



Feb. 3, 2023

Dear Spencerport Families,

Groundhog's Day certainly has delivered that "additional six weeks of winter", starting today with extreme cold temperatures. Our district follows health and safety guidelines specific to wind chill and temperatures to help determine indoor/outdoor recess, cancelations, and closures. District decisions on cancelations or closings will be sent via our notification system, not the media, so we ask that you check your email or voicemail for official confirmation when we are faced with winter storm or wind chill conditions.



In addition, please make sure your student is dressed appropriately for the weather: hats, gloves/mittens, and boots are essential to keep the children safe and warm. If items are misplaced or needed, please be sure to have your student check their school's lost and found or contact your principal to connect with agencies that distribute winter items.

To review our temperature/wind chill guidelines, please visit https://www.spencerportschools.org/district/school_closings_and_winter_recess_guidelines

Updates

National School Counseling Week

National School Counseling Week 2023 will be celebrated from Feb. 6–10, with the theme, "School Counselors: Helping Students Dream Big". Please join me in thanking our school counselors for the tremendous impact they have in helping students realize their potential, address academic concerns, plan for the future, and develop social/emotional skills.

Our school counselors collaborate with our psychologists, social workers, and Family Support Center, and we are truly fortunate to have this team approach in support of students. Thank you for all you do!



Robotics students to talk about trip to Africa

Last month, we shared that two of our high school students, Matt O'Neil and Sal Pino, traveled to Makhanda, South Africa with teacher/advisor, Nancy Mancuso. They represented our Ranger Robotics Team 3015 for the opportunity to teach a one-week STEM course to elementary students at the Holy Cross School in Grahamstown.

The team is now home, and they would like to share their stories and photos from their trip. The informational session will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 10, in the Cosgrove auditorium. The detailed flier is attached. All are welcome!

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Bright Spots

Bernabi FLL team wins Core Values Award

Bernabi's FLL team competed in the First Lego League Rochester's Regional Qualifying Tournament on Saturday, January 21. The team created an innovation project which they presented to judges, and programmed and competed matches with their Lego robot. They won the Core Values Award. Core Values are a cornerstone of FLL and are based on discovery, innovation, impact, inclusion, teamwork, and having fun!

Congratulations to Jason O'Hara, Mateo Marin, Nora Day, Gracyn Wheeler and Evan Metzger, and coach, Bernabi mom, and teacher Becka Castellano.



One School One Book at Munn

Munn Elementary School has embarked on a special project, an all school book club called **One School, One Book** (<http://readtothem.org/why/>). Every family received a copy of the same book, *Ranger in Time*, to read at home over the month of January. The program builds a community of readers, and everyone from students to teachers to bus drivers to staff are participating. Thank you to the Munn School Parent Association (MSPA) for helping to finance the purchase of these books.



RIT celebrates student artwork with display and awards

The Rochester Institute of Technology College of Art and Design annually showcases artwork by area high school and middle school students during an exhibition called, *Start Here*.

Congratulations to our student artists, **Riley Fiege and Ada Kofron**, whose work is on display at the Bevier Gallery until tomorrow, Feb. 4. The two seniors are students of David DeMarte and Stephanie Prevosti, respectively, and Riley also won the Fine Art Studio Award—2D.



Riley Fiege



Ada Kofron

Upcoming Events

- Feb. 4: Evening of Jazz
- Feb. 8: Canal View Beginner Band Recital, 7 p.m., HS PAC
- Feb. 9: Cosgrove Parent Teacher Conferences
- Feb. 14: Board of Education meeting, 7 p.m.

Finally, February marks Black History Month, when we celebrate and recognize the importance of African and Black Americans in this country. This year, instead, we grieve for Tyre Nichols. Resources on talking to children are posted on our website, and if your child needs any support, please contact your school. The depth of pain, sorrow and anger for his family, friends and community are unimaginable. It is more important than ever that we magnify our message for equity, continue our efforts toward inclusion, expand curriculum and representation, and remain committed to change for future generations.

Sincerely,

Kristin Swann
Superintendent of Schools



Spencerport Central School District