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'Jump Rope for Heart' a district tradition

On Wednesday, March 25th, the Olean City School District Physical Education Department held its 19th annual "Jump Rope for Heart" event to benefit the American Heart Association.

This activity, involving about 120 students in grades 4-8, took place in the Olean High School gymnasium from 6-8 p.m. Teams of students jumped for a total of 90 minutes at two-minute intervals. Students obtained donations from sponsors in return for their team participating actively in this event. The top fundraisers from each school are as follows: Anthony Ozzella, Washington West Elementary, \$420; Tyler Richmond, Washington West Elementary, \$229.88; Sierra Hendrickson, Washington West Elementary, \$170; Samantha Ouderkirk, East View Elementary, \$140.50; Katie Wintermantel, Olean Middle School, \$130; Nick Jodush, Boardmanville Elementary, \$125; Olivia Ingalls, Ivers J. Norton Elementary, \$66.

"Jump Rope for Heart" serves to promote physical activity and a healthy active lifestyle. It shows students the benefits of a regular exercise program, gives them vital information about cardiovascular health and helps them understand that the way they treat their bodies today will affect the quality of their lives tomorrow. The event coordinated by the Olean City School District physical education staff and sponsored by the New York State Association for Health, Physical Education,



The top fundraisers from each school were: (front, l-r) Samantha Ouderkirk, East View Elementary; Olivia Ingalls, Ivers J. Norton Elementary; Tyler Richmond, Washington West Elementary; and (back, l-r) Robin Swan, American Heart Association representative; Katie Wintermantel, Olean Middle School; Nick Jodush, Boardmanville Elementary; and Anthony Ozzella, Washington West Elementary.

Recreation and Dance (NYS AHPERD), benefits the American Heart Association. All proceed raised through "Jump Rope for Heart" benefit the life-saving research and education programs of the AHA.

The grand total raised for this year was \$5,812. To date, this annual physical education department event has raised over \$85,000 for the American Heart Association.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR OUR SENIORS

GRADUATION: June 28, 2009, 3 p.m., High School Auditorium

Admission By Ticket Only

MANDATORY REHEARSAL FOR SENIORS: Thursday, June 25, 2009



Coach Brooks with his wife Maria and children Justine and Jason.

Coaches inducted into county Sports Hall of Fame

On Sunday March 29, 2009, two current OHS Coaches were inducted into the Cattaraugus County "Sports Hall of Fame." A total of 12 individuals, each representing a school/community in Cattaraugus County, were presented plaques and honored, at a dinner in Great Valley, as the new 2009 members of the Cattaraugus County "Sports Hall of Fame." OHS Varsity Football Coach Mike Kane was the inductee from Olean and OHS Varsity Softball Coach Dan Brooks was the inductee from Hinsdale. Both have and continue to serve the Olean City School District with outstanding pride and dedication and we are so very fortunate to have them as "our coaches."



Pictured with Coach Kane is wife Val.



Planning for the Red & Gold Golf Scramble are (l-r) Steve Pancio, Olean Mayor David Carucci, Audra Stevens and Kyle Henzel.

Red & Gold Golf Scramble to benefit school district

The Olean High School Alumni Association and the Olean City School District Foundation are co-sponsoring the Red & Gold Scramble on June 19 at the Bartlett Country Club in Olean. The golf scramble will occur on Friday of the 126th Annual OHS Alumni Weekend and officially will kick off the weekend. The annual Alumni Golf Tournament is a great way to enjoy your favorite game, catch up with fellow alumni and friends, and raise funds to benefit Olean City School District students.

Registration is \$100 per player / \$400 per team which includes cart, green fee, appetizers, prizes. Hole sponsorships are also available at \$100 per hole (Company sign on one hole/ Display product on hole). OHS Alumni Special -- If you are an OHS Alumni and would like to play in the Gold and Red Scramble, and would like to sponsor a hole, the OHS Alumni Special is \$150 (savings of \$50!). The scramble will have registration that day 9 a.m. with a Shotgun Starts at 10 a.m. Appetizers/Cash Bar opens at 3 p.m. with Awards Presentation to immediately follow.

Proceeds of the Red & Gold Scramble will benefit both the Olean High School Alumni Association and the Olean City School District Foundation ~ to support the children who attend the Olean City School District. Please contact Kyle Henzel, Class of '89 (716) 372-5211 or kyle@webgistix.com or Meme K. Yanetsko, Class of '86 (716) 372-4433 or meme@oleanny.com.

