



THE HILTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Hilton Insight

Maximizing the Potential of the Individual Learner

Merton Williams re-designated as Essential Elements: School to Watch

Over the past year, teachers and administrators at Merton Williams Middle School have worked diligently on the re-designation process for the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform's Essential Elements: Schools to Watch initiative, a program endorsed by the U.S. Department of Education.

In 2010, Merton Williams Middle School was recognized as an Essential Elements: School to Watch after completing a rigorous evaluation process that included a comprehensive written application and two site visitations from middle level education experts. The school is in an elite category as one of only 26 such schools in New York State. As is protocol for maintaining a school's status as an EE: School to Watch, it must re-apply every three years for continued distinction.

“Our goal is to provide the best middle school education possible and this designation validates our efforts.”

-Principal Timothy Dobbertin

Administrators began the reapplication process in earnest last summer spending 15-20 hours over several weeks examining a rubric of 10 attributes on the application and providing examples that apply to Merton Williams. Instrumental in this process were teachers Gloria Hoffer and Leah Napierala. The completed application was over 100 pages in length and included the NYS School Report Cards from the past three years, demographics, schedules, assessments, references to the IB Middle Years Programme application, and much more.

The application also required demonstration of four tenets: academic excellence, social equity, developmental responsiveness and organizational structure. “At Merton Williams, we are committed to providing every single student with a comprehensive, balanced educational program that addresses the whole child and best prepares him or her for college, career and citizenship,” said Assistant Principal Suzanne Goff. “This is actualized through these four tenets.”

In November, two representatives from the State Education Department visited Merton Williams and spoke with leadership groups, administrators, teachers, board members and students over the course of an entire day. They visited classrooms as well.

The commendations that were received after the site visit included: highly effective instructional strategies; strong support from the Board of Education, Superintendent and Central Office; systematic and collaborative efforts taken to address the needs of students with disabilities; opportunities for more students to take accelerated science courses; the culture of the building, work ethic and professionalism of the staff; among others.

On March 5, Principal Timothy Dobbertin was informed that Merton Williams Middle School received its re-designation as a National Essential Elements School to Watch. “The program provides us with the roadmap and structure to evaluate our school on an ongoing basis,” he said. “Our goal is to provide the best middle school education possible and this designation validates our efforts.” Nationwide, 287 schools have been identified through 2011, and in New York this includes just 26 middle schools. Merton Williams is the only school on the west side of Monroe County to have received the School to Watch designation.



Claire Drexler, health teacher, works with seventh grader Hailey Parsons.



Eighth graders Jeffrey Sturm (left) and Ryan Johnson get ready to sample the ice cream they made in their Project Lead the Way class, taught by Brad Helmer at Merton Williams Middle School. The project involved putting ice cream ingredients into a sealed bag and then shaking it with ice and rock salt in a plastic container.

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Hilton CSD Board of Education adopts \$72.2 M Budget Proposal for 2013-14 ~ public vote May 21 ~

At its regular meeting April 9, 2013, the Hilton Central School District Board of Education adopted a \$72.2 million Budget Proposal for the 2013-14 school year, a 3.51 percent increase over last year's budget resulting in an estimated 1.97 percent tax rate increase in all district towns.

"This budget cycle challenged our 12 District Budget Committees, Administrative Cabinet and Board of Education. The 2013-14 proposed budget is positioned to help all students meet more rigorous requirements, manage unfunded mandates that plague schools across the state and at the same time limit the financial impact on the local community," said Superintendent David Dimpleby. Details of the budget will be available on the Hilton District website at www.hilton.k12.ny.us/budget-profile.htm. A budget newsletter will be mailed to residents in May

and a list of budget presentations will be posted on the website.

District residents will vote on the budget proposition as well as a \$963,000 bus purchase proposition and three open positions on the Board of Education Tuesday, May 21. The three-year terms of Michelle Ames, Barb Cutrona and Steve Beauvais are expiring. Look for more information on the candidates in the *Budget Insight*.

