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

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2012-2013 BUDGET PRESENTATION AND COMMUNITY INPUT FORUM

February 22, 2012 at 6:30 PM
High School Auditorium

All community members are invited to listen to the presentation and have an opportunity for input. PTO will provide refreshments and child care.

From the Superintendent

January marked the beginning of Marathon Central School District's budget process. At the January 25th Board of Education Meeting, we took a first look at our 2012-2013 school budget. During the next school year we anticipate our expenses to increase in the areas of ERS (employee retirement system), TRS (teacher retirement system), health insurance, workman's compensation and BOCES. In addition, our expenses such as fuel oil, contracted services, and supplies have increased. We received our initial state aid information indicating a slight increase in revenues from last year. This increase however does not begin to cover the costs listed above. After a review of our revenues and expenses we anticipate a budget gap of \$241,488 prior to any negotiated agreements.

focus on what is best for our students. We invite you to come to our budget presentation and community input forum on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 in the high school auditorium. During this presentation you will learn more about where our district stands financially, academically and programatically. The administrators will discuss their priorities for the future. Data and budgetary information will be shared as well. We invite you, as vested community members, to ask questions and offer suggestions. The PTO will be graciously offering activities from 6:30-7:30 PM for children whose parents wish to attend the presentation. Refreshments will also be available through the PTO. A regular BOE meeting will follow this presentation in the library at 7:30 PM for any interested person.

Community members who may not be able to attend our community input forum are invited to give input by filling out a survey on our website <http://www.marathonschools.org/>. This survey asks what programs, activities, sports, etc. you believe are important for the district to maintain, suggestions for cost savings and information you would like the board to consider when creating the budget. We request that your suggestions be submitted by February 24, 2012. The comments will be summarized and shared with

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How do we begin to close this gap? This is where the real work begins. There are many people who have a stake in our school district. Those stake holders include community members and parents who are tax payers, teachers and support staff who work and live in our community and students who receive their education here. The Board of Education, the administration and I would like to talk to our school community about balancing the budget while continuing to

New Sweater Vest Club Hits Campus



What do the bikini, the mini-skirt, the top hat and spats all have in common? They are garment icons that have never gone out of fashion. You can now add the sweater vest to that list. In fact, you can put it at the top of the list. And just to prove it, a group of trend setters are starting a new club. "The Appleby Sweater Vest Club".

The club is the brain child of teacher/sweater vest enthusiast/ extraordinaire, James Ryan. "I just love the sweater vest. You can wear it for almost any occasion or weather. I cannot remember a time that it was not a part of my fashion ensemble. I met and married my lovely wife in a sweater vest. Heck, even my groomsmen wore sweater vests."

Founding father and club president Eric Neilson enjoys the practicality of the vest. "We've learned a lot about the vest. For example, a bullet-proof vest will protect you from bullets and a safety vest will protect you from drowning, and a sweater vest will protect you from girls...hey, wait a minute, is it too late to quit this

club?"

Vice President Sam Lilley has learned a lot about the history of the vest. "Did you know that everyone who was anyone has worn the vest? George Washington wore a sweater vest at Valley Forge and while crossing the Delaware. Neil Armstrong wore one when he first stepped on the moon and Albert Einstein wore his favorite green vest when he came up with 'Theory of Relativity'."

Club Secretary Diego Castellot just enjoys the atmosphere of a group of guys in sweater vests. "Personally I can't stand the thing. In fact, if I were to wear this in Columbia, I

would be teased and even beaten by street thugs. Mr. Ryan promised me an 'A' if I joined. So, here I am."

Chris Barned the club treasurer is looking forward to some fun activities. "We are doing a fund raiser so that we can visit the Sweater Vest Museum in Scranton, PA, the birth place of the sweater vest." To raise money the club members will cut off the sleeves of perfectly good sweaters to make them instant sweater vests.

Sergeant at Arms Zack Rogers has just one job, but it is perhaps the most important. "I make sure that everyone wears their vest to every meeting and that they

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President's Day

February 20, 2012

No student attendance grades K-12

IMPORTANT ADDITION/CHANGE: THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS ON MARCH 16, 2012.

(Staff will report for
Superintendent's
Conference Day)

Spring Break will be April 6, 2012 - April 13, 2012.

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 20th, 2012

CHILDREN WHO TURN 5 BY DECEMBER 1, 2012 ARE ELIGIBLE FOR KINDERGARTEN.
CHILDREN WHO TURN 4 BY DECEMBER 1, 2012 ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE UPK LOTTERY.
CHILDREN WHO TURN 6 BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2012 MUST ATTEND SCHOOL.

