



# FRONTIER NEWS

Budget Issue 2021

HAMBURG, NY 14075



**FUN WITH STEAM** Students at Blasdell Elementary took part in Stop Everything And STEAM this spring by making paper airplanes and other challenges. Find out more on Page 8.



## Annual School Budget Vote and Board of Education Election



**TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021 • POLLS OPEN 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

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### One Polling Site For All Frontier Central Schools

**Hamburg Senior Community Center**  
4540 Southwestern Blvd., Hamburg

**Polls will open on May 18, 2021 from 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

Voting will take place in the gymnasium

**\*Please remember to bring your ID\***

All residents are asked to show one current proof of residency, which may include a driver's license, a non-driver identification card, a utility bill, or a voter registration card. In addition, all individuals voting will be required to provide his/her signature, printed name and address.

**There are Two (2) Board of Education Seats up for election.**



## Message from the Superintendent



C. Douglas Whelan, Ed.D.

Dear Residents,

The Frontier Board of Education continues to place a very high value on quality educational programs while keeping an eye on its fiscal responsibility. **In this past year of unprecedented change, I want to express my gratitude and appreciation to all Frontier staff members and parents for their continued hard work, dedication and internal strength in keeping our children safe, secure and focused on their education.**

The proposed 2021-22 school budget is in compliance with **THE TAX CAP LIMIT** because the District continues to be very frugal in spending your educational dollars, specifically ranking as one of the most efficient districts in Western New York for educational expenditures.

While we continue to control costs in specific budget areas, the pandemic has impacted instructional costs that affect your children. Some of these costs include:

- Expanding staffing to meet restricted class size requirements and social distancing and providing for specialized AIS (Academic Intervention Services) to bridge identified learning gaps in ELA & Math.
- Increasing resources to address Social & Emotional needs, including health clinics to assist children and families experiencing social or emotional difficulties.
- Extending educational opportunities to reach students over the summer.
- Maintaining the full course catalog, and expansion into areas such as AP Environmental Science, meeting student needs and increasing both rigor and student opportunities for growth.
- Providing the necessary personal protective equipment to keep our students and staff safe and our school buildings open.
- Continued focus on the costs of employee benefits, working with numerous providers to drive improvements and efficiencies to generate plan savings.

Budget Summary:

Recommended budget: \$93,039,035

Proposed budget increase: 3.97%

Estimated tax rate increase: 2.85%

Budget Hearing Date: May 4, 2021 – 7:00 p.m. – Frontier Educational Center (FEC) Board Room. This meeting will be held virtually. A link will be posted on the district website.

Please become an informed voter. Detailed information about the budget is available in this publication or on Frontier's website at [www.frontiercsd.org](http://www.frontiercsd.org) or upon request by calling the Superintendent's Office at 926-1711. Your vote is **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT** as we strive to work together to meet the educational needs of our children.

Sincerely,

C. Douglas Whelan, Ed.D.

Interim Superintendent of Schools



## Winners of the District-Wide Poetry Contest Announced

Frontier Central School students from all grade levels submitted videos of themselves reading their poetry for the "Inspired to Lead" District-Wide Poetry Contest. The Poetry Contest is sponsored by the Frontier Board of Education, the Frontier Central Teachers' Association, and the Frontier Parent Teacher Association.

Watch contest submissions at [www.frontiercsd.org](http://www.frontiercsd.org).

### Inspired Leader Award (9-12):

Aubrie Swaenepoel

### Aspiring Leader Award (6-8): Camden Kaufman

### Learning to Lead Award (3-5):

Big Tree: Cooper Mayer

Blasdell: Vanessa Morlock

Cloverbank: Katelyn Garofalo

Pinehurst: Madison Hahn

### Little Leader Award (K-2):

Big Tree: Ethan Tomaka

Blasdell: (no entries)

Cloverbank: Joey Militello

Pinehurst: Aubree McQuillen

## Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ

May 18, 2:30-6:30PM

### Pickup Only

Town of Hamburg Senior Community Center,  
4540 Southwestern Blvd., Hamburg

Cost: \$11 at the door

Presale: \$10 (\$1 senior discount)

\*Must be picked up by 6PM.

Dinner includes ½ chicken, 2 sides and a roll.

Email [msnyder@frontiercsd.org](mailto:msnyder@frontiercsd.org) with questions.

Proceeds to the  
FHS Junior and Sophomore Classes.



