

Canal View travels locally and globally through Skype

As part of Digital Conversion, teachers at Canal View Elementary are working to integrate the ISTE (International Society of Technology Education) Standards into their instruction. One of the standards, Global Collaborator, asks students to use digital tools to broaden their perspectives and enrich their learning by collaborating with others and working effectively in teams locally and globally.

Several classroom at Canal View are engaging in Skype sessions to address this standard of learning.

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Join us for the Maple Sugarfest March 3



On Saturday, March 3 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., the Spencerport Nature Center will hosts its annual Maple SugarFest. The event will include a mixture of indoor and outdoor activities such as: Pancake Breakfast, free crafts and activities for children, create your own bird feeder, Geocaching, nature-touch table, sap boiling and tree-tapping demonstrations, and much more!

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Dear Community,

A colleague recently expressed she thought I had been superintendent for longer than my now 7 months. A compliment to the district community in many ways, since it's the ongoing support of administrators, staff, colleagues, families and the board of education that has made this such a smooth transition.

My experiences so far as superintendent only reaffirm what I've known for the last 22 years working in this district, and that is, SCS is the Best. It's been a priority of mine to regularly tour the schools, visit classrooms, and attend as many concerts, sporting events, and extra-curricular activities as I can, and without question, we have confident administrators, teachers and learners. We are all committed to ensuring a quality education for our students that will equip them with the knowledge and skills to pursue their future paths. An important aspect of fostering this growth is having confidence within.

In this edition of *Cornerstone*, we highlighted fifth grader, Lincoln Vega, who lobbied for a snow day. I have to admire Lincoln's self-assurance, and truly hope he strives to grow as a confident learner, with a willingness to take chances and push himself to succeed. Good job, Lincoln! We have so many examples of staff and students who are making a difference in our schools and community, and it is a priority for me to encourage and recognize these efforts.

I would also like to report that we have begun the budget development process for the 2018-19 school year. The community Budget Focus Group met on Jan. 23, and we look forward to obtaining their feedback as the process unfolds. We truly are appreciative for the time and perspectives of the BFG, which consists of community residents, parents, staff and civic leaders. It is too early in the process to forecast the major influences on this year's budget; however on page 4 and 5, please find the budget development calendar and an opportunity to attend a board candidate seminar.



Pictured with Lincoln Vega

In closing, I would like to thank the countless partners and volunteers that team up with our district. The performing arts, athletics, Robotics, multiple clubs, and school initiatives are made possible through community support and dedicated volunteers.

We will begin to highlight our partners and volunteers in upcoming editions, which I look forward to showing our appreciation and recognition.

Sincerely,

Dan

Daniel Milgate
Superintendent of Schools

Recognize our Spencerport Stars

The Spencerport staff appreciation program celebrates the exemplary work of our district employees.

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To recognize a staff member,
visit <https://tinyurl.com/yalpweffz>
or pick up a nomination card at any greeter's desk.



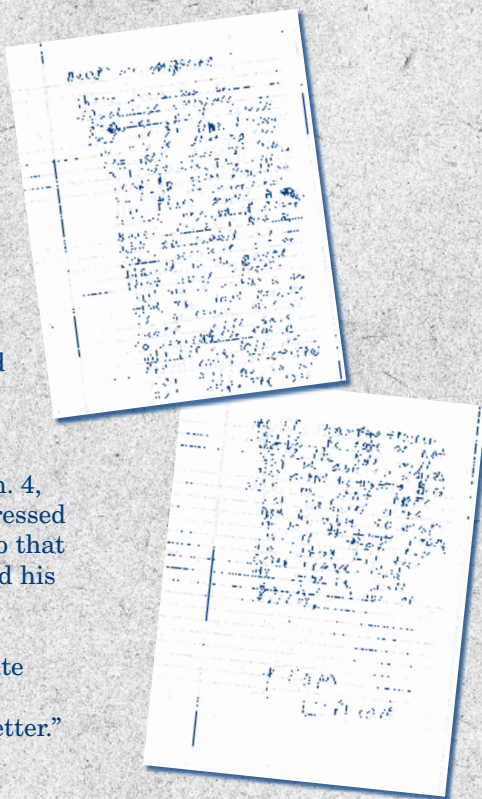
Fifth grader gives persuasive reasons to close school

Lincoln Vega may just have a future as an attorney or a school superintendent. The fifth grader at Taylor Elementary School wrote Spencerport Superintendent Dan Milgate on Jan. 3, urging him to close school for "multiple reasons".

His main reason for closing, "staying out too long will give children a frost bite. That will lead to being sued. It will be lots of money for all those people." Another reason he shared, "teachers could be late or not make it. Kids will not be able to learn."

