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Sweet Home Central School District

October 2008 Your Schools - The Newsletter for the Residents of the Sweet Home Central School District

## Pay for School Meals On-line

Sweet Home Central Schools is pleased to announce an arrangement with **MyNutrikids.com** to allow parents with a fast, easy and secure way to add money to their children's school meal accounts using a credit or debit card or PayPal account.

To take advantage of this parents should visit **www.mynutrikids.com** and sign up for an account. Parents will be asked to put in the zip code of the school their child attends and their child's student identification number. Parents must create a separate account for each child they have attending Sweet Home Schools. Parents can also access mynutrikids.com by clicking on the link from the Sweet Home Schools website at **www.sweethomeschools.com**.

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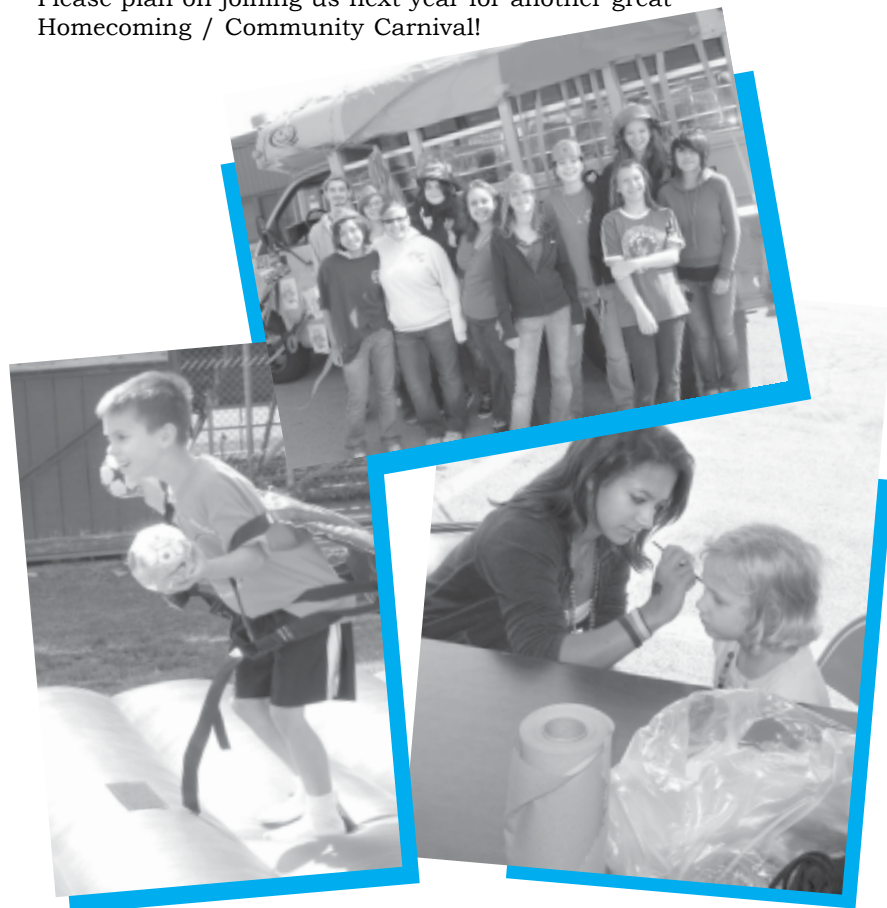
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## Homecoming 2008!!!

A great day was had by all in attendance at the annual Sweet Home Homecoming / Community Carnival on Saturday, September 19. Everyone enjoyed free cotton candy, popcorn and snowcones. Younger guests enjoyed free face painting, arts and crafts, climbing on the rock wall, bouncing in the bounce houses and making their way through a giant inflatable obstacle course.

The Homecoming parade made its way through Willow Ridge just in time to see the Panthers defeat Williamsville East 29-14.

Please plan on joining us next year for another great Homecoming / Community Carnival!



## A Message from the Superintendent of Schools...



*Superintendent of  
Schools  
Geoffrey M. Hicks*

### **Middle School Roof Repair & Enrollment Study**

Last June, two days of unusual weather accentuated by hailstorms caused significant damage to the middle school roof. The hail caused over 3,000 punctures to the roof, resulting in numerous leaks. Our attempts to patch the leaks were unsuccessful, forcing us to seek a more permanent solution of replacing the affected portion of the roof. We were able to secure an emergency payment from our school insurance provider that will cover the entire cost of the roof replacement.

It is necessary for the roof replacement project to begin quickly and we estimate the first day of work to be October 16, 2008. We have arranged for the roofing contractor to conduct the work outside of the normal school day and on weekends. In order to limit academic disruption, normal roof work will begin during the school week at approximately 3:30 pm. We will be taking extra precautions to closely monitor all potential safety issues involving materials or machinery. The project should be completed in approximately eight weeks.

The Task Force on Redistricting has been meeting regularly over the past two years to examine the impact of declining school enrollment. The Task Force is charged with studying the potential options for redistricting and making a recommendation to the Board of Education. Over the past ten years the total number of students in the district has slowly, but steadily declined. The Task Force reviewed two general enrollment projection reports that were commissioned two years ago, and it was decided that further data was necessary in order to make an informed recommendation.

The school district has contracted with Hezel Associates to conduct a comprehensive enrollment study of Sweet Home. The goals of the project are to develop a replicable methodology for projecting enrollments, and develop a model for making decisions regarding the use of school buildings. Hezel Associates has extensive experience in enrollment projection and school district planning projects, and they recently finished a similar study on the Williamsville Central School District.

The next meeting of the Redistricting Task Force is scheduled for Monday, November 3, 2008 at 5:00 pm in the Norman Vergils Community Center. Any community member is welcome to join us.

## Welcome Officer Gilbert...

The Sweet Home Central School District is pleased to announce a partnership with the Town of Amherst Police Department that has allowed Officer Jeff Gilbert to become the brand new School Resource Officer (SRO) at Sweet Home High School. Gilbert is a 1991 graduate of Sweet Home High School.

Officer Gilbert began his position on the first day of school and since then has been busy getting to know the high school's students and has brought his expertise into classrooms including Participation in Government, Internet and You and Law and Society. He will also act as a liaison between the Amherst Police Department and the District.

He has also been busy working with district administration at examining school emergency procedures and hopes to produce an informational brochure for parents providing critical information about what to do in the event of an emergency at one of the district's six schools. Another goal of Officer Gilbert is to begin an annual panel on drug and alcohol abuse for incoming freshman parents.



Please join Sweet Home in welcoming Officer Gilbert to his new position in the high school.

## SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS, AIDES & MONITORS NEEDED

The Sweet Home Central School District is in need of substitute teachers. If you are a certified teacher and interested in being added to the district's substitute call list, please contact Cindy Roy at 250-1415.

## WELCOME ANDREA!

The Sweet Home Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools, Geoffrey Hicks, would like to welcome Andrea



Finley to the Board of Education. Andrea will serve as the student ex-officio member to the Board during the 2008-09 school year and will bring with her the concerns of her fellow classmates at the high school. She is currently the president of the All Class Leadership Council and she can also be heard each and every morning doing the daily announcements. Please welcome Andrea to the Board of Education!

## AUGUST GRADUATES

A belated congratulations to eight members of the Class of 2008 who received their diplomas at the Summer Graduation Celebration on August 26, 2008. Mindy E. Brock, Christopher S. Gordon, Lawrence E. Johnson, Diosmery Martinez, Christopher J. McMenamin, Jennifer A. Norris, Darius L. Patterson and Adam T. Roehrig all completed the requirements for graduation and received their diplomas in front of family and friends.

Congratulations to all and best of luck!

