

The Comet's Tale

March 2021

Two (2) BOE seats on upcoming ballot, petitions now available

There are two (2) Sandy Creek Board of Education seats that will be on this year's ballot, to be voted on May 18, 2021 from noon to 8:00 p.m.

The seats of Brian MacVean and Mark Haynes are expiring on June 30, 2021. These two (2) seats are both five-year terms and run through the 2025-26 school year.

Petition packets are available now and must be picked up in person at the District office between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday or by appointment. Candidates must collect 25 signatures of qualified Sandy Creek CSD voters.

Completed petitions must be returned to the District Clerk by 5 p.m. on Monday, April 19, 2021.

If you have further questions please reach out to the District Office at 315-387-3445 x1510.

Library accepts donation used for new books!



Pictured with the books purchased from a recent donation are Sandy Creek students, school librarian Rachel Allen, top row at left, and Shawn Massey, top row at right, whose business donated the money that allowed the district to purchase nearly 150 unique titles.

The Sandy Creek Central School District's library accepted a large donation that was used to purchase new books that will go into circulation for all students.

Watertown's Massey's Furniture Barn donated more than \$9,000 total worth of books to Sandy Creek and other area school districts through its Bucks for Books program. The company puts aside \$2 from every sale toward the program.

"I see the books these kids are dealing with and they are torn and tattered and old. It's something that I can do and my company can do to help the children get better books in these libraries," Massey's owner Shawn Massey told WWNY.

Sandy Creek librarian Rachel Allen said she was very excited for the donation, which totaled \$2,300 and allowed the district to purchase nearly 150 unique titles.

Included in the new selections were multicultural and diversity themes, additions to favorite series, replacements of popular

books, top books from recent years and stories related to September 11, 2001.

Allen thanked Massey's for its generous donation and emphasized the importance of reading, especially while growing up.

"Reading is something we want to make a habit early because it's such an important life skill for future careers and comprehension," said Allen. "This donation will help engage students and we are incredibly grateful."

Look for the stamp in your child's library books!





'A-moo-sing' virtual field trip takes 2nd grade to dairy farm



Sandy Creek second-grade students got a little taste of local agriculture with a virtual field trip courtesy of the Oswego County Agriculture Literacy Week and Cornell Cooperative Extension.

During the virtual trip, students got to see farm animals, tour a local dairy farm and ask their host questions as they toured the farm.

"The kids absolutely loved the tour and the program fit right in with our social studies units on community history and rural areas," said Sandy Creek Elementary second-grade teacher Judy Allen. "We want to thank everyone who helped make this possible for our students."

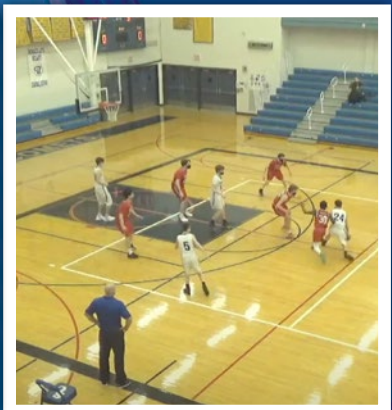
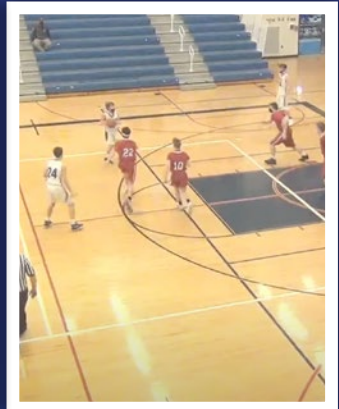
Each second-grade classroom received a packet with some newspaper articles and coloring pages about dairy farms, and the school also received a story book called "Tales of the Dairy Godmother Chuck's Ice Cream Wish" to share with the students. The book has been donated to the district library for anyone to check it out.

