## THE COMET'S TALE



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## **Congratulations Class of 2008**

"A Message to the Graduates"

It's that time of the year again when we say good bye and good luck to our Senior Class. I am very proud of their accomplishments and wish them the best, but at the same time a bit sad to see them leave. I started my tenure as Sandy Creek's Superintendent in 2004 when these students were Freshmen.

I've had the opportunity to witness them develop into outstanding young men and women. For the past four weeks, I've had the privilege of meeting with them in small groups, asking them what their experience was like attending the Sandy Creek Central School District. Overall, they were very happy with their education and felt strongly that the school district has prepared them for college and the world of work. They spoke highly of their teachers and all of the support staff members they have come in contact with over the years. They felt they all played a major role in their success. 89% of our graduating seniors plan on going to post secondary schools. The remaining will enter the Military and serve our country or go immediately into the world of work. I wish all of our graduates all the success in the world. In a recent letter to them, I've asked them to:

- \* Set goals and keep them a priority. Goals keep them on track and give them something to strive for each day. Their education needs to be a priority because the labor market is competitive. Their quality of life will depend on their goals and education.
- \* Give back to your community. I asked them to participate in some type of community service activity. The community has given them a solid education and giving back is a noble cause.
- \* Love your family! I told them to remember that their family is probably the biggest reason why they are graduating this year. Their family gave them support and stood by them during the challenging times. I asked that they keep their family number one in their lives.

I look forward to June 28th when we will honor the Class of 2008.

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## School-to-Work Program

A partnership between the Pulaski & Sandy Creek School Districts Teresa Crast, Coordinator tcrast@sccs.cnyric.org

The School-to-Work program is wrapping up its second year and what a successful year it has been! Students have returned from their last rotation of internships and have been able to share some amazing stories of their experiences. Some of the experiences students were able to participate in or observe include:

- Teaching fields had the opportunity to write their own lesson plans and teach them in their host district;
- Social work and psychology had the unique opportunity of participating in group sessions held at the locked-down unit at Oswego Mental Health and were able to observe during home



Lexie at Midnight Sun

visits: on "sick" computers, build hard drives and load software;

Emily at South Jefferson High School

#### sonograms;

- Law enforcement conduct visual inspections of dwellings that were cited for not being in compliance with the fire codes
- Pharmacy learn the differences between various types of drugs and their security levels, count out medication, bottle medications and label them.



Veterinary science - helped to conduct routine exams,

Computer repair - were allowed to perform diagnostics

conducted fecal testing and observed surgeries;



Currently students are working on updating their portfolios that they will take with them upon completion of the program. Each portfolio contains essays from their individual work experiences, resumes, letters of recommendations, transcripts, evaluations from employers and a variety of other resources that will prove to be an invaluable tool upon graduation. Students are also participating in mini-lessons pertaining to purchasing life and health insurance, understanding their paychecks and associated deductions and taxes and learning about the ABC's of good credit and the importance of maintaining good credit.

## The Sandy Creek Central School District 2008 Valedictorian is Ashley Haskins



Parents: Steven and Andrea Haskins

College I plan to attend: Syracuse University

The teacher who inspired me most: Ms. Sue Bitz

My advice to my graduating class: Apathy is the root of

all evil.

**Future Plans**: Learn everything, meet everyone, do something worth remembering and have someone to do it with.

## The Sandy Creek Central School District 2008 Salutatorian is Elizabeth A. Lawrence

Parents: Edward B. Lawrence and Martha L. Lawrence

College I plan to attend: SUNY Geneseo

The teacher who inspired me most: Mr. Kevin Halsey

My advice to my graduating class: Set priorities for

yourself and always give 100%. Don't forget to smile.

Future Plans: Attend SUNY Geneseo and major in business administration and minor in Sociology. Continue my education for a MBA, get married, have children and keep checking things off my list.



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## June Musings from the Middle School—Joanne Shelmidine, Principal

It is June. This year has flown by! I work with the most amazing group of teachers. Our teachers are facilitators of learning, and our students are intrinsically involved in their own learning. Students are increasingly more engaged in the learning process and that is evident on state assessments, as well as classroom measurements.

