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Into the Woods, Jr.

On February 3rd and 4th, our school and community had the pleasure of being entertained by the Elementary Drama Club performance of *Into the Woods, Jr.*

Students rehearsed since October and did a fantastic job. Their acting was incredible, as was their singing and dancing. Elementary students were captivated by an exciting matinee performance at the end of the school day on February 3rd. Parents and community members were awed during evening performances, and gave students a standing ovation both nights. On Friday during both performances, there was an exciting impromptu performance by our principal, Mr. Kupiec, as one of the three blind mice. Students loved it.

It is sad to say goodbye to our 6th grade actors, but we are looking forward to another year with our current 5th graders and our next crop of students next year. Thank you to all for supporting the arts in our school and community.



Athletics Update



Tully is proud to welcome another basketball player into the 1,000 Point Club!! On January 17th, 2017, in a non-league game against Greene HS, Tully Senior Captain Jason Phelps became the 6th member of the 1,000 Point Club! During that same evening, Jason broke the school record for most points scored in one quarter (28 points) and in a single game (45 points)! Jay Phelps now joins Gary Hall (1999), Rob Sears (2001), Dan Hardy (2005), Jenna Johnson (2011) and Daniel Morse (2013) in the Black Knight 1,000 Point Club.

Congratulations to Tully Varsity Girls Track & Field Head Coach, Michelle Rauber, for being named the 2016 NYSPHSAA Girls Track & Field Coach of the Year!! Coach Rauber's track teams have won 17 consecutive OHSL Patriot League Championships and 9 straight Class C Sectional Titles!

Congratulations to Tully Varsity Girls Basketball Coach Jeff Russell for winning his 200th career Varsity Girls' Basketball game on Thursday January 26th, 2017 with a win over local rival LaFayette! Jeff Russell has been a hardworking, very dedicated coach for the Tully CSD for many years and we are proud and honored to have him leading and mentoring our student athletes!!

A LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPALS

Dear Parents/Guardians:



Edward Kupiec



Mary Ann Murphy

The week of March 27th, 2017, all New York State public school students in grades 3 - 8 will begin taking the NYS English Language Arts (ELA) Assessment. The Math Assessments begin the week of May 1st. In the previous issue of KI, we encouraged all students to participate in the state assessments to help us improve our program and best meet the learning needs of individual students. In this letter, we would like to provide more information about the composition of the ELA Assessment as well as introduce computer-based-testing.

The ELA Assessment is designed to be administered over three days and includes three types of questions: multiple-choice, short-response, and extended-response. Multiple-choice questions are used to gauge reading comprehension. Short-response questions require short written responses to reading passages, while extended-response questions require longer responses to the reading selections. These reading selections may come from a variety of grade-level appropriate sources, including novels, articles, poems, and first-hand accounts. All three question types assess student achievement of reading comprehension and language conventions, and the written responses provide for the measuring the achievement of writing standards. There is no time limit to complete any session of the test. Teachers have modeled their local assessments after the state assessments to reflect these types of questions, so our students are comfortable with the design of these exams and the performance expectations.

At Tully, we are gradually phasing in the use of computer-based-testing (CBT). New York State is requiring that by 2018-2019 all students use a CBT format for the state assessments in ELA and Math. For this school year, students in grades 3 and 7 will complete their state assessments using CBT. The content tested is the same as the paper-based versions. We are helping students prepare for the experience by providing additional time during the school day to work with the Chromebooks, so they may become familiar with the layout of the assessments, and familiar with taking an examination on a computer, as this will be a new experience for them. The testing window is slightly expanded for CBT to give schools more flexibility with managing the technology needs to administer the test. The computer-based version is still given over three consecutive days, but unlike the paper-based version which must be administered March 28th - March 30th, the CBT can begin on Monday, March 27th or end on Monday, April 3rd. We are still finalizing the final testing schedule, but this may mean that 3rd and 7th graders will test on different days than the other students in the school.

We are excited to see how our students perform on this year's assessments. Again, if you have any questions or concerns about assessments at Tully, or you wish to receive additional information, please contact your child's counselor, teacher, or principal.

Mr. Edward Kupiec,
ES Principal

Sincerely,
Mrs. Mary Ann Murphy,
JSHS Principal

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Fourth Grade Parent Night

On Wednesday, January 25th, fourth grade teachers and Mrs. Fritton held their second Parent Academy night.

Approximately twenty families attended this session, which had two main areas of focus. The first emphasis was on encouraging a growth-mindset.