Thank you,
Shelley Warnow, Appleby Elementary Principal

Santa's Secret Shop A Huge Success

The PTO sponsored Santa Secret Shop was held at Appleby School December 5-9th. Like last year, we offered a \$1.00 shop. Students were able to browse our store and purchase gifts for their families for just \$1.00 per item. It was so fun to watch the children thoughtfully choose their gifts. Once they made their gift selections, our volunteers wrapped the student's gifts and sent them off with warm Christmas wishes. A lot of time and effort goes into making this extraordinary event possible. Thank you to our PTO officers and members for all their help and support. Thanks also go out to the Appleby custodial staff for helping store, setup and clean up after us. Thank you teachers, as well, for helping us stay so organized.

Thanks to Mrs. Warnow, Mrs. Light and Mrs. Hill for helping us plan, stuffing mailboxes, fielding phone calls and signing in volun-

teers. Also we want to mention the folks at the Dollar General for all of the generous donations. It is so wonderful to see such involvement from a local business. We had lots of return volunteers as well as many new volunteers this year. Thanks so much to: Roseann Zeeuw, Rebecca Edsall, Wendy Dohanich, Tessa Call, Karen Carter, Millissa Ross, Yvonne Moore, Christine Keller, Chad Lawrence, Jess Teal, Joanne Hollerer, Stacey Short, Desera Ensign, Jim Lisi, Dennice Zeeuw, Jeremy Zeeuw, Julie Watros-Barber, Rick Brooks, Sandy Yahner, Jim Povero, Gail Heady, Renee Tallman, Betsy Wood, Heidi Poole, Stephanie Canfield, Pat Villani, Kathy Bush and Amy O'Shea. PTO is looking forward to working with you all again next year, you were all so much fun your hard work is appreciated!

DECK the DOORS



Special Area winner Mrs. Shirley



Pre-1st, 1st and 2nd grade winner Mrs. Gillette - The Christmas Tree



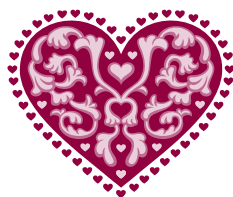
3rd and 4th grade winner Mrs. Contri - The Grinch



5th and 6th grade winner Mrs. Ludden - The Big Snowman



Head Start, UPK and K winner Mrs. Niggli - Bears with cotton and song lyrics



**Free & Reduced Breakfast/Lunch
Applications may be filed at any time
during the school year.**

Please call 849-3224 if you need an application.

SCHOOL LUNCH UPDATE

MyKids gives parents a fast, easy, and secure way to add money to their children's school meal accounts (using a credit, debit card, or a PayPal account), check their children's current school meal account balances, and monitor what items their children have been purchasing at school.

Be on the lookout for information coming home week ending February 17th.

Appleby Go Live date is February 21st.
Jr./Sr High School Go Live date is February 23rd.

Marathon High School

presents



Directed by
David Wilson
Corinne Upcraft

High School Auditorium
March 1-3, 2012
7:30PM

Sweater Vest Club

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wear it with pride. If any member disrespects the vest, they are to wear the 'vest of shame', trust me, you don't want that!"

Vest consultant and leggo enthusiast Mike Wales was quick to remind the club of its motto, "Death before social disgrace!" said the proud Wales "Don't let the brave men and women who sacri-

ficed by wearing the vest in the face of ridicule be forgotten,"

Currently all of the members are men, but the club is accepting applications from anyone who enjoys a good sweater vest. "Girls are welcome as long as they don't try to wear a pink sweater vest. There's nothing more ridiculous than a pink sweater vest," said founding father Mr. Ryan.



Youth of the Year Award

On January 24th three Marathon students were recognized by the Cortland Area Communities that Care (CACTC) for their accomplishments.

Casey Gallagher (left) was recognized as a student who has achieved excellence in community engagement. She has been a teenage volunteer at the hospital since 2008, tutors other students, volunteered with Student Council and National Honor Society and has organized the 7th grade orientation here at the high school for many years.

Briann Lehmann (right) was also recognized as a student who has achieved excellence in community engagement for her extensive dedication to 4-H Teen Council. She is a teenage volunteer at the hospital, volunteers with Cincinnati Rural services and participates in other numerous volunteer activities.

Collin Wilbur (center) was recognized as a student who has had exemplary success in Overcoming Challenges. In his 3 years at Marathon he has dramatically improved his at-

tendance and grades. He is a member of Cortland County Youth Leadership and participates in other extracurricular activities. He has been a welcome addition to our school.

