



Chenango Forks Central Schools Newsletter

A community where learners excel!

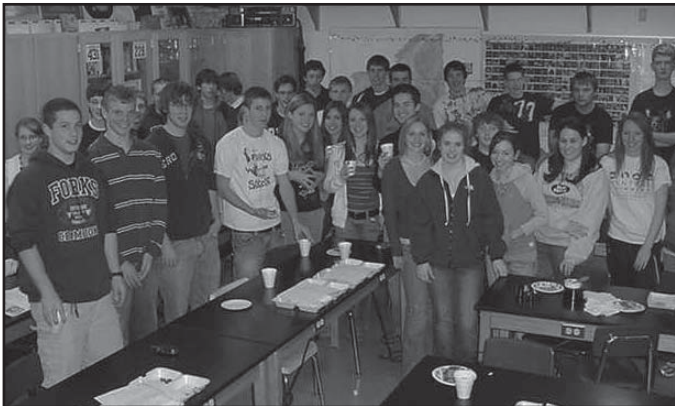
Legion of Honor

The High School Science Department held a reception to honor the members of the Earth Science "Legion of Honor." The criteria for selection for this honor is simple to calculate, but difficult to attain: a student must achieve a 95% or higher grade on the New York State Earth Science Regents.

A surprise visitor to the reception was Harvard sophomore and "Legion of Honor" alumni **Ruby Yu** who stopped in for a chat.

We congratulate the over 60 students in CFHS who are presently Earth Science honorees. What an outstanding achievement!

-Tim Conner, Science Chair



The High School's "Legion of Honor" students celebrate their achievement.

SMART board at Harshaw

Second graders in Mrs. Knapp's and Mrs. Harris' classrooms are being introduced to CF's new SMART technology. The two classes competed in a rousing game of Math Jeopardy where they answered math questions specific to the second grade Investigations Curriculum. It was an enjoyable review for the kids!

Mrs. Knapp's class then went on to utilize the board in their writing by composing a class holiday story; they also integrated it into other aspects of their Writer's Workshop.

The children were amazed by all they could do with the board. It was wonderful to see them participating in authentic and meaningful learning while being so actively engaged. They were begging to use it every minute of the day!!

The SMART Board is a valuable and useful tool that can help enrich lessons and bring many different learners together!

-Nicole Knapp, JH Teacher



Mrs. Knapp and students work with the board.

IMPORTANT: Special Education Services notice

Please read if your child is receiving special education services as a student with a disability.

The New York State Education Department requires a Parent Questionnaire regarding special education services to be completed by the parents in the Chenango Forks School District anytime between **January 2008 and July 2008**. The information you provide will assist in improving how school districts help parents of students with disabilities to be involved in their children's special education programs. Parents in school districts throughout the state are completing this survey. Some questions will apply to the school district; others to the specific school your child attends.

You can easily take this survey via the Internet. Go to <http://www.vesidsurvey.com/parent>. The school district code to use for access is **030101**.

Questions regarding the survey? Please contact Maggie Nugent, Committee on Special Education Chair, at **648-7589**.

-Maggie Nugent, School Psychologist

CF PTA news

The Chenango Forks PTA is getting ready to kick it into high gear this winter, starting with our annual Gertrude Hawk Candy Sale to be held **January 28 through February 8, 2008**. Watch for the brochure which should come home with your child by **January 28th**. These beautifully packaged and delicious candy selections make great holiday gifts; we anticipate that orders will be delivered by March 15th. Care to help? Call Lisa Kumpon at **648-7110** now!

The week of **February 10 through 16** will be "PTA Take Your Family to School" week. We are undertaking this event because in the words of PTA National President Jan Harp Domene, "...when schools open their doors to all families, and parents put aside their other commitments, children get to see that their education is valued, and educators gain a new way to build positive partnerships with families."

And on **Friday, February 8th**, we are tentatively planning a Free Movie Night where we'll screen a first-run, family-oriented movie that's guaranteed to be fun for the whole family. Watch for a flyer with more details.

And don't miss our Free Chili/Mac & Cheese Dinner at **6:00 pm on Tuesday, February 12th in the CFE cafeteria**, followed by our monthly PTA meeting. Bring the whole family – child care will be provided!

Our always popular Parents as Reading Partners (PARP) will run from **March 3 through March 18**. Celebrity author **Marcie Aboff** will speak to students on March 10

and 11. Ms. Aboff's books, which include *The Pizza Palace* and *The Lemonade Standoff*, are geared towards Kindergarten through fourth grade students and are designed to make math fun. Also scheduled to read are members of the **Binghamton Senators and the SUNY basketball team**, as well as **local firefighters and EMTs**. If you would like to volunteer in support of this event, please call Carla Vermilyea at **204-0184** or Michele Ashman at **648-2298**.


Attention High School Seniors! The PTA is offering two \$500 scholarships this year to reward graduating seniors who have demonstrated a "Spirit of Volunteerism" in the community and in school. Applicants must be accepted at an institution for higher education, have at least five hours of volunteer time with PTA-sponsored events and have a parent who is a member of the PTA. Applications will soon be available in the Guidance Office. Please call Deb Arnold at **648-2071** if you have questions.

