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Letter from the Superintendent

Dear Parents and Community Members:

Welcome to the 2014-2015 school year! I am honored and excited to be the new Superintendent of Schools for the Canastota Central School District. Canastota has a rich heritage, strong traditions, close knit families and a passion for our students and school. The school is truly an integral part of the community. I am proud to be a part of Canastota Schools and am eager to continue serving the district, but in a new capacity!

School opened for students on Thursday, September 4th. It was great to have everyone back! Opening days went smoothly, with lots of smiling faces and positive energy! Administrators, teachers, office assistants, technicians, nurses, cafeteria and transportation departments worked tirelessly to prepare for the opening of school.

Our buildings and grounds looked fantastic thanks to the hard work of our buildings/grounds and custodial/cleaner staff. A few highlights of their work include new ceiling tiles placed throughout high school classrooms, a new sidewalk in front of the high school and a new sidewalk apron on the north exterior hallway of the high school. A new electronic sign was also recently installed in front of the Roberts Street Complex.

We are very excited to welcome new faculty and support staff to our District! While many of these positions are a result of past attrition, some have been brought back from previous staff reductions and some are new based upon our students' needs. You will find their biographies in this newsletter. Along with our new staff, we welcome our new Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Mr. Jason Mitchell and Ms. Melissa Stanek, our new K-3 Assistant Principal.

Last year we adopted the curricular modules from the State Education Department to help facilitate the change to the new Common Core Standards. We found that no curriculum is perfect and that there were some pieces missing. As a result we moved

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forward with reading, writing and math crosswalks. Teachers compared the modules with the standards and decided what needed to be paired down, cut out, added or revised. We are now using the modules as a framework with more of an adaptive approach to meet the needs of our students.

We received our 3-8 ELA and math state test scores in mid-August. We saw progress as some grade levels saw an increase in student achievement, however; overall we are not where we want to be. While they are only one of multiple measures we use to assess student achievement, these new assessments are an important indicator of progress. Data from these tests will help us focus on what is working in classroom instruction and what we can learn from best practices. The tests will help us see where we are and what we need to do to improve students' academic success. Growth on these assessments represents a step along the way to meeting the State expectations. The class of 2022, and every class thereafter, will be required to pass Common Core Regents exams with scores of at least 75. These tests serve as a benchmark of their progress. We saw five grade levels improve on these assessments. While we are not where we want to be yet, we are headed in the right direction and have a plan to ensure improved student achievement. The District will analyze the results, implement the adapted curricula mentioned above, adapt instructional practices where necessary, and provide professional development as needed. Teachers, administrators, parents and students have worked very hard to implement the new changes we have seen over the past few years. We will continue to focus on growth and how we can improve instruction in our classrooms. We are all committed to preparing our students for their futures.

I have a vision for Canastota Schools – to be a school of excellence! That includes academic excellence, cultural excellence, excellence with parental/community relationships, and excellence with our facilities. But my vision is nothing without your involvement. We need a shared vision from all stakeholders-faculty, staff, administration, parents, students, community members and Board of Education. We need to evaluate where we are as a District to determine our path for the next 5-10 years. Please be thinking about the following questions:

- What are our strengths as a District?
- What are our areas of concern?
- Where do you want the District to be in the next 5-10 years?
- How will we get there? What realistic solutions do you suggest to address our concerns?

In the next few months I will meet with school, parent and community groups to get your input on these questions. In addition, please feel free to email or call me with your thoughts. Afterwards, I will collate all stakeholder's thoughts and present at a later time. This will be used to guide us into the future and in our decision making at all levels.

I would like to thank all of you for your continuous support, efforts and dedication to our students and District. Together, we will make a difference.

Sincerely,

June C. Clarke

Superintendent of Schools

Peterboro Street Elementary School Morning Program – A time for building a positive learning environment and teaching character education!



First thing each Friday morning all classes gather in the gym for morning program. Led by kindergarten teachers Mrs. Paul and Mrs. Cassavaw and school social worker Mrs. Callegari, the program begins with everyone saying the Pledge of Allegiance together. Mrs. Pierce’s Pre--K class is teaching us how to say the Pledge using sign language! We then sing My Country ‘tis of

Thee. Announcements come next – the date, the day in our 5 day cycle and birthdays.

Clifford the Big Red Dog is used as our character education mascot. Each month there is a new “Clifford’s Big Idea” (or character ed. theme). The big idea is introduced the first Friday of each month and referred to and discussed during the rest of the Fridays

of that month. Stories, songs, role plays and other methods are used to illustrate and reinforce the themes.

The last part of morning program is the announcement of the Super Citizens for that week. Students earn Super Citizen by demonstrating expected behavior in all areas of school. When they are announced, each student comes up to receive their certificate and stand in line in front of the whole school. We give them a big round of applause. It is an honor to receive Super Citizen! A picture is then taken of all the super citizens for that week and it is hung in the main hallway for all to see.

