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MARAUDER PRIDE RETURNS TO CAMPUS!



SHERBURNE-EARLVILLE STUDENTS ARE BACK AND READY TO LEARN



Superintendent's Message

A better way to share your thoughts



As we enter the Thanksgiving season, I am thankful to be part of a school community that focuses on serving students as the district's top priority. During a typical school year, I appreciate making connections in a variety of ways, such as attending theatrical, musical, athletic and community building events. I look forward to experiencing the thrill of performances and productions that display a myriad of our students' talents. Normally, I would have interacted with students, staff, parents and community members while enjoying hot chocolate and cheering for our Marauders on a cool fall evening. Those interactions and memories will happen in time as the pandemic has created many challenges.

How do we build strong connections when many of us feel isolated? That can only be achieved within the school community by including stakeholders in the process. Our process of focusing on learner engagement, relevance and rigor will ultimately drive the outcomes that our students, staff and community are determined to achieve. Part of the process to best meet students' needs is to create a culture of inclusivity. This happens through the school-home partnership, as we work together alongside parents and caregivers to guide and shape the citizens of tomorrow.

Sherburne-Earlville is committed to increasing collaboration and connectivity with all stakeholders. ThoughtExchange is a new platform to establish increased communication throughout our organization and school community. ThoughtExchange is completely anonymous and empowers participants to have a voice at Sherburne-Earlville.

Providing a voice for our organization is now a reality. ThoughtExchange is a crowdsourcing tool that allows people to share ideas as they respond to a question posed by the district. This extends the district's ability to collaborate with groups, such as students, parents and staff. Participants are encouraged to share their thoughts and rate the thoughts of others – anonymously. Honest opinions are encouraged, and you can write as much or as little as you feel necessary.

You may also rate your thoughts about other comments: a rating of "5" means you really agree; "1" means you don't agree. Comments with higher ratings typically indicate important discussion topics. By hearing from all of you, the district will get a better idea about what's important to our school community.

ThoughtExchange, simply put, is "stakeholder engagement, simplified." This survey platform enables completely anonymous dialogue between the district and stakeholder groups, based on the stakeholders' responses to meaningful questions posed by the district. Respondents can participate on smart phones or other preferred devices. The district will provide this new way to participate because your voice is important!

Connection and collaboration of community will help to inform our direction moving forward. I hope that you will take advantage of this unique, convenient opportunity to share.

Sincerely,
Robert G. Berson
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SECSO welcomes new superintendent!

The Sherburne-Earlville Board of Education proudly announced the appointment of Robert Berson as District Superintendent in May. Berson, whose appointment took effect July 1, comes to SECSO after serving as Superintendent of Schools for the Otselic Valley Central School District. He succeeds retired SECSO Superintendent Eric Schnabl, who led the District for six years.

Berson's leadership process involves a high level of teamwork combined with personal investment in the school's greatest resource: its students, staff, and community. This investment process begins with instilling belief in oneself, building trust, and demonstrating a commitment to keeping promises and fulfilling dreams. Behind this investment is respect for and belief in the value of everyone's diverse and meaningful contributions to the school community.

As Superintendent at Otselic Valley, Berson implemented a collaborative strategic planning process that helped lead the district into academic good standing. This process also helped

position the district for greater success relative to social-emotional growth through support of mindfulness practices, while simultaneously building the foundational framework for implementation of a true professional learning community.

Under his leadership, OVCSO prioritized literacy initiatives such as LETRS (Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling), and professional supports for all teachers to serve and meet the literacy needs of all students. One notable outcome was a substantial increase in student achievement on year-end assessments.

Berson's collaboration and partnership-building with the wider OVCSO community led to successful passage of a capital project, and an award of \$400,000 from the New York State Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) 2019 Grant, helping to establish a municipal share with the Town of Georgetown benefiting both district transportation and the Town Highway Department.

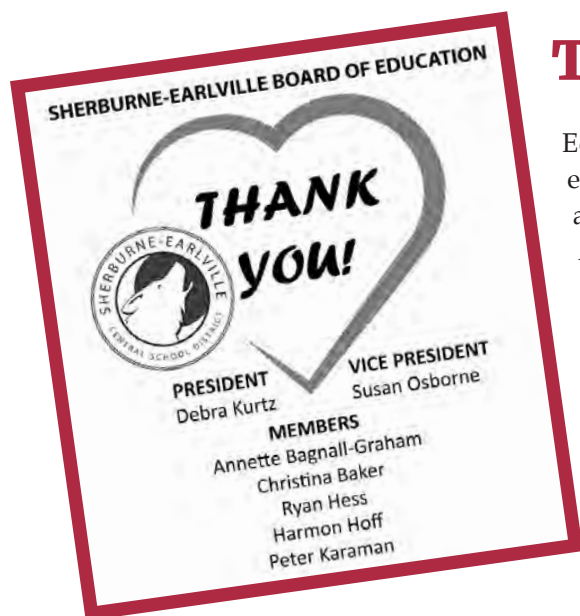


During his eight-year tenure at OVCSO, Berson initially served as the Principal and Business Administrator. Prior to Otselic Valley, he served as Executive Director at Iglesia Educational Center, was co-owner of Color Me Happy Childcare, and was the Principal at Kenney Middle School for the Hannibal Central School District.

Berson completed the Superintendent Development Program through the New York State Council of School Superintendents LEAF Future Superintendents Academy, The Leadership for Educational Achievement Foundation, Inc., NYSIR, and Capital Region BOCES in May 2017. He acquired his School Building and School District Leadership Certification from the State University of New York at Cortland, and his School District Administrator Certificate from New York State in 2006. He earned his Masters in Education from the State University of New York at Oswego and his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Houghton College in 1997.

Berson and his wife, Lisa, celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary in June. They are blessed with two amazing children, Aeden (17) and Alayna (11).





Thank You, Board of Education!

