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Alumni News

Marissa Eibert is a graduate of Tully High School class of 2014. She continues her studies at The College at Brockport. Congratulations to Marissa on her academic achievement for the fall 2017 semester! She was on the Dean's List with Honors.

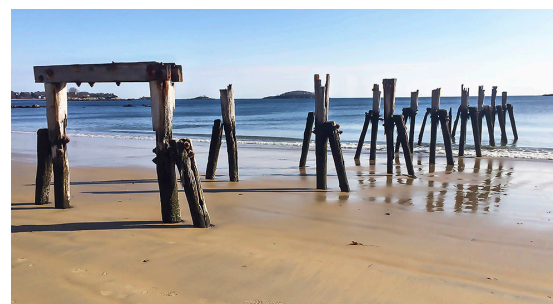
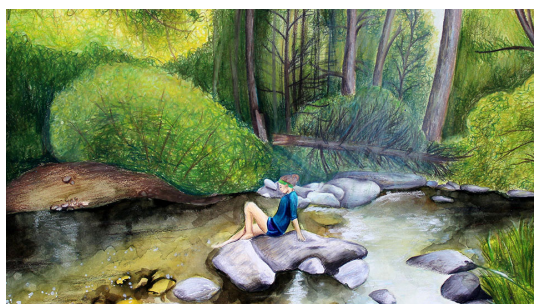
Save the Dates

March 2 and 3 – This year's High School Musical is *Disaster!*

It features hit music of the 1970's in a comedic setting upon a floating casino plagued with disasters.

Scholastic Art Awards

This year our Tully Scholastic Art Award recipients are Dominique Negrete and Grace Chaffee, who both earned Silver Key Awards in Photography, and Ellie Ives, who earned two Silver Key Awards and one Honorable Mention in Drawing and Illustration. Over 5500 works of art were entered into this year's competition from 92 schools across the region. The Scholastic Art Show will be on display at OCC in the Whitney Applied Technology Center, and open to the public, from Friday, January 12th through Friday, March 2nd. Congratulations to all our student artists who entered work into the show and to our honored award recipients!



Beauty and the Beast, Jr.

The Elementary Drama gave three amazing performances of *Beauty and The Beast Jr.* on Friday and Saturday, February 2nd and 3rd. During the school performance, the audience waved their lighted roses to help with the magic every time our human rose, played by Lillian Andrews, danced around the wilting rose. They also waved them at the end of the performance to help with the magical transformation of the beast back into the prince. The students never cease to amaze us with their professional performances. It's hard to believe that they are only 10-12 years old. They sing, dance and act in a much more mature way.

The incredible costumes were made by our very own team member Susan Biggar. They are so wonderful that we anticipate being able to sell them to another school, and using the proceeds to purchase new wireless microphones for the elementary drama department. Students received standing ovations for both of our community performances and rave reviews by parents and community.



Lesson Study



In January, a team of Tully Elementary teachers completed the second year of the 100K in 10 Grant, which is offered through a partnership with OCM-BOCES and The Smithsonian Science Education Center. The team of teachers from TES involved with this grant are Rachel Kolod, Abigail Lerch, Michele McNerney, Lisa Saile and Melissa Pickard.

Through this grant, teachers were provided training related to the science units developed by the Smithsonian Science Education Center, as well as professional development in how to conduct a formal lesson study. Tully teachers then worked with teachers from around the area to choose a specific element of a Smithsonian Science Lesson, which they then researched and evaluated. As a focus of their lesson study, the teachers chose making evidence-based claims and using accountable talk, within a 1st Grade Smithsonian Science Lesson.

For the specific lesson these teachers chose to study, first graders worked in the Maker Lab to answer the question "What is Needed to Make Sound?" As the first-grade lesson unfolded, the team of teachers watched and recorded student reactions, comments, questions and actions. After the lesson the team spent time debriefing and then made appropriate changes to the Smithsonian Science Lesson. It was an amazing experience for all who participated. A big thank you to TES first graders who helped the teachers learn and set the stage for future first grade students.



Jump Rope for Heart

This year's Jump Rope for Heart month started with a kickoff assembly for our students to learn about healthy lifestyles and preview the exciting prizes for the event! Students participated in heart healthy activities such as jumping rope the week of February 12th, and then raised money throughout the month to donate to the American Heart Association.

