

# Superintendent Zipp's...

Week in Review (4/24-4/28)

## Quote of the Week

"When your intention is clear, so is the way" - Alan Cohen

## Attention Parents of 8th Graders...FUTURE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Any 8th grade student interested in construction or building management, electrical systems or automotive repair can apply for The P-TECH B.U.I.L.D. Program offered at BOCES. This 5 year program starts in 9th grade and will lead to a FREE Associates Degree from SUNY Erie. Students in this program will earn college credits while in High School, graduate with industry credentials, earn a rigorous technical endorsed Regents Diploma and have opportunities to career pathways in highly-demanded STEM fields. If any students are interested, please reach out to their School Counselor, Kristin Dudas ([kdudas@ccsd-k12.net](mailto:kdudas@ccsd-k12.net)), as soon as possible for an application.



## CCSD Budget Vote & BBQ

Cheektowaga Central School District Class of 2023 will be sponsoring a chicken BBQ

**Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Budget Vote 12 noon – 9pm**

**BBQ 12:00pm - 6:00pm**

Tickets are ONLY \$ 15.00



Dinners will include:

**Half of Chicken**

Potatoes

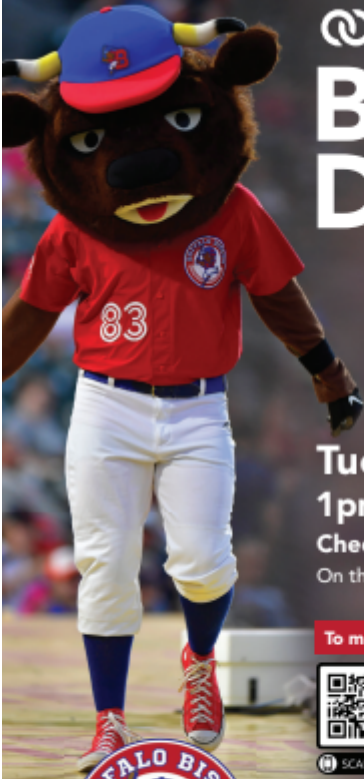
Cole Slaw

Dinner Roll

Carrubba's Garlic Butter Dipping Sauce



**Tickets are now available at all school offices & the district welcome center. They can also be bought while waiting in line for student pick up starting May 1st. Cash only. Online payment options will be available starting May 2nd.**



**ConnectLife**  
**Blood Drive**

1 pint of blood can save up to 3 LIVES

**Tuesday, May 16**  
**1pm - 6pm**  
**Cheektowaga Central High School**  
On the ConnectLife Bus at 3600 Union Rd.

**To make an appointment:**

Scan QR Code  
Select your appointment time, then log in or add your information.  
Sponsor code: 001100

OR Visit [ConnectLifeGiveBlood.org](http://ConnectLifeGiveBlood.org)  
or call 716.529.4270.

**SCAN ME**

**BUFFALO BISONS**

All May blood donors will receive a pair of flex tickets to a Bisons home game.

## Winner, Winner, Chicken Dinner...

Union East's Environmental Club won 2nd place in the WNY Stormwater Coalition Rain Barrel Painting Contest! The students worked together to come up with ideas of what to paint that promoted the theme of storm water pollution prevention and/or recycling rain water. They completed everything from sanding the rain barrel, to applying the base coat, and then painting their ideas. Deputy County Executive Lisa Chimera gave out their award during the Reinstein Woods Earth Day event.



Cheektowaga Central's students and staff enjoyed Eid al-Fitr Celebration!





## Multi-Tasking Excellence...

The purposes of the NYS Seal of Biliteracy are to affirm the value of diversity in a multilingual society and to encourage the study of world languages. The World Language teachers, along with English and English as a Second Language teachers identified qualified students in the beginning of the year. Those students chose a topic and created a bilingual presentation. This week, the students presented to a panel of evaluators to demonstrate the required level of proficiency. Students must be able to read, write, speak presentationally and communicatively at an intermediate high level. This year, 13 seniors will receive the Seal of Biliteracy on their diploma. They will wear a special medal with their graduation regalia. Students presented projects in Bangla, Spanish, French, Serbian, Urdu, and Lingala. Staff, as well as members of the community helped with the evaluation process.



