



TORCHLIGHT



Newsletter of the Marathon Central School District
East Main Street, PO Box 339, Marathon, NY 13803

"Enabling all students to achieve academic success, become responsible citizens, and realize their full potential."

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Happy Holidays To One And All!



Apple for the Teacher Award Winners



Nominator: Gillian DePuy
Nominee: Julie Hester

Two Marathon teachers were awarded the "Apple For The Teacher" this year: Julie Hester from Appleby Elementary and Michelle Walker from the High School. Congratulations to both of them. The nominating letters highlight their excellent qualifications for this award.

Michelle Walker should run the world. She is in charge of making sure 70 students graduate and have future plans at Marathon High School. Michelle is the type of counselor kids see to talk about their problems and know she has an open door policy. Often there are groups of girls who have lunch in her office; it's their safe haven. She was the student council adviser and this year took on yearbook. Michelle organizes the "Angel Tree," to collect Christmas gifts for students in need, and every year Michelle buys gifts for all that remain. In her spare time she works at Contact, and is also in the Big Sister program. Her baked goods go out on birthdays and to the needy around the holidays. Students love Michelle for her selflessness and ability to make them feel better about themselves. Her colleagues love her for all the same reasons. She is a beautiful, funny and helpful, GUIDANCE COUNSELOR, and deserving of this award.

Mrs. Julie Hester deserves the Apple For The Teacher Award. The first time I had her was in 2nd grade for math and was thrilled to have her in 6th grade. Mrs. Hester understands, listens and talks to you when things are tough. She's a teacher, a mentor and guidance counselor all in one. She knows everyone, and treats them all the same. If you do poorly on an assignment, or don't understand, she takes the time to listen and help you understand. Everyday she drives to work to teach, love and guide her students. If you knew Mrs. Hester you would know she deserves this award.



Nominee: Michelle Walker,
Nominator: Robyn Butterfield

From the Superintendent...

As we begin to move into December, we look forward to holiday festivities and the opportunity to spend time with our friends and families. I would like to invite you to join Marathon CSD in our holiday celebrations. Appleby will be having a band and chorus concert on December 15th at 6:30 PM in the HS auditorium. The Jr./Sr. High will be performing their concert on December 21st at 7:00 PM in the HS auditorium. For those interested in helping out a student or family in need, the Angel Tree is located at Alliance Bank. Our counselors in the HS and at Appleby will coordinate the Angel Tree along with other community efforts to make sure our families

have a positive experience. There are many more events scheduled here at school. Please take the time to check out the calendar on the Torchlight so you don't miss a thing.

As a new superintendent, I must tell you that I am very impressed with what Marathon has to offer our children. At Appleby, students are offered early learning opportunities through head start, Universal Pre K-and pre-1st. Students who are struggling in English language arts and math are given extra opportunities through our academic intervention services (AIS). Character education is addressed on a daily basis

using the TKN anti-bullying program. At the Jr./Sr. High School, students have opportunities to join clubs, sports and go on field trips. At Marathon, students are given the opportunity to try multiple activities because the staff works together to schedule the activities. I believe we are unique in this process. In many schools, students are made to choose between activities and are not allowed to explore and soar like our students. In the high school, 57 college credits are offered at Marathon through TC3. This is due to our dedicated staff and administration. Teachers must acquire college

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EARLY DISMISSAL!

Each year, school districts throughout New York State are mandated to conduct a "GO HOME DRILL". This drill is designed to test the districts' readiness to react to an emergency of any nature that would necessitate students being dismissed and sent home earlier than normal. The Marathon School District will be conducting this drill on Friday, December 23, 2011.

All students in the Marathon Central School District, as well as students from this district placed in programs elsewhere in the county, will be leave the high school at 2:50 pm on this day. Therefore, students will be arriving home approximately 15 minutes earlier than normal.

We greatly appreciate your assistance and cooperation in meeting this important safety requirement.

Staff Work Day

January 30, 2011

No student attendance
grades K-12

Appleby Elementary News and Notes

Autumn has flown by in a flurry of activities at Appleby Elementary. In early October members of our Marathon Volunteer Fire Department conducted their annual Fire Safety assemblies for all of our students. This dedicated group of fire fighters takes time from their regular jobs to teach our students about fire safety. We appreciate their time and their willingness to make these annual presentations.



