



# Glenwood Elementary Newsletter

## April 2022 , Issue 7



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Dear Glenwood Parents and Families,

Thanks to the work of Mrs. Russell and Mrs. Wanck, we've spent the past few weeks focused on Mars and wondering, creating, and exploring in all sorts of out-of-this world ways! We are so grateful for their work and their investment of time and energy to get all of us excited about learning. The Star Lab (planetarium) was amazing, and we were fortunate to hear from an astronaut last week via zoom! Astronaut Daniel Bursch lives in California but connected with us virtually and shared his experiences as an astronaut with our students. Each class had a chance to pose a question to Astronaut Dan and sat raptly listening to his responses. Then, during STEAM time, students continued their journey by designing space suits or rovers/rockets and exploring what they would need to survive and live on Mars.

We are hoping many of you will be able to join us next Wednesday, April 6th for the Wonder, Explore and Create Family Fun Night here at Glenwood. That evening it will be time to come back to Earth! In place of the traditional science fair this year, we're having an outdoor family challenge! Each family should have received a re-entry kit with supplies to complete a challenge -- design a way to help their astronaut (Eggstronaut) safely land back on Earth. Next Wednesday evening, your family will be able to test your design on our playground.

Our rain date for next week's event is Thursday, April 7th. We're obviously hoping for the best, but it is officially spring so we may end up having to reschedule to Thursday if there are showers in the forecast for Wednesday evening.

Spring is always an exciting time of year. 😊 I was talking to a staff member yesterday about the fact that this change in the seasons always seems to give our students a boost of new-found energy. It's as if the warm weather lights a spark inside of them and you can feel it here in the building. They move a little quicker, talk a little louder, and force us to "up our game" in terms of keeping up with them. 😊

Spring is also the time of year when we begin thinking about and planning for next year. As we head into May and June, our classroom teachers will be working on drafts of possible class groupings for next school year. Later on in this newsletter, I've included a message from me that communicates our district's policy in regard to requests for placement in a particular class.

Doreen McSain  
Principal – Glenwood Elementary



# Vestal

Vestal School District



## Elementary Student Placement for 2022-2023

I very much appreciate your awareness of, and cooperation with, our school district's practices regarding parent requests for elementary student placement for the 2022-2023 school year.

The establishment of classroom rosters is a complex process. It involves professional dialogue between Glenwood staff on a wide variety of factors including achievement data collected over the course of the previous year(s). These factors include, but are not limited to (in no particular order), the:

- balancing of gender in any one classroom
- balancing of students' abilities and needs across multiple developmental, social and academic areas
- design of student groupings to maximize effective instructional practices being implemented by staff (balanced literacy, cooperative learning, technology integration, assessment structures, etc.)
- design of student groupings to maximize the use of support staff including academic intervention service providers, special education providers and paraprofessionals.

Given these considerations, we are unable to accept parent requests for a specific teacher. It is my responsibility to finalize all classroom rosters. If there are extenuating circumstances that would be necessary to know in placing your child, please submit this information in writing to me by May 20, 2022. Written information will be reviewed and shared with relevant staff members during the placement process.

Classroom assignments will be mailed home in mid-August. Please understand that factors such as an enrollment shift in the summer or staff changes could result in a change in your child's class assignment prior to the opening of school.

Please accept my sincere thanks for all your feedback and support this year. I'm honored to be a part of the tradition of excellence here in Vestal, and I am looking forward to the start of another great school year.

Best wishes,

Doreen McSain  
Principal

# Congratulations!

April is the month that we recognize those Glenwood employees who have reached a milestone year in terms of their time spent working for our district.