Tahia Noor, Bangla  
 Kenet Villalobos Rubio, Spanish  
 Tiffany Nguyen, Spanish  
 Kevin Krause, French  
 Mehgan Burke, French  
 Kyle Velez, Spanish  
 Jasmin Hossain, French  
 Nghi Le, French  
 Elena Novkovic, Serbian  
 Jack Schihl, Spanish  
 Alisha Adnan, Urdu  
 Jocelyn Tracy, French  
 Daniella Bondo, French/Lingala





"PERFECT" attendance since the first day of school...  
Congratulations to these dedicated Middle Schoolers!



## Future Leaders of Society...

On Thursday, high school students attended the annual Youth Action Conference hosted by Niagara University. At the conference students participated in workshops aimed towards increasing knowledge surrounding issues of social justice and racial inequity and how to take action in their communities.



## N\*SYNC...

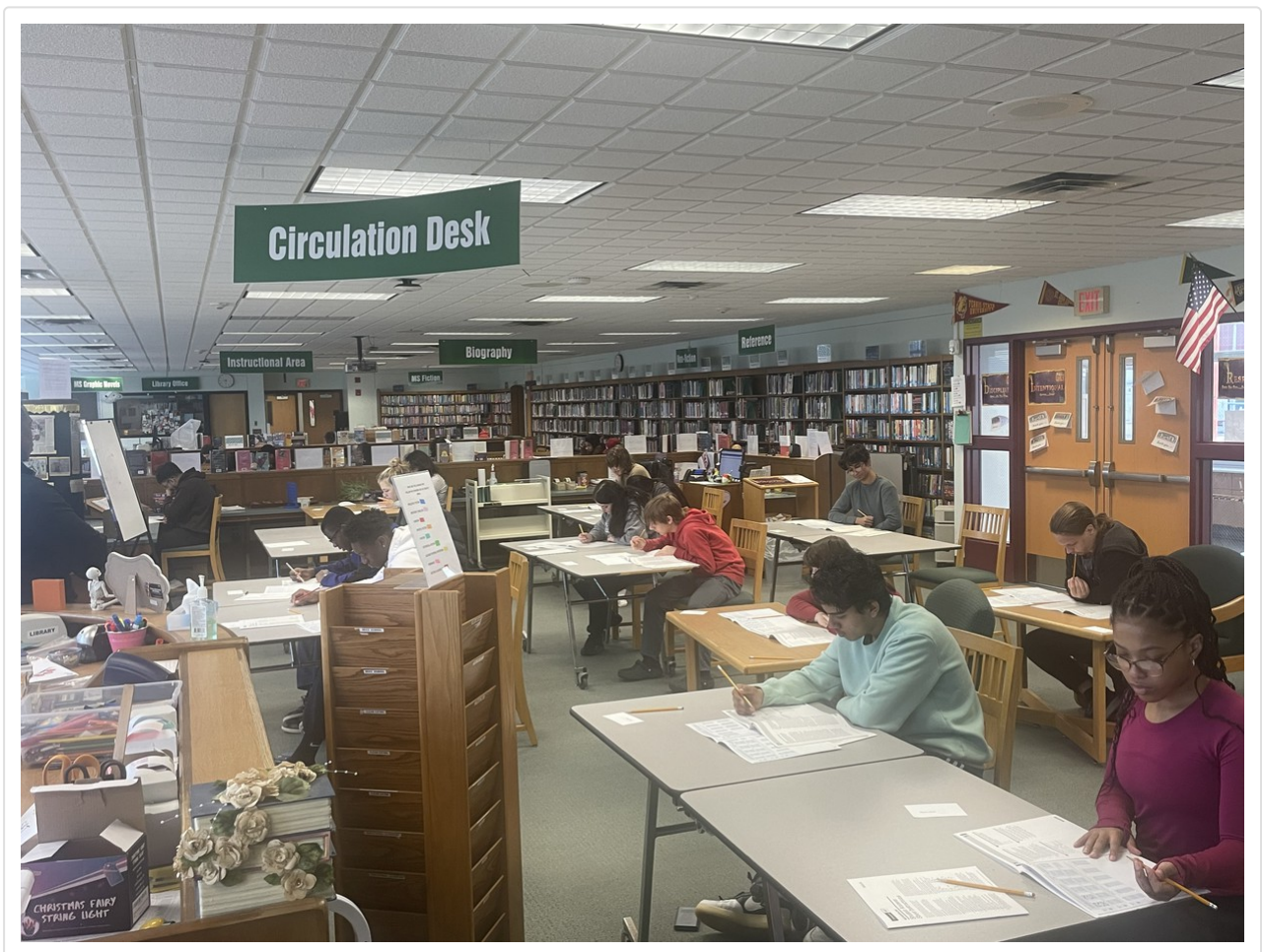
The HS Band was invited to participate in the Kenmore East Band Festival. The day started with a clinic from Music Professor Joseph Resendes from McMaster University. The band then traveled to Ken East HS to put on a concert with Ken East, Lockport and a professional ensemble called the Buffalo Wind Symphony. The concert concluded with a grand finale of all 150 musicians playing a piece together.





