Talking it Through: Center for Dialogue Exchange

Tully students have been busy bridging the gap using dialogue in conjunction with the Center for Dialogue High School Exchange and ITC (Institute of Technology @ Syracuse). Beginning in November, students from both Tully and ITC visited the respective campuses several times where they shared their insights and perspectives to help foster, understand, and encourage others’ acceptance of different cultures and point of views. Ms. Benninger, Mr. Donald, and Ms. Willey facilitated the group this year and were happy to see the open discussion amongst the diversity. These students now have the ability to help their fellow classmates recognize and accept the differences of others in their everyday lives.

A Wild Time: Madagascar, Jr.

*Madagascar, Jr.* was a complete success! There were 31 students in the cast and nine in the crew, and they did an excellent job performing and working back stage! The students performed the show first for the elementary students on Friday afternoon as their final dress rehearsal, and then twice more for the community. Attendance was great on both Friday night and Saturday afternoon, and it was easy to see that the audiences were wildly entertained! Special thanks go to Mrs. Kristine Wilson, Mrs. Leigh Ann Moss, and Mrs. Sue Biggar for directing and producing this wonderful show!

Quebec 2020

Tiguidou! Forty-two eighth graders had a fantastic adventure this year over the Martin Luther King Holiday weekend in Quebec City. Thanks to Yvonne (the Wade Tours bus driver) and clear roads, we were grateful for another safe passage over the border! Upon arrival, the students met Edouard (an awesome Jumpstreet Tour Guide) who kept them on the move and informed. After checking in at Hôtel Le Concorde, students walked in frigid temperatures through the beautiful city to the St. Lawrence River, enjoyed dinner at St. Hubert's, and participated in “The Military,” an interactive history lesson.

New this year was Le Domaine de Maizerets, which included cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and ice-skating. The following day, dogsledding and making maple butter were on the to-do list, and then delicious food and dancing at the Sugar Shack ended with a wagon ride. Students toured the Basilica of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupre, the Ice Hotel, and then the tubing park, Valcartiers, where they enjoyed numerous rides on the Everest and the Himalaya. A gourmet dinner was enjoyed at Côtes-à-Côtes Resto Grill, and if that wasn’t enough activity for the day, students walked up to toboggan by the Château Frontenac and then went swimming at the hotel. Phew! Students enjoyed a scavenger hunt and then spent the last few hours at the Galleries Mall before heading back to Tully. Many thanks to the Tully Board of Education, Tully Administration, and many others who helped make this trip possible, especially our chaperones, Mr. Jim Hendricks, Mr. Chris Scalza, Mrs. Beth Tucker, and Mrs. Janice Sheldon. Travel helps you learn about yourself and your world - Happy memories!

SAVE THE DATE ♦ HS Drama ♦ May 15th & 16th
ES Principal’s Message

NYS Assessment Information: A great deal of learning took place in March, not just with students, but also faculty. Teachers continued to work with coaches from BOCES in the areas of literacy and using data to inform instruction. On our March Superintendent’s Conference Day, teachers focused on individual professional learning and also trained on responding to emergency situations using the Navigate Prepared platform. Primary age teachers attended a leadership meeting on Early Learning connected to the newest New York State Standards.

March’s Positivity Project strengths were Love of Learning, Social Intelligence, and Fairness. In April, students will learn about the strengths of Humor, Appreciation of Beauty & Excellence, and Purpose. They will also learn to identify and appreciate the good in others. Parents or family members who wish to learn more about their own character strengths can take a free survey at viacharacter.org. According to this survey, fairness is my top character strength. Next school year, we hope to be able to provide more opportunities for parents to be involved with P2!

The week of March 23rd, students in grades 3 - 6 will complete their New York State ELA Assessments on their Chromebooks. The week of April 20th, these same students will sit for the state math assessment. Specific dates for each grade level are included below.

Each assessment is designed to be administered over two consecutive days. 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.