Please join me in congratulating the following staff members:

## **10 Years of Service**

Jackie Kinsley – Special Education Teacher

## **15 Years of Service**

Sue Foley – Paraprofessional  
Sara Spencer – Kindergarten Teacher

## **20 Years of Service**

Molly Russell – Math Specialist  
Valery Siegrist – PE Teacher  
Tammy Wanck – Reading Specialist

## **25 Years of Service**

Donna Boisvert – Physical Therapist



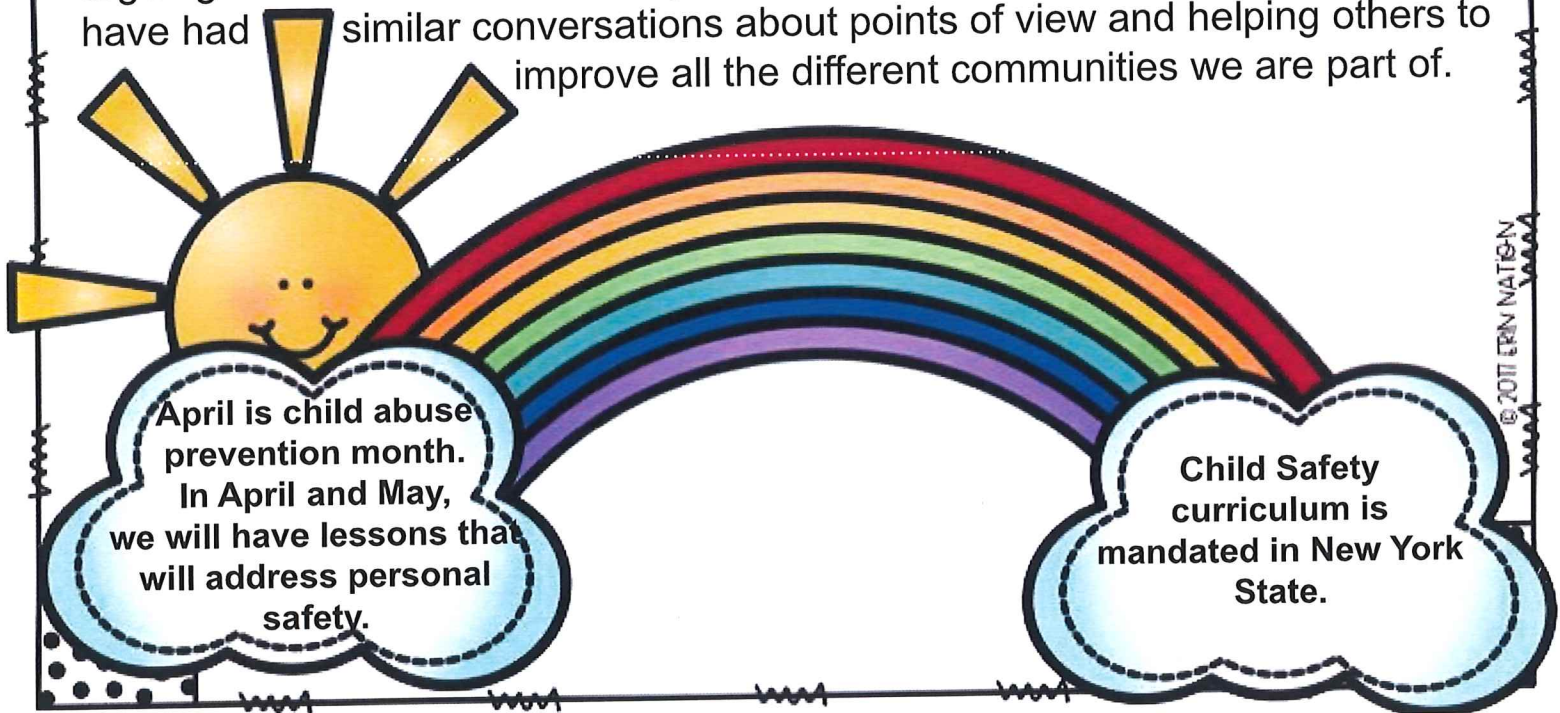
# THE Counseling CONNECTION

## Glenwood Elementary School

Stephanie Mitsakos, School Counselor - slmitsakos@vestal.k12.ny.us

### Happy Spring Glenwood Families!

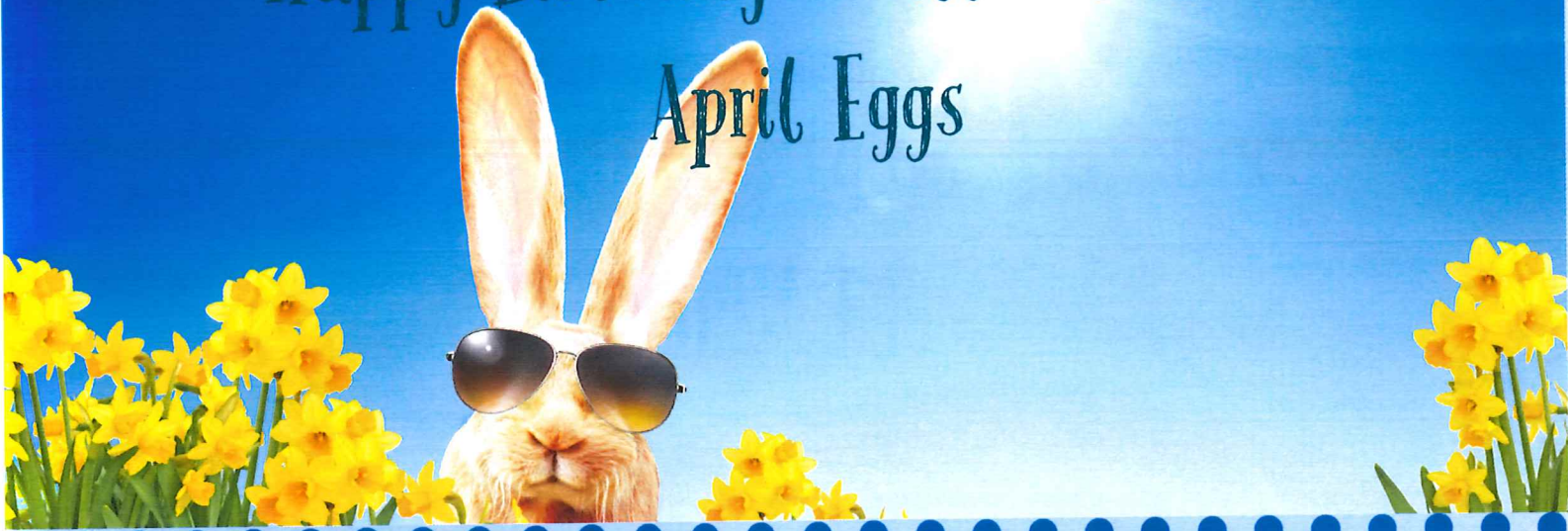
Here's an update for the social emotional support in each classroom: In **kindergarten**, we continue to learn all about identifying and expressing our feelings. Soon, we will be focusing on happiness and kindness and how those feelings and actions can affect us and those around us. In **first grade**, we are continuing to work on emotion management. We recently discussed the importance of feeling calm and how we can feel calm in difficult situations. Next, we will discuss feeling frustrated and how that feeling might happen to each of us and how we can tell if those around us are frustrated too. **Second graders** have done a great job at learning about empathy and how it leads to acts of kindness in different situations. They are truly an empathetic group of students! It's exciting to hear how they would make a difference in their communities. Our **third graders** have finished up learning about emotion management and how the same type of emotions can vary in size and intensity. It's important that the size of our emotions match the size of the problem that triggered that feeling. Soon, we will be discussing kindness and friendships. **Fourth grade** students have done a wonderful job discussing how empathy can occur when we think of different perspectives of the same issue or topic. We learned that we can ask, listen, and learn - instead of arguing about who's ideas and opinions are right or wrong. **Fifth graders** have had similar conversations about points of view and helping others to improve all the different communities we are part of.



April is child abuse prevention month. In April and May, we will have lessons that will address personal safety.

Child Safety curriculum is mandated in New York State.