Halloween was a very busy day with Mr. Larry Cornell presenting his assemblies on Bus Safety in the morning and the annual Halloween parade in the afternoon. More than two hundred visitors enjoyed the parade.

Appleby Elementary hosted Parent Conferences on Thursday, November 10. Both the daytime and evening conferences were well attended. The Appleby staff appreciated the opportunity to meet and speak with so many parents.

Our first awards assemblies were held on Monday, November 21, 2011. Awards were given for: Student of the Month, Outstanding Effort, Sportsmanship and Principal's Leadership Award. Congratulations to all the students and their families who received awards.

On November 22, Appleby Elementary hosted two performances of Bach to Rock. The students were introduced to the Electric Violin and the different technologies that are used to produce electronically based music. Several Appleby students participated in on-stage activities with the performers. These performances brought something new and creative to our students.

Mr. Ryan's Fantasy Football Team has been meeting on Thursday afternoons this fall. The Appleby Elementary Drama has been rehearsing every Wednesday afternoon. They will present their performance in early December. Our elementary field hockey team held several practices this fall, under the direction of Miss Hoyt.

Miss Hurd returned to her newly renovated Art room recently. She now has more cupboards, sinks and space for students to complete their art projects. The new greenhouse has been completed and awaits the first seeds of new plants.

Financial Aid Night

Do you want help filling out the FAFSA?

Information and assistance filing the FAFSA provided by financial aid counselors at TC3 and other local colleges

When: 6-8pm February 15th, 2012
6-7pm information session
7-8pm filing the FAFSA

Where: McEvoy BOCES Cortland

Please feel free to contact Michelle Walker with any questions at 849-3229

Bus Garage News

Did you know that NYS school buses are the safest form of transportation available? It's true. But it's no accident! Every school bus driver in NYS has to meet several minimum requirements, and school buses must pass rigorous Department of Transportation inspections every 6 months. School bus drivers must possess a class B CDL with School bus and Passenger endorsements. Drivers must be fingerprinted to get a CDL and a criminal record will disqualify them from driving a school bus. Before driving a school bus they have to pass a physical including vision and hearing tests as well as a drug and alcohol test. They must also pass a physical performance test. Every year they must pass a physical. Anyone with diabetes or hypertension must be re-examined every 6 months. They must also pass a physical performance test every 2 years. School bus drivers must attend a 30 hour course within their first year of driving and two 2-hour refresher courses each year. Drivers are observed driving a route at least once a year by a Department of Motor Vehicles certified examiner, and must pass a complete road test by an examiner every 2 years. They must also pass a written test every 2 years. Department of Motor Vehicle official driving records are reviewed every year. School bus drivers must report any traffic convictions to the district within 10 days. School buses are checked over by the drivers before and after every trip. They are looking for any worn, broken or missing parts that could affect the safe operation of the bus. They check everything from windshield to the tailpipe. Every 6 months the buses are inspected by a NYS DOT inspector. The inspector goes over the bus very thoroughly to make sure that it is in perfect working order and safe for our students. The bus must also be clean inside and out. Any holes or graffiti in the seats can cause a bus to be rejected by the examiner. Vandalism to school bus seats, by students is very costly to our district. School buses are specifically designed for safety. We have the newest, safest buses available, at Marathon. And we have the best bus drivers too!!

Principal's Leadership Award Winners November 2011

Several students received the Principal's Leadership Award on November 21, 2011. The students were selected by their teachers for consistently demonstrating the following character traits:

- Compassion
- Caring
- Courtesy
- Helpful attitude

Congratulations to the following students:

Arianna Mauser	Michelle Baker	Preston Thorington	Caedence Gleason
Gabrielle Burlingame	Haylee Chrysler	Bryce Hartman	Avalon James
Jacob Byron	Brittan Keller	Grace Lanpher	Christian Baez
Lillian Penrose	Braydin Drake	Jonathan Forrest	Rylee Thomas
Brie Carter	Jamie Powierski-O'Neill	Qyntell Edelin	Tapanga Pittsley
Jamal Morris-Cobbins	Brooklin Drake	Jamason Mann	Nicholas Allen
Asya Soper	Sam Lilley	Bree Ross	Jesse Walley
Kim Duda	Jared O'Shea	Tiana Caldwell	Larry Barned
Kassie Farr	Katelynn Van Dee	Daniel McDonald	Jada Lateer
Lucas Baker	Gillian DePuy	Alan Card	Eric O'Neill

New York State Assessments for the 2011-12 School Year

Students in grades 3-8 will be taking assessments in both English Language Arts and Math. Students in grades 4 & 8 will also be tested in Science. The test schedule has been released by the New York State Education Department. Most assessments are given during the months of May and June. This year the January Regents will be limited in what tests are being offered.