The second topic centered on the benefits of allowing students to experience failure and frustration in low-risk situations to help them develop resilience and perseverance in the face of challenges and difficult situations.

Thank you to all who attended!



Private Transportation Requests Due April 1st

New York State Education Law Section 3635(2) requires that a written request be made to the Board of Education of a School District when transportation of a student to a non-public, private or parochial school is required. This written request should be made annually and should be received by the school district no later than April 1st for transportation for the next school year. Most non-public schools have a form available to make this request and can be contacted for assistance. Please have these written requests sent to Attn: Theresa Flaherty, Tully Central School Business Office, 20 State St., Tully, NY 13159 no later than April 1, 2017.

Character Council Club

Character Council Club provides elementary school students with learning opportunities throughout the course of the school year. Students take part in activities such as school-wide initiatives, school-wide charity drives and promotions which are designed to develop positive character. Their experiences provide opportunities for students to experience the value in helping others, to be a part of the community, to develop compassion, understanding, patience and honesty, to become more responsible, to develop skills in cooperation, to become more self-disciplined, and to better appreciate friendship.

The club meets twice a month to plan character building activities that make a positive difference in our school. Examples of some of the activities they plan include: Canned Food Drive, March Madness Hoop Shoot for Good Character, the Acts of Kindness Campaign, and the 2nd Annual Community Day and Color Run.



Physical Education



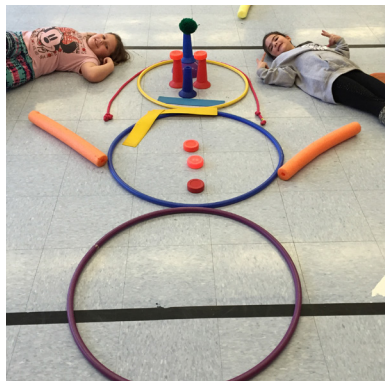
Elementary Intramurals

New to Tully Elementary School this year is our after school intramurals program! The program is offered to 5th and 6th grade students. It is an opportunity to learn about the rules,

concepts, and strategies for team sports, while competing and having fun! So far this year students have learned about and participated in tchoukball, basketball, and floor hockey.

Winter PE News

During the month of December, students in PE enjoyed holiday activities, such as creating snowmen using PE equipment. For the month of February, Tully Elementary held a Jump for Heart event to raise money for the American Heart Association. Students participated in fitness activities such as jump roping, and they learned about the benefits of regular physical activity and its effects on heart health.



Kindergarten News



In the Kindergarten wing, we were lucky enough to follow up our Pilgrims unit after the Thanksgiving break with a visit from some special friends. Rhiannon Abrams and Logan Booth, both seniors at LaFayette High School, along with Logan's little brother Arrow, visited our classrooms to teach us about their Haudenosaunee culture. Rhiannon and Logan created a presentation of their own as their senior project and were invited by Mrs. Lerch to come share it with us. As part of our Pilgrims unit, we learned about America before Columbus and how Native Americans had already been living here for a long time. Having Rhiannon, Logan, and Arrow come in to share their culture and history was a great way for our students to make meaningful connections with what we learned about Native Americans. Rhiannon, Logan, and Arrow taught us how their ancestors lived and shared with us some of their songs and dances. The students had a blast and most importantly learned a lot. Fourth grade must have heard how much we learned, because Rhiannon, Logan, and Arrow were asked to come present again to fourth grade after they finished their Haudenosaunee unit. Kindergarten says, "Thank you" to Rhiannon, Logan, and Arrow for everything we were able to learn!

Academic Decathlon Takes First Place at Regionals

The Academic Decathlon is a nationwide competition where high school teams study a particular subject matter and then compete against other schools by taking tests in several content areas: art, social science, literature, economics, science, and music. This year's topic is World War II. The Tully Team, coached by Mr. Votra, competed at the regional competition on January 21st and took first place! The team moves

on to the State Championship at the end of February where they must take more subject quizzes while also delivering a four minute speech, participating in a seven minute interview, and taking a super quiz (whole team) in front of a live audience! Prior to attending the state competition, team members must write an essay at school that is sent to judges for grading. Needless to say, students must be diverse, dedicated and determined throughout the competition season. Congratulations and best wishes to team members: Rachel Berry, Dante Bertolo, Daniel Bort, Julia Coffin, Matt Doolittle, Payton Earley, Ryan Gordona, Hunter Griffin, Ryan Huggins, Jake Hutton, Matt Slazik, Garrett Van Dyne, Maddie Wiers, and Peyton Wolf.