Milgate had already decided to close school on Jan. 4, when he received the letter; however, he was impressed by Lincoln's initiative and confidence – so much so that Milgate surprised Lincoln at his home to commend his persuasive efforts and being a confident learner.

"That's what we want – confident learners," Milgate said. "He couldn't be more confident in telling a superintendent how to do his job. It was a great letter."



Job openings in Spencerport

The district is accepting applications for substitute teachers, teaching assistants, nurses, cleaners, teacher aides, lunch monitors, food service workers and bus drivers. These positions provide conveniently located, flexible opportunities for employment on student school days. Please contact the Human Resources office at 349-5122 or stop by the District Administration, 71 Lyell Ave.

EOE.

HOW IS THE DECISION MADE TO CLOSE SCHOOL?

The decision to close school due to the weather begins at 4:30 a.m., when the superintendent confers with the director of transportation as well as area superintendents.

Road conditions, visibility and wind chill are all factors taken into consideration when deciding whether or not to close or delay the opening of school. The first priority is always determining whether we can transport students safely.

Emergency closings

Spencerport Schools close or dismiss early only when absolutely necessary for the safety and welfare of students and staff.

Every effort is made to notify families as soon as possible through the district's automated phone system, website at www.spencerportschools.org, or media outlets. If a determination is made in the morning, all alerts will be disseminated by **6:30 a.m.**

When school is closed or dismissed early, all evening-school activities will be canceled, including sports practices/games, student after-school activities, club meetings, continuing education, and community-related events.



Budget development calendar for 2018-19

February

- 13 Budget Focus Group II, 6 p.m., D.O.
- 13 Board of Education meeting, 7 p.m., D.O.
- 27 Budget Focus Group III, 6 p.m.
- 27 Board of Education, 7 p.m. approve tax levy limit submission; budget update
- 28 Submit tax levy limit calculation to Office of the State Comptroller

March

- 13 Budget Focus Group IV (6 p.m.)
- 13 Board of Education meeting (7 p.m.)
- 27 Budget Focus Group V (6 p.m.)
- 27 Board of Education meeting (7 p.m.)

April

- 16 Last day to submit petitions for Board of Education candidates. Due by 4:30 p.m. Petitions must be signed by at least 29 qualified school voters of the district and delivered to the District Clerk's office, 71 Lyell Ave., Spencerport.
- 16 Last day to submit petitions for propositions on the ballot.
- 17 Budget Focus Group VI (6 p.m.)
- 17 Board of Education meeting (7 p.m.) - Final approval of proposed budget (last day to approve is Apr 21, 2018). District Clerk draws BOE ballot listing. Appoint clerks and inspectors.
- 18 Completion of Property Tax Report card.
- 18 Cornerstone deadline for budget material.
- 18 Copies of proposed budget available in each school, district office, website & library.

May

- 1 Annual Public Hearing and budget information meeting (7 p.m.)
- 2 Six-day Budget Notice (Cornerstone) sent to community.
- 2 Absentee ballot applications must be received if ballot is to be mailed to voter.
- 15 School budget and Board of Education candidate(s) vote. (6 a.m. - 9 p.m.)
- 22 Board of Education meeting (7 p.m.) - evaluation of budget vote and budget process.

June

- 19 Statewide budget revote day if needed

Board of Education member(s) - Expiration of terms

- Kevin Hutton
- Michael Miceli

Kindergarten registration in March

Kindergarten registration will be held at 7-8:30 p.m. on March 7 at all four Spencerport elementary schools: Munn, Canal View, Bernabi and Taylor. Children are eligible to enroll in kindergarten if their fifth birthday falls on or before December 1 following the start of school in September. A birth certificate, proof of immunization, and proof of residency are required.

Families living in the district who already have a child in one of the elementary schools will automatically receive registration information from the appropriate elementary school.

Families new to the district should contact the Central Registrar's Office at 349-5114 to determine which elementary school serves their neighborhood and to arrange registration.

If you think your pre-school child may have a disability and would like to have this assessed, please call the Office of Special Education at 349-5140.

Flu precautions

Spencerport has reported only limited numbers of students with influenza, so we wanted to provide the following information from the New York Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control to prevent and contain any spread of the virus:

Influenza is a contagious disease, with such symptoms as fever and/or chills, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, headache, muscle or body aches, fatigue, and vomiting or diarrhea. Influenza can be transmitted by coughing and sneezing.

Preventative actions:

- Get a flu vaccine
- Wash hands frequently.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Keep your child home if they are sick



If you suspect that your child has influenza, call your doctor and ask your healthcare provider about a prescription antiviral medication. They will likely want to see your child for an appointment so that they can confirm if the illness is indeed influenza. Other family members should also be observed for symptoms.