Students were congratulated at a dessert reception attended by members of the Cortland Police Benevolent Association, the deputy mayor and a letter from Kristin Gillebrand was read. Students received a certificate of appreciation and a gift certificate.

Lots of Room to Grow!



Would you like to honor a graduate of The Class of 2012? Or remember a past graduate or favorite staff member?

We have lots of spaces for new bricks in the path under the new high school awning. Orders received by April 30 will have bricks installed in time for Graduation Weekend!

\$45 per brick or \$40 each for multiple bricks

Contact the **Business Office** or **PO Box 1** for an order form or e-mail pifry48@frontier.com
(All profit\$ \$upport Graduation award\$)

High School Students Read to Appleby Classes

Members of Mrs. Holland's Public Speaking Class visited Appleby classrooms on January 17th to read to the elementary students. Children in Universal Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, Pre-1st, First, and Second grade enjoyed a book, activity, and snack from the high school students. Each student in the Public Speaking Class was given the assignment of reading a book to one of the classes. The high school students needed to pick a book that was age appropriate to read to their designated elementary class, and then create an activity for the students to do after the story was read. The activity had to be an extension of the book that was read to the class. At the end of the lesson, the public speaking students brought a special snack for the elementary children. The snack the children enjoyed also correlated with the book that was read. This fantastic visit was appreciated by all!



Michael Phillips, a student in Mrs. Holland's Public Speaking Class, reads the book *50 Below Zero* by Robert Munsch to the Universal Pre-Kindergarten Class.

PTO Takes Students' Futures Seriously

Your PTO has provided NEW and Exciting Materials to our school for parents and students looking to explore paths to higher education.

We will have sets of materials on PSAT, SAT Preparation, College Selection, Financial Aid and Scholarships. These materials may be signed out of the guidance office by students or their parents. It is not enough just to dream about what you may want to do after graduation. Make your dream your goal. It's a big, fast moving world out there and there are thousands of choices.

However, there are very specific steps, guidelines, and time lines that make this happen. The key is to start early. Every High School student (even freshmen and sophomores) and their families should take advantage of this exciting and new opportunity.

Your PTO takes the future of all of our students very seriously. The PTO realizes that in our technologically advanced and interconnected world the challenges of career employment continually grow. We in Marathon need to lead our children to meet the educational demands of the future.

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.

Grades 3 - 8 ELA – April 17 - 19, 2012;
Grades 3 - 8 Mathematics – April 25 - 27, 2012;
Grade 4 Science Performance Test—May 23 & 24 , 2012;
Grade 8 Science Performance Test – May 24, 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.

DID YOU KNOW...

ADHD Can Be Mistaken for Other Problems

Parents and teachers can miss the fact that children with symptoms of inattention have the disorder because they are often quiet and less likely to act out. They may sit quietly, seeming to work, but they are often not paying attention to what they are doing. They may get along well with other children, compared with those with the other subtypes, who tend to have social problems. But children with the inattentive kind of ADHD are not the only ones whose disorders can be missed. For example, adults may think that children with the hyperactive and impulsive subtypes just have emotional or disciplinary problems. (<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/publications/attention-deficit-hyperactivity-disorder/complete-index.shtml>).

Mrs. Sarah Wall is the School-Based Mental Health counselor in the Marathon Central School District. If you would like your child to receive counseling at the Elementary or Jr/Sr High school, please feel free to contact Mrs. Wall at 849-3290 (Appleby) or 849-3209 (Jr/Sr High).

PESTICIDE UPDATE

This notice fulfills the fall quarter notification requirements of the *Pesticide Neighbor Notification Law* (Section 409-h of the Education Law). No reportable pesticides were used in the district during the fall quarter. For further information, contact Karen Braman, Business Manager, at 849-3224

SCHOOL BUS RULES



There are rules on the bus, just like there are rules in the classroom. They are there to keep everyone safe. The bus driver's job is to drive the bus and get everyone to school and home safely. That means both physically safe and emotionally safe. The driver has to pay attention to driving a 26,000 lb vehicle so it is important that the passengers follow the rules. Otherwise the driver's attention is taken off the road, and that can cause an accident.

The rules of the bus are very simple and they must be followed by everyone, so that each and every person on the bus can have a safe trip.

