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Alumni News

Congratulations to alumn **Kate Riese**, who graduated from Tully High, class of 2013. She currently attends SUNY Cortland and was recently named to the Dean's List.



SCHOOL BUS SAFETY - REMEMBER "IT ALL STARTS ON THE BUS"

Riding a school bus is a great way for your child to get to and from school. In the United States, 23 million students ride the bus daily. You may already know, the greatest risk involved is not riding the school bus, but getting on and off the bus. Please talk to your child about the following three tips, provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, for staying safe around buses:

SAFETY STARTS AT THE BUS STOP: Your child should arrive at the bus stop at least five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive. Remind your child that the bus stop is not a place to run and play.

GET ON AND OFF SAFELY: When the school bus arrives, your child should wait until the bus comes to a complete stop, the door opens, and the driver says that it's okay before approaching the bus door. Your child should use the handrails to avoid falling.

USE CAUTION AROUND THE BUS: Your child should never walk behind the school bus. If your child must cross the street in front of the bus, tell your child to walk on a sidewalk or along the side of the street, to a place at least five giant steps in front of the bus before crossing. Your child should make eye contact with the bus driver and wait for his/her signal before crossing.

Parents, please be sure to have house numbers on your mailbox to assist drivers in locating your stop, and remember we want your child to have a safe and rewarding day each and every school day.

DRIVERS, IT'S THE LAW:

YELLOW FLASHING MEANS BE ALERT & READY TO STOP • RED FLASHING MEANS STOP

From the Desk of the Elementary School Principal



Mr. Edward Kupiec

successful.

Hello! It's hard to believe we are already a month into the school year! We've had a great start and I'm looking forward to the rest of the fall and our Halloween celebrations at the end of the month! The character traits that we will be focusing on during October are Friendship & Cooperation. You can help reinforce these traits at home by discussing what a good friend is and ways that people work together to be

You may have seen references to something called Project-Based Learning, or PBL, in past issues of the Knight Insight. OCM BOCES, who provides regional professional development and promotion of project-based learning, defines PBL as an "instructional approach that combines authentic learning experiences with content and Common Core Learning Standards (CCLS) and essential communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity skills required for college and career readiness." It is often interdisciplinary in nature and there are eight (8) essential elements.

These are the eight (8) essential elements of PBL:

1. **Key Knowledge, Understanding, and Success Skills** - The project has a focus on standards-based student learning and curricular content and includes also skills including critical thinking and collaboration.
2. **Challenging Problem or Question** - The project is centered around a specific problem or question.
3. **Sustained Inquiry** - The project requires students to apply their knowledge and continue learning through continually asking questions and identifying appropriate resources.
4. **Authenticity** - The project either is a familiar real-world problem or is personal to students' own lives.
5. **Student Voice & Choice** - Students have the opportunity to take ownership of the project and have input on the process and the final product.
6. **Reflection** - Both students and teachers take time to reflect on the learning that occurred, the quality and outcome of the project, as well as the challenges that still exist and possible solutions.
7. **Critique & Revision** - There is the continual incorporation of feedback, both given and received, to improve.
8. **Public Product** - There is a public presentation, ideally to an authentic audience, but minimally to others beyond students' own classroom.

Here at Tully, teachers at the K-8 levels are incorporating PBL into their instruction, often in the social studies and science content areas.

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Thank You from Tully Elementary



The Tully Elementary School Community would like to say thanks to Drew Moss, currently a Junior at the JSHS, and to the members of Scout Troop 62, for working to improve the Tully Elementary School Playground. As an Eagle Scout Project, Drew helped to plan improvements to the parts of the playground. He then recruited and organized 18 volunteers, who spent a Saturday morning in August, working with Mr. Bishop, our Director of Facilities, moving dirt and spreading mulch.

Butterfly Garden



Butterflies are a reminder that until you spread your wings, you never know how far you can truly fly. Last spring, our 2nd grade students spent several weeks spreading their wings and learning all about butterflies. Throughout this research project, our students learned about various plants needed to bring these beauties back to Tully. With the dedication and guidance of our librarian, Mrs. Meldrim, the students were able to create an amazing butterfly garden. Our students planted both host and nectar plants to help the butterflies thrive. Mrs. Martin worked with our students in art to create clay water dishes, as well as assigning labels to the plants. We would like to sincerely thank all the families who volunteered to water and weed the butterfly garden throughout the summer. The time you gave to help maintain the garden is greatly appreciated. We encourage you to visit this wonderful garden. You never know when you might see a butterfly starting to spread its wings and fly!