## Hall Class of 2008 Welcomes Seven...

The Sweet Home Athletics Hall of Fame welcomed seven new members at their annual induction dinner at Classics V Restaurant on Friday, September 19. Those being honored include Robert Bandish III, Cathleen Berchou, Jill Deinhart, Robert Jackson, Christopher Kowalski, Kathleen McCormick and the record setting girls volleyball teams from 1978-1987 who set a national record of 292 consecutive wins. Congratulations to all on your accomplishments.



*(Left): Hall of Fame Class of 2008 (seated l to r): Jill Deinhart, Kathleen McCormick, Cathleen Berchou; (standing l to r): Christopher Kowalski, Robert Jackson, Robert Bandish III. (Right): Members of the record setting girls varsity volleyball teams from 1978-1987.*

## District Sets 2008-09 Tax Rates

At its August 26 voting meeting, the Sweet Home Board of Education set the school tax rate for 2008-09.

The School Board approved a 2008-09 property tax levy of \$31,064,388 at the voting meeting. The property tax rate established for homeowners in the Town of Amherst is \$13.97 per \$1,000 assessed value which represents a yearly tax bill of \$899.67 for a home assessed at \$92,000 with New York State basic STAR exemption which translates to a tax bill **decrease** of \$10 from the previous year. Town of Amherst homeowners will also see a STAR Rebate check anywhere between \$125 and \$250 depending on income level as part of the New York State Legislative Middle Class STAR Rebate. The non-homestead rate for the Town of Amherst will be \$21.79 per \$1,000 assessed value for 2008-09.

The property tax rate established for homeowners in the Town of Tonawanda is \$25.02 per \$1,000 assessed value which represents a yearly tax bill of \$894.47 for a home assessed at \$51,500 with a New York State basic STAR. Town of Tonawanda homeowners will also see a STAR Rebate check anywhere between \$131 and \$261 depending on income level as part of the New York State Legislative Middle Class STAR Rebate. The non-homestead rate for the Town of Tonawanda will be \$38.90 per \$1,000 assessed value for 2008-09.

Both the Town of Amherst and the Town of Tonawanda uses an equalized rate to determine assessments.

District officials attribute the low tax rates to a low budget increase, an increase in state aid and continued retirements in teaching staff.

# DISTRICT OFFICES

PHONE 250-1400 • FAX: 250-1361

<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>FIRST NAME</u>	<u>PHONE</u> 250-	<u>E-MAIL</u> @shs.k12.ny.us	<u>POSITION</u>
Adams	Linda	1235	ladams	Clerk Typist/Spec. Ed.
Ahr	Michael	1209	mahr	Heat & Air Tech.
Baumann	Michael	1417	mbaumann	Asst. Supt./Human Res. & Planning
Bishop	Patricia	1424	pbishop	Secy./Community Education
Brown	James	1230	jbrown	Micro Computer Tech.
McDonell	Lynn	1435	lmcdonell	Trans. Clerk
Cole	John	1234	jcole	Director / Student Services
Connolly	Margaret	1429	mconnolly	TOSA Literacy
Crist	Deborah	1425	dcrist	Account Clerk/Insurance
Custodi	Linda	1236	lcustodi	Secy./Spec. Ed.
Day	Anthony	1419	aday	Asst. Supt. for Instruction
Farleo	Ronald	1233	rfarleo	Voice/Video Technician
Feldmann	Donald	1267	dfeldmann	Coord./ Public & Community Relations
Gilson	Jenifer	1416	jpgilson	Director of Technology / CIO
Hershey	Christian	1237	chershey	Special Education TOSA
Hicks	Geoffrey	1402	ghicks	Superintendent
Hodiak	Carolyn	1228	chodiak	Sr. Clerk Typist/FSC
Jarvis	Katherine	1413	kjarvis	Secy./Personnel
Jauch	Daniel	1232	djauch	Micro Computer Tech.
Jones	Deborah	1445	djones	Secy. to Super. Bldg. & Grounds
Langlotz	Keith	1443	klanglotz	Supervisor/Bldg. & Grounds
Levandowski	Art	1349	alevandowski	Hd. Groundsman
Lowden	Kevin	1437	klowden	Hd. Bus Driver
Masci	John	1420	jmasci	Data Processing Clerk
McBurney	Michelle	1409	mmcurney	Payroll Clerk
McDow	Robert	1406	rmcdow	Dir./Finance & Plant Services
McNamara	Sherry	1408	smcnamara	Payroll Clerk
Mennes	Andrea	1444	amennes	PT Clerk Typist
Metz	Diane	1403	dmetz	Secy./Instructional Technology
Miller	Lori Beth	1444	lmiller	PT Clerk Typist
Mitchell	William	1440	wmitchell	Hd. Trans. Mechanic
Mule'	Belle	1402	bmule	Secy.to Supt.
Multerer	Maria	1423	mmulterer	Monitor/PT Secy.
Nowak	Anne	1229	anowak	Counselor/Family Support Ctr.
Rice	Lacy	1422	lrice	Clerk Typist
Rigerman	David	1348	drigerman	Hd. Maint. Mech.
Roy	Cindy	1415	croy	Accounting Clerk
Russell	Judy	1400	jrussell	Secy./Business Office
Sarkees	Deborah	1401	dsarkees	Principal Account Clerk
Sharpe	James	1407	jsharpe	Systems Engineer
Shipe	Beverly Ann	1269	bshipe	Nurse Practitioner/Health Teacher
Skalski	Elaine	1414	eskalski	Secy./District Planning
Slisz	Angel	1405	aslisz	Asst. Business Mgr.
Szymanski	Linda	1411	lszymanski	Accounting Clerk
Weselak	Robert	1435	rweselak	Supervisor/Transp.
Williams	Dee	1410	dwilliams	Part-Time Accounting Clerk
Worley	Dennis	1377	dworley	Mtr. Equip. Oper.
Ziegler	Elizabeth	1446	eziegler	Supervisor/Cent.Kitchen

# HIGH SCHOOL

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<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>FIRST NAME</u>	<u>PHONE</u> 250-	<u>E-MAIL</u> @shs.k12.ny.us	<u>POSITION</u>
Ames	Melissa	1259	mames	Math
Aquilino	Scott	1307	saquilino	Social St.
Arnesen	Sue	1284	sarnesen	Spec. Ed.
Baer	Barbara	1205	bbaer	R.N.
Barillari	Kathryn	1281	kbarillari	Spec. Ed.
Barnes	Crystal	1347	cbarnes	Phys. Ed.
Basehart	Eva	1287	ebasehart	Spec. Ed.
Basehart	Mark	1315	mbasehart	Social St.
Becker	Pamela	1333/1225	pbecker	Clerk Typist Honors/Library
Becker	Steven	1371	sbecker	Math
Bialasik	James	1385	jbialasik	Math
Bickford	Julie	1249	jbickford	English
Brenan	Patrick	1231	pbrenan	Spec. Ed.
Bridges	Mary	1232	mbridges	Teacher Aide
Brooks	Susan	1201	sbrooks	Sr. Clerk Typist
Brown	Jeffrey	1326	jbrown2	Science
Bruce	Mary Beth	1305	mbruce	Social St.
Bully-Crawford	Jodie	1324	jcrawford	Spec. Ed.
Calabrese	Deborah	1204	dcalabrese	PT R.N.
Campolo	Jon	1283	jcampolo	Spec. Ed.
Cardinal	Timothy	1298	tcardinal	Math
Christopher	Jennifer	1327	jchristopher	English
Cicero	Richard	1320	rcicero	Phys. Ed.
Couvutsakis	Christine	1370	ccouvutsakis	Phys. Ed.



