



HANNIBAL

Central School District



Teacher Emily Fowler welcomes incoming student Kaydance Majchrzak into her classroom at Fairley.



Welcome Back!

Students returned to school Sept. 5 and received a warm welcome from teachers, administrators and classmates to begin the year.

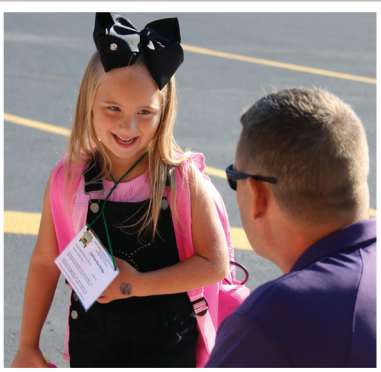


Events Welcome Pre-K, Kindergarten Students

The Hannibal Central School District recently welcomed pre-K and kindergarten students into Fairley Elementary School in preparation for the 2018-19 academic year.



On Aug. 28, the district's youngest students joined their parents and teachers at Fairley for an orientation session. Students had a chance to meet their teacher, scope out their classroom, board a school bus and meet their classmates. Principal Amy Bird and Assistant Principal Stephanie Griffin met families and answered any questions.



In addition to meeting district staff and faculty, kindergartners enjoyed an ice cream social sponsored by Hannibal Home & School, Inc.

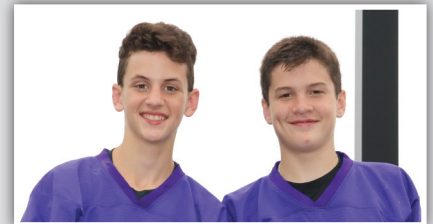


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Homecoming Week 2018

Student-athletes showcased their Purple Pride during the Homecoming parade and pep rally Sept. 17. Warrior teams displayed school spirit as they made their way along the parade route.



Hannibal Schools Collaborate on Countywide Literacy Initiative

To bolster literacy and improve instruction, the Hannibal Central School District has teamed with area educators, the CNYOC Teacher Center, CiTi BOCES and the highly acclaimed Reading League to launch the Oswego County Literacy Initiative.

As part of the effort, new reading coach Katie Sojewicz, along with reading teacher Sue Morley and instructional coach Gale Cacchione, will work with teachers and students to implement evidence-based reading instruction. The roll-out began over the summer when the trio met with teachers for a professional development opportunity. They worked with educators to discuss ways to teach reading using evidence-based, highly effective methods of reading

instruction and assessment.

"This isn't a program; it's a philosophical approach to how children learn how to read," said Dee Froio, HCSD's Assistant Superintendent for Teaching, Learning and Accountability. "It's based on a systematic, research-based approach. This is helping us to create more targeted intervention for all students to address specific areas."

The data-driven initiative provides teachers with the necessary training and knowledge to help all students become better readers. It isn't an entirely new method, Froio noted.

"It's not really changing what we do or how we deliver instruction," she said. "It's creating a more targeted focus. It's about helping teachers make informed instructional decisions about how they

implement strategies and resources to best meet the needs of students."

Froio and Fairley Principal Amy Bird said they were looking forward to being part of the collaborative effort.

"We're excited to partner with the Reading League so that we can build a solid foundation of reading skills," Bird said.



From left are members of Hannibal's literacy team: Gale Cacchione, Katie Sojewicz and Sue Morley.



District Welcomes 15 New Teachers

The Hannibal Central School District welcomed more than a dozen new teachers into the Warrior family to start the year.

During a two-day orientation over the summer, the new teachers toured buildings and became acclimated to the school community. District administrators and veteran teachers provided insight and mentoring opportunities for the new hires.

According to Dee Froio, HCSD's Assistant Superintendent for Teaching, Learning and Accountability, the new teachers have embraced the



Seated, from left, are Christine McArthur, Cynthia Plant, Christine Lamont, Sharon Laverty, Lyndsay Tallo and Sara Barscheski. Standing, from left, are Ryan Poley, Corrine Mansfield, James Clark, Jeffrey Spradlin, Dylan France, David Downing and Nicholle Lippert. Not pictured are newcomers Macayla Lanzilotta and Tony Tuso.

district's mission and bring a wealth of knowledge to the classroom.