The Sherburne-Earlville Central School District thanks its Board of Education for providing an environment of educational excellence that emphasizes the learning of academic and life skills, nurtures self-respect, and fosters life-long learning. S-E joins the New York State School Boards Association and public schools across the state in celebrating School Board Recognition in October 2020.

Our Board of Education is comprised of President Debra Kurtz, Vice President Susan Osborne, Annette Bagnall-Graham, Christina Baker, Ryan Hess, Harmon Hoff and Peter Karaman. Thank you for your continued commitment to our students and for promoting positive relationships between and within the school and our community.

Thank you

SECSO extracurricular activities on hold

The Sherburne-Earlville Central School District has put athletics and all other extracurricular activities on pause until December, Superintendent Robert Berson announced September 21, 2020.

"We are pausing athletics and co-curricular activities to allow time and consideration for all relevant factors, such as state aid and clear guidance during the COVID-19 health crisis," said Berson, who added that all New York state school districts are facing the possibility of a 20-percent reduction in state aid this school year. "We will re-evaluate the situation in December 2020."

Should conditions prove favorable for sports to start, Berson said, SECSO would follow the condensed-seasons schedule outlined by the New York State Public High School Athletic Association. The NYSPHSAA's condensed schedule begins with Winter Sports on January 4, followed by Fall Sports Season II on March 1, and Spring Sports on April 19.

Should athletics resume at SECSO during the 2020-2021 school year, the Marauders varsity head coaches will be as follows:

2020 Fall Sports

Cheerleading: Tracey Thornton
Cross-Country: William Slentz
Field Hockey: Christina Layman
Football: Edward Holmquist
Boys' Soccer: Michael Rodriguez
Girls' Soccer: Josh Gray

2021 Spring Sports

Baseball: Jay Tackabury
Golf: John Butzgy
Softball: Michelle Parker
Boys' Track/Field: Wesley Macker
Girls' Track/Field: William Slentz

2020-2021 Winter Sports

Boys' Basketball: Kevin Vibbard
Girls' Basketball: Charlee Weidman
Boys' Bowling: John Fontaine
Girls' Bowling: TBD
Cheerleading: Tracey Thornton
Boys' Swimming: Frederick Rinaldo
Indoor Track/Field: Timothy Taylor
Girls' Volleyball: TBD
Wrestling: Greg DuVall

SECSO seeks substitute teachers

The Sherburne-Earlville Central School District is accepting applications for certified and non-certified substitute teachers for the 2020-2021 school year.

Applications are available on our website at <https://www.secsd.org/Employment.aspx>.

Completed applications should be mailed to: District Clerk, Sherburne-Earlville Central School District, 15 School Street, Sherburne, NY 13460.

SECSO is also accepting applications for substitute teacher aides, monitors and bus drivers. Please use the application for "Staff Positions" to get started.

SECSO seeking bus drivers, attendants

The Sherburne-Earlville Central School District is accepting applications for bus drivers and bus attendants for the 2020-2021 school year. Substitute positions for both are also available, and training can be provided.

Application forms are available at the District Office and online at <https://www.secsd.org/Employment.aspx>. Completed applications should be mailed to Sherburne-Earlville Transportation Dept., 15 School Street, Sherburne, NY 13460.

For more information, call Transportation Supervisor Tullio Morbidini or Head Bus Driver Matt Thompson at 607-674-9765.

SECSO 2020-2021 Budget Passes

The Sherburne-Earlville Central School District's 2020-2021 Budget passed by a 964-204 vote on June 16, 2020.

In addition to passing the District's proposed budget, SECSO voters also elected Susan Osborne, Harmon Hoff and Christina Baker to the Board of Education.

All voting took place via absentee ballots because of the COVID-19 pandemic, as per state orders.

Need technology support?

The South Central Regional Information Center (SCRIC), a division of Broome-Tioga BOCES, offers technology support for families and students during school district closures.

Resources for My Apps, Google, Schoology, Remote Learning Tools and Frequently Asked Questions are available online at <https://sites.google.com/btbooces.org/school-closure-technology-supp/> through the SCRIC.

Technology support is also available by calling SCRIC Service Desk analysts at 607-766-3800. Analysts will do their best to answer your questions.

Please reach out to teachers and/or school personnel directly for questions regarding the instructional content of online material set up for specific classes.

Sign up to receive no-cost meals all year!

All Sherburne-Earlville Central School District students (UPK-12) are eligible to receive no-cost meals every day school is in session during the 2020-2021 academic year.

Blended and virtual-only students are entitled to one breakfast and one lunch per school day at no charge. The school will serve meals to blended students when they are on campus for in-person instruction. Pre-packaged meals will be available for both blended and virtual-only students to cover off-campus school days.

Parents/guardians must sign up to receive no-cost meals for virtual school days. Families with multiple SECSO students only need to complete one sign-up form.

Please go to this link and fill out the form to sign up: <https://forms.gle/84ddq8WdxVuYEJgK7> or call the District Office at 607-674-7300 for more information.

Retired teacher wins Claudia's Closet raffle



Congratulations to retired Sherburne-Earlville teacher Heather Pfohl, who won our Claudia's Closet community raffle on St. Patrick's Day, March 17.

Heather won a YETI Tundra cooler and \$100 gift certificates from Sherburne Big M and Stella's Meat and Deli. She generously donated her Big M certificate to the Sherburne-Earlville Central School District.

The raffle raised nearly \$1,800 for Claudia's Closet, which provides warm clothing, boots, sneakers and emergency needs for students throughout the school year. S-E established the fund to honor elementary school nurse Claudia Bigelow, who was killed in a car accident in March 2003.

Claudia's Closet, Empire Wireless and The Sherburne News thank the SECSO community for showing their support by purchasing tickets, selling tickets or donating to the cause.

Claudia's Closet accepts monetary donations all year. Checks may be sent to Arlene Wade, c/o Sherburne-Earlville Central School District, 15 School St., Sherburne, NY 13460. Make checks payable to Sherburne-Earlville Central School and write "Claudia's Closet" on the memo line.