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Critelli	Ty	1221	tcritelli	Student Services
DeMarco	Christopher	1208	cdemarco	Dir. HPER/Asst. Principal
DePasquale	Jennifer	1328	jdepasquale	Science
DePoint	Lori	1358	ldepoint	Music
Dimitroff	Stephen	1214	sdimitroff	Asst. Principal
Dobmeier	Peter	1241	pdobmeier	English
Duggan	Patricia	1222	pduggan	Student Services
Duma	Julieann	1274	jduma	Language
Duquin	Anne Marie	1266	amduquin	Business
Elbaneh	Sadeq	1260	selbaneh	Math
English	Sarah	1294	senglish	Science
Feyes	Lisa	1245	lfeyes	English
Fiebelkorn	Alicia	1329	afiebelkorn	Science
Fillip	Christopher	1310	cfillip	Social St.
Fronczek	Douglas	1368	dfronczek	District Music Coordinator
Galli	Karen	1207	kgalli	Clerk Typist
Geraci	Thaddeus	1306	tgeraci	Social St.
Gerlach	Marcy	1321	mgerlach	Trainer
Gerspach	David	1254	dgerspach	Math
Giufre	Mary Jo	1251	mamschler	Math
Glenn	Susan	1212	sglenn	Clerk Typist
Gorban	Diane	1317	dgorban	Wk. Exp./AAC
Graesser	Gail	1232	ggraesser	Teacher Aide
Greico	Sandra	1396	sgreico	PT Clerk Typist
Guagliano	Ronald	1232	rguagliano	Teacher Aide
Guillaume	Margaret	1291 x2705	mguillaume	ESL
Hagner	Erin	1270	ehagner	Business
Harriger	Scott	1218	sharriger	Student Services
Harrison	David	1243	dharrison	English
Hawkes	Erin	1323	ehawkes	Science
Hawkins	Edwin	1300	ehawkins	Tech.
Hayes III	Edward	1299	ehayes	Tech.
Hicks	Joshua	1322	jhicks	Science
Hiller	Michael	1238	mhiller	English
Hornung	Jack	1309	jhornung	Social St.
Hornung	Pamela	1311	phornung	Social St.
Horton	Steve	1284	shorton	Teacher Aide
Izydorczak	Mark	1255	mizydorczak	Math
Kawa	Lynn	1220	lkawa	Student Services
Kennedy	Heather	1239	hkennedy	English
Kieser	Krista	1246	kkieser	English
Kinmartin	Megan	1330	mkinmartin	Science
Kisker	Brian	1257	bkisker	Math
Kokanovich	Steven	1262	skokanovich	Art
Koprowski	Sandra	1232	skoprowski	Teacher Aide
Koziol	Brian	1253	bkoziol	Math
Krzyzaniak	Thomas	1312	tkrzyzaniak	Social St.
LaBrake	Lisa	1247	llabrake	English
LaChiusa	Lona	1240	llachiusa	English
LaRoach	Matthew	1308	mlaroach	Social St.
Lauria	Michael	1336	mlauria	Science
LeFauve	Lynn	1261	llefauve	Art
Lehman	Magdalena	1288	mlehman	Spec. Ed.
MacDavid	Jacob	1331	jmacdavid	Science
MacRae	Amanda	1285	amacrae	Spec. Ed.
Magnani	Kathy	1224	kmagnani	Library Aide
Mansell	Rebecca	1273	rmansell	Language
Manzella	Karla	1244	kmanzella	English
Marko	Marybeth	1284	mmarko	Teacher Aide
Marone	James	1346	jmarone	Music
Martin	Scott	1313	smartin	Social Studies
Martino	James	1286	jmartino	Spec. Ed.
McClamb	Claudia	1206	cmclamb	Sr. Custodian
Mediak-Pirigyi	Dominique	1263	dmediak	Art
Mehltretter	Gaye	1232	gmehltretter	Teacher Aide
Morrow	Cory	1365	cmorrow	Music
Murphy	Daniel	1276	dmurphy	Language
Murray	Scott	1268	smurray	Business
Mussachio	Heidi	1227	hmussachio	Librarian
Musial	Christine	1200	tmusial	Clk Typist/Main Office
Mylott	Kathy	1232	kmylott	Teacher Aide
Narduzzo	Andrea	1275	anarduzzo	Language
Neeson	Kristy	1340	kneeson	Speech
Newman	Nicholas	1339	nnewman	Science
O'Day	James	1304	joday	Social St.
Opala	Debbie	1386	dopala	Sr. Clerk Typist/Student Services
Pépe	Patricia	1213	ppepe	Clerk Typist
Pinkowski	Kristina	1297	kpinkowski	Science
Piurek	Kristen	1264	kpiurek	Art
Prince	Michael	1332	mprince	Science
Radens	Sandra	693-2764	sradens	Alt. Suspension
Ramsay	Amy	1303	aramsay	Social St.
Reinholz	Joleen	1203	jreinholz	Principal
Ricupito	Mark	1325	mrivicupito	Science
Roa	Mia	1272	aroa	Language
Roberts	Thomas	1215	troberts	Asst. Principal
Ross	Marie	1344	mross	Health/Phys Ed
Ryan	James	1314	jryan	Social St.

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Schueler	Diane	1232	dschueler	Teacher Aide
Schultz	Judy	1203	jschultz	Secy. to Principal
Seefeldt	Shari	1277	sseefeldt	Language
Seiler	John	1357	jseiler	Health/Phys Ed
Shanahan	Mark	1334	mshanahan	Science
Siffringer	Penny	1289	psiffringer	Spec. Ed.
Sigurdson	Elizabeth	1219	esigurdson	Psych.
Siwiec	Andrea	1223	asiwiec	Student Services
Smead	Kathleen	1232	ksmead	Teacher Aide
Smith	Maria	1211	msmith	Attendance
Spence	Debra	1337	dspence	Spec. Ed.
Stephenson	Diane	1232	dstephenson	Teacher Aide
Stepniak	Kathryn	1217	kstepniak	Clerk Typist/Student Services
Szymendera	Paul	1316	pszymendera	Social St.
Thomas	Jeffery	1271	jthomas	Business
Tojek	Michael	1301	mtojek	Tech.
Trapasso	Breann	1252	btrapasso	Math
Turner	Brian	1278	bturner	Language
Urbanczyk	Alysia	1248	aurbanczyk	English
Urbaniak	Kimberley	1232	kurbaniak	Teacher Aide
VanVolkenburg	Kate	1601	kvanvolkenburg	Art
VanHarrison	Brianna	1242	bvanharrison	English
Webb	Susan	1226	swebb	Library Aide
Worrall	Harmony	1293	hworrall	Spec. Ed.
Yagielski	Nilam	1258	nyagielski	Math
Zgoda	Derek	1366	dzgoda	Health/Phys. Ed.
Zimmer	Jeremy	1250	jzimmer	Phys. Ed.
Zvorsky	Judy	1216	jzvorsky	Secy./Student Services
Zwack	Joseph	1364	jzwack	Asst. Principal