RULES FOR RIDING THE BUS

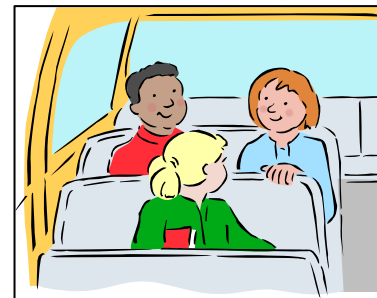
- **The Bus Driver is in charge of the bus and those who ride it. In the interest of everyone's safety his/her directions must be followed.**
- **Respect the driver and all individuals who are riding the bus.** *This means keeping your hands to yourself and speaking politely.*
- **Stay in your assigned seat.** *This is extremely important if there is an accident, school buses are designed to keep you safe, but only if you are seated. You could be lost or overlooked if you are not where you are supposed to be.*
- **Loud noises and offensive language will not be tolerated.** *Emotional safety*
- **Glass containers will not be allowed on the bus. You must be able to hold all possessions in your lap.** *Broken glass can cause serious injury and large objects can become deadly projectiles.*
- **Tobacco use, possession of weapons, drugs, or alcohol, acts of vandalism and littering are violations of the law and will not be tolerated on the bus.**
- **Always keep yourself and others safe while waiting for the bus, during the ride, and as you leave the bus.**

AT THE BUS STOP:

1. Be ready at least 5 minutes before your scheduled pick up time.
2. Dress for the weather. Wear clothing that is safe and visible.
3. Carry your belongings in a book bag.
4. Stand back from the road. Do not move toward the bus until it comes to a complete stop and the doors open.
5. Line up single file.
6. If you drop something, ask the driver to help you get it. NEVER reach under the bus to retrieve it.
7. If crossing, wait for the driver's signal.

ON THE BUS:

1. Go directly to your seat, and stay in it for the entire ride.
2. The bus driver is in charge of the bus and everyone in it. His or her directions must be obeyed.
3. Respect yourself, the driver and all other riders.
4. Do not litter or damage the bus in any way.
5. Keep the aisles clear.
6. Talk quietly.
7. Carry on the bus only what you can hold in your lap.
8. Move directly away from the bus when exiting.
9. If you drop something, ask the driver to help you get it. NEVER reach under the bus to retrieve it.
10. If crossing, wait for the driver's signal.



**Drivers must see a parent/childcare giver when dropping of students
3rd grade and under.**

FOLLOW THE RULES AND STAY SAFE ON THE BUS!



Gold Key Award Winner

Carissa Stone won a first place Gold Key award at the Scholastics Awards in Syracuse, NY. The photograph titled "self portrait." won the Gold Key first place award. Her work will be displayed in the Whitney Building along with all the other Gold Key winners. An awards dinner was held at Onondaga Community College, January 18th.

Give Your Child a Head Start!!

- Do you have a child who will be 3 or 4 years old by December 1, 2012
- Do you live in the Marathon School District?
- Do you live in Cortland County?

YES!!! The Marathon Head Start Program is accepting applications for the 2012-2013 program year. Head Start offers Home Based and Center Based program options at no financial cost to you.

The Home Based option, primarily for 3-year old children, involves a Home Visitor coming into your home and working with you and your child for one, 90-minute visit per week. Approximately two times per month your child may attend our socialization center to play with other children the Home Visitor serves.

In the Center Based option, primarily for 4-year olds, children attend school Monday through Friday.

To be eligible for the Head Start Programs, your child must be within our income guidelines or receive one of the following—Public Assistance, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Food Stamps, Medicaid, HEAP, Child Care Subsidy. For more information or an application, please call (607) 753-6781.

From the Superintendent...

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the board prior to the creation of the 2nd draft of the budget which will be presented on March 14th, 2012. During this board meeting, opportunities for public input will be provided. We encourage you to work with us during this process and provide feedback. The budget process will continue with necessary changes made and included in the 3rd draft of the budget which will be presented on March 28th at a Board of Education Meeting. The final budget will be presented at the April 4th meeting.

A school budget can be a confusing and somewhat overwhelming concept. It is important to me that you understand the budget and participate in its development. I would like to extend an open invitation to our community by bringing my information to you. If you would like to invite a small group of people to a specific location, I will come to you to explain the school budget and answer questions. For example, if you would like to invite four or five people to your home for coffee and conversation about the budget, I would gladly come to you. These "coffee conversations" could happen during the day or in the evening. To schedule one of these conversations,

please contact Nancy Lopresti at 849-3117 to set up a date. Conversations before February 24th would center on providing input or feedback to create the budget. Conversations between March 14th and March 28th would focus on where we currently stand with the budget and input you may still have. Conversations between April 4th and May 4th would focus on the final proposed budget.