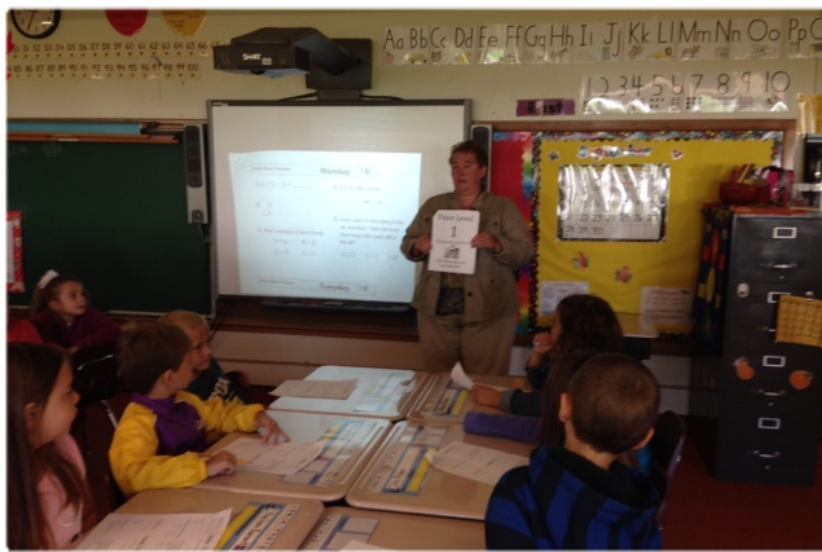
Morning program is a great way to end our busy weeks at Peterboro Street Elementary School!

September has been a whirlwind of activity in Pre-K!

The first few days filled with smiles and giddy excitement have now settled into a nice daily routine. The children have been introduced to bus safety, classroom safety and school safety in just a very short time making school a great and safe place to be.



PBIS - Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports



Second Grade Teacher, Mrs. Malbouf shows her students the poster for Voice Level 1.

At Peterboro Street Elementary School and South Side Elementary School, we have begun to implement our PBIS Program. On the very first day of school students were taught all of the expectations throughout the building. The focus for each area is for students to be safe, be respectful, and be responsible. All students have been introduced to the appropriate voice levels for each area as well. Our voice levels are 0 for silent, 1 for whisper/partner voice, 2 for speaking voice and 3 for outside recess voice. With staff all using the same vocabulary, students have a clear understanding of how they need to behave. The students have been doing an amazing job learning and following these expectations! Through this program students and staff can continue to work together to create a positive and caring school community.

The South Side Singers!

The South Side School is excited to announce a major addition to our music curriculum that has the whole building really "tuning up" and ready to shine. Following some adjustments to our scheduling, we are now able to include ALL 3rd Graders in chorus during the school day! The "South Side Singers" chorus has started rehearsals in the gym on each Day 4 at 2:15 pm. During this time, they've begun to develop singing skills, musicianship, and citizenship beyond their usual weekly music class. Their debut performance will be held on Thursday, December 11th at 7:00 pm in the Roberts Street School Auditorium. Parents of 3rd Grade students, be sure to mark your calendars and look for more information from Mr. Coles as the day draws close!

Canastota High School CTE-Business Department Receives CTE Diploma Approval from the State Education Department

The Canastota High School CTE-Business Department was recently notified that they have received re-approval from the New York State Department of Education to offer diploma endorsement in three of their business programs:

- Accounting
- Business Marketing and Marketing Management
- Computer and Information Sciences

The CTE diploma endorsement shows that a student has completed a technical and academic curriculum that achieves the commencement level of the appropriate New York State Learning Standards. Students enrolled in the CTE program must pass an industry-approved technical assessment, as well as the New York State required five Regents examinations to earn a technical endorsement on their diploma

New York's state-approval process for career and technical education programs raises the quality and rigor of courses that prepare students for employment and postsecondary study. Approved programs lead to an industry-recognized credential.

For more information, please contact Elizabeth Garofalo at egarofalo@canastotacsd.org or Patricia Ragan at pragan@canastotacsd.org.

Canastota Dollars for Scholars

Canastota Dollars for Scholars is the local chapter of Scholarship America. Scholarship America's Dollars for Scholars program is a national network of nearly 1,100 local chapters, driven by local volunteers that help hometown students in over 3000 communities across the country. In June our chapter awarded 32 scholarships for a total \$25,000 to the graduating class of 2014. We want to thank all of the individuals, organizations and businesses who donated and made this possible.

Canastota Dollars for Scholars encourages both seniors and underclassman to begin developing their online profiles now, to assure they are alerted about scholarship opportunities in advance of deadlines. In addition to scholarships, students will also have access to a wealth of financial aid and college success tools and resources provided by Scholarship America. To begin your profile go to canastota.dollarsforscholars.org. The Dollars for Scholars application will be available on Jan. 1, 2015. You must complete the application to be eligible for a scholarship.

We are always looking for help! If you would like to volunteer please contact me and I will let you know the date of our next meeting. If you would like to make a donation it can be sent to PO Box 448, Canastota, NY 13032 or a donation can be made online at our website.

If you have any questions we will have a representative at College Financial Information Night and Senior Parent Night. Or you can contact me at leonadowd@msn.com.

WIN A KINDLE FIRE!