Hoop Shoot Contest



Congratulations to all the participants of the Homer Elks Club Annual Hoop Shoot Contest. The first round of participation occurred during Physical Education classes the last two weeks of December. The top contestants from each age group continued on to the local lodge. On January 10th, Hoop Shoot hopefuls met at Homer Central School to give 25 free throws their best shot.

We would like to recognize the following athletes for an awesome job: **8-9 year olds:** Sullivan Waldron, Antonio Morquecho, Anna Lund, Elise Spencer, Logan Schmidt, Andie Fairchild, and Wren Lawton. **10-11 year olds:** Zeke Mohat, Kevin Yonko, Connor Bastedo, Rachel Daddona, and Sammy Morgan. **12-13 year olds:** Will Lund and Matthew Bauer.

We would like to congratulate these finalists and their parents who took the time to attend this highly competitive event.

What's Up in Kindergarten?

We are entering a very exciting time for our Kindergarten classrooms! Right now, we are in the thick of our study of the Arctic, which has always been a favorite of our students. Pictured are some of our friends with some puffin



and caribou crafts that we have done in our classrooms. Students are learning all about the animals, landscape, and weather of the Arctic. We're also well established in reading groups, and every single student is working hard on becoming a stronger reader! It really is tremendous as teachers see the progress your little ones are making. Reading and writing go hand in hand, and it's always exciting watching our students start using punctuation and proper sentence structure for the first time, which is a focus in our rooms right now. We know they'll continue to work hard and can't wait to see how much more they grow this school year!

Character Council Update



Character Council has been busy this winter. After collecting cleaning items for the Hurricane Buckets, and canned goods and non-perishable food items for the Holiday Baskets, students in Character Council have been focusing on the trait of "kindness". Students have been putting their kind actions to work by helping Mrs. Drumm and Mr. Charles with the American Heart Association *Hoops for Heart* program. They assisted in getting paperwork ready for the entire school. Character Council is also working on decorating Kindness Rocks, and placing them throughout the school for students to find. The rocks are a fun and colorful way to spread some kindness within our school. We hope that their kindness touches many people in our school community this winter.

Fourth Grade Parent Academy



Fourth grade Parent Academy meets every other month throughout the school year. The primary purpose of these meetings is to bring families and teachers together to strengthen the home/school connection. Research shows that when the home and school bond is strong, students benefit tremendously. Parent Academy is just one of many ways that the home/school bonds are strengthened here at Tully Elementary. Students are more successful when families, students and teachers work together!

This month's 4th Grade Parent Academy theme was "Failing Forward: How to Help Our Children be Resilient." Parents of 4th graders joined the 4th grade teachers for a light dinner and discussion about failing versus being a failure, ways teachers incorporate teaching resilience into our daily practice, and ways families can help their child be more resilient by valuing dedication and effort.

Intramurals

We are in our second year of intramurals. This year the program has consisted of activities that have been done in physical education class as well as some that are not focused on during the school year. In our second session of intramurals this year the students are learning to take on certain jobs found in sports such as: coach, equipment manager, referee, scorekeeper, etc.



FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

Administering Medications in School

Parents and guardians, please note the following information regarding administering medications to students while they are at school or while they are attending a school sponsored activity:

Schools need written permissions from both a health care provider and a parent in order to administer any prescription and/or over the counter (OTC) medications to students at school or during any school-sponsored activity.

If your child's health care provider decides he or she can carry and use diabetes, asthma or epinephrine auto-injector medication independently, and you as a parent wish your child to do so, then the health care provider and the parent must provide the school nurse with a written note stating that your child can do so safely.

All health care provider orders and parent consents must be renewed each school year, or when there is a change in medication.

Medication consent forms can be obtained at the Elementary School and the Junior/Senior High School nurses' offices.

FFA Update

The 2017-18 school year for the Tully FFA Chapter has been going very well thus far. In December, we once again had great success with our fruit, cheese, and maple sales, as well as our wreath sales. On January 27-28, many of our members attended the 212/360 conference in Syracuse, which is an amazing event filled with great leadership experiences. The district competitions are also coming up, which will give members opportunities to compete against other FFA chapters both in team and individual events. These competitions help students improve as public speakers, and grow as leaders. Finally, our annual FFA banquet is coming up on March 22nd, and will be yet another opportunity to showcase the achievements that our chapter has accomplished this year. If you or anyone you know is interested in FFA, be sure to contact Ms. Green, Ms. Currie, or any of our FFA officers.