I invite Marathon community members to take this opportunity to become an active member in our budgeting process. It is our job as a school district to create the best educational experience for your children using money contributed by our community members, our state and our federal government.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Stone

Blood Drive

The November Blood Drive was a success.. our goal was 42 units and we collected 48!

Next Blood Drive
Tuesday, March 13th,
8:45AM to 1:45PM.
MCS
National Honor Society

Golden Sleds

In December, after getting the story of The Golden Sled read to them, kindergartners and pre-first graders joined forces with members of the National Honor Society to build their own sled. As the National Honor Society members helped the kids with gluing and assembling their sleds, Mrs. Lehman read Christmas stories to them. Building these sleds using popsicle sticks and glue was one of the most enjoyable things I have ever



done. The children looked like they were having a great time mingling with the now eleventh and twelfth graders. Each kid received a golden sled to hang on their Christmas tree. I remember when I was in kindergarten and made mine. I still have it and can only hope that this group of kids will keep theirs too.

Marathon Family Resource Center

Call 849-3127 or Look us up on Facebook!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
closed, unless there is an event	8:30 a.m.-1:30 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

FEBRUARY 2012 SPECIAL EVENTS:

WELCOME! Mary Jane Wood and Karli DeGraw have been hired by AmeriCorps to help at the Marathon Family Resource Center and the McGraw Family Resource Center.

4-H AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM: Be a Scientist! **Pierre Barosy** and **Becky Ireland-Perry** from the Cooperative Extension will do science experiments every Thursday after school from 3-4 p.m. in the Appleby Exploratorium. **Open to 3rd-6th graders.** If your child would like to come, please complete the permission slip or call the Family Resource Center at 849-3127 to sign up. The late bus is available for 4th, 5th & 6th graders only. Starts February 2nd and goes to March 22nd. **NO 4-H on February 16th.**

ZUMBA WITH CINDY BARRY: Dance and lose weight every Tuesday from 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. **COST is \$4.00.** If your child/children receive free or reduced lunches and you are interested in doing zumba, please call Laurie Tebbe at 849-3127.

MINI-MOVERS: Walking Program for Elementary Students (Pre-K-6th grade) every Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-4 p.m. If your child or children are interested, please return the permission slip to the elementary office or call the Family Resource Center at 849-3127. Late bus available for 4-6th graders.

VITA (VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE): **Gail Bundy** from CAPCO and **Barb Henza** from Cornell Cooperative Extension will be providing this service on Wednesday, February 1st and Wednesday, February 15th from 3-8 p.m. Please call the Cornell Cooperative Extension at 753-5077 to make an appointment.

SNACK BACKPACK PROGRAM: We are starting this program in February to help feed children on the weekends in the Marathon School District. Nonperishable food items can be brought to the High School or to the Elementary School and placed in the orange bins. Thank you for your support!

PRESCHOOL PLAY AND STORY TIME AT PECK ON TUESDAY MORNINGS: Drop your child off in High School room 110 at 8:30 a.m. for play time with **Mrs. Hill** and **Mrs. Teal** and then pick up your child at Peck Memorial Library at 11:00 a.m. after story time. **Mrs. Frank** will read the story. January 3rd to March 13th. **COST is \$5.00.**

CLOTHING CLOSET- CLOTHES, SHOES, BOOTS & COATS AVAILABLE: The Clothing Closet will be open on Wednesday s from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Call 849-3127, for more information or if you need to come in at a different time. New items coming in all the time.

FOOD PANTRY: The Marathon Food Pantry is open on Tuesdays from 4:00-5:30 p.m. If you have questions, call 849-3246 or 849-3127.

READ ON BOOK CLUB: Join us on the first Friday of the month at 10 a.m. in room 110. This month's meeting is on February 3rd.

GARDEN CLUB: Join us on the second Friday of the month at 2 p.m. at Peck Library. This month's meeting is on February 10th.

WIC: Women, Infants & Children are at the Marathon Presbyterian Church the first Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. -12 noon and 12:30-2:00 p.m.