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Faculty Spotlight



Name: Veronica Budelmann
Subject: AP Biology/Living Environment Teacher
Family: Husband, Scott and daughters, Adriana, Isabela and Olivia.
Pets: Gus, a 4 year old Soft Wheaton Terrier; Diego, a 9 year old Yorkipoo; Linnaeus (a.k.a. "Linus"), a 1 year old Leopard Gecko.

Favorite Quote: "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." - MLK, Jr.

What is one thing you want people to know about you?

My first language is Spanish.

What has been the best part of your experience at Tully Central School District? The students. They make me laugh and they keep me on my toes.

What hobbies and activities do you have or participate in?

I love to read, to garden, and to spend time with my husband and my daughters. I enjoy watching old movies and Broadway musicals.

If you could retire tomorrow what would you do?

I would go back to school. I have many interests and I love to learn.

If you could be any age for a week, how old would you be?

Why? I would be 22; ready to graduate from college and embark on all sorts of new adventures. I would join the Peace Corps and would become actively involved with humanitarian organizations.

If you had infinite resources (whether that be money, time, etc.) what is one thing you would choose to do? I would work side-by-side with my husband and daughters, creating programs that could help improve the quality of life for people all over the world.

Who/ What is your biggest inspiration? Activists who have sacrificed and advocated for the rights of others: Suffragists, like Alice Paul; Civil Rights Leaders like Martin Luther King, Jr. and Thurgood Marshall. I am also inspired by the people who I have met over the years who have continued to persevere despite obstacles in their lives: my parents, friends, students; people who I have never met but who continue to fight every day to better their lives and achieve their goals.

High School Musical

Tully Jr./Sr. High School presents *Little Shop of Horrors*. Performances will be at the JSHS Auditorium on March 3rd & 4th at 7pm!

With a score that is part rock 'n' roll, part doo-wop and part Motown, *Little Shop* is the story of the shy and love-struck florist's assistant, Seymour Krelborn, who finds fame, fortune and a whole lot more when he nurtures a strange

little plant with a strong — and scary — thirst. The show will be directed by Erin Reppenhagen and conducted by Pat Votra.

Don't miss out on the mystery of *Little Shop of Horrors*. Tickets are \$10 at the door!



**March 3rd & 4th
at 7pm**

2016-17 National Shakespeare Competition

Tully High School's Shakespeare Competition, co-advised by Mrs. Rossman and Mrs. Elmer, was held on January 30th. Students met for the first time in October and spent the last few months memorizing a monologue from one of Shakespeare's plays.

At the competition, twelve Tully students competed against each other in front of three judges. The judges evaluated each competitor on his or her understanding of the monologue, effective delivery, and artistic expression. After an amazing competition with tremendous performances by all, Haley Fowler-Conner was chosen as first place winner with her performance as Katherina from *The Taming of the Shrew*. Haley will perform her monologue, along with a sonnet, at the Syracuse Stage branch competition on March 11th, against the other winners of the local school competitions. If she wins at the branch level, Haley will have the opportunity to perform at the national competition in New York City! Additional impressive achievements were had by Alex Locke-Wright (2nd place), Mackayla MacDowall (3rd place), Alison Carr (Honorable Mention), and Shane Bowers (Honorable Mention). All competitors should be proud of their accomplishments!



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: Emily M. Fournier



Family: Linda-mom, Michael-dad, Cody-brother.

What have you learned by the activities you have participated in outside of school? Through participating in activities outside of school I have learned about responsibility and leadership, and how these characteristics will lead to success of any form.

What is your proudest moment in high school so far? My proudest moment was when I was accepted into both National Honor Society (NHS) and American Sign Language Honor Society (ASLHS).

What are your plans after high school? After high school I plan to go to college for a degree in Vet Technology.

What do you hope to achieve by the time you're 30 years old? By the time I am 30, I hope to have a family, a successful career and a Siberian Husky.

If you could invite two or three people to dinner, who would they be and what would you talk about? I would invite my great grandma and Dr. Pol. My grandmother passed away when I was young and I was told she always had great words of wisdom. Dr. Pol is a veterinarian on television and has so many amazing experiences to share and learn from. I would also like to invite Alex Parkolap just to be able to talk to him one more time.

What challenges have you faced and how have you overcome them? In high school, I faced the challenge of not having enough time to do everything I wanted to complete and try.

