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BARRINGER ROAD ELEMENTARY

Harry M. Fisher Elementary Parent News

◆ Frances C. LaPaglia-Principal ◆

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy Spring! March was a very special for me as my 3rd granddaughter, Nina Nicole Marzullo, arrived to join her big sisters, Francesca and Giada, and “brother “ Deuce, her boxer dog!

Our Spring Carnival was a smashing success. It was nice to see so many of you there with your children. Our PTO is the best, and can’t thank them enough for all that they do for our children.

It gives me great pleasure to inform your that Fisher will hold its inaugural Science Fair on Thursday, May 14th. Details are forthcoming, but please know that it is NOT a judged event. All 2nd-4th grade students are invited and encouraged to participate. Our two elementary schools were recently gifted with \$750.00 each from the Presbyterian Church of Ilion to purchase books and learning materials for our library. Some of that money will be used to purchase books loaded with ideas about Science Fair projects. The remainder of the money will be used to purchase books at all grade levels about Character Education.

As you know, the New York State ELA Testing for Grades 3 and 4 will take place Tuesday, April 14-Thursday, April 16. The Math testing will take place Wednesday, April 22-Friday, April 24. While there has been a great deal of talk in the news and in the community about parents having their children “opt out” of the test, there is no provision in the law that allows for this.

I hope that you enjoy the Spring Break-if you are traveling, please do so safely.

Thank you all for your ongoing support of what we do here. We are a Fabulous Fisher Family!!!

Sincerely,

Frances C. LaPaglia



IMPORTANT DATES:

School Resumes/4th Grade to visit Farmer's Museum	April 7
2nd & 3rd Grades visit Stanley Theatre-Beauty and the Beast	April 8
PBIS/Character Education Assembly	April 8
Zoomobile visits Fisher Elementary/3rd Marking Period Ends	April 10
Grades 3 & 4 ELA State Test	April 14-16
Report Cards go home	April 15
Board of Education Meeting -April 22/Grades 3 & 4 Math State Tests April 22-24	April 22-24
Doughnuts & Doodling @ Barringer Road	April 25
Universal Pre-K Registration	April 30

Fall 2015 Universal Full Day PreK Registration

Fall 2015 Universal Full Day PreK registration will be held 5:30-7 p.m. on Thursday, April 30 in the Large Group Instruction room (LGI) at Central Valley Academy, 111 Frederick Street., Ilion. Residents of the district who are four years old on or before December 1 are eligible for PreKindergarten. Enrollment forms can be found on the district website (www.cvalleycsd.org) by clicking the “Register a Student” link under Quick Links on the right side of the page. To expedite the process, please have the PreK-12 *Enrollment Form* and *PreK Questionnaire* completed before registration on April 30 and have copies of the required documentation. For those without access to a computer, these forms are available at the registrar’s office at Central Valley Academy 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday-Friday



Lost and Found

We have an abundance of clothing including shirts, sweatshirts, hats, gloves, boots etc. in our lost and found.

There is a table set up in the hall as you enter the building, please be sure to have your child stop by and see if any of these items belong to them.

PLEASE STOP BY AND PICK UP ANY CLOTHING



Character Education-PBIS “Perseverance”

Hopefully you have all received the Special letter and lists of our Fabulous Fisher Friends that were selected for January and February 2015! These are students who demonstrated good character, followed the “golden rule,” and exemplified *March’s* character word “perseverance.” Teachers nominate students based solely on their classroom behavior.

Principal Fran LaPaglia disqualifies anyone with a report of ill-behavior in the cafeteria or on school buses. The students who remain on the list become Fabulous Fisher Friends. Fabulous Fisher Friends receive a laminated certificate. The school sends a letter home, congratulating the students’ parents. Parents also receive a cling-on for their cars saying, “My child is a Fabulous Fisher Friend.” The school also hangs a brightly colored fish poster with the child’s name. Students who receive the award more than once, earns a star on their fish. Something new from PBIS! Be on the lookout for postcards that may arrive if your child has been going above and beyond in effort, behavior, responsibility or kindness.

“Our district has committed to a character education program that focuses on respect, responsibility and safety. Our goal is to encourage and reward good character in school,” said Mrs. LaPaglia.

April-Kindness May-Respect June-Responsibility