Emergency School Closings:

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

Radio Stations:

- 1290 AM – WBNF (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)

Maple Festival Queen Pageant Ticket Sales

Admission tickets for the 2012 Marathon Maple Festival Queen Pageant will go on sale on Saturday, March 17, at the Marathon Civic Center, from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. A donation of \$4.00 will be collected. The pageant, which will be Friday, March 23, at 7:30 p.m., leads off the 42nd Annual Marathon Maple Festival weekend. After March 17th, to inquire as to the availability of tickets for purchase, please call Laurie McDonald, at 849-3513.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET HEARING MAY 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Budget Hearing of the inhabitants of Marathon Central School District, Towns of Marathon, Freetown, Lapeer, Harford, Virgil, Willet and Cincinnatus, Cortland County; Lisle and Triangle, Broome County; Richford, Tioga County; qualified to vote at school meetings in said district, will be held in the auditorium of the Marathon Central School building at 1 East Main Street, Marathon, New York, on Monday evening, May 7, 2012, at 7:30PM, Eastern Daylight Savings Time.

The PROPOSED BUDGET for the School Year 2012-2013 and the BUS PURCHASE RESOLUTION will be reviewed, as well as the transaction of such business as is authorized by Education Law.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the time of the VOTING on the Annual Budget, the Bus Purchase Resolution, and the Election of two Board Members shall be Tuesday, May 15, 2012, from 9:00 AM through 9:00 PM in the Home Economics room located in the Main Building, 1 East Main Street, Marathon, New York.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the election of members of the Board of Education and voting upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures may be done by qualified voters by means of an absentee ballot as provided by Education Law Section 2018-b and in accordance with policy 2120 of the Marathon Central School District.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained in the office of the Marathon Central School in the Village of Marathon, New York, by any resident during the fourteen days immediately preceding the budget vote, except Saturday, Sunday or holidays.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the following Propositions will be submitted:

Proposition #1

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Marathon Central School District be authorized to purchase four (4) (66 passenger) school buses at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$350,000; and that such cost, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax to be collected in annual installments; and in anticipation of such tax, debt obligations of the school district as may be necessary not to exceed such estimated maximum aggregate cost shall be issued.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of the Member of the Board of Education must be filed with the Clerk of the District not later than MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2012. The following vacancies are to be filled on the Board of Education:

TRUSTEE FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS
TERRIE ATWOOD, Name of Last Incumbent

TRUSTEE FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS
DAVID BRANDSTADT, Name of Last Incumbent

Each petition, a copy of which may be obtained at the District Clerk's office, must be directed to the Clerk of the District, must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters, and must state the name and residence of the candidate.

Date: March 2012

NANCY A. LoPRESTI
District Clerk
Board of Education

MARATHON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ASBESTOS UPDATE

As provided under the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) of 1987 (40 CFR 763), the Marathon Central School District hereby makes known the steps it has undertaken to comply with AHERA and the availability of asbestos management plans.

The firm of Adelaide Environmental Associates, Inc. was hired in 1989 to inspect all District owned facilities and to construct a management plan for each building. Re-inspections are conducted every three years. The last triennial inspection was conducted by OCM BOCES representatives in May of 2010. The next triennial will be scheduled in Spring, 2013.

Periodic Surveillance is conducted every six months. No observable changes were found in our surveillances conducted in July, 2010 and January, 2011.

All custodial and maintenance staff attended a refresher Asbestos Awareness Training in Fall, 2010.

All response actions taken are within federal and state guidelines.

Management Plans may be viewed in the Business Office during the regular office hours Monday through Friday. For more information please contact Harry Baker, L.E.A. Designee, 607-849-3251 or Karen Braman, Business Manager, 607-849-3224.

WHAT is K2?

K2 or also known as "fake weed" or "spice" is a synthetic drug that is becoming more prevalent in our community. This drug is a psychoactive herbal and chemical product that when consumed mimics the effects of cannabis. The mixture of herbs and spice plants are often sprayed with a potent psychotropic drug and likely contaminated with unknown toxic substances that is causing many adverse effects.

K2 is dangerous for many reasons. When smoked K2 increases a person's heart rate and blood pressure. It also brings on hallucinations, tremors and seizures. Other effects are: paranoid behavior, agitation, anxiety, nausea, and vomiting. There has been a surge of reports from hospitals with teenagers coming into emergency rooms experiencing severe side effects from K2 as well as phone calls to poison control centers.

K2 is legal in New York State. Teenagers can purchase this drug at local head shops as well as online. Several states independently passed acts making it illegal under state law to purchase and use K2. According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, New York State is considering legislation.

Spring Coaches Needed Immediately:

If you are interested in coaching one of the following teams:

Junior High Baseball

JV Baseball

JV Softball

Please contact Todd James at 849-3223.