Students will take both the ELA and Math assessments in the computer-based-testing format (CBT). The content tested is the same as the paper-based versions and we are helping students prepare for the experience by providing additional time during the school day to work with the Chromebooks and become familiar with the layout of the assessments. The tentative testing schedule will be as follows: (Please check the website for the most up-to-date information.)

- Grades 3 & 4: ELA Assessment 8:00 a.m. on March 26 & 27; Math Assessment 8:00 a.m. on April 22 & 23
- Grades 5 & 6: ELA Assessment 8:00 a.m. on March 24 & 25; Math Assessment 8:00 a.m. on April 20 & 21
- Grades 7 & 8: ELA Assessment 8:00 a.m. on March 25 & 26; Math Assessment 8:00 a.m. on April 22 & 23
- Make-Ups: ELA Assessment March 30 - April 3; Math Assessment April 24 - April 30

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 • Phone: 315.696.6213 • Twitter: @ekupiecTullyES • Email: ed.kupiec@tullyschools.org

New Additions to Safety Patrol

Ten new Safety Patrol officers have been added to the crew of patrols with a total of 28 Safety Patrol officers! TES welcomes sixth graders Susan Kuty, Jamie Novak, and Natalie Prorok; and fifth graders Caden Graves, Emily Hall, Antonio Morquecho, Kameryn Meaney, Ella Polak, Mari Woodcock, and Colin Yaple. Due to cold weather conditions, the decision was made to have split shifts consisting of a morning patrol and an afternoon patrol. In addition, each shift will have their own captain and lieutenant. The new captain to patrol in the morning is Garrett Hodgson and the lieutenant is Shawna Gottstein. The new captain to patrol in the morning is Kodiak Ledbetter and the lieutenant is Colton Walkup. These new officers began their morning and afternoon duties on Wednesday, January 29th. Thank you to Molly Verbanic and Brier Huggins for their previous leadership and congratulations to the newest members, captains, and lieutenants!

Model Classroom: What’s the Code for That?

The Model Classroom at Tully Elementary is in full swing. This classroom is geared toward a different learning environment for any class that would like to engage in a new way of learning. With flexible seating including bean bags, stools, stand-up tables, and floor cushions, teachers can see what best would work in their classrooms before making a commitment, or just enjoy having a different environment for specific lessons. Mrs. Endo’s class took advantage of this during their coding unit. Students chose where they would be most comfortable while learning and applying the basics in computer programming using code.org. By the end of the unit, students created a video game by dragging bits of code onto their screen. All TES teachers are welcome to use this classroom to their advantage.
ATHLETICS UPDATE

Students Head to Syracuse Stage

The middle school performed a wonderful holiday concert this year featuring both the band and chorus, entertaining a full house. The band, directed by Nicole Damon, played a medley of cheery holiday music in which children and adults alike enjoyed thoroughly. During intermission, while the stage was set for the chorus students, the audience had the pleasure of hearing the students warm up their vocal cords with a fun mimicry. The Notes by Knights Chorus, directed by Kristine Wilson, then sang several traditional songs with many soloists and readers to accompany the delightful music. During the last song, a surprise appearance was made by a certain reindeer, jolly man, and elf! All students did a wonderful job entertaining their audience. Shortly after the holiday concert, the students were treated to the play Beauty and the Beast at Syracuse Stage. Even though this story is a "tale as old as time," the students loved how lively the actors were, enjoying the choreography and music that most have come to know so well. Special thanks goes out to Mrs. Wilson, Ms. Damon, and TEMA for giving our young students a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the fine arts!

PTO Update

As we look forward to warmer weather, we hope that you will join us in upcoming events. The month of May will be a very busy month for the PTO. We will be hosting a few different fun events for students and their families. Throughout the week of May 4th – 7th, we will be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair. Students may preview or purchase items at the book fair during the week, as well as during Open House on the 7th. The PTO will also be having a Teacher Appreciation week for the Elementary School Staff during the week of May 11th – 15th. In addition, the annual Mother/Son Game Night is scheduled for May 29th.