I am continuously amazed at how much middle school students change over the course of the school year. Voices deepen, students get taller, seemingly overnight, and friendships change. I look at our current eighth graders and remember them as sixth graders. I see such wonderful growth and potential and wish them continued success as they enter high school.

As we did last summer, a sixth grade picnic will be held at the end of the summer for our incoming sixth grade students. This will reinforce some of the information the fifth graders heard at Moving Up day. You will receive more information in August.

### Have a safe and wonderful summer!

The Pulaski and Sandy Creek school districts cannot begin to thank all of the employers who so graciously opened their doors and shared their knowledge to help prepare the STW students for the real world within their chosen careers. Employers who participated this year include: Adams - South Jeff Middle School, South Jeff High School, Stay 'n Play Day Care Center; Central Square - A & S Computers; Mexico - Mexico Veterinary Hospital; Oswego - Midnight Sun, North Country Veterinary Services, Oswego County Mental Health, Oswego Hospital; Pulaski -Kinney Drugs, Pulaski Day Care Center, Pulaski Elementary School, Pulaski Police Department, Sports PT; Sandy Creek -Sandy Creek Elementary School; Watertown - The Animal Doctors, Jefferson County Fire Protection, Jefferson County Mental Health, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, North Country Animal Hospital, Samaritan Hospital, Thompson Park Zoo.



Jessica at North Country

Anyone with questions regarding the School-to-Work program is encouraged to call Mrs. Teresa Crast, STW Coordinator at 387-3445 ext. 1934 or email her at tcrast@sccs.cnyric.org. Students who would like to participate in

requests.

the program next year should contact their Guidance Counselor

their

Stacy at Stay 'N Play Daycare



Rachel at Sandy Creek Elementary

## News from the High School

There are many activities at Sandy Creek for students to participate in. Automatically, we think of the sports or music programs. Listed below are some of the other clubs/activities that are available at Sandy Creek High School: Yearbook, Student Newspaper, SADD, Mock Trial, Oswego County Academic Youth (OCAY), French Club, Spanish Club, Drama Club, Art Club, Business Club, Student Council, History Club, Peer Group, Whiz Quiz, Gaming Club. We also offer students who are interested in skate boarding and snow boarding or skiing, bus rides and supervision to places where they can participate.

This year the Mock Trial participants were Caitlin Clark, Troy Shirley, Scott Luberto, Paul Kelly, Lindsey Forcione, Ashley Haskins, Brittany Bryden, Aaron Pittman, Mike Cambareri, Rachel Hurd, Cassia King, Robert Ferguson, and Lisa Salzman. They competed against other county schools and ended with a record of 4 wins and 0 losses. This is the second year in a row that they have won the County Title. They then went on to make it to the semi-final round in Regional competition. Students that participate can earn \$250 in scholarship money a year to be given at the end of their senior year. Mr. Jonn Stoker is the advisor for this program.

I would also like to give recognition to the OCAY teams that competed against the other County schools this year. In these competitions, students are given a task that includes a series of complicated concepts or steps. Each team is then judged by preset criteria. Competitions are usually held somewhere in Oswego County and take place during the school day. Students compete four or five times per year. This year we scored a 9th, 8th, 6th, and 3rd place consecutively. The end of the year competition was held at Sandy Island Beach. Oswego County competed against a tough Sullivan County team making sand sculptures and beach mosaics. Sullivan County won the final event. Ms. Caitlin Urlacher is the advisor for this program.

Encourage your children to become a part of after school life at Sandy Creek. There is a place for everyone! If you are interested in more information regarding extra-curricular clubs and activities, please contact the HS office at 387-3445 ext. 1910.

## SUMMER CAMP AND SUCCESS BY SIX 2008

Summer is quickly approaching! As we prepare for the end of the year, we find ourselves very excited at the opportunity to host *Summer Camp* at Sandy Creek Elementary. *Summer Camp* is an academic program offered to select students in Kindergarten through sixth grade. The program will be focused on reading and math skills and strategies. Summer Camp will be held Monday through Thursday from 8:15-11:15 am. The program will run from Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup>.