# MIDDLE SCHOOL

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<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>FIRST NAME</u>	<u>PHONE</u> 250-1450 ext.	<u>E-MAIL</u> @shs.k12.ny.us	<u>POSITION</u>
Adams	Paula	3206	padams	CARS
Ash	Christi	3155	cash	Science
Baczkiwicz	Alan	3105	abaczkiwicz	Science
Beichner	Diane	3113	dbeichner	OT/PT
Bonghi	Carrie	3115	cbonghi	Spec. Ed.
Bower	Jamie	3219	jbower	Math
Bruno	Mary Margaret	3107	mbruno	Math
Calandra	Diana	1466	dcalandra	Phys. Ed.
Carducci	Susan	1471	scarducci	R.N./Health Asst.
Carlson	Deborah	3218	dcarlson	Language
Caruana	Kim	1451	kcaruana	Clerk Typist
Ceccato	Julie	3134	jceccato	Math
Cheskin-Brzeczowski	Lisa	3122	lcheskin	Speech
Colicchia	Kathy	1450	kcolicchia	Clerk Typist
Commisso	Angela	3106	acommisso	Math
Corcoran	Kelly	3127	kcocoran	Science
Daigler	Pamela	3361	pdaigler	Music
Davis	Keri	3251	kdavis	English
Dorobiala	Michelle	3100	mdorobiala	Science
Dunlap	Charles	3221	cdunlap	Spec. Ed.
Easter	Melinda	3363	measter	Music
Eckert	Marcia	1460	meckert	R.N.
Ehman	Mike	3224	mehman	Social St.
Emmi	Maria	3362	memmi	Music
Etkin	David	3104	detkin	English
Freda	Marc	3101	mfreda	Science
Fried	Morris	3402	mfried	Tech.
Frijey	James	3209	jfrijey	Social Studies
Fronczek	Douglas	3311	dfronczek	Music
Fronczek	Margo	3110	mfronczek	Spec. Ed.
Gernatt	Kristin	3153	kgernatt	Social St.
Graham	David	1472	dgraham	Health
Guillaume	Margaret	1477	mguillaume	TESOL
Hahn	Donna	3113	dhahn	OT/PT
Kauderer-Kromer	Dawn	1467	dkauderer	Phys. Ed.
Kelly	Jayne	3230	jkelly	English
Korniczky	Lari	3143	lkorniczky	Science
Kozaczka	Catherine	3259	ckozaczka	Art
Kragovich	Stephen	1469	skraqovich	Hd. Custodian
Kramer	Sharon	3237	skramer	Spec. Ed.
Kumm	Patricia	1458	pkumm	Guidance
Kurpita	David	3239	dkurpita	Spec. Ed.
LaMastra	Mary Jo	1455	mlaMastra	Guidance



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Lawson	Lisa	3257	llawson	Art
Lindemann	Sarah	3131	slindemann	Science
Lippert	Rhonda	3117	rlippert	Spec. Ed.
Lovering	Sharon	1462	sloving	Attendance
Malone	Sharon	1479	smalone	Office/Library
Mangione	Lisa	3132	lmangione	Spec. Ed.
Mann	Dina	3112	dmann	CARS
Marczak	Michelle	3128	mmarczak	English
May	Kathleen	3241	cmay	Math
McCaffery	Ryan	3255	rmccaffery	Art
McDonald	Kathleen	3207	kmcdonald	Home & Careers
McElhinny	Frances	1459	fmcelhinny	Secy/Guidance
McLoughlin	Neal	3253	nmcloughlin	Social St.
Mescall	Katina	3138	kmescall	Math
Miles	Barbara	3203	bmiles	Home & Careers
Miller	Jeff	3232	jmiller	Social St.
Monahan	William	3141	wmonahan	Spec. Ed.
Moran	Katherine	3226	kmoran	Math
Muck	Heidi	3220	hmuck	Language
Murphy	Jeremy	1463	jmurphy	Health/Pys. Ed.
Neelon	Kathryn	1465	kneelon	Health/Pys. Ed.
Neuburger	Barbara	3216	bneuburger	Language
Niezgoada	Nicole	3102	nniezgoada	Math
Pannozzo	Ida	3214	ipannozzo	Language
Peterson	Brent	3204	bpeterson	English
Petrie	Gavin	3365	gpetrie	Music
Petrie	Sarah	3211	spetrie	English
Pizur	Martin	1454	mpizur	Asst. Principal
Popovich	Robin	1452	rpopovich	Secy. to Principal
Quader	Joseph	3310	jquader	Music
Radens	Sandra	693-2764	sradens	Alt. Suspension
Ramsperger	Christina	3212	cramsperger	Language
Raphael	Robin	1457	rraphael	Psych.
Reid	Collin	1456	creid	Guidance
Reimer	Chad	3234	creimer	Social St.
Rizzo	Suzanne	3108	srizzo	English
Rountree	Erin	3103	erountree	Social St.
Schleicher	Kevin	3401	kschleicher	Tech.
Setter	Linda	3223	lsetter	Spec. Ed.
Shepherd	Shannon	3236	slshepherd	English
Shepherd	Stephen	3222	srshepherd	English
Silverman	Rebecca	1474	rsilverman	Library
Smith	Thomas	3400	tsmith	Tech.
Smorol	Gregory	1453	gsmorol	Principal
Steinagle	Kerry	3130	ksteinagle	Spec. Ed.
Stephans	Donald	3159	dstephans	Science
Stockmeyer	Kevin	3202	kstockmeyer	Math
Strefeler	Paul	1464	pstrefeler	Phys. Ed.
Tackett	Christopher	3400	ctackett	Tech.
Traverse	Jeremy	3157	jtraverse	Science
Walker	Alex	3136	awalker	Math
Wattengel	Priscilla	3205	pwattengel	Home-Car.
Williams	Amy	3208	awilliams	Reading
Yanko	Janet	3200	jyanko	Social St.

## GLENDALE

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Aldrich	Cheryl	4265	caldrich	Grade 4
Allgrim	Carol	1501	calligrim	PT Clerk Typist
Bala	Lynn	4269	lbala	Reading
Banks	Mia	4306	mbanks	Art
Bonnevie	Gilda	1503	gbonnievie	R.N.
Bovey	Nancy	1501	nbovey	PT Clerk Typist
Brace	Joyce	1500	jbrace	Principal
Breidenstein	Amanda	4263	abreidenstein	Grade 5
Canetti	Amy	4264	acanetti	Grade 5
Collins	Patricia	4317	pcollins	Kindg.
Coniglio	Debra	5065	dconiglio	Music
Davis	Tanya	4313	tdavis	Phys. Therapy
Dell'Accio	Danielle	4257	ddellaccio	Kindg.
DiBernardo	Melinda	4314	mdibernardo	Enrichment
DiCarlo	Nicole	4308	ndicarlo	Grade 1
DiPirro	Molly	4267	mdipirro	Grade 4
Dunstan	Derek	4113	ddunstan	Grade 2
Eckler	Nicole	4311	neckler	Grade 1
Geary	Anuja	4108	ageary	Grade 3
Golden	Cynthia	4269	cgolden	Reading
Hanusin	Trisha	4269	thanusin	Reading Aide
Heslin	Sarah	4252	sheslin	Kindg.
Hopcja	Jill	4268	jhopcja	Grade 4
Jarvis	Andrea	4107	ajarvis	Spec. Ed.



# GLENDALE

PHONE 250-1500 • FAX: 250-1510

<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>FIRST NAME</u>	<u>PHONE</u> 250-	<u>E-MAIL</u> @shs.k12.ny.us	<u>POSITION</u>
Kacalski	Phyllis	4111	pkacalski	Grade 2
Kinan	Elizabeth	4138	ekinan	Guidance
Knobel	Lori	4401	lknobel	Pre_k
Konrad	Mary	4261	mkonrad	Spec. Ed.
Lock	Keri	4115	klock	Grade 3
Loughrey	Joelle	4312	jloughrey	Spec. Ed.
Lowe	Richard	4246	rlowe	Phys. Ed.
Mach	Christine	4125	cmach	Library Aide
Mang	Jason	4313	jmang	Occ. Therapy
Martinez	Amanda	4244	amartinez	Phys. Ed.
Mendola	Nancy	4274	nmendola	Library
Mitchell	Jacquelyn	4114	jmitchell	Grade 2
Murray	Michelle	4109	mmurray	Grade 3
O'Donnell	Patrick	4402	podonnell	Music
Olear	John	4262	jolear	Grade 5
Papero	Danielle	4110	dpapero	Grade 2
Peterson	Kathleen	1509	kpeterson	Psych.
Powell	Danielle	4254	dpowell	Kindg.
Radlich	David	1504	dradlich	Head Custodian
Rew	Arlene	4129	arew	Cafe. Mgr.
Rucker	Barbara	1500	brucker	Secy to Principal
Serrano	Jami	4310	jserrano	Grade 1
Stewart	Amy	4269	astewart	Reading Aide
Twist	Jennifer	4269	jtwest	Math Aide
Trznadel	Stacey	4261	strznadel	Spec. Ed.
Wargo	Lynette	4309	lwargo	Grade 1
Warner	Kerri	4269	kwarner	Reading Aide
Waterrose	William	4261	wwaterrose	Spec. Ed.
White	Barbara	4307	bwhite	Music
Wright	Jacqueline	4266	jwright	Grade 5
Young	Karen	4313	kyoung	Speech

