

Weekly Happenings at The Elementary School: June 8, 2018

SUMMER SCHOOL

Letters will be going out this week to parents of students recommended for our Summer Scholars program. We have put a return date of **Tuesday June 12th**, however we would appreciate your decision as soon as possible. If you can send us your decision via a phone call, e-mail, or by returning the permission slip as soon as possible, we will be best able to make arrangements for the program. The program will run on Monday - Thursday July 2nd through August 9th.

CHARACTER COUNTS

Thursday June 7th, we had our last program for this school year yesterday. We recognized our teachers with presentations and books from our students that thanked them for all they have done for our students this year.

We also had a Special Presentation from members of the Hoosic Valley Education Foundation. They initiated new annual awards this year to recognize outstanding teachers from our schools. They gave two Excellence in Education awards at our program yesterday:

Ms. Sandra Fancher: Fancher's peers nominated her because "she challenges her students to be independent, to take control of their learning, to be problem solvers, to think outside the box, and to feel good about themselves." They also noted that "creativity overflows from Ms. Fancher's classroom" and praised her for how she "stays up to date on the latest research and tries out new techniques that she thinks might help her students."

Ericka Silverman: Silverman was praised by parents not only because she "helped organize many programs at our school like PARP (Pick A Reading Partner), STEAM, and many more" but also because she "has a knack for showcasing each child's strengths" to "create a successful and happy learning experience!"

We also had a special visit from Hudson, the Railroad Puppy. Hudson was adopted and became one of the first dogs in New York to receive a prosthetic limb and was honored as the American Humane Association's hero therapy dog of the year in 2015. Hudson has overcome huge obstacles, and is very lovable.

FIELD DAY!

All students K-6 participated in a Field Day this morning. Teachers have been planning activities for today, and each grade level spent the morning participating in a number of fun outdoor activities. The weather cooperated and the rain held off until all were done! Thanks to our teachers for arranging this fun day. Photos of the day's activities can be found by following the link below.

https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipP0GCx6etM_h_2X9AVXCd6fxJclQVJoBoTJLABvkTtNys0b_JrL2VfPf74_TDg2Yw?key=bVhVa3RPNmQ0NI9KOFhrRkdvcDIRRmtmb2oxNIhn

ZILLAH HERRINGTON AWARDS

Attention grades 3-5 - The Zillah Herrington Awards are scheduled for Monday, June 18th. This is a great way to celebrate the end of the year, reflect on all the accomplishments throughout the school year and get ready for summer vacation. We'd like to invite all parents to the assemblies, each grade level has their own assembly. The schedule is as follows:

8:30am 4th grade

9:30am 5th grade

10:30am 3rd grade

Letters will be mailed home for only those students receiving awards.

REMINDERS:

Parents: We cannot stress enough the importance of sending a note into school with your child if you wish to pick up them up at the end of the day. Advance notice is required! Children are transitioning from recess to the buses, so for their safety the office should be made aware before you arrive.

June 15th - ½ day of school, with dismissal at 11:55am. All student will be served a bag lunch before dismissal.

June 21st is the last day of school for all students, it will be a full day.