



May 12, 2023

A collage of seven photographs showing various community meetings and presentations. The photos are arranged in a grid-like fashion. The top row has two photos: one of a woman standing in a hallway and another of a woman presenting to a group of people seated at tables. The middle row has two photos: one of a woman presenting to a group of people seated at tables, and another of a woman presenting to a group of people seated at tables. The bottom row has three photos: one of a woman presenting to a group of people seated at tables, one of a woman presenting to a group of people seated at tables, and one of a woman presenting to a group of people seated at tables. The photos are set against a dark blue background.

Budget Vote:
Tue. May 16 | 6 a.m. - 9 p.m. | District Office

Dear Spencerport Families,

On Tuesday, May 16, all qualified residents of the Spencerport Central School District will have the opportunity to vote on the 2023-24 school budget as well as elect three Board of Education members. For the last few weeks, I have traveled around our community and schools and given a total of 11 presentations on the budget. This has been a great opportunity to share the priorities reflected in this budget, listen to feedback and answer questions. A section of our website has been dedicated to publishing commonly asked questions and addressing any inaccuracies that may be causing confusion. So far topics have ranged from the impact of the Amazon facility to smaller class sizes. [The FAQ may be found at this link.](#)

To ensure that individuals have the information they need to make informed decisions, we have mailed our Cornerstone Budget Newsletter to all residents. In addition, you may find **an electronic version attached below**. Cornerstone provides detailed information on revenue sources, anticipated expenditures, and program highlights from our Ranger community. We would encourage you to call or email if you have any questions, and we hope you will take time to vote on May 16 from 6 a.m.-9 p.m. in our District Office, 71 Lyell Ave.

Updates

NYSED restarts accountability system

As I shared with you a few weeks ago, the NYS Education Department is restarting its accountability system. A new system has been implemented to evaluate schools and districts including new accountability designations. As a reminder, this is a requirement under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which governs federal K-12 public education policy throughout the country.



I am pleased to share with you that the Spencerport Central School District and all of its schools have been given the “Local Support & Improvement” (LSI) designation. This was previously referred to as “Good Standing” and is the highest designation a school district can receive. As I shared with you in the past, we are committed to ensuring that our students are receiving a high-quality education at all grade levels. Continuous improvement remains our focus as a district and we will strive for progress in all areas of our organization.



Cosgrove hosts 5th grade tours

The Only Constant in Life Is Change - Heraclitus

This week, Cosgrove student leaders gave tours of the middle school to incoming fifth graders. The annual event offers students an opportunity to:

- walk the hallways,
- visit key locations such as the main office, cafeteria, and auditorium, and most importantly
- ask questions about entering sixth grade.

These tours, which continue next week, prove to be an invaluable experience for our students as they begin to prepare for middle school.



7th graders get creative with building castles

Seventh grade students in Ms. Hasselberg's math class have been learning how to determine the volume of 3D shapes such as cylinders, rectangular and triangular prisms, cubes, cones and spheres. At the end of the unit, as a culminating and creative assessment, the students were tasked to:

1. create a 2D blueprint of a castle that they would like to build
2. fold the flat paper "nets" of each shape into the 3D models of each respective shape
3. use those 3D shapes to construct, color and create a detailed 3D castle, and
4. measure and calculate the total volume of their entire model, showing all their work.

In addition, the class opted to make it a competition, with all students on the Delta team casting their votes on their first, second and third favorite castles. The winners' projects are now on

display in the school, with first place being the Candyland Castle.

"I cannot tell you the joy and learning that came from doing this project!" Ms. Hasselberg said. "They really got creative and constructed some amazing castles, complete with moats, draw bridges, Lego pirate ships and dragons!"

The winners of the castle project are from left: Katelyn McPherson, Adi Cannito-Rivera, Declan McEvoy, Pippa Prokopienko, Jenna Sandler, Bella Valentino, Fiona Schesser, Zack Abbate, and Anthony Provenzano. Not pictured: Teghan Vergamini and Addison Wentworth.



Munn holds poetry jam

I would like to thank Mrs. Caroline Bodensteiner and her second grade class for inviting me to their "poetry jam" on Monday. The students were so excited about this unit, they wanted to invite their families in to hear them.

Bright spots



SHS senior Lydia Mattia honored by Chamber of Commerce

Congratulations to Lydia Mattia, a Spencerport High School senior, who was honored as a 2023 Dennis Pelletier Youth Hall of Fame award winner on Wednesday. Sponsored by the Spencerport Chamber of Commerce and the Spencerport Federal Credit Union, the recognition focuses on students who have had to overcome life challenges en route to achieving success.

Lydia is an inspiration. Her strength and positive attitude are the characteristics that define her, not a life-altering diagnosis. She was only 11 years old when she was diagnosed with Juvenile Myoclonic Epilepsy, and she has faced this adversity with nothing but determination. She has been a champion, advocating for Epilepsy awareness and education, and presenting her senior project on seizure disorders and the need to include this in health curriculum.

We are so very proud of Lydia.



Uniting to celebrate teachers and nurses

Thank you to the parents, students and community members who expressed their gratitude this week as part of Teacher Appreciation and School Nurse Appreciation. The outpouring of notes, flowers, and food have been so thoughtful, and I especially enjoyed seeing the smiles and creative efforts such as chalk the walk!

Upcoming events

May 26: Students to be dismissed 15 minutes early for drill

As part of our emergency planning each year, the district is required by the state to conduct an early release drill where the students are transported home no earlier than 15 minutes prior than the end of the school day. This early release drill will take place on **Friday, May 26**. On that afternoon, buses will depart from each building 15 minutes prior to their normal departure time and bring students home as if on their normal route.

The purpose of the early dismissal drill is to test the effectiveness of our transportation and communication systems in the event of an emergency. We are notifying you in advance of the drill so that they can be prepared for your students to be dismissed early and arrive home by bus early on May 26.

- May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and National Physical Fitness and Sports Month
- May 16: School Budget Vote, 6 a.m. - 9 p.m., District Office

Happy Mother's Day to our Ranger moms. I understand that this holiday can be bittersweet for those who have lost a parent, spouse or child. My hope is that this day brings families together to celebrate all mothers, whether they are with us or in memory.

Sincerely,

Kristin Swann
Superintendent of Schools

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