Message from the Superintendent

Dear Remsen Community,

Our scholars have had a very busy winter filled with exciting learning, growth and a wide range of opportunities. Middle school science students are working on experiments for the upcoming Science Fair, and learning projects and experiences abound across the disciplines. Musicians performed at our annual winter concerts and are preparing for upcoming spring performances. Athletics are in full swing. Senior athletes celebrated their final home games and post season play is upon us. The Elementary Drama Club prepared for their first performance ever, in the history of the elementary school, and it was phenomenal! The High School Drama Club continues working hard to be ready for their annual production in March. Ski Club was revived this year and has given students another avenue for physical activity and fun. All of our elementary and high school groups and clubs are active, and all students are able to come to school early or stay after school for extra help and support each day. Remsen is the place to be!

Mrs. Catherine Chandler, district clerk and confidential secretary to the superintendent, officially retired on January 31 after dedicating 37 years to Remsen Central Schools. Mrs. Chandler’s huge heart and kindness extend out to everyone she interacts with. She has always put others needs before her own and is the type of person who will go out of her way to help anyone without ever being asked. We are all better people because she was part of RCS. Thankfully, we will still see Mrs. Chandler at school from time to time and at Board of Education meetings as she will continue to serve as the district clerk until July 1. We congratulate Mrs. Chandler on her retirement and thank her for 37 amazing years. We wish her the absolute best in her next adventure.

Over February Break, work will begin on reconstructing the old boys’ locker room to provide for a useable storage area and a New York State Education Department-approved vault for securely storing state exams, files and important records. This is the Capital Outlay Project that was placed on hold last year and should be completed this spring. Remaining capital funds from the high school fuel tank project that took place over the summer will be used to replace the rigging and curtains on the high school stage that are in desperate need of replacement and had been listed as a project alternate. This work should also be complete before the end of the school year. The facilities team is currently working on plans for next year’s Capital Outlay work, and information will be shared in our next newsletter and at our budget hearing in May.

In my writing at the beginning of the school year, I compared the challenges we have endured, and continue to endure together, to that of a long road trip with passengers continually asking, “are we there yet?” Our students, staff, parents and community members have been amazing. We are so very grateful for your level of positivity, support, understanding and patience. Our collective strength, perseverance and kindness allow us to prevail. With the recent changes that have taken place and the transitions that are forecasted in the upcoming weeks, we are quite optimistic that our destination is just around the corner! Please know that we are as eager as you are to get there.

We will continue to do what it takes to ensure that Remsen Central Schools continues to Soar to Success. As always, it is an honor and a privilege to be your superintendent.

Sincerely,

Timothy Jenny | Superintendent
A Message from the Elementary School Principal

Dear Remsen Families,

“Life is like riding a bicycle, to keep your balance, you must keep moving.” - Albert Einstein

Just like riding a bicycle, finding and maintaining balance, gaining momentum and continuing to move forward is a large part of what life seems to be about right now; this includes life at school. As changes and uncertainty continue to come our way, we seem to be coming to a point where we are now beginning to move on and move forward. Here at school, this has meant that we have had the exciting opportunity to return to many in-person activities and events. Throughout the fall and into the winter months, we have been able to enjoy concerts, ceremonies and other activities and gatherings. Our students have been able to come together for clubs and activities and our before and after-school programs have been able to take place. It is wonderful to be able to once again offer these opportunities for our students and to celebrate our students through these events and activities.

Our elementary clubs have been particularly exciting to watch this school year. The Elementary Drama Club recently performed for the first time, presenting the play “Storyville” by Lorraine Thompson. The play consisted of a series of familiar, fun and entertaining tales all woven together into an enjoyable story. Our students performed wonderfully and put on an excellent show. The Elementary STEAM Club meets regularly, participating in a variety of very engaging STEAM-related activities, experiments and problem-solving challenges. Over the coming month, our STEAM Club members will be preparing for the first ever elementary STEAM Fair. The Elementary Student Council has been active this year as well. Our Student Council members have helped with school-wide projects such as our Valentines for Healthcare Heroes and are also regularly looking for ways to make our school better for our students. These are just a few ways that we are moving forward and continuing to provide opportunities for Remsen students.