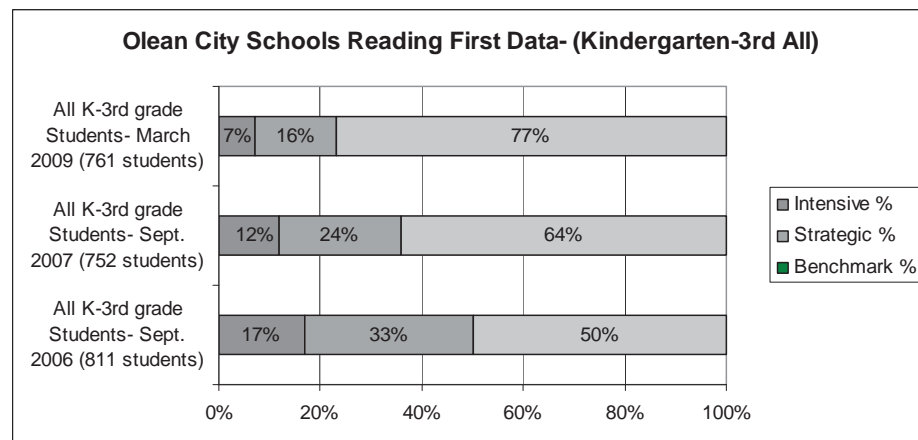
Reading sets the stage for success

Lynn Corder,
Reading First Coordinator

When children become good readers in the early years of their lives, they are more likely to become better readers throughout their school years and beyond. This is essentially the philosophy of the Reading First program in the Olean Schools. Over the past three school years, the district has received approximately 2.5 million dollars to implement the Reading First program in all Kindergarten through Third grade classrooms. The benefits of this program are witnessed by our teachers and parents on a daily basis and shall benefit our children for years to come.

Learning to read is hard work for children and there is no more important teacher than you as a parent. From birth to five, a child's brain is wiring itself to hear the distinct sounds and syllables within words and absorbing the grammatical patterns of our language. This is a very critical stage for all children. Reading aloud with your children at home each day, no matter their age, exposes them to a richer vocabulary and provides them with the early exposure to our language which will benefit them for years to come. The time you spend at home each day reading to your children becomes the most important minutes of the day.

When a child enters school, the pre-Kindergarten and/or Kindergarten teachers set the stage for our children to learn to read with some very critical early skills. First, second, and third grade teachers then take up the task of building the skills that



Benchmark= Students at or above grade level.

Strategic= Students at some risk for reading failure/slightly below grade level.

Intensive= Students with severe reading difficulties.

children will use every day for the rest of their lives. As a parent, you can help by understanding what teachers are teaching, and by asking questions about your child's progress and the Reading First program.

As we enter the home stretch of a three year grant cycle of Reading First funding, we are pleased to report that the students continue to demonstrate gains. The district received a visit from the New York State Education Departments Early Education Reading Initiatives office this past fall for the purpose of reviewing our Reading First program. The outcome of their visit was that the monies being sent to Olean were in fact having a very positive effect on our children. We were also provided the opportunity to apply for additional funds for next school year to assist in sustain-

ing the program. These opportunities are available to the district as a direct result of the positive gains our children have made in reading.

The principals, coaches and teachers continue to maintain an unwavering faith that all children can and will prevail in reading. The Board of Education and Superintendent have provided the support structure necessary to enable the program to flourish. As we look to the future, we will continue to support our teachers and parents in providing opportunities that will directly enhance our literacy program. As we await additional budgetary news from New York State, we will strive to continue to maintain the quality programming that exists in the district today.

Thanks for all you do

DECA members compete

By Sue Frentz

On March 1, three of our DECA members traveled to Rochester to compete in the 10th Annual State Career Conference held at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center. This three-day competition offers students a challenging opportunity to further develop their professional abilities. DECA assists business students in increasing and practicing their knowledge of leadership and marketing skills and to learn the importance of maintaining a positive attitude as a business leader.

Jason Mahar competed in the Sports Entertainment Marketing area, Miles Marvin competed in the Automotive Services Marketing area, and Kelsey Leakis competed in the Apparel Accessories Marketing area. Over 2,000 students across New York State competed during this three-day event in various areas of interest through written examinations and role playing activities.

Congratulations to Miles, Kelsey and Jason for your accomplishments and outstanding representation of Olean Schools.



'Up All Night' a success

On March 20, Olean High School students participated in an annual fundraiser Up All Night. This is an event in which students raise money for a cause and stay at the high school for the night. This year students raised over \$2,000 for Roswell Cancer research in honor of those who have battled or are currently battling cancer in the Olean school community.

Throughout the school year Olean students and staff have engaged in various activities such as pink outs and Coaches for Cancer in order to raise the awareness of cancer. This donation is to culminate our efforts to raise awareness.

In addition to the Roswell donation, we are going to donate money to "Learn to Earn," a program for families in need throughout the city. "Learn to Earn" is an incentive for family participation in our Even Start Program.

After the required minimum number of hours of participation in each component, the family earns "Moto Money." We then provide families with personal, educational and household items needed. The families participate more and remain goal oriented while being motivated by the "Learn to Earn" program.