—Claudia's Closet Committee



Sulton, Tenney top two in Sherburne-Earlville's Class of 2020

Sherburne-Earlville High School recognized Valedictorian **Layne Sulton** and Salutatorian **Laura Tenney** as the top two students in its Class of 2020, which graduated on school grounds June 27, 2020.

Layne Sulton is the son of Michael and Diane Sulton of Earlville and graduated early because of his unparalleled brilliance, determination and work ethic. He successfully completed the most challenging courses offered at Sherburne-Earlville, including honors, advanced and AP courses.

Layne also played varsity soccer for two years, earning special recognition for his performances during the CVA Tournament. He also was a member of French Club, National Honor Society and Acolyte at St. Malachy's Parish. A positive role model for students and faculty alike, Layne has a passion for engineering and planned to major in Mechanical Engineering at Cornell University in Ithaca.

Laura Tenney is the daughter of Robert and Rosemarie Tenney of Sherburne. She is a very hardworking, detail-oriented, independent and purposeful person whose personality often makes others feel comfortable and welcome.

In addition to a rigorous course load that has included several honors, advanced and AP courses throughout high school, Laura also was involved in a number of activities that showcase her leadership and talents. A Student Council Class Officer since her sophomore year, Laura was a part of National Honor Society, concert band, marching band, chorus, musicals, drama club and her church choir. She planned to attend Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame after graduation.

Business & education recognition!



Layne Sulton



Scott Bugbee

Congratulations to 2020 SEHS graduate **Layne Sulton** and technology teacher Scott Bugbee, who were honored during the annual Business and Education Partnership Scholar Recognition Program in June!

The student-mentor duo were featured during the all-virtual Daniel B. Swift Scholar Recognition Ceremony, which was broadcast on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O472rtgcZVU&feature=youtu.be>.

Retired SECSO Superintendent Eric Schnabl served as Master of Ceremonies.

Section 3 honors Cornelius

Congratulations to Sherburne-Earlville graduate **Makayla Cornelius**, who was honored as a Section 3 Scholar-Athlete in June!

Makayla was a three-sport varsity athlete (soccer, softball, volleyball) who ranked third overall in academics at Sherburne-Earlville. She planned to enter the nursing program at Onondaga Community College in the fall of 2020.

Section 3 typically honors its Scholar-Athletes with an Awards Night Dinner at Onondaga CC's SRC Arena. Since this was not possible in 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Makayla and the rest of Section 3's Scholar-Athletes were honored with a slide-show presentation on June 15. The Awards Show aired on CNY Central Channel 6 in Syracuse and the website <https://cnycentral.com/>.

Way to go, Makayla!



THE TOP 10 OF 2020!

In April, Sherburne-Earlville High School announced its top 10 seniors for the 2019-2020 school year, based on academic achievements.

Keep reading to learn more about the Top 10 of 2020!

1-Valedictorian Layne Sulton

Next step: College at Cornell University
Major: Mechanical Engineering
Notable: Played varsity soccer (2 seasons)

2-Salutatorian Laura Tenney

Next step: College at Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame
Major: Undecided
Notable: Member of band and drama club

3-Makayla Cornelius

Next step: College at Onondaga Community College
Major: Nursing
Notable: Played three varsity sports – volleyball (3 seasons), soccer (2) and softball (2)

4-Jaci Wright

Next step: College at SUNY Oneonta
Major: Childhood Education/Early Childhood B-6
Notable: Played three varsity sports – soccer (3 seasons), basketball (3) and softball (2)

5-Cassidy Rusweiler

Next step: College at SUNY Morrisville
Major: Business Administration
Notable: Works with and loves horses

Congratulations to Valedictorian **Layne Sulton**, Salutatorian **Laura Tenney**, **Makayla Cornelius**, **Jaci Wright**, **Cassidy Rusweiler**, **Jessie Buruato**, **John Maltzan**, **Bailey Lagoe**, **Troy Fleming** and **Piper Page**!

6-Jessie Buruato

Next step: College at SUNY Oneonta
Major: Biology
Notable: Played two varsity sports – field hockey (4 seasons) and softball (2)

7-John Maltzan

Next step: College at Herkimer County Community College
Major: Criminal Justice
Notable: Member of three varsity sports teams – cross country (3 seasons), outdoor track and field (1) and indoor track and field (1)

8-Bailey Lagoe

Next step: College at Utica College
Major: Business Management
Notable: Played varsity softball (1 season)

9-Troy Fleming

Next step: College at SUNY Morrisville
Major: Environmental and Natural Resource Conservation
Notable: Played two varsity sports – baseball (3 seasons) and basketball (2)

10-Piper Page

Next step: College at SUNY Oneonta
Major: Sociology or Criminology
Notable: Played varsity field hockey (3 seasons)



S-E inducts 20 into National Honor Society

Congratulations to the newest members of Sherburne-Earlville's National Honor Society!



S-E inducted 20 newcomers during a March 12 ceremony at the MS/HS Auditorium: **Jennifer Adsit, Morgan Boldt, Maleah Britton, Tessa Cole, Abigail Fontaine, Lily French, Courtney Geier, Alexandra Kellogg, Zoe Kellogg, Kathleen Keyes, Justiss Kovack, Bailey Lagoe, Madyson McCarthy, Bailey Mizrahi, Dalaney Parker, Peter Peschel, Alison Smith, Jonah Smith, Justine Strauss and Madison VanAlthuis.**

The Class of 2020 tripled Sherburne-Earlville's NHS membership as it joined current members **Jessie Buruato, Makayla Cornelius, Troy Fleming, John Maltzan, Piper Page, Elizabeth Peila, Cassidy Rusweiler, Layne Sulton, Laura Tenney and Jaci Wright.**

SEMS welcomes 10 to National Junior Honor Society

Sherburne-Earlville Middle School is proud to accept 10 new students into the National Junior Honor Society!

These students have shown outstanding scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship and character. All were under consideration in the spring of 2020, but due to COVID-19, SEMS decided to wait until this fall to honor them in person.