Please notify the health office if your child has a positive flu test. Contagious illnesses are monitored and other parents are notified if needed.

Children who have influenza are contagious for 5-7 days after onset of illness. Please take this into consideration when determining if they are ready to return to school. They must, at minimum, be fever-free and off fever-reducing medication for at least 24 hours prior to return to school.

For more information on this or other diseases or illnesses: www.health.ny.gov

Protocols for cleaning classrooms, schools

Classrooms, cafeterias, restrooms and administrative offices are cleaned daily. The cleaning procedures for touch surfaces like door handles, and sink handles include sanitizing those surfaces to reduce the likelihood of spreading illness. The cleaning staff utilize new as well as proven techniques and equipment, and are continually trained on the latest use of "Green Cleaning" chemicals.



School board seats for election in May

The Board of Education will have two seats up for election this year. The three-year terms, currently held by Kevin Hutton and Michael Miceli, will begin on July 1, 2018, and end on June 30, 2021.

The primary duties of the board are to develop the broader, long-range goals and policies which determine the basic framework for the educational programs, services and facilities to be offered to the youth of the community.

THINKING OF RUNNING FOR SCHOOL BOARD?

Attend the Monroe County School Boards Association candidate seminar

Prospective residents interested in running for the school board are invited to attend a seminar sponsored by the Monroe County School Boards Association, from 8 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 24, at the Double Tree, 1111 Jefferson Road.

The deadline for registration is March 16 and costs \$20, which covers a continental breakfast, as well as materials. For more information and the registration form, contact (585) 328-1972 or www.mcsba.org

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Mrs. Alissa Dwyer's kindergarten class skyped with Ogden Police Chief Christopher Mears, as part of a curriculum unit on community helpers and service. Dwyer's students made a list of community helpers they would like to learn about and a police officer was on it. Dwyer sent a quick tweet and arranged the skype with Chief Mears.

Students created questions for the police chief, and during the Skype, learned proper etiquette by standing and looking into the camera to ask their questions. The Chief talked about his uniform (a vocabulary word) and explained the meaning of his stars. He also showed the inside of a police car with the lights, computer and how to check drivers for speeding.

Mrs. Dwyer's class has planned another skype session with the Erie Canal Animal Hospital in Spencerport.

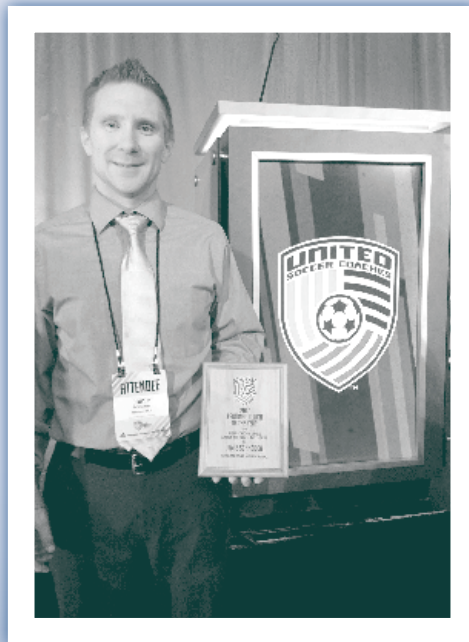
On Jan. 19, second graders at Canal View skyped with the South African Bird Conservatory.

The tour guide, Alex, showed different types of native penguins, along with what penguins eat, how they walk, and how they adapt to their surroundings. Second graders also collected "Pennies for Penguins", raising more than \$75 to adopt three penguins from the Bird Conservatory.

The virtual field trip proved to be a wonderful opportunity to visit an amazing place with interesting and engaging birds.



ATHLETIC NEWS



Jamie Schneider honored during national convention

The Rangers varsity girls soccer coach, Jamie Schneider, was named as the United Soccer Coaches East Regional Coach of the Year. The award was presented in Philadelphia, PA on Jan. 19 at the United Soccer coaches annual convention.

Schneider led the Rangers to 20-0-2 record this past season and their second consecutive NYSPHSAA Class A State championship this fall.



Join us for the Maple Sugarfest, March 3

The pancake breakfast runs from 9 -10 a.m. at the high school's east cafeteria. Cost of the breakfast remains \$5 per person and free for children 5 and under. Tickets will be sold at the door and donations are welcomed. Real maple syrup will be available as long as supplies last.

Proceeds from the pancake breakfast, along with donations, fund the Nature Center's DEC Summer Camp Scholarship program and the instructional pavilion. DEC scholarship recipient, Jacob Mellott, is pictured here.

Use the QR code below for more information and an event schedule for the Maple SugarFest. The Nature Center webpage may also be found under the 'Parents & Community' dropdown menu.