OHS students 'break it down' in gym class

Mrs. Brooks' student teacher, Ms. Cuello, brought in a dance instructor from St. Bonaventure University to teach the 11th and 12th grade students how to hip hop and break dance. The students thoroughly enjoyed this experience, and were thankful to Ms. Cuello for arranging it for them.



OHS Spotlight Award Winners

OHS Harold Dutton Spotlight Award winners for March/April are: (front, l-r) Melissa Marcellin, Michael Hoppe, Jacob Mallery, Alex Baer (back, l-r) Jared Warren, James Chatmon and Mark Powers. Missing are: Andy Case, Marquis Faqua and Mahli Brophy.

Smiles abound at Winter Carnival

Approximately 700 students from Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES and District Special Education classes participated in the Fourth Annual Winter Carnival held at the Holiday Valley Tubing Park on Tuesday, February 24 and 25. A total of six activity areas were open to this year's participants. The theme for this year's event was Country Western, kids and staff were encouraged to dress up.

According to Event Coordinators Chris McNell and Debbie Golley, this year's Winter Carnival featured tubing, snow soccer, an obstacle course, broom hockey as well as indoor games. This was a great day for our kids who might not normally have these opportunities.

Participants from Olean and Salamanca BOCES classrooms along with Non BOCES classrooms from Allegany Limestone, Cattaraugus - Little Valley, Franklinville, Hinsdale, Olean, Portville, Randolph and Salamanca participated on the first day, February 24. On the second day, February 25, participants from Allegany County and Pioneer classrooms along with Non BOCES classrooms from Pioneer, Fillmore, Genesee Valley, Bolivar Richburg, Cuba-Rushford, and Whitesville participated.

BOCES and Holiday Valley provided a hot dog roast, chips, cookies and hot chocolate to all participants. The Big Pig from WPIG was on hand both days from 11 a.m.-Noon. Bob McCarthy was the MC for both days. Tom O'Conner from Shhh was also on hand to help entertain the students. Dan Pawlowski from Pumpkinville gave hayrides. Nearly 300 volunteers assisted over the two-day event.



Career Tech students inducted into NTHS

"Ralph Waldo Emerson once stated, 'I challenge you to strive for even loftier goals,'" said Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES Assistant Superintendent Linda Quick during the National Technology Honor Society induction ceremony held at the Old Library Restaurant Wednesday, March 25th. Ms. Quick continued, "Your induction is to bring shining stars together, to celebrate where you are going. You have a positive attitude backed by a purpose. Your parents have nurtured, supported, stayed up late, laughed and cried, and cheered for you every step of the way."

Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES Board President Robert Keenan told the inductees to "Continue to make good choices!" He also commended the parents, teachers, and staff who have helped the students to achieve their goals. "Life is a journey. Where you go and who you become are totally up to you," Mr. Keenan stated.

The following students from Olean Senior High School were inducted into the National technology Honor Society: Susan Barlett-Medical Assisting, Daniel Butler-Media Communications Technology, Julia Himes-Media Communications Technology, Christa Nianiatius-New



New inductees included: (front, l-r) Daniel Butler, Julia Himes, Samantha Hendrickson, Christa Nianiatius and (back, l-r) David Pierce, Susan Barlett, Annie Skrobacz, and Nicholas Veno.

Vision/Health Professions, David Pierce-Building Technology, Annie Skrobacz-New Vision/Health Professions, and Nicholas Veno-Building Technology.

Ms. Quick concluded her comments for the evening, "Mother Theresa once said, 'Life is a promise, now fulfill it.'"

Look what's on sale at the Sports Boosters' store

Item	Price
Blanket (large heavy knit)	\$35.00
Stadium Blanket with hood zip	\$30.00
Sweatshirts – Red/Grey (all sizes)	\$25.00
Red Hooded Zip Sweatshirt (all sizes)	\$27.00
Red/Grey Hooded Pullover Sweatshirts	\$27.00
Jackets – Red Long zip/hood (all sizes)	\$35.00
Jackets – Youth Size (just a few sizes)	\$35.00
Golf Shirt – white/red (all sizes)	\$20.00
Golf Shirt – red & gold heavy	\$25.00
Huskie Watch (Ladies/Men)	\$20.00
Umbrella	\$15.00
T-Shirts - Short Sleeve (all sizes)	\$12.00
T-Shirts - Long Sleeve (all sizes)	\$18.00
Mouse Pads	\$5.00
Car Flags	\$5.00
Red Duffle Bags	\$25.00
Baseball Hats	\$10.00
Sleep Pants (New Item)	\$18.00
Red Fleece Vest (New Item)	\$23.00
Red Fleece Jacket (New Item)	\$25.00
Winter Hats (New Item)	\$10.00



**E-mail orders to
jnudd@olean.wnyric.org.
The Booster Club Store
is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.**





Making music are (l-r) orchestra students Samantha Armstrong, Chris Mosher and Rachel Pfeiffer.