January Regents - January 24-27, 2012;
 Grades 3 - 8 ELA - April 17 & 18, 2012;
 Grades 3 - 8 Mathematics - April 23 & 24, 2012;
 Grade 4 Science Performance Test - May 23-June 1, 2012;
 Grade 8 Science Performance Test - May 23- June 1, 2012;
 Grades 4 & 8 Science Written Test - June 4, 2012;
 June Regents - June 13-22, 2012.

If you have questions or concerns please contact the Elementary Office, 849-3281 or HS Guidance Office, 849-3229.



Mrs. Luce's kindergarten students with the produce from the garden they have been tending in the courtyard behind their wing of the building. They have become very productive 'Kinder Gardeners'!



Marathon Family Resource Center

Call Laurie Tebbe at 849-3127 or look us up on Facebook, if you need assistance or have any questions, ideas or suggestions.

The Family Resource Center is located in room 110 at the Marathon High School.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
closed, unless there is an event	8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. 3-4 p.m. High School Room 110	8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. High School Room 110	8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. High School Room 110	closed, unless there is an event

DECEMBER 2011 SPECIAL EVENTS:

FAMILY PORTRAIT PICK-UP NIGHT: Family Portraits can be picked up on Friday, Dec. 2nd between 5-8 p.m. in High School room 110. If you like how the portraits have turned out, you can have Diane turn them into Holiday Greeting Cards. Place an order on December 2nd. The Holiday Greeting Cards will come w/ Envelopes in sets of 5, 10, 15 or 20. We will call when the greeting cards are ready.

PICTURES WITH SANTA: Diane Courtney will be in High School room 110 on Friday, December 2nd from 5 to 8 p.m. if anyone would like to have their child/children sit with Santa and have their picture taken. Please call 849-3127 for a sitting time with Santa. Refreshments will be served. We will call when the Santa pictures are ready.
2- 4x6 pictures for a \$1.00

STORYTIME WITH SANTA AT PECK MEMORIAL LIBRARY: Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at 10:30 a.m.

ANGEL TREE PROGRAM: The Marathon Central School and the Marathon Family Resource Center are working together on the Angel Tree Program. The Angel Tree will be set up at the Alliance Bank in Marathon.

*Families in the Marathon School District that are in need of assistance this year, please sign up with Michelle Walker at 849-3148 or Laurie Tebbe at 849-3127 by **Wednesday, November 30th.**

*If you would like to help a family in the Marathon area, please pick a card from the tree, purchase the requested item, wrap the gift and leave the gift under the tree labeled with the number from the card. Gifts must be left under the tree by **Friday, December 16th**. Gifts will be distributed by Christmas.

COMMUNITY HOLIDAY BASKETS: The Community Baskets will be filled on **Friday, December 9, 2011** at the Marathon Presbyterian Church and will be distributed on **Saturday, December 10, 2011.** Donations and baked goods are gladly accepted. Volunteers are greatly appreciated.

ACTIVITY TIME: Would you like to make a holiday gift for your parents or help with the Community Baskets? We will meet after school from 3-4 p.m. in room 110 on December 6th and 13th this month. Activity Time is open to **all elementary students.** The late bus will be available for 3rd - 6th graders. If **high school students** are interested in doing this activity, please stop by room 110 and speak to Mrs. Tebbe.

CLOTHING CLOSET & COATS AVAILABLE: The Clothing Closet will be open on Wednesday s from 8:30-10:30 a.m. There are coats available, if you or someone in your family is in need of a coat. Call 849-3127, for more information.

FOOD PANTRY: The Marathon Food Pantry's hours are changing on Dec. 1st. It is **only** open on Tuesdays now from 4:00-5:30 p.m. If you have questions, call 849-3246 or 849-3127.

WIC: Women, Infants & Children are at the Marathon Presbyterian Church the first Wednesday of each month at 9 a.m. -12 noon and 12:30-2 p.m.