If you've been thinking of joining the PTA and haven't had the chance, just call our Membership Chairperson, Lee Ann Simonis, at **648-9052**. We look forward to welcoming you.

-CF PTA Officers

Questions? Suggestions? Call any one of our PTA officers and we'd be glad to help:

Co-Presidents: Shari and Chris Sterling, **204-0086**
 Vice-President: Lisa Kumpon, **648-7110**
 Treasurer: Jane Fett, **204-0307**
 Co-Secretaries: Barry & Deborah Arnold, **648-2071**



Harshaw February Dates

2/12 Harshaw Site Council Mtg., 2:45 p.m.

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY
FROM HARSHAW**

Understanding

Naturalist visits Morning Program

The month of January included a visit to Morning Program by naturalist **Thomas Tasber** from the Finch Hollow Nature Center in Johnson City. Mr. Tasber presented an exciting and informative program on "Winter Bird Identification and Feeding."

The presentation included many types of actual mounted birds, a slide show of our local birds, an audio CD of bird songs, and a variety of bird seed that birds like to eat during the cold winter months. Mr. Tasber also answered many questions and helped us all to have a better understanding of the birds here in our area and how they survive during winter.

-Eric Sutton, CFE Counseling

Photo: Mr. Tasber shows students some of the winter birds found in our area.



Harshaw Primary Pre-registration information for PreK & Kindergarten Children Entering School During the 2008-2009 School Year

Welcome to the Chenango Forks Central School District. The early Childhood Education Program at Chenango Forks is child-centered. We believe that all children do not develop at the same rate or learn in the same manner. We pride ourselves on having a professional and support staff dedicated to providing curriculum and support services to meet the individual needs of each child.

The Program

•The variety of programs we offer strive to meet each child's individual educational requirements. It is important to understand that not all children are eligible for each program listed here.

Pre-Kindergarten

•This program is available to children who were born between December 1, 2003 and November 30, 2004. The program length is half-day, with morning and afternoon sessions available. Chenango Forks receives partial funding for our Pre-Kindergarten programs from two separate grants. The regulations governing these grants differ. Despite the differences in funding and regulations, the programs are blended together and offer similar opportunities for your four-year-old. It is important to note that availability of the Pre-K program is dependent upon funding from NYS. If you would like your child to be considered for the Pre-Kindergarten programs, please fill out the preregistration form on the next page and return it by **Friday, March 14, 2008** to Kathleen Keir, Chenango Forks Elementary- Harshaw Primary, 6 Patch Rd., Binghamton, NY 13901

- Step 1 – fill out pre-registration form, and return it to the Harshaw Office by **Friday, March 14, 2008**.
- Step 2 – attend **Parent Information Meeting on May 5, 2008, in CFE Auditorium, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.**
- Step 3 – complete registration materials received at Parent Information Meeting.
- Step 4 – attend registration on **May 8th, 9th, or May 15th, 2008**. See dates and information listed below. Bring completed information packet at that time.

Kindergarten

•Children must be five years of age before December 1, 2008 to be eligible for Kindergarten. If a child turns six years old on or before December 1, 2008, he/she must be in attendance in September of 2008. Parents have the option of sending children to school if they turn five years of age between December 1, 2007 and November 30, 2008. The children in the Kindergarten program are provided various opportunities to interact socially and learn readiness skills in reading, mathematics, science, and social studies. Opportunities are also provided in art, music, physical education, computers and library.

If you currently have a child enrolled in the Chenango Forks PreK program for the 2007-2008 year, the district will register that child for the 2008-2009 Kindergarten program. You will receive a confirmation letter in the mail in mid-August. You will not need to attend registration.

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PreRegistration Form

•You will find the preregistration form for the Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten program *on the next page*.

Registration Dates:

•PreK & Kindergarten – Registration will take place in the **auditorium of the Harshaw Primary School from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 8, 2008 for those children whose last names begin with A – M and Friday, May 9, 2008 for those children whose last names begin with N – Z. Thursday, May 15, 2008, will be a make-up evening** for anyone not able to attend the first two days, from **6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the auditorium**. The registration process takes approximately one hour. This will give us the opportunity to meet you and learn more about your child. Be sure to bring you child, your child's birth certificate, social security card, and immunization records with you, along with the completed registration packet. (Obtained at parent information meeting). If you do not currently have children enrolled in the district, you must also bring your current driver's license as proof of your district residence address.

** Please note that filing the pre-registration form is not sufficient for enrollment. Parents must also complete the registration materials provided at the Parent Information Meeting and attend registration (see information above).*

**PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN PARENT INFORMATION MEETING
 MONDAY, MAY 5, 2008
 CHENANGO FORKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
 6:00 – 7:00 P.M.**

**PRE-REGISTRATION FORM
 2008-2009**

(Please Print and Complete One Form Per Student)

Check one:

PreKindergarten

Kindergarten

Student Name: _____
 (Last) (First) (Middle) (Male/Female)

Date of Birth: _____

Parent/Guardian Names:

Male: _____
 (First) (Last)

Female: _____
 (First) (Last)

Resident Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____
 (include RD#, PO Box #, and name of street or road, town & zip code)

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Names and dates of birth of all children in household:

(Last) (First) (Middle) (DOB)

Caught With Character

It's who you are. It's what you do. It's the way you live your life. Character counts!