Looking ahead through March and into the months to come, we will be celebrating reading with Read Across America Day and other events and activities, moving into the third and final trimester of the school year and continue to look for ways to celebrate our students’ achievements and abilities through concerts, presentations and other activities. We will continue to look for ways to keep on our “bicycle” moving forward, in order to maintain balance and to provide new opportunities for our students. Before we know it, spring recess will be here and the end of the school year will be rapidly approaching. It is amazing how quickly each school year moves along.

As always, if you have any comments, questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out. It is only in working together that we will be able to provide the best for the students of Remsen Elementary School.

Sincerely,

Gary Winghart
Elementary School Principal

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

**ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**MARCH**
4-5 Drama Club Production
8 BOE Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
9 Pre-K/Kindergarten Registration Deadline
11 Jr./Sr. HS Progress Reports Mailed
12 SAT Exam
16 ES Early Dismissal - ES Parent/Teacher Conf. 11:30 a.m.
16 Grades 5-12 Band & Chorus MIOSTM Prism Concert, 7:00 p.m.
17 ES Early Dismissal - ES Parent/Teacher Conf., 11:30 a.m.
18 Superintendent’s Conference Day - No School
28 ES Second Trimester Evening of Excellence, 6:30 p.m.

**APRIL**
2 ACT Exam
5 BOE Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
11-18 Spring Recess - No School
22 Jr./Sr. HS Report Cards Mailed
26 SAT Exam at Remsen
28 Pre-K Family Night, 6:00 p.m.

**MAY**
7 SAT Exam
10 Budget Hearing/BOE Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
12-14 NYS FFA Convention
17 School Budget Vote, BOE Election & District Art Show, 1:00 - 8:00 p.m.
25 Science Performance Test Grades 4 & 8
27 Jr./Sr. HS Progress Reports Mailed
27 Kindergarten Screening
30 Memorial Day - No School
A Message from the Jr./Sr. High School Principal

Dear Remsen Families,

As the second marking period has come to a close, it is the perfect time to look back and reflect on how far we have come. Our students have shown dedication and persistence as we navigate another unique year in education and we could not be more proud of them. As we embark on the second half of the school year, it is important to acknowledge the successes and make a plan to finish the year strong.

We have many wonderful opportunities for students to become more engaged in the school community, including a variety of clubs, activities and spring sports. The addition of the Rams Can soar (RCS) program, both in the morning and after school, provides a great opportunity for students to have a quiet space to work or read. Teachers are available during this time to assist students with their work. We will also continue to have as many activities and events for students as possible. We know that providing opportunities for students to interact and practice their skills inside and outside of the classroom is important for their development.

If you have any questions about your student’s progress, academic eligibility, or social-emotional wellbeing, please let us know. We are here to partner with you so that each student achieves success.

As I previously stated, our students have come so far this year and I cannot wait to see what they achieve by the end of the school year! Do not hesitate to reach out if you have questions or concerns.

Together we will Soar to Success!

Sanya Pelrah
Jr./Sr. High School Principal

Remsen Pre-K/Kindergarten Registration

The Remsen Central School District has begun the pre-K and kindergarten recruitment and registration process for the 2022-2023 school year. Registration will be open until March 9, 2022.

Universal pre-K is a full-day program and is open to all children residing in the Remsen Central School District who will be four (4) years old on or before December 1 of the current school year (2022). Income eligibility is not a factor and all families are encouraged to apply. Up to 18 children are allowed in the class. If enrollment exceeds 18 students, a lottery will take place to determine the students that will receive a spot in our pre-K program. Any student in addition to the 18 chosen through the lottery will be placed on a waiting list.

Kindergarten is open to all children residing in the Remsen Central School District who will be five (5) years old on or before December 1 of the current school year (2022).