Polls located at Hilton High School (Parma, Clarkson and Hamlin residents) and Northwood Elementary (Greece residents) will be open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Voters must be registered with Monroe County Board of Elections to vote on May 21 or registered with District Clerk Pat Unterborn (585-392-1000, ext. 7099). Handicapped accessible parking is available.

Superintendent Dimpleby...

A Tradition of Excellence

In each edition of the *Insight*, our students, alumni and staff are frequently recognized locally, regionally and nationally for achievements in academics, the workplace, the arts and the community. The Hilton Central School District and local community can take pride in the fact that we produce "self-directed, life-long learners who think critically and creatively and function as caring, responsible and productive citizens." Our students work hard to actualize the District's Mission both here and after graduation as each move on to the next chapters in their lives. It is gratifying to witness our staff and student achievements.

In order to continue this tradition of excellence, we will be presenting to you the Board approved 2013-14 School Budget for your examination in the coming weeks. While our students do well, we continue to think of ways to improve our schools in order to

maximize the potential of all learners. Expenses and mandates outside of our control are driving up costs again this year. Our goal was to create a budget that meets the needs of children and at the same time minimizes the impact on the community. We believe we have accomplished these objectives in this year's budget proposal.

In the coming weeks we will be presenting the proposed budget to you at more than 25 school or community functions, in the *Budget Insight*, which will be mailed home in May, or you can access the information on our website. We hope you will educate yourself on the budget proposal and vote on Tuesday, May 21.

Sincerely,

David Dimpleby

Superintendent of Schools

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District seeking nominations for Alumni Hall of Fame

Open to graduates who have been out of school for 15 years or more, the Hilton High School Alumni Hall of Fame seeks to recognize and honor alumni who have excelled in their careers and personal lives. Selection is based on an individual's achievements, community and civic involvements, and other exemplary life activities.

The first Hilton High School Alumni Hall of Fame Selection Committee was convened in 1999. The Committee performs a review of each nominee's educational achievement; job-related achievements; honors and awards; community involvement; personal accomplishments; and/or any other appropriate qualifications that merit consideration. To date, there have been 39 outstanding Hilton High School alumni who have been inducted in the Alumni Hall of Fame. Inductees will be invited to share experiences with current students which would involve traveling to the Hilton School District. The Hall of Fame past inductees are prominently displayed in the auditorium of Hilton High School, 400 East Ave., Hilton.

Nominating applications can be found at www.hilton.k12.ny.us/info/alumni-nomination. An informational resume with attached documentation and recommendations, along with the application, should be submitted to the Hilton Alumni Hall of Fame, c/o Superintendent David Dimpleby, 225 West Ave., Hilton, NY 14468. Nominations are due by June 7.

IB website has moved

The site for the Hilton International Baccalaureate Diploma Program has moved! Below is a QR code that will bring you directly to the site. A link is also available on the Hilton School District website. Alternatively, you can go to <https://sites.google.com/a/ga.hiltoncsd.net/hilton-ibdp/>. The new site has a wealth of information on all aspects of IB at Hilton High School. For more information, please contact Tim Ackroyd, IB Program coordinator, at 392-1000, ext. 2367 or tackroyd@hilton.k12.ny.us.



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Common Core State Standards - Parent and Family Resources are available

The Common Core State Standards are important because they will help all children – no matter who they are – learn the same skills. They create clear expectations for what your child should know and be able to do in key areas: reading, writing, speaking and listening, language and mathematics. If you know what these expectations are, then you can work with the teacher and help your child prepare.

Toolkit for Parents and Families

A critical component of a student's success in school is dependent on what and how they learn at home. The Toolkit for Parents and Families is a collection of materials and resources that will help parents and families understand the New York State education reform initiatives and how the changes will help your child graduate from high school ready for college and careers. Parents and families are encouraged to use these tools in conjunction with resources and information you receive from your child's school and teachers.

In the toolkit for parents and families:

- Parent's Backpack Guide to the Common Core
- Frequently Asked Questions
- What Parents Can Do to Help their Children Learn
- Common Core Resources for Parents to Learn More
- Guides to the Common Core Standards
- Educational Activities
- Videos

The toolkit can be access at engageny.org or www.hilton.k12.ny.us/info/commoncoresources.htm.