Below: Tiffany Miner and Jerralyn Vogt add some 3D elements to their pumpkins.



Art Club members had fun painting pumpkins thanks to a generous donation by Mr. Cornell. Studio Art classes took advantage and made pastel drawings of the pumpkins.
Above: Caitlin Whiting and Darrien Delaney work on pumpkins.

Right: Art club members with their finished pumpkins.



ATTENTION

Marathon Central School Residents

PRE-KINDERGARTEN and KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION for September of 2012

NOTICE to PARENTS of Pre-K & KINDERGARTEN AGE CHILDREN

If you intend to send your pre-kindergarten or kindergarten age child to Appleby Elementary School in the fall of 2012

**YOU MUST CALL
607-849-3281**

to preregister your child by February 10th, 2012

ONLY CHILDREN BORN ON OR BEFORE
DECEMBER 1, 2008 ARE ELIGIBLE.
CHILDREN WHO TURN 6 BEFORE
DECEMBER 1, 2012 MUST ATTEND SCHOOL.

Thank you,
Shelley Warnow, Appleby Elementary Principal

Pumpkin Math



Miss Juli's math students have been working hard this Halloween week on researching and recording data on pumpkins. The students made predictions about their pumpkin's weight, circumference, the number of lines, what the price was per pound, whether it would float or not, and the amount of seeds. After their predications they found out the actual data, recorded it, and discussed the similarities and differences. Then, the students shared and collected data to place within a table. With that information it was then graphed and shared, to look at the similarities and differences. Next, the students proved or disproved different hypotheses about pumpkins and then created their own from the data gathered. Last but not least, the students were able to carve or paint their pumpkin before bringing it home.



Happy Holidays!

Food Pantry Hours Changing!

Starting Dec 1st we will NO longer be open on Fridays.

**TUESDAY'S ONLY
4:00 - 5:30**

If you have an Emergency need for food: daytime- call Laurie 849-3127 and evening (after 5:00) call Mary at 849-3246.

It's The Great Pumpkin Contest

Charlie Brown!



The annual Linda Marsh 4th grade Pumpkin Decorating Contest had many creative and imaginative works of art by this year's 4th graders. Judges found it difficult to choose winners in the three categories. Prizes were once again donated by the PTO (Thanks!)

The over-all grand champion was Michael Wales. His pre-historic deep sea fish had the most votes. Michael used hundreds of toothpicks to make his fish look real. "Although

toothpicks are my true medium, I can make just about anything with Lego's" said the triumphant Wales. Mike's father continues to call the school asking for his toothpicks.

In the category of "Funniest", Breanna Powierski-O'Neill took top honors with a vomiting jack-o-lantern...gross! Scerenia Barber was second with her clown pumpkin.

Scariest went to Jennelle Short's creation which is too grotesque for many for our readers to describe. Hannah Pendell's witch was second. She stressed that it was not modeled after anyone in her family.

The Most Creative award went to Diego Castellot's "Angry Bird" creation, "I got the idea from a video game," said the proud Castellot. Riley Jennison's Weird Faced pumpkin was a close runner-up. It was rumored that it was modeled after Mr. Ryan, which was later refuted due to the fact that Mr. Ryan's mother says he's cute and that his ears don't stick out that much. Sonya Helms won the Judges' Choice with her "slinky" nosed pumpkin, which was a 1950's throw-back that touched the hearts of many veteran (old) teachers.

The 4th grade teachers would like to thank all of the kids for their hard work and to the parents who helped decorate (sometimes at the last minute). They would also like to thank all of the judges (not an easy task). Finally, the teachers would like to thank the PTO for donating the prizes once again this year...Thanks!



YEARBOOK YEARBOOK YEARBOOK

Yearbooks are on sale now through January 15th. The cost is \$38.

NO EXTRA YEARBOOKS WILL BE ORDERED THIS YEAR.

YOU MUST PREORDER!

Parent Recognition Ads are being sold by the Yearbook Staff starting now.

This is a great opportunity to show your love and pride for your senior and all they have accomplished. All Ads are in **FULL COLOR**.

1/8th of a page for \$30 1/4 of a page for \$45

1/2 of a page for \$85 Whole page for \$125

Business Ads are still available for sale. Business card size ads will be available for **\$35**.