**BUDGET INFORMATION**

*“Frontier maintains one of the lowest property tax rates in Erie County.”*

—  
(Buffalo Business First, Dec. 2020)

**Total 2021-2022 Budget**  
**\$93,039,035**

**\$3,552,444**

**Budget Increase**

**\$30.46**

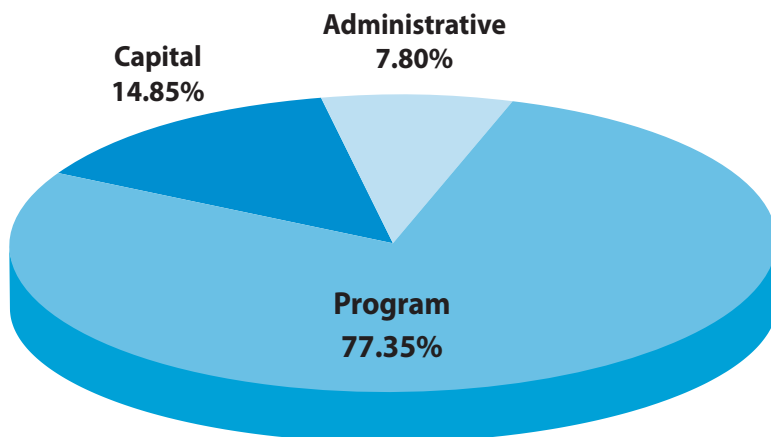
**Estimated Tax Rate**

**2.85%**

**Tax Levy Increase**

*A strong partnership between families, school and the community make Frontier a place*  
—  
*“Where Falcons Take Flight!”*

**2021-2022 PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENDITURES**



**7.80%**

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT** **\$7,257,299**  
Central Administration, Instructional Administration, Business Administration, Board of Education, All Other Administrative Activities, Administrative Fringe Benefits

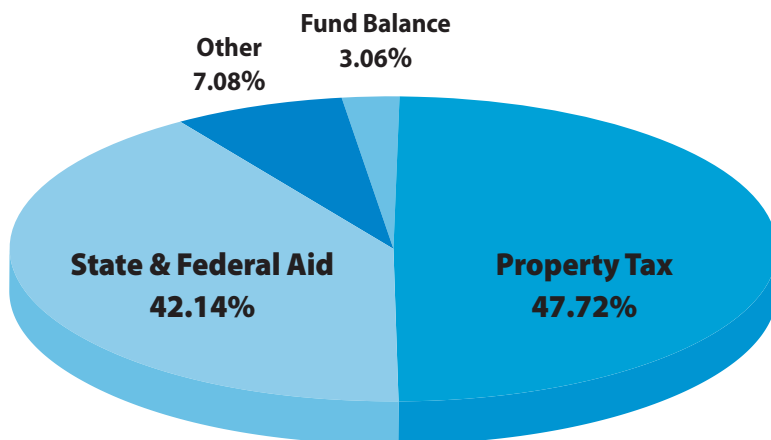
**77.35%**

**PROGRAM COMPONENT** **\$71,962,756**  
Regular Instruction, Special Education, Extra-curricular, Summer School, Pupil Transportation, All Other Program Activities, Program Fringe Benefits

**14.85%**

**CAPITAL COMPONENT** **\$13,818,980**  
Facilities, Grounds & Maintenance, Judgements, Claims & Tax Refunds, Debt Service & Interfund Transfers, Capital Fringe Benefits

**2021-2022 PROPOSED BUDGET REVENUES**



Town	Home's Assessed Value	Est. School Tax	Increase from 2020-2021
Hamburg	\$100,000	\$3,046	\$84
Eden	\$100,000	\$2,558	\$71

\*School tax bills are estimated based on 2020 assessment information and equalization rates.

For the full presentation on the Proposed 2021-2022 Budget, visit [www.frontiercsd.org](http://www.frontiercsd.org).

# Seen Around Falcon Nation

*"It meant a lot to be able to play this year. In a time when there was uncertainty with many things, being able to get out and be active with friends was really important. Also, with it being my senior year, getting that one last season with teammates who I've played with for years was very special."*

- Jacquelynn Kelley, 12th grade Girls Basketball player



Frontier Middle School celebrated Falcon Pride Week recently. Character Club made a video from pictures of why students are proud to be a Falcon. Teachers recorded a dance and a song and students were greeted by the Falcon mascot, worn by Julia Ford. Pictured are Brylee Weisenburg, Ava Low, Lauren Mis and Nadine Pustulka.