For further information: Hilton CSD Office of Instruction may be reached at 585-392-1000, ext. 6058/6062.

Volunteers and students

“buddy up” for reading

Sarissa Zoglin, retired teacher, talks with third grader Damen Thompson about camels – Dromedary versus Bactrian – as they work together on an assignment. In another corner of the library, Candy Borelli and first grader Nathan Clancy read a book together in a comfortable chair. Both women volunteer to work with students as part of the Book Buddy program at Village Elementary School.

Principal Tracie Czebatol started the program two years ago with Jim Maley, a Hilton Rotarian, and the benefits to both students and volunteers are immeasurable. The program has become a collaborative effort between the school, Hilton Rotary Club and the Hilton-Parma Senior Center.

“Rotary donated money the first year to buy books as gifts,” said Czebatol. “And Hilton-Parma Recreation continues to support, advertise and recruit volunteers each year.”

Tracy LaFountain, senior coordinator at the Hilton-Parma Senior Center, is instrumental in finding people who can commit to one hour every week during the school year, have their own transportation, and enjoy working with elementary children. She advertises the program, interviews candidates and juggles their schedules with those of the students. In the fall, she and Czebatol work together on a schedule for the year.

“The program offers seniors a sense of connection with the community and the opportunity to give back,” said LaFountain. “It also gives them a chance



Book Buddy volunteer Judy Rist works with Village Elementary first grader Cayleigh Cady, a student in Kari LaDue's class.

to share their skills and experiences, which can be very rewarding.”

Judy Rist taught nursery school for 19 years and is in her second year as a Book Buddy. “The kids are so delightful,” she said. “I learn from them all of the time and being with them keeps me young!”

The students don't always have issues with reading, but benefit from the experience of working with someone one-on-one or two-on-one. The program has been found to help students build self-confidence, gain an appreciation for reading and learning, and gives them the opportunity to interact with seniors.

Volunteers are recognized and thanked every year at the Village Elementary Volunteer Tea.

Hilton HS Drumline takes first place in Winter Guard International Championship

The 27 members of the Hilton HS Drumline took first place in the Winter Guard International Championship competition on April 19 in Dayton, Ohio - making the group world champions. Hilton advanced through two preliminary rounds before reaching the Finals the next day. Included in Hilton's Percussion Scholastic A Division were 62 drumlines qualifying for the annual tournament. Hilton entered the event as the top seed, and bested finalists from Georgia, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Ohio, Indiana, Mississippi, Kentucky, and Nevada.

When the students returned home on Saturday evening, they were greeted by a crowd of well-wishers congratulating them on their achievement.

The Hilton Drumline's 2013 accomplishments also include first place in the New York State Percussion Circuit Championship held in Syracuse on April 7, and first place in the WGI Mid-Atlantic Regional in Unionville, PA on March 16. The Hilton HS Drumline is directed by HSCD music teacher Tim Stodd.

Watch the video of Hilton's Award-Winning Performance at www.hilton.k12.ny.us.



The Hilton HS Drumline is the new world champion in the Winter Guard International Championship Percussion Scholastic A Class.

Winter sports teams recognized for competing at state and national levels

The Hilton Board of Education recognized both the girls' bowling team and two wrestlers at its March meeting for competing at both the state and national levels.

The girls' bowling team set a state and national record for a one game total of 1198 pins this season. Senior Anai Flanagan became the first bowler in school history to bowl a 300 game in league play. The team won the Section V Class A Bowling Championship, had the highest point total in the entire Section and represented Section V in the New York State Championship, placing second. Coached by Jim Feely and assisted by Dave Roethel, the bowling team members are Dallas Barthelmann, Anai Flanagan, Sarah Gerken, Beth Heberger, Hannah Petroske, Nicole Simons, Stephanie Urbonas and Alexis Whitehair.

Wrestler Vince DePrez placed second in State Wrestling Championship. Vince became a four-time sectional champ this year and has now placed fourth, second and second at the state tournament. He was seeded second in the state tournament this year at 138 pounds. This year, Vince's record was 51-2 and his career record is 176-14. He broke the school record for wins this year.

