



HANNIBAL

Central School District

Welcome Back

The 2023-24 school year is in full swing! Pictured are our Fairley students as they are welcomed into the building on opening day. We have lots of amazing events planned

throughout the school year. Check out our website calendar for upcoming events and activities at www.hannibalcsd.org/calendar.



Hannibal schools host open house events



Fairley

As the 2023-24 school year got underway, the Hannibal Central School District welcomed students and families to each building for fall open house events.

The hallways of Fairley, DMK and the high school were abuzz with excitement as students and families perused student work on exhibit and stopped into classrooms. Attendees had an opportunity to tour the respective school, meet with teachers in various subject areas, learn about community resources, and see student work on display.



DMK



High School



Allen aims to continue building strong community at Kenney Middle School



New DMK Principal Khrystie Allen

Oswego County native and veteran educator Khrystie Allen is embracing her new position as Dennis M. Kenney Middle School's principal.

Allen, a native of Fulton and a graduate of SUNY Oswego, has a wealth of experience in education. She previously held teaching positions at OCM BOCES and Cato-Meridian Central School District. Most recently, she served as an administrator with Cato-Meridian as both the CPSE/CSE chairperson and Elementary School assistant principal.

Allen said her familiarity with the area and knowledge of the Hannibal community appealed to her. When she saw the position advertised, she noted it seemed like an ideal fit.

"I was drawn to the small-town community and wanted to serve close to home," Allen said. "I also have an unwavering love for middle school. All of my teaching career took place in grades five through eight and I was so excited to be a part of the middle school world as a Warrior!"

Allen noted that her excitement is renewed during her daily interactions with students, staff and community members.

"My first impression of the district has been overwhelmingly positive," she said. "I have felt supported and welcomed since I walked through the doors in July."

Although the school year has just begun, Allen has already forged ahead toward her goal of creating meaningful relationships with the school community throughout the year.

"It really does take a village and I am excited to work with the students, staff, and families of the Hannibal CSD," she said. "I want DMK to be a school where all feel welcome and valued."

Outside of work, Allen said she enjoys spending time traveling and making memories with her four children and husband.

Graber focuses on students, embracing district mission as new Fairley assistant principal



New Fairley Elementary Assistant Principal Emily Graber

Fairley Elementary's new Assistant Principal Emily Graber brings more than a decade of classroom teaching experience, a master's degree in childhood education, and multiple leadership certifications to the helm.

Before being appointed to the position within the Hannibal Central School District, Graber served as a third-grade teacher in the Ithaca City School District for 12 years. She wanted to build upon her experience and was excited when the Fairley vacancy was announced.

"I was looking for a smaller district that was closer to home, and the more I looked into Hannibal, the more I realized how many positive moves they were making," Graber said. "During the very first interaction I had with Hannibal administrators, I was impressed by their clear dedication to their students, and also by how warm and welcoming they were. By my second interview, I knew this was a special place and that I really wanted to be a part of what they were doing here."

Graber's primary focus will be on the students and the greater Warrior community.

"I'm hoping to really get to know and become a part of the community," she said. "I want to learn as much as I can about our students, their families, and their lives. I also want to help our teachers and students continue to grow and progress in their learning and achievement."

Outside of work, Graber enjoys golfing and spending time outdoors. She also likes to garden, cook and craft.

Hannibal CSD welcomes new staff members

The Hannibal Central School District welcomed nearly two dozen new staff members to its ranks for the 2023-24 academic year.

Prior to the school year, new staff participated in an orientation where they learned about the district's mission

and vision, met with veteran teachers, and developed skills and explored techniques to help them thrive as educators.

"Our new recruits bring with them a great deal of enthusiasm and, in many cases, experience," said HCSD Assistant Superintendent Dee Froio. "Throughout

the summer they have participated in professional development and worked with colleagues to prepare for the start of the school year. We have tremendous confidence that each new teacher exemplifies the Warrior spirit and is committed to putting all of our students first!"



New teachers in the HCSD gather for a group photo during orientation. In the back row, from left, are Greg Bello, seventh grade social studies; Alissa Shue, speech; Alisha Stahl, eighth grade science; Rachael Stahl, high school social worker; Rebecca Marsh, seventh/eighth grade special education; Christin Sanford, second grade; Allison Dana, high school band; Brianna Smith, second grade; Zachary Servidone, elementary PE; Madison Mitchell, second grade special education; Katherine Smith, first grade; and Michael Hahn-Rauch, seventh grade science. In the front row, from left, are Anna Jane Cook, eighth grade English; Emily Bard, kindergarten; Hannah Kuc, high school art; Kristina Thomas, fourth grade; Jamie Goodelle, fourth grade special education; Amanda Resseque, fourth grade; Brianna Byrnes, sixth grade math and social studies; Olinda LaBeef, high school math; Shayna Burghdorf, elementary art; and Niaomi VanAlstine, sixth grade ELA and science.



Hovercraft Project teaches DMK fifth-graders STEM and life lessons



Dennis M. Kenney Middle School fifth-graders race hovercrafts in the gymnasium during a STEM project.

Dennis M. Kenney fifth-graders recently participated in a daylong learning activity where they utilized their classroom knowledge and teambuilding skills to assemble and race hovercrafts throughout the gymnasium.

The Hovercraft Project gives students an opportunity to develop their teamwork, leadership and communication skills while also bringing complex academic subjects to the forefront. The immersive learning experience, led by Matthew Chase, founder of The Hovercraft Project, encourages students to ask questions, develop solutions, and implement their ideas.