# Happy Birthday to all the "Good" April Eggs



6 Mr. McDonald  
Sophia Moreno 4th  
7 Mia Young, 5th  
Matthew Steenburg, 2nd  
Brayden Burns, 1st



8 Kevin Clark, 3rd  
Emma Ryczak, 2nd  
9 Mrs. Glazer  
Liana Burns, 5th



11 Lily Hatala, 5th  
13 Isabella Lewis, 1st  
15 Brynn Newton, 2nd  
Madeline Lefkus, 1st



20 Cameron Weisbrod, 4th



21 Brody Whiting, 2nd  
22 Evan Peters, 3rd  
Carter Smith, K  
24 Mrs. Kane  
Flynn Johnson, 4th  
25 Dominick Villanti, 4th  
Alexis Gallo, 3rd  
Brandon Gallo, 3rd  
Connor Hunsinger, 2nd  
Jordan Jamgochian, 1st  
26 Mrs. Miller  
27 Margot Mead, K  
29 Chase Bernardini, 5th  
Noah Kata, 1st  
30 Jocelyn Newton, 4th



"April Showers Bring May Flowers"



# CONGRATULATIONS!!!

## Vestal's Newest NYS Master Teacher

We are proud to share that Barbara Morgan, Fifth-grade Glenwood Elementary Teacher, has been selected for the New York State Master Teacher Program facilitated through The State University of New York.

Congratulations to Barb, who began substitute teaching in the Vestal CSD in 2002, and became a full-time teacher in 2009. Her selection brings the District's total number of Master Teachers to 24, with 11 of those having reached Master Teacher Emeritus status. We are proud to have so many of our faculty recognized for their quality and experience.

"The Master Teacher Program provides teachers with the opportunity to gain content-specific training in STEM fields," said Patrick Clarke, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, "while also enhancing their repertoire of general teaching strategies and helping them learn to equitably address the needs of diverse students."

Glenwood Elementary Principal Doreen McSain shared, "Barbara will join her peers across the state to form a network of outstanding K – 12 educators who demonstrate a deep understanding of their content area, pedagogy, and students' families and communities, as well as a commitment to growth in these areas."

The New York State Master Teacher Program was launched in 2013 in partnership with the State University of New York to strengthen K – 12 STEM education. Vestal CSD's Master Teachers are part of the Southern Tier regional cohort and its partner SUNY campus is Binghamton University.



## AND TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE TALENT SHOW!!!!



Unfortunately, only two photos were found. Check out the videos on the Glenwood Facebook Page.

# Odyssey of the Mind

Glenwood Elementary had 3 incredible teams participate in Odyssey of the Mind this year, showing off their creativity, imagination, and teamwork to solve problems in a creative way!

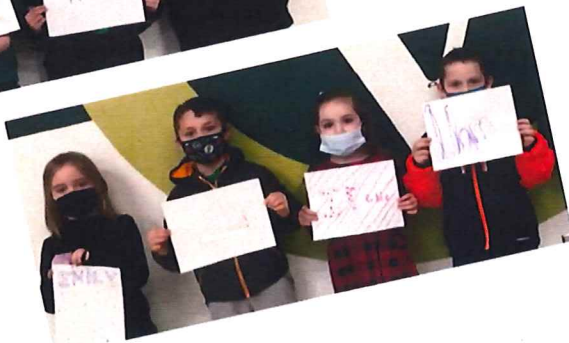
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 GLENWOOD  
 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
 Coach(es): Aspling  
 Creative OMERS:  
 Ava, Xander, Emery,  
 Liam, Audriann,  
 Aiden, Nathan



Problem 4: Div 1  
 5000 GLENWOOD  
 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
 Coach(es): Collette  
 Creative OMERS:  
 Miles, Aidan, Zack,  
 Siena, Joseph,  
 Isabella, Rowan