The virtual field trip highlighted all the different chores and tasks required by a farmer to get milk and ice cream to their table.

Then, fittingly, the field trip ended with ice cream for the students to enjoy courtesy of the Climate Committee.



Sports are back at Sandy Creek!



Watch live on YouTube!



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Pesticide notice from Sandy Creek schools

Dear Parent, Guardian, and School Staff:

New York State Education Law Section 409-H, effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and non public elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year.

The following pesticide applications took place in the Sandy Creek Central School from September 1, 2020 to March 17, 2021:

- ***There have been no pesticide applications during the above stated period.***

As a reminder, the Sandy Creek Central School District is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. The following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

- A school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72 hours following an application;
- Anti-microbial products;
- Nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- Nonvolatile insecticidal baits in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- Silica gels and other nonvolatile ready-to-use pastes, foams, or gels in areas inaccessible to children;
- Boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate;
- The application of EPA designated biopesticides;
- The application of EPA designated exempt materials under 40CFR152.25;
- The use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps, and hornets.

In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification list.

If you have not yet registered to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in your school, please complete the form below and return it to Shelley H. Fitzpatrick, Sandy Creek Central School District Business Administrator at:

PO Box 248
Sandy Creek, NY 13145
Phone: 315-387-3445 x1510
Fax: 315-387-2196

Please feel free to contact Andy Ridgeway, the Sandy Creek Central School District pesticide representative at: PO Box 248, Sandy Creek, NY 13145, Phone: 315-387-3445 x1510, Fax: 315-387-2196 for further information on these requirements, including information on the products that have been applied in this school.

Sincerely,

Shelley H. Fitzpatrick
Business Administrator

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Sandy Creek Central School District
Request for Pesticide Application Notification
(Please Print)

_____ School Building

Name:	Address:	
Day Phone:	Evening Phone:	Email Address:

**Sandy Creek Central
School District**
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124 Salisbury St.
Sandy Creek, NY 13145

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Permit No. 7
Zip Code 13145

Phone: 315-387-3445
Fax: 315-387-2196
District Office: Ext. 1510
Business Office: Ext. 1510
Elementary: Ext. 1110
Middle School/High School: Ext. 1910
Nurses' Offices: Ext. 1501
Elementary - Ext. 1503; **HS -** Ext. 1505
Transportation: Ext. 3330

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Capital Project update: Construction to ramp up as weather warms

As spring approaches and the weather improves, work on the Sandy Creek Central School District capital project is preparing for construction to ramp up to full force.

In a March report to the Board of Education, the School District's Construction Manager, Todd LaBarr of Watchdog Building Partners, said work is progressing and nearly 25 percent of the construction work for Phase II of the project, approved by voters in 2018, is complete.

All masonry work for the new bus maintenance facility is complete, and the general contractor is preparing for the arrival of structural steel members for that portion of the job.

Weydman Electric completed the fire alarm replacements in Sandy Creek Elementary School, and J&A Mechanical Contractors continues to replace the elementary's unit ventilators throughout the building.

In addition, DiPasquale is working toward the completion of the new gymnasium entrance with the installation of the glass storefront system and Terrazzo flooring projected to be done soon.

Other projected upcoming work includes under slab plumbing and installation of gas plus electrical service to the new bus maintenance facility. There will also be continued work on unit fire alarm replacements in the high school and middle school along with ventilator replacements and control valve replacements on them.

The Board of Education receives a monthly update on the capital project at its public meetings.



NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

The Sandy Creek Central School District offers employment and educational opportunities, including vocational educational opportunities, without regard to sex, race, color, national origin, ethnicity, creed, marital status, age sexual orientation, disability and religion. Inquiries regarding this non-discrimination policy may be directed to:

Shelley Fitzpatrick, *Business Administrator/Title IX Officer*

Sandy Creek Central School District | P.O. Box 248, 124 Salisbury Street | Sandy Creek, NY 13145