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#### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

Project 2021 Vote Tuesday, November 14

Thanksgiving Break November 22-24

#### PROJECT 2021 VIDEO SERIES:

Visit skanschools.org and the Project 2021 Quick Link for interesting interviews with staff and students about Project 2021.

## The 2017-2018 School Year is in Full Swing Project 2021 Community Forum Set for October 25

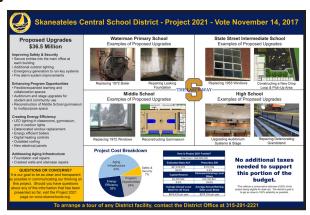
# Forum Location: High School Auditorium, 7 p.m.

The Skaneateles Central School District will present another Project 2021 Community Forum on Wednesday, October 25 in the Skaneateles High School Auditorium, beginning at 7 p.m.

The Forum will include a question and answer session, as well as an opportunity for guests to tour campus.

The Forum and Tour will provide an opportunity for district residents to ask questions in regards to Project 2021 and look inside what the district's advisory committees, faculty and staff, and professional advisors have been working on for many months to maintain and improve Skaneateles Central School's facilities.

With a scope summary for each building



Project posters are online in the Project 2021 Quick Link at www.skanschools.org

now in place, the October 25 Forum will provide additional details on plans within the proposed capital project.

For more information on the upcoming Forum please call the District Office at (315) 291-2221.

# Board of Education Approves 2021 Proposition; Vote November 14 District Can Do \$36.5 Million Worth of Work for \$12.4 Million

On November 14, residents of the Skaneateles Central School District will be asked to vote on the next capital construction project in the district.

At their regular September meeting, the Board of Education unanimously approved the general scope of the project, the not-to-exceed total of \$36.5 million, and the appointment of Ashley McGraw Architects of Syracuse to complete the design and construction phases.

"This project has been designed to really give us the best bang for our buck because we can do \$36.5 million worth of desperately needed work for just over \$12 million due to state-aid, our reserves and our bequests," said Board of Education President, Susan Greenfield Murphy. "By starting our

payments in 2021, this project won't require any additional taxes for this portion of the budget and we can keep our payments right where they are now. This just makes sense to me."



2017-2018 Board of Education

Top: Kerry Brogan, Curt Coville, Ken Slentz; Superintendent, Thomas E. Lambdin Bottom: Geralyn Huba, Susan Murphy; President, Margaret Usdansky Niebuhr, Julie Abbott-Kenan; Vice President

# Fall Frenzy of Activity at Skaneateles Central Schools

Visit www.skanschools.org for an in-depth look at these stories and more!

### WATERMAN PRIMARY



New Elementary principal, Christopher Casler-Goncalves known as Mr. G, visited Mrs. Bourcy's first grade classroom where he got to be a Royal Reader. Mr. G read a story to each classroom at Waterman as a way to get to know the students.



First graders in Mrs. Anastasio's and Mrs. Henry's classes recently shared a poem and song about RESPECT, one of our Waterman Words.

### STATE STREET INTERMEDIATE



Members of the Skaneateles Rotary Club recently presented third grade students at State Street Intermediate School with a copy of the latest Webster's Dictionary & Thesaurus.

Students in the classes of Mrs. Herr, Mrs. Rigling, Mrs. Whirtley, and Mr. Yost were given the books as a part of Rotary's efforts to enhance literacy skills worldwide.



### MIDDLE SCHOOL



Over 100 biking volunteers for the 15th annual Syracuse Ride for Missing Children were greeted by Skaneateles Middle School students in late September.

Riders stopped for a break at the Middle School complete with music, food, and well wishes from students.

The 100-mile ride featured volunteers on bikes to acknowledge missing children, raise awareness for child safety education, and to raise funds for education programs geared toward preventing child abduction and sexual exploitation.

For more information on the Ride for Missing Children visit online at www.therideformissingchildren.com.

## High School Environmental Club Hosts Skaneateles Lake Talk

The Skaneateles High School Environmental Club hosted a talk and panel discussion on the Skaneateles Lake algal bloom on Wednesday, October 4, featuring key speakers and town representatives in the Skaneateles High School Auditorium.

Featured speakers including Robert G. Werner Ph.D., Professor Emeritus at SUNY-ESF, Gregory Boyer Ph.D., Professor of Bio Chemistry and Director of the Great Lakes Research Consortium at SUNY-ESF, and several Skaneateles High School students were part of the overall presentation.

Led by Science teacher Rick Garrett, students participating in the talk included Alex Flanagan, Kyra LoPiccolo, Luke Rathgeb, Jordan



Senn, Shane Rutledge, Mitchell Zellinger, Kelsey Ibach, Michael Lovier, Sam McClintic, Brady Iles, Ava Prochna, Jessica Patalino, and Nolan Meier.