If your child did not attend our pre-K program, they will need to be registered to attend our kindergarten program. If your child will be starting school this coming fall for either the pre-K or kindergarten program, please contact the Elementary Secretary Mrs. Arruda at 315.205.4300 ext. 4223 to request a registration packet. Once you have completed your registration packet, please call Mrs. Arruda to schedule an appointment to return your completed paperwork.

Registration paperwork is also available on the Remsen District website at www.remsencsd.org.
First Trimester Award Winners 2021

**GOOD CITIZENSHIP**

**SOARING TO SUCCESS**
Bricen Anken, Brody Baker, Ethan Behr, Javaya Harris, Olivia Johnson, Colin Jones, Emerson LaBella, Carter Manning, Brayden Mosher, Connor Nelson, Conner Poczatek, Trenton Porter, Chase Ultsch, Colden Van Valkenburgh, Hayden Walls, Hunter Wilcox

**HONOR ROLL**

**HIGH HONOR**
Anna Becker, Harlen Case, Jasmine Colón, Ella Dickenson-Waldo, Trent Jenny, Evelyn Shew, Evann Smith, Isabella Wilcox

**REMSSEN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARD**
Blake Carnright, Jase Kinsley, Evan McCarthy, Peyton Millick, Eliza Smith, Madison Wollaber
On Dec. 20, Jr./Sr. high school students were recognized for academic and behavioral success. Students on high honor roll and honor roll were announced and teacher nominated awards were given.

**High Honor**

**GRADE 7**
- Andrew Becker
- Tiarra Fox
- Evalyn Gates
- Brooklyn Helmer
- Marissa Karis
- Jackson LaBella
- Ella LaFave
- Olivia Lalyer
- Lexxis Mosher
- Daniel Mulhall
- Taylor Murphy
- Adam Prentice
- Madelyn Prosser

**GRADE 8**
- Sienna Aiken
- Allyson Beiderbecke
- Keara Hyde
- Ethan Karis
- Gavin Nelson
- Kole Poczatek
- Ashley Roberts
- Ellie Secor
- Jaedyn Wilcox
- Makayla Wilcox

**GRADE 9**
- Shianne Austin
- Natalie Barnard
- Alexander Carnright
- Shaylyn Dolly
- Wyatt Ehart
- Dylan Gutowski
- Matthew Helmer
- Dylan Jones
- Jaden Jordan
- Rachel Leska
- Madisyn Pett
- Ean Piaschyk
- Colton Walker
- Shawna Williams

**GRADE 10**
- Imagin Aiken
- Benjamin Becker
- Sabrina Gates
- Zachary Helmer
- Isabella Lalyer
- Owen Long
- Taylor Nelson
- Ava Russo
- Brian Secor
- Matthew Tavenner
- Leila Ward

**GRADE 11**
- Julia Dening
- Teaghan Fox
- Grace Hajdasz
- Marissa Hefner
- Grady Helmer
- Joshua Jordan
- Mary Jane Kranbuhl
- Grace Shufelt
- Noah Skermon
- Benjamin Staskoski
- Nicholas Tillman

**GRADE 12**
- Abby Barton
- Beulah Bigelow
- Ty Bowers
- Amber Decker
- Randell Dolly
- Denise Fox
- Adriana Hoover
- Jonathan Jewett
- Paige Loveric
- Evelyn Morgan
- Samuel Nichols
- Jessica Rimmer
- James Roberts
- Olivia Stanford
- Ryan Staskoski
- Gavin Thompson
- Julia Woolheater

**Honor**

**GRADE 7**
- Elijah Besaw
- Preston Corn
- Alexis Helmer
- Cory Helmer
- Kailyn Helmer
- Kole Kennerknecht
- Glen LaFave
- Adam Prentice
- Emily Spatto
- Alexis Stevens

**GRADE 8**
- Burke Gates
- Sara Hill
- Morgan Horn
- Nathan Leska
- Regan Meeker
- Marissa Morris
- Emily Shufelt
- Ella Staskoski

**GRADE 9**
- Jack Anken
- Josiah DeLand
- Zachary Geer
- Tucker Hollenbeck
- Jacob Morris
- Alice Roman
- Abbie Tyson
- Joseph Wagner

**GRADE 10**
- Frank Austin
- Ellyssa Besaw
- Zoey Coe
- Charles DeLand
- McKayla Finn
- Wyatt Monroe
- Morgan Wright
Thanksgiving Fun!