Creating harmony in the morning

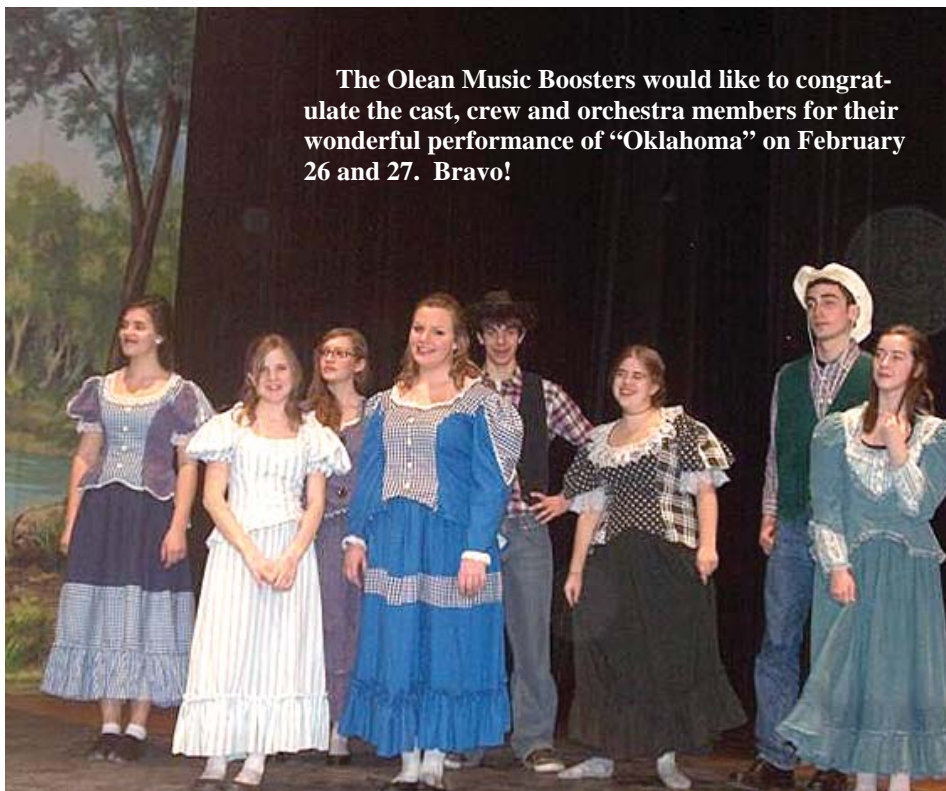
By Christopher Mosher

Each morning, for the entire month of March, members of the OHS & OMS music department performed from 7:30 until 7:50 by the front entrance of the High School. Fifteen groups and individual musicians make up the "Harmony in the Morning" ensemble that played every morning. March is "Music of Our Schools' month," and "Harmony in the Morning" helped create awareness among the students and staff of OHS, as well as raise funds for the music department New York City trip in April.

On Sunday, March 22, the "Studio 107 Chamber Players", newly formed instrumental ensemble group this year, performed at the St. Elizabeth Mothers' Home in Allegany. These musicians include Callahan McBride, Michael Liu, Rachel Pfeiffer, Brady Gaynor, and Andrew Liu, each of whom played the violin, as well as Kasey Boutwell who is a violist. They presented a small concert from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., for the residents of the Home.



Above are more Harmony in the Morning participants (l-r) Jessica Swetland, Michael Liu, Alyssa Brown, Angela Finch and Casey Boutwell.



The Olean Music Boosters would like to congratulate the cast, crew and orchestra members for their wonderful performance of "Oklahoma" on February 26 and 27. Bravo!

"Oklahoma" cast members included (l-r) Paige Himes, Kaitlyn Anastasia, Heather Cline, Sarah Steffan, Joe Reed, Angela Finch, Trey Knott and Marissa Burrows.

MUSIC BOOSTER NEWS

The Music Boosters work closely each year with the Music Department to enhance the opportunities for students in the area of musical arts. We also provide students with opportunities to raise funds for school-related musical events such as the Houghton Strings Festival, theatrical productions at St. Bonaventure and UPB, and guest performers.

Last year, the Boosters fundraising efforts contributed to the purchase of new concert robes to outfit all high school music students. This year, the Boosters offered fundraising opportunities for student to help defray the cost of the spring trip to New York City to see "Blue Man Group."

The Music Boosters also offer scholarships to student who participate in summer music camps as well as an annual scholarship for students planning to major in music. Applications are available from the Music teachers or the Guidance Department.

The Boosters meet the second Wednesday of each month at the High School. New members are always welcome! If you would like more information, please e-mail Jackie Reed at jreed@olean.wnyric.org, or call (716) 378-1197.