NJHS honorees pictured from left to right are SEMS students **Nicolas Hull, Alana Brady, Mia Currie, Opal Amann-Burns, Katelyn Walker and Ryker Fuller.**

Pictured separately is NJHS honoree **Chesnee Miller**, who is now a freshman.



Sherburne-Earlville Virtual Academy students **Claire Barth, Savanna Born and Olivia Kane** also earned NJHS status.

Congratulations to all of our new NJHS members! More will be featured in our next newsletter.

SEMS shines at STEM showcase

Sherburne-Earlville Middle School sent 17 students to the annual STEM Showcase event at Mohawk Valley Community College in early March, 2020.

Our kids put their windmills, mousetrap cars and ping-pong-ball launchers to the test against students from other local school districts. We took first and second places in the MS mousetrap competition and also had the top ping-pong-ball launcher.

SEMS students, who competed in the windmill and mousetrap categories for the first time, also learned what they need to do to be competitive in the renewable energy KidWind Challenge in the future.

Welcome to our School-Based Health Center!

Bassett Healthcare Network's School-Based Health Center at Sherburne-Earlville recently welcomed provider Beth Currado, PNP, to its staff.

Beth, who brings several years of pediatric experience to the SBHC at S-E, said she is excited to be working with Sherburne-Earlville families. Casey Coon, FNP, is still here to see enrolled patients as well!

Located inside Sherburne-Earlville Elementary School, the SBHC is open from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays. Call 607-674-8417 or 1-844-255-7242 to schedule physicals or vaccinations for your PK-12 student or for enrollment help. If your child is sick and needs a check-up, an assessment room is also open Mondays at the SBHC.

Additionally, the SBHC at S-E will be open Monday, November 23, and Tuesday, November 24, to meet any of your child's healthcare needs.

Sign up for After School Plus!

Sherburne-Earlville K-5 students in blended-learning cohorts (A and B) are eligible to attend our After School Plus program during the 2020-2021 school year.

After School Plus is a safe, adult-supervised program where your child can receive a healthy snack, enjoy indoor and outdoor activities, complete homework, or read.

The ASP runs from 3-5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday at S-E Elementary School (near parent pick-up entrance). Blended students may attend ASP on their specific days of in-school instruction (Cohort A Tuesdays and Thursdays; Cohort B Wednesdays and Fridays).

ASP fees are \$4 to sign in, plus \$1 per hour or any portion of an hour in attendance. The maximum charge per day is \$7, excluding a late fee of \$1 per minute for pick-ups after 5:30 p.m.

ASP will not take place if school is canceled, closed for an emergency or running on a half-day, or if after-school activities are canceled.

To sign up, please call the S-E Elementary Office at 607-674-7336 or stop in to fill out an application.



Cole among best in state

Congratulations to Sherburne-Earlville girls basketball guard **Tessa Cole**, who earned Class C Third Team all-state honors from the New York State Sportswriters Association in May.

Tessa averaged 23.4 points and reached the 1,000-point milestone at the varsity level during the 2019-2020 season, helping the Marauders to an 8-13 overall record and 7-9 league record.

The Center State Conference's Division I MVP amassed 491 points during her junior season, which included a varsity-high 35-point performance against Bainbridge-Guilford on December 14, 2019.

View the NYSSWA's 2019-2020 all-state girls basketball teams online at http://www.newyorksportswriters.org/reference/girls_hoops_stars_2020-small.shtml

Great job, Tessa!



Kindergarten gets a new look!

SECSd thanks Norwich Glass, along with Mr. Genter and his crew, for making our kindergarten classrooms safer this year. Students are clearly enjoying their new "offices" as custom polycarbonate dividers have been added to kindergarten table areas.

It's all part of the SECSd Reopening Plan, designed to keep all of our students, staff and community members safe at school during the COVID-19 health crisis. Read more about the SECSd Reopening Plan on our website at www.secsd.org.



Seven join SECS D teaching staff

The Sherburne-Earlville Central School District recently welcomed Shana Bugyi, Greg DuVall, Mary Ann Keene, John Kinney, Roma Matott, Jen Merlob and Tom Rende to its teaching staff. Find out more about our newcomers for the 2020-2021 school year below!

Shana Bugyi

Position: Middle School Special Education Teacher

Current Residence: South New Berlin

Hometown: Norwich

High School: Unadilla Valley (Class of 2003)

Colleges (Degrees/Majors): Mohawk Valley (Associates in Liberal Arts); Utica College (Bachelors in Psychology with minor in Elementary Education); Walden University (Masters in Special Education)

Relevant Work Experience: Previously worked for Morris and Unadilla Valley central schools.

You Should Know: I am very proud of my family! My husband and I have three beautiful children. Together, we enjoy being outside: camping, boating, fishing, skiing, riding UTV and four-wheeling, swimming, and gardening. I also like reading, watching movies, and decorating my home.

Greg DuVall

Position: Elementary School Physical Education Teacher

Current Residence: Columbus

Hometown: Sherburne

High School: Sherburne-Earlville High School (Class of 2011)

College (Major): SUNY Cortland (Physical Education)

Relevant Work Experience: Taught elementary physical education for two years at Gilbertsville-Mount Upton.

Awards/Achievements: Three-time sectional wrestling champion for S-E. ... Placed in NYS wrestling tournament for S-E. ... NCAA Wrestling Scholar All-American.

You Should Know: I love my family, which consists of my wife, April, and my two daughters, Phoebe and Sienna. I enjoy being outdoors – hunting, fishing, and working on my family's beef-cow hobby farm. I am excited to be back in the Sherburne-Earlville Central School District to teach physical education and coach wrestling.

Mary Ann Keene

Position: Middle School Sixth Grade Science Teacher

Current Residence: Norwich

Hometown: Norwich

High School: Norwich High School (Class of 1992)

Colleges (Degrees/Majors): Binghamton University (BA of Science); SUNY Oneonta (MSEd in School Counseling); Roosevelt University (MAEd in Elementary Education)

Relevant Work Experience: Taught fifth grade for one year in Elgin, Illinois. Taught at the Norwich City School District for 18 years.