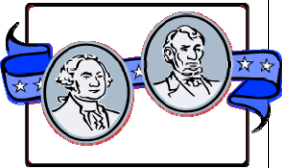
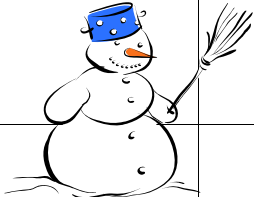

Physical Exams

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends yearly physicals. The State of New York **requires** them in kindergarten, 2nd and 4th grades. The School Health Program at Appleby would like to offer them to all students in grades 1-6. If you would like to schedule a physical for your child please call Caryl at 849-3180. If your child has had a physical this year or is planning to have one elsewhere, please be sure to send the office a copy for your child's school health record. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the School Health Program at Appleby, 849-3180.





February 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 FBLA Carnation Sale	2	3 Student Council Video/Movie Night	4
5	6	7 Junior Cookie Dough Sale Begins	8 BOE Meeting HS Library 7:00 pm	9	10 Sophomore Valentine Dance	11
12	13 HS Faculty Meeting	14 Valentine's Day	15 ASVAB TEST	16 Junior Cookie Dough Sale Ends	17 Student Council Laser Tag Marching Band Coffee Sale	18
19 	20 No School Presidents' Day	21 PTO Meeting Appleby Cafeteria 7:00 pm	22 Budget Presentation 6:30pm BOE Meeting HS Library 7:00 pm	23 	24	25 
26	27 District Faculty Meeting	28	29			



March 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 FBLA NYC Trip
4 FBLA NYC Trip	5 Senior Easter Sale Begins	6	7 Senior Switch Day	8	9	10 Senior Auction Junior Class Barbeque SATs
11 Daylight Savings Time Begins	12 HS Faculty Meeting	13 National Honor Society Blood Drive	14 BOE Meeting HS Library 7:00 pm	15 Pep Rally	16 No School Superintendent's Conf. Day Freshmen St. Patrick's Day Dance	17 St Patrick's Day 
18	19 Senior Easter Sale Ends Freshmen Pie Sale Begins	20 PTO Meeting Appleby Cafeteria 7:00 pm	21	22	23 Maple Queen Pageant	24 Maple Festival
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Olympian Sports

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED MARATHON ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME 45th INAUGURAL INDUCTION CEREMONY

The Marathon Athletic Hall of Fame will have its 5th inaugural inductions on Friday, June 22, 2012. The ceremony, which is open to the public, will take place in the auditorium at approximately 7:00 PM.

The purpose of the Hall of Fame is to recognize the accomplishments of the inductees and develop pride in the rich athletic traditions of the district. The inductees shall exemplify Marathon's commitment to academics, community, and athletic excellence and should foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of the history of Marathon Athletics for current student-athletes and the community at large.

Marathon CS Invites Applications for the Athletic Hall of Fame: The Marathon Central School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee is making its Fifth Annual call for nominations. Those interested in submitting applications for induction in 2012, are advised that the Committee's focus will be the recognition of athletes who graduated in 1996 to 2002. Applications prior to 1996 will still be considered. Application forms may be secured by contacting the school's Athletic Director at 607-849-3251 or the schools website http://www.marathonschools.org/Hall_of_Fame.php. Applications must be submitted by April 27, 2012 to: Todd James, Athletic Director, Marathon Central School, 1 East Main Street, Marathon, NY 13803

INDOOR TRACK & FIELD RECORDS BROKEN THIS SEASON

EVENT	ATHLETE(S)	RECORD
600 Meters	Andrew Doxey	01:31.22
800 Meters	Andrew Doxey	02:12.58
1500 Meters	Andrew Doxey	04:39.06
1600 Meter Relay	Dylan Brickner, Andrew Doxey, Tyler Abbott, Luke Williams	03:59.58
Sprint Medley Relay	Andrew Doxey, Luke Williams, Brandon Weldner, Tyler Abbott	04:05.20
Distance Medley Relay	Andrew Doxey, John Larkin, Tyler Abbott, Luke Williams	11:58.83
55 Meters	Brianna Phillips	7.74
400 Meters	Elizabeth Jewiss	01:03.75
800 Meters	Elizabeth Jewiss	02:27.00
1000 Meters	Elizabeth Jewiss	03:06.92
1500 Meters	Elizabeth Jewiss	04:59.49
3000 Meters	Elizabeth Jewiss	11:16.78
1500 Meter Race Walk	Rebecca Veninsky	10:16.40
Triple Jump	Allie McConnell	23'11.5"
Sprint Medley Relay	Taylor Buddenhagen, Allison Eaton, Meggan Kryssing, Elizabeth Jewiss	04:51.53



A FUN EVENT FOR RUNNERS & WALKERS

Marathon's 5K Run/Walk for the Scholars

June 23rd at 9:00 AM

A Fundraising Effort for the Marathon
Community Scholarship Foundation.