STUDENT

Daniel Sweeney
 Mary-Ann Villella
 Emily Abdallah
 James Pattwell
 Ethan Timms
 Breanna White
 Chad Raychel
 Melissa Boeker
 Terry Lindow
 Joe Aldrich
 Jacob Kumpon
 Samantha Johnson
 William Dill
 Victoria Transue
 Sara Heath
 Kaylea Lockwood
 Liam Welsh
 Megan LeVasseur
 Angelica Wallace
 Breana White
 Clarida Garcia
 Emily Robinson
 Hannah Kohinke
 Elliott McRoberts
 Brandon Woolston
 Allan-Michael Rios
 Blaine Russ
 Tara Grospin
 Jacquelyn Thrall
 Cassie Geertgens
 Darrian Gerringe
 Elizabeth Price
 Bryan Heller
 Alyssa Bubniak
 Tanya Sweetay
 Dylan Silvanic
 Kaylea Lockwood
 Jacob Hunink

NOMINATING TEACHER/CLASS

Mrs. Abbey
 Mrs. Abbey
 Mrs. Abbey
 Mr. Allio
 Mr. Allport
 Mr. Allport
 Mr. Allport
 Mr. Allport
 Mrs. Beaudoin
 Mrs. Bender
 Mr. Bender
 Miss Edwards
 Mrs. Emm
 Ms. Erickson
 Mrs. Ferranti
 Mrs. Green
 Mrs. Hamlin
 Mrs. Hamlin
 Mrs. Hillis
 Mrs. Hillis
 Mrs. Hillis
 Mrs. Hudak
 Mrs. Lapham
 Mrs. Mikeska
 Mrs. Mikeska
 Mrs. Miller
 Mrs. Moody
 Mrs. Rowlands
 Mrs. Stankevich
 Mrs. Will
 Mrs. Winters
 3rd grade cafeteria
 3rd grade cafeteria
 4th grade cafeteria
 4th grade cafeteria
 5th grade cafeteria
 5th grade cafeteria



From the principal

The Kenyon Character Theme of the Month is "Building Respect": please see pages 18 – 21 in the back of the *Premier Agenda*. We encourage families to review these pages each month and use them as part of family conversations.

As January closes we complete the annual testing in English Language Arts and continue preparations for the state assessments in mathematics which will take place the **week of March 3rd through the 7th**. We feel strongly that the work the students do every day prepares them to be great readers, writers, and thinkers which in turn creates a great deal of confidence when they are faced with the challenges of state testing. Parents wanting more information on the testing can refer to the Kenyon *Parent Handbook* or contact your child's teacher.

-Bernie McDermott, KI Principal



Kenyon February Dates

Fri., Feb. 1 Kenyon Recognition Assembly, CFE Auditorium, 2 p.m.
 (rescheduled from 1/25)
 Thur., Feb. 14 Kenyon Valentine Parties, 2 p.m.
 Tues., Feb. 26 Kenyon Site Council Mtg., 2:30 p.m.



Student of the Month

STUDENT	SUBJECT	TEACHER
Rachel Serva	Technology 6	L. Baxter
Kerry Heller	Technology 7	L. Baxter
Callie Gill	Technology 8	L. Baxter
Andrew Ziegenfus	Home & Career Skills 6	L. Breck
Timothy Hulbert	Home & Career Skills 7	L. Breck
James Allen	Home & Career Skills 8	L. Breck
Taylor Powers	Regents Earth Science	L. Brooks
Kayla Sweet	Science 7	C. Church
Matt Jones	Science 6	K. Church
Taylor Powers	English 8	M. Condon
John Roys	Physical Education	P. Derr
George Fuller	Physical Education	P. Derr
Stephanie Zdimal	Physical Education	P. Derr
Ken Bowen	Health	S. Deuel
Jewelie Spencer	Health	S. Deuel
Zach Casterlin	Computers	S. Deuel
Kerry Heller	French	N. Dimatos
Shanise Shidagis	Band	J. Dybas
Riley Walsh	Band	J. Dybas
Matthew Jones	Computers	J. Dybas
Taylor Kimble	Physical Education 6	P. Dykeman
Kaylee Krager	Physical Education 7	P. Dykeman
Laura Haley	Physical Education 8	P. Dykeman
Will Miller	Academic Achievement 8	R. Fortier
Noelle Valla	Social Studies	K. Green
Kenny Starr	Spanish 7	M. Gregrow
Ashley Pasternak	Social Studies 7	P. Griffiths
Alex Niman	Social Studies 6	P. Kamp
Zach Ford	Math	D. Lynch
Jacob Stone	Written Expression	M. O'Hearn
Zach Jeske	Spanish IB	J. Pepples
Kelly Martin	Spanish IB	J. Pepples
Andrew Collyer	HS Band	K. Robertson
Katelyn Luke	Science	D. Rullo
Eric Johnson	Science	D. Rullo
Marisa Valdes	Math 8	M. Rullo
Brooke Freije	Art	J. Russell
Marcia Haynes	Art	J. Russell
Evan Picciano	ELA/Reading	J. Stark/ J. Crandell
Collin Witbeck	Academic Achievement	P. Swartout
Veronica Kalashnik	Math 7	M. Tio
Jamie Franco	Math 6	T. Urda
Kelly Martin	Science	T. Vermaat
Dustin Marks	Music	N. Wildoner
Aidan Klein	Music	N. Wildoner
Allison Yatsonsky	English 7	M. Zappia



Student Council members Brandon Dutcher and Taylor Kimble lend a hand sorting the food into boxes.



