLUNTEER ASST
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2015-2016 Census Data
Children may be home schooled, private school students or Tully CSD potential students. All children ages 0 – 18 years of age should be listed.

PARENT/GUARDIAN (with whom children reside):

Adult: ___________________________________________________________  ___________________________________________________________
(Last Name) (First Name) (MI)

Other Adult: ______________________________________________________
In household (Last Name) (First Name) (MI)

Residence Address: __________________________________________________
(Number) (Street)
(Town) (State) (Zip)

Mailing Address: ___________________________________________________
(if use P.O. Box)

Telephone: _________________________________________________________
(Home)
(Mother’s Cell) (Father’s Cell)

CHILDREN IN HOUSEHOLD
(If your child has a disability, please write “pwd” after his/her name.)

Ethnic Code:
(1) American Indian  (2) Black  (3) Asian/Oriental  (4) Hispanic  (5) White

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If additional children, please attach sheet with requested information.

Mail or return completed form to:
Business Office, Tully Central Schools, 20 State St, Tully, NY 13159.

If questions, please call the Business Office (315) 696-6206.
School Budget Vote

May 19, 2015
Voting hours: 6:00 am – 9:00 pm
Voting location: Elementary Conference Room

School Budget Presentations currently scheduled as of Knight Insight press time:

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Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten screening is right around the corner! Kindergarten children will be screened in June of this year. Please register your child for school if he or she will turn 5 before December 1, 2015.

Please call our Business Office at 696-6206 to complete our census for your children - birth to 18 years. After the Business Office receives the census form, kindergarten registration packets, including information about our kindergarten screening process, will be mailed out in early May from the Elementary Office.

We are excited to meet all of our children and families! Please don't hesitate to contact the elementary office at 696-6212.
Nominating Petitions Available for Board of Education Positions:

Three terms of office on the Tully Central School District Board of Education will expire on June 30, 2015. Each winner will be elected for three year terms from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018 at the annual school district election to be held on May 19, 2015.

Board of Education vacancies are not considered to be separate specific offices. This nominating petition does not describe a specific vacancy. Each candidate is considered for a vacant seat on the Board of Education as a whole and not as only to a specific office presently held by an individual.

Candidates may be nominated only by petition. Each nominating petition must be filed with the School District Clerk no later than 5:00 pm on April 20, 2015. Each nominating petition must state the name and residence of the candidate and be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the school district. Each person signing must also state his or her residence.

Under the law a qualified voter is one who is entitled to vote at a school district election. To be entitled to vote a person must meet these three qualifications:

- A citizen of the United States
- At least 18 years of age
- A resident of the school district for a period of at least 30 days prior to the election.

Nominating petitions are now available. If you would like a nominating petition, please contact the district office at (315) 696-6204 or email mfisher@tullyschools.org
News from the Superintendent

It has been a long, cold, snowy winter. When the warm weather finally does return, and the snow melts, I suspect we will have a fair amount of work to do to clean up the school campus. All of this lingering snow will also mean a condensed spring sports season, as we will have to reschedule a number of our early season contests to later in the spring. Despite all of this, however, I suspect most of us will be happy to see warm weather return.

Spring also brings school elections. This year the school budget vote is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19th. In addition to voting on the 2015-16 school budget, district residents will also be voting on candidates for three board of education seats, on the budget for the Tully Free Library, and on our third round of bus leases. As of April 1st, we are fortunate in that we do have an on time New York State budget, which does include partial restoration of the GEA. This is good because it means that we will able to finalize our proposed 2015-16 school budget with accurate State aid information. Additionally, partial restoration of the GEA means we will be able to reduce our reliance on using our savings to balance our budget.

Finally, spring is also the season during which we begin in earnest to plan our program for the 2015-16 school year. It is a time when we begin to talk about class size at the elementary level, about course offerings at the JR/SR HS, and about co-curricular opportunities at both buildings. It is the time when we build our calendar of events for the next school year, and identify summer curriculum development projects. By going into June with most of these details tended to, we are better able to identify potential problems in a timely manner.

Happy spring and I hope you are able to enjoy our April Break.

Robert Hughes,
Superintendent of Schools
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