Applications Available @ www.Marathonschools.org

Indoor Track & Field

Section IV-DIV II First Team All Stars

Elizabeth Jewiss-1000M, 1500M; Brianna Phillips-55M

Section IV-DIV II Second Team All Stars

Andrew Doxey-1000M; Sunny Phillips-Shot Put; Rebecca Veninsky-1500 RW
Elizabeth Jewiss, Meggan Kryssing, Brianna Phillips, Taylor Lattabee-800M Relay
Mason Kneeder, Lucas Marsh, Brandon Weldner, Kyle Young-800M Relay
Dylan Brickner, Tyler Abbott, James Hawley, Luke Williams-1600M Relay
John Larkin, Dylan Brickner, Luke Williams, Andrew Doxey-3200M Relay
Allie McConnell, Rebecca Veninsky, Nikki Hurlbert, Abby West-3200M Relay

Basketball

JV Boys and Varsity Girls-IAC North Small School Division Champions

Bowling

IAC Small School Champions

1st Team IAC All Star-Dylan Bartlett; 2nd Team IAC All Star-Kortni McGowan

Wrestling

IAC Division II, Runner Ups

1st Team IAC All Star-Lucas Malmberg-106; Dillon Hurlbert 285

2nd Team Team IAC All Star-Tyler Hall-126

Section IV Class D Wrestling Champions

Lucas Malmberg 106, Tyler Hall 126, Andrew Gillette 285.

Section IV Class D Wrestling Runner-Up

Dillon Hurlbert 220

Sectional IV Division II State Qualifiers

Lucas Malmberg 106, Tyler Hall 126, Tim Larkin 145, Dillon Hurlbert 220, Christian Seyerle 285, & Andrew Gillette 285

Olympian Athletics By the Numbers

- (2) Tournament MOW Awards by Tyler Hall and Dillon Hurlbert for Wrestling
- (3) Consecutive years that the JV Boys Basketball team has won their division
- (3) Tournament MOW Awards by Lucas Malmberg for Wrestling
- (4) Games that Zack Brandstadt has made three pointers
- (6) Double doubles Tyler Hoellerer has had this season for the JV Squad
- (10) First double digit season for Mr. Holland and Varsity Boys Squad
- (11.4)-Daniel Lincoln's points per game on the JV Basketball Squad
- (12) Double Doubles Eric Barry has had this season for the Varsity Squad
- (14) Place at the IAC Bowling Tournament for Kortni McGowan (517)
- (15) Number of School Records Broke by the Indoor Track & Field Team this Season.
- (15) Place at the IAC Bowling Tournament for Zach Bucahalla (619)
- (23) Most Wrestling Pins by Dillon Hurlbert
- (25) Points Tyler Hoellerer scored against Union Springs
- (32) Three pointers made by Zack Brandstadt
- (39)-Most Wrestling Wins by Lucas Malmberg
- (39) Assists and steals by Cody Morrison
- (40) Three pointers made by Kody Barry
- (100) Career Wrestling wins by Coach Bush on 12-22-11 @ Candor
- (150) Rebounds by Tyler Hoellerer
- (214) Points by Tyler Hoellerer
- (500) JV Girls Basketball Games coached by Coach Povero on 2-3-12
- (647) 3rd High Series for Kortni McGowan, 3rd Highest in IAC Regular Season
- (679) Individual series rolled by Dylan Bartlett at the IAC Tournament, 7th Place
- (702) Andrew Doane's personal best and team high series for bowling
- (1000) Milestone for points in a career reached by Samantha Courtney

MARATHON
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SCHEDULE

Available Online

March 15th at

www.marathonschools.org



SAVE THIS DATE....SAVE THIS DATE.....SAVE THIS DATE

Marathon Junior-Senior High School 41st Annual Interscholastic Athletic Awards Night

Friday, June 15th at 6:00 PM @ the Marathon High School Auditorium

The Athletic Awards Night is an opportunity for all Junior Varsity and Varsity Athletes to receive recognition for their accomplishments during the Fall, Winter and/or Spring Season. Since all Junior Varsity and Varsity Athletes will be recognized with their Junior Varsity and/or Varsity Letter we encourage all Athletes and their Parents to attend this special evening of recognition.