Belgian Waffles at the Craft Show



Junior High International Club officers and members made more than 100 waffles at the annual December Junior High Craft Show! John McKenna, Estella VanBeveren, Robyn Drzewicki, Katelyn Lamoureux, Mary Babbage, Morgan Downes, and former member Gillian Wintermute also sold Bonbons, spirit bracelets, donuts, and provided complimentary coffee to the many vendors. Set-up began on Friday afternoon and Saturday was a very long day from set up to clean up but all went smoothly thanks to their hard work!

Senior Spotlight - ABBY HARRINGTON



Family: Mom, Susan. Sisters, Meg, Annie, and Kate.

What has been the best part of your high school career and why? The group of friends I made last year and have continued to be friends with now have been good role models for me. Their work ethic exemplifies perseverance when things are difficult. I have adopted those same practices into my life thus making me a better student.

What have you learned through the activities you have participated in outside of school? Through working with my mom at The Rummage Barn I have learned the importance of work being a pleasurable and rewarding experience. I have also learned better time management, which has also helped with school.

What is your proudest moment in high school so far? I am vice president of my class and have been since 7th grade.

What are your plans after high school? I plan to attend college to pursue a job in law or political science.

If you could invite two or three people to dinner, who would they be and what would you talk about? Barack Obama so that we can talk about politics; Amelia Earhart so that we can talk about her experience as the first female aviator.

What challenges have you faced and how have you overcome them? I have taken challenging classes and have learned to get over the difficulties by seeking assistance from the teachers and benefitting from the support of my friends who are also taking the challenging class.

Who's your hero and why? My mom is my hero because she never stops working and is always looking for different ways to improve her life.

Senior Spotlight - MATTHEW SLAZIK



Family: Mom, Colleen. Dad, David. Stepdad, Mike. Sister, Natalie. Half-brothers Collin and Marshall. Pets: Raven, Oliver, Spike, Henry, and Ed.

What has been the best part of your high school career and why? The best part of high school has been the learning process. I've enjoyed learning about various topics and then applying that knowledge to my life and career choice.

What have you learned through the activities you have participated in outside of school? I have learned that the more I do, the better off I am. I have found that the busier I am, the more motivated I am to accomplish tasks. I think it's better to be busy than not busy.

If you could invite two or three people to dinner, who would they be and what would you talk about? My dad David so that I can talk to him about the huge threshold that I am on as I'm getting ready to leave high school; Claude Debussy, a French composer, so that I can talk to him about his incredible orchestration techniques; Beethoven, so that I can learn from the struggles of his life and how he overcame them.

What challenges have you faced and how have you overcome them? The death of my father has been my greatest challenge. I continue to overcome it with the support of my many family members and friends plus music.

Who's your hero and why? Mr. Votra is my hero because there isn't a single person who has changed my life in such a fundamental way. He is always very supportive of me and my life efforts, and for this I will be forever grateful.

Quebec 2018

Despite the recent strange weather on the entire East Coast, the JH International Club had another fantastic adventure this year over the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday weekend in Quebec City. Friday night we walked in pouring rain through the old city, went to dinner, exchanged money, and enjoyed an improv show. Overnight the city magically transformed into a winter wonderland, with 10 inches of fresh snow. We did not notice the negative temperatures due to the sunshine as we walked to Paillard for French pastries, competed in a fact-finding mis-



sion, attended "The Military" interactive history lesson, shopped for souvenirs, ate lunch at Ashton's and toured the Ste. Anne de Beaupre Basilica. At the Ice Hotel, we toured brand new rooms and then spent the remainder of the evening at the tubing park. The next day we walked to the Breton crêperie for breakfast, went dogsledding, and then back to town for shopping and lunch of our choice. An early afternoon Remparts Hockey Game, the Sugar Shack for traditional food and dancing, and Karaoke led by Andréanne, our awesome Jumpstreet Tour Guide, completed our Sunday. On the way out of town Monday we stopped at the mall and then enjoyed smooth sailing all the way home thanks to Mr. Bartholomew our Wade coach bus driver.