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Over 40 High School students took the SAT on Tuesday morning.



## Planting Seeds of the Future...

What a great Earth Day planting activity students at Union East had on Friday April 23rd! Each student was able to plant either Marigold, Pansy, Sunflower or Zinnia seeds.

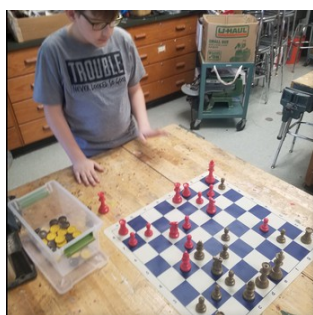
We would like to especially thank our UE PTA for providing the supplies and volunteers! It was a wonderful hands-on activity and a great way to make our world a beautiful place to live.

Let's make everyday Earth Day and take care of our planet!





## Making Moves...Middle School Chess Club ♟️



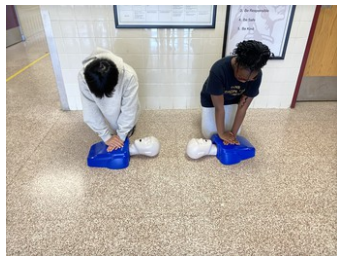


## Hooked on Phonics...

This week Mrs. Terry and Mrs. Kensy's first graders finished the Word Builder Phonics Unit by designing a "Vowel Town" with their group. Students had to design and label all the places and objects in town that have vowel teams. Some labels included: beach, pool, playground, boat, rainbow, road, train, and tree. Way to go word builders!







## Life Savers...

In Health Class, students have started the First Aid Unit. We have been working on creating a First Aid Kit and hands only CPR.

## High School Science News!

April Science News

# MR. FEAGIN

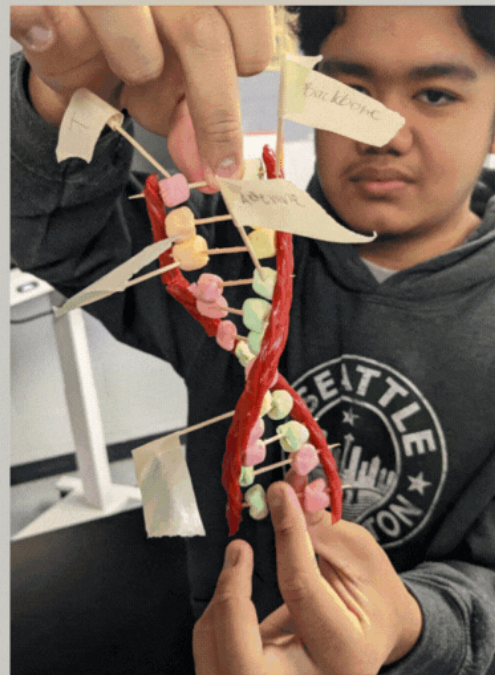
## Living Environment

Mr. Feagin's Living Environment class explored the structure and function of DNA by creating an edible DNA model.



We used Twizzler's to represent the Backbone of dna (Phosphates and Deoxyribose Sugars) and Marshmallows to represent the rungs of the ladder (Nitrogen Bases).