The Frontier High School Library has implemented touchless browsing as a way to utilize technology and keep book surfaces safe for students. Pictured is Addison Kumiega.



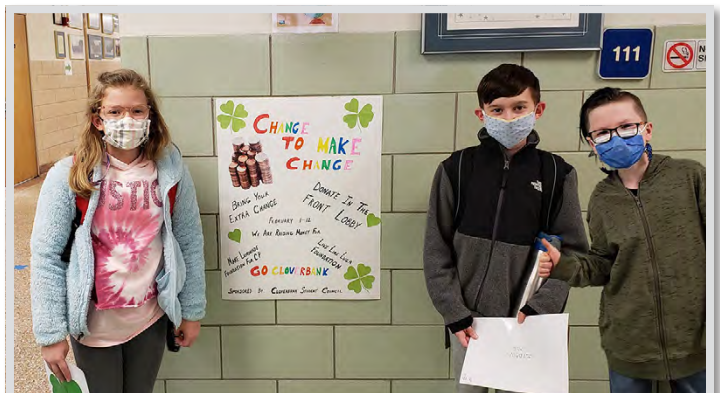
FHS National Honor Society's food drive was a great success! Ten carloads of donations were delivered to five area food pantries.



Blasdell's Service Club's Hero Squad fundraiser raised over \$2,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society this year!

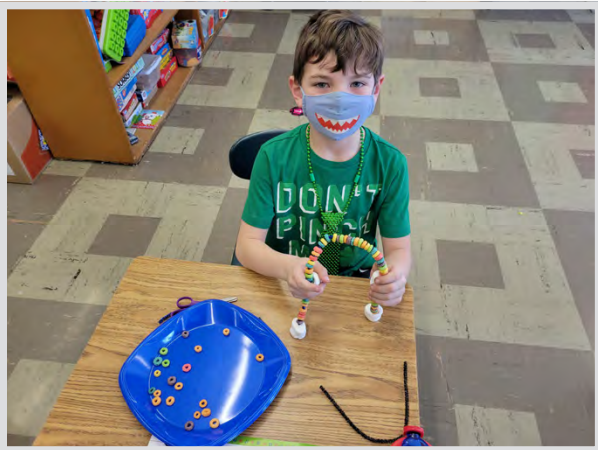
*"Being a part of the virtual musical for me meant being a part of something new and exciting. This show we put together was created during the pandemic and it was really cool to see it evolve and come together."*

- Julia Schubbe, High School senior musical lead



Cloverbank Student Council's Make a Change for Change fundraiser raised \$600 for The Luca S. Calanni Foundation and the Make LemonAide Foundation for Cerebral Palsy. Pictured with her poster is designer Lily Sullivan with Collin Owcarz and Nicholas Stewart.

**PHOTO GALLERY**



Mrs. Marong's first grade class celebrated St. Patrick's day with a STEAM project. Pictured is Keaton Heidt with his rainbow made out of cereal.



Ms. Jenna Watson's virtual third grade class celebrated Buffalo Bills Spirit Day.



FMS "Be You" members recently posted positive messages around the school. Pictured are seventh graders McKenzie Gilbride and Paige Sikorski. Poster designed by seventh grader Jonara Dean.



*"STEAM is really fun. The creations some of the kids make are things adults wouldn't even think of. I think kids' minds have more imagination and I love seeing what everyone else comes up with."*

- Kyairah Johnson, Blasdell 5th grader



Thank you to the local Kiwanis Club and our amazing community for your support in purchasing new hardcover books for the students of Big Tree Elementary. Pictured is second grader Kennedy Shephard and kindergartner Liam Vecere.



The Hamburg Police received a surplus of donations of hand sanitizer from local businesses. The HPD in turn donated the extra to Frontier Central Schools. Pictured is Captain Nicholas Budney delivering the hand sanitizer to Frontier. Thank you HPD!



The Frontier High School World Language Department celebrated World Language Week with a safe celebration of food, cultural presentations and selfie stations. Pictured are Kelsey Bodkin, Sydney Bodkin and Morgan Chapin.

# 2021-2022 Propositions

## Proposition No. 1 2021-22 BUDGET

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

**RESOLVED**, that the budget for the Frontier Central School District (the "School District") be authorized to expend an amount not to exceed \$93,039,035 for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, as presented by the Board of Education, is hereby approved and adopted, and the required funds therefore are hereby appropriated, and the necessary real property taxes required shall be raised by a tax on the taxable property in the School District to be levied and collected as required by law.