Welcome New Faculty & Staff

David Charles



I am starting my physical education teaching career at Tully Elementary. Before this, I worked at OCM BOCES in Liverpool, NY as a teaching assistant. I graduated from SUNY Cortland in 2015 with a bachelors in physical education K-12. I did my student teaching at Tully JSHS and was an assistant coach for the Tully Boys' Varsity Basketball Team. Currently, I am an assistant coach for the Tully Varsity Football Team.

Laura Konefal



My name is Laura Konefal and I am the new 12:1:1 teacher at the elementary school! I am from Syracuse and live in Syracuse with my husband. In my recent experience, I taught in both Ithaca City School District and Madison Central School District as a special education teacher, and at Tully as a substitute teacher. I graduated from Mount Saint Mary College with my undergraduate degree in childhood and special education and from SUNY Cortland with my masters degree in literacy B-6th grade. I was a competitive swimmer for 10 years from middle school through college, so I enjoy swimming in my free time! I have coached swimming at the YMCA, The Cavalry Club in Manlius and at Camillus Swim Club. I'm really excited to be back at Tully and am looking forward to a great school year!!

Amber Litz



I am looking forward to an exciting and rewarding year at Tully Elementary as a new teaching assistant. I completed my undergraduate degree in elementary education at SUNY Cortland in 2010. I have been with the District for almost five years now as a substitute teacher. In the spring of 2015, I was fortunate to be in a long-term teaching assistant position at the elementary school and loved it. I have three small children and my two sons are students at the elementary school, while my daughter is only three years old. I love spending time outdoors with them at parks and beaches, and I love baseball and watching my sons play every spring. I am very excited to begin this new journey at Tully Elementary!

Thomas Meixell



Hi Everyone! My name is Tommy Meixell and this year I am a year-long sub at Tully Elementary teaching kindergarten. I have a degree in cultural anthropology, but decided that I really wanted to be a teacher, so I went back to school and graduated from SUNY Cortland in 2015. I was born and raised in Tully, and I could not be more excited to start my career in such a close and familiar community. Outside of school, I am a fan of all things Syracuse, and love to cheer on the Buffalo Sabres and Philadelphia Eagles. I try to be outside with my dog as much as possible and love to play all types of board games with my wife.

Danielle Sicignano



I am excited to be the new 4th grade teacher at Tully Elementary this year. I started my teaching career in South Korea, where I taught English as a foreign language for two years. After returning to Central New York I earned my masters in childhood education at SUNY Cortland. I worked at Syracuse Academy of Science for the past three years, where I taught 3rd and 2nd grades. After the hot summer we've had I'm looking forward to fall and apple picking at my family's orchard. I also have my fingers crossed for lots of snow this winter so I can go snowmobiling and snowboarding.

Margaret Tone



I am starting my career at Tully Elementary School as a 1st/2nd grade special education teacher. I graduated from St. John Fisher College in 2014 and continued my education there in order to receive my masters in literacy in 2016. Before coming to Tully I worked as a special education teacher in the Rochester City School District. In my spare time I enjoy reading, watching sports, and traveling.

Kat Ward



My name is Kat Ward and I am excited to be back at Tully working as a long-term substitute for this school year. I'll spend the beginning of the year in kindergarten and then move-up to 5th grade. I recently just graduated from Le Moyne College with my undergraduate degree and am continuing my graduate education there as well. I am looking forward to working back where I first started school!



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: Taylor M. Grosso

Family: Mom-Michelle, Dad-Mike, Sisters-Sydney and Lauren

What has been the best part of your high school career and why?

The best part of my high school career was being the Onondaga County Dairy Princess and being in FFA. I was able to go to so many new places and meet so many new people. These opportunities have given me memories that I will cherish forever.

What have you learned from the activities you have participated in outside of school?

I have learned how to speak confidently in front of others. Most of all you don't get what you want without hard work and determination.

What is your proudest moment in high school so far?

My proudest moment is getting a 5 on my AP US History exam because I worked so hard all year in that class and it was good to see the hard work pay off. Also, taking on the responsibility of being senior class president is another good challenge.