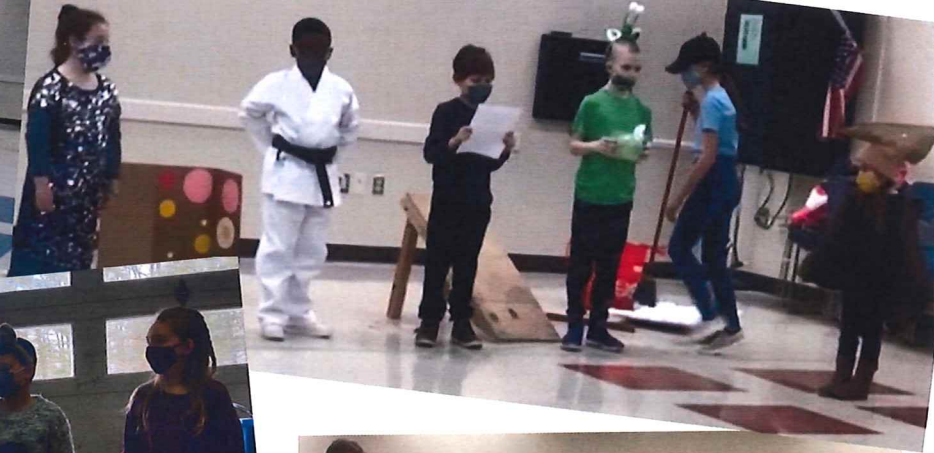
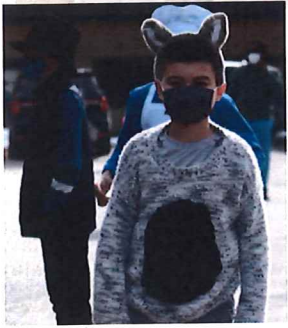


Problem 1: Div 1  
 VESTAL GLENWOOD  
 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
 Coach(es): Wright  
 Creative OMERS:  
 Irene, Liam, Crosby,  
 Emily, Kason, Dax,  
 Sophia





Each team worked so hard to be ready for competition, and all of their hard work paid off!



Ms. Wright's team scored 4<sup>th</sup> place in Division 1 for Problem 1.



Mr. Aspling's team scored 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Division 1 for Problem 1.



Mr. Collette's team scored 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Division 1 for Problem 4, and they also went on to compete in the State Competition in Syracuse!



Congratulations to all OM teams on a job well done!

# Wonder Explore Create

## Glenwood's Mission to Mars



Glenwood's Mission to Mars Wonder Explore and Create month has been a huge success! Our students' have wondered what it would be like to travel in space and live on another planet! So many questions to ask and think about! We all enjoyed a planetarium show right here on Glenwood's stage. We all participated in a zoom visit with astronaut Daniel Bursch, who is a Vestal native. Our classes worked together to build a replica of Mars' surface, learning about the different landforms. Our kindergarten and first grade friends learned about and made their own space suits. Our second and third graders learned more about the rovers and constructed their own rovers carefully following step by step directions. Our fourth and fifth grades worked on a project that required them to design and test a spacesuit for their Astrospud (potato). They chose materials and decided how to layer them to protect their Astrospud from space debris. Our month-long study will end with our family Re-entry Challenge. We hope to see a lot of families join us on April 6<sup>th</sup>. We truly enjoyed seeing the wonder on their faces!



Glenwood's Wonder Explore and Create Fair  
Family Challenge Night  
Re-entry Challenge/Egg Drop



We have been on a journey to Mars, it's time to come home. Your challenge is to build a device to protect you and your precious cargo (egg, or Eggstronaut) with a gentle landing as it speeds towards Earth.

As a family, use **only** the materials in this bag to build a device to protect your egg.  
(You can also use up to 2 feet of household tape)

Bring your creation to Glenwood's playground parking lot on April 6th. We will drop the eggs and celebrate together! (Please supply your own egg.)



You may want to test your design first before bringing it to school that evening. (Is there something you can use that's the same size and shape as an egg so if it breaks it doesn't get your invention messy?)

Words/concepts to use as you prepare for your egg drop:

**Gravity** - pulls things towards earth

**Acceleration** - the faster it falls, the harder it hits

- How can you slow your object as it falls?