Sandy Creek Elementary will also be hosting two classes of Success by Six. Success by Six is a United Way program for incoming kindergarten students. In this program, students will learn school procedures, such as lining up, listening to a story, and recognizing their name. Students will also participate in socialization activities. The Success by Six teachers have many activities planned, such as a nutrition and sun safety presentation by Cornell Cooperative Extension. Success By Six classes meet Tuesday through Thursday from July 14th through August 7th.

All in all, it will be a summer full of learning. If you have any questions, please call the Elementary Office at 387-3445 Ext. 1110.

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## **Summer Food Service Program**

The Sandy Creek Central School District will once again participate in the Summer Food Service program (SFSP). Meals will be provided to all children 18 years and under without charge. Acceptance and participation requirements for the program and all activities are the same for all regardless of race, color, national origin, gender, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided at the site and times as follows:

Sandy Creek Central School Elementary Cafeteria
July 7<sup>th</sup> to August 8<sup>th</sup>, Monday through Friday.

Meals will be served as follows:

Breakfast from 8:00AM to 9:30 AM ONLY

Lunch from 10:45 AM to 12:30 PM ONLY

All meals must be consumed in the cafeteria.

Persons interested in receiving more information should contact: Debbie Archibee at Sandy Creek Central School, 387-3445 Ext 1602

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#### Technology at SCCS

The miniaturization of computers and components is changing our world at a rapid pace. Not too long ago you had to stop and find a payphone if you wanted to call someone when you were away from home. Today, everyone seems to have a cell phone and we have "instant" communication with friends and family far and wide. These cell phones are now also miniature computers with web access, digital cameras and global positioning systems built right in. All of these technological advances have changed the way that we communicate and also brought new challenges to school districts and parents seeking to keep our students safe.

Recent articles in major publications have highlighted the rise in risky behavior by teens with cell phones. Inappropriate pictures, text messaging and web access are just some of the activities described in these articles. Parents and teachers have generally been less inclined to utilize these new technologies and appreciate the capabilities (and inherent dangers) in wireless communication. At SCCS we allow cell phone use before and after school but do not prohibit students from having phones during the school day. The phrase "away for the day" is often used to remind students of the policy.

Please make yourself aware of the capabilities of the cell phone that your child uses. If you consider it appropriate to monitor their friends and where they go, then it is reasonable to monitor their phone use, including pictures and text messaging. Remind them that cell phone use (including texting) is illegal when they are driving and that engaging in risky behavior can have long term consequences, especially in the digital age. Pictures, text messages and phone records can all be saved indefinitely.

## **Excel Capital Project**

Thank you to the voters who authorized our newest capital project, as well as the possible addition to our Capital Reserve. The maintenance and upkeep of our facility assists us with providing an excellent environment for our students to learn.

If you recall, a new categorical state aid for buildings called EXCEL (<u>EXpanding our Children's Education Learning</u>) will provide the local share of the costs for this project. Out of the several NYS mandated areas of expenditure the District has targeted these specific uses for the funding: Educational Technology, Health & Safety, Energy, and Handicapped Accessibility.

Currently the District is in the process of assembling the preliminary designs and specifications with our architect and other construction professionals. We anticipate sending our project to the NYS Education Department (SED) for approval by September 1, 2008. As of this writing there is a 21 - 25 week waiting period for plans to be reviewed by SED. Once our plans move through the proper channels and receive approval, the District will immediately begin the bidding process. At this time we anticipate that timetable to be on or around March 1, 2009. As our project progresses we will keep you informed. Again, Thank You for Your Support.

#### SCCS TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

#### **Bus Poster Contest Winners**

Each year our students are invited to participate in a School Bus Safety Poster Contest sponsored by the Transportation Department. Winners go on to compete on regional and state levels. This year's theme was "Avoid Harm, Obey The Stop Arm" Adam Yerdon's poster won first place at the CNY Chapter Level and will now go on to the state level in Albany.