Welcome to the 2014-2015 School Year! Canastota Jr./Sr. High School is off to a fabulous start. Seeing students come back to school is invigorating and we are looking forward to having a fantastic school year. As approved by the Board of Education, 9th-12th grade students will be eating in the cafeteria and may not leave campus for lunch. Additional tables have been purchased, including round tables that will soon be placed in the tunnel area to promote a "café" like atmosphere for students. Our cafeteria staff has worked diligently and efficiently in serving our students in a timely manner, and the lines are moving swiftly and smoothly. As we progress further in to the year, additional options such as open gym, music, televisions, etc. are open for consideration and discussion with our students to continue to offer incentives and privileges while maintaining a safe and healthy eating environment. Furthermore, any student who purchases a lunch between September 4th and September 30th is automatically enrolled in a raffle to win a Kindle Fire! The raffle will be at the end of the day on September 30th and will also include movie passes and gift certificates to area restaurants. Thank you for your continued support in your child's education!

Wall of Distinction

On October 18th Canastota Central Schools will be inducting five outstanding alumni at its annual Wall of Distinction Dinner at the Rusty Rail. This year's inductees include Wheeler Milmoie class of 1913 (posthumously), Joseph Fisher class of 1947, Dr. Louis Buttino class of 1962, Gary Tornatore, Captain, U.S. Navy (Ret.) class of 1967 and Dr. Mary Crawford, class of 1981.

Nominees must be Canastota graduates and are chosen based on outstanding contributions in areas of, but not limited to, profession, athletics, community service, business, religion and art. Inductees also must be at least a ten year graduate of Canastota Central Schools. Canastota is proud of its student body past and present and these outstanding graduates are but a small percentage of the many graduates who have given back to their community and to society in so many ways.

Please come and celebrate the accomplishments of these individuals at the Rusty Rail, with social hour beginning at 6:00 PM and dinner being served at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$25 and can be obtained by contacting Joyce Gustin at 315-762-9144 or at the door.

Welcome to our New Staff

Jason Mitchell - New Assistant Superintendent for Instruction



My name is Jason Mitchell and I am very excited to be the next Assistant Superintendent for Instruction for Canastota Central Schools. I received my bachelor's degree in history from Hamilton College, my master's degree in social studies from SUNY Albany, and my certificate of advanced study from Utica College. Before joining the administrative team at Canastota I was the Middle/High School principal at Poland Central School for the last 5 years and a high school social studies teacher in New Hartford for the 11 years prior to that.

My greatest joy outside of school is spending time with my family: my wife Jennifer, our two daughters, Sydney (11) and Claire (8), and our three dogs Decker, Sawyer, and Bear. I enjoy being outdoors, playing golf, swimming, and hiking. While I do not particularly enjoy it, I run regularly and completed a 50-mile race in May.

I believe that strong curriculum and instruction are the foundation upon which student successes are built. I have a strong background in curriculum development and instructional best practices and look forward to working with our administrative team, faculty and staff, students, parents, and community members to offer our students the best possible academic and extracurricular programs. I am committed to providing our students with every opportunity they need to be successful.

Cara Stevens - New School District Business Leader



Ms. Stevens has a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the State University of New York College at Geneseo, and a Master of Sciences from the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education. She obtained her Certificate of Advanced Studies in School District Business Leadership from Syracuse University Graduate School of Education and Maxwell School of Citizenship. Cara was the Assistant Purchasing Officer in the Fayetteville-Manlius Central School District and previously did an internship in the Fayetteville-Manlius Business Office under the supervision of Mr. Michael

Vespi, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services. Ms. Stevens also taught in the Teach for America program in a high needs district in Philadelphia, P A. Ms. Stevens begins working for our district on Monday September 29th.

Melissa Stanek - New K-3 Assistant Principal, Peterboro & South Side Elementary



Greetings! My name is Melissa Stanek and I am the new K-3 Assistant Principal at Peterboro Elementary and South Side Elementary. I have 15 years of elementary teaching experience. During this time I taught AIS Reading for grades K-6, third and fourth grade and AIS Writing for grades 3-5. I received my Bachelor's of Science in Elementary Education from SUNY Oneonta. My Master's Degree in Reading Education from Syracuse University and my Certificate of Advanced Study in Educational Leadership from LeMoyne College. I live in Chittenango with my husband, Steve, and my two daughters, Andrea and Emma. When I am not working, I enjoy spending as much time

with family and friends as possible. I am absolutely honored to be the K-3 Assistant Principal for the Canastota Central School District. I look forward to working with outstanding, hardworking, dedicated professionals along with the caring families and community members.

Welcome to our New Staff

John Regan - New Director of Buildings and Grounds



Mr. Regan comes to us with 25 years of experience as the Construction Superintendent and Project Manager for Northland Associates Inc. He was responsible for the daily operation of construction sites, overseeing the coordination of mechanicals, electrical, plumbing and all facets of building construction. I am confident he will do an excellent job as our new Director of Buildings and Grounds contributing to the outstanding work our current Buildings and Grounds, Maintenance and Custodial crews do on a daily basis. John begins working for our District on Monday, September 29th.