Awards/Achievements: New York State Master Teacher, Southern Tier

You Should Know: I am a wife and a mom of three (Sean 20, Tim 16, Arya 11). We have two puppies (Buddie and Drax), and I enjoy the Adirondacks, walking, downhill skiing and winter.

John Kinney

Position: High School Earth Science Teacher

Current Residence: Norwich

Hometown: Horseheads

High School: Horseheads High School (Class of 2012)

Colleges (Degrees/Majors): University at Buffalo (BS Environmental Geosciences); Binghamton University (MAT Earth Science)

Relevant Work Experience: Has worked 10 years in outdoor education.

Awards/Achievements: AmeriCorps alumnus; Eagle Scout

You Should Know: I'm really looking forward to learning more about the community!

Roma Matott

Position: MS/HS Library Media Specialist

Current Residence: Greig

Hometown: Potsdam

High School: Potsdam High School (Class of 1990)

Colleges (Degrees/Majors): St. Lawrence University (BA Multi Languages - Spanish, French, German); University of Pittsburgh (MLS Youth Library Services); Onondaga Community College (AS Computer Science); SUNY Oswego (MST Childhood Education)

Relevant Work Experience: Librarian (children's & YA services, assistant director, systems librarian) for 25 years; 5 years' experience as a Library Media Specialist (2 in a rural public district and 3 at private special education school)

Awards/Achievements: Honor society member of Phi Beta Kappa, Beta Phi Mu and Phi Theta Kappa; House of Good Shepherd Star Performer Award 2019

You Should Know: As a homesteader, I have spent countless hours gardening, canning, collecting honey from my beehives and herding a group of adorable goats, chickens, turkeys and ducks. But I also love technology and often can be found exploring my creative side with my computerized sewing/quilting, CNC and laser cutting machines. When all else fails, playing a good computer or tabletop game will keep me entertained for hours!

Jen Merlob

Position: High School Chemistry Teacher

Current Residence: Cazenovia

Hometown: Clinton

High School: Clinton High School (Class of 2006)

Colleges (Degrees/Majors): SUNY Cortland (BS Chemistry);
SUNY Cortland (MSEd Chemistry Education)

Relevant Work Experience: Taught Chemistry for three years in Maryland, then moved to Tupper Lake and taught Regents Chemistry and Physics for five years.

Awards/ Achievements: National Science Foundation Teacher Fellow; New York State Master Teacher

You Should Know: I love to find new hiking spots with my husband and puppy, Ezra! Let me know if you have any favorites. I also love Broadway musicals and often have musical Chemistry days. Those are some of my favorite days in school!

Tom Rende

Position: High School English Teacher

Current Residence: Syracuse

Hometown: Sayville

High School: Sayville (Class of 2010)

Colleges (Degrees/Majors): Syracuse University (BS Newspaper and Online Journalism); New York University (Master of Arts in Teaching)

Relevant Work Experience: Taught ELA at Albany High School for one year.

Awards/Achievements: Forbes Contributor

You Should Know: I live in Syracuse with my lovely fiancée, Carlie, and my very tiny dog, Pearl. I love to write, and I try to stay involved in athletics in whatever way I can.

New Teachers 2020-2021



Welcome to Sherburne- Earlville!



SHANA BUGYI
MS Special Education



GREG DUVALL
ES Physical Education



MARY ANN KEENE
MS Grade 6 Science



JOHN KINNEY
HS Earth Science



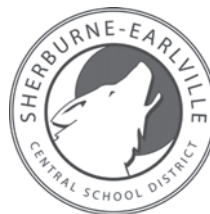
ROMA MATOTT
MS/HS Library Media



JEN MERLOB
HS Chemistry



TOM RENDE
HS English



#WeAreSE

WELCOME TO THE WALL!

Sherburne-Earlville proudly welcomed in April four newcomers to its Wall of Fame, which honors graduates and staff members who have made significant contributions to humanity, improved the quality of life, or achieved noteworthy recognition in their careers or educations.

The S-E Wall of Fame's Class of 2020 featured Roy Balma, Martha Conklin, Colonel Richard Lindsay III and Matt Nakoa Pryor.

The S-E Wall of Fame has honored 48 extraordinary people since its inaugural year in 2009. Future selections will be announced during even-numbered years as S-E Wall of Fame inductions alternate with Athletic Hall of Fame ceremonies (odd-numbered years).

Visit the S-E Wall of Fame page online at <https://www.secsd.org/SherburneWallofFame.aspx> to read about all of our inductees and to learn how to nominate candidates for future consideration.

Roy T. Balma (1942-2001)

Roy was called "Color Guard Instructor Extraordinaire" by his former drill-team members. A 1960 graduate of Sherburne Central School, Roy was the Color Guard instructor at his alma mater (1964-1975) before heading the guard at several area schools. Roy also was active in the Mid-York Color Guard Circuit, and several of his teams won MYCGC Championship Competitions and competed throughout New York and Massachusetts, becoming Canadian Open Champions in 1967. Roy held his color guard members to the same high standards that he asked of himself: diligence, focus, and total dedication. At least eight of his former color guard members have become color guard instructors.

Martha Conklin (1931-2018)

Known as "Marti" or "Gram," Martha was a beloved physical education teacher, mentor, role model, coach, personal counselor, and friend to students for more than 30 years. A graduate of Cortland State Teachers College, Marti's career in Sherburne began in 1955. Her students were figuratively her own kids, and she taught them how to make the right choices in life and to enjoy themselves in whatever activity they chose. Her dedication and fairness earned the heartfelt respect not only of her students, but also of their parents and her colleagues. An avid runner, Marti participated in the New York City Marathon and often could be seen jogging around her family home on Chenango Lake.