The Middle School thanks its **Student Council** for helping to sort food for the Christmas Basket program. Additional thanks to all the **students and parents** from CF Middle School who donated blankets and food.

This year's drive was very successful!!

-Jane Warren, MS Guidance

What do we have to worry about?

What do middle school parents and teachers have to worry about? Plenty. Middle school kids have been known to physically punch, poke, and pummel each other. They can emotionally scar one another. They can also inflict both physical and psychological injury upon themselves.

In addition, there are the predators from the adult world. Middle schoolers are big enough to think they are invincible and small enough to be tossed through the air. Although they may believe they are quite aware, many can easily be exploited for possessions, dollars, or deviance. The naiveté and simplicity of thirteen-year-olds often prevents them from knowing how much they really don't know.

The middle level child is growing like no other time in the life cycle. Growth spurts and hormones play havoc with the emotions and thought processes. The world of the middle level child can be a world of wonderful wonder or a world of chaotic confusion.

So how do we parents and teachers bring an end to our worries? We don't; we worry. It is part of our job. As teachers and administrators we pledge to do our best to reduce the worries listed above. We will do what it takes to ensure your child's safety.

CF Middle School teachers monitor the halls, supervise the students' lunch, plan every minute of their school day, and watch for and deal with every class disruption. The District has hired a full time security person: **Dave Burdick**. The District also participates in the School Resource Officer Program (SRO) with the New York State Police. **Trooper Chris Cody** has worked with our students for several years and teaches the 6th grade Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program. The Middle School now has a

security window and a procedure for entering the building and signing out our students. Before teachers or substitutes are hired, they are interviewed, their references checked, and their fingerprints are sent to New York State for a criminal background check. If all of these checks come back favorable, candidates are recommended to the Board of Education for hiring. But those are not our best defenses.

Our best defense is our **ears**. We promise to listen.

Research has shown time and time again that the safest schools are those where the students will talk to the teachers. Schools where students and parents share their fears are the safest. It is when students have approached teachers with potential problems that tragedies have been prevented. It is in schools where parents have expressed their concerns, and those concerns taken seriously, that serious problems were avoided.

The CF Middle School administration thanks all of you who have expressed concerns in the past. For

sure, many problems (some very serious) have been avoided due to your calls. You are urged to continue to express your concerns.

We will always listen. We will continue to foster an atmosphere where students feel comfortable talking to teachers and where parents are welcome to express themselves. We understand that before education and growth can occur, security and safety must be in place.

Yes, we have plenty to worry about. And because we worry, you can be assured that your child's worries will be minimized. Every minute of your child's day is planned and every minute is planned to be a minute in a student-centered, positive, and comfortable school environment.

-William Burke, MS Principal

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French treat

Following a time-honored tradition at Chenango Forks Schools, French students at both the Middle and High Schools baked La *Bûche de Noël*. This chocolate-filled sponge cake, shaped like a yule log, is customarily eaten during *Le Réveillon* (the Christmas eve feast).

-Nicole Dimatos, MS French
Jerauld Myers, Language Chair



Left: Middle Schoolers Alec Fleicher, Sebastian Decker and John Rhodes mix up the batter.

Below: High School students Stevie Davall and Macy Fairbairn roll up the dough.



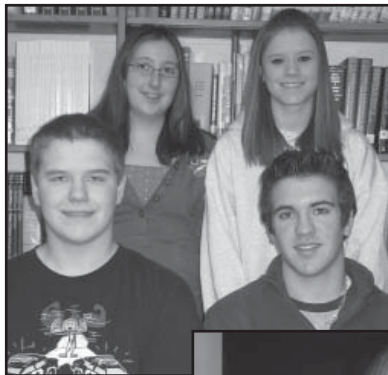
Middle School February Dates

2/4	MS Site Council Mtg., 2:15 p.m.
2/8	Dance, MS, 7:30-9:30 p.m.
2/11	HS/MS Cabaret Concert, MS, 7 p.m.
2/28-29 & 3/3-5	PTA Book Fair, MS Library, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.