What are your plans after high school?

I plan to attend college and then go to law school to be a patent lawyer.

What do you hope to achieve by the time you're 30 years old?

When I am 30 years old I hope to be a successful lawyer who owns my own law firm. Also having a loving family and own a few horses.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: Mackenzie M. Rienhardt

Family: Father-Mike, Mother-Joyce, Younger Brother-Zachary

What has been the best part of your high school career and why?

After a lot of thought, I would say the abundant amount of opportunity I have been given throughout my high school career. There have been so many chances to meet new people, involve myself in sports and extracurriculars and give back to the community.

What have you learned from the activities you have participated in outside of school?

Hard work and perseverance create opportunity. Not only this, but being a student who participates in extra curriculars has taught me time management and how to cope with stress by finding a happy balance between work and play.

What is your proudest moment in high school so far?

Though there have been many times where I have felt proud, one moment (or should I say year) truly sticks out in my mind. That would be convincing my parents to let me have a foreign exchange student for my sophomore year. Laura, from Switzerland, has become nothing but my sister, best friend and better half. She was truly a huge blessing for my family and myself.

What are your plans after high school?

I hope to further my education in the field of either Business Management or Communications Studies. Ultimately my goal is to take over and head my parent's financial education business.

What do you hope to achieve by the time you're thirty years old?

By thirty, I hope to be married and starting a family. However, as I dream big career wise, I would like to be a Senior National Sales Director and the last millennial within my parent's business to hit one million dollars in cash flow.

The Tradition Continues

The Senior Class continues the recent tradition of claiming the wall opposite the main office in the Junior Senior High School. Many thanks to senior Ying Chen who did an amazing job of painting "Class of 2017" in August. Senior Class Student Council members have overseen their classmates painting their names on the wall. Please make sure to stop by and see the wall when you visit. It looks great!

Save the Date!

The Tully Senior High Drama Club will open its season with the Second Annual Tully Follies on October 14th at 7:00pm.

Last year's event was quite a hit, with over 150 people in attendance! If you weren't one of them, don't worry: we are hard at work planning and preparing another exciting round of hijinks.

Come on out as Ms. Paccia emcees the evening's activities, a night filled with Tully's best musicians, a student vs. teacher lip-sync battle, a fierce competition between two of our star faculty-athletes, and many more surprises.

Don't miss out on all the fun! Tickets are only \$5 and concessions will be available.

**Alumni News**

The Knight Insight wishes to highlight news of recent graduates. If you have information relating to the 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.

Welcome New Faculty & Staff

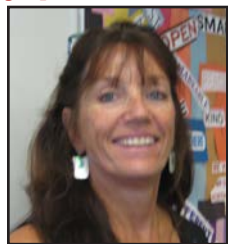
Monika Beck



Hello! My name is Monika Beck and I am incredibly excited to be working here at Tully Jr/Sr High School, as the new Liberty Partnership representative. I am originally from Smithtown, New York, but for the last few years I've called Onondaga Hill my home. I went to college at SUNY ESF and earned my bachelors degree in conservation biology and environmental

writing, and my masters in teaching at SUNY Cortland. When I'm not hiking in Heiberg Forest with my two dogs, Moose and Olive, watching *Parks and Recreation*, or playing the Ukulele, I'm probably curled up on the sofa with a good book. I'm looking forward to a wonderful year here in Tully!

Joyce Backus



Hi! I am very happy to be a part of the Tully School District. My name is Joyce Backus and I love teaching Art. It's my favorite job! Teaching is my challenge and exciting at the same time. I have done commercial design work in the past also. In my spare time, I like to hike, bike and dance. Looking forward to meeting you all!

David Fregly



I am thrilled to be joining the staff at Tully Jr/Sr High School. As a member of the Social Studies Department I am tasked with teaching Global I, Current Events, Academic Writing, Pre-Law, and AIS. My educational training includes a bachelors in history and political science from the University of Pittsburgh, a masters in 19th Century US Labor/Industrial History from

Binghamton University, and a masters in teaching social studies from Ithaca College. When I'm not teaching history I enjoy reading about it! I love the outdoors and I am an avid skier, kayaker, backcountry hiker, and a collector of classic rock vinyl. Mostly, I enjoy time with my wife of 10 years, my 4-year old daughter, and one year-old son. It is a dream for us to be back in Upstate New York!