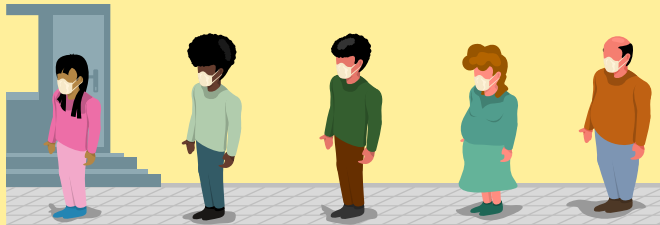
## Proposition No. 2 PURCHASE AND FINANCING OF SCHOOL BUSES AND SIMILAR VEHICLES

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Frontier Central School District (the "School District") is hereby authorized to acquire various school buses and similar vehicles for use in the transportation program of the School District, at an estimated maximum cost of \$882,113 (after taking into account applicable trade in allowances), and that such estimated maximum cost thereof (or so much thereof as may be necessary), plus an amount sufficient to cover interest incurred, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law, and in anticipation of such tax, bonds or other obligations of the School District (including, without limitation, obligations arising under leases, lease/purchase contracts or installment purchase contracts having a term of not more than five years) shall be issued or entered into in accordance with applicable provisions of New York State law.

## Social Distancing Procedures

Voting will take place at the Hamburg Community Center, 4540 Southwestern Blvd., Hamburg from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Voters will be required to observe social distancing and wear a face covering as part of safety guidelines. Please take note of the new traffic flow. Enter and exit through Door 1. Thank you.

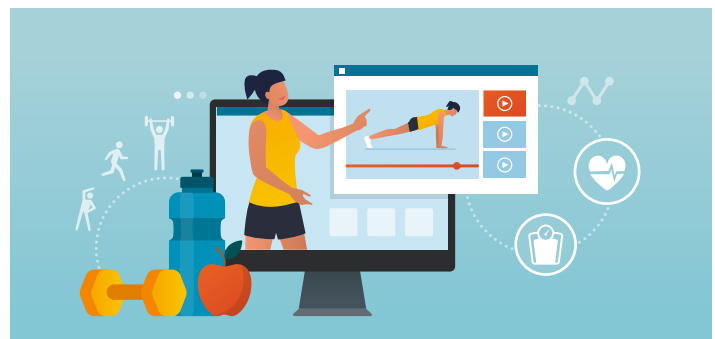


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## Capital Outlay

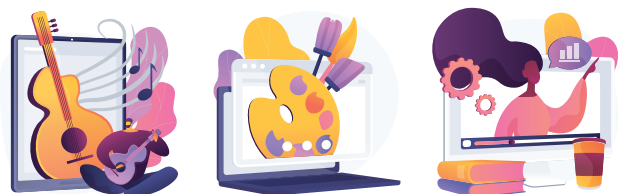
The District plans to undertake an approximately \$100,000 Capital Outlay Project in 2021-22 including the removal and replacement of existing deteriorating doors and associated hardware at Frontier High School and the repair, resurfacing and reconstruction of the tennis courts. No debt will be needed to fund this project. The District would receive approximately \$75,000 in state aid in the year following the project.



## Frontier High School Virtual Smart Living Fair

Saturday, May 8, 2021 • 11AM - 3PM

Over 65 theme/topic stations with videos, links and/or workshops. Find details at [www.frontiercsd.org/HS](http://www.frontiercsd.org/HS).



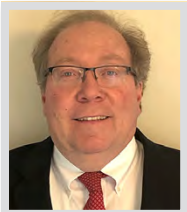
# BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION

Frontier residents will elect two (2) candidates to fill the two open seats, each for a four-year term of office.

Running for a seat on the Board of Education are:

**Please note that statements from candidates have been printed as submitted and were not edited in any manner.**

## Patrick Boyle



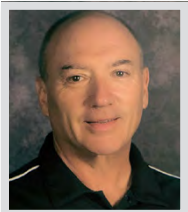
It is all about balance. We must provide “all” students with the best education possible. Academics, career training, life skills, music, art, sports, and clubs are all necessary in developing tomorrow’s citizens. No two students are the same. I understand how important both collaboration and ongoing communication between “all” district

stakeholders are. I have no tolerance for wasteful spending, have learned that listening is paramount, and that “all” voices have something to offer. We can have high academics, extra-curricular activities, and an acceptable tax rate.

