

# Addison School District Newsletter

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## Valley Students Have Fun While Learning



Valley students learn all the letters of the alphabet while participating in interactive activities to emphasize themes and ideas. During the last week of March, students learned about the letter S and Community Helpers. They did a letter S soap craft. The students had to find the uppercase and lowercase letter S on the first page. Then they have to say the letter and the sound. Lastly, they traced the uppercase and lowercase letters and on the last line, tried their best to write it themselves. They also had gym time and went outside for some fresh air. Students are continuing to practice writing their names and numbers! The Valley Early Childhood School has openings for the fall school year.

(see flyer)



**Addison Central School District**  
**Pre-K 2025-2026 School Year Registration**  
 Attention Parents of 2, 3, and 4 Year Old Children  
 Addison School District Residents Only  
 Must be 3 by December 1, 2025

Registration is by appointment only beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>.  
 To register, call for an appointment and leave a message with your name and best contact phone number. We will return your call to set up an appointment and answer any questions you may have.  
 Mrs. Buckley 607-359-1111

**Registration dates are as follows:**  
 Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> - 3:00pm to 5:30pm  
 Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup> - 3:00pm to 7:00pm  
 Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> - 3:00pm to 7:00pm  
 Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> - 3:00pm to 5:30pm  
 Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> - 3:00pm to 7:00pm

**\*Required Documentation\***  
 All Documentation is an absolute **MUST** for registration. You will be asked to e-mail copies or bring with you to registration (we cannot register without this information)  
[abuckley@addisoncsd.org](mailto:abuckley@addisoncsd.org)

- Birth Certificate
- Custody papers if applicable
- Proof of Residency (utility bill, tax bill, house deed, mortgage statement)
- Shot/Immunization records
- Parent/Guardian Photo ID
- 2-5 names of contact - including complete address and phone number for each.



## International Thespian Society Arrives in Addison

The International Thespian Society is an honor society for students involved in theater. It is a brand-new club this year. Nine Junior Thespians, nine High School Thespians and four Honorary Members were inducted on Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> in the Addison High School auditorium. Inductees must have an 85% overall average and be an active Drama Club member. They must accumulate 50 hours at the junior level and 100 hours at the high school level. They can get these hours through school shows and community shows, but being an active drama club member is a requirement. The members will be participating in community service events, extra performing opportunities as well as participating in the school plays and shows. John Clark remarked that he is happy to be inducted into the International Thespian Society because it solidifies and strengthens the spirit and connection the students feel when they are together. They are a family, on and off the stage.

Members pictured: Mrs. Vroman (advisor), Miss Vroman (honorary), Katelin A., John C., Lyvia F., Skylar H., Hailliee H., Kaylee K., Adrianna N., Seth S., Lilian Z., Mr. Richardson (honorary), Mrs. Hamblin (honorary), Ms. Havens (honorary), Michaela B., Mallory B., Isabella G., Dustiee H., Sophie K., Jerome M., Taylor P., and Mairead S. Missing from photo: Mr. Sisson (honorary).

Right: Mr. Howe presents Lilian Z. with her award and Mrs. Benton presents Isabella G with her award.  
 By Brittany Bills and Alice Riley



THE ADDISON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION (BOE) WILL HOLD A BUSINESS MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23RD AT 6:00 PM IN THE ADDISON HIGH SCHOOL CAFÉ.

Senior Spotlight: Class of 2025

**Connor W.**  
**Favorite part of high school?**  
 BOCES  
**What are your plans after high school?**  
 College and then work  
**Favorite staff member?**  
 Mr. Cansdale  
**Proudest moment:**  
 Getting my CDL (can drive semi's)  
**Where do you see yourself in 10 years?**  
 A successful heavy equipment worker  
**What advice would you give to younger students?**  
 Go to BOCES  
**How has Addison contributed to your success thus far?**  
 BOCES program



**Kayden B.**  
**Favorite part of high school?**  
 BOCES  
**What are your plans after high school?**  
 Start working  
**Favorite staff member?**  
 Mr. Cansdale  
**Proudest moment:**  
 Almost being done with BOCES  
**Where do you see yourself in 10 years?**  
 Somewhere south, maybe South Carolina and working  
**What advice would you give to younger students?**  
 Stay in school kids  
**How has Addison contributed to your success thus far?**  
 BOCES program

Welcome, Mrs. Skillman!