Mrs. Spatto’s pre-K class spent time this past November learning about fall and the first Thanksgiving. Prior to Thanksgiving recess, students made loaves of banana chocolate chip bread to bring home to their families and also enjoyed a full Thanksgiving meal.

The indoor track team competed at Utica College in the CSC League Championship on January 28.

Marissa Karis, Grace Hajdasz, Lexie Helmer and Julia Dening were crowned league champions in the 4x400 with their first place finish. The boys 4x200 team made up of Taylor Hollenbeck, Wyatt Ehart, Hayden White and Noah Skermont were also crowned league champions with their impressive victory.

Individually, Julia Dening set a massive personal best to come away with a victory and be named an individual champion in the 55 meter dash. Julia is now ranked ninth in the entire Section III, regardless of classification. Scoring in the top six were Wyatt Ehart in the 55 meter dash, Marissa Karis in the 600, Noah Skermont in the 600 and 300, Paige Loveric in the 1500 and Ethan Karis in the 1600.

Thanks for a great year to our lone senior Paige Loveric!
Hot Cocoa and Santa!

On Dec. 22, Mr. Jenny and Mr. Wingham visited with students during recess, providing each student with a warm cup of hot cocoa. Later in the afternoon, students were surprised with a special visit from Santa. He spent time answering some very interesting questions from students and made sure to snap a quick photo with classes before he left.

Mrs. Spatto’s pre-K students spent December learning about and making gingerbread houses and men. They watched “Hansel and Gretel” as well as the story of the gingerbread man. Students also made holiday gifts for their parents and had fun painting!
Students celebrate holidays with authentic Spanish and French traditions

Mrs. Izzo’s Spanish classes learned about_el Dia De Muertos_. The culminating project was for the students to make their own "alebrijes," which are spirit or guide animals in Mexican folklore. The students also watched the Disney film "Coco," which is inspired by authentic Mexican traditions, food and music.

Students competed in a Bûche de Noël (traditional holiday dessert popular in France) contest this past holiday season. The name translates to "log of Christmas" or "yule log" and is a rolled cake decorated to look like a log with bark, mushrooms and leaves or berries.

Veterans Day Concert

On November 10, the elementary and Jr./Sr. high school band and chorus came together for an evening Veterans Day concert performance. Tickets were required, and families members and veterans were able to gather responsibly to enjoy the first District-wide concert in nearly two years.
Thanksgiving Breakfast

On November 23, Jr./Sr. high school students were treated to a Thanksgiving breakfast! Thank you to the faculty and staff who helped serve food and make this fun morning possible for our students.

Hot Cocoa

On Dec. 21, Superintendent Mr. Jenny and High School Principal Mrs. Pelrah spread some holiday cheer (and sugar) with hot cocoa during students’ lunch periods.

Cooking Class

Remsen's International Club participated in a cooking class led by Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES Dietician Hayley Mielnicki and intern Margarita Morgun. The students made cheese soufflé, a savory French dish.
Congratulations to our Seniors!

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL: AMBER DECKER | EVELYN MORGAN | JESSICA RIMMER | OLIVIA STANFORD

INDOOR TRACK: PAIGE LOVERIC

CHEERLEADING: BEULAH BIGELOW | ADRIANA HOOVER | HAILEY JENKINS | SAM NICHOLS | BRIANNA PETER

BASKETBALL: JOE HAZZARD | JONATHAN JEWETT | RYAN STASKOSKI
How Can I be a Good American?

Mrs. Morrison's sixth grade writing students each wrote an essay for the Remsen VFW Patriot's Pen writing contest in October. This year's theme was “How Can I Be a Good American?”