Student of the Month

STUDENT	COURSE	TEACHER
Kelley White	Spanish III	M. Black
Christina Feldpausch	Spanish IV	M. Black
John Pattwell	Earth Science	L. Brooks
Jessica Bradley	Earth Science	L. Brooks
Elliott Cook	BCC Geology	L. Brooks
Amanda Brooks	BCC Geology	L. Brooks
Tiffany Evanchof	BCC Geology	L. Brooks
Andrew Hertzog	Physical Education	S. Busch
Christina Feldpausch	Physical Education	S. Busch
Kelsey Giordani	Algebra 1	R. Dando
Corinna Ridgeway	Calculus 2	R. Dando
Corey Fletcher	Calculus 1	R. Dando
Kaitlyn Gillette	Math 11B	R. Dando
Eric Singh	Math 10 AB	M. Fendick
Luke Carey	Integrated Algebra	M. Fendick
Maria Urda	Physical Education	N. Fersch
Kevin Gaydorus	Physical Education	N. Fersch
Matt VanDoorn	Physical Education	C. Kozol
Matt Kane	AP Physics	S. Laine
Matt Laine	Regents Physics	S. Laine
Kaitlin Hulbert	French II	J. Myers
Megan Kresge	French IV	J. Myers
Lyndsey Church	Spanish II	J. Pepples
Chris Fanara	Living Environment	M. Phillips
Tom Dybas	Band	K. Robertson
Crystal Goehring	Drawing Basics	K. Rosko
Kiefer Collingwood	Drawing Basics	K. Rosko
Sierra Barnett	Chemistry	A. Rullo
Jason Waterman	Health Education	K. Shapiro
Chauna D'Angelo	Fashion Design	D. Sheehan
Ashley Broderick	Studio Art 2-D	D. Sheehan
Melissa Miller	Painting Seminar	D. Sheehan
Marty Beach	English 10	K. Taylor
Jackson Haskell	English 9	K. Taylor
Molly Carney	Gothic Literature	K. Taylor



High School February Dates

- 2/4 HS Site Council Mtg., 2:15 p.m.
- 2/11 HS/MS Cabaret Concert, MS, 7 p.m.



Attention parents of seniors



Please be sure to have your graduating sons/daughters give the following information to the Guidance Office as soon as it is known: college they will be attending and scholarships they have earned. The information is necessary so it may be included in the graduation program and announced at Senior Night.

-GiGi Snow, HS Guidance

Geologist lectures on Peruvian paleoclimate

Students in the High School's Broome Community College geology class and Broome Community College environmental science class recently were treated to a lecture by geologist **Sarah Hall**.

Ms. Hall's research is centered in Peru where she maps and dates glacial moraines in order to reconstruct glacial age paleoclimate, and maps active faults and the river terraces they bisect in order to determine how fast the faults are slipping. She presented her glacial moraine work to our high school BCC students and answered questions.

Ms. Hall, a graduate of Maine-Endwell and Hamilton College, is now working on her PhD at the University of California at Santa Cruz.



Photo: Geology class member Allie Zevotek asks Sarah Hall questions about the petrology of granite.

Geology class alumnus secures minigrant

Bob Bodek (CF '98) recently visited the High School and brought along a check: he applied for and secured a "Fabric of America Fund" grant to the tune of \$500 from BP (formerly British Petroleum) for use by the CFHS' BCC geology class.

Mr. Bodek, a Forks geology class alumnus who received his bachelor's degree from SUNY Brockport and Masters degree from Virginia Tech, is now a geologist for bp. His job as a stratigrapher has most recently taken him to the Gulf of Mexico where he is helping to supervise some of bp's drilling operations.

During his visit to CF, Mr. Bodek spent a period with the geology class explaining the challenges and dangers of drilling off shore wells that can run up to six miles deep.

Bp Geologist Bob Bodek (left) presents Sean Wheeler with a check from BP for the High School geology class.



Articles submitted by Tim Conner, Science Chair

Sophomores to attend Career Expo

This year's Career Expo will be held at **Binghamton University on March 27, 2008.**

Career Expo is a one-day career awareness event sponsored by BOCES School-to-Careers Partnership of Broome & Tioga Counties, the Broome-Tioga Counselors' Association, Binghamton University's School of Education and Human Development, and local organizations. It is a community-wide effort to encourage career awareness among young people. Over 40 local businesses and organizations are expected to attend, providing information to students on over 50 careers.

The purpose of the Expo is to expose students to speakers from a variety of career fields. This event is an excellent example of business and education working together to introduce students to the business world. Each CF sophomore will be able to receive information on three careers of his/her choice. Please watch for parent permission slips to be sent home to be signed in early March.

If there are questions, please contact your child's counselor at **(607) 648-7528.**

-George Wright, HS Guidance



High School forensics

Do you ever wonder how those unknown substances are identified on the Crime Scene Investigations television shows?

One of the investigative techniques used is "spectroscopy." In a CF mineral lab, 8th



and 9th grade earth science students used the school's Vreland Direct Reading Spectroscope to identify unknown compounds.

The Vreland Scope, donated by Hamilton College's Geology Department, uses a high energy carbon arc to "excite" elements to produce a bright line spectra. Each atom has its own bright line spectra or "fingerprint." Using the spectroscope, students can record the presence of certain atoms and thus identify unknown compounds.

Photo: Earth science student Zach Jeske uses the Vreland Direct Reading Spectroscope to look for the bright line spectra for zinc. When he observed zinc's spectral fingerprint, Zach's suspicions were confirmed that he was identifying the zinc ore sphalerite.

Director completes course



Congratulations to **James Munley**, Director of School Facilities, for completing the coursework and exams required to become a Certified Director of Facilities (CDF). The program is sponsored by the School Facilities Management Institute, Inc. and the New York State Association for Superintendents of School Buildings and Grounds.

The CDF program recognizes the expanding role of the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds in providing maintenance, technical support, security, and an overall healthy and productive learning environment for our educational facilities.