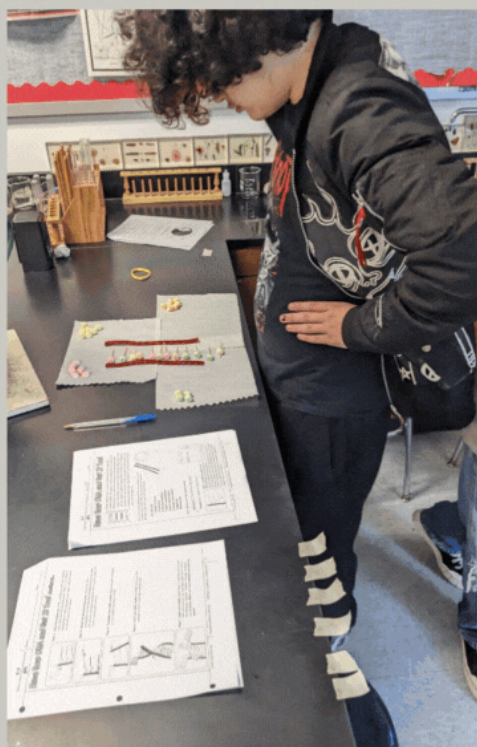
## DNA



# Students at Work



The toothpicks between the Marshmallows represent the weak Hydrogen bonds that hold the Nitrogen bases together.



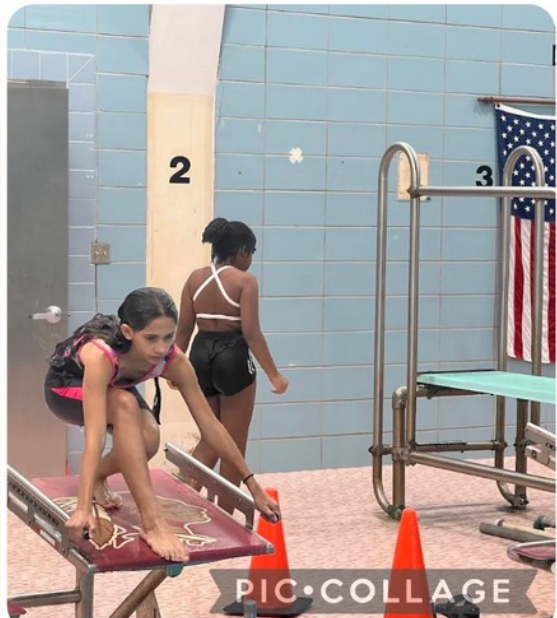
Middle School GLOW PARTY!





## Aquatic Fun...

The Girl and Boys Varsity Swimming Teams hosted a swim clinic for fifth and sixth graders this week. The swim clinic featured water safety discussions and competitive swimming skill practice. Amazing job this week, swimmers! We can't wait to see you on deck during our Modified Swimming season next year!



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## National Mario Kart League Championship

The Cheektowaga Warriors defeated East Noble High School from Indiana, 3 games to 0 in a best out of five series. Congrats!





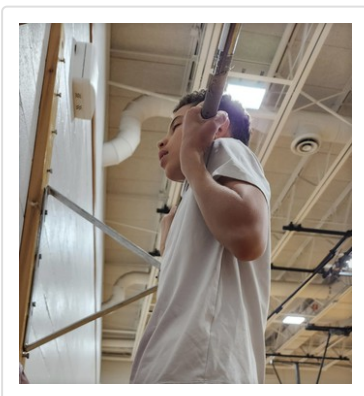
## Moving in Math...

The Pre Calculus classes in the High School are delving into Trigonometry even further with live kinetic exercises on a large "Unit Circle" in Mr. Orgek's room.



## Middle School Jr. Unified Basketball Practice





## Flexing your Muscles...

Students in Middle School P.E. are taking their final fitness tests. In this picture, Herick Fuentes De La Cruz is performing the flexed-arm hang.

## Community Connection...

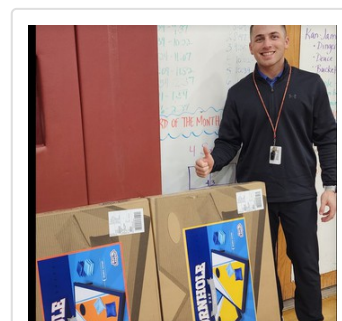


Sam's Club and members of the Blue Bridges (Cheektowaga Police Department) sponsored a Day of Service event where over 90 Union East students were recognized for modeling kindness and acts of service. Sam's Club sponsored an afternoon of activities, food, and fun! Sam's Club showed their appreciation for the students by giving them a toy in appreciation for their acts of kindness.