Modeling the new music robes are (l-r) Steven Jackson, Andrea Anastasia, Heather Cline and Byron Herbert.

Junior High Band: (back, l-r) Jonah Rosel, Ashley Mulryan, Angela Travis, Abe Knieser, Will Gardner, Adam Pecherzewski and (front, l-r) Caroline Carlson, Amanda Fox, Soumitri Barua and Andrew Liu.



District music students shine at All-County Festival

Olean music students got a chance to shine in the CCMTA All-County Music festival in March. The festival was held at Salamanca High School and featured top musicians county wide. performing were the Senior High All-County Chorus, Senior High All-County Band, and Junior High All-County Band. Congratulations to all who earned the privilege of making music at this wonderful event.



Senior High Band: (back l-r) John Capitani, Alyssa Brown, Samantha Huselstein, Steve Capitani, JD Olson, Brianna Baker and (front, l-r) Jocelyn Huselstein, Emily Kayes, Amanda Lasky, Steven Jackson

Senior High Chorus: (back, l-r) Kasey Boutwell, Sariah Charleston, Macklin Koski, Justin Scott, Tanner Kahm, Nigel Knieser, Amber Kolodziejski, Sarah Stephan and (front, l-r) Melissa Vanness, Karimah Rahman, Andre Maine, Tevin McDade, Katrina Miller, and Heather Stabb-Treaster.



OMS helps fight Leukemia and Lymphoma

Last month, students and faculty at the Olean Middle School participated in the "Pennies for Patients" program sponsored by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

For two weeks in the month of February the students and staff collected spare change to raise money for the research of leukemia and lymphoma cancers.

This year, students and faculty raised \$1,390.32, in just two weeks. Spare change was supplemented through small fees raised by theme days, such as Twin Day, Hat Day, and Wacky Sock Day.

This year's top money raising team, the Green Team, was rewarded for their effort with a pizza party. The Orange Team won second place.

In the past four years, OMS students and faculty have raised over \$7, 000 for kids with cancer. Last year, Olean Middle School came in 5th place out of 115 local school districts in Western New York based on the amount of money raised for this program. This year, Mr. Shoup is hoping to be in the top ten again. This success is due to the caring and generous faculty and students of the Olean Middle School.





ODYSSEY OF THE MIND TEAM

A big congratulations goes out to the 2008-2009 Olean Middle School Odyssey of the Mind team. The team (lead by Coach Katie Camp with team members Geoffrey Broadbent, Monica Moses, Clare Sorokes, Ally Rakus, Zaryan Evans, and Tarik Babar) participated in this year's competition after many hours of practice after school. The team created backgrounds, props and wrote a skit about superstitions and how their stories came to be known; they also participated in a spontaneous portion, where they were given a question and had to answer it with no preparation time. They competed against eight other schools in the area. Great job, Huskies!



STUDENTS TOUR DRESSER-RAND

Eighth grade students tour Dresser-Rand prior to the second annual Dresser-Rand Speech Contest held at the Old Library Restaurant. Pictured (l-r) are Krissy Peters, Keisha Given, Ms. Dexter, Matt Bysiek, D-R employee Nick McKinney, and Josh Peters.

LA ROPA AND LOS COLORES

To wrap-up their units on La Ropa (clothing) and Los Colores (colors), Mrs. Wilton's Spanish 7 classes participated in an in-class Fashion Show in early March. Students were required to describe three items of clothing to the class that they were wearing (in Spanish, of course!), along with each item's appropriate colors. One clothing item from their chosen outfit had to be "unique" - something they'd never wear to school. Students had a great time presenting their attire in another language and seeing the rare clothing combinations that were shown off on the runway! Shown at right are (l-r) Eliza Wetherby, Alexis Menter, Lindsay Bushnell and Allyson Threehouse (a.k.a Dora, Maya, Lola, y Andrea) -four very "chique chicas"!



ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Perfect Attendance Award winners for the 3rd Quarter were: Nick Bailey (*above left*) \$50 winner, 7th Grade, Yellow Team; and Ariel Brockel (*above right*), Distinguished Attendance Award, \$25 winner, 6th Grade, Orange Team. Congratulating them is OMS Principal Gerald Trietley (*back*).



FIVE STAR WINNER

Konrad Morawski (*below, center*) was the 2nd marking period winner for the Five Star Bank movie drawing. Students qualify by receiving a 90% or higher in any of the four core subjects. He was presented the award by OMS Principal Gerald Trietley (*left*) and Amy Schneggenburger (*right*) of Five Star Bank.



MEET OUR BIGGEST LOSERS!

Twenty-six OMS staff members participated in the Biggest Loser Contest. Over the 10-week period a total of 241 pounds were lost. Not only were members encouraged to lose weight, but they were also encouraged to make exercise a part of their busy daily routines. Body Mass Index was calculated at the start and completion of the competition. Members were also given information on weight loss tips, exercise, diabetes, cholesterol and blood pressure. Members of the OMS Biggest Loser winning team lost a total of 81 pounds. Each was awarded with \$20 in prize money. They include (*above, l-r*) Mr. Trietley, Mr. Welch, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Mazza and Mrs. Bush.