# HERITAGE HEIGHTS

PHONE 250-1525 • FAX: 250-1531

<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>FIRST NAME</u>	<u>PHONE</u> 250-1525	<u>E-MAIL</u> ext.	<u>POSITION</u> @shs.k12.ny.us
Altieri	Renee	5017	raltieri	Reading Aide
Ball	Susan	5026	sbball	Teacher Aide
Battel	Jennifer	5098	jbattel	Grade 4
Beichner	Diane	5082	dbeichner	Physical Therapist
Biersbach	Cindy	5018	cbiersbach	K/1 Looping
Bogdan	Alan	1530	abogdan	Custodian
Boye	Linda	5094	lboye	Cafe. Mgr.
Burke	Sheryl	1525	sburke	Secy. to Prin.
Coniglio	Debra	5065	dconiglio	Music
Cook	Lindsey	5017	lcook	CARS
Corigliano	Joyce	5028	jcorigliano	Teacher Aide
Cress	Amy	5001	acress	Speech
DeMarco	Diane	5017	ddemarco	Reading Aide
Deren	Barbara	5085	bderen	Pre-K
Desiderio	Margaret	5108	mdesiderio	Teacher Aide
Dpwney-Anastasi	Emmy	5085	edowney	Teacher Aide
Edholm	Mary	1526	medholm	PT Clerk Typist
Glorioso	Salvatore	1533	sglorioso	Guidance
Hattler	Nancy	5094	nhattler	Cafeteria
Horborwith	Kimberly	1525	khorborwitz	Math / AIS
Hyman	Joan	5017	jhyman	CARS
Imiolo-Schraver	Deborah	5005	dschraver	Music
Johel	Karen	5088	kjohel	Grade 5
Kuss	Marjorie	5016	mkuss	Teacher Aide
Langlotz	Tracy	5111	tlanglotz	Art
LiCausi	Frank	5097	flicausi	Enrichment
Lubick	Susan	5109	slubick	Grade 3
Lycett	Christine	5085	clycett	Teacher Aide
Mahoney	Edith	5069	emahoney	Library Aide
Mahoney	Jacqueline	5090	jmahoney	Spec. Ed.
McDonald	Margaret	5028	mmcdonald	K/1 Looping
McDowell	Monica	5108	mmcdowell	Grade 3
McGowan	Meghan	5026	mcmcgowan	ESL
McMahon	Joann	5027	jmcmahon	Kindg.
Miller	Kelly	5017	kmiller	CARS
Moehlau	Mary	5088	mmoehlau	Teacher Aide
Monahan	Kathleen	5100	kmonahan	Grade 4
Moran	Wenda	5015	wmoran	Grade 1
Nesteruk	Marilou	5016	mnesteruk	Grade 1



<b>LAST NAME</b>	<b>FIRST NAME</b>	<b>PHONE</b> 250-	<b>E-MAIL</b> @shs.k12.ny.us	<b>POSITION</b>
Norton	Gloria	5107	gnorton	ESL
O'Brien	Michelle	5008	mobrien	Grade 2
O'Donnell	Patrick	4402	podonnell	Music
Palame'	Linda	5009	lpalame	Grade 2
Peltier	Theresa	5082	tpeltier	Occ. Therapist
Peterson	Kathleen	1529	kpeteron	Psych.
Pignatora	Laureen	5199	lpignatora	Teacher Aide
Prizel	Patricia	5062	pprizel	Phys. Ed.
Pulci	Tiffany	5017	tpulci	Reading Aide
Rao	Mary	5025	mrao	Kindg.
Reich	Patricia	5068	preich	Library
Rexford	Patrick	5099	prexford	Grade 4
Rine Jr.	Robert	5044	rrine	Phys. Ed.
Scholl	Martin	5085	mscholl	Spec. Ed.
Sciandra	Nancy	5109	nsciandra	Teacher Aide
Spengler	Darcy	5007	dspengler	Spec. Ed.
Starks	Jacqueline	5106	jstarks	Grade 3
Stephens	Susan	5089	sstephens	Grade 5
VanDette	Linda	1528	lvandette	R.N.
Ward	Teri	5010	tward	Teacher Aide
Wilson	Jennifer	5010	jwilson	Grade 2
Wolf	Scott	1527	swolf	Principal
Zack	Amy	5071	azack	Spec. Ed.
Zlotek	Leanne	5087	lzlotek	Grade 5

# MAPLEMERE

PHONE 250-1550 • FAX: 250-1555

<b>LAST NAME</b>	<b>FIRST NAME</b>	<b>PHONE</b> 250-1550 ext.	<b>E-MAIL</b>	<b>POSITION</b> @shs.k12.ny.us
Baetzhold	Kirsten	6217	kbaetzhold	Grade 3
Barrett	Karen	1550	kbarrett	Sey to Principal
Bassano	Karen	6110	kbassano	Grade 5
Beang	Jill	6219	jbeang	OT / PT
Beaudet	Lorraine	1551	lbeaudet	PT Clerk Typist / Secy to Principal
Bonito	Maggie	1559	mbonito	Cafe Manager
Brennan	Mikal	6216	mbrennan	Grade 3
Brown	Sarah	6113	sbrown	Grade 4
Campbell	Melissa	6208	mcampbell	Grade 1
Coniglio	Debra	6112	dconiglio	Music
Cornwell-Crawford	Beth	1556	bcrawford	Psychologist
Covel	Tammy	6200	tcovel	Kindg.
Diebold	Lynn Marie	6120	ldiebold	Cafe. Mgr.
Donnelly	Beverly	6201	bdonnelly	Kindg.
Eberle	Julie	1558	jeberle	Guidance
Edson	Kevin	6278	kedson	Librarian
Faller	John	6125	jfaller	Phys. Ed.
Herbold	Kendra	6111	kherbold	Grade 4
Hildreth	Leigh Ann	6214	lhildreth	Grade 3
Hiwiler	Cynthia	6209	chiwiler	Grade 1
Jakubowski	Lynne	6105	ljakubowski	Grade 5
Jones	Heidi	6124	hjones	Phys. Ed.
Kieffer	Maureen	6106	mkieffer	Grade 5
Lamantia	Nicole	6107	nlamantia	Grade 4
Laudisio	Ann	1550	alaudisio	Principal
Leemer	Michele	6212	mleemer	Grade 2
Lewandowski	Valerie	6258	vlewandowski	Spec. Ed.
Liebrich	Kim	6205	kliebrich	Pre-Kindergarten
Lynch	Robert	6116	rlynch	Art
Mackowiak	Angela	6204	amackowiak	Kindg.
Major	Kimberly	6104	kmajor	Reading/AIS
Maloney	Nora	6259	nmaloney	Spec. Ed.
Mantell	Karin	6203	kmantell	Kindg.
Masocco	Julianne	6210	jmasocco	Grade 2
O'Brien	Kelly	6103	kobrien	Spec. Ed.
O'Donnell	Patrick	6112	podonnell	Music
Pasternak-Brodka	Judith	6202	jpasternak	Speech
Peczkowski	June	6128	jpezkowski	Enrichment
Pfeiffer	Heather	6213	hpfeiffer	Grade 2
Piatek	Sandra	6206	spiatek	Grade 1
Polokoff	Maureen	1553	mpolokoff	Nurse
Rackl	Thomas	1554	trackl	Head Custodian
Rizzitello	Marietta	1551	mrizzitello	PT Clerk Typist /Secy. to Principal
Schick	Debbie	6219	dschick	OT / PT
Scully	Sharrie	6108	sscully	Grade 5
Sionko	Michele	6103	msionko	Reading
Stablewski	Jacqueline	6215	jstablewski	Grade 3
Swierski	Beth	6109	bswierski	Grade 4
Terhaar	Diane	6278	dterhaar	Library Aide
Truskey	Veronica	6207	vtruskey	Grade 1
Udy	Melissa	6114	mudy	Music
VanDeWater	Joelle	6211	jvandewater	Grade 2