Mrs. Skillman is in her 7<sup>th</sup> year of teaching music classes, including beginning band, chorus, and general music. Her favorite instruments to play are the guitar and the clarinet. She started playing the clarinet in the fifth grade and has been playing it since. Her favorite instrument to teach is the ukelele, which she taught herself how to play at 13 years old. She loves to watch them play and sing their favorite songs on it. She wants to learn the mandolin next.

Mrs. Skillman is from Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania. She went to Houghton College for her undergraduate degree in music, and then she moved to Corning. Mrs. Skillman had a loving and caring music teacher in middle school, who had high expectations for her students, and inspired her to become a teacher. She pushed them to be the better musicians she knew they could be. Mrs. Skillman says she will never forget her dedication. She encouraged, valued and inspired to continue with music.

Mrs. Skillman says that valuing her students' interests and cultivating an appreciation for a wide variety of music is the most important feature of her job. Mrs. Skillman likes how welcoming everyone in the district is and how students have so many opportunities. She wants the students of Addison to follow what excites them and strive to be the best person they can be. Mrs. Skillman would like to continue growing as a music teacher and become a better person every year.

In Mrs. Skillman's free time, she likes to read next to her husband and two cats. She's also learning to sew and needle work. In the summer she likes to grow plants in her garden and hike up at Walkins Glenn. Mrs. Skillman is very dedicated to her students' success in everything they do. She looks forward to watching them grow and accomplish great things.

By Grace Heidrick



Meaningful Work at Work

Mrs. Walrath/McEnroe's kindergarten class has a 5<sup>th</sup> grader working in the classroom once a week. The student was hired through the "Meaningful Work Program" at Tuscarora. Students can complete an application if interested in an available job and then have an interview for the job they are interested in.



Tuscarora Students Are Happy



Administrative Education Panel

District and High School administrators spoke to students about business letters that they wrote as part of the ACE English curriculum. These letters consisted of changes that they would like to see in their school and district.

Knowing how to write an appropriate and structured business letter is a vital skill that students will need in their lives. The students appreciated the administrators taking the time to visit and address the topics in their letters. Some of these topics were: electronics in the classroom, the temperature in various areas of the school, seniors privileges, curriculum questions and inquiries, among many others. The students value this experience as it allows them to feel heard and validated.

By Brooke VanCise



2025 Middle School ELA and Math Testing Dates

| NYS ELA 6                                     | NYS ELA 7 & 8                                   | NYS Math 6-8                              | NYS science 8        |
|---|---|---|----------------------|
| April 8 <sup>th</sup> & April 9 <sup>th</sup> | April 23 <sup>rd</sup> & April 24 <sup>th</sup> | May 7 <sup>th</sup> & May 8 <sup>th</sup> | May 13 <sup>th</sup> |

### Student Council Lock-in

On Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, high school student council members participated in a lock-in held in Addison's Middle-High School, where they enjoyed a night full of games, movies, and snacks. Chaperoned by Student Council Advisor, Mrs. Keech, and high school Dean of Students, Mr. Driskell, approximately 20 students stayed for 12 hours at the school from 7:00 PM to 7:00 AM.

To begin their night, students went swimming before enjoying a potluck of treats. With 9 hours left to go, students played Just Dance, kickball, Four Square, and volleyball. At midnight they began a school-wide game of Hide and Seek.

Students broke off into pairs



and ran through the school, searching high and low to find where their friends had hidden. From there, the students split up into different groups. Some revisited Four Square and volleyball while others played board games and card games, watched movies, or slept. A brave few stayed up for the full duration of the lock-in, playing games through the early hours of the morning. They ate a lovely pancake breakfast, prepared by senior attendee, Alex B.

The students had so much fun at the lock-in; many are hoping to turn it into an annual event. Seth S. said, "My favorite part was all of the games that we played because it... was a great way to get to know each other better." This sentiment was echoed by Oliva M., who said, "My favorite part of the lock-in was that we all were together having fun and bonding with people we normally wouldn't hangout with." The lock-in was a great chance for students to strengthen the bonds within Student Council and create memories that will last a lifetime.

By Anna Lyons and Kaylee Keech



### Clemens Center Field Trip

On Friday March 21, 2025, our 7<sup>th</sup> grade students went to the Clemens Center to watch "Hero: The Boy From Troy", the play took the students on a musical journey with our main character Jayden, a student stuck in detention with a book about John Lewis. At first, he thought that history had nothing to teach him before being taken on a journey through the decades. On his adventure students got to see how the heroes in the Civil Rights movement inspired young John Lewis to protest injustice and get into "good trouble."