Wrestler Yanni Diakomiholis was named New York State Wrestling Champion, the first State Champion in Hilton history since 1989. An eighth grader and two-time sectional champion, he was 51-0 this year with a career record of 86-3. Yanni was the seventh seed at 99 pounds for the state tournament.

Head Coach for the boy's wrestling team is Craig Gross.



Wrestlers Yanni Diakomiholis and Vincent DePrez, and the Girls' Bowling Team were commended at the March 12 Board of Education meeting for receiving state and national recognition.

Senior receives President's Volunteer Service Award



Hilton senior Emma Monfiletto has been honored with the President's Volunteer Service Award, which recognizes Americans of all ages who have volunteered significant amounts of their time to serve their communities and their country.

As a student in the Business Management Career and Technical Education Program (CTE), Emma worked with fifth and sixth grade students at Quest Elementary School helping them write poetry, which she also loves to do. The students then voted on the poems they wanted to include in a book, illustrated it and designed the cover. Emma worked with her CTE teachers in getting the book printed at the BOCES 2 Print Shop after which she and the students had a "release party."

"The CTE program is what allowed me to look into the teaching profession and decide that teaching is what I want to do," said Emma. "I love working with children." She will be studying education at Roberts Wesleyan College in the fall.

In addition to volunteering at Quest, Emma has volunteered her time with Hilton Rotary for the past four years.

Movie filmed at Hilton High School opens in theaters nationwide on April 26

Hilton High School will get national exposure when the movie "King's Faith" opens in theaters nationwide on April 26. In 2011, part of the movie was filmed on the grounds of the High School and Hilton students were involved in the movie.

"We were and are so grateful for the overwhelming response of the district to allow us full access to the grounds of the High School during the filming of this movie," said Bill Marsaw, director of outreach for Faith Street Film Partners, LLC. Hilton School District is listed in the credits.

The plot centers on 18-year-old Brendan King who attempts to leave his turbulent gang life behind him, but his past continues to threaten his new-found faith, family, and future. The cast includes James McDaniel ("NYPD Blue," "Malcolm X") and Emmy Award Winner Lynn Whitfield ("The Josephine Baker Story").

The film is rated PG-13 and targets a teen audience. Filmed in Rochester, "King's Faith" opens at Tinseltown and Regal Henrietta Stadium 18.



Hilton CSD selected as one of the Best Communities for Music Education

Hilton Central School District is among 307 school districts across the country selected as Best Communities for Music Education.

The Best Communities designation recognizes collaborative, from-the-ground-up efforts of teachers, administrators, students and parents who continually work to keep comprehensive music education as an integral part of the core curriculum. This year, nearly 2000 schools and school districts participated in the survey - an increase of 366 percent from 2012, resulting in a record number of designations. This year's increase in survey participation is an indication of growing support from both parents and administrators who recognize the vital role that music learning plays in student achievement.

At Hilton CSD, general music instruction begins in kindergarten, choral music and recorder instruction at grade three, and instrumental music at grade four. There are 18 different band and choral opportunities at the high school level. Hilton High School has been Grammy Signature School Finalist for five years (2004, 2009, 2011, 2012 and 2013) and this is the fifth year in a row that the district has been named a Best Community for Music Education.

"As music staff members of Hilton Central School District, we really challenge the students throughout the entire music program," said Nancy Russo, K-12 music program coordinator. "What makes the program different and successful is that all of the teachers meet to align the entire vocal and instrumental program. We appreciate continued support from community members, music boosters, district administration, parents and school board members."

Now in its 14th year, the BCME program requires each school and district to detail funding, staffing, commitment to standards, and access to music instruction. Responses are meticulously reviewed by researchers at The Institute for Educational Research and Public Service of Lawrence, Kansas (an affiliate of the University of Kansas) and the NAMM Foundation to calculate the designated districts and awarded schools.

Board of Education recognizes National Junior Honor Society inductees

Fifty-three students inducted into the Hilton Chapter on the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) were recognized at the March 26 Board of Education meeting. The group is the largest number of students to ever be inducted into the Hilton Chapter and together, they have completed 1,500 hours of community service.