Contact Michelle Walker 849-3229, walkerm@marathonschools.org
Or Robyn Butterfield 849-3251, butterfieldr@marathonschools.org

The deadline to get all Ads in the Yearbook is February 1st.

Make checks payable for Yearbooks and Ads to "Marathon Yearbook"

Library Award



Alexis Kryssing won the Central New York Library Resources Council's Advocacy Video Contest, "Libraries Change Lives." She wrote and directed a video about how the library has power to change lives. A library of her choice will receive \$700 in collection development funds. Alexis also will attend the Annual Legislative Breakfast in Syracuse in December where her video will be shown on a continuous loop and she will receive her award and prizes. Check out her vid at :

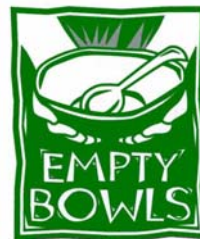
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RJjshdGkx4Q>

Empty Bowls

Ceramics 1 students created bowls for this year's Empty Bowls event held at the Homer Center for the Arts on October 29. Those who attended made a donation at the door and then selected a hand-made bowl for the meal. Local students, artists and community members made the bowls to be taken home after as a reminder of those in need. Empty Bowls is "an international grassroots effort to fight hunger," created by The Imagine Render Group (<http://www.emptybowls.net/>); it is active across the U.S. Area restaurants, organic farms, and individuals donate various soups, salads and bread. Last year's event raised \$6,000.

Pictured from left:
Sierra Quail,
Annette Cuthbert,
Abbie Torbitt,
Lizzy Allen,
Chelsi Klutch,
Luke Williams,
Carissa Stone,
John Vogt.

Not pictured,
Breanna Barry



Author Visit



Upon learning that Rachel Caine, author of the popular Morganville Vampires series, was going to be visiting nearby, excitement filled the air - some of us needed to be scraped off of the ceiling when learning that Mr. Rosetti approved a field trip request to attend her book tour stop at Barnes and Noble in Dewitt. Rachel Caine spoke and read from her newest book as well as signed autographs and posed for pictures. She offered great advice to beginning writers and gave some insight into the publishing world.

Marathon Community Scholarship Foundation Update

The Foundation Congratulates **Rachel Parker**, the winner of the 2011 MCSF Scholarship
THANK YOU TO MCS Faculty and Staff for their payroll deduction contributions of \$2,210 in 2010-2011.

Do you know that the Scholarship Foundation has contributed \$12,790 to Graduation awards since 2005?

We have expanded our brick "pathway" under the new portico at the high school. Stop by and see it!

From the Superintendent ...

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approval and go through a credit approval process before they can offer these programs to our students. Students are able to gain both HS and college level credit simultaneously. The addition of TC3 classes as well as AP classes create a rigorous curriculum which prepares students for the world beyond high school. High school students also have the opportunity to take BOCES courses in a variety of areas. Students leaving these programs often gain certification in a specific work area as well as college credits. When the Governor states schools need to become more efficient, I say he needs to look to Marathon for an example of how it should be done. We have limited staff who work extremely hard to give our children a vast number of opportunities! As parents, my husband and I feel that moving to Marathon not only provided our kids with a close knit community but expanded their options educationally.

In January, the school district will begin our budget process. I firmly believe that our community should be not only be aware of our process, but part of the process. After the budget calendar has been approved by the Board of Education, I will post a budget calendar on our web site as well as in an upcoming Torchlight. I am looking for opportunities to share our process and gain feedback with community members. If you are interested in hosting a question/answer session in an upcoming community meeting, please let me know. You can reach my office at 849-3117.

As you may have heard, the Governor announced that each school will have a 2% tax cap. The information which has been published is

not correct. What has been established is a tax levy limit for all schools. Each school district will be required to plug specific information into a calculation. This information includes data such as the prior year's tax levy, last year's capital tax levy (bus purchases in our case), and tax base growth factors (which will be determined by the state and will be released around mid January.) In addition, exclusions including bus purchases in the past and present, capital debt and increase in pension costs above 2% may increase the levy limit. The district's tax levy limit derived from this calculation must then be voted on by district residents and pass with at least 50% of the voting public voting yes. (This is how school budgets have been voted on in the past.) If the district chooses to propose a tax levy higher than this limit, we will need 60% of the voters to vote yes.