Following the speakers, a 30-minute panel discussion took place with

A large crowd gathered for the Skaneateles Lake Algal Bloom Talk and Panel Discussion hosted by the Skaneateles High School Environmental Club.

Town Councilors Claire Howard and Constance Brown.

Look for more community related talks to be hosted by Skaneateles High School in the future.

# **SCS Welcomes Exciting New Staff**

### A full listing of new hires and personnel updates can be found at www.skanschools.org



JOANNA SCHMELING
Mrs. Schmeling
joins Waterman
as a new
Kindergarten
teacher this
school year.

Attending SUNY Cortland for undergraduate and graduate studies, Mrs. Schmeling has been a substitute in many districts, including right here in Skaneateles, since 2013. Her twin sons RJ and Frankie are Juniors at SHS.

#### KAYLA MCCUNE

Ms. McCune joins the Waterman Primary School family as its new 2nd grade teacher.



Completing her undergraduate studies at SUNY Oswego, Ms. McCune earned her Master's Degree at the University at Albany. Ms. McCune was a substitute in the district before joining full-time.

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#### GISELLA HENDRIX

Mrs. Hendrix is our new 5th grade teacher at State Street Intermediate School. Earning

her undergraduate and graduate degrees at LeMoyne College, Mrs. Hendrix taught 4th and 5th grade at Cathedral Academy at Pompei in Syracuse before joining SCS this year. Mrs. Hendrix was excited to note that she was recently married in July.

### **ALEXIS ABDO**

Ms. Abdo is the new Adaptive Physical Educator at the Middle School. Earning her BS and MS



degrees from SUNY Cortland and Canisius College, Ms. Abdo taught Physical Education/Adaptive Physical Education in the Onondaga Central School District before coming to SCS.



### **STEVE MUSSO**

Mr. Musso was hired as the district's Director of Student Wellness, Activities, and Athletics. Before

coming to Skaneateles, Mr. Musso served as the Director of HPEA at the Phoenix Central School District. A graduate of Ithaca College, Musso earned his Master's Degree at Stony Brook University and CAS at Cortland.

#### **KELLY GUNDERSON**

Mrs. Gunderson joins SCS as Media Coordinator at the Middle



School. Having received her MA in Library Science at Appalachian State University, Mrs. Gunderson has worked in numerous schools across the country.

### Role Reversal: Middle School Students Train Teachers in Google 1.0 Lessons

Last year, Heather Buff's fifth grade class went to each third grade classroom at State Street Intermediate School to teach students how to log into Google and use Google Docs and Google Slides. After working with all four third grade classes, the fifth grade students became pretty good teachers!

This year, Skaneateles Central Schools saw the need to provide Google Training to its elementary faculty, and decided to enlist the help of Mrs. Buff's former fifth grade students, who are now sixth graders at the middle school, to serve as teaching assistants.

Now serving as Technology Integration Specialist for the district, Mrs. Buff and her former students worked with 22 elementary teachers, teaching them the basics of Google 1.0, which consisted of logging on to Google, accessing their Google Drive, creating and sharing documents, and getting comfortable with the basic functions of Google.

"As I taught the class, the kids were at each table of teachers, helping them with their individual questions," said Buff. "The kids were fantastic and it was well received by the faculty. We are now preparing for Google 2.0, which will expand their knowledge of Google even further."

The sixth grade students are even a part of lesson planning for Google 2.0.

"The kids have advised me on what skills they think we should focus on in the next series," said Buff. "We have 24 teachers signed up for 2.0."



Students became Teacher Assistants as a part of Google 1.0 training in Waterman Primary School.



### Local Postal Patron

Non-Profit Organization U.S. Postage Paid Skaneateles Central School Skaneateles, NY 13152 Permit No. 6

# First Day of School - In Photos!



### **High School's Student Clubs & Activities Fair Provides Interactive Options**

The Skaneateles High School Student Clubs & Activities Fair once again took place in the high school gymnasium, featuring more than 30 different clubs and organizations for students to be a part of during the school year.

From Art Club & Book Club, to the Jazz Ensemble & Junior Classical League, all the way to Student Government Association & Odyssey of the Mind, there is something for everyone in the clubs and activities department at Skaneateles High

School. Each of those clubs were on display as a part of the Clubs & Activities Fair.

"The Fair gives students a chance to talk to other students who are involved in certain activities and clubs, view displays, and choose to join if they wish," said Steve Musso, Director of Student Wellness, Activities, and Athletics. "We encourage students to use this occasion to learn more about the multitude of options that can enrich their high school experience."





PROJECT 2021 Vote Date: November 14, 2017 Location: District Office (45 E. Elizabeth St.) Time: 7 a.m. - 9 p.m.

This district wide capital improvement project will address a wide variety of areas that are original to construction and improvements to instructional spaces. *No additional taxes will be needed to support the project.*Visit the Project 2021 page at www.skanschools.org for project updates.