Principal Timothy Dobbertin told the inductees they were being recognized by their teachers and peers as model citizens at Merton Williams Middle School and in the community.



Shown: (front, l-r) Advisor Christina Ruscio-Fedczuk, Nicole Bansbach, McKenna Bleier, Paige Koss, Alyssa Marciano, Shannon McPhee, Divya Naidu, Noah Neale and Advisor Scott Meagher; (back) Assistant Principal Suzanne Goff, Principal Timothy Dobbertin, Joseph Callery, Torie DiCesare, Daniel Keirsbilck, Davis Kensek, Braeden Ott, Kara Phillips and Emma Werner. Not shown, Taylor Alloco, Naomi Appleton, Tyler Barwald, Brianna Benvenuti, Ashley Blackburn, Heather Bonter, Angela Bourret, Spencer Buckert, Wijitra Burapan, Matthew Buri, Sophia Camillaci, Kelsey Carpenter, Payton Cook, Paige Dauphinee, John Diakomihalis, Olivia Gombatto, Kyle Goodrich, Kyndal Hetzel, Kaitlyn Humphreys, Moriah Krause, Taylor Lepp, Johnathan Letta, Michael Mancuso, Tessa McElligott, Samantha Onderdonk, Allison Porcello, Christian Ranke, Nathan Resch, Daniel Richardson, Joshua Rosario, Amanda Rose, Mike Rudy, Angelica Saluzzo, Stephanie Shtoyko, Nick Simone, Elizabeth Taylor, Nicholas Weis, Elise Wiza and Elinor Zollweg.

Seventh grader receives Hochstein School of Music Scholarship

Seventh grader Max Jamerson recently was awarded with the Christopher Thomas Fabrizio-Coonan Memorial Scholarship from the Hochstein School of Music. Max, a trombonist, received \$270 worth of lessons over the course of 10 weeks, which he began on March 21. Nominated by his music teacher, Chuck Kane, Max was selected because of his musical talent, leadership and personality. He is involved in Seventh Grade Band, Jazz Band, Wind Ensemble, Seventh Grade Chorus, Noteworthy Young Men (a boys' singing group) and Boy Scouts. At the January Solo Festival, Max received a perfect score - 28/28 - on a level four solo. Academically, he is on the Principal's Honor Roll.

Max, a former Village Elementary School student, has been playing trombone since fourth grade. He said he became interested in playing trombone when he was watching a band concert in third grade and saw that there was only one trombonist. "I wanted to help him out," said Max.



Steve Cudzilo, Merton Williams teacher, receives National Board Certification



Steve Cudzilo, earth science teacher at Merton Williams Middle School, recently received his National Board Certification and was recognized by the Hilton Board of Education at its March 26 meeting. "I sought National Board Certification as a way to become more reflective about what I am doing – specifically how my students were responding to me and what misconceptions they had about science," said Cudzilo. "I was really looking for quality professional development that I could do on my own time and that would directly affect what is going on in my classroom, and with new state standards and MYP being implemented, it seemed like the right time to reflect and refine the way in which I teach."

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-Steve Cudzilo

how to successfully teach science concepts to middle and high school students, and how to respond to science misconceptions students often have.

National Board Certification (NBC) is a voluntary, advanced teaching credential that goes beyond state licensure and is supported by the National Education Association.

Cudzilo has been teaching for 15 years, 13 in Hilton.

The process took Cudzilo about a year to complete. "I wrote four very detailed and reflective essays about my teaching practices and also submitted two 20-minute videos of lessons I taught," he said. After the students became used to having the camera in the classroom, Cudzilo was able to get an accurate representation of how he and the students interact. He also took a four-hour written test that addressed

Quest students to perform in GEVA's

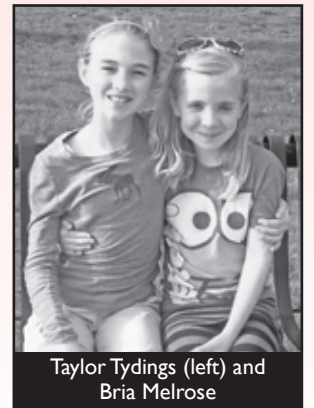
"A Midsummer Night's Dream"

Quest sixth grader Taylor Tydings and fourth grader Bria Melrose will be in the spotlight as Geva's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" opens at the Geva Theatre Center on May 8 and runs through June 9. Taylor has been cast as Moth and Bria as Cobweb.