Bottom Line: The 2% tax cap does not mean school districts are limited to increasing taxes by only 2%. Each school district will have their own tax levy limit. It will be up to each board to determine what is best for their district and residents to vote for or against that tax increase.

I will keep the board and the public up to date on Marathon CSD's tax levy limit at each Board meeting. It is important that you as a tax payer understand what the new tax levy limit means, so please feel free to attend a Board of Education meeting, call me for clarification or invite me to attend a community meeting.



Annual Holiday Concerts

December 15—6:30PM
UPK-Grade 2 Concert
High School Auditorium

December 21—7:00PM
Jr/Sr High Concert
High School Auditorium

Open Letter to School District Tax Payers

October 13, 2011

This letter is to serve as notice regarding the overpayment of school taxes for the 2011-2012 collection. There was a clerical error resulting in the amount to be collected for the library tax being included within the calculations to establish the school tax rate. The result was that the library tax was billed, and will be collected twice – once as part of the school tax levy and once as the library tax levy.

We have contacted our school attorney and the Directors of Real Property Tax for Broome, Cortland and Tioga counties for guidance regarding this issue. The provision in the Real Property Tax Law (RPTL) Section 556 permits a method for the school district to establish a trust and agency account where all the overpaid library tax will be placed. This is an interest bearing account. Then when taxes are established for the 2012-2013 school year, the amount in such fund is shown as a credit against the library tax levy thereby reducing, or eliminating the library tax levy. The funds placed in the Trust and Agency account are then paid to the library in the 2012-2013 school year.

The effect of this procedure is to credit the overpayment to each taxpayer, avoid the filing of the error with the Directors of Real Property Tax Services, and more importantly, avoid the processing a significant number of refunds, all of which are of relatively small amount.

Our Board of Education has adopted a resolution to proceed in this direction. A copy of the resolution is included.

Please contact Karen Braman 607-849-3224 or Rebecca Stone 607-849-3117 for any questions.

Respectfully,
Karen Braman
Business Manager

Art Club Visits Corning Museum of Glass

By Brianna Whiting



The trip to Corning Museum of Glass was amazing! The first thing my group was able to do was sandblast glasses that you covered with stickers and tape. Then we blew pumpkins out of glass. They took hot glass, rolled

it in colored glass, then heated it. Then they put it in a mold and after you blew it up while they shaped it. After we made picture frames. We layered glass pieces to a frame and they were later put into a kiln to fuse the glass. We had lunch then went to the museum. They had really cool things like the



Students of the Month

- UPK –
Sarena Eaton- Miss Hoyt's room
- Kindergarten –
Andrew Baldwin – Mr. Hoyt's room
Erika Olsen – Mrs. Luce
Travis Cross – Mrs. Niggli's room
- Pre 1st –
Brook Morsey – Mrs. Holl's room
- 1st grade –
Conor Holland – Mrs. Colvin's room
Logan Jamison – Ms. Dunham's room
Joclyn Lilley – Ms. Gillette's room
- 2nd grade –
Beonkiann Wood – Mrs. Densmore's room
Paige Hurlburt – Mr. Mikels' room
- 3rd grade –
Dylan Mitchell - Mr. McConnell's room
Jamal Morris-Cobbins – Mrs. Newkirk's room
- 4th grade –
Eilie Holland – Mrs. Contri's room
Riley Jennison – Mrs. Mack's room
Chris Barned and Jessica Rivera – Mr. Ryan's room
- 5th grade –
Anna White – Mrs. Brandstadt's room
Ryan Finch – Mrs. Chase's room
Autumn Zelsnack – Mrs. Russell's room
- 6th grade –
Ciara Spangenberg – Mrs. Hayes' room
Chelsea Quail - - Mrs. Hester's room
Audra Storey – Mrs. Ludden's room



Students of the Month for grades 4 & 5: Eilie Holland, Riley Jennison, Chris Barned, Jessica Rivera, Anna White, Ryan Finch, Autumn Zelsnack



Appleby Student Council President, Chelsea Quail and Vice President, Kim Duda

Emergency School

Emergency closings due to weather will be broadcast over the following radio and television stations between 6:30–7:00

Radio Stations:

- 1290 AM – WNBK (Binghamton)
- 1360 AM – WKOP (Binghamton)
- 98.1 FM – WHWK (Binghamton)
- 99.1 FM – WAAL (Binghamton)
- 101.5 FM – WXHC (Homer)