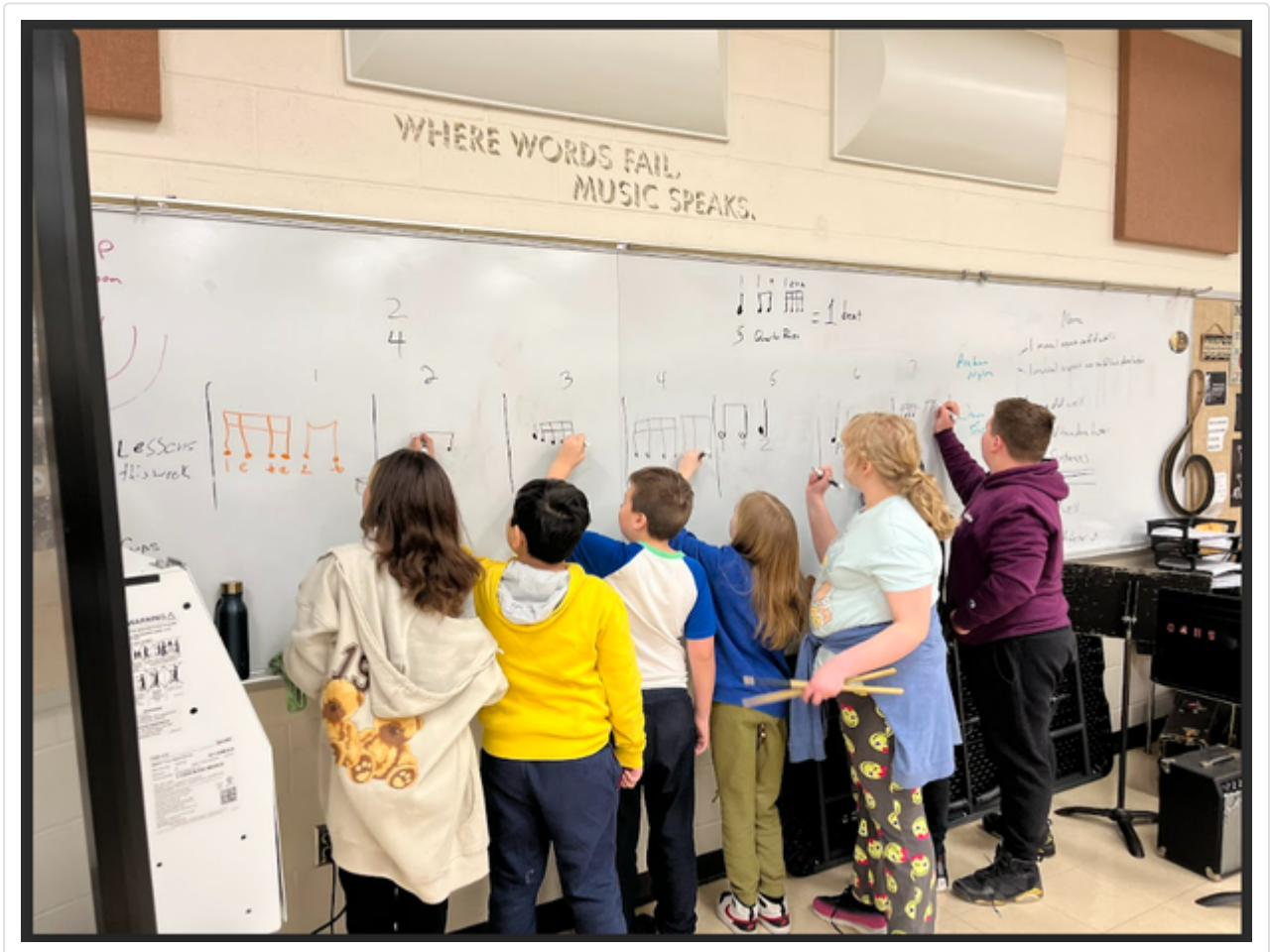


## Let the Games Begin...

The Middle School PTA purchased two sets of cornhole games. We are very appreciative of their support throughout the school year.