Taylor has been acting for three years playing Fan in the Geva production of "A Christmas Carol" in 2010 and Chip in the Hilton High School production of "Beauty and the Beast." She has also appeared in "Seussical" with Rochester Children's Theatre and "Titanic the Musical" with Everyone's Theatre Company. Bria and Taylor were recently in a Rochester Area Performing Arts (RAPA) performance together called "Rhythm and Rhyme," where local poet Bill Schoff's work was set to music and acting. Both also appeared in "Madeline's Christmas" and Bria in "Honk" with Cara D'Emanuele Productions.

The young actors auditioned for their current parts in January by performing a lullaby. They began practicing on April 9 and have some practices that are eight to 10 hours in length leading up to opening night. Since they are part of different casts, either Bria or Taylor will be in every performance. They are both voice and piano students of Shana Kohler, Quest Elementary music teacher and chorus director.

For more information about tickets and performances, visit www.gevatheatre.org.



Taylor Tydings (left) and Bria Melrose

Katie Paxton-Johnson, Quest teacher, wins News 8 Golden Apple Award

Quest Elementary Teacher Katie Paxton-Johnson received quite a surprise on March 30 when News 8 Reporter Kevin Doran, her students and their parents gathered in the music room to present her with a Golden Apple Award. "I feel like the luckiest person on earth to be doing what I'm doing every day," she said. "I really appreciate it. And I love you all."

Paxton-Johnson, who has taught since 1996, was nominated by parent Laurie Van Auken on behalf of her entire class. "Love is how Mrs. PJ teaches and inspires our children," she wrote. "Students leave Mrs. PJ's room each day feeling loved and safe. This love inspires each student to his or her personal best."

"When I remember Quest 20 years from now, I will remember Mrs. PJ because she pushes me to be a better student; she really cares," said one of her students.

The broadcast can be viewed at www.rochesterhomepage.net.



Board Vice President recognized by NYSSBA

The NYS School Boards Association (NYSSBA) has recognized Aggie Seneway, Hilton Board of Education vice president, with a Level Three Board Mastery Award. Seneway has earned 250 points in the School Board U Recognition Program, which acknowledges the extensive time and effort required of school board members who continually strive to expand their knowledge and skills for better board governance. NYSSBA members earn credits for participating in School Board U training opportunities.

Seneway has served on the Board since 2001, the past five years as vice president.





Hilton graduate recognized by Wegmans and Arc of Monroe County

His nomination described him as charming, funny, motivated, a hard worker and an all-around great personality.

Ryan, the son of Kim Buda, a teacher assistant at Northwood Elementary School, entered the BOCES 2 Transition Program at Robert's Wesleyan College after graduation. He was selected to spend his final year of transition in the Project Search program during its pilot year at the Golisano Children's Hospital. Project Search focuses on helping students to develop and utilize new skills that will allow them to achieve competitive employment either at the University of Rochester Medical Center or a business in the community.

In April 2011, Ryan was hired by Wegmans as a member of the Helping Hands team at the Holt Road, Webster store. Ryan has immersed himself in the entire Wegmans experience going above and beyond to help his customers.

Ryan Buda, 2007 Hilton graduate, was recently recognized with the Arc of Monroe County's Kevin Walsh Award, given annually to an individual for outstanding accomplishments in an Arc vocational program.

Vijay Bansal, Class of 1997

Dr. Vijay Bansal, 1997 Hilton graduate, was recently named chief of the department of emergency medicine at Thompson Health and medical director of the hospital's Hawks Emergency Department. A resident of Greece, Bansal first joined Thompson as an Emergency Department physician in 2008, following his emergency medicine residency at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry. He received his doctorate of medicine in 2005 from the SUNY Buffalo School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.



