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DRYDEN MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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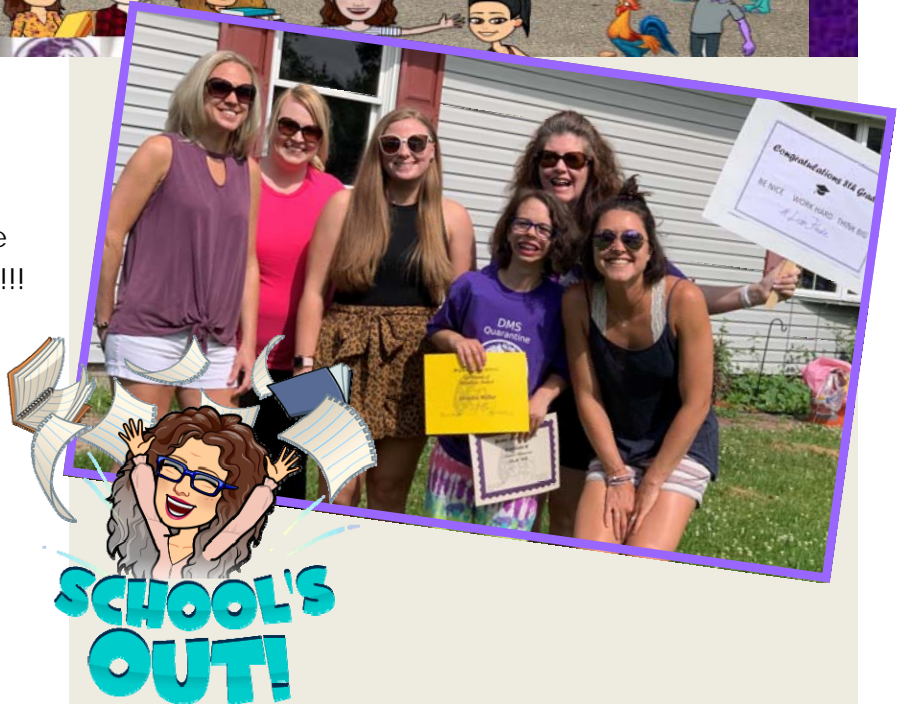


## Principal's Message

**W**hew! That was quite the year!! The 19/20 school year will not be forgotten, that is for sure! YOU MADE IT!!! Mrs. Powell and I want to thank you for all your hard work throughout the school year, especially during this unprecedented pandemic! We are so honored to be your administrators; you make us proud to be a Lion! We hope you have a safe, relaxing and FUN summer! We look forward to seeing you next year and are hopeful it will be in person!! #LionPride

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The 4th Annual Dryden Middle School Variety Show is a virtual one this year. Look for it on our social media sites as well as on the district web page. The show features singing, dancing, and several other surprises!

<https://youtu.be/yen4LfzAwFk>

## 8th Grade ELA

Students in 8th grade ELA have continued to read *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand during this time of online learning. We've been studying Pearl Harbor, World War II, and Japanese POW Camps. When we first started online learning, I was excited by the fact that most students wanted to continue to read this book. Louie Zamperini's incredibly true story is shocking, enthralling, and informative. Through reading this novel, students have explored what it means to be resilient in difficult times - a lesson that can be applied to our life and our world today. As the year draws to a close, I hope each student knows the power they have to be resilient, to persevere, and to not lose hope in uncertain times. I am proud of each and every student who has persevered and continued to grow during this pandemic. As these 8th graders move on to high school, I am sad to see this class go, but I am proud of their achievements.

## Schooltool Parent Portal

Accessing your student's on-line school records is a simple matter once your email address has been entered into the system. The first step is to provide the school with an email address that will be used to access Schooltool. Once that has been established, you will be given a first-time password to login. The web site of the Schooltool database is: <https://dcsd.schooltool.cnyric.org/schooltoolweb>

Step-by-step instructions are listed on the website.

### Going Mobile

The *Schooltool* mobile application is also available to parents and students. To get started using the *Schooltool* mobile app:

1. Download the *Schooltool* mobile app
2. Enter Dryden's schooltool url: <https://dcsd.schooltool.cnyric.org/schooltoolweb>
3. Sign in using the same username and password that you use to log into Schooltool
4. You may check 'stay logged in'



## Sixth Grade Science

In 6th grade science, students have been learning about minerals, rocks, the rock cycle and Astronomy (moon phases, eclipses and tides). Mrs. Tasselmeyer wants to say goodbye to all of her students. I really missed spending the last few months with you in class. Reaching out virtually is not the same as exploring and learning about topics together. I love the end of the year because I go outside with students as often as I can. So I encourage you to get outside, explore your natural habitat and enjoy the sun on your face. While you're at it look up at the moon and see if you can name the phase. Is it waxing or waning, crescent or gibbous? Have a wonderful summer and come back and visit in September.







## Character Champions

The Counseling Office would like to belatedly recognize our January and February "Character Champions"! Two students from each grade level were chosen by their teachers as champions. These students were unable to be featured due to the school closure in March (as consequently the Middle School did not send out a newsletter).

Mrs. Champlain declared that January's character value was "Leadership."

January's Leadership Character Champions were: 6th grade- Avi Totman & Natalie Warwick, 7th grade- Hunter Barlow & Cadence Palmer, and 8th grade- Lillian Fraleigh-Barrows & Ben Wojcik. Great work in demonstrating Leadership!