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Bill Donald - Head Varsity Softball
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Rauber Heads to Pan Am XC Cup in Canada

Brooke Rauber, Tully’s cross country extraordinaire, won the USATF Cross Country Championships late January in San Diego, California. She was ahead of her high school and college competitors by 36 seconds when she crossed the finish line.

Rauber has been setting records fast and furiously this year. Not long before racing in San Diego, she broke the Section III indoor track 1500-meter record at 4:28.70 during the Jack Reed Showcase at Nazareth College, which is also a new school record and the 4th fastest time for the 1500 ever run by a junior in NY state.

Congratulations to Rauber! Her Tully fan base will be cheering for her success in Canada and beyond!

Commitment Congratulations

Congratulations to Nico Benedetto for committing to SUNY Oneonta and Jade Dillenbeck for committing to LeMoyne College for Fall of 2020! Benedetto will play LAX as a Red Dragon and Dillenbeck will play LAX as a Lady Dolphin.

Spring Sports Start Dates

JV & Varsity Sports - Monday March 16, 2020 (Baseball/Softball/Track/(B/G) Lacrosse - No JV teams)
Modified (7/8/9) & JH (7/8) Sports - Tuesday April 14, 2020 (Mod. Baseball & Softball/JH Co-Ed Track/Mod. (B/G) Lacrosse)

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### JSHS Principal’s Message

Teen mental health wellness is a very prominent topic in health care today. Schools across the nation have implemented required mental health standards that are typically taught in health classes, and Tully Junior Senior High School is no exception. In addition to learning about the standards, health teachers, along with counselors, work within their networks to share ideas and resources to best serve our students. Anxiety and depression are very common mental health issues for teens and giving them support and strategies is necessary for dealing with those issues. One of the first steps in realizing that children may need help is recognizing symptoms such as, but not limited to: changes in behavior, drop in grades, avoiding social outings, acting with aggression, and trouble sleeping. Parents can work with school counselors, pediatricians, or other agencies to assist students in employing strategies to work through anxiety and depression.

Students will have normal experiences that promote anxiety such as worrying about an upcoming test, disagreements with friends, etc. When they use alcohol, tobacco, or drugs, teens may be looking for unhealthy ways to cope with anxiety and/or depression. It is important for families and school counselors to work together to help the students learn about healthy ways to deal with their emotions such as physical exercise, openly talking to parents and/or counselors, and eating healthy foods. There are local agencies that can assist families with counseling and other options such as Liberty Resources and ARISE. The local Tully PEACE, Inc. office is also a great resource in our community to connect families with agencies for many needs, including teen mental health.

If parents or students are concerned about mental health issues, they can seek assistance from Mrs. Newton and Mrs. Davin, school counselors, and Mr. Villhauer, school psychologist, by calling the Junior Senior High School at 315-696-6240.

*Mrs. Mary Ann Murphy, JSHS Principal • Phone: 315.696.6235 • Twitter:@tullyjshsprinc • Email: mmurphy@tullyschools.org*

### Leadership Abound: FFA Excels

Tully’s FFA has been busy this year so it’s no wonder that they are excelling at Leadership. Lauren Grosso, Amelia Jaworski, and Angela Touchette were all accepted to participate in the State Leaders Experience conference in Albany. This two-day intensive conference focused on FFA members engaging directly with their local lawmakers to learn about the legislative process, the issues facing our industry, developing a message, and telling their stories. Grosso, Jaworski, and Touchette joined one hundred and twenty others of New York FFA’s best and brightest where they met with Assemblyman Al Stirpe to discuss current agricultural issues. Several of Tully’s students will continue on and compete at the sub-state level in March.

Congratulations to all participants for representing Tully’s FFA and Tully CSD so well!

### Abroad with Mrs. Sheldon

The 7th and 8th grade JH International Club members enjoyed cheese fondue and Swiss chocolate as they toured through France and Switzerland with Mrs. Sheldon, a trip that she recently took. Her adventures began in France at the beautiful Lac d’Annecy (Lake Annecy) where artistic sculptures adorn canals and bridges. While there, she enjoyed local cuisine including fried fish (like smelt). Continuing on to Switzerland, she visited ice caves, rode cable cars, hiked the Alps, and visited 12th century castles, churches, and museums. The pictures that Mrs. Sheldon shared were breathtaking and showed some of the beauty in our world. Thank you, Mrs. Sheldon, for sharing your adventure with us!