Nick Finzer, Class of 2005, award winning musician

Award winning musician Nick Finzer, a jazz trombonist, recently released his debut album "Exposition" on his new label Outside in Music.

The onset of Finzer's love for jazz came through an exploration of Duke Ellington's music during his high school years as a student of Jared Streiff. A performance of Ellington's music as part of the Essentially Ellington Festival hosted by Jazz at

Lincoln Center ignited Finzer's ambition to move to New York City to play music.

During this time Finzer also came under the tutelage of former Jazz at Lincoln Center Trombonist, Wycliffe Gordon. This relationship developed into a four-year commission project in which Gordon wrote four pieces to feature Finzer during his undergraduate studies at the Eastman School of Music. While studying at Eastman, Finzer was able to play with many musicians who came through Rochester, including engagements with the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra, Walt Weiskopf, John Clayton and Slide Hampton.

Since moving to New York City in 2010, Finzer has completed a master's degree at The Juilliard School and continues to lead his own bands both around the city and across the country.

Finzer was selected as a finalist in the 2010 International Trombone Association's Carl Fontana Jazz Trombone Competition and in 2011 was the winner of the Eastern Trombone Workshop National Jazz Trombone Competition.

He is also a committed educator. In 2012 Finzer's new nonprofit, the Institute for Creative Music, won a "Great Classrooms" grant award from the Plum Creek Foundation. He currently serves as co-artistic director for the Institute for Creative Music, which is dedicated to the education and dissemination of jazz and creative music across the nation.

Finzer continues to perform, compose, and teach around New York City while maintaining an active touring schedule, and formulating new projects.



Brian Thomas, Class of 1999

Dr. Brian Thomas, a 1999 Hilton graduate, recently joined Highland Hospital's Anesthesiology Department. Prior to his appointment, he was the chief resident in Anesthesiology at the University of Rochester Medical Center. Dr. Thomas earned his degree as a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine at the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine in Westbury, N.Y., and received his bachelor's degree in biochemistry at St. John Fisher College.

Before going away to medical school, Dr. Thomas worked at Wegmans as a pharmacy technician for seven years. He also worked locally as a research biochemist at Ortho-Clinical Diagnostics, a Johnson & Johnson company.

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Annual Budget Vote – Tuesday, May 21

Hilton Central School District residents are encouraged to exercise their right to vote in the Annual Budget and Board of Education election on Tuesday, May 21 from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Polls are located at Hilton High School for Parma, Clarkson and Hamlin residents; and Northwood Elementary School for Greece residents.

Community Education Spring 2013; sign up for PADI Discover SCUBA, driver's education

The Hilton CSD Community Education program offers interested adults and students age 16+ a variety of courses. Available on June 15 is PADI Discover SCUBA, which gives participants the opportunity to try scuba diving before taking the plunge into a full certification course. All equipment is provided. Summer Driver Education runs Monday-Friday, July 8-29 (correction from catalog). Registration is \$425 for Hilton CSD students and \$435 for out-of-district students. Discounts are available to students qualifying for free or reduced price meals. Class size is limited. For more information about class registration or to register online, visit www.hilton.k12.ny.us/community-education.htm or call Registrar Kathleen Mitchell at 585-392-1000, ext. 7044.

Tours of the West Avenue (Quest) School or Hilton High School are available to reunion groups

The tours are conducted by members of the Hilton Education Foundation. For more information, contact District Clerk Pat Unterborn at punterborn@hilton.k12.ny.us or call 392-1000, ext. 7099.

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Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Sixth graders at Northwood Elementary School created a grand feast complete with entertainment as they took their parents back to the Middle Ages. As guests entered the Medieval Feast through the castle entrance, they were greeted by servants and townspeople dressed in authentic costume. The kings and queens were introduced and each group performed for the audience, including joking jesters. Students spent weeks creating coats of arms and calligraphy name plates, and learning their parts as they studied the Middle Ages. Shown here are entertainers (l-r) Vinny Picciotto, Gavin Moore, and Melina Michailidis.