# WILLOW RIDGE

PHONE 250-1575 • FAX: 250-1585

<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>FIRST NAME</u>	<u>PHONE</u> 250-1575 ext.	<u>E-MAIL</u>	<u>POSITION</u> @shs.k12.ny.us
Bennett	Jennifer	7314	jbennett	Grade 5
Bogacz	Kelli	7304	kbogacz	Grade 5
Braun	Charlotte	7311	cbraun	Art
Brennan	James	7316	jbrennan	Grade 5
Casullo	Grace	1575	gcasullo	Secy. to Prin.
Christensen	Michelle	7111	mchristensen	Grade 1
Cianfrini	Tracey	7106	tcianfrini	Grade 1
Coniglio	Debra	7313	dconiglio	Music
Conway	Katie	7113	kconway	Kind.
Cornwell-Crawford	Beth	1583	bcrawford	Psych.
Cretacci	Joanne	7315	jcetacci	Music
Cummings	Arlene	7107	acummings	Pre-K
Dziomba	Lia	1582	ldziomba	Cafe' Mgr.
Gorenflo	Maureen	7110	mgorenflo	Kindg.
Henderson	Maureen	7302	mhenderson	Grade 4
Huntley	Tracey	7209	thuntley	BOCES Classroom
Iwankow	Michelle	7308	miwankow	Enrichment
Kelly	Ann Marie	7310	akelly	Math Intervention
Kwoka	Kimberley	7109	kkwoka	Spec. Ed.
Land	Kathleen	1576	kland	PT Clerk Typist
Lovering	David	1575	dlovering	Principal
Mack	Christina	7118	cmack	Phys. Ed.
Mackey	Alice	7205	amackey	BOCES Classroom
McCrohan	Donna	1578	dmccrohan	R.N.
McLaughlin	Nora	7204	nmclaughlin	Grade 3
McNess	Pamela	1576	pmcness	PT Clerk Typist
Monroe	Ashley	7104	amonroe	Grade 1
Notaro	Sharon	7203	snotaro	Grade 3
Olmstead	Holly	7312	holmstead	Grade 4
Pierro	Denise	7117	dpierro	Teacher Aide
Potkalitsky	Kimberly	7108	kpotkalitsky	Kindg.
Ramsay	Mark	7309	mramsay	Spec. Ed.
Roth	Lori	7202	lroth	Spec. Ed.
Sarnacki	Julianne	7116	jsarnacki	Library
Serianni	Kara	7102	kserianni	Speech
Silakowski	Katie Jo	7207	ksilakowski	Grade 2
Slawinski	Peter	1579	pslawinski	Custodian
Speranza	Donna	7112	dsperanza	Guidance
Thomson	Patricia	7210	pthomson	Grade 2
Verratti	Lisa	7212	lverratti	Grade2
Walter	Mary	7208	mwalter	CARS
Wawrzyniak	Raymond	7306	rwawrzyniak	Grade 4
Zimmer	Jeremy	7119	jzimmer	Phys. Ed.
Zimmer	Michelle	7206	mzimmer	Grade 3

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The following is the notification of spray schedule for September and October 2008 applications. The Sweet Home Buildings and Grounds staff will do the applications.

<u>Dates of Application</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Material Used</u>
September 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27	Dexter Terrace Elementary Schools	Weeds	Prosecutor / and Trimec
October 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25, 30, 31	Foundation and Fence High School / Middle School		

**Questions or comments should be directed to:**  
Keith Langlotz, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds  
Sweet Home Central School District  
1741 Sweet Home Road • Amherst, NY 14228  
(716) 250-1443



# 2008-09 Free & Reduced Price School Meals

To apply for free and reduced price meals for your children, read the instructions on the back, complete this form, sign your name and return it to school. For more information or help, please call (716) 250-1446.

Attachment IIIA  
School Year 2008-09  
Withdraw \_\_\_\_\_

**COMPLETE ONLY ONE APPLICATION FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD**

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Temp Free Expires \_\_\_\_\_  
\*45 Days\*

## FAMILY APPLICATION FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS/MILK

To apply for free and reduced price meals for your children, read the instructions on the back, complete only one form per household, sign your name and return it to \_\_\_\_\_. Call \_\_\_\_\_ if you need help. For additional names, list on a sheet of paper.

**1. CHILDREN IN SCHOOL:** (Complete a separate application for each foster child.)

Children's Names (Last, First, MI)	Grade/Teacher	School

**2. FOSTER CHILD:** If the above named child is the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court, check this box.   
List the child's personal use income: \_\_\_\_\_ (Write "0" if the child has no personal use income.) Skip to Part 5.

**3. HOUSEHOLDS GETTING FOOD STAMPS OR TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF):** Complete this section and sign the application in Part 5 **OR** submit a Direct Certification letter from the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR). Complete a separate application for children with a different case number or no case number. Write your case number as provided on your benefit letter, **not the number on your benefit card.**  
Food Stamp Case #: \_\_\_\_\_ TANF/FDPIR Case #: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS & TOTAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME:** If you did not give a food stamp or TANF case number, or submit a Direct Certification letter, complete this part and all of part 5.

Show how often each amount is received. See Examples $\rightarrow$	<b>CURRENT INCOME/PAY PERIOD</b>			
	Examples: \$100.29/weekly, \$100.29/bi-weekly, \$100.29/2x per month, \$100.29/monthly			
	If pay period is not noted, the reviewing official will process the reported income amount as received WEEKLY.			
List the names of everyone in your household	Earnings From Work Before deductions	Child Support, Alimony, Etc.	Payments from Pension or Retirement	Other Income
	Amount / How Often	Amount / How Often	Amount / How Often	Amount / How Often
1. _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____
2. _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____
3. _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____
4. _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____
5. _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____
6. _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____
7. _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____

**5. SIGNATURE:** An adult household member **MUST** sign the application before it can be approved.  
I certify that all of the information is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the information is being given for the school to receive federal funds; that school officials may verify the information and that deliberate misrepresentation of the information may subject me to prosecution under applicable State and federal laws, and my children may lose meal benefits.

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SOCIAL SECURITY #** \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

**SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER:** If Part 4 is completed, the adult who signs the application **must** provide his/her Social Security number.

**DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE – FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY**

**ANNUAL INCOME CONVERSION (ONLY CONVERT WHEN MULTIPLE FREQUENCIES ARE REPORTED ON APPLICATIONS):**  
WEEKLY X 52; EVERY 2 WEEKS X 26; TWICE A MONTH X 24; MONTHLY X 12

FOOD STAMP, TANF, Foster Child  
 INCOME HOUSEHOLD: Total Household Income/Frequency: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Household Size: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Application APPROVED for:  Free Meals  Reduced Price Meals  
 Temporary Free (expires in 45 days) \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_  Application DENIED  
 Date Notice Sent: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Reviewing Official: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for free and reduced price meals, submit a Direct Certification letter received from the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance OR complete only one application for your household using the instructions. Sign the application and return the application to \_\_\_\_\_.

Please complete a separate application for **each** foster child. Call the school if you need help: \_\_\_\_\_.  
Ensure that all information is provided. Failure to do so may result in denial of benefits for your child or unnecessary delay in approving your application.

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**PART 1 ALL HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE STUDENT INFORMATION. DO NOT FILL OUT MORE THAN ONE APPLICATION FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD.**

- (1) Print the names of the children for whom you are applying on one application. (For Foster Children, see Part 2)
  - (2) List their grade and school.
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**PART 2 HOUSEHOLDS WITH A FOSTER CHILD SHOULD COMPLETE THIS PART AND SIGN PART 5.** A foster child is the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court. A separate application must be completed for each foster child.