The pandemic has pushed many people to their wits end. With the vaccines, we hope for a much-improved situation. Our students will need more academic, social, and emotional services coming out of this pandemic – and I can contribute to that rebuilding/healing process.

My vitals; B.S. Business Administration University of Buffalo, M.B.A. Canisius College, retired after thirty-nine-year career at National Fuel in Information Technology. Extensive experience in accounting and finance, and leading diverse people working together to accomplish difficult tasks. Married 36 years, all three children attended Frontier from kindergarten through 12th grade. I would be very proud to continue representing you for a third term if you will have me.

## John Cordier



My name is John Cordier and I’m running for Frontier Central School Board. I’m a retired Frontier teacher and coach who had the privilege to teach hundreds of wonderful students and work with incredible support staff, teachers and administrators. I understand the needs of our students and community. As a board member, I will work to maintain the highest standards for student success.

Frontier must provide an environment where students can safely learn and grow, where they are allowed to explore their individuality through meaningful academic and non-academic opportunities, while also acting in a fiscally responsible manner for the taxpayers. As a taxpayer, former teacher, step-parent of a Frontier student, and husband of a Frontier teacher, I bring a varied background and fresh perspective regarding the needs of students and staff, as well as Frontier residents and taxpayers.

The success of students, Pre-K through secondary, is my number one priority. I will do everything I can to enable our students to succeed and graduate so they may pursue their studies at an institution of higher learning or technical school, join the military, or begin a career in our community or elsewhere.

Please vote for me on May 18th. Thank you.

## Responsibilities of a Board Member

As a member of the Frontier Central School District Board of Education, you are:

- A representative of the entire community
- A steward of the district’s resources
- A leader of the district
- An advocate for public education

### Are you moving over the summer?



If so, please contact the Central Registration Office at 926-1734. This will allow for proper planning of bus routes from your new home.

## Frontier Community Can’t Mask its Kindness

The Frontier Central School District is grateful for the donation of hundreds of child-size cloth face masks by district resident, Nancy Koczaja. Ms. Koczaja donated over 300 masks to the district, which were distributed to students in need of a mask.

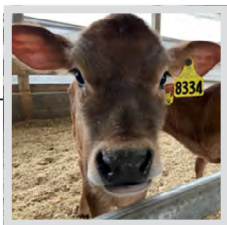


“If a student loses their mask or it is soiled, the nurses, psychologists and social workers in each school have a stash of these cloth masks for our students to keep,” Nurse Sheila Brown said. “The students love the masks because they fit their little faces perfectly and there are many themes like sports or cartoons that they like.”

## Big Tree Elementary

### Big Tree Kindergartners Adopt a Dairy Cow

Kindergartners in Kimberly Mattioli's class have a new addition to their virtual classroom – a calf named Frostee!



"Frostee was born in October, but students were just introduced to her in March. They are so excited and each of them got to take home Frostee's adoption certificate and picture," Mrs. Mattioli explained.

Hybrid and remote students are learning about dairy farming from Farmer Nate at Dutch Hollow Farm and will check in with Frostee as she grows. They recently made a paper craft of a dairy cow. Students will also be practicing their writing skills to record the facts they learn.



Michael Gavin

"Every year we take a field trip to the Agricultural Center at the Hamburg Fairgrounds. That wasn't possible this year, but this program allows my students to learn about dairy farming in another way," Mrs. Mattioli said.

### Big Tree Addresses Social Emotional Health

The social worker and school psychologist at Big Tree Elementary have been injecting a unique type of learning into the school day. Rather than facts and figures, students are taking a moment to breathe and learning strategies to relax and destress.

Wellness Words of Wisdom is a weekly presentation by Barbara Beall and Christie Makowski that covers solutions and strategies for students to deal with social emotional topics like anxiety, endurance and depression.

"In response to a survey, parents identified that they are most concerned with their children's social emotional health. We have broken down these topics into presentations appropriate for K-2 students and for 3-5 students," Mrs. Beall explained.

The students will also view videos that reinforce techniques like breathing and yoga.

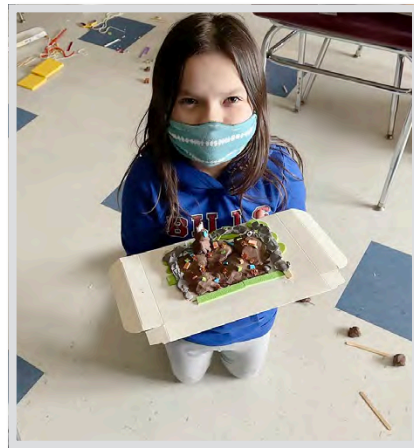
"During this time, it is important that we empower our students with practical strategies for social emotional health and share resources with teachers and families to reinforce these lessons," Mrs. Beall added.