We applaud Mr. Munley's commitment to professional excellence in school facilities management and service to Chenango Forks Schools.

-Kathy Blackman, School Business Executive



Did you know...

One-half (50%) of students in grades 9-12 "talk" in chat rooms or use instant messaging (IM) with Internet strangers, while 25% of students in grades 5-8 do so.

Keep usernames and profiles generic and anonymous!

Discuss your child's online screen name(s); profile(s); and activities. Many provide too much personal information. Ensure all screen names and profiles are non-specific and purposely vague.

www.safe.org

CF Scholarship Foundation



The Chenango Forks Scholarship Foundation (CFSF) will conduct its annual Phone-a-Thon on **Sunday, February 10, 2008 from 1:30 to 7:30 in the evening**. Student volunteers will be calling district residents to solicit contributions.

Residents will be asked to make a ten dollar (\$10.00) donation that will be used for scholarships for CF students. Most of the money raised will be given out in scholarships to this year's graduating seniors; the balance will be invested in the foundation's permanent endowment for future scholarships.

The foundation believes that all sincere and determined students should have the chance to continue their education after graduation. Awards may be applied toward any accredited vocational, technical, two or four-year college program.

Founded in 1990, the CFSF has awarded over one hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$180,000.00) in scholarships to over four hundred sixty (460) graduating seniors and continues to contribute to a permanent endowment fund. These scholarships have been made possible by the generous donations of local residents and area businesses.

If you do not receive a phone call and wish to make a donation, please use the form at right. Any size donation is greatly appreciated. The CFSF is a chapter affiliate of the Citizen's Dollars Foundation of America; all donations are tax deductible.

To date, 100% of the funds raised by our foundation have been distributed to graduating students. Our organization has no administrative office or employees as all our work is done by volunteers.

PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A PLEDGE TO THE FOUNDATION!

Chenango Forks Scholarship Foundation

Name _____

Address _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Thank You for Your Donation!
 Mail to CF Scholarship Foundation
 P.O. Box 515, Chenango Bridge, NY 13745-0515

DISTRICT BUILDING PROJECT

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

I received the following questions from concerned taxpayers.

With all of the construction that will occur this spring and summer, how will the district ensure the safety of the students?

All interior construction is not scheduled to occur until after the teachers and staff have left for the summer, which would be after June 27, 2008.

Exterior construction, the All-Purpose Stadium is scheduled to occur as soon as the weather permits this Spring. Safety fences will be erected and monitored to insure that students are not in the construction zone.

How will the summer construction impact summer school?

The construction will not impact the Summer School operation. Detailed information concerning the Summer Enrichment School for grades K-6 and the BOCES Cooperative Summer School for grades 7-12 will be in the *Newsletter* later this year. The Summer Enrichment School is scheduled to operate from July 7 to 25, 2008 and be housed in the Middle School. The BOCES Cooperative Summer School program will operate from July 7 to August 7, 2008 and be housed at Harpursville Central School. Transportation is provided for the BOCES Cooperative Summer School program only.

Why is wiring being installed so that the All Purpose Field will have lights?

This is nothing more than a rumor. In reviewing the project last year, the Board of Education considered installing wiring so that lighting could be added at a later date. The BOE decided not to install the wiring. Let me be absolutely clear, wiring will not be installed for stadium lighting as part of the project.

With the work being done on the All Purpose stadium in the spring, where will the track team practice?

Mr. Hogan, Director of Physical Education and Athletics, has made arrangements with the Chenango Valley School District to utilize their track facilities this spring. The same courtesy was extended to CV by CF when the CV district installed their new track several years ago. The Chenango Forks pole vaulters, long jumpers, shot putters, and discus throwers will be able to use our facilities during the track season. Due to the reconstruction project, all track meets will be held at the opposing school's facilities.

If construction goes according to plan, Girls' Soccer, Boys' Soccer, and Football will be played at the new facility in September. The district is planning an open house to allow the public first hand access to the new facility. Please watch future editions of the *Newsletter* for the date and time.

-Bob Bundy, Superintendent of Schools



Free/Reduced Meals information

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

- Families that think they may fall within the guidelines stated on the application.
- Families that have a change in finances (temporary or long term) may qualify.

WHAT THE PROGRAM PROVIDES

- The program helps improve students' learning at school by providing a nutritious balanced breakfast and lunch for them.

WHEN YOU CAN APPLY

- You can apply anytime during the year.

WHY APPLY

- Families may qualify for other programs or discounts on:
 - *SAT/ACT fees.
 - *School owned band instruments.
 - *College courses taught at school.

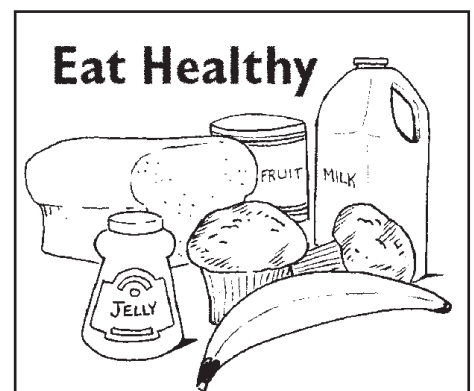
WHERE TO APPLY

- The application is available on the school webpage under "Food Service," or from the school guidance offices, or by calling the Food Service office: **648-7524**.