- (1) List the foster child's monthly "personal use" income. ("Personal Use" income is money given by the welfare office identified by category for the child's personal use, such as an allowance, and all other money the child gets, such as money from his/her family or money from the child's employment.) Write "0" if the foster child does not get "personal use" income. SKIP PART 4. Do not list any other children, household members or income, or a social security number.
  - (2) A foster parent or other official representing the child must sign the application in PART 5.
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**PART 3 HOUSEHOLDS GETTING FOOD STAMPS, TANF OR FDPIR SHOULD COMPLETE THIS PART AND SIGN PART 5. COMPLETE A SEPARATE APPLICATION FOR A CHILD/CHILDREN WITH A DIFFERENT CASE NUMBER.**

- (1) List a current Food Stamp case number, TANF or FDPIR (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations) number. Do not use the number on your benefit card. The case number is provided on your benefit letter.
  - (2) An adult household member must sign the application in PART 5. SKIP PART 4. Do not list names of household members or income if you list a food stamp case number, TANF or FDPIR number.
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**PARTS 4 & 5 ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE THESE PARTS AND ALL OF PART 5.**

- (1) Write the names of everyone in your household, whether or not they get income. Include yourself, the children you are applying for, all other children, your spouse, grandparents, and other related and unrelated people in your household. Use another piece of paper if you need more space.
  - (2) Write the amount of current income each household member receives, before taxes or anything else is taken out, and indicate where it came from, such as earnings, welfare, pensions and other income. If the current income was more or less than usual, write that person's usual income. **Specify how often this income amount is received: weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, 2 x per month.** Changes in income during the school year no longer need to be reported.
  - (3) The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant, TANF and At Risk Child Care Programs should **not** be considered as income for this program.
  - (4) The application must include the social security number of the adult who signs **PART 5** if Part 4 is completed. If the adult does not have a social security number, write "none". If you listed a food stamp, TANF or FDPIR number, or if you are applying for a foster child, a social security number is not needed.
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**OTHER BENEFITS:** Your child may be eligible for benefits such as Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). In order to determine if your child is eligible, program officials need information from your free and reduced price meal application. Your written consent is required before any information may be released. Please refer to the attached parent Disclosure Letter and Consent Statement for information about other benefits.

### PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Section 9 of the National School Lunch Act requires that unless your children's food stamp, TANF or FDPIR case number is provided, you must include the social security number of the adult household member signing the application, or indicate that the household member does not have a social security number. The disclosure of a social security number is voluntary. However, if a social security number is not given or an indication is not made that the signer does not have such a number, the application cannot be approved. The social security number may be used to identify the household member in carrying out efforts to verify the correctness of information stated on the application. These verification efforts may be carried out through program reviews, audits and investigations and may include contacting employers to determine income, contacting a food stamp or welfare office to determine current certification for receipt of food stamps or other benefits, contacting the State employment security office to determine the amount of benefits received and checking the documentation produced by household members to prove the amount of income received. These efforts may result in a loss or reduction of benefits, administrative claims, or legal actions if incorrect information is reported.

### DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS

In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, gender, or disability. To file a complaint, write to *USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410* or call (800) 795-3272 or (202) 720-6382 (TTY). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

## An Update from The Office of Instruction...



*Asst. Superintendent for  
Instruction  
Anthony J. Day*

Another school year begins and with it another round of new or continued activity around the District in our effort to foster continuous improvement and increase student engagement and learning. I'd like to take a moment to frame a few of these activities with you.

### **Unit Design Initiative**

The unit is the basic building block of teaching and learning and each teacher is responsible to plan and deliver units with their kids. While some mapping of important knowledge and skill is accomplished collectively, the actual implementation of learning activities and products is often left to the discretion of individual teachers. This year, we will ask each of our teaching teams to engage in a process that we call "unit re-design."

Moving beyond the "nuts and bolts," we'll ask our teams to develop richer, more complex performance assessments that require the students to apply and adapt their knowledge in new situations or to resolve an authentic problem. We'll ask them to embed critical thinking into their unit design to not only help the kids

learn the content more deeply but to make "learning to think" an important outcome as well. We'll ask them to design learning plans that will thoughtfully move students to a progress of learning- from acquiring new knowledge to extending and connecting it to applying it in meaningful use. Over time, we hope that the depth of learning, improved thinking and increased student engagement will provide a rich daily educational experience that will result not only in achievement on important measures but provide a foundation for success in the world beyond school as well.

### **Core Reading Series Task Force**

Perhaps the most important attribute found in all highly effective schools is a "guaranteed, viable curriculum." This means that in every classroom, students are asked to learn the same essential set of knowledge and skill regardless of which school your children attend or which teacher he or she has. We have worked diligently to develop core curriculum for all our disciplines throughout our K-12 system.

In order to assist in developing this "guaranteed" literacy curriculum, Sweet Home has begun to study the options available in hopes of making a recommendation to the Board of Education later this school year and implementing the selected series in 2009-10. In each school, teachers are piloting materials from two highly respected series: Storytown by Harcourt Publishing and Reading Street from Scott Foresman. Their experiences and the kids' interaction with the materials will play large roles in our decision-making process. If you are interested in learning more about the process, please visit our "Wiki" at <http://shcorereading.wikispaces.com/>.

We currently have one parent participating in our process but would like to have more voices in the conversation. Our next meeting is Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:00. If you are available and would like to participate, you can contact me by phone or email (250-1422/ [aday@shs.k12.ny.us](mailto:aday@shs.k12.ny.us)) or contact anyone of our elementary principals.

### **Second Instruction at the Middle School**

After much discussion and study last year, the Middle School has revamped its schedule to include a period of "second instruction." Every student has a daily period of English Language Arts and Mathematics. The purpose of "second instruction" is to provide each student with an additional daily period of instruction based on his or her needs and readiness. Some students that need extra support may receive additional instruction in writing, reading strategies or instruction in mathematics that offers additional support in needed areas. Other students may find themselves engaged in visual literacy and process writing while studying geography or the scientific process more in-depth. Other students that are performing to high levels in their "core" class will find themselves challenged with rigorous texts or applying complex mathematical concepts. The period is design to provide a differentiated experience that joins instruction and the support kids need to take the next step forward in their learning journey.

We have numerous other activities going on throughout our District that are trying to help make our program and our kids' learning a little stronger each day. As always, we appreciate the hard work of our kids and our staff as well as the strong community support from our parents and community. If you have any questions or would like more information about any of our program, please feel free to call my office at 250-1422 or email me at [aday@shs.k12.ny.us](mailto:aday@shs.k12.ny.us).

## Health & Wellness Corner...



**Beverly Ann Shipe, SNT/P**  
District Nurse  
Practitioner &  
Health Teacher  
250-1269

### **Dental Certificate Required**

In 2007, the New York State Legislature approved legislation requiring school districts to request students to obtain Dental Health Certificates prior to entering Pre-K or Kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, and 10<sup>th</sup> Grade and upon new registration to school. This legislation is effective for the 2008-2009 school year.

Starting September 1, 2008, when it is required that your child have a physical examination, we will be requesting a dental certificate as well. A sample certificate will be available for you to take to your child's dentist to be completed and returned to the School Nurse.

### **Take Advantage Of Free Or Low-Cost Dental Screenings For Children**

The University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine is pleased that legislation is making oral health a priority, since the dental profession has advocated that oral and systemic health are linked. WNY's Eighth District Dental Society, the University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine's Department of Community and Pediatric Dentistry, Women and Children's Hospital, and Kaleida Health are offering a series of "Healthy Smile Weeks." The first Healthy Smile Week is October 6 -11, 2008 and involves University affiliated dental clinics and private practicing dentists to offer free/low cost dental screenings. Additional clinics will be planned and made aware to parents.