## Blasdell Elementary

### Stop Everything And STEAM at Blasdell Elementary

This year teachers at Blasdell Elementary have found creative ways to challenge students with science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) activities.

Teachers Katelyn Piraino, Amanda Shea and Natasha Bueme created the STEAM challenges that asked students and their families to create unique gingerbread houses and snowmen. Now the challenges have gone a step further.



Peyton Swartwood completed her April SEA STEAM project.

"When we started the STEAM Challenges, we saw students get really excited. They love getting creative and making something that they can show to the rest of the school," Mrs. Piraino said.

Mrs. Shea, the Service Club advisor, has developed a monthly Stop Everything And STEAM (SEA STEAM) initiative. The students help come up with the ideas and create the kits that are distributed to participating classes.

"SEA STEAM is a new way for teachers to be able to implement a pre-planned, meaningful STEAM activity during the day," Mrs. Shea said.



Jackson Clothier shows his trap to Gavin Draud and Olivia Yu.

"I really like how STEAM gives my hands something to do and we get to build things we can use later – like catapults!" fifth grader Caden Curry said of February's activity.

In March, the SEA STEAM activity had students learn about and make their own paper airplane design. In April, the students had to help capture Peter Rabbit. The third annual Junior Innovators Invention Convention will tentatively be held for fourth and fifth graders on May 18. A STEAM challenge for grades K-3 will also be held in the month of May.



## Cloverbank Elementary

### *Cloverbank Celebrates Month of Kindness*

Kindness Month at Cloverbank Elementary went above and beyond to encourage students to embrace kindness every day. In addition to the normal reminders to be kind, art teacher Jacqueline LaRocque created interactive art pieces that helped students visualize kindness growing around the school.

Students loved posing in front of the large, interactive “Be the I in Kind” wall art display. Kindness Trees in the main lobby grew heart leaves for each act of kindness students were found doing for their classmates.

Renee Kumiega, Cloverbank Principal added foliage to the Kindness Trees each day during Kindness Month. Students were also able to add the names of others who were kind and add ideas for what it means to be kind.

“I loved seeing the students’ suggestions for how to be kind to others. Even though it wasn’t always possible with safety guidelines, my favorite one was ‘give hugs,’” Ms. LaRocque said.

Student Council also took the opportunity to show kindness to the community by holding the “Make Change for Change” fundraiser. Mrs. Kumiega challenged each grade level to bring in change as a friendly competition for good causes. The donations were quarantined and counted for a total of \$600.24 for The Luca S. Calanni Foundation and the Make LemonAide Foundation for Cerebral Palsy. The fourth graders raised the most with \$183 in donations!



Fifth grader Luke Ruszaj participates in the interactive Kindness Art.



Ms. Jacqueline LaRocque stands near the Kindness Trees.

## Pinehurst Elementary

### *Pinehurst Read and Doodle: Weekly Fun for the Whole Family*

What began as a way to engage students in online learning and provide a creative outlet at the end of last school year has become a new tradition for Pinehurst Elementary students and their families.

The weekly Read and Doodle was hosted by Art Teacher Vonessa Quinn and Librarian Ashley Calanni on Wednesdays. Hundreds of students joined in to listen to a read aloud and participate in a guided drawing.

“The students really thrive in the pressure-free environment of the Read and Doodle. They get to see their friends and teachers, listen to a great story and make something they’re proud of. And it’s fun for the whole family!” Mrs. Quinn said.

While students are honing their skills in listening, following directions and drawing, they are also forging connections.

“The Read and Doodles have allowed us to develop relationships with our students and their families that we would not have been able to make without the program. They have been a shining light during this unprecedented time, we truly looked forward to them each week!” Mrs. Calanni said.



First grader Lucas Palkowski shows off his Read and Doodle artwork.

## Annual School Budget Vote/ School Board Election

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

Polls Open 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Enter & Exit Door 1

## Middle School

### *Middle School Clubs Continue Virtually and Socially Distanced*

Frontier Middle School Club advisors have found creative ways to engage students outside the classroom and continue to offer extracurricular clubs for students while also following safety guidelines.