Brandi Bostic - Jr./Sr. High School, Counselor



My name is Brandi Bostic and I am the new Junior High School Counselor for the Canastota Central School District. In 2006, I received my Masters Degree in Guidance and Counseling from Sage Graduate School and am certified K-12. I have been a School Counselor for eight years, working at both the middle school and high school level. I reside in Utica with my dog Jeter and enjoy spending my free time with my family and friends. I also enjoy working out at the gym, reading, and watching the New York Yankees! I am very excited to be joining the staff at Canastota Central School and would like to thank everyone for giving me this opportunity.

Courtney Button - Third Grade Teacher, South Side Elementary



Hi, my name is Courtney Button. I completed both my undergraduate and graduate studies at SUNY Plattsburgh with a degree in Early Childhood Education and Special Education. I am originally from Cazenovia, but recently have become a part of the Canastota community. This will be my first year with a full-time position but I may be a familiar face from subbing in the district last school year. In my free time I enjoy reading mystery novels, running with my rambunctious dog "J.D.", and hiking in the Adirondacks. I am very excited to be working in such a wonderful community like Canastota.

Margaret Carpenter - Special Education Long Term Substitute, South Side Elementary



My name is Margaret Carpenter. I completed my bachelor's degree at Le Moyne College where I obtained three certifications. The areas in which I am certified are Special Education (1st-6th), General Education (1st-6th) and Early Childhood Education (Birth- 2nd). After I graduated from Le Moyne, I continued my education at Canisius College. Having graduated from Canisius College in May, I will soon be receiving a fourth certification in Literacy. As a substitute teacher, I have gained many experiences in all different grades. Last year, I was a long term substitute in Oneida as a Reading Specialist and Canastota as a Special Education teacher. I am very excited to be able to teach

from where I graduated high school. I am looking forward to inspiring my students as many of my teachers at Canastota inspired me.

Welcome to our New Staff

Gabriella Couchman - Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher, Jr./Sr. High School



Hello! My name is Gabriella Couchman. I am very excited and proud to say that I am Canastota Central Schools new Family and Consumer Sciences teacher. This year I am teaching Foods & Nutrition (High-School) and, also Home & Careers I &II (7th and 8th Grade). I grew-up in and graduated from Mohawk, NY. I attended Herkimer County Community college for 2 years. I graduated in 2010 with an Associate's Degree in Human Services. I then furthered my education at SUNY Oneonta. I graduated in 2013 with a Bachelor's Degree in Family and Consumer Sciences-Education. I student taught at Sauquoit High School and also at Herkimer Junior-Senior High School. I have done a good deal of substituting in the Herkimer County area. I also subbed for Sauquoit's Family and Consumer Sciences High school teacher for 10 weeks at the end of last school year. I am a very happy person that enjoys spending time with family and friends. I am very passionate about baking and usually have something in the oven if I have free -time at home. If you ever need a good recipe or an idea for dessert I am your gal!!! I plan to get married next summer so don't be surprised when my name changes. My fiancé's name is Rob Freeland. He is an Organic Farmer from Cherry Valley, and a very hard working, respectable man. Another thing I do with my free-time is help him with farm work. We have a variety of farm animals: cows, chickens, goats, and pigs. We also have a cat named Face and a fish named Phineas. I am an open book and would welcome anyone to introduce themselves to me and to chat.

Courtney Giufre - Second Grade Teacher, South Side Elementary



My name is Courtney Giufre and I will be the new second grade teacher at South Side Elementary School! I received my Bachelor of Science from the University of Rhode Island in Human Development and Family Studies with a concentration in Early Childhood Education in 2011. I also minored in Nutrition and Dietetics. I received my Master of Science in Childhood and Special Education from Le Moyne College in 2013. I have subbed within the Canastota Central School District for the past three years and have had three long-term subbing positions in AIS Reading, first grade, and AIS Math.

Kelly Infarinato - Fourth Grade Teacher, Roberts St. Elementary



Hello! My name is Kelly Infarinato, and I am one of the new fourth grade teachers at Roberts Street Elementary. I graduated from Saint John Fisher College in 2012 with a Bachelor's Degree in Childhood and Special Education. After graduating, I worked as a long-term AIS-Reading Specialist at Seneca Street Elementary in Oneida. I also taught as a long-term substitute at Roberts Street Elementary in a 6th grade special education classroom. After my long-term position ended, I began pursuing my Master's Degree in Literacy online through Canisius College.

I currently live in Oneida with my family. I enjoy spending time with my parents, siblings, friends, and of course my dog! I love to play tennis, bake, and spend time outdoors. I am absolutely thrilled to begin teaching at Roberts Street Elementary! I went into teaching because of my love for children and learning, and the Canastota School District has given me the opportunity to begin my career in a community that I am connected to and admire. I look forward to working with the staff and families in the district, and am very eager for the start of this school year!