The students got to learn about American Heroes of the past in a fun and creative way.



By Kenzie Stuby



### Academic All-Stars

The High School Academic All-Star season has now come to an end. At the end of the season, the team had a total of 1 win and 4 losses. Though they didn't have the highest score between surrounding districts, it was still a good year, and a wonderful experience!

By Kenzie Stuby



### A Lucky Leprechaun Lunch

One student per month was pulled from their classroom envelope from all Good Knight tickets collected for the month of March. The reward for the winners was to "Eat Lunch with the Leprechaun." The winning students also got an ice cream treat. Thank you to Mr. Eldridge for volunteering to dress as the leprechaun for this fun event.



**Our Tuscarora Knights sure have a SPRING in their steps as they keep growing as readers!**

**Kindergarten**  
 250 Steps  
 Cooper S  
 Colton T  
 Kendalyn W  
 Carson M  
 Tegan S

500 Steps  
 Lincoln G

**1st Grade**  
 250 Steps  
 Ivy B  
 Cheveyo B

Sophia D  
 Chase F  
 Harlie G  
 Carter K  
 Zzyzx P  
 Payton S  
 Helen T  
 Oliver W  
 Glendon B  
 Loreleigh R  
 Parker S  
 Averie T  
 Maverick K  
 Daxton L  
 Henry R

Grayson S  
 Matteo W

500 Steps  
 Hunter C  
 Benjamin B  
 Victoria G

650 Steps  
 Hunter C

2nd Grade  
 250 Steps  
 Bailey C  
 Brinley G

Gracie L  
 Avery R  
 Hinata V  
 Madelynn T

500 Steps  
 Adrian M

**3rd Grade**  
 250 Steps  
 Claire K  
 Samuel L  
 Kaylee L  
 Paisley P

500 Steps  
 Nicholas C  
 Mya W

**4th Grade**  
 250 Steps  
 Aurora E-S  
 Rylin K  
 Kennedy B  
 Elliott E  
 Theo H  
 Eli L  
 Ellie M  
 Eva S

Lena V  
 Hunter S  
 Keith P  
 Hailey R

500 Steps



**The Addison MS/HS BANDS**

Presents

*Through Music WE are ONE*

Featuring

6th, 7th, 8th, and SR HIGH BANDS!

Monday, May 5, 2025 at 7:00PM

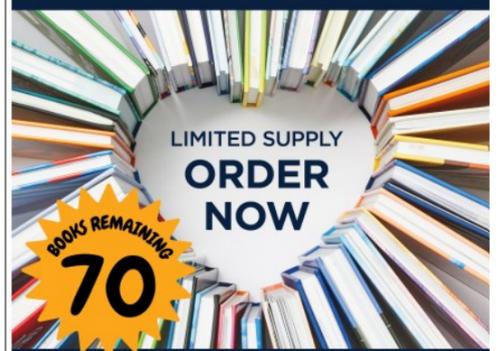
Addison MS/HS Auditorium

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**April 2025  
 Jennie Mose Family Resource Center**

All our services are free and all are welcome!

**Services**

Family Resource Centers offer a welcoming atmosphere where parents and caregivers can bring their children to play, explore and socialize with other children and families.

**Drop in Play**

Our centers are each set up to engage the imagination and encourage exploration. Parent/caregivers and their children can explore dramatic play, block play, cars and trucks, create beautiful works of art, read stories together or enjoy one of the many other areas at our Family Resource Centers. During our Drop-in Play hours we help provide the materials, a safe, friendly warm and welcoming environment where you can find support from our caring staff and other parent/caregivers

**Gross & Fine Motor Activities**

It's time to get those large muscles moving! It takes lots of practice to perfect our coordination skills so we can learn to rollover, sit up, crawl, walk, run, climb and eventually ride a bike. You can always find gross motor opportunities at our centers varying for the developmental ability of your child. The precise movements it takes for a child to pick up a cheerio, write their name or learn to cut are developed through fine motor activities. We are conscious at our centers in making sure we provide lots of materials and opportunities for children to build these muscles and "fine" tune these skills.

**Sensory Play**

Children learn so much through their 5 senses: touch, sight, hearing, smell and taste. Sensory play will focus on developing one or multiple senses.

**Upcoming Parenting Education**

Fatherhood Connections: Mondays April 29th-July 15th  
 Location to be determined.

Build Your Bounce: Fridays May 2nd-May 15th 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Virtually.