DRESSER-RAND SPEECH CONTEST

Matt Bysiek (*pictured above*) placed first in the OMS Second Annual Dresser-Rand Speech Contest sponsored by the OASIS after-school program. Josh Peters placed third, with Honorable Mention to Krissy Peters and Keisha Given. Monetary awards and certificates were also presented to the students.



Athletic Department News

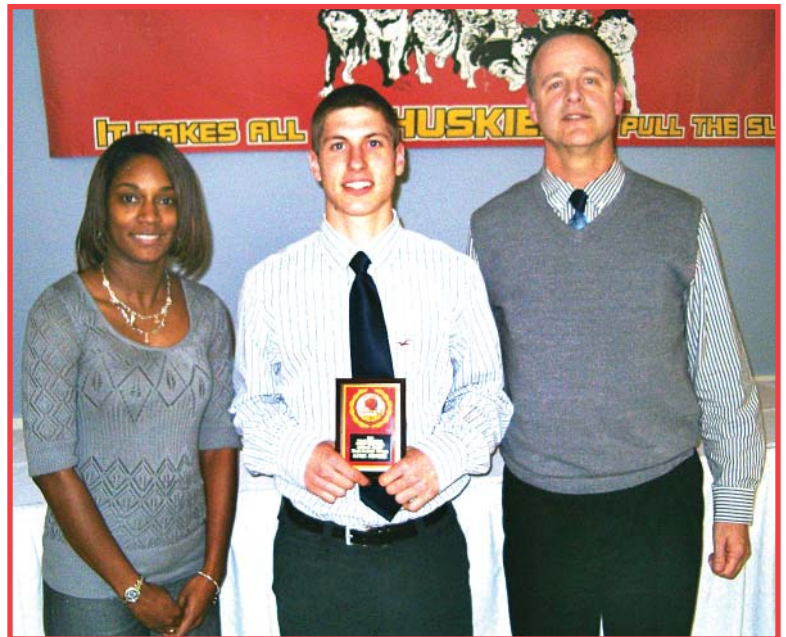
All-Sportsmanship Team named for Winter 2008-09

In the photo at right is the OHS All-Sportsmanship Team for Winter 2008-09: (*l-r*) Boys' Indoor Track – Tom Quinlan; Boys' Swimming & Diving – Nigel Knieser; Varsity Girls' Basketball – Brianna Wright; Girls' Indoor Track – Angelica Carlson; Basketball Cheerleading – Amy Livoto; AD's Choice (Boys' Indoor Track) – Chris Rhinehart; Varsity Boys' Basketball – Antonio Bowers-Marietta; Girls' Bowling – Chelsea Sutterlin; JV Boys' Basketball – Paul Pezzimenti; JV Girls' Basketball – Maria Skrobacz; Wrestling – Dustin Manwarren; Missing from photo: Boys' Bowling – Reed Mcelfresh.



Winter Scholar-Athletes Chosen

The Olean High School Athletic Department proudly announces that senior indoor track athletes (*above, l-r*) Matt Johnston and Christa Nianiatius have been named as OHS Scholar-Athletes for the Winter 2008-09 Season. This award is given by the CCAA League and recognizes achievement in academics as well as athletics. Congratulations, Matt and Christa!



Stevens wins Parks Team Player Award

The OHS Athletic Department is happy to announce that Kevin Stevens (*above, center*), a junior on the Boys' Varsity Basketball team was selected as the recipient of the 2008-09 "Michael Parks - Team Player Award." This award is given annually to a member of the Varsity Boys' Basketball team and is presented in memory of Michael Parks, a 1996 graduate of OHS and former varsity basketball team member. Family friend Chris Keenan (*right*) along with Michael's sister, Michelle Robinson (*left*), presented the award to Kevin on March 24th at the OHS Sport Booster Club Winter Season Banquet. Congratulations, Kevin!



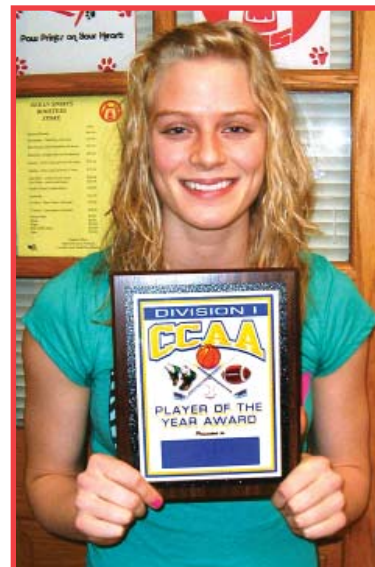
Boys' Varsity Basketball Team

The Boys' Varsity Basketball Team wrapped up an exciting 2008-09 season as: CCAA Division I Champions; Section VI Class B Champions; NYSPHSAA Far West Regional Finalist; League Record: 11-1; Overall Record: 20-5.