### McAninch Headed to Shakespeare Competition

After nearly three months of extensive practice, six Tully students (James Locke, Tier- nan Tobin, Moira McAninch, Nate Cole, Flynn Bruhn, and Carly Bastedo) competed in the school’s sixth annual Shakespeare Competition on Monday, January 27. Each student performed a monologue from one of Shakespeare’s plays in front of a panel of judges. Moira McAninch took 1st place and will represent Tully at the Regional competition on March 21, 2020 at Syracuse Stage from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Tiernan Tobin, Carly Bastedo, and Nate Cole received second place, third place, and Honorable Mention, respectively. Every student did a commendable job! Please join us in wishing Moira luck on her quest to Nationals and congratulations to all participants!
Art Students Have the “Keys” to Success

Tully students in the JSHS art department recently submitted all forms of art media to the Scholastic Art Competition. These talented, young artists brought back seven Key awards and several Honorable Mentions out of over 4600 pieces of judged works. All of these award-winning works were available for public viewing at the Scholastic Art Show on the OCC campus from Wednesday, January 22 through Friday, February 28. Below is the list of works that you may have seen while there:

- Tiernan Tobin’s “Julian” (Drawing and Illustration - Gold Key).
- Elizabeth Caron’s “Golden Girl” and “Shadows” (Photography - Silver Key, Photography - Silver Key).
- Kendall Chambers’s “anatomy” and “sunflower” (Drawing and Illustration - Silver Key, Drawing and Illustration - Silver Key).
- Amelia Jaworski’s “i” (Photography - Silver Key).
- Natalie Slazik’s “Ally” and “Coping” (Drawing and Illustration - Silver Key, Drawing and Illustration - Silver Key).
- Emma Bielecki’s “Bubble” and “Gate” (Photography - Honorable Mention, Photography - Honorable Mention).
- Will Chaney’s “The Joker” (Mixed Media - Honorable Mention).
- Kayla Hanson’s “ice” (Photography - Honorable Mention).
- Allison Kolodziejczyk’s “Poppy” (Photography - Honorable Mention).
- Tessa Mucha’s “Self Portrait” (Mixed Media - Honorable Mention).
- Shannon Pierce’s “Husky” (Drawing and Illustration - Honorable Mention).

Thank you to all art students who participated, sharing their talent with others, and those who found the “keys” to success! Missing from photo: Kayla Hanson.
Private Transportation Requests Due by April 1st

NYS 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: Jamie Wortley, Tully Central School District, Business Office, 20 State St, Tully, NY 13159 no later than April 1, 2020.
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, 2020. Each winner will be elected for three-year terms from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023 at the annual school district election to be held on May 19, 2020.

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 p.m. on April 20, 2020. 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
TO: LOCAL POST OFFICE BOXHOLDER
OR RURAL ROUTE PATRON

TULLY CENTRAL SCHOOL EVENTS

April
2   SH & JH NHS Induction, 6:30 p.m.
3   JSHS End of Marking Period 3
6-13 Spring Recess – No School
15  PTO @ TES, 7:00 p.m.
17  JH Dance, 6:30 p.m.
20  BOE Meeting, 6 p.m.
25  Junior Prom, 6:00 p.m./ATPP, 11:00 p.m.

May
7   TES Spring Open House, 6:00 p.m.
11  BOE Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
13  PTO @ TES, 7:00 p.m.
15-16 SH Drama Production, 7:00 p.m.
19  BOE Meeting, 6:00 p.m./ 3 & 4, 5 & 6 Grade Concert, 7:00 p.m./ TES Art Show, 7:00 p.m.
22-25 Memorial Day Recess – No School
27  HS Art Show, 6:30 p.m./Pops Concert, 7:00 p.m.