Colonel Richard Lindsay III

A 1988 graduate of Sherburne-Earlville, Col. Lindsay is currently the Deputy Director/Chief Operating Officer of the Defense Health Agency's National Capital Region Medical Directorate. He has risen through the ranks quickly, including posts as the Commander/Chief Executive Officer of the U.S. Army Element at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, and as the Chief of Staff/Chief Operating Office of the U.S. Army's 121st Combat Support Hospital/MEDDAC. Col. Lindsay earned his master's degree in Healthcare Administration from Baylor University and his bachelor's degree from SUNY Cortland. He has served in Germany, Korea, and Afghanistan, as well as in many American locations.

Matt Nakoa Pryor

A 2002 graduate of Sherburne-Earlville and 2006 graduate of Berklee College of Music, Matt is a singer, songwriter, classical pianist, and multi-instrumentalist. He has toured internationally and recorded several albums, including *Light in the Dark*, *A Dozen Other Loves*, *Choreographic*, and *Casting Shadows*. Matt was called WFUV's "Discovery of the Year" in 2014 and won the Kerrville Folk Festival's New Folk Competition that same year. He also was the "Most Wanted Artist" at the Falcon Ridge Folk Festival in 2015 and has collaborated with a variety of artists, including folk star Tom Rush and country singer Kathy Mattea.





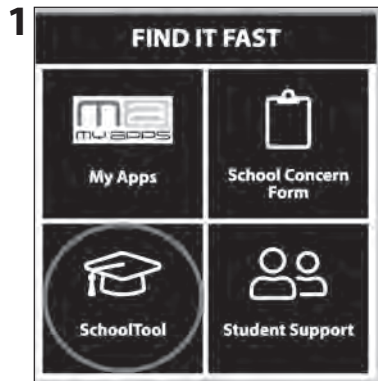
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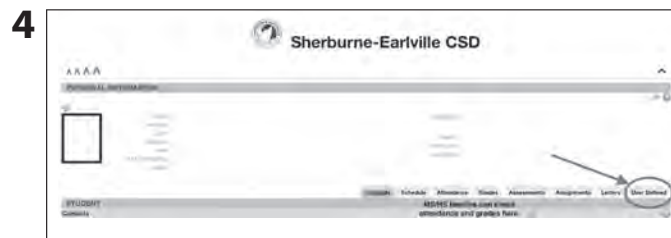
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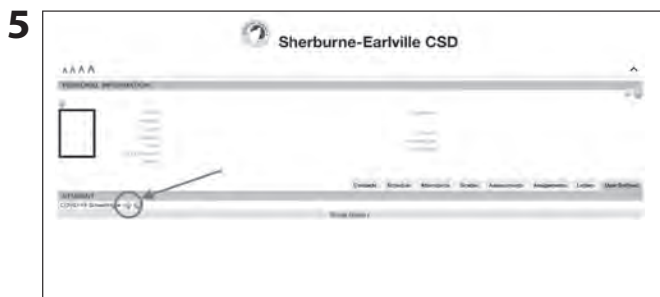
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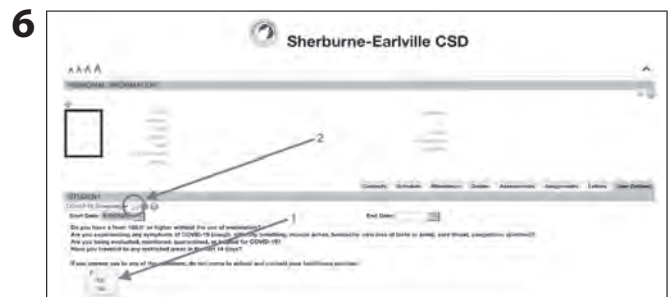
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Please complete and save the screening before boarding the bus, or by 7:45 a.m. for all other students, each day.

S-E Music Department keeps rocking

Sherburne-Earlville's Music Department has started the 2020-2021 school year on a high note despite the COVID-19 health crisis and related changes to daily life.

The halls of the elementary, middle and high schools are still filled with classic band tunes, singing choruses and classroom instruments. It's literally a breath of fresh air when elementary music classes are held outside.

Here's what our very own Joe Roche had to say about the MS/HS bands:

"We are rehearsing in the auditorium at 12-foot distances and the students are doing a great job! They are adapting to the "new normal" for band and are filling the halls of the MS/HS building with exciting sounds! Everything from 'Holiday fanfares' to 'Bohemian Rhapsody' and the hugely energetic 'Rock Around the Clock' have been keeping students and teachers in the MS/HS building dancing in the Halls!

"The MS/HS choruses have been hard at work, too, and also use the auditorium for practice and distancing," he continued. "Julie Burns' chorus students are filling our building with beautiful lyrics daily!"

Likewise, the elementary school is rocking with the sounds of woodwind, brass and percussion instruments, led by elementary band teacher Jenna Stango. Excited, energetic and ready to learn, fourth- and fifth-grade band students carrying their instruments down to lessons are frequent sightings in the cafeteria hallway. Virtual students are still participating in their weekly lessons via Zoom, so they'll be ready to join their band colleagues later in the year. Rehearsals are creatively held in the cafeteria, where there is ample room to play away.

Elementary music teacher Kylie Davis had this to say about teaching fourth- and fifth-grade choruses and general music classes: "Our fourth grade is working on learning our alma mater and our fifth-grade chorus is enjoying the outdoor singing venue while learning 'Zum Gali Gali' (Hebrew folk song)."

Elementary general music teacher Jeff Lyons said he is optimistic about the current learning atmosphere: "Students are doing very well with the change. Always ready at their classroom desks and eager to learn the music lesson for the day, students have maintained a positive outlook and excitement for music that has exceeded expectations!"



Seniors

Senior Pictures are due by January 31st

Baby Pictures are due by January 31st

You can email them to yearbook@seonline.org
Or bring in a hard copy to Ms. Czachowski in room 237

Ms. Czachowski will be sending out an email soon to fill out your senior quote, school activities you've participated in during HS, and your senior will.

You will also be voting for Senior Superlatives soon!

Virtual Students

Send us pictures of you working at home!

We want to see your virtual workspace!!!