Girls' Varsity Basketball Team

The OHS Girls' Varsity Basketball finished a very successful 2008-09 season as: CCAA Division I Champions; Section VI Class B Champions; NYSPHSAA Far West Regional Champions; NYSPHSAA Final Four; League Record: 12-0; Overall Record: 22-4.



Bantelman league 'Player of Year'

Junior Rachel Bantelman has been recognized as the league "Player of the Year" for the 2008-09 girls' basketball season. She was selected for this outstanding award by the CCAA Division I league coaches. Rachel led the "Lady Huskies" to a third consecutive CCAA Division I title and a 12-0 league record.



Carney selected Athlete of Season

The OHS Athlete of The season Winter 2008-09 Award went to Ryan Carney of the Varsity Boys' Basketball Team.



Athletic Department News



‘G’ is for Guitar: Mrs. Stephens’ and Mrs. Carls’ kindergarten classes gathered to celebrate G week with their guest, Mr. White! He did a great job playing his guitar! The girls and boys were grateful and enjoyed the music, singing along to “The Red and Golden Rule”! Good job!

Boardmanville Elementary School



A Visit from David Ruch:

Mrs. Grandusky arranged for Mr. David Ruch to come to our school and perform for each grade level. Mr. Ruch entertained our students with many songs while teaching them about history. He also led them in singing songs and taught them about the wide variety of instruments that he used – he even let students play along with him. Thank you from all of us at Boardmanville to Mrs. Grandusky and to our PTO, who provided the funding for Mr. Ruch’s visit.



Challenge 24 Team: Boardmanville’s Challenge 24 Team competed at Saint Bonaventure University on March 21. Challenge 24 is a math competition in which the students are challenged to combine 4 numbers using the math operations of +, -, x, and division in order to make the 4 numbers equal 24. Round one is a timed round. In round two and three, students compete against one another to be the fastest to solve the problems. Top scorers compete in the final round to be the first to correctly find the missing number in three sets of cards, in order to make the cards equal 24. The students that were chosen to compete were Timothy Magro, Jonathon Magro, Luke Rogers, Madison Forrest, Noah Carlson. Madison took 1st place for the 5th graders from across the area and Noah took 4th place.



Making a Gift to the Earth: Students in Mrs. Dynda’s fifth grade class had decided in December that instead of exchanging gifts with each other, they would make a gift to the earth and make a difference by sending a donation to the World Wildlife Fund. WWF works to save animals from extinction because of habitat loss, poaching, pollution and climate change. For their donation, students were able to select an animal for a symbolic adoption. They selected the Bonobo, an endangered animal from the Congo Basin, and named him Bobo. The class received a plush version of the animal with an adoption certificate and information about the animal. Students now enjoy taking the animal home to spend a night with their family, writing a page in the Bonobo’s journal and taking a few pictures to be put in a book they are creating.



Challenge 24 Team: A team of East View students recently competed in the annual Challenge 24 Math competition sponsored by St. Bonaventure University. Although none of our students were medal winners, we gave a good showing and had a good time. The East View team included 4th graders: Corrie Proctor, Gabby Pfeiffer, Dylan Spencer, Dawson Tarbox and Natalie Young as well as 5th graders: Noah Bartholomew and Courtney Martin.

East View Elementary School



East View Jazz Band: The East View Elementary Jazz Band has been recently created as a way of rewarding students who excel in singing, instrument playing and creativity. Along with promoting the understanding of jazz as an original American art form.

Members of the jazz band are: Jackson Bright, Jarrod Wigent, Paige Padlo, Nathan Durham, Amber Dann, Shanice Bennett, Bridgid Taylor, Miranda Sakala, Charles Bennett, Nicholas Sanders, Taylor Euston, Payton Murphy, Daniel Fratarcangelo and Terrance Miller-Farwell.

Under the direction of Mr. William Hughey, the band is planning several community engagements later this spring.

PTO Family Movie Night: The East View PTO recently sponsored a Family Movie Night. Students and their families returned to school on a Friday evening and enjoyed watching "Horton Hears a Who" along with popcorn and drinks.



Celebrating Dr. Seuss's Birthday: East View held a week long celebration for Dr. Seuss's birthday which included a variety of activities. All the classrooms decorated the outside of their rooms with scenes from Dr. Seuss books, each day was a different theme day such as "Who Hairdo" day (*photo above*). Mayor David Carucci (*photo below*), along with other members of the community, read Dr. Seuss books to the students, and every student enjoyed a piece of Dr. Seuss's birthday cake. Thanks to Pre-K teacher Mrs. Jill Obenrader for coordinating the events and Mrs. Sue Grosso for scheduling a visit by the Cat in the Hat and acquiring the birthday cakes.