February's character value was Gratitude. Our Gratitude Character Champions were: 6th grade- Morgan Foster & Nate Crispell, 7th grade- Tyler Franzese & Alex Lamey, and 8th grade- Isaac Collins & Alyssa Annonson. Thank you for modeling Gratitude to your peers!

*Congratulations to all of our Character Champions! Have a great summer.*

Find more information about Dryden Middle School  
on the web at: <https://ms.dryden.k12.ny.us/>

## Art Students of the Month

Mrs. Hannula would like to honor her art students who consistently gave outstanding effort in her class as well as possessed both a positive attitude and creative thinking in the last months of January and February. These students were given the **Art Student of the Month** award.

Congratulations to both **Raelen Green** (8th grade) and **Jonah Vuong** (6th grade) for being chosen as Art Student of the Month for January. **Alex Cooley** (8th) and **Morgan Foster** (6th) were February's winners. Nice work!



## Student Council Update

The Student Council has voted twice virtually to allocate money for two great ideas. The council voted to give \$300 to the yearbook club so they can donate yearbooks to students that cannot afford them. They also approved \$600 to fund t-shirts for the 8th grade students. The student council works hard to raise money throughout the year, through our dances. It is great to be able to take the money earned and give it back to the students.

Last May, we sponsored a food drive which was very successful. The students did a great job bringing in a large amount of food for the local pantry. This year the need is greater than ever, and we cannot sponsor a food drive. So I encourage all families who are able to donate food or money to the district food drive via the food drop-off location. The District Food Drop-off is expecting to feed 100 families this summer, a huge increase from last year's 35 families.



Every  
Donation  
Makes A  
Difference

Some of the items needed are: Peanut Butter/Jelly, Breakfast cereal, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, bread, tuna, spaghetti sauce, side dishes (noodle or rice) water, juice boxes, salad dressing, BBQ sauce. The District Food Drop-off is every Thursday and Friday from 4-6 pm at Clarks in Dryden. The contact person is Dytonya Dapp. If you would rather not shop you can donate by using the scan code below or via Paypal at [PayPal.Me/dytonyadapp](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?url=https://www.paypal.me/dytonyadapp). Please consider helping a family that is struggling this season.



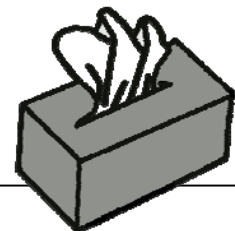
*Healthy Reminders from the*



**Wash hands** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds:

- **Periodically** throughout the day
- **After** using the bathroom, after blowing your nose, or after rubbing your eyes
- **Before** making food and eating food

Remember to cough and sneeze into your elbow or a tissue.

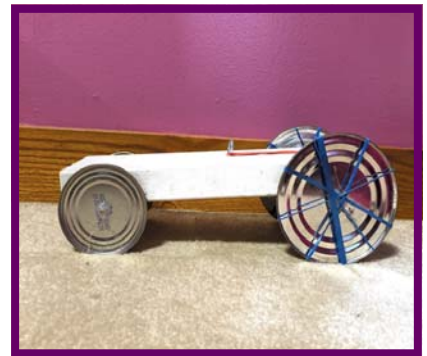
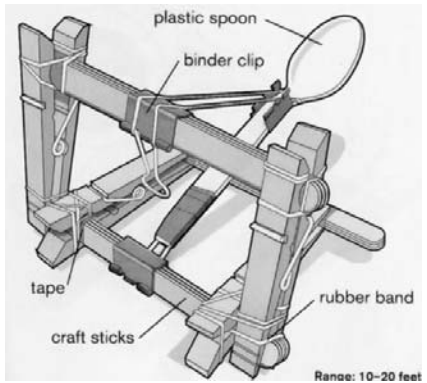
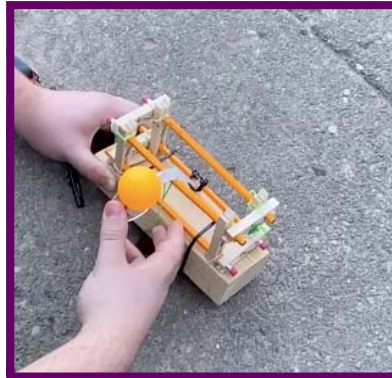


# Technology

Here are a couple examples of the design projects that Technology students created during quarantine. Nice work! The rubber band car and catapult challenges tested the designers in terms of sustainability as well as function. The requirements for both machines were to use at least 50% recycled materials. The final product was also tested for effectiveness.

*From left to right the designers are as follows:*

*catapult 1: M. Cavanagh,  
catapult 2: I. Alo,  
rubber band car: L. Clark*



## 2020-2021 Fall Sports Offerings

Cheerleading ~Varsity  
Cross Country ~ Girls & Boys Varsity  
Cross Country ~Girls & Boys Modified  
Football ~Varsity  
Football~Modified  
Soccer Boys~Varsity, JV & Modified  
Soccer Girls~Varsity, JV & Modified  
Swimming Girls~ Varsity & Modified  
Volleyball~JV & Varsity (Modified is a Winter Sport)

Please email Mrs. Stamp ([lstamp1@dryden.k12.ny.us](mailto:lstamp1@dryden.k12.ny.us)) in the Athletic Office if you'd like to sign up for Fall Sports. Please make sure to let her know what sport you'd like to play. She will make sure you get the Athletic Health History Form and Code of Conduct in time to start practice in the Fall. Dates/deadlines coming soon!



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## Congratulations 8th Graders "Moving-up" to the 9th Grade!

Here are a few pictures from our celebration of them!

