



Herman Ave. *Hawk News*

**APRIL
2018**

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

APRIL EVENTS

4/3-MGR Playhouse Gr. 1- Golden Goose

4/4- Parent/Teacher Conferences @ 5:30-7:30 p.m. Full day for students.

4/5- Poetry reading at The Hilton Garden Inn with Kalli Dakos @ 6 pm

4/6- Author Kalli Dakos visits Herman

4/10-4/13- NYS ELA Assessments- Grades 3-6

4/11- PTO meeting @ 4:00 pm in the library

4/23-4/27- NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK

4/30- Bus Safety Drill #3



Dear Herman Avenue Parents and Guardians,

Spring has sprung! At least that is what the calendar tells me! The year is flying by and the spring season can get really busy for adults and kids in a school. Of course, April marks the beginning of assessment season and here is our assessment schedule:

April 10th-11th is grade 5 (computer based) ELA assessments.

April 11th -12th is grade 3 &4 (paper based) ELA assessments.

April 12th -13th is grade 6 (computer based) ELA assessments.

May 1st-2nd is grade 3 & 4 (paper based) math assessments.

May 1st -2nd grade 5 (computer based) math assessments.

May 3rd- 4th grade 6 (computer based) math assessments.

Please make sure your Herman student is well rested and ready to SOAR on the assessment days! Also, it has been a pleasure meeting the children and getting to know our learning community better in these few short weeks I have been at the school. I look forward to working with each and every family as we learn and grow together!

Sincerely,

Ronald Gorney , Principal

School News



Safety Reminder

Safety when dropping your kids off at school!

In the morning, make sure you have your kids exit your car safely. If you're parking on the west side of Herman Avenue have your kids exit your vehicle towards the church parking lot, then remind them to watch for traffic when crossing if they are not escorted. If you're parked on the east side of Herman Avenue your kids should exit your vehicle towards the school. Thanks!



Visiting Author



Herman Ave. is happy to have visiting author, Kalli Dakos, visit on April 6th. She will present three programs throughout the day to students in all grade levels. Ms. Dakos is the author of numerous poetry books. Students have participated in poetry writing activities in library classes. Some students will be asked to share their poems at an evening program on April 5th at 6:00 pm at The Hilton Garden Inn. All students and families are invited to attend this evening poetry reading event. Ms. Dakos will be on hand to listen to the poetry being shared as well as selling and autographing her books. More information will be out soon. Please contact the library at 315-255-8687 with any questions.

Students and staff competed against each other in a friendly and fun volleyball game during after-school intramurals.



Classroom News



Math Fun

Kindergarten students are busy working on number bonds, combinations of 8, and addition.



Book and Breakfast

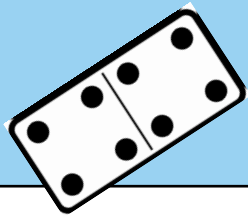
Students at Herman Ave. participated in Book and Breakfast in March. Students enjoyed reading with a special guest or reading buddy. After sharing a story, students enjoyed a small snack together.



Basketball Fever

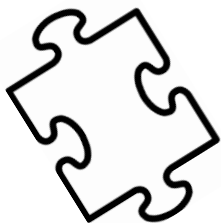
Students and staff competed in our own March Madness. Thank you to the Herman Ave. Band for adding to the exciting atmosphere. Fun was had by all!





SOAR into Learning with Family Game Night

Well played, Herman families! Yes, we played games: board, carpet, mats, hoops, and many more. It was a chilly Tuesday in March, perfect to get together with a bustling Herman Avenue community of students, teachers, and family members of all ages. Afterword, we enjoyed pizza and ice cream provided and served by PTO members and a slew of helpful volunteers. Thanks to all who helped put it together and a HUGE thank you to the families who came to play.



Upcoming Events



This year marks our 17th Multicultural Art & Learning Fair and Garden Show that will take place on Thursday, May 17, 2018 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Each year gets bigger and better from all the hard work from the staff, students and parents here at Herman Avenue Elementary School! Our last year's show in 2017 was a huge success. We had at least 600 students; family and community members attend the show. We enjoyed live performances from: solo singers, Irish Dancers, Auburn High School students and Foreign Language Club. Attendees of the show, experienced student art, classroom projects, student group projects, games, learned a language and much more.

Special thanks to all performers, students, parents and staff. Without your hard work and effort our show would not be such an enormous success each year. Great job!

Look for information to come home soon! We are excited to announce some changes and additions to the format this year!



PTO Corner

Thank you to all who participated in the Kids Kreation fundraiser in March. The Book Fair will be April 16th-20th. Family Nights will be April 18th and 19th from 6-8 pm.

Don't forget your box tops! Box tops can be turned in to your child's teacher or deposited in the container outside of the main office.

Would you like to take on a more active role in your child's school experience? Consider joining the PTO. The PTO works to raise funds for special events such as field trips, activity day, and so much more. We hope to see you at our next meeting on April 11th at 4:00.