Jump Rope for Heart: We are proud of our students who participated in the Jump Rope For Heart fundraiser for the American Heart Association. They raised \$588.50. Way to go!



Our New Look: Thanks to the many people who dedicated their time and effort to paint the first floor hallways at IJN! Primed and painted, the hallways are more inviting to young and old alike! Please stop in and check on our progress! You'll be excited to see all the details. The IJN family would like to thank our local businesses for helping to make our transformation complete!

Ivers J. Norton Elementary School

100th Anniversary Celebration: As we continue to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of IJN, we look to you to help make our celebration complete. On May 20th we are honoring former IJN teachers and support staff members! We will pay tribute to Ivers J. Norton, enjoy a special song written just for this event, and relive fond memories that were created in this special place. We also will recognize the contributions that superintendents, boards of education, and parent teacher organizations make in an effort to support our students. Help up locate these honored guests by referring them to the Olean City School Districts website. Click on the IJN page and there you'll find a place to register your attendance at the event or call 716-375-8941 to register. Hope to see you there!



Easter Egg Hunt: Mrs. Kallenbach's and Ms. Benjamin's classes teamed up to have an Easter Egg hunt on April 3 (*see photos above and below*). Mrs. Kallenbach's class stuffed the eggs with treats and hid them in and around their classroom. When they were ready, they invited the Pre-Kindergarten up to see what the Easter Bunny had left for them. Adorned in their handmade Easter hats, students had a fantastic time finding eggs.



Irish Dancers Entertain: IJN was entertained by the Olean Area Irish Dancers during a Husky Pup Program March 25th. The performance was a wonderful example of March's character trait of cooperation. Lauren Kielar (*pictured in the green vest*, and a student in Mrs. Martin's kindergarten) told the audience that, "Cooperation means working together and we cooperate when we Irish dance." Kaitlyn Clark is also a student in Mrs. Kallenbach's class (*second row, far right*).





Leaving Paw Prints on our Hearts: At a pep rally for the evening Parents vs. Teachers basketball game, Mr. Anastasia received a very big surprise! Mr. Martin represented our WW family and presented Coach A with a “bigger than life” banner in recognition of his awesome achievement--New York State Coach of the Year 2008. Coach A was humbled and touched as he expressed his thanks and appreciation, “As long as I teach or enter the WW gym, it will be a constant reminder of the truly remarkable season we had. Thanks for making Friday, March 27, 2009, a day I’ll always remember!”

Raising Money Toward a Great Cause! On March 25, fourth- and fifth-grade students at Washington West Elementary School, as well as students from other participating Olean schools, had the opportunity to “Jump Rope for Heart” and raise money for a great cause. Students raised money over the course of a few weeks and then had the opportunity to participate in a two-hour event consisting of rope-jumping, dancing, socializing and healthy refreshments.

Miss Acierno and Mr. Anastasia, physical education teachers, proudly announced that WW students alone raised \$2,938! The top fund raisers were Sierra, who raised \$190; Tyler, who raised \$229.88; and Anthony, who contributed \$420 worth of donations! All proceeds benefit the American Heart Association.



No More Cavities ... We Hope! Mrs. Jakubczyk’s kindergarten students recently learned about dental health from Ms. Denise Renaud, a dental hygienist from Dr. Daugherty’s office.

Washington West Elementary School



Junkanoo USA: Recently new friends from the Bahamas traveled to Olean. Their mission was to connect Olean students and teachers with a global community and build perspective of the surrounding world with authentic visiting guests and technology. During their 5-day stay, they were very busy teaching students and teachers from St. Bonaventure University, IJN and WW about Junkanoo (see photos above, right and left). They provided culture, art, music and dance lessons. The culminating activity was Junkanoo USA, where students shared their hand-made costumes and danced while parading for family members at Butler Gym on the SBU campus. More photos and info appear on page 16.



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Junkanoo brings cultural awareness

Elementary students from IJN and Washington West schools participated in Junkanoo USA. Partnering with St. Bonaventure University's SIFE members, students were treated to a week of international awareness and cultural education. Principal Tanya Bowe and other representatives from Grand Bahama Island spent a week teaching our students about a celebration called Junkanoo. Special music, costumes, and dances are only a part of this celebration of John Canoe and freedom from slavery. A special parade, called a rush, is the grand activity that brings everyone together to celebrate. Our local students created their own costumes, learned traditional dance steps, and played horns and drums during our own version of Junkanoo. St. Bonaventure was the site of our grand rush! Junkanoo has been a traditional celebration in the Bahamas for many years.



Students from Washington West (above) and IJN (below) take part in Junkanoo activities.



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- Learning
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- Curriculum and Instruction
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