Television Stations:

- WBNG – Channel 12 (Binghamton)
- WIVT – Channel 34 (Binghamton)
- WTVH – Channel 5 (Syracuse)

Agriculture Class visits Gutches Lumber



On October 21, the agriculture class concluded their forestry unit with a field trip to Gutches Lumber in Cortland, NY. This company is a little off the beaten path but once inside, it is very impressive. Established in 1904 this company sells hardwood worldwide with the help of four smaller locations. The Cortland plant is by far the biggest, employing about 160 people year round. After a warm welcome, Gutches supplied us all with hard hats, earplugs, and safety glasses for our tour. The 35 acres of property was buzzing with activity. Tractor trailers, forklifts and large payloaders were pretty much moving nonstop. The main mill is run by one of our tour guides Matt Little. Four large bandsaws feed a computer-run wood sorter. It reminded me of what you see in a large post office except this was bigger. These mills run 20 hours a day six days a week. Once cut the wood is dried to about 4% moisture by a kiln dryer. These kiln



dryers are basically large ovens - that heat a lot of cut wood. There are seventeen of these at Gutches!! The students were all covered with a dusting of sawdust when we left. I heard one student say "This place could be on 'Modern Marvels' someday." We got to keep the ear plugs.

Meet Your New School-Based Mental Health Counselor!

Sarah Wall is the new School-Based Mental Health Counselor for the Marathon Central School District. Mrs. Wall works for Family Counseling Services of Cortland County, Inc and is at Appleby Elementary School and the Jr. / Sr. High School. Mrs. Wall is a licensed Social Worker (LMSW) and a certified School Social Worker, with a Masters Degree in Social Work from Syracuse University.

As a School-Based Mental Health Counselor, Mrs. Wall will be:

- Counseling individual students as needed and maintaining confidentiality.
- Counseling small groups of students with similar concerns.
- Consulting with teachers and parents to assist them in meeting individual student needs.
- Coordinating referrals to school and community agencies and resources.
- Participating in IEP and 504 meetings.
- Providing information and resources for parents and teachers.

And much more!

Mrs. Wall will offer student support groups at Appleby Elementary, and a letter will be going home soon with more information about these groups. Contact Mrs. Wall at 849-3290 (Appleby) or 849-3209 (Jr/Sr High)."

The basketball season is upon us! Admission will be \$2.00 for adults, \$1.00 for students (college students pay the adult price) and Senior Citizens are \$1.00 (65 and older). Come out and support our local athletes!

Volunteers Needed

The Booster Club depends on volunteers in order to operate. Volunteers are needed to run the concession stands during the basketball games. The concession stand will not be open on the nights we do not have anyone to work. We still need volunteers for both boys and girls games. If you can help, please leave a message on the Marathon Booster Club face book page or call Michelle Peebles at 849-4023.

The Booster Club purchases the three sport athlete t-shirts, the championship banners, helps with end of the year trophies, and provides financial support to the athletic program.



A Holiday Gift Idea...

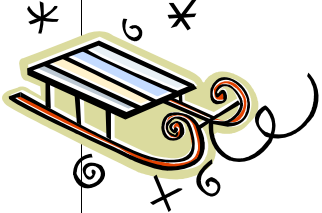


Have you seen the new brick pathway in front of the high school? Consider buying a brick for installation next spring (for Graduation weekend!) in honor of a friend, colleague, new graduate or family member. **We will acknowledge your purchase in time for Christmas!** Your purchase will support the

Marathon Community Scholarship Foundation.





1 Brick: \$45.00
Multiple Bricks: \$40 each
Call 849-3224



December 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Student Council Dance-A-Thon
4 	5 Freshmen Sale Ends Citrus Sale Ends	6 FBLA Christmas Card Sale Begins	7	8	9	10 ACTs
PTO Santa's Secret Shop @ Appleby						
11	12 HS Faculty Meeting	13	14 BOE Meeting HS Library 7:00 pm	15 UPK - Grd 2 concert 6:30pm @ HS Auditorium	16 Freshmen Dinner Pep Rally	17
18	19	20	21 JH & SH Band & Choral Concert 7:00	22 	23 Go HOME early drill - 2:50pm	24
25 Christmas	26	27	28	29	30	31
Christmas Break—No School						