Welcome to our New Staff

Zachary Jones - 7th grade and 11th Grade AP Social Studies, Jr./Sr. High School



My name is Zach Jones and I have come to Canastota to instruct 7th grade and 11th grade AP Social Studies. I am a 2012 Graduate of Utica College, where I majored in History and Secondary Social Studies Education. While at Utica I played 4 years of college football and ran two years of track. I have spent the last two years as a college football coach, one year at Utica College, and one year at St. John Fisher College in Rochester, NY. While at St. John Fisher, I also received my Strength and Conditioning certification from Bigger Faster Stronger. In addition to coaching, I also worked as a substitute teacher in Oneida and Camden during that time period. I currently live outside of Sylvan Beach and have a yellow lab named Bentley! I enjoy coaching football and track, as well as training athletes for all sports. I am a very big sports fan, especially when it comes to the Michigan Wolverines football and Syracuse Orange basketball teams. I am looking forward to a great school year, and I am so excited to become a part of the Canastota Community

Linda Kincella - Teacher Aide, Peterboro Elementary



I am a graduate of C.H.S.. I worked at Prattsburgh Central School for twenty years. I relocated to Canastota in 2010 and subbed at Canastota schools and MOBOCES from 2010-14. I have one son, one daughter and six grandchildren. I also work at the Red Apple here in town as a second job. In my spare time I enjoy reading, sewing and walking.

Shelby Mason - Third Grade Teacher, South Side Elementary



My name is Shelby Mason and I am excited to be joining the staff at South Side Elementary School, where I will be teaching third grade! I graduated from Le Moyne College with a Bachelors of Science in Psychology, Childhood-Education, and Special Education. I am currently working on my Master's Degree in Literacy Education from Canisius College.

Prior to coming to Canastota, I worked in the Rome City School District for two years. I taught second grade my first year in the district, and moved up to third grade this past year. In my free time, I enjoy reading, spending time with my family, and exercising. I currently live in Canastota. I am looking forward to returning to my alma mater and giving back to this wonderful community!

Welcome to our New Staff

Faith Musachio - Teacher Aide, Peterboro Elementary



My name is Faith Musachio. I recently became a full time teacher's aide at Peterboro School. I previously worked as a medical billing specialist for 25 years, and I wanted to find something more fulfilling. I love working with kids, so this job is perfect for me!

I have experience working with children of all ages, as I've been mentoring kids since I was seventeen years old. I regularly volunteer my time at a local youth center working with teens. I was an assistant coach to a U6 AYSO soccer team which was five and six year olds, and I spent seven years volunteering at Ride for Life working with kids who had different types of disabilities.

In my free time, I enjoy spending time with family and friends, and doing things like hiking, walking, and watching movies. One of my passions is to cook, and I love teaching others to cook and live a healthier lifestyle. When there is time, I enjoy traveling. I've perviously been to many of the states in our country, as well as Scotland and Africa. I would love to see Alaska some day.

Thank you for welcoming me into these kids' lives. I look forward to getting to know them better. I appreciate the opportunity.

Kailee O'Hara - Special Education Long Term Substitute, South Side Elementary



My name is Kailee O'Hara and I am so thrilled to be a new member of the Canastota School District! I was born and raised in Camden, NY and graduated from Camden High School in 2009. I attended Nazareth College in Rochester and earned my degree in Inclusive Childhood and Middle Childhood Education and History. I am currently pursuing my Master's Degree in Literacy through SUNY Cortland.

After I graduated from Nazareth in 2013, I began my first long-term substitute position in September at Willard Prior in Oneida. I had a wonderful experience as a K-5 resource room teacher until the end of January. I then finished the school year at Camden Elementary as a 3rd and 4th grade resource room teacher. A fun fact about myself is that I love to play field hockey. I was a four year player at Nazareth College and served as co-captain my senior year. I still like to play the game every chance I get and I would like to coach some day! I have heard great things about South Side Elementary School and I am excited to be a part of the team. I am looking forward to a wonderful school year!

Dana Podkowka - Social Worker, Roberts St. Elementary



Hello students, families, and community of Canastota Central Schools! I am so excited to be serving your district as a school social worker located at Roberts Street Elementary. Most of my professional career has been in school settings across Central NY. I was born and raised in Rome, NY where I still live with my husband, Scott, and three children, Jakob, Casey, and Kathleen. I received my Bachelor's in Social Work from Syracuse University and my Master's in Social Work from the University of New York at Albany. In my free time, I like to run, read, and cheer on the Orange!

Welcome to our New Staff

Stephany Roback - First Grade Special Education Long Term Substitute, South Side Elementary



My name is Stephany Roback and I am so excited to be working as a first grade teacher in the Canastota Central School District! I am a graduate of SUNY Cortland where I received a dual degree in Early Childhood and Childhood Education, qualifying me to teach children from birth to sixth grade. I am currently working towards my Master's degree in Literacy at the SUNY Cortland Mohawk Graduate Center. During the hot summer months I enjoy playing beach volleyball, and in the winter I enjoy skiing with my family. I look forward to working with and getting to know the Canastota students, staff, and community!

Carrie-Ann Ronalds - Social Studies Teacher, Jr./Sr. High School



Hello, my name is Carrie-Ann Ronalds. I am originally from Syracuse, but grew up in a military family so have also lived in Texas, California, Montana and England. After graduating from high school in San Antonio, Texas, I decided to return "home" to be closer to my family. I attended SUNY College at Fredonia and spent a semester in Scotland before moving back to the Syracuse area. While working on my master's at Syracuse University I substitute taught in area schools, and after completion of my degree taught Social Studies at Bishop Grimes for nine years. My husband and I keep busy with our two young children, I am a currently serving board member

on the Central New York Council for the Social Studies, and am looking forward to a great year here at Canastota High School!