WINNERS
TRENT JENNY First Place
CHASE POCZATEK Second Place
ALANNAH LAWLOR Third Place

Students were presented with awards on Veterans Day at the Remsen VFW.

Fourth Grade Concert
On Feb. 2, fourth grade students performed in their beginning band/chorus concert.

For the past three years, Remsen Jr./Sr. High School students have had the opportunity to earn the honor and distinction of the New York State Education Department’s (NYSED) Seal of Biliteracy under the direction of French teacher Mrs. Laura Boyd and Spanish teachers Mr. John Bunker and Mrs. Michele Izzo. Remsen Jr./Sr. High School was recently awarded the Silver Badge in recognition of students earning the Seal of Biliteracy every year since the 2018-2019 school year.

In addition to completing challenging coursework, each student must successfully complete the following requirements, spoken in a second language, in order to earn the Seal of Biliteracy:

- A research project
- Article reviews
- A personal interview
- A 10-minute presentation about a predetermined topic
- An essay

Earning the Seal of Biliteracy is an impressive achievement. Remsen Central School District is proud of those students who have earned this honor over the past three years and looks forward to receiving the Gold Badge after five years of earning the Seal of Biliteracy. This opportunity is made possible thanks to the grit and determination of our students, the support of their families, the dedication of the World Languages Department and their desire to constantly improve the program for our students, the incredibly supportive administration and our Board of Education.
The Remsen Central School District athletic program is proud to announce that all four fall season varsity teams qualified for the New York State TEAM SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD.

At the end of each sports season, the NYSPHSAA honors teams and individuals that excel in the classroom. In order for a team to be awarded a scholar-athlete, they must possess a grade point average of 90.00 or above for 75% of the roster.

Qualifying members of our varsity boys and girls soccer and varsity boys and girls cross country teams:

**BOYS SOCCER**
- Ben Becker
- Kyrian Hall
- Grady Helmer
- Zach Helmer
- Jon Jewett
- Dylan Jones
- Owen Long
- Ean Piaschyk
- Brian Secor

**GIRLS SOCCER**
- Imagin Aiken
- Kendall Decker
- Julia Dening
- Sabrina Gates
- Grace Hajdasz
- Isabella Lalyer
- Taylor Nelson
- Ava Russo
- Grace Shufelt
- Olivia Stanford

**BOYS CROSS COUNTRY**
- Jaden Jordan
- Ean Piaschyk
- Noah Skermont
- Ben Staskoski
- Ryan Staskoski

**GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY**
- Kendall Decker
- Julia Dening
- Grace Hajdasz
- Taylor Nelson
- Grace Shufelt

**CONGRATULATIONS to all of our outstanding student athletes!**

The indoor track team recently competed at the NYSPHSAA Section III Championship. The relay team of Marissa Karis, Ella LeFave, Grace Hajdasz and Julia Dening pulled off a stunning upset in the 4x400 to be named Section III champions. Their time marked an eight second improvement over their previous season's best time.

The girls 4x8 team of Marissa Karis, Ella LeFave, Lexi Helmer and Paige Loveric placed in third. This was the first time the girls had competed in the event.

The girls 4x200 team of Lexi Helmer, Grace Hajdasz, Ella LeFave and Julia Dening placed fourth.

The boys 4x800 team of Ethan Karis, Josh Kuiken, Gavin Nelson and Jaden Prosser placed sixth overall with both Ethan and Josh running personal bests.

The boys 4x200 team of Taylor Hollenbeck, Wyatt Ehart, Hayden White and Noah Skermont placed third overall.

In Remsen’s only individual events, Noah Skermont and Julia Dening ran well with Julia continuing on to the State Qualifier Meet.

Congratulations and good job to the whole indoor track team!
Semi-Formal SNOWBALL DANCE
SOAR TO SUCCESS

Blue Skies.
BIG SNOW BANKS
& EVEN BIGGER SMILES!