The Character Club meets virtually every Wednesday and has tried to find activities that keep students involved.

“This year has been difficult in some ways, but students who participate in Character Club find some of that normalcy and connection with their peers,” Jennifer Betz, club co-advisor said.

Instead of a student of the month breakfast, Character Club decorates students’ lockers, emails students on their birthday and planned a Falcon Pride Week.



*Pictured are Avery Papucci and Samantha Palmer after writing why they are proud to be a Falcon.*

The student creative works website, The Voice, has also been meeting virtually and is actively working to collect students’ writing, art and music.

“Teachers and students have been truly innovative and flexible – both really important life skills. We are also hoping to see that in the student work we collect this year,” The Voice advisor Amber Chandler said.

Everyone wants to “Be Seen. Be Heard. Be Known.”, according to The Voice motto and students are encouraged to submit work to [thevoice@frontiercsd.org](mailto:thevoice@frontiercsd.org).

One club making in-person meeting work is the FMS Chess Club. The club members are socially distanced and chess sets are cleaned and quarantined between uses to ensure students’ safety.

The Chess Club implemented the ELO rating system last year, which has served to motivate members to improve their skills.

“It’s an opportunity for students to get involved and compete. You can really see their dedication this year to attend meetings and to make connections,” Chess Club advisor Stephen Hoak said.

The middle school also offers Art Club, Drama Club and Jazz Ensemble.

## High School

### *Five FHS Students Selected for Boys State 2021*

As a result of their academic achievements and scholastic citizenship at Frontier High School, Bernard Carroll, Connor Manka, Jackson Radomski, Jackson Wilkerson and Victor Wong were selected by the Hamburg American Legion Post #527 as 2021 Boys State Representatives from Frontier.

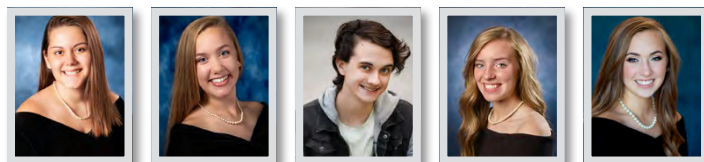
Boys State is best described as a leadership action program which enables qualified male juniors to take part in a practical government course while also working to develop a sense of individual responsibility to the community, state and nation. Boys State will be held virtually this year June 27 to July 1.

### *Frontier Students Receive Student Star Award*

The 2021 Southtowns Regional Chamber of Commerce Student Star Award recognizes many of the outstanding Hamburg area students who significantly impact their school or community. Students are selected for their creativity, communication skills, work ethic, perseverance, and a wide range of other character traits that shape our young people into productive and committed members of the business world and our community. Please join the Frontier High School Administrative Team and the Student Star Selection Committee in congratulating this year’s winners from Frontier:

- Madison Freund
- Shaun Gallagher
- Emily Jones
- Matthew Nunciato
- Jack Oliver
- Emily Przybysz
- Abby Regan
- Averie Roskwitalski
- Christian Velasquez

### *Seniors Named to All-State Band*



Congratulations to the following Frontier High School seniors for being selected as participants in the 2020 New York State School Music Association’s All-State Performing Ensembles. This year’s selections include:

- Madison Freund - Trumpet, Symphony Orchestra
- Emily Jones - Clarinet, Symphonic Band
- Jack Oliver - Piccolo, Symphony Orchestra
- Madeline Peters - Clarinet, Wind Ensemble
- Aubrie Swaenepoel - French Horn, Symphonic Band

This year’s festival was a virtual performance due to the pandemic, therefore the students prepared a video recording of their individual music which was compiled into a full ensemble video. The virtual concert was presented to participating students, parents and teachers.

## High School *Continued*

### High School Robotics Club

Students at Frontier High School are using coding and robotics to take on real-world research as part of an international program. Last year, three robots were donated to Frontier High School to become involved in the Students and Teachers Assisting Real Research (STARR) program.

STARR, sponsored by RoboRAVE International and

NASA, engages small teams of students from the U.S., Columbia, Japan and Poland in real-world research. Students involved in the Robotics Club have been working with a member of NASA to teach their robots to identify objects to avoid or seek out in an obstacle course. This is similar to the technology used on Mars rovers or self-driving cars.

“This is our first real push with robotics. We have computer science and coding courses, but this is a different ballgame. It’s a real leap from theory to reality,” Robotics Club advisor and physics teacher Sandra George said.