Jill Schaal - Librarian, Roberts St. Elementary



My name is Jill Schaal and I am excited to start my new position as librarian at Roberts Street Elementary School and media librarian for Madison-Oneida BOCES. I graduated from Syracuse University in 2007 with a Master's in Library and Information Science. For the last 5 years, I have been the Library Media Specialist at Donovan Middle School in Utica. Prior to that, I was an Early Intervention Teacher for Madison Cortland ARC for close to twenty years. I live in Oneida with my husband Randy and our two children. During my free time I like to read and bake. I am looking forward to meeting the Roberts Street Elementary families as well as the staff and students.

Stacey Snow - Fourth Grade Teacher, Roberts St. Elementary



Hi! My name is Stacey Snow and I am so excited about my new position at RSES as a 4th grade teacher! I have worked as a daily and a long-term sub in this district for the last few years while attending graduate school. I hold dual certifications in special and general education and have been privileged to teach both at various grade levels. My husband Jamie and I have two boys (Sam and Will) and we live here in Canastota. Fun things for me are biking, camping, generally playing anything outside and cooking. I am thrilled to work in the community where I live and I am looking forward to the upcoming school year!

Welcome to our New Staff

Gary Stellato - Bus Driver



Gary Stellato has joined us as a permanent driver. Gary lives in Canastota with his wife Jean. They have four daughters and seven grandchildren. Gary's biggest hobby is restoring cars. We are pleased to have him as part of our team.

Melissa Thomas - Second Grade Reading Teacher, South Side Elementary



My name is Melissa Thomas and I will be teaching Grade 2 Reading at South Side Elementary. I attended LeMoyne College majoring in English and Elementary Education. I am certified to teach PK-6 as well as English 7-12. I then received my Masters Degree in Reading K-12 at SUNY Cortland. I have been teaching Reading to elementary students at APW Central School District for the past ten years. My hobbies include photography, kayaking and enjoying art and music. I live in Bridgeport with my two children and my husband. I am extremely excited to be starting a new chapter in my career at Canastota and look forward to meeting the faculty and families.

Ellen Trapp - School Psychologist, District



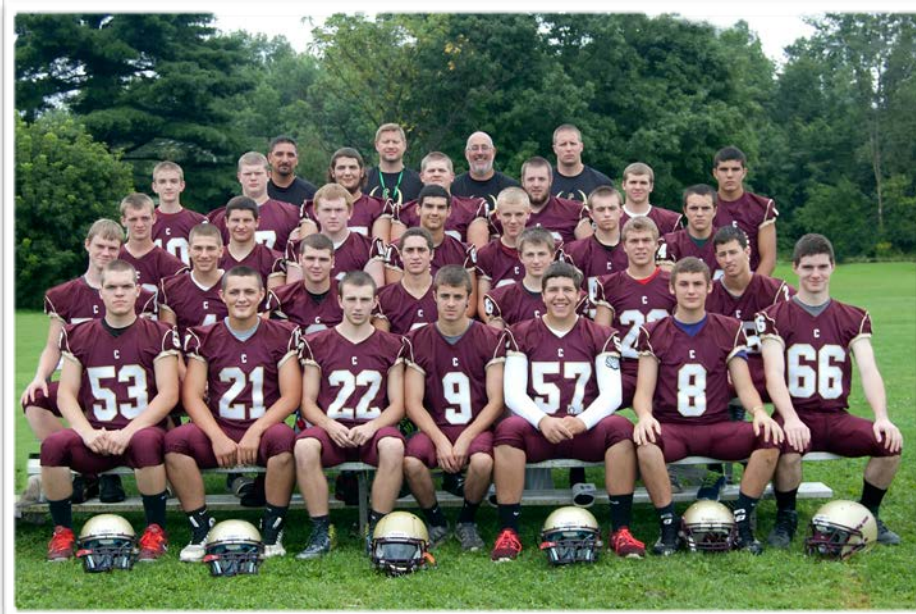
I have been a School Psychologist for 21 years. Prior to coming to Canastota Central School District I worked at the Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind in Colorado Springs, CO for 20 years, working primarily with blind and visually impaired students. Prior to that I worked in the mental health field. I received my Bachelors Degree at the University of Colorado, a Masters in Counseling at the University of Northern Colorado and School Psychologist certification at the University of Colorado at Denver. I enjoy walking, traveling, kayaking, and reading. I am married and have a son, age 26 who live in Colorado.

Deb Wilhelm - Kindergarten Aide, Peterboro Elementary



My name is Deb Wilhelm. I live in Canastota near Lakeport with my husband and daughter. I am very excited about my new kindergarten aide position at Peterboro Street Elementary. I grew up in Binghamton, New York. I attended SUNY Broome Community College and Wilma Boyd Career School of Travel. My professional background is in the travel and tourism industry. I worked five years as a customer service agent and thirteen years as a flight attendant for a major airline. After the birth of my daughter, I became a homemaker for four years. I was very fortunate to be hired by the Canastota School District when I decided to return to work. I have worked for the district for the past three years as a monitor and substitute aide. I look forward to a great year and feel very privileged to work with such a great group of students and professionals.