Beth Tucker



I am so excited to be back teaching science here at Tully. My academic background consists of several degrees from a variety of colleges. I attended Hope College in Holland, Michigan and obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in the Social Sciences; SUNY-ESF in Syracuse, NY for my Master of Science degree in research in Environmental and Forest Biology; and Syracuse University for my Master of Science degree in educa-

tion. I am married and have one daughter who does not attend Tully but has worked with and knows some of the Tully students through Lego League and the Cornell Summer Snapshot programs. We also have several dogs, a cat and some fish in our household. I am looking forward to a productive year with the students!

Carly Willey



I am thrilled to be joining the Tully faculty this year as a math teacher. Teaching is a common theme in my family. My mother teaches a nursing program offered by BOCES, while my brother teaches in the Chittenango District. My father owns a family lumber business located in East Syracuse and my sister is currently enrolled in a Physical Therapy Assistant Program.

Aside from spending time with my parents, brother, and sister, I have acquired many hobbies which include camping, listening to a wide range of music, reading, staying active, and being outside. I am very excited to begin the school year with Tully JSHS and can't wait to see what this year brings!

Mary Conway



I am the new Tully High School Nurse. I reside in Fabius with my husband, Scott, of 37 years. After we married, we moved to Tully and fell in love with the area. We have two sons, Mike and Jaime. In addition to spending time with them, I also enjoy horseback riding, motorcycling, time at the beach, traveling, ice skating and cooking. I graduated from Liverpool

High School and St. Joseph's College of Nursing. Prior to working as a nurse I worked as a special education aide, as an administrative school secretary, and as a professional figure skater and power skating instructor. My current role gives me the opportunity to blend my love of nursing and working with students!

Jennifer Jones



I am very excited to be joining the Tully faculty this year as the family and consumer science (FACS) teacher. I will be teaching 7th and 8th grade FACS and 12th grade financial management. Previous to this position I was a Community Recreation Director in Tompkins County. I currently live in Homer, which is where I grew up and attended high school. I then attended

SUNY Cortland to obtain my masters in education, which led me to be a student teacher in Tully in 2011. Since then I have been a track and field coach for six years and have also been a soccer coach. On my free time I enjoy hiking around the area with my dogs and trying new DIY projects. I am very happy to be back teaching at Tully Schools and look forward to having a great year!

From the Desk of the Superintendent



During the 2016-17 school year we will conduct five types of safety drills. We will conduct bus safety drills, during which students practice evacuating school buses. We will conduct fire drills, during which students will practice evacuating school buildings. We will conduct an emergency evacuation drill, during which TES school students will evacuate to the JSHS, and JSHS students will evacuate to TES. We will conduct lockdown drills, during which students will practice sheltering in safe places within the school buildings. (We might go into lockdown if there was a threat within the school.) We will conduct lockout drills,

during which faculty and staff will practice securing the perimeter of the schools. (We might go into a lockout if there was a threat outside, but in close proximity, to a school.) In addition to these safety drills, faculty and staff receive training on what to do in crisis situations.

Beginning this school year, we will also have Mr. Raymond Herrick serving as our Director of School Security and Safety. Mr. Herrick is a retired Onondaga County Sheriff, and has worked as a school resource officer at a neighboring school district. He will be responsible for assessing the effectiveness of our safety drills, and for conducting faculty/staff training. He will work closely with our social worker, our psychologist, our counselors, and our administrators to provide support for our students and their families. He will act as a first responder, should there be a critical incident, and he will coordinate with other first responders (police, fire, paramedics). Police response time to our school campus, should there be a critical incident, can be as long as ten minutes or more. Because of this, we believe it is important that Mr. Herrick be an armed presence on campus. Over the past twelve months, we have worked with the NYS Troopers and our legal counsel, in order to ensure that Mr. Herrick has proper authorizations and proper guidance, in order to be an armed presence on campus.

Finally, during the 2016-17 school year, we have a School Safety Committee in place. This committee includes representatives from the Tully Fire Department, law enforcement, and the School District. One of the primary goals of this committee is to ensure that there is effective communication within the School District and between the School District and local first responders.

As educators, our primary responsibility is to provide a safe and orderly learning environment for our students. This is a responsibility we take very seriously.

