



The Eagles' view

Whitney Point Central School District Newsletter

September 2014

Superintendent's Message

Dear Whitney Point Community,

As summer vacation comes to a close, we once again look forward to a new school year. I hope you all had an opportunity to enjoy the beautiful weather and special times with family and friends.

As we continue to work toward the District Vision of being a community of excellence achieved through a commitment to HIGH performance, morale, and involvement, the District was able to offer a number of summer enrichment programs. Students attending these programs engaged in literacy events and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) activities. The students were engaged building robots, solving problems, exploring nature, visiting college campuses, and much, much, more! As the school year begins, we are pleased to be able to continue the current 4 p.m. bus schedule in order to provide extra help and enrichment opportunities to our students.

Throughout the District, faculty and staff have been preparing for the return of our students. Each year brings promise of new beginnings and accomplishments. We look forward to continuing to expand student opportunities through collaborations with neighboring colleges and organizations and by participating in local, state, and federal grants. Over the last few years, we have been working to meet the challenge of assuring our students are college and career ready. As students are exposed to higher level thinking and problem-solving activities, we are constantly amazed at their progress and abilities. As data results become available, we are celebrating an increase in student performance and



Students in the STEAM program visited SUNY Cortland to work with scientists and also met Cortland President Erik J. Bitterbaum.

graduation rates.

The sign outside the TRA has been a big hit this year and Kathy Gummo in our district office takes great pride in keeping our community informed about school events in ever-changing and exciting ways! I would also encourage you to visit our new website to receive up-to-date information and sign up to receive email and/or text alerts.

I can hardly believe I am in my third year as Superintendent! It has been a pleasure getting to know the students and so many members of the community. Your kindness and support are greatly appreciated. It is an honor and privilege to work in the Whitney Point Central School District- WHERE KIDS ARE THE POINT!

Sincerely,

Patricia Follette, Superintendent

Whitney Point honors the top students of 2014



Valedictorian Morgan Hill Salutatorian Ashley Case

The Whitney Point School District is proud to announce Morgan Hill as the valedictorian and Ashley Case as the salutatorian of the graduating class of 2014. Morgan graduated with a 98.28 GPA and will be attending Binghamton University. She is the daughter of Michael and Andrea Hill. Ashley graduated with a 95.55 GPA and looks forward to attending SUNY Brockport this fall. She is the daughter of Scott and Renee Case.

The district congratulates Morgan, Ashley and the entire graduating Class of 2014 and wishes them the best in all their future endeavors.

Athletic conference focuses on positive values

In July, Whitney Point Director of Athletics, Health and Physical Education, Murphee Hayes and student athlete Taylor Clink attended the New England 2014 Student Leadership Conference held at Stonehill College in Massachusetts. The conference was a four-day, residential event for over 300 student and adult leaders who participate in interscholastic athletic and activity programs through their state high school athletic/activities associations.

The curriculum for the conference focused on respect, positive values, perspective, sportsmanship, teamwork, healthy lifestyles, community service and self-evaluation. These components were presented in large and small group sessions, led by outstanding adult and college facilitators specifically chosen for their involvement in athletics at the high school and collegiate level, and addressed contemporary issues that impact a young person being a leader and role model. In addition to group discussion, special guest speakers shared inspirational messages, stories of overcoming adversity and utilizing the power of positive influence. The conference also incorporated a community service project as part of the leadership training curriculum that took place in local communities.

Incredible attention is being paid to high school athletics and activities programs today. Participants in these programs are looked up to as leaders because of their position on a team or club. The impact these young people have on the climate and culture of their schools, fellow students and community is incredible. Studies show more than one half of high school students participate in some form of school activity or athletic program. The involvement of these students in the success of a high school is paramount and critical. Ms. Hayes and Taylor Clink look forward to working with the Whitney Point Athletic Program sharing these leadership ideas.

Fun symbols make finding the bus easy - no mistakes

All Whitney Point school buses will sport symbols that are easily identified and remembered by students in even the earliest grades. It won't be necessary to remember numbers or worry about a bus number change – just look for the fish, rooster, duck, bicycle, etc. (see the list below for your child's bus symbol.)

<u>Bus #/Symbol</u>	<u>Bus #/Symbol</u>	<u>Bus #/Symbol</u>
1 Fish	10 Seal	19 Smiley Face
2 Horse	11 Rabbit	20 Key
3 Rooster	12 Star	21 Clock
4 Tree	13 Truck	22 Dollar Sign
5 Duck	14 Airplane	23 Train
6 Elephant	15 Bear	24 Green Square
7 Cow	16 Squirrel	25 Blue Bird
8 Pumpkin	17 Red Circle	26 Bicycle
9 Cat	18 Checkerboard	27 Apple

District welcomes new faculty and says 'goodbye' to retirees

At the end of each school year, we sadly say goodbye to our retiring staff members who have spent many years serving our students and dedicating themselves to making Whitney Point Central School an excellent environment for learning. We thank science teacher Susan Porter and math teacher Annette Dauley for their years of service to the district.

While we see some staff members go, we are excited to welcome our new additions to the Whitney Point faculty and wish them the best of luck as they begin the new school year.

Corey Miller, Spanish Teacher- High School
 Jeffrey Carr, Math Teacher – TRA
 Margo Undercoffer, Elementary Education Teacher – TRA
 Karen Tye, Science Teacher – TRA
 Casey Baumlin, Special Education Teacher – TRA

Stay tuned for details of a new Capital Project

- High School/CEA bus loop and master site plan
- High School 90's wing classroom renovations
- CEA '86 wing classroom renovations
- Multi-purpose gym renovations in CEA
- New concession stand and bathrooms at Tymeson Field

2014-15 breakfast and lunch prices

CEA School
Breakfast - \$1.40
Lunch - \$2.20

TRA and High School
Breakfast - \$1.40
Lunch - \$2.30

Visit the WPCSD website and click on FOOD SERVICE if you would like to sign up to pre-pay for your child's meals.

Free and reduced lunch applications were mailed to all Whitney Point Central School District student households on August 4. Additional applications and eligibility requirements can be found online and in any of the Whitney Point Central School District building offices. If you have any questions, please contact Rosa Shelp at 766-3926 or rshelp@btbores.org.

REMINDER: The first day of school is Thursday, September 4. Kindergarten and Pre-K begin on Friday, September 5.