Canastota Football News



On August 13th, members from your Canastota Football team competed in “The Strongman”, “Pound for Pound”, and “Speedster” competitions. Eighteen players participated in all. The events were: bench, clean, squat, deadlift, and 40 yard dash. The competition had three weight classes. The weight classes were 100-149 lbs, 150-199 lbs, and 200+ lbs. The winners of the bench competition were: Dewane Jayson III, Mike Zupan, Cameron Bellino, and Owen Albanese. The winners of the clean competition were: Dewane Jayson III, Mike Zupan, Kris Rutherford, Kyle McGovern, and Owen Albanese. The winners of the squat competition were: Mike Zupan, Kris Rutherford, and E.J. Sampo. The winners of the deadlift were: Dewane Jayson III, Kris Rutherford, and Owen Albanese. The winners of the Pound for Pound Strongman were: Dewane Jayson III and Mike Zupan. The winners of the “Speedster” competition were: Nate Walker, John Pople, and E.J. Sampo. Congrats to all participants!

Off-season training was from January to the middle of August. Several players participated in strength, speed, and flexibility training. The following players participated in 80% or more of the trainings: Kyle McGovern, John Pople, Mike Zupan, Owen Albanese, Jamie Cellamare, Ryan Zophy, and Cameron Bellino.

This season the football program implemented new criteria for captain selection. The criteria were: classroom behavior, peer pick, coach’s pick, team function appearances/participation, and training appearances. Owen Albanese, Cameron Bellino, John Pople, and Ryan Zophy are this season’s varsity captains.

On August 23rd the Canastota Football program participated in a bottle/can drive and discount card fundraiser. Thank you so much for those who participated, supported, and donated! The entire football program appreciates your continued support.

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Varsity Schedule:

Start Date	Start Time	Location	Opponents/Title	Facility
8/30/2014	10:00	Away	Phoenix,VVS @ Camden	Camden High School - Turf
9/7/2014	10:00	Home	Little Falls	Carrier Dome - Syracuse Uni.
9/13/2014	1:00 PM	Away	@ Westmoreland	Westmoreland High School
9/19/2014	7:00 PM	Home	Bishop Ludden	Schmidt-Borgognoni Field
9/27/2014	3:30 PM	Away	@ Port Byron Central	Union Springs High School
10/3/2014	7:00 PM	Home	Institute of Technology	Schmidt-Borgognoni Field
10/10/2014	7:00 PM	Home	Tully Jr/Sr	Schmidt-Borgognoni Field
10/17/2014	6:30 PM	Away	@ Jordan-Elbridge	JE High School Stadium
10/24/2014	TBD	Away	Section III Playoffs	
10/31/2014	TBD	Away	Section III Playoffs	



Canastota Football Schedule

Junior Varsity Schedule:

Start Date	Start Time	Opponents/Title	Facility
8/30/2014	10:00 AM	Camden, Phoenix @ VVS	VVS High School
9/5/2014	5:00 PM	@ South Jefferson	South Jefferson HS
9/13/2014	10:00 AM	Sherburne Earlville	Schmidt-Borgognoni Field
9/20/2014	10:00 AM	@ Vernon - Verona - Sherrill	Football Field
9/25/2014	4:30 PM	@ Solvay	Solvay High School
10/4/2014	10:00 AM	Syracuse Academy of Science	Schmidt-Borgognoni Field
10/11/2014	10:00 AM	Central Valley Academy	Schmidt-Borgognoni Field
10/18/2014	10:00 AM	Oneida	Schmidt-Borgognoni Field
10/25/2014	10:00 AM	@ Holland Patent Central	High School Football Field

Modified Football Schedule:

Start Date	Start Time	Opponents/Title	Facility
9/18/2014	4:30 PM	@ Adirondack Central	ACS Football Field
9/25/2014	4:30 PM	Sherburne Earlville	Schmidt-Borgognoni Field
10/2/2014	4:30 PM	Vernon - Verona - Sherrill	Schmidt-Borgognoni Field
10/9/2014	4:30 PM	@ Holland Patent Central	Holland Patent HS Field
10/18/2014	10:00	@ Camden Central	Camden High School - Turf
10/23/2014	4:30 PM	CSC Cross-Over Game	Schmidt-Borgognoni Field

SchoolMessenger Notification Service

Canastota Central School District has signed on with SchoolMessenger, a leading provider of notification services for parental outreach, emergency broadcasts, student attendance alerts and other communications for education.

The SchoolMessenger system is designed to automatically notify parents for reasons that impact the safety and academic performance of students. SchoolMessenger will extend the district’s existing community outreach efforts and emergency preparedness procedures, as well as inform parents of upcoming school events such as statewide testing and parent meetings. As a comprehensive communication tool, SchoolMessenger will contribute to the district’s involvement initiatives, allowing the district to engage the broader educational community about a wide range of topics affecting students’ academic success.

SchoolMessenger will not replace current school communication methods. Principals will still be accessible for live visits and will continue to communicate via current methods including paper-based memoranda. The district’s acquisition of the SchoolMessenger system is intended to extend its commitment to remain personally connected with parents by offering additional and timely communications. SchoolMessenger notification services (<http://www.schoolmessenger.com>) are provided by Reliance Communications of Santa Cruz, California, serving thousands of schools, districts, colleges and universities with timely alerts since 1999.