If you have questions, contact Fran Pierson, Food Service Director, at **648-7524** or email piersonf@cforks.org.

Please note: The Food Service section of the CF website has links to a parent survey and student survey, as well as a place to vote to name the characters on the "Rock On Cafe" logo (a different character each month).

-Fran Pierson, Food Service Director





February 2008 Elementary Menu/Sports Calendar			Available Daily @ Breakfast Assorted Cereals OR 2 Slices of Toast		
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>DAILY ALTERNATES</i> Yogurt, Carrots, Fruit, Milk OR Munchable Lunch OR Uncrustable P.B. & Jelly OR Choice Turkey or Ham Sand. OR Lunch Box Magic OR Chef's Salad (KI Only) <i>MENU ALTERNATES (K-5)</i> Monday: Macaroni & Cheese Tuesday: Grilled Cheese Wed.: Hamburger on Roll Thursday: Pasta (Bread Stix, Cheese Stix) Friday: Cook's Surprise</p>	<p><i>BREAKFAST MEAL PRICES</i> All Schools: \$.95 <i>LUNCH MEAL PRICES</i> Elementary: \$1.70 MS/HS: \$1.85 Milk Varieties: \$.50 Skim, 1% Choc., 1/2% Straw.</p> <p>WEEKLY SALADS 2/4: Chicken Caesar 2/11: Popcorn Chicken 2/25: Fajita</p>	<p>CINNAMON ROLLS CF cinnamon rolls are made from frozen sweet yeast bread dough. The dough is defrosted and raised over night and baked fresh Wednesday morning. We then drizzle the rolls with vanilla icing for a healthy delicious alternative to danish and donuts.</p>	<p>Be sure to fill out Food Service surveys on our website and vote to name a "Rock On Cafe" character (see previous page).</p>	<p>Soft Pretzel, Cheese Sauce, Juice or Fresh Fruit, Milk ¹</p> <p>Super Bowl Special Boneless Chicken, Drumsticks w/1/2 Serving Pizza, Tossed Salad, Celery Sticks w/Dip, Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Track@Cornell, 5pm V.Swim(H)SV, 5:30pm B.VJV BB(H)Windsor, 6pm G.VJV BB(A)Windsor, 6pm</p>	<p><i>Average Lunch Nutrients</i> ² Calories786 Cholesterol33 Mg Sodium1328 Mg Fiber7.6 G Protein33.8 G Carbs96.8 G Total Fat30.3 G Saturated Fat7.9 G</p> <p>STACJWrest.@JC, 9am</p>
<p>Bagel, Cream Cheese, Juice or Fresh Fruit, Milk ⁴</p> <p>Crispy Chicken Sandwich, Mixed Veggies, Assorted Fruits, Milk</p>	<p>School Biscuit, Juice or Fresh Fruit, Milk ⁵</p> <p>Cheeseburger, Rice Bowl, Lettuce & Tomatoes, Green Beans, Assorted Fruits, Milk</p> <p>G. VJV BB(H)WP, 6pm B.VJVBB(A)Ithaca, 6pm VJVWrestling(A)WP, 6pm</p>	<p>Cinnamon Roll, Drizzled Vanilla Icing, Juice or Fresh Fruit, Milk ⁶</p> <p>Shrimp Poppers, Oven Potatoes, Coleslaw, Roll, Assorted Fruits, Milk</p> <p>VJV Wrestling(H)ME, 6pm</p>	<p>Breakfast Pizza, Juice or Fresh Fruit, Milk ⁷</p> <p>Teriyaki Chicken w/Rice, Confetti Vegetables, Roll, Pineapple Fortune Cookie, Milk</p> <p>B.VBB(A)Unatego, 6pm</p>	<p>Donut, Juice or Fresh Fruit, Milk ⁸</p> <p>Individual Pizza, Pasta Salad, Tossed Salad, Assorted Fruits, Milk</p> <p>Track@Cornell, 5pm VJVWrest.(H)Ithaca, 6pm</p>	<p><i>Average Lunch Nutrients</i> ⁹ Calories716 Cholesterol69 Mg Sodium1223 Mg Fiber8.1 G Protein34.18 G Carbs99.1 G Total Fat21.2 G Saturated Fat6.9 G</p>
<p>Choice of Fruit Muffin, Juice or Fresh Fruit, Milk ¹¹</p> <p>Chicken Poppers, Choice of Sauce, Mashed Potatoes, Roll, Assorted Fruits, Milk</p>	<p>School Muffin, Juice or Fresh Fruit, Milk ¹²</p> <p>Taco, Tortilla or Italian Bread, Vegetarian Baked Beans, Corn, Assorted Fruits, Milk</p>	<p>Cinnamon Roll, Drizzled Vanilla Icing, Juice or Fresh Fruit, Milk ¹³</p> <p>Pasta, Meat Sauce, Bread Stix, Tossed Salad, Assorted Fruits, Milk</p>	<p>Breakfast Pizza, Juice or Fresh Fruit, Milk ¹⁴</p> <p>Stuffed Crust Pizza, Carrots w/ Dip, Pasta Salad, Apple, Milk</p>	<p>No Student Attendance Conference Day ¹⁵</p> <p>Classes are in session for all BOCES students. Please contact Mr. Hartman at 648-7550 concerning transportation arrangements.</p> <p>Class Championship Track@ Cornell, 5pm</p>	<p><i>Average Lunch Nutrients</i> ¹⁶ Calories711 Cholesterol36 Mg Sodium1235 Mg Fiber8.3 G Protein31.0 G Carbs107.1 G Total Fat19.6 G Saturated Fat4.7 G</p>
<p>No School Recess: February 18 - 22</p>					
				<p>Track@Cornell, 5pm VWrestling Section IV @Arena</p>	
<p>Bagel, Cream Cheese, Juice or Fresh Fruit, Milk ²⁵</p> <p>HEART HEALTH WEEK Cheeseburger /Roll, RED Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans, Assorted Fruits, Milk</p>	<p>School Biscuit, Juice or Fresh Fruit, Milk ²⁶</p> <p>Crispy Chicken Nuggets, Brown Rice, Broccoli, Ranch Dressing, RED Apple, Milk</p>	<p>Cinnamon Roll, Drizzled Vanilla Icing, Juice or Fresh Fruit, Milk ²⁷</p> <p>Toasted Cheese Sandwich, RED Tomato Soup, Ranch Dressing, Applesauce, Milk</p>	<p>Breakfast Pizza, Juice or Fresh Fruit, Milk ²⁸</p> <p>RED Meat Sauce, Pasta, Italian Bread, Tossed Salad, Assorted Fruits, Milk</p>	<p>School Muffin, Juice or Fresh Fruit, Milk ²⁹</p> <p>RED Pizza or White Pizza, Pasta Salad/Reduced Fat Dressing, Carrots w/Dip, Assorted Fruits, Milk</p>	<p><i>Average Lunch Nutrients</i> Calories723 Cholesterol49 Mg Sodium1218 Mg Fiber6.4 G Protein32.0 G Carbs100.1 G Total Fat22.3 G Saturated Fat7.3 G</p>