Who's your hero and why? My hero is my dad, because I have never seen anyone else work so hard for their family as he does and he still makes every athletic game I have ever participated in.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: Michael G. Sawmiller



Family: Greg-dad, Debbie-mom, Sarah-sister.

What have you learned by the activities you have participated in outside of school? I have learned that it is important to give back to the community and help others whenever the chance to do so arises.

What is your proudest moment in high school so far? My proudest moment in high school so far would be becoming a team captain for cross country indoor and outdoor track. I

believe that is a huge position for anyone, but for my coach and teammates to choose me for this leadership role means a lot.

What are your plans after high school? My plans after high school are to go to college and learn as much about animals as I possibly can and hopefully work with them for the rest of my life.

What do you hope to achieve by the time you're 30 years old? By the time I am 30 years old, I hope that I will be married, have a family and be working in my dream job.

If you could invite two or three people to dinner, who would they be and what would you talk about? If I could invite two people to dinner, I would invite Lance Mackey and Cesar Millan. Both of these people love animals and have lived hard lives in the past. I would like to talk to them about how they followed their dreams beating the odds to accomplish their goals.

What challenges have you faced and how have you overcome them? Some challenges I have faced would be that I was never great at the sports I did when I was younger. I overcame them by sticking with it and trying harder and harder until I succeeded. I am glad I did because running and pole vaulting are some of my favorite things to do.

Who's your hero and why? My hero is my coach Jim Paccia. He is my hero because no matter what, he will always help someone in need and is constantly giving his time to the community. His morals and values are the ones I want to have and wish others would also want to be like him.

From the Desk of the Superintendent



Last November, I began the process of working with the Board of Education and district administrators to construct our 2017-18 school budget. The first step in this process was defining budget priorities, which we did at November and December Board of Education meetings. These priorities are:

- Maintaining all current instructional and athletic programs
- Adding additional co-curricular opportunities for our students
- Aligning revenues and expenses closer to actual
- Adding a Capital Reserve/Repair Reserve line to the budget
- Aligning use of unreserved fund balance so that it is closer to actual
- Accounting for a 5th round of bus leasing
- Accounting for the debt the district is retiring
- Accounting for a tax cap of less than 2%
- Accounting for level state aid payments

With our budget priorities in mind, we then began constructing initial drafts of the three main components of our school budget; capital, administrative, and program. In early January, Governor Cuomo released his proposed state budget, which included a slight increase to state aid for schools. With the release of the Governor's proposed budget, we have been able to refine revenue projections for our local school budget. Given recent trends, it does seem likely that New York State will adopt an on-time state budget this year. If this is the case, we should have no trouble meeting the deadlines for developing our local school budget. Below is a list of upcoming dates and deadlines in our budget development process:

- March 7th BOE Meeting – Community Forum for Budget Input & Review of Program Component
- March 21st BOE Meeting – Review of Anticipated Revenue and the Overall School Budget
- April 4th BOE Meeting – Budget Adoption by the BOE
- May 9th BOE Meeting – Public Budget Hearing
- May 16th – Annual Budget Vote

Please feel free to attend any and all of the meetings listed above. Each meeting begins at 6:00pm, in the JSHS Library, with the exception of the annual budget vote, which runs from 6:00am to 9:00pm and is held in the ES conference room. At each of these meetings, there are opportunities for members of the public to ask questions or share concerns. Additionally, you may contact me directly if you would like (696-6204 or rhughes@tullyschools.org).

Robert Hughes, Superintendent of Schools

Email: rhughes@tullyschools.org • Office: 315-696-6204

Article Submission Guidelines

Material is subject to editing. The district has the final decision whether or not to publish an article. If you would like to submit an article, please email articles to Mary Fisher at the Tully Central School District Office at mfisher@tullyschools.org. If you have any questions, please call (315) 696-6204.

It is requested that all articles be emailed in Word format whenever possible. Please do not insert or embed a picture within the actual Word article.

Pictures should be emailed in JPG format at 300 dpi.

Thank you.