Visit their website, [www.sdm.buffalo.edu/outreach](http://www.sdm.buffalo.edu/outreach) or call 716-861-3593 for detailed information regarding participating providers, hours and locations.

### **Newborn Screening**

'Did you know that each year in the United States thousands of children die and many more thousands become permanently disabled because their parents and doctors did not know they had one of over 55 treatable diseases. These diseases can be identified through the existing Newborn Screening Program - one heel prick in the hospital after birth. Many states do not screen for all of these diseases, but they could. This knowledge can save children's lives.'

If you know someone that is expecting a baby please email them this site: [www.huntershope.org/UNBS/index.html](http://www.huntershope.org/UNBS/index.html). They can get supplemental newborn screening and ensure their newborn is screened for all possible diseases.'

'Find out the number of diseases screened for in your state's Newborn Screening program by clicking on the "IN-DEPTH INFO" tab above and select "Diseases My State Screens For". If your state is not screening for all possible diseases (55), write and call your state legislatures and tell them that the children in your state need their help.' <http://huntershope.org>

If newborn screening for the leukodystrophies were available when Jimmy Schmitt was born, his outcome would have been so different. Meet Jimmy...<http://huntershope.org/UNBS/WhyUNBS.html>

### **An Apple A Day For Good Health...Or Is It A Banana?**

We are told that at least one-third of cancers are related to the food we eat. Antioxidants in fruits and vegetables protect the body from damaging free radicals that can cause cancer.

Much research is being conducted on the benefits of apples and cancer prevention. Check this site for the many touted benefits of apples. <http://www.healthdiaries.com/eatthis/10-health-benefits-of-apples.html>

But, bananas hold their own and it is said that bananas are a most perfect food. 'Bananas are one of our best sources of potassium, an essential mineral for maintaining normal blood pressure and heart function. Since the average banana contains a whopping 467 mg of potassium and only 1 mg of sodium, a banana a day may help to prevent high blood pressure and protect against atherosclerosis.' <http://www.whfoods.com/genpage.php?tname=foodspice&dbid=7>

### **Butter vs. Margarine: Which Is Better For My Heart?**

'When selecting a margarine, choose one with the lowest trans fat content possible and less than 2 grams total of saturated plus trans fats. Manufacturers are required to list saturated and trans fats separately on food labels. Also, margarines fortified with plant sterols can help reduce LDL cholesterol levels by more than 10 percent. The amount of daily plant sterols needed for results is at least 2 grams. The American Heart Association recommends foods fortified with plant sterols for people with levels of LDL cholesterol over 160 milligrams per deciliter (4.1 mmol/L).'

<http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/butter-vs-margarine/AN00835>

### **Fruit Juice May Be Healthy For Kids**

'The latest study [June 2008] Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine] concludes that 100% juice consumption is not associated with children being overweight or at risk for becoming overweight. In fact, the study reveals that children who consume 100% juice eat less total fat, saturated fat, sodium, added sugars and added fats, and eat more total fruit servings vs. non-juice consumers. And...young juice consumers are not replacing milk with juice. The research proves it ...100% juice consumption by children is 100% beneficial and healthful.' <http://www.medicinenet.com/script/main/art.asp?articlekey=89989>

**FUN AND EDUCATIONAL WEBSITES FOR KIDS**

**FEMA- Safety Lessons That You Can Teach Your Children**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency [FEMA] became part of the Department of Homeland Security on March 1, 2003. The Department of Homeland Security, which includes FEMA, is the newest Cabinet-level department in the federal government. It was proposed by President George W. Bush after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 and approved by Congress. FEMA teaches people how to prepare for a disaster and how to make their homes as safe as possible, and works with communities to help them build safer, stronger buildings that are less likely to be damaged. FEMA also trains firefighters and emergency workers, and runs a flood insurance program. FEMA is part of the EXECUTIVE BRANCH, which means it reports to the President of the United States.

**FEMA for Kids**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency FEMA has a website called FEMA for Kids. This site is fun and educational and teaches children about disasters and how to keep safe. Kids can enjoy stories, play games, do puzzles, watch videos or go through mazes. FEMA for Kids is parent and teacher friendly; it offers safety tips and curriculum that can be used both in the classroom and at home. It also includes material for the three primary learning styles - audio, visual and kinesthetic (hands-on). The more kids learn, the less threatened they may feel when a disaster occurs. <http://www.fema.gov/kids/>

**The United States Mint H.I.P. Pocket Change™ Web site**

This fun and educational tool for students and teachers was launched in July 1999 and generates interest in coins, the United States Mint, and U.S. history. [Http://www.usmint.gov/kids/aboutus/](http://www.usmint.gov/kids/aboutus/)

## School Opening Notification...

This notice is to inform you of the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) policy of the Sweet Home Central School District. Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is a systematic approach to managing pests focusing on long-term prevention or suppression with minimal impact on human health, the environment and non-target organisms. IPM incorporates all reasonable measures for control of structural and landscape pests to minimize the amount and toxicity of pesticides used in the district. Our strategies for managing pest populations will be based upon the pest species and whether that species poses a threat to our students, staff, property or the environment.

When it is determined that a pesticide must be used in order to meet important management goals, the least hazardous material adequate to control the pest will be chosen and label directions shall be followed. All applications are done by currently licensed and certified personnel and complies with all Federal, State and local regulations.

Generally, we limit the application of pesticides in our district to the following products:

Insecticide III, Fertilizer & Dicot weed control III 32-4-3, Fungicide VII, Turf Fertilizer and Merit, Talstar w/ fertilizer, Momentum weed and feed, Trimec Classic, Oryza T + O, Oryzalin Pro and Prosecutor.

These chemicals are in our inventory. Many are used infrequently, nevertheless are listed. Please refer to our specific postings and notifications as to which are used.

**Contractor:** City Exterminating • 780 Walden Avenue • Buffalo, NY 14211 • 896-3596 **List of chemicals used by the contractor:** DEMAND CS, DEMON EC, MAXFORCE ANT.

If you desire, we will place your name on a list of individuals who wish to receive 48-hour prior notification of any pesticide application. In the case of an emergency application, we will notify you as soon as possible following the decision to make an application. If you would like your name placed on the list, please complete the form below and mail it to: Rober S. McDow, Director of Finance and Plant Services, 1901 Sweet Home Road, Amherst, NY 14228.

If you have questions regarding our IPM program, please contact: Keith Langlotz, Supervisors of Buildings and Grounds at 250-1443. Mr. Langlotz will have information about the products applied including information that may appear on the label.

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**Integrated Pest Management Notification**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please return form to: Robert S. McDow, 1901 Sweet Home Road, Amherst, NY 14228

## Sweet Home Happenings...

### BURCHFIELD DONATION



Thanks to the donation of two very generous Sweet Home alumni - Drs. Gary (1965) and Karen (1967) Schoene - Sweet Home High School students and visitors will enjoy nine Burchfield poster reprints. The Schoenes decided to donate the prints following a recent class reunion and hope that the prints bring inspiration to the school's students. Pictured from left to right are Alumni Coordinator Pat Mergenhausen, High School Principal Joleen Reinholz, art teacher Lynn LeFauve and Gary Schoene's wife, Louise Simon Schoene.

*Left: Middle School art teacher Ryan McCaffery helps Jessica Yelin with her poster design in a new digital media arts course at the school. Right: The Natural Helpers group at the High School meet with a group of incoming freshmen to help them become acclimated to their new school.*



*Left: Michael Marsch of the Hyatt Regency Buffalo reads to Mrs. Baetzhold's 3rd Grade class at Maplemere as part of Jumpstart's Read for the Record. Center: Angel Robinson of the high school drill team gets the student body clapping at the Fall pep rally. Right: The High School hosted Sam Rhine's Genetic Update Conference on Wednesday, October 1. Several area schools were in attendance.*

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