This year's grade level winners at Sandy Creek are: Kindergarten—Gavin Babcock, 1st; T.J. Guarasce, 2d and Brandon Staab, 3d. First Grade—Mason Kampff, 1st; Bailey Fahnestock, 2d and Kyrsten Hall, 3d. Second Grade—Mackenzie Hannon, 1st; Machela Sullivan, 2d and Nicholas Potter 3d. Third Grade—



Breanna Allen, 1st; Abigail Widrig, 2d and Adam Yerdon, 3d. Fourth Grade—Rosaleen Morgan 1st; Jami Perkins, 2d and Kate Hanni, 3d. Fifth Grade—Allison Donahoe, 1st; Alexandra Goodnough, 2d and Miguel Dejesus, 3d. Sixth Grade—Valarie Kampff, 1st; Kylee Martin, 2d and Michaela Martin,

3d.

Thank you to the Climate Committee for helping to purchase this year's prizes and thank you to Deanna Soule and North Country Novelties for their generous donation.

#### CNY Bus Roadeo

The CNY Bus Roadeo was held May 17th at the Oswego County Fairgrounds. Two Sandy Creek drivers and one attendant placed in their divisions and will go on to compete at the state level in Albany on July 12th. They are Melissa Goodsell, Tracy Sullivan and Jessica Brown. Congratulations Ladies!

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# **SCCS** Recognition of Staff and Students





**Buildings & Grounds** 



**Food Service Staff** 



**Business Club Board Prep** 







**Tenure Recipients** 



CSE / CPSE Parent Volunteers



**Teacher Assistants** 





ISTRICT OFFICE

Lynn Miller Board Member-2003-2008

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### ANOTHER ACTIVE YEAR FOR THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY ......

The National Honor Society had another successful year of fundraising and community service projects for our adopted charity, the Jonathan Cancer Fund. This fund has been a tremendous asset to two families in our district. Juniors at SCCS, Naomi Glenister and Bobby Ostman, are fighting against cancer. We are hopeful that both students will be able to return to school in the fall and complete their senior year with their peers.

NHS hosted two blood drives again this year. The turnout by the student body never ceases to amaze me. Changes in regulations have allowed 16 year old students to donate blood with parent permission and they have participated in both drives in record numbers. The spring drive was our best yet. We had 112 donors scheduled, a blood donation goal of 90 and had 89 eligible donors give blood. Together we helped 267 patients!!





NHS members were invited to help wrap gifts for the Friendship Shop for families at Christmas time. This has been one of the most rewarding service projects we have

participated in for the past several years. In addition to giving their time wrapping, NHS members voted to once again adopt a family. This year, because we had so many members, we adopted two families. Members split into committees and using their own personal funds, they donated toys, clothing, household

items and food for our families. It gives me a great sense of pride to see these kids work together to provide a special Christmas for families in our district.



Other annual service projects that NHS completed include: assisted the Nurse's Office during their Health Fair, donated items for the Golisano Children's Hospital and sold shamrocks for the MDA. Members will also provide service hours assisting the Alumni Association with the annual Alumni Banquet to be held on Friday, June  $27^{\rm th}$  and will be assisting with flower children at graduation and will host the after graduation reception for seniors and their families.

This year, we were asked to work with the Coterie Club and provide service hours to run the cake wheel at the Lacona Field Days, sell ride tickets and sell items in the food stand and the chicken/clam stand. I received numerous compliments from both the Coterie Club and Lacona Firemen about the members who donated their time. They have already asked if we would be willing to work with them again next year. Looks like we have a new annual event to add to our calendar!