To confirm accurate information in our database, we will be broadcasting our first TEST MESSAGE on Friday October 17, 2014. Please check your child’s backpack and our website for further information about this program. If you do not receive a message please contact your child’s building office assistant to confirm/update your contact information.

School Messenger also provides SMS text messaging, **but only if you subscribe or opt-in.** In order to participate in the new service you must indicate your willingness to receive

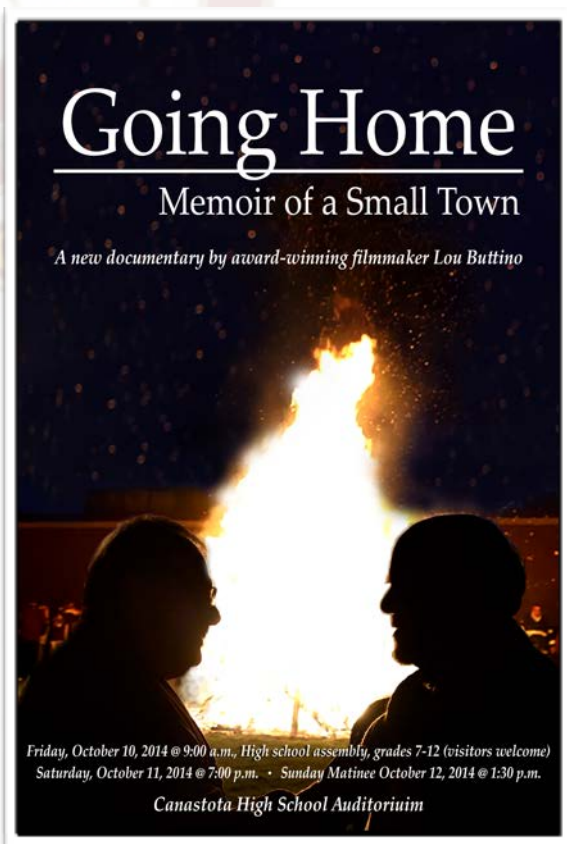
text messages to your phone. The process is simple and only takes a few seconds to complete.

Simply text any one of the following words to the number **68453**: subscribe, optin, yes. You’ll know you were successful if you receive the following reply message:

You are registered to receive approx 3 msgs/mo. Txt STOP to quit, HELP for help. You’ll want to repeat the opt-in process for any wireless numbers that you wish to include.

Please note, although the district does not charge you for this service, it does not pay for text message charges that may be incurred by you for sending or receiving text messages. Check with your wireless carrier for possible charges.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact your child’s school.



Capital Maintenance Project

Since last February the District has worked with King and King Architects and the Community Facilities Committee to assess the current condition of our buildings. The committee is made up of community members, Board representatives, our architect, faculty, staff, administration and students. Based on the five year Building Condition Survey, King and King gave the committee a scope of work that needed to be done. The committee conducted walk-throughs of our buildings to assess current physical conditions and efficiency, and then prioritized the list of recommended work. Based on the information reviewed, the committee recommended that the District make necessary repairs and needed upgrades to maintain and preserve our buildings. The District will be putting up for referendum a capital maintenance project in the amount of \$11,950,000. The estimated local share of the project after factoring in 87.5% in state aid is equal to \$1,500,000. The District is proposing to use \$1,050,000 in capital reserve funds to offset the local share. Therefore, the tax impact on our community members will be \$9.00 per \$100,000 in home value (before STAR) annually.

The work being done will include the following:

- PSES – window replacement, flooring upgrades
- SSES – some window replacement, flooring upgrades, ventilation and plumbing upgrades
- RSES & JSHS – partial roof replacement (high school library), rest room renovations (gym, lobby area), ventilation upgrades and upgrades to the science wing
- Bus Garage/Educational Annex – roof replacement

A public presentation and facility tour will be conducted on Tuesday, October 7, 2014 in the Forum Room at the High School. A public hearing will be held on October 14th and the referendum vote is scheduled for October 21st. We encourage you to come to our public meetings and facility tours to learn more about this proposed capital maintenance project. Please remember to vote.

Voting Poll Locations and Times

Election District No. 1 Roberts Street School Auditorium (Vincent V. Albanese Complex): Location of polling place: Canastota Junior Senior High School Boundary (Auditorium): All portions of Lenox Election Districts No. 1, 2, 3 and 6, and portions of Sullivan election districts No. 2 and 11 which are within the Canastota Central School District as affirmed by Madison County tax roll.

Date/Time: October 21st from 12:00 - 9:00 pm

Election District No. 2 South Side Elementary School (Gymnasium): Those portions of Lenox Election district No. 4 and 5 located within the Canastota Central School District as defined on the Madison County tax rolls, including those portions of Lincoln Election District No. 1, 2 and Smithfield Election District No. 1 and Fenner Election District No. 1 located within the Canastota Central School District as affirmed by the Madison County tax roll.

Date/Time: October 21st from 12:00 - 9:00 pm



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