Email them to yearbook@seonline.org



Athletic Hall of Fame nominations



The Sherburne-Earlville Athletic Department is seeking Athletic Hall of Fame nominees who have brought pride and distinction to the S-E Athletics program through commitment, sacrifice and dedication.

Persons interested in nominating an athlete, coach, administrator or contributor to the S-E Athletics program should fill out and return a nomination form, which is also available online at <https://www.secsd.org/AthleticHallofFame.aspx>.

Athletic Hall of Fame nomination forms are due by February 28, 2021. For more information, email Athletic Director Brad Perry at perryb@seonline.org or call our Athletics Office at 607-674-8433.

Athletic Hall of Fame inductions take place on odd-numbered years, alternating with Wall of Fame inductions (even-numbered years).

Signs of the times. . .



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Sherburne-Earlville Central School

Athletic Hall of Fame

Today's Date: _____

Application Due Date: February 28, 2021

Nominee can be an individual athlete, a coach, trainer, administrator or a team

Nominee's Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Graduating Class: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email address: _____

Nominating Person: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Phone Number: _____ Email address: _____

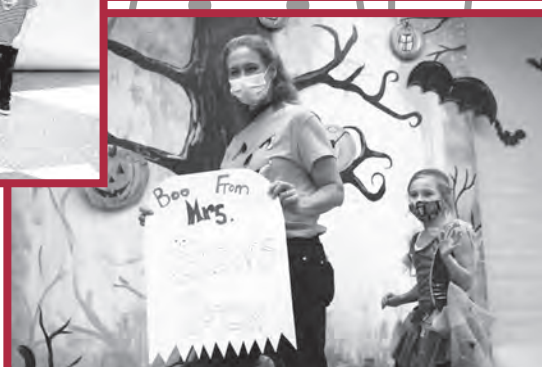
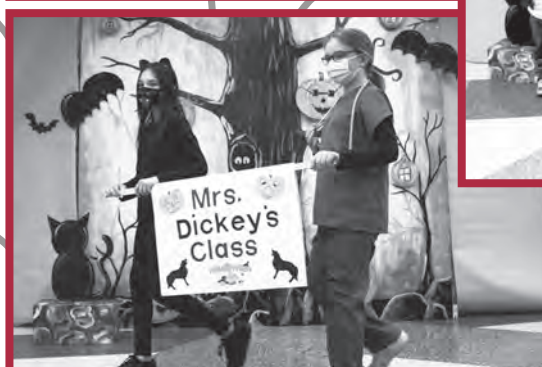
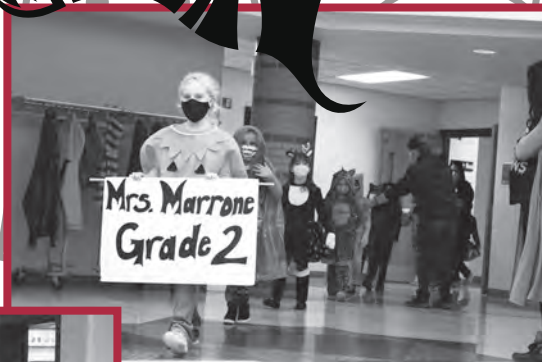
Role of person making the nomination: (Circle one)

Staff **Coach** **Parent** **Community Member** **Other:** _____

Nominations for Hall of Fame Candidates are accepted from September through March. Candidates must be out of high school for at least five years before becoming eligible for consideration. All candidates for induction must be formally nominated.

Please elaborate why you feel this nominee should be inducted. Feel free to write about accomplishments, contributions, or any other facet of their athletic career at Sherburne, Earlville, or Sherburne-Earlville on the back of this form. Should you need more space, feel free to provide additional pages. Next, please supply proof of accomplishments for example newspaper article or scorebook, etc. In addition, please submit a photograph of nominee with this form. Once the completed nomination form is received by the Athletic Director, all actions necessary to the selection process shall remain confidential. All information submitted shall be retained by the Athletic Director.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN



Congratulations!





Class of 2020

Wyatt M. Abbott	Morgan R. Lakin
Maria A. Albertina	Kaitlin A. Law
Travis D. Angle	John D. Maltzan
Jordan M. Blair	Stephanie L. Marango
Luis A. Bohorquez	Nathan A. Morgan
Erika L. Boise	Dana C. Moseley
Madelyn M. Brissette	Cooper W. Mottl
Christine M. Brown	Byron C. Norris
Olivia C. Brown	Paige M. O'Donnell
Jessie R. Buruato	John T. Oley
Olivia R. Button	Piper B. Page
Blake M. Clemons	Elizabeth R. Peila
Cameron L. Connor	Destinee R. Posey
Makayla C. Cornelius	Noah C. Posson
Aaiden C. Costantini	Sarah M. Rodman
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Jacob P. DeMuro	Peyton E. Smith
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Destiny A. Dunn	Reese A. Soto
Abigail P. Eaves	Colby L. Spaven
Ethen J. Eldred	Keifer S. Stone
Daisy M. Fairbanks	Madisyn A. Stowell
Troy L. Fleming	Joseph C. Straight
Chyle R. Foster	Dominic R. Stumpf
Connor R. Foster	Andrew J. Sulton
Savanna N. Fugitt	Layne M. Sulton
Megan K. Furne	Jacob M. Sutherland
Chloe M. Hansen	Laura C. Tenney
Trinity E. Hanyon	Alexander J. Thompson
Jessica M. Henderson	Katelyn R. Vanderwal
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Marina A. Jackson	Dillon L. Wissenbach
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Mason J. Knochenmus	Abigail N. Young
Brian S. Kochman Jr.	Joseph M. Youngs
Bailey P. Lagoe	Dakota H. Zbydniowski

Welcome Back to School!





Have a Great Year!

Happy Retirement!