ATHLETIC NEWS

Spring Sports Start Dates

JV & Varsity
Monday March 5, 2018
(Baseball/Softball/
Track/Boys & Girls
Lacrosse)

JH & Modified
Monday April 2, 2018
(Baseball/Softball/
Track/Boys & Girls
Lacrosse)

Spring Coaching Staff

Stewart Snyder - Head Varsity Boys Lacrosse

Zach Chawgo - Assistant Varsity Boys Lacrosse

Dan Longnecker - Head JV Boys Lacrosse

Tom Mexiell - Assistant JV Boys Lacrosse

Jeff Russell - Head JH Boys Lacrosse

Sue Reilly - Head Varsity Girls Lacrosse

Kaitlyn Mahns - Assistant Varsity Girls Lacrosse

Danielle Sicignano - Head Modified Girls Lacrosse

Denise Abbott - Head Varsity Softball

Jayne Morse - Head Modified Softball

Doug Clay - Head Varsity Baseball

Don Mohat - Head Modified Baseball

TBA - Head Modified Baseball

Michelle Rauber - Head Varsity Girls Track & Field

Bettemae Russell - Assistant Varsity Girls Track & Field

Jim Paccia - Head Varsity Boys Track & Field

Ashley Brunelle - Assistant Varsity Boys Track & Field

Charlie Locke - Head JH Track & Field

Staying Safe Online

A message from the TES & JSHS Principals

Social media use and digital communication is a daily occurrence for many young people. This is no different at Tully Elementary School or at the Junior-Senior High School. Although most social media sites require users to be age 13 or older, many students who are younger than 13 are using sites like Facebook, Instagram, and Snapchat to communicate. Additionally, students of all ages have the ability with personal devices to instantly communicate through text message, instant message, and email.

There are many advantages to the use of social media and to these methods of instant communication, which is why they are so popular. There are, however, some potential serious problems that can develop when young people use social media and instant communication. One such problem is cyberbullying. Cyberbullying is bullying or harassment that takes place via text message, instant message, email, SnapChat, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. Often it takes the form of a comment or a picture, which others can then see and comment on, in a way that is humiliating, hurtful or otherwise unpleasant for a victim. While cyberbullying was once mostly a concern with JSHS age students, it has now also become a concern with our elementary school students.

Additionally, the types and methods of cyber-bullying evolve and change over time. For example, one current social media trend that is very concerning is that of "digital self-harm". This is when children bully themselves online using an anonymous profile. A recent article published through Florida Atlantic University, by Gale-Galoustian, describes this behavior and its underlying causes. Researchers discovered that children will engage in this behavior for a number of reasons, specifically, "self-hate; attention seeking; depressive symptoms; feeling suicidal; to be funny; and to see if anyone would react."

At TES and at the JSHS, we provide students with information related to internet safety and appropriate use of social media. We also have disciplinary policies and practices in place to address bullying behavior, including cyberbullying. Parents and other adults can help with internet safety by monitoring children's use of social media and use of instant communication. Additionally, it is imperative that parents and other adults contact someone at the schools (a teacher, or a counselor, or a social worker, or an administrator) if you have any concerns about the online activities of your children or their friends. We are here to help!

Sincerely, **Mr. Edward Kupiec, ES Principal**
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and

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Tully Central School District Nominating Petitions

Three terms of office on the Tully Central School District Board of Education will expire on June 30, 2018. Each winner will be elected for three year terms from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021 at the annual school district election to be held on May 15, 2018.

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 16, 2018. 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.

Board of Education Meeting Dates

Meetings in Junior Senior High School library at 6:00 p.m. Date, time and location subject to change and additional special meetings to be scheduled as needed. Check the school website for updates.

