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**To:** Mr. Thompson & the Attica CSD Board of Education

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-Attended my first PGC meeting on 9/23/15 where we discussed what we will be doing for the October 9<sup>th</sup> day, which will be the foundation for the rest of the year.

-The first 7-12 Department Chair Meeting was also held on 9/23/15. Karen Tomidy and I presented information concerning a variety of different topics and areas.

-Classes are underway and class rosters are pretty solidified as the Drop/Add period is just about over.

-Homecoming activities for the week went very well with a large degree of class participation. The Pep Assembly was excellent with the highlight being a song and dance number that got the whole senior class involved. The Floats and the parade went very well and it was great to have the 4<sup>th</sup> graders join in this year.

-NHS will be assisting Donate Life Club and UNYTS with a Blood Drive on October 21st. As you may be aware, NHS students help facilitate the drive and register donors as part of their service to the community. The public is welcome to come in and donate.

-Pre-Assessments have started which will help teachers put together their baselines in setting up their SLO's for this year.

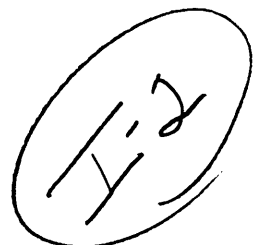
-Fall sports continue to compete and represent our district with a great deal of sportsmanship, class and pride.

-On October 8<sup>th</sup> the National Honor Society will be helping the PTG with their Hot Dog and Bake sale at Attica Elementary Open House.

-October 15<sup>th</sup> is 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Harvest Festival at GCC highlighting agriculture with a focus on food processing. GCC will highlight different course offerings and there will be different businesses highlighting the many different employment opportunities within the field.

-PSAT is on October 14<sup>th</sup> at this time we have 97 students signed up to take it.

Josh Audsley



# **Middle School BOE Report for October 8, 2015**

Middle School Open House was September 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00PM. This event was very well attended. Parents had an opportunity to meet with their child's teachers in all subject areas. 5<sup>th</sup> grade provided an initial informational Whale Watch meeting along with the Social Studies Department providing a final Washington DC trip presentation for 8<sup>th</sup> grade families attending this year's trip. A special thank you goes out to the NJHS for helping at the entrance and providing families with student schedules.

The Middle School History Club left for Washington DC on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Buses were scheduled to leave at 7:30 AM Thursday morning and return by 11:30 PM Saturday Night.

Student Council speech assembly and elections are October 5<sup>th</sup>. Voting will take place throughout the day using Survey Monkey.

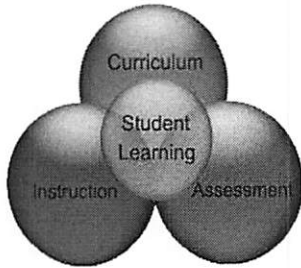
October 5<sup>th</sup> the Middle School is participating in the "#BlueShirtDay2015" event. Students will show their support and solidarity to stop bullying worldwide by wearing blue that day.

Congratulations go out to 8<sup>th</sup> grade student Reagan Biffarella for being accepted to Area All State Junior High Band! The festival is the weekend of November 6-7 at Rush-Henrietta High School.

On October 16<sup>th</sup>, all of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be attending the annual Career Day hosted by Warsaw Central School. Students will have the opportunity to participate in presentations provided by local businesses encouraging and exposing them to specific career opportunities available locally.

Red ribbon Week begins on Friday October 23<sup>rd</sup> through October 30<sup>th</sup>. The Middle school Compact Team is sponsoring this week long event with different themed days. The focus is on the creation of an alcohol, tobacco, drug and violence free America.

5 week interims will be mailed out on October 16<sup>th</sup> along with the results from our initial AIMS Web Testing and the NYS Test results from the previous year to all families.



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- The Professional Growth Day on October 9<sup>th</sup> will mark the beginning of a yearlong initiative that focuses on assessments. All kindergarten through twelfth grade faculty will receive training regarding the identification and development of quality assessments. Throughout the year, teachers will receive ongoing training and support to apply their learning to assessments used within the classroom. The outcome of this initiative include:
  1. determine which assessments support the instructional goals of the grade/course/district;
  2. develop an action plan that will minimize unnecessary assessment and increase the use of diverse and quality assessment practices;
  3. establish a professional development program that will aid teachers in identifying high-quality assessments and improving assessment practices.
  
- During the October faculty meeting at Attica Elementary, a presentation was provided to the staff on the grade 3 and 4 NYS English Language Arts and Mathematics Assessment results for 2014-2015. One of the data points looked at included our school's performance compared to the region as well as to New York State results.
  
- Basic Education Data System (BEDS) – October 7, 2015. This date is significant to schools as it is the date identified for districts to collect information that will be reported to the State Education Department. This information is used to determine such things as funding and state report card information. As BEDS Coordinator, it is my role to work with all district staff to ensure accurate and timely data collection. There is a plethora of information that needs to be reported, such as student demographic, programs, assessment and enrollment data, as well as teacher/staff and course information.

Respectfully submitted,

*Karen Tomidy*

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Congratulations to our Attica Elementary Fourth Grade Students who walked in the 2015 Homecoming Parade! Thank you to Mrs. Bifarella and Mr. Ianni for their efforts in initiating and organizing this event for our students. We were excited to be a part of what looks like – a new tradition!

Our October School-Wide Assembly will focus on School Spirit! We will celebrate Attica Elementary with a demonstration from the High School Football Cheerleading squad. We will also choose themes for the PTG Basket Raffle, introduce Project Read, learn about our School Post Office, and talk about the new design for our PTG Spiritwear.

Over the past three weeks, our students in grades 2-4 have been participating in a bicycle unit during their physical education classes. This unit will conclude with our fourth grade students riding in a Criterium on Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at the high school. All fourth grade students will have an opportunity to ride bikes in a continuous loop on the high school track.

Thanks to everyone who made a contribution to the United Way Campaign this year. Our total district donation was \$2,469.00! Thanks to everyone for making a difference in the lives of others.

Open House will be held on Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. The PTG will be selling hot dogs, chips and a drink for \$3.00 (\$5.00 for Mr. Thompson) beginning at 4:45 P.M. We would like to invite all Attica Central School Board of Education members to stop by to visit classrooms and meet our Attica Elementary Staff!

The fourth grade students in Mrs. Parkhurst's class designed and engineered their own bubble wands. They were able to put them to a true test by inviting Mrs. Audsley's Kindergarten class to share in the fun!

**Upcoming Events:**

**Picture Day** – Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015

**Red Ribbon Week** – October 23-30<sup>th</sup>

**Halloween Parade** – October 30<sup>th</sup>

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