SHERBURNE - EARLVILLE

RETIREE SPOTLIGHT 2020

Brenda Armstrong

Elementary School
Food Service

2002-2020

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RETIREE SPOTLIGHT 2020

Tricia Calhoun

Middle/High School
Food Service

2002-2020

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SHERBURNE - EARLVILLE

RETIREE SPOTLIGHT 2020

Eileen Carson-Lloyd

High School
Support Staff - Monitor

1999-2020

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SHERBURNE - EARLVILLE

RETIREE SPOTLIGHT 2020

Gloria Britton

Middle School
Support Staff - Aide

1996-2020

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SHERBURNE - EARLVILLE

RETIREE SPOTLIGHT 2020

Starr Clark

Middle/High School
Custodian

2010-2020

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SHERBURNE - EARLVILLE

RETIREE SPOTLIGHT 2020

Pat Boos

Elementary School
Support Staff - Monitor

1987-2020

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SHERBURNE - EARLVILLE RETIREE SPOTLIGHT 2020

Susannah Cruz

Middle School
Support Staff

2001-2020

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SHERBURNE - EARLVILLE RETIREE SPOTLIGHT 2020

Peggy Jeffrey

S-E District
Bus Driver

2005-2020

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SHERBURNE - EARLVILLE RETIREE SPOTLIGHT 2020

Thomas Donnison

S-E District
Bus Driver

1994-2020

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SHERBURNE - EARLVILLE RETIREE SPOTLIGHT 2020

Amy Parks

High School
Special Education

1993-2020

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SHERBURNE - EARLVILLE RETIREE SPOTLIGHT 2020

Carol Duca

High School
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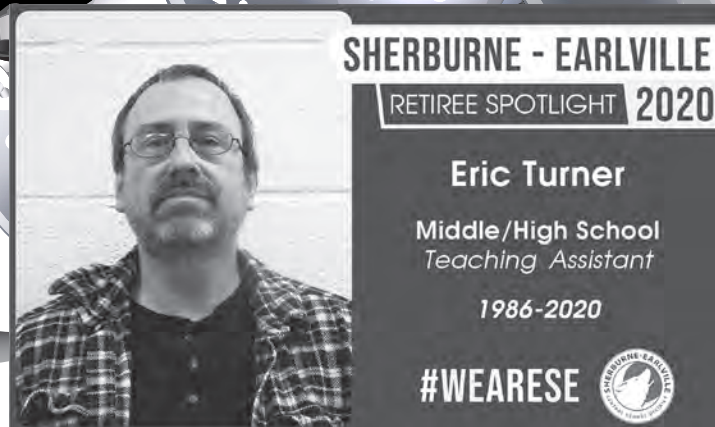
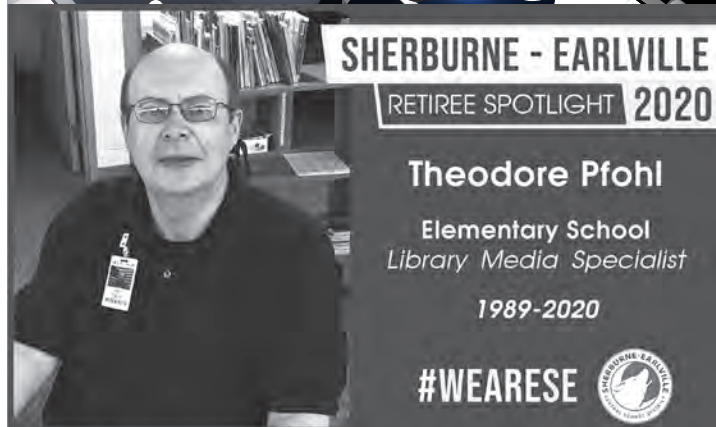
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Happy Retirement!



Thank you and good luck!

Kim Corcoran and Vicki Lamoreaux

Two longtime members of the SECS school community have retired during the 2020-2021 school year, and we'll certainly miss them!

Please join us in thanking Food Services Director Kim Corcoran of DCMO BOCES and Sherburne-Earlville Elementary School Aide Vicki Lamoreaux for their years of dedicated service to our students.

We hope you both enjoy your retirements to the fullest!



Stop the Spread of Germs

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.



Stay at least 6 feet
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from other people.



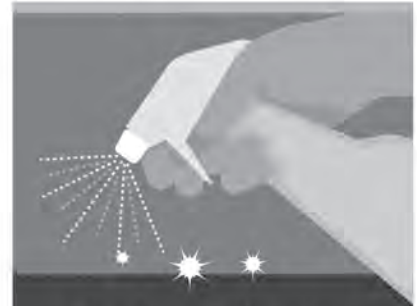
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When in public, wear a
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your nose and mouth.



Do not touch your
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Clean and disinfect
frequently touched
objects and surfaces.



Stay home when you are sick,
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Wash your hands often with soap
and water for at least 20 seconds.



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SHERBURNE-EARLVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MISSION STATEMENT

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VISION STATEMENT

- 🐾 To achieve excellence by providing a rewarding and challenging environment.
- 🐾 To raise tolerance levels on the part of all students and staff that will result in a safe, non-threatening, healthy environment.
- 🐾 To promote positive relationships between and within the school and community.

TO ACCOMPLISH THE MISSION AND VISION, SECSO WILL ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING:

- 🐾 The UPK-12 instructional program comes first.
- 🐾 We will develop and use a comprehensive curriculum, common assessments, and exit outcomes.
- 🐾 We will have an accurate, annual assessment of each student's capabilities.
- 🐾 We expect all staff to live up to the beliefs of the District.
- 🐾 We expect that all staff engage in professional development.
- 🐾 We will set goals and measure the progress of District programs on a yearly basis.
- 🐾 We will treat people with dignity.
- 🐾 We will not tolerate racial, ethnic, gender, or religious stereotyping or discrimination.
- 🐾 We will not allow an individual to interfere with the educational process.
- 🐾 We will reexamine the stated Mission, Vision, and Beliefs every five years.

BELIEF STATEMENTS

- 🐾 School needs to challenge every individual.
- 🐾 Learning is a lifelong process.
- 🐾 Education enables individuals to achieve personal success in a changing world.
- 🐾 The uniqueness of every individual is valued and developed.