

Stephen and Harriet Myers Middle School



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Principal's message

Happy Spring! This spring finds us moving in many directions. Students are completing state assessments, district assessments and we have over 130 students taking Regents exams.

In addition, we have over 80 students participating in spring modified sports and 20 students preparing for the "Lion King Jr." musical.

Summer fun in Albany

The City School District of Albany will offer a sports camp June 25-29 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The camp will be staffed with district coaches and physical education teachers. The cost will be \$125. A flyer will be distributed in the next few weeks.

Also, the City of Albany Department of Recreation will offer several free summer camps and programs. For more information or to register for a camp or program, visit albanyny.recdesk.com.

We are happy to announce that ALL students have been able to enjoy the weather and get a little exercise during their lunch time. We are looking for outside basketballs, footballs, Frisbees and chalk. We are also searching for an outdoor basketball hoop. If you have any of these items please email me at

jchatain@albany.k12.ny.us.

I am very proud of our students and how hard they are working. As we approach the closing days of school, we have a lot of events taking place, please check the school calendar and daily SNN messages, that are sent from our guidance department.



Teachers prepare for next year

As students prepare for summer, our teachers are preparing for the next school year. This month our teachers worked in their new teams and engaged in an exciting instructional strategy called "Break Out Boxes." Teachers were challenged to work together and solve puzzles based on a series of clues. From this experience, our teachers will develop their own content based "Break Out Boxes" for their classrooms.



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From the library

Overdue and missing books continue to be a problem

The library at Stephen and Harriet Myers Middle School continues to be affected by students who fail to return books they have borrowed.

Currently, there are 118 books overdue and/or missing from the Myers collection.

The loss of books affects the whole library. Money to replace lost books comes from the same budget used to buy new books, and we would rather purchase new books!

Please ask your child if he or she has returned all Myers library books that

are due.

This will help us keep the Myers library vital, current and filled with the types of books that will inspire our kids to become lovers of books and lifelong learners. Many thanks!

What's ahead for grade 8

The end of the year is approaching rapidly, and eighth-graders at Myers have many things to look forward to in the upcoming month!

During the last week of school, eighth-graders will be building memories.

On Monday, June 18, they'll head to *Ripley's Believe it or Not* museum in New York City to discover the unbelievable truths of our world.

On Tuesday and Wednesday of the last week, students will be participating in engaging classroom activities, award ceremonies and a group film.

The last day of school for students is Thursday, June 21. On that day, Team Duke will face off against Team Saint Rose in field-day competitions.

On the evening of June 21, students will return to "walk the

red carpet" for a Myers-turned-Hollywood-themed end-of-the-year dance that starts at 6 p.m.

Friday, students will be celebrating their accomplishments at the moving up ceremony, which will be held at 10 a.m. in the auditorium. Students will be able to finally call themselves freshman in high school!

"You're off to great places! You're off and away!"

-- Dr. Seuss

Teacher, PTSA co-president honored on Founders' Day

Grade 7 science teacher Cheryl Backman and parent and PTSA Co-President Kristin Bonds each received an honorary lifetime PTA membership at the annual Founders' Day awards ceremony on April 27.

Founders' Day recognizes those who give their time and talents to support students throughout the school district. Backman and Bonds were honored for their work to make Myers a better place for all students.

Celebrating together in the photo at right, from left, are Assistant Principal Timitra Rose, Backman, Bonds and PTSA co-president Jeena Madden.

In addition to honoring outstanding people, Founders' Day is the major fundraiser for the Albany City Council PTA's scholarship program, which awards five scholarships of \$1,000 each to graduating Albany High School seniors.