More **mass** means more **force on impact**

- The lighter it is, the less force on impact - how can you control how heavy it is?

**Energy** - the egg will have a lot of energy as it heads towards earth, how can you spread out that energy so it doesn't impact all at once?

- Think about other inventions that are meant to absorb shock upon impact - helmets, packing in boxes

NOTE: Let your child make some decisions and do as much of the work as possible depending on his or her age. If you have more than one Glenwood student, let each child take ownership of their own creation and bring them all to the egg drop that night.

To help us plan ahead, sign up for a time to test your project at school on April 6th (rain date April 7th). You can send the bottom of the form that came home on March 18<sup>th</sup> or click here to sign up. <https://bit.ly/glenwoodeggdrop> .

Spring Spirit Wear going on NOW!  
Sale is open through April 12th.



**SHOP**  
OUR OFFICIAL  
STORE TODAY!




<https://glenwoodelementaryspring2022.itemorder.com/>

# April 2022

What's happening at  
**Glenwood  
 Elementary**  
 this month?



Photo from Gardens by Danielle,  
[www.gardensbydanielle.com](http://www.gardensbydanielle.com)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5 Board of Education Meeting 6p.m.	6 Paraprofessional Appreciation Day Wonder, Explore, Create Fair 5pm	7 Wonder, Explore, Create Fair (rain date)	8	9
10	11 SPRING	12 BREAK →	13 →	14 →	15 →	16
17	18 Board of Education Meeting 6p.m.	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 GSCA Meeting 6:30p.m.	26 Parent Kindergarten Orientation 6-7p.m. NYS GRADES 3-8 → →	27 Administrative Professionals Day MATH ASSESSMENTS	28	29	30

# Wild Early Spring Flowers in New York State

(not the typical imported Crocuses, Daffodils, Tulips..)

from websites:

<https://www.newyorkupstate.com/outdoors/2020/05> and <https://nystateparks.blog/2021/03/23>



**Blue Cohosh** \*



**Trilium**



**Pink Lady's Slipper** \*

This orchid has always been in NY.  
Wow!



**Bloodroot** \*



**Spring Beauty** \*



**Sharp Lobed Hepatica** \*



**Dutchmen's Breeches** \*



**"Wild Dog" Flowers**

Oops, that's a different kind of "Wild"!  
Photo by Richard Vogel Associated Press



**Red Trilium** \*

\* Photos By Thomas Meier, Baltimore Nature Center

**Look for these flowers when you are out this Spring!  
More on the next page!**



**Wood anemone\***



**Trout lilly\***



**Wild geranium\***



**Cut-leaved toothwort\***



**Coltsfoot**

photo by Grace Carlic



**Twin leaf\***



**Wild ginger\***



**Ostrich fern (fiddleheads)\***



**Wild phlox\***

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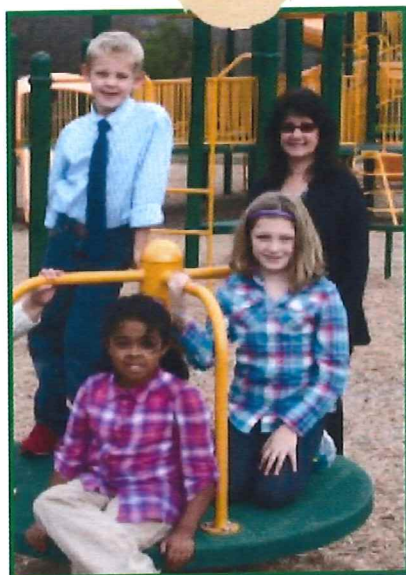


# Join the Den Today!

## We are looking for Teacher Aides



**Teacher  
Aides**  
Starting at  
**\$13.<sup>20</sup>/hr.**



Find a fulfilling position supporting our students to be the best that they can be!

Have students in school? Your work schedule will match their school schedule if you join Vestal Schools as a Teacher Aide or Teacher Aide/Monitor.