Our annual fundraisers have helped to raise money for our charity. Each year we sell fresh fruit before Christmas, and cookie dough in

the spring and participate in at least one bottle and can drive. On Friday, June 6th we held our first dodge ball tournament appropriately named "Dodge That". Middle school, high school and adult teams competed to be crowned champions. Members of the middle school champion team included: Chelsea Claflin, Brittany Luszczynski, Derek Pfluger, Zach Pfluger, John Shirley, Jared Soule and AJ Wills. The high school champion team consisted of: Shane Conzone, Karlie DeCarolis, Mike Elkin, Nick Elkin, Lyndsay Rowell and Kris Shirley. We raised almost \$1,000 for the Jonathan Cancer Fund and hope to make this an annual event. Overall, our fundraisers have allowed us to donate almost \$2,500 to JCF. My heartfelt thanks go out to the members and their parents for supporting our service projects and fundraisers.



## New York State Scholar-Athlete Team Awards

The New York State Athletic Association recognizes the academic accomplishments of athletic teams for each sport in each season. In order to be recognized, teams must achieve a certain standard of academic progress during their season's marking period. Each team has a minimum number of students required to have at least a combined average of 90% with each individual needing at least an 85% average. The NYSPHSAA will then award the top school (for each sport) as a State Champion.

You can see two banners that are hung in our gym for our Softball Teams that were awarded State Champion Scholar Athlete Teams.

We are very proud of our teams especially when they achieve academic success. It is a great reflection of our students, staff, parents and community.

Congratulations to the following teams for being recognized as New York State Scholar Athlete Teams for the 2007-2008 school year.

FALL—Girls Soccer, Boys Soccer, Football and Cheerleading
WINTER—Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, Cheerleading Volleyball, Ice Hockey, Wrestling
SPRING—Softball, Girls Track, Boys Track, Golf

## Also Congratulations to the following:

Varsity Softball—Frontier League Class C Champions; Frontier League Class C Playoff Champions and Section 3 Class C-2 Champions Emily Nellis—Frontier League All-Star and 1st place in 400m hurdles

Fantasia Grossman—Section III C-1 Track Championship 1st place in the Shot Put

The Athletic Facilities will be open to athletes during the summer. A notice will be posted on the gym doors indicating the times and days the facility will be available. Fall sports season begins August 18th. Coaches will be notifying the students that signed up to play as to when they are having practice.

# Greetings from the School-Based Health Center

Summer's coming and starting July 7<sup>th</sup> to August 6<sup>th</sup> we will be open on M, T, W from 8:00 to 3:00. On the days that we are closed, patients can be seen at the Pulaski Health Center at 61 Delano St. in Pulaski.

Any athlete playing a fall sport who does not have a physical before the end of the school year should plan ahead for a physical this summer and not wait until the last minute. Call us at 387-3620 to schedule an appointment

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# 2008 Sandy Creek Central School District Wall of Distinction Inductees

Sandy Creek Central School District is proud to introduce to you the 2008 Wall of Distinction Inductees. Throughout their lives, these extraordinary people have shown a high level of professionalism, distinction, and sufficient moral character as to represent a positive role model to students in the school district.



## JAMES ALLEN CLASS OF 1953

Carpenter, retired from Local 747 Carpenter's Union, spent ten years building custom homes in Texas and twelve years building Senior Housing in Oswego, Fulton, and Pulaski, Little League Coach and Umpire, Boy Scout Leader, Volunteer with the Sandy Creek Fire Department (Assistant Chief for several years), Past President of Ainsworth/Porter Library and most recently volunteer to be Clerk of the Works on the 2008 Renovation Project.

The 2008 Wall of Distinction Ceremony will be held Friday, June 27nd at 6:15 p.m. in the District Office lobby immediately preceding the 2008 Alumni Banquet at 7:00 p.m. Tours will begin at 5:00 p.m.



## **JOSHUA PITCHER**

Class of 2003

Completed 2 years of a career technical program at BOCES and was inducted into the Technical Honor Society while attending. Career with the United States Marine Corps. since 2004, has received 2 purple hearts for his service to our country, received the Navy Achievement Medal for Valor.