BOARD of EDUCATION

Meeting Dates

Location: JSHS Library
Time: 6:00 pm

Dates, time and location subject to change and additional special meetings to be scheduled on an as needed basis. Check the school website for updates:

www.tullyschools.org

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| March 7 | Tuesday |
| March 21 | Tuesday |
| April 4 | Tuesday |
| April 24 | Monday |
| May 9 | Tuesday |
| May 16 | Tuesday |
| June 20 | Tuesday |



Board Members

**Term expires June 30 of year listed*

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| 2019 | Mr. Mark Drumm , President (315) 696-5958 |
| 2017 | Mr. James Bertolo , Vice President (315) 696-8786 |
| 2019 | Mrs. Denise Cardamone (315) 696-5599 |
| 2018 | Mrs. Carrie Edinger (315) 696-0106 |
| 2017 | Mr. Steven Pierce (315) 575-0728 |
| 2018 | Mr. Matthew VanBeveren (315) 696-5745 |
| 2018 | Mr. Edward Wortley, II (315) 696-8609 |

Tully Teachers Association Scholarship

Each year at Commencement the Tully Teachers Association recognizes an exceptional student with a substantial scholarship. We are very pleased to be able to continue offering this scholarship to our most outstanding students each year. To apply, students must have an overall average 90 or higher. Mrs. Newton, one of our JSHS guidance counselors, coordinates the scholarship and provides application information to qualified students in February. The application deadline for this scholarship is the end of the school day, on Monday, April 24th. Students should direct any questions about the TTA Scholarship to Mrs. Newton, at jnewton@tullyschools.org or at 696-6240.

Trunk Sale - TTA Scholarship Fundraiser - Saturday, May 13

- Who: Tully Teachers Association Scholarship Program- Jennifer Newton, Coordinator
- What: Trunk Sale (A garage sale out of the trunk of your car, van, or truck.) You will be provided with a reserved spot in the Tully JSHS parking lot for the Trunk Sale. Fill your vehicle and get ready to sell! Other events will be occurring that day that will be bringing people to the school.
- Where: Tully Jr/Sr. High Parking Lot
- When: May 13th 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Why: We love to support an outstanding Tully graduate with scholarship monies and give you the opportunity to get rid of some of your junk.
- Cost: \$10 payable to the TTA Scholarship Fund to rent a parking space by March 13th, or \$15 for a space by April 13th, or \$20 for a space by May 13th.
- How: Contact Jennifer Newton, TTA Scholarship Coordinator, for an application form @ 696-6240 or at jnewton@tullyschools.org

Tully Parks and Recreation

Tully Rec baseball and softball will be starting later this spring. Look for registration forms in April, via:

- Backpack Express, and
- Tully school website (Community/Parks & Rec), and
- email: tullyparksrec@gmail.com

Program Levels:

- Kindergarten- Tee Ball (Coed)
- 1st/2nd- Modified/Parent pitch (Coed)
- 3rd/4th- Baseball and Softball
- 5th/6th- Baseball and Softball

In January the Parks and Recreation program was able to generate enough interest to create a youth wrestling program. Eighteen kids in grades K-4th signed up to participate. Thanks to Coach Lawton, Coach Pierce and Coach D'Antonio for their help in getting this program back up and moving.

June 10th will mark the return of the Tully Moo Run. Registration forms will be available later this spring on the Town of Tully website (www.townoftully.org). The race is returning to the scenic Crooked Lake course!

Fitness Center Open to Tully Residents

The Tully Central School District Fitness Center, located in the High School athletic wing, is now open to Tully residents Monday – Friday, 4:30-7pm. Children under age 12 are not allowed.

The Fitness Center is closed on holidays and snow days, or when after school activities are cancelled for weather reasons. The gyms and indoor track are not available for use during the designated Fitness Room hours.

Nominating Petitions Available for Board of Education Positions

Two terms of office on the Tully Central School District Board of Education will expire on June 30, 2017. Each winner will be elected for three year terms from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020 at the annual school district election to be held on May 16, 2017.

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, Tully Central School District Offices, 20 State St, Tully, NY 13159 no later than 5:00 pm on April 17, 2017. 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. It is good practice to obtain more than 25 signatures.

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

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TULLY CENTRAL SCHOOL EVENTS

March

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| Fri-Sat | 3-4 | SH Drama, 7 pm | Mon | 27-31 | NYS ELA Assessment |
| Weds | 8 | ES PTO Meeting, 7 pm | Thurs | 30 | NJHS Induction, 6:30 pm |
| Fri | 10 | Trivia Night at HS, 7 pm | Fri | 31 | Jr High International Club Spring Event |
| Tues | 14 | Sr High Band and Chorus Concert, 7 pm | APRIL | | |
| Weds | 15 | Jr High Band and Chorus Concert, 7 pm | Mon | 3 | NYS ELA Assessment |