Other Benefits include:

**Excellus BCBS Health Insurance**

**13 Paid Holidays/Year**

**NYS ERS Membership**  
(EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM)

**7 hr. Work Day**

**Paid Family Illness Days**

**30-Min. Duty-free Unpaid Lunch**

**Paid Personal Days**

**Work 200 Days/Year**

**Ongoing Professional Development**

**Apply Today!** Simply click the Employment tab under "Find it Fast!" on our District website or navigate to <https://www.vestal.stier.org/Employment.aspx> to find an opening that works for you!

# Join the Den Today!

## We are looking for School Bus Drivers



Find a fulfilling position transporting our students safely and ensuring the start of their school day is the best it can be!

Retired? Your work schedule will be extremely flexible, with breaks during the day.

Other Benefits include:



### School Bus Drivers

Starting at  
**\$15.<sup>12</sup>/hr.**



Excellus BCBS Health Insurance

Flexible Work Day

NYS ERS Membership

Free Driver Training

Paid Family Illness Days

Safe, Modern Bus Fleet

Paid Personal Days

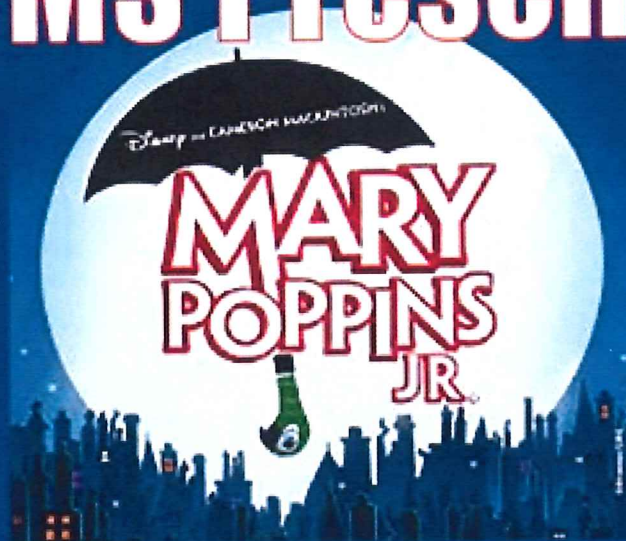
Potential for Extracurricular Runs

Potential for Summer Work

**Apply Today!** Simply click the Employment tab under "Find it Fast!" on our District website or navigate to <https://www.vestal.stier.org/Employment.aspx> to find an opening that works for you!

**Pre-Ticket Reservations accepted  
beginning March 25 on the District website -  
[www.vestalstier.org/MusicDepartment.aspx](http://www.vestalstier.org/MusicDepartment.aspx)**

# **VMS Presents**



## **SHOWTIMES**

<b>7 pm</b>	<b>2 pm</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>2 pm</b>
<b>April 22</b>	<b>April 23</b>	<b>April 23</b>	<b>April 24</b>

**Tickets: \$8 for Adults  
\$6 for Students & Senior Citizens  
Pre-Ticket Sales end April 15.**

**There is a place on the order form to indicate  
you would like one Staff ticket.**

**Tickets will also be on sale at the door one hour  
prior to each scheduled performance.**

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# I'M A COMPLEX KID!

SATURDAY  
APRIL 23, 2022

SESSION I: 9-11 AM  
SESSION II: 12-2 PM

at Binghamton University  
Innovative Technologies Complex  
85 Murray Hill Rd.