"We are very excited to welcome the new staff," Froio said. "Each one of them was asked to join the team because

they exemplify a key quality that we expect in all of our employees — they are dedicated to ensuring that all students have the tools and support they need to succeed!"

Stuff-a-Bus Distribution a Success

Students in the Hannibal Central School District recently benefited from the annual Stuff-a-Bus campaign, as hundreds of school supplies were distributed as part of the giveaway.

The annual effort, spearheaded by United Way of Greater Oswego County, provides new back-to-school supplies for students in each of the nine school districts in the county. In Hannibal, members of the district's Faculty Association helped sort hundreds of pens, pencils, glue sticks, rulers, notebooks, binders and scissors that were then bagged and given to students.



Hannibal Central School District students Leanna Bobay, Dylan Crowe and Ashley Bacon are all smiles after picking up new books and school supplies during the recent Stuff-a-Bus distribution day.

This year, the HCSD served bags full of school supplies to 130 students. In addition, students received a book courtesy of Brooke's Books Project, an initiative that provides books to local schoolchildren.

According to Cindi Clover, of the Hannibal Faculty Association, the effort was a success thanks to the United Way, community donors and through the efforts of the HFA to help sort and distribute the supplies.



Eryka DeRocha, Olive Somers and Maya Turaj enjoy the welcome back barbecue at Dennis M. Kenney Middle School prior to the start of the year.

DMK Students Enjoy BBQ, Orientation

The Hannibal Central School District recently helped its middle school students kick off the school year with an orientation and a barbecue.

Under the guidance of the Dennis M. Kenney Middle School student leadership team, incoming fifth-graders were treated to a tour of the building. At the same time, parents met in the cafeteria where Principal Shawn Morgan discussed schedules, expectations and reviewed some of the resources available to families.

Following orientation, families of all middle school students were treated to a barbecue. District administration, Board of Education members and members of the DMK leadership team served hot dogs, chips and ice cream to hundreds of students and their families.



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Fairley, DMK Host Open Houses

Families and students met with teachers during recent open houses at Fairley and DMK. Students were eager to showcase their work to their families.



Freshmen Attend Orientation

Members of the Hannibal Central School District's Class of 2022 recently gathered for freshmen orientation at the high school.



Freshman Zachary Ingersoll stands near his locker during ninth grade orientation.

Principal Stephen Dunn and Assistant Principal Patrick Keefe welcomed students and parents into the building, where they reviewed expectations and graduation requirements. Dunn stressed the importance of attendance and involvement. He also encouraged students to make the most of their high school experience.

"Our goal, as a school, is to open up as many opportunities as we possibly can for you," Dunn said. "This is your

workplace. The next four years are key to your success."

In addition to learning about school policies, procedures and resources, students had an opportunity to tour the high school and locate their lockers, while parents attended an informational session in the auditorium.

A Message from the Superintendent

The 2018-2019 school year is well underway, and we're excited to have our students back in the classroom and ready to learn!

During the summer, we were thrilled to see so many students participate in learning opportunities offered in our buildings. The first-ever Lego Camp provided students with a chance to explore STEM through hands-on activities, while Warrior Week offered several enrichment opportunities for students of all ages.

Looking ahead to this school year, we are excited to launch a new literacy initiative at Fairley. Our classroom teachers are working with a team of literacy and instructional coaches and a reading teacher to implement evidence-based reading instruction. The new approach creates more targeted intervention for all students to address specific needs when it comes to reading.

In addition to the literacy initiative, we will continue to read bedtime stories that will be posted to the district's Facebook page every Sunday at 7 p.m. If your child has a favorite book that he/she would like to hear, please send us a private message with the book title on our Facebook page.

We have a full slate of events scheduled for the coming months. Check out the district calendar or visit hannibalcsd.org for up-to-date information. We look forward to seeing you at upcoming games, concerts and scholastic events. As always, we appreciate your support of our students!

Sincerely,
Christopher A. Staats