As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Robert Hughes, Superintendent of Schools

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Article Submission Guidelines

Welcome to the return of the printed Knight Insight. Many of you have requested your preference for the return to printed issues. We will also continue to put them on the school website.

Articles are due to the district by September 30, 2016 for the November issue.

We must adhere to the deadline in order to publish each issue in a timely manner. All 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 capitalize all the words in the article. Please do not insert or embed a picture within the actual Word article. **Pictures should be emailed in JPG format at 300 dpi.**

BOARD of EDUCATION

Meeting Dates

Location: JSHS Conference Room or 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

October 11	Tuesday
October 25	Tuesday
November 21	Monday
December 19	Monday
January 23	Monday
February 13	Monday
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*

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
2017	Miss Mackenzie Rienhardt Student Ex Officio Member

Tully Free Library/TREP News

Looking for something fun (and free) to do after school? With the start of the school year, families in Tully now have options galore through TREP and the Tully Free Library!

Terrific Tuesdays @ Tully Free Library is for elementary age kids on the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 3-4 PM. Join us for fun crafts, snacks, and stories!



The library has opened its Makerspace and classes are beginning after school for kids and teens. Create with the new 3D printer, become a Minecraft master, and more! We also have awesome Maker backpacks you can borrow to create cool things at home.

TREP, the Tully Regional Enrichment Program, is a free enrichment program for kids in our area. Programs are held in the TREP classroom at Tully Elementary as well as nearby at the Tully Free Library. The regular TREP programming is for elementary age students, and Syracuse University's Saturday morning Art Workshops for Young People is for kids and teens from 4th- 12th grade.

TREP programs this Fall include:

- Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays after school for elementary students in the TREP classroom at Tully Elementary
- Homeschool classes weekly at the Tully Free Library
- Saturdays: Free art workshops at Syracuse University for 4th - 12th graders (transportation provided).

For more information on TREP, go to <http://www.tullyfreelibrary.org/trep> or contact Mary Podsiedlik, at Mary.Podsiedlik@oneonta.edu

Check out the library's events calendar for a listing of all our programs <http://www.tullyfreelibrary.org/events/>

Tully 1st and 10 Club



For four straight evenings late this summer, several of our youth football players (and one girls soccer player) attended a youth football camp here at our varsity football field. The camp focused on fundamentals, guest speakers, and nightly fun competitions consisting of watermelon relays, "Razzle Dazzle", and a gritty Tug-of-War.

Our guest speakers included: former Syracuse Orangeman Bill Pendock, who also played for the Dallas Cowboys and the New York Jets; former Syracuse Orangeman Chris Gedney, who also played for the Chicago Bears and the Arizona Cardinals; Tully Varsity Head Coach Brad Keysor and Assistant Tully Varsity Coach DJ Charles. The speakers gave hands-on demonstrations and shared some life wisdom with the kids. Without prompting, the guest speakers spent much time expressing the importance of education, and doing well in school by sharing personal experiences. The youth camp was sponsored by the Tully 1st and 10 Club. We thank all those who helped out in many ways to make this camp a success.

TULLY PARKS and RECREATION BASKETBALL

**STARTS ON NOVEMBER 5TH FOR ALL
BOYS & GIRLS IN 3RD-6TH GRADES**

Registration forms can be found the following ways:

- 1.) Town of Tully website: www.townoftully.org (click the Parks/Rec link)
- 2.) Back Pack Express - forms will be sent home with your child
- 3.) Email - tullyparksrec@gmail.com for a registration form

All registrations can be mailed to:

**Town of Tully, PO Box 536, Tully NY 13159
or dropped off in the Elementary School Main Office**

✓ Check out Tully Parks and Recreation on Facebook! ✓

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TULLY CENTRAL SCHOOL EVENTS

October

Sat	1	SAT at Tully Jr/Sr High School	Sat	22	ACT at Tully Jr/Sr High School
Mon	10	Columbus Day - NO SCHOOL	Mon	24	Junior High Volleyball Begins
Tues	11	BOE Meeting, 6pm at Jr/Sr High School Library	Tues	25	BOE Meeting, 6pm at Jr/Sr High School Library
Fri	14	Tully Follies, 7pm at Jr/Sr High School	Wed	26	High School Concert 7pm, at Jr/Sr High School
Tues	18	Pre-ACT	Fri	28	Junior High Dance, 6:30pm at Jr/Sr High School
Wed	19	PSAT			