"Students build, analyze, problem solve, experience conflict resolution, learn how to operate as a team, and apply classroom knowledge to a problem with limited tools," Chase said. "We also weave the idea of personal value into the entire experience. If

each student understands that they are valuable, they have more confidence to contribute to their team. And if they work as a team, they have the potential to build something awesome."

After assembling the hovercrafts, students tested the hovercrafts during trial runs and eventually raced them across the gymnasium, making adjustments along the way to maximize the results.

"It was a wonderful day of learning," said DMK Principal Khrystie Allen. "The students were engaged in the lesson and they worked together toward a common goal. There were lots of smiles, and the students learned some fantastic academic and life lessons."

The Hovercraft Project was brought to the HCSD in partnership with the Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation's Arts-in-Education program.

Purple Pride

Purple Pride was on display during Spirit Week! The week included athletic events, the homecoming parade, theme days and pep rallies. Our Warrior community showed their support for our fall student-athletes as they stood along the parade route to cheer on the teams and celebrate all participants. Pictured are student-athletes participating in the parade and pep rally.



Fairley fourth-graders explore Camp Hollis during STEM lesson



Fairley fourth-graders break rocks during a recent STEM lesson exploring geological features.

A decades-long tradition continued recently as Fairley Elementary fourth-graders headed to Camp Hollis for a day of learning.

Students explored the campgrounds to learn about the lake, ecosystems, geology, nature and related careers throughout the day. They walked along the trails where they pointed out vegetation, examined the pond and its inhabitants, identified different types of rocks, and conducted hands-on experiments with SUNY ESF representatives.

"The students really took what they learned in the classroom and applied it during these hands-on activities," said HCSD Career Resource Specialist Meg Welling. "They asked fantastic questions, they followed directions, and they learned about the many career opportunities that are available in the STEM fields. It was a wonderful day of learning."

Hannibal schools unveil new outdoor PE space, playground

The Hannibal Central School District recently unveiled two new outdoor facilities for students, thanks to federal relief funds.

A new outdoor PE area at Fairley Elementary boasts plenty of equipment to encourage students to use their strength and agility to climb, jump and navigate over and through various obstacles. The unique outdoor PE site was paid for with American Rescue Plan funding, which was allocated to school districts due to the pandemic.

"The new outdoor PE area at Fairley provides our students with unique opportunities to engage in physical fitness activities," said Nancy Henner, HCSD Executive Director for Business Administration. "The state-of-the-art equipment is a wonderful addition to our PE classes."

In addition to the outdoor PE area at Fairley, DMK Middle School's playground also received much-needed federal funds to transform its playground. The new playground includes a variety of slides, swings and other climbing apparatuses. It includes accessible equipment as well as a brand-new basketball court.



DMK Playground



Fairley outdoor PE area



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A Message from the Superintendent

The 2023-24 school year is off to a great start, and our students have been engaged in their learning and eager to develop new skills.

We were thrilled to see so many of our Warrior families at open house events this fall. Your involvement in your child's education is crucial to their academic development, and we appreciate your continued partnership and ongoing commitment to your child's growth!

Throughout the school year, there will be additional family engagement activities and opportunities. Be sure to check out our district calendar at www.hannibalcsd.org/calendar for a list of upcoming events. You can also stay connected through ParentSquare, where you will receive messages from your child's classroom teachers, as well as notifications about any upcoming activities.

You may have heard about some of the amazing learning opportunities available to our students this school year. Our high school students have attended college

fairs, our fifth-graders have built hovercrafts, and our Fairley kiddos have gone on field trips. There have been plenty of hands-on learning projects, guest speakers and other unique activities to keep our students engaged.

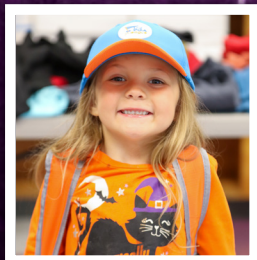
Outside of the classroom, students have enjoyed some of our new outdoor facilities, including a state-of-the-art PE space at Fairley and a new playground at DMK.

With such a wide range of academic and extracurricular programming, coupled with a supportive learning community, our students have the tools needed to grow as Warriors. As we move forward this school year, let's continue to work together and share in our students' achievements.

*Sincerely,
Christopher A. Staats*

Event provides school supplies, clothing, hygiene products to Hannibal students

A community effort helped Hannibal Central School District students begin the year with new school supplies, clothing, backpacks and other items during Stuff-a-Bus distribution day.



A Fairley Elementary student shows off the new backpack and school supplies she received during this year's Stuff-a-Bus distribution day.

The annual event, sponsored by United Way of Oswego County, and spearheaded by the Hannibal Faculty Association, provided school supplies to 129 Warrior students. Members of the girls' varsity soccer team helped organize the school supplies into bags to make the pickup process run smoothly.

In conjunction with the school supply distribution, Hannibal student and local Girl Scout Addison Holden organized a clothing drive and hygiene product giveaway.

"This event was a tremendous success thanks to the generosity of our community members and everyone

involved in the collection and distribution of supplies," said HFA member Meg Daley.

"Thanks to HFA members Emily Casper, Kristina Licatense, Ed Barrington, Amy Terpening, Emily Gutierrez, Christine Lamont, Rebecca Familo and Marissa Mason for stepping up and volunteering their time to help. Another special shout out to HFA member Lyndsey Rowland for creating digital posters to advertise the event."

Daley also recognized the efforts of the Operations and Maintenance team for setting up the boardroom on distribution day, and she thanked district registrar Elizabeth Sweeting for checking families in.



Members of the HFA prepare to give away some of the 120 backpacks the association bought for Hannibal students.