### **DAVID SPERBECK**

Class of 1972

Doctor of Clinical Psychology, worked with the V.A Medical Center, Bath, N.Y., known world-wide in the area of Forensic Psychology, consultant to several Crime Task Forces including the Green River Killer Taskforce and the Washington Area Sniper Task Force, Chair of the Alaska Psychology Licensing Board, Associate Clinical Professor.



## **RANDY YERDEN**

Class of 1970

Career in Cell Culture, Inventor, President, and Founder of Biospherix, LTD, Biospherix manufacturers and sells an extensive range of products used for Biochemical Research, including Stem Cell Research.

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#### **SCCS Pesticide Information**

Dear Parent, Guardian, and School Staff:

New York State Education Law Section 409-H, effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and nonpublic 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 February 29, 2008 June 13, 2008:

Date of Application Location of Application Product Used

5/11/08 Athletic Fields & Portion of Elementary Lawn
 5/11/08 Athletic Fields & Portion of Elementary Lawn
 Elementary Lawn
 Bayer Advanced Grub Control 72155-36

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;

Evening Phone:\_\_\_\_

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

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Please feel free to contact Chris Ouderkirk, 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.

E-Mail Address:

Sincerely, Shelley H. Fitzpatrick Business Administrator

#### Summer means time to relax and read!!

The SCCS Middle School Students are ready to finish their school year, but are just beginning to travel and meet new acquaintances. Some will be in Texas with a loyal yellow dog, some will be in California with an abandoned dog who needs a good home, and others will be in Alaska guiding sled dogs. All the students will be reading a book of their choice, with the choices centered around the theme of dogs.

The Library will be open four mornings during the summer for the students to stop in and discuss the stories. We'll be asking questions, sharing likes and dislikes, enjoying friends and refreshments. The time of day for all four sessions is 10:00am to 11:00am and the dates are July 9th & 23rd and August 6th and 20th. The more that can make it, the better.

All the titles will be provided to the students in a packet as they leave school, with the genuine hope they are returned in the fall. Also in the packet will be a rubric that guides the students in completing their assignment. The assignment that goes along with the reading is that each student creates a poster or comic strip to summarize what they have read. The posters or comic strips will be a grade in a core course for the new school year. During the month of September the middle school halls will be an awesome display of the posters for all to enjoy and promote further reading.

Ask a SCCS Middle School student what they recommend to read during the dog days of summer!!!



Kitchen

Another school year is coming to an end. We added a few Ketch up with the new items throughout the year... some were liked and some were not. We are always open to suggestions (and no we can't have pork choplet every day!) Our breakfast program has grown tremendously this year and we are feeding over 300 students this year! What a great way to start the day. Have a safe and healthy summer!

And that is food for thought!

Once again Summer Reading Camp will be held at Sandy Creek Elementary School for students who need extra support in reading and were recommended by their classroom teachers for the program. We are excited to be using our new curriculum entitled Summer Success Reading. This is an extension of our core series, Houghton Mifflin Reading, and reviews and teaches reading and writing concepts that students need extra practice with. Therefore, our Summer Reading Camp will provide a boost to students' educational; experience by providing scientifically based programming that is aligned with the regular school curriculum. Students will be very familiar with the formats as they go about reading and writing during Reading Camp.

Busing is provided, or students who wish to stay for summer recreation can be escorted to the program after Reading Camp. Lunch is also available in the cafeteria all summer long.

We look forward to seeing all who will be attending. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call Joan Royle-Cecero at the Elementary Building, extention 1114. Thank you.

## **Attention Parents and Community Members**

The District/Business Office—Ext. 1510, High School Office—Ext. 1910, Middle School Office—Ext. 1910, and Elementary Office—Ext. 1110, are open Monday through Friday during the Summer months. If you have any questions regarding your child's/children's classes or schedules, please contact any one of the offices above.

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Elem: Ext. 1501; HS: Ext. 1502
Transportation: Ext. 3330



# COMMUNITY TRACK/WEIGHT ROOM INFORMATION





The Sandy Creek Central School District Weight Room and Track will be available until June 26th and will resume community activity with the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please call the District Office at 387-3445, ext. 1510.

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