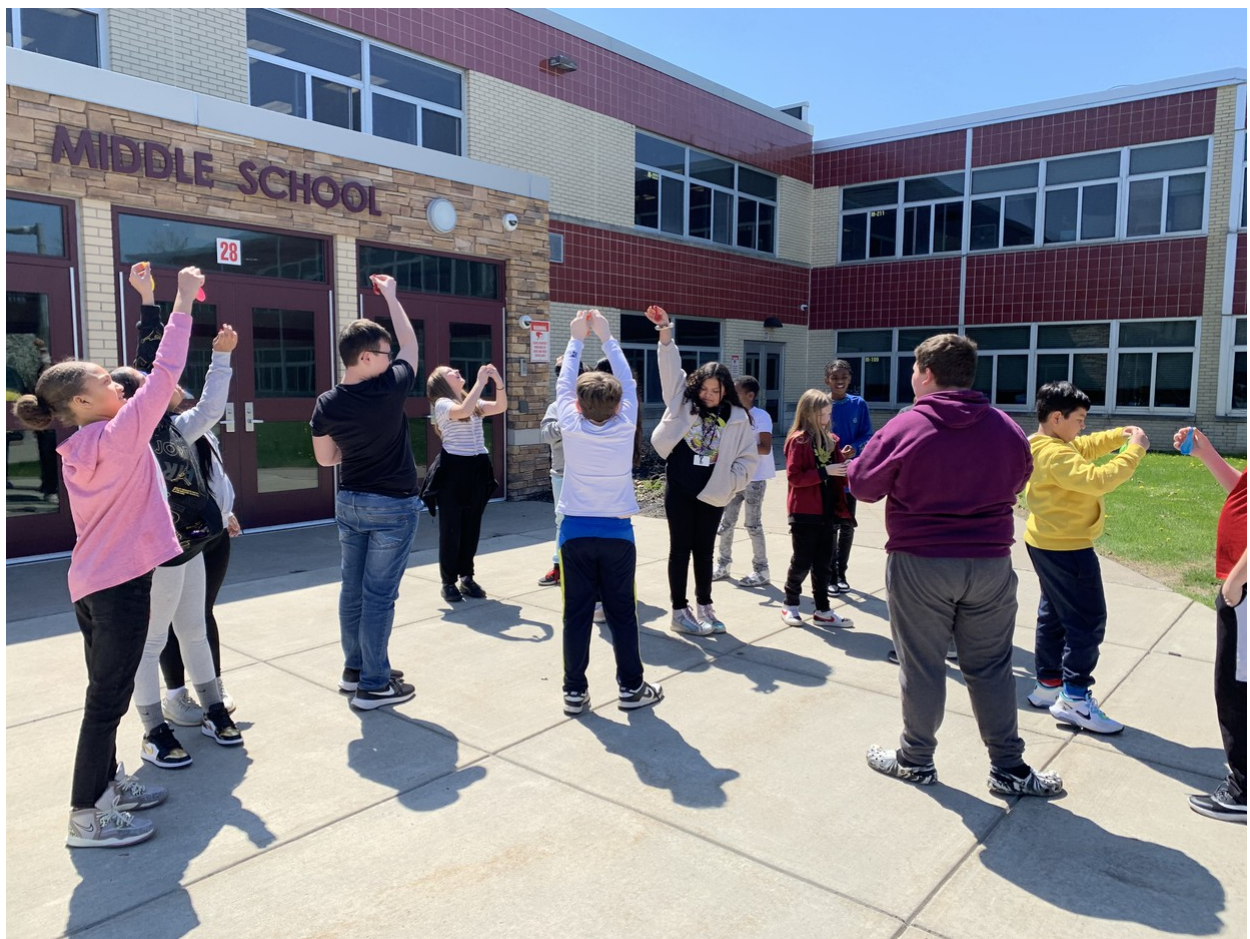


5th grade drummers composing their own song to perform!



Students investigating whether or not sunlight is made up of matter by attempting to fill up a balloon with sunlight. ☀️🎈





## Feedback Needed-Parent Survey

We are always seeking ways to better meet the needs of our students. Thank you for joining us in this important work. Please take a few minutes to answer this survey and give us your feedback so that we can better meet the needs of our students, families, and community.



Please click on the link below or scan the QR code

[DTSDE Parent Survey](#)

## Looking into next week...

**May 1st-** National Principal's Day!

**May 1st-** AP US Government and Politics (8:00am) and AP Chemistry (12:00pm)

**May 2nd & May 3rd-** NYS Math Assessments

**May 2nd-** Board of Education Meeting at 6:00pm in the Raymond Carr Room

**May 3rd-** AP English Lit and Composition (8:00am)

**May 5th-** AP US History (8:00am)

**HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!**

**Scott Zipp**  
**Superintendent**



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