County recognizes SHS students **CHOICES**

January marked National Mentoring Month, and Monroe County Executive Cheryl Dinolfo invited Spencerport High School students to a special ceremony on Jan. 23 to mark the occasion.

The County Executive specifically recognized our students in the CHOICE'S program - a mentoring initiative in which high school students work with middle school students to help ease the transition to high school.

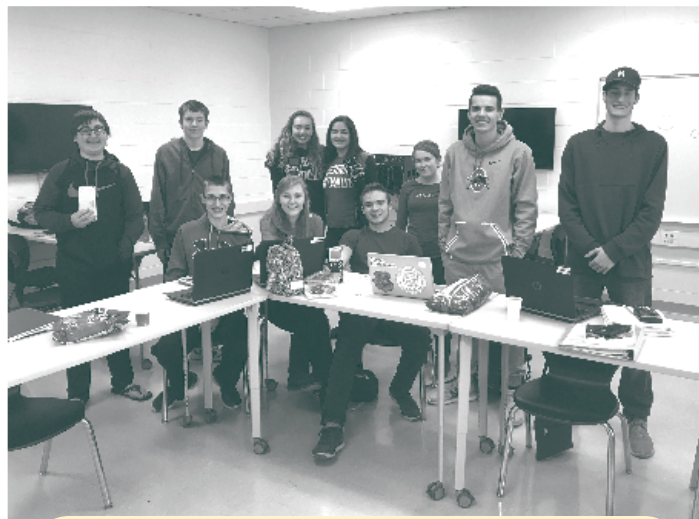
Seniors Jamie Briggs and Natalie Wiebeld represented the program and Spencerport, and spoke about the success of CHOICES, as well as the High School's Service Learning Internship Program (SLIP).



Pictured, l-r: Senior Jamie Briggs, County Executive Cheryl Dinolfo, and Senior Natalie Wiebeld.

An **Uber Bowl** for math students

Spencerport High School students participated again this year in the Uber Bowl for Math madness. Students competed nationally online, working on challenging math problems. Results have not been announced as of this publication, however according to math teacher, Mrs. Sandra McGreevy, the students loved the experience so much that they are participating in the mini-madness competition this spring.



*Pictured from left to right
Seated Zach Zharkin, Brianna Donnelly, Paul Beck
Standing Tim Ockrin, TJ Weaver, Nicole Dates, Kate Dunn, Hannah Snarr, Josh Rabidoux, Noah Mundt,
Missing: Justin Fagnoli*

One School, One Book

During the month of January, Munn Elementary School once again embarked on its annual all school book club called **One School One Book**. Every family received the book *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate. The book is told through Ivan, a silver back gorilla, about his observations while entertaining people who come to the Exit 8 Big Top Mall.

Families read the book at home, and in class, students participated in discussion and activities such as daily trivia questions. The event culminated with the Seneca Park Zoo sharing some animals and animal artifacts with us and talking about why there are zoos for animals. Munn also held a one-week fundraiser to help the zoo continue to do their amazing work!

Thanks to all our families and staff that participated.



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School Board members are elected to three-year terms and serve without pay.

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FEBRUARY 2018

10	Evening of Jazz, HS west café	6:30 p.m.	6	Taylor beginning band recital, PAC	7 p.m.
13	Board of Education, D.O.	7 p.m.	7	Kindergarten registration, all elem. schools	7-8:30 p.m.
19-23	Winter recess, no school		8	K-5 half day release	
26	Cosgrove spring sports sign up day		8	HS parent/teacher conf	4-7 p.m.
27	Board of Education, D.O.	7 p.m.	9	HS 25-week progress reports, via parent portal	
28	Bernabi spring pictures		9	Taylor Mother Son dance	6 p.m.
28	Cosgrove male recertifications, spring sports		11	DST	

February is black history month

MARCH 2018

1	Cosgrove female recertifications, spring sports		13	Board of Education, D.O.	7 p.m.
2	Taylor Father Daughter dance	6 p.m.	14	Senior 100-day celebration	
5	1st day V/JV spring sports practice		14	Taylor PTO meeting	6:30 p.m.
5	SSBC meeting	6:30 p.m.	14	MIOSM HS concert, HS PAC	7 p.m.
6	BPA meeting	6 p.m.	16	Cosgrove musical	7 p.m.
6	MSPA meeting	6:45 p.m.	17	Cosgrove musical	7 p.m.
			19	1st day mod spring sports practices	
			20	CVA meeting	6:30 p.m.
			22	Districtwide band concert, HS PAC	7 p.m.
			23	BPA Easter event	6-7:30 p.m.
			27	Board of Education, D.O.	7 p.m.
			30-6	Spring recess, no school	