Home of the Blue Devils



Jazz bands to perform

The CF Middle School and High School jazz bands will hold their annual Jazz Cabaret Concert on **Monday, February 11th at 7p.m. in the Middle School gym/activity area.**

Guest artist this year will be the jazz combo group, "All That Jazz." The group will perform a set of their own, as well as perform with CF students.

Everyone is welcome to come check it out!

-Kristen Robertson, HS Band Director

Private school transportation

Requests for transportation to private schools for the 2008 - 2009 school year must be submitted by April 1, 2008. Please send requests to **Jerry Hartman, Transportation Supervisor, Harshaw Primary, 6 Patch Road, Binghamton, NY 13901.**



Annual fire inspection notice

The CF District's annual fire inspection was completed in December 2007. The minor violations that were noted were corrected and the reports were sent to the State Education Department. Minor violations included decorations either on or above doors, items in front of some rescue windows, and some housekeeping issues in storage areas.

Please contact Jim Munley at **648-7545** if you have any questions.

MEETINGS

CF PTA	2/12; 6:30 pm	CFE Library
Board of Education	2/14; 7:15 pm	MS Library

FUNDRAISERS

CF Baseball Boosters: Super Bowl Bottle Drive

CF Diamond Boosters will sponsor a bottle drive on Saturday, **February 9 from 10:00 to 2:00 p.m. in the High School parking lot.** Please save your holiday and Super Bowl cans and bottles for the CF baseball team. For pick-up call Jim Bender at **222-1025.**



CF Lacrosse Boosters: Bottle Drive

Sunday, February 10, 2008, 1-4 p.m., High School parking lot.



CF Scholarship Foundation: Phone-a-Thon

Sunday, February 10, 2008, 1:30 – 7:30 p.m. (see page 9).

Petitions for Board of Education Seat

Petitions for the Board of Education seat to fill the expired five-year term presently held by Don Faith may be obtained beginning **March 1, 2008 from Dawn Phoenix, district clerk.** The new term will terminate on June 30, 2013. The petition must be returned **no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 21, 2008 to Mrs. Phoenix in the Business Office.** The minimum number of signatures required is 25.

Newsletter mailings

Beginning with this Newsletter (February) mailing, we will be using an updated mailing list. Residents who have questions or problems should call **648-7564** or email Maggie Murray at **murraym@cforks.org**.

Offices . . .

Superintendent	648-7543	Special Education	648-7589
Asst. Superintendent	648-7540	Nutrition	648-7524
Athletics	648-7515	Tax Collector	648-7561
Computer Services	648-7578	Building & Grounds	648-7545
Business Office	648-7564	After Sch. Child Care	648-8067
Bus Garage	648-7573		

Schools . . .

Harshaw Primary (HP)	Kenyon Intermediate (KI)	Middle School (MS)	High School (HS)
Office 648-7580	Office 648-7520	Office 648-7576	Office 648-7544
Attend. 648-7579	Attend. 648-7529	Guidance 648-7553	Guidance 648-7528
Nurse 648-7531	Nurse 648-7522	Attend. 648-7551	Attend. 648-7542
	Counselor 648-7525	Nurse 648-7551	Nurse 648-7521



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