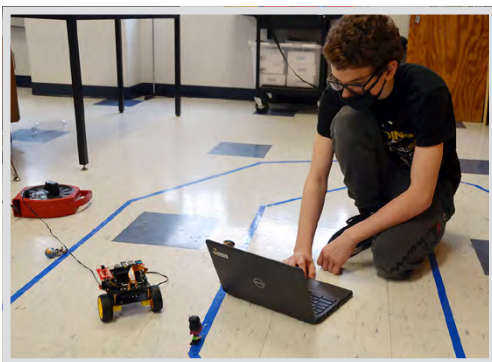
The students have to make sure the robots are built correctly, the camera is working and the code is functioning. Under the hybrid model, the club has two groups come in for three hours at a time to work on the robots. They have completed the training modules and moved on to coding and troubleshooting.

“This is an opportunity for the kids to work

with NASA. They are interested in astronomy and robotics and this experience is relevant to their future should they choose to go into one of those fields. They can already say they have NASA experience on their resume,” Mrs. George said.



Brayden Terry and John Makin work on the robot afterschool.



Ninth grader Daniel Luba troubleshoots an issue with a robot.

### FHS Clothes Closet Provides Opportunities

In addition to providing a service for the Frontier school community, the new FHS Clothes Closet has also provided students with opportunities.

Students in the transitions class usually go outside of the school for real-world career opportunities. With that not possible this school year, Amanda Gombos, transition specialist and Stacey Davis, transition coordinator, began looking for solutions.

“Our classes couldn’t go out of the school for internships this year, so we needed to find jobs they could do in school. That’s where the clothes closet came in,” Mrs. Gombos said.

“From the start this has been a student-led initiative and they have learned a lot. From collecting and sorting donations to folding, steaming and preparing the ‘store,’ they have done it all,” Ms. Davis said. “We have seen the students take ownership of the project and as we have made progress some of the students have taken on leadership roles.”



Transition Coordinator Stacey Davis assists student Reid Heinrich in preparing the clothes closet.

The clothes closet will soon be open to high school students during lunches, study halls and private appointments as well as to the social workers in each of the schools. They hope to be able to expand to the middle and elementary level through pop-up events.

Inventory includes everything from tops and bottoms to formal wear and seasonal items. They would like to expand the toiletry section to make the clothes closet a “one-stop shop.” If you would like to donate, send an email to the work-based learning program at [wblprogram@frontiercsd.org](mailto:wblprogram@frontiercsd.org).



## Frontier Central District News

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## SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2020-21 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2021-22 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2021-22 School Year
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$89,486,591	\$93,039,035	\$91,672,236
Increase/Decrease for the 2021-22 School Year		\$3,552,444	\$2,185,645
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		3.97%	2.44%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.23%	
<b>A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount</b>	\$42,374,013	\$43,579,954	
<b>B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable</b>	\$0	\$0	
<b>C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable</b>	\$0	\$0	
<b>D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy</b>	\$0	\$0	
<b>E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)</b>	\$42,374,013	\$43,579,954	\$42,374,013
<b>F. Total Permissible Exclusions</b>	\$928,729	\$1,347,374	
<b>G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions</b>	\$41,445,284	\$42,232,580	
<b>H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)</b>	\$41,445,284	\$42,232,580	
<b>I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval)</b>	\$0	\$0	
<b>Administrative Component</b>	\$6,967,440	\$7,257,299	\$7,058,784
<b>Program Component</b>	\$70,272,349	\$71,962,756	\$71,180,217
<b>Capital Component</b>	\$12,246,803	\$13,818,980	\$13,433,234

### Contingency Budget

Should the 2021-2022 budget be defeated, pursuant to Section 2023 of Education Law, the 2021-2022 Contingent Budget reflects the following preliminary assumptions:

- 1) Equipment appropriations will be eliminated except for State Aided Hardware, students with special needs equipment and equipment essential to maintain educational programs.
- 2) Costs for use of buildings by certain outside groups will be required to be offset by revenue charged to these groups.
- 3) The Tax Levy will remain flat at the 2021-2022 school year level as required by law.

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2021-22 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup>	\$418

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2021-22 by the qualified voters of the Frontier Central School District, Erie County, New York, will be held at the Hamburg Senior Community Center, 4540 Southwestern Blvd., Hamburg, NY, in said district on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, between the hours of 7:00 am and 9:00pm, prevailing time, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

<sup>1</sup> The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.