REGISTER  
ONLINE

SPACE IS  
LIMITED

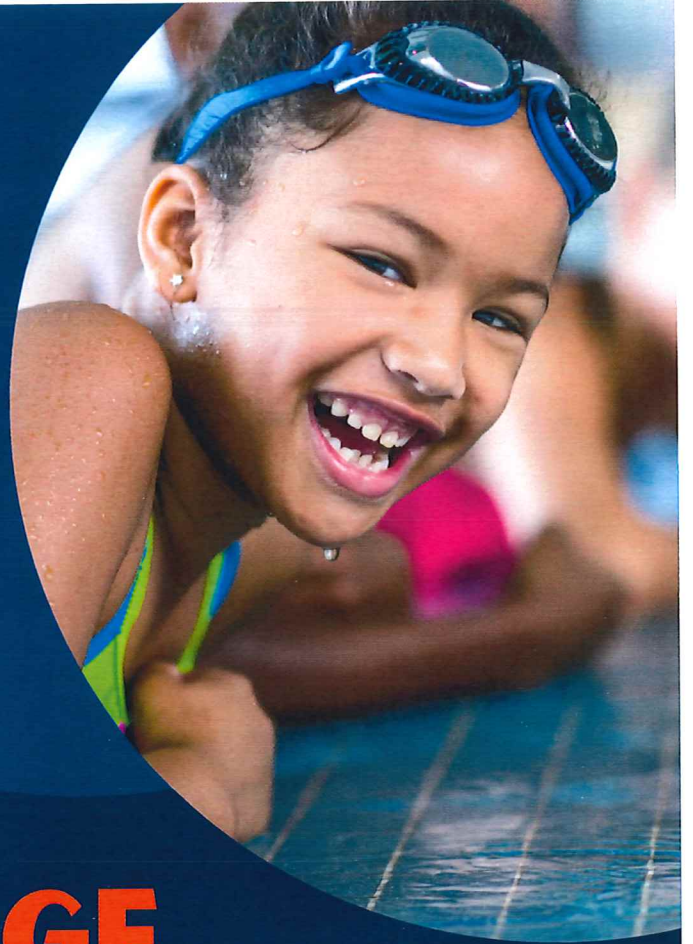
Early Bird  
Special!

\$15 before April 16th  
Regular fee: \$20  
T-shirts: \$12



For more info, contact:

[BINGHAMTONBIOENGINEERS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:BINGHAMTONBIOENGINEERS@GMAIL.COM)



REGISTER TODAY.

# SCHOOL AGE CHILD CARE SUMMER PROGRAM

Special  
Offer

AVAILABLE FOR  
EARLY BIRD  
REGISTRATION

Learn new skills, get creative, and stay active this summer at the Southern Tier Community Center!

**SUMMER PROGRAM RUNS FROM  
JUNE 27-AUGUST 19**

School-Age Child Care (SACC) provides affordable, high-quality child care for youth, ages 5-12.





## **OUR SUMMER PROGRAM OFFERS:**

- Weekly field trips
- Skill building
- STEAM activities
- Recreation opportunities
- Pool time
- Lunch & snacks

To register, visit STCC RecDesk at  
<https://stcc.recdesk.com>  
and select Summer Camp.



For more information about our Summer  
Program and/or rates please contact:

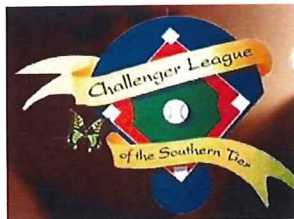
**Gabrielle Linfoot, SACC Director**  
[glinfoot@chowc.org](mailto:glinfoot@chowc.org)  
(607) 427-8333



# SOUTHERN TIER CHALLENGER LITTLE LEAGUE



**Celebrating 25 years  
in the Southern Tier**



A baseball league for boys and girls, ages 5 – 21, who have a physical, emotional or mental disability.


Come join the fun!


New players are welcome at any time during the season.




 Boys and girls of any skill level can join, even if they have never played before.

We have many wonderful volunteers. Parents can join us on the field or cheer in the stands. 😊

 Friendly and supportive atmosphere!

 Field located in Vestal, next to the Vestal Library, dedicated to the needs of children with disabilities

Each team plays once or twice each week (practice time included)

Season runs April through July 

End of season picnic with medals awarded to each player



## **SOUTHER TIER CHALLENGER LEAGUE**

Contact us via our website:

[www.southerntierchallenger.com](http://www.southerntierchallenger.com)

Or by phone: 607-759-0610