Tuesday	March 6, 2018
Tuesday	March 20, 2018
Tuesday	April 3, 2018 (in addition, 5:00 p.m. pre-k lottery)
Monday	April 16, 2018 (in addition, BOCES Board Vote and BOCES budget)
Tuesday	May 8, 2018 (includes budget public hearing)
Tuesday	May 15, 2018 (in addition, budget vote 6 am to 9 pm)
Tuesday	June 19, 2018

2017-2018 Board Members

**Term expires June 30 of year listed*

2020

Mrs. Elaine (Fay) Burt
5335 Nichols Road
Tully, NY 13159
Cell: 315-440-6149

2020

Mrs. Jane Byrne-Panzarella
1135 Sky High Road
Tully, NY 13159
Home: 315-696-8540

2019

Mrs. Denise Cardamone, President
6368 Route 80, Tully, NY 13159
Home: 315-696-5599

2018

Mrs. Carrie Edinger
PO Box 871, Tully, NY 13159
Home: 315-696-0106

2019

Mr. William Ralbovsky
508 Hidden Falls Road
Tully, NY 13159
Phone: 315-696-0018

2018

Mr. Matthew VanBeveren, Vice President
5461 Lake Road, Tully, NY 13159
Home: 315-696-5745

2018

Mr. Edward Wortley, II
982 Dutch Hill Road
Tully, NY 13159
Home: 315-696-8609



Tully Free Library

12 State Street • tullyfreelibrary.org • 315-696-8606

Monday - Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturdays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. • Closed Sundays

Chess Club is now all-ages! Saturdays from 10 AM to noon.

Chess Club has evolved into a family program. Open to players of all ages and abilities. Join us for skill-building each week and monthly tournaments. Learn tips and tricks and compete with other chess lovers. Eric Godiers will be teaching beginners and coaching those who already play the game. Families welcome!

Babies & Kids Events and Resources:

The Science Fair for grades K - 6 will be on Saturday, March 10 from 2:30 - 4 PM. Join us to see the exciting experiments of the young scientists in our community!

Terrific Tuesdays after school crafts & snacks now every Tuesday from 2:45 - 4 PM. This program is for elementary-aged kids. Please register online or by phone so we have enough supplies.

Rockin' Readers Storytime for preschoolers (ages 3+) on Mondays from 10:30 - 11:30 AM.

Tykes Time Storytime for babies and toddlers (up to age 3) on Wednesdays from 10:30 - 11:30 AM.

Teen Events (5th-12th grades): Check out our events calendar for special monthly events like Magic: The Gathering tournaments sponsored by TCGplayer and Murder Mystery Nights.

****NEW** Teen Movie Club:** The Classics. Mondays from 3:30 - 5:15. Maybe you're a film fanatic and love classic films, or have never seen a movie from the early days of film and wonder what's so great about them...well, wonder no more! All are welcome to join us for classic movies and fun trivia.

Duel Club every Wednesday from 3:30 - 5.

Learn how to play new dueling card games or compete against your friends in battle! You can bring your own cards or we have decks you can use. You can play Pokemon, Yu Gi Oh, Magic, or any other duel club cards you have. All ages. No signup required.

Board Game Club every Thursday at 3:30. Play new and classic board games! No signup required.

Wii Tournament Day every Friday at 4 PM. No signup required.

Full STEAM Ahead @ TFL (formerly Tully Regional Enrichment Program or TREP)

The Spring semester of free after school enrichment classes for K - 12th grades continues through early June. There may still be spots available, so check with us if your child is interested in attending. Call or stop in, or visit tullyfreelibrary.org/full-steam-ahead for more information on classes.

Fitness Center Open to Tully Residents

The Tully Central School District Fitness Center, located in the High School athletic wing, is 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.

TRANSPORTATION NEWS

Private Transportation Requests Due By 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 must be made annually and 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, 2018.

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TULLY CENTRAL SCHOOL EVENTS

MARCH

Fri-Sat	2-3	High School Drama Musical, 7 p.m.
Mon	5	JV/V Spring Sports begin
Fri	9	Trivia Night, HS, 7 p.m.
Thus	22	FFA Banquet, 6:30 p.m.
Tues	27	Sr High Band and Chorus Concert, 7 p.m.
Weds	28	Jr High Band and Chorus Concert, 7 p.m.

APRIL

Mon	2	JH Spring Sports begin
Tues	3	BOE Meeting, HS, 6 p.m.
Tues-Weds	10-18	NYS ELA 3-8 Assessment
Mon	16	BOE Meeting, HS, 6 p.m.
Mon-Fri	23-27	Spring Recess, No Classes