Parenting in a Plugged in World: April 21st and April 28th  
 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Virtually

**CLASSES & GROUPS**

Call for more information

**Music and Movement**

Full filled music program for all ages. Enjoy music, songs, movement, stories and giggles!

Thursday April 3rd and Tuesday April 15th  
 10:30 a.m.

**Parent Connections**

In person monthly group designed to strengthen and support parents & caregivers who you are raising children with.

Saturday April 12th  
 10 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**Parents as Teachers**

Evidence based curriculum that's core philosophy is that parents are their children's first and most influential teachers. Through activities parents/caregivers will increase their parental knowledge of early childhood development, improve parenting practices, provide early detection of developmental delays and health issues & increase children's school readiness and school success.

Wednesday April 10th and Monday April 29th  
 10:30 a.m.

**Storytime**

Come join us for a nurturing evening of creativity, conversation and adult interaction.

Wednesday April 9th and Monday April 21st  
 10:30 a.m.

**Baby Doll Circle Time**

Baby Doll Circle Time strengthens attachment & attunement through Social Play.

Wednesday April 30th  
 10:30 a.m.

**2025 National Technical Honor Society Induction Ceremony**

Congratulations to the following students on receiving this honor.

Alex Boutelle-Cosmetology  
 Trisha Dailey-Cosmetology  
 Marissa Frawley-Cosmetology  
 Ranae Ketrow-Automotive Technology  
 Natonya Oakley-Culinary Arts  
 Kayleigh Rupp-Criminal Justice



**Welcome to KINDERGARTEN!**

Attention Parents of 4 & 5 Year Old Children!  
 Addison Central School District  
 2025-2026 School Year  
 Kindergarten Registration and Screening Clinic

**Addison School District Residents Only**

Child must be 5 by December 1, 2025

Registration is by appointment only

To register, call on or after April 1st, 2025 for an appointment:  
 Nicole Monroe, District Registrar  
 607-359-1221

Registration and screening dates (choose one) are as follows:

Wednesday, July 16th 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Thursday, July 17th 11:00 am - 6:00 pm

All dates will be held at Tuscarora Elementary School

**Required Documentation:**

\*\*\*All documentation is required for registration\*\*\*

- Birth Certificate
- Custody Papers if Applicable
- Proof of Residency (utility bill, tax bill, house deed, mortgage statement)
- Current Physical & Immunization Records
- Parent or Guardian Photo ID

Please bring original documents. Copies will be made at registration.



**April**

**Jennie Mose**

Family Resource Center  
 Our services are free of charge and every family is welcome!

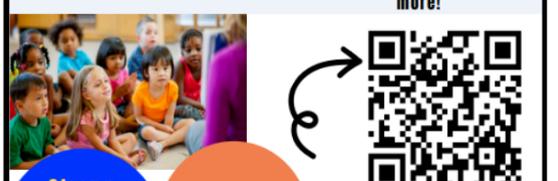
| MON                    | TUE                    | WED                         | THU                    | FRI                         | SAT  |
|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
|                        | 1<br>Drop in and Play  | 2<br>Autism                 | 3<br>Music             | 4<br>CLOSED                 | 5  |
| 7<br>Drop in and Play  | 8<br>Sensory Play      | 9<br>Story Time             | 10<br>Parents Teachers | 11<br>SEL Group with Ashley | 12   |
| 14<br>CLOSED           | 15<br>Story Time       | 16<br>Pinwheels in the Park | 17<br>CLOSED           | 18<br>CLOSED                | 19   |
| 21<br>Story Time       | 22<br>Earth Day        | 23<br>Drop in and Play      | 24<br>Sensory Play     | 25                          | 26   |
| 28<br>Drop in and Play | 29<br>Parents Teachers | 30<br>Baby Doll Circle Time |                        |                             | Please turnover for full description of activities, times and special events |

**Open Hours**

**Monday**  
 8:00 AM-1:00 PM  
**Tuesday**  
 8:00 AM-1:00 PM  
 1:45 PM -3:00 PM Community Center  
**Wednesday**  
 8:00 AM-1:00 PM  
**Thursday**  
 8:00 AM-1:00 PM  
 1:45 PM-3:00 PM Community Center  
**Friday**  
 Closed  
**Location:**  
 14 South Street  
 Addison, NY  
**Coordinator:**  
 Heather Balch  
**Phone:**  
 Center: 607-359-3839  
 Cell: 315-521-0615  
**Email:**  
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 Or Call/email  
 Deanna Wheeler-  
 wheelerd@proactioninc.org  
 607-329-9176