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Years Day	2 No School	3 School Resumes	4 	5	6	7 Cotillion
8 	9 Sophomore Snack Sale Begins	10 HS Faculty Meeting	11 BOE Meeting HS Library 7:00 pm	12	13	14
15	16 No School Martin Luther King Day	1 PTO Meeting Appleby Cafeteria 7:00 pm	18	19	20 Sophomore Snack Sale Ends	21
22	23	24	25 BOE Meeting HS Library 7:00 pm	26	27	28
Basketball-Scholarship Foundation						
29	30 No School Superintendent Conference Day	31				

Olympian Sports

XC INVITATIONAL ATTRACTS 1500 RUNNERS & 49 SCHOOLS

The 23rd Annual Marathon Cross Country Invitational hosted 49 schools and over 1500 runners on October 22nd. This year's meet brought athletes from the Western New York Area and the Tug Hill Area.

The Marathon Central School Cross Country Team would like to thank the 75 plus volunteers, the booster club, and the sponsors that helped to make this year's invitational a success. It is only with your time and support that the school is able to offer one of the top meets in Central New York.

SCHEDULE UPDATES

Would you like to receive weekly updates of the athletic schedule?

Send an e-mail to the athletic director at tajpez0131@aol.com to start receiving your electronic copy today.

REMINDER TO SPECTATORS & FANS

A parent and/or adult must accompany students in grades K-6 to any athletic contest. In addition, students must remain with the parent/adult throughout the contest. Thanks you for your cooperation with this policy. Your assistance will ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all spectators, fans and athletes.

IAC FALL SPORTSMANSHIP

Individual Team Results

Division II, Boys Cross Country-3rd Place
Division II, Girls Cross Country-3rd Place
Small North East, Boys Soccer-4th Place
Small North East, Girls Soccer-Tied 2nd Place

IAC Overall-Field Hockey-3rd Place

Overall Fall Sports

3rd Overall in the Division,
Tied 8th Overall in the League

Congratulations

Girls Cross Country

Elizabeth Jewiss
IAC-Division II Champion-MVP
IAC-1st Team All Star
Section IV Class "D" Runner-up
NYSPHSAA State Qualifier
NYSPHSAA 14th Place Finisher
NYS 2nd Team Class "D" All-Star

Boys Cross Country

Andrew Doxey
Section IV Class "D" 9th Place

Girls Field Hockey Team

Section IV-Class C Runner Up

Boys Soccer Team

IAC-Divisional Champions
IAC Small School Champions

Girls Soccer Team

IAC-Divisional Champions

RULES FOR SPECTATOR CONDUCT AT ATHLETIC CONTEST

As we approach the Winter Season, the Marathon Central School Athletic Teams would like thank you in advance for your support and welcome you to what we hope will be an enjoyable season for all parents, students and athletes. As a spectator and fan, we ask that you follow some very basic rules that will assist our chaperones in their duties and make this contest pleasurable for all. In addition your conduct will help represent our athletic programs positively to other athletic teams in the IAC and Section IV Interscholastic Athletic Programs.

- All spectators are to exhibit the best of sportsmanship throughout the contest. Unsportsmanlike conduct from any individual will not be tolerated and will result in his/her removal from the contest.
- All spectators are to abide by the directions of the chaperones, coaching staff, and administration.
- A parent and/or adult must accompany students in grades K-6. Students must remain with the parent/adult throughout the contest.
- Once a spectator enters the building for the contest he/she must remain in the building. If a spectator wishes to leave the building he/she must obtain the permission of a chaperone or readmission will not be granted. Students will not be permitted to leave the building and return.
- Students should remain in the gym/concession area. Students who need to go to their locker on the second floor must obtain permission from a chaperone or they must be under the direct supervision of a teacher or coach.
- For the safety of the athletes, spectators are asked to remain seated during the playing of the game. Leaving the gym can be disruptive and hazardous to the coaches, athletes and officials.
- Spectators should refrain from bringing the following food items into the gymnasium: Pizza, Hotdogs, and Soda.



Lizzy Jewiss, Girls XC



MARATHON OLYMPIANS

Winter Master Schedule is ONLINE @ www.marathonschools.org

Athletic Booster Club Needs Your Support

The Booster Club is looking for adult volunteers to help with concessions during the boys and girls basketball games. If you are available to help with concessions for a JV and/or Varsity Game please contact



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Soccer Team-IAC Champions