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## CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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*'Twas the season  
for giving*

'Twas the season for giving and all through the district students were showing their community spirit. Here are just a few ways Olean City School District students pitched in to help others over the holidays (*counterclockwise from top*):

IJN Elementary students collected boxes of coats during a holiday party and coat give-away. The event provided an opportunity for participants to both receive and give in the spirit of the holidays. Many coats and winter clothing items were given away to help our fellow community members stay warm this winter.

Fifth-graders at East View Elementary School, accompanied by various staff members, participated in the Salvation Army's kettle collection by ringing the bell for four hours on a Saturday at Tops in Olean.

Olean Middle School volunteers (l-r) Cortney Wilber and Keisha Givan handed out sweets at the Olean Community Thanksgiving Dinner.

Olean High School students (l-r) Heather Treaster, Amanda Pikulski and Ashley Ortiz offered tracings of handprints for \$1 before school and during the intermission of the Olean Theater Workshop's presentation of "A Christmas Carol." The girls raised \$336.75 for the Olean Food Pantry.

# Capital project rejected

**By Mark J. Ward,  
Superintendent**

Olean voters soundly rejected both Capital Project Propositions on December 18. The project was the culmination of over two years of work that involved public meetings, community involvement, development of a building condition survey of all district facilities, and the review of 13 different options involving the buildings and different configurations.

At the time of this writing, district officials have not had a chance to review the exit poll to determine the factors that led to the rejection of the project. From talking to a variety of voters, it is clear that there were a number of reasons that led to the defeat of the proposed capital project. Some of those reasons included, but are not limited to the following: recommended closing of IJN, the cost of the project (\$55

million), a new turf field at the Middle School vs. renovating Bradner Stadium, the number of students at each elementary school, and the financial state of affairs within the City of Olean.

Obviously, the voters have spoken, giving us the type of input needed so that we can develop a project that the community will support. We value the input and respect the voters for sending us a clear message.

The Board and administration remains committed to providing the best possible educational opportunities for children within the financial realities of our community. We will learn from this vote and develop a "revised plan" that is educationally sound, respects the wishes of our community, and is affordable. In the coming weeks, we will sort out the results and determine what the next steps will be.



**Ashley Mousaw gratefully accepts her homemade duct tape wallet from Billy Dombowski.**

## Student does the right thing and returns lost wallet

On her way to school and in a panic, Ashley Mousaw headed straight to the high school's main office once she discovered her homemade wallet was missing. Personal identification and over \$50 were in her wallet the last time she remembered having it. Mrs. Susan Moricca, office secretary, took a description, and told Ashley everyone would be on the lookout for her colorful duct tape wallet.

Shortly thereafter, OHS junior Billy Dombowski walked into Mrs. Moricca's office with a wallet fitting the description. "I found this in front of the 501 Café on West State Street," he calmly told Mrs. Moricca. "It had an OHS student's ID inside, so I thought I better give it to you."

Mrs. Moricca was surprised when she saw the wallet. And it wasn't just finding the wallet that made everyone proud of Billy; all of the wallet's contents were inside.

Ashley said, "I was really surprised when I got my wallet back with all of the money in it. It was a relief."

Billy said he knew what he had to do with the wallet because, "It's the right thing to do. When I told my parents what had happened, they were proud of me."

Mrs. Moricca thought so highly of Billy's actions that she nominated him for the "Student Spotlight of the Month" program.



## Business Department earns state award

Olean High School's Business Department was recognized as having one of the top Business Education programs in New York state. The award was given at the 2007 Business & Marketing Education Department of the Year ceremony held in Albany in October. Above are: (l-r) Sue Frentz, OHS business teacher; Christine Stavish, OHS Business Department chair and teacher; Jon Greenwalt, NYS Education Department Leader for Business & Marketing; and Barb Lias, OHS principal.





**OHS Model U.N. Club members pictured: (front, l-r) Nigel Knieser, Christa Nianatus, Emily Mulherin, Hannah Penman, Kaitlyn Andreano, Caitlym McNamee, Kristen Rose and (back, l-r) John Samuelson, Mike Witte, Carrie DiRisio, Sean O'Connell, Mark Gerwig, Nadia Babar, Hinna Malick, Lauren Perkins, Sarah McDowell, and Jason Mahar.**

## Model U.N. Club competes at Canisius

By Carrie DiRisio

The Olean High School Model United Nations recently competed in the Security Council Conference held at Canisius College.

The bus left at 6 a.m., full of 18 sleepy students, but when it arrived in Buffalo an hour and a half later, everyone was awake and discussing foreign policy. For the next five hours, student delegates would be tackling some major world issues, such as women's rights, and genocide in Africa. Some of the tasks the delegates were responsible for completing included: presenting their assigned country's views, writing and debating resolutions, as well as following the rules of order as established by the real United Nations.

Three Olean High School delegations were honored for outstanding performance in their representation of their assigned nations and were given Excellence In Committee Awards: Sean O'Connell, Christa Nianatus, and Kristen Rose (Algeria); Carrie DiRisio and Kaitlyn Andreano (Russia); and Mark Gerwig, John Samuelson, and Nigel Knieser (France).

The OHS Model U.N. Club will be attending two more conferences this year - March 11 at the University of Buffalo and April 3-4 at St. Bonaventure University.

## Bob Lanier speaks at P-R-I-D-E assembly

By Eileen Keenan-Skrobacz

Big Bob Lanier roused the Olean Middle and Senior High School students during his presentation about P-R-I-D-E! Lanier spoke to the students about some of his life experiences; including when he was told by the Bennett High School coach to, "Find something else to do, Lanier ... you'll never be a player."

There were people in Lanier's life, though, who had faith in him and encouraged him to continue to work on his basketball game. His high school biology teacher took over the Bennett High School basketball program and encouraged Bob to try out his junior year. And the rest, as they say, is history.

Lanier said, "I would never have been a success if I had succumbed to obstacles. I

knew I needed **PRIDE** to be successful."

"You have to have a **P**ositive mental attitude and believe in yourself," Lanier continued. "If you fill yourself with negative thoughts, then negative things will happen. However, if you have confidence, good things will happen."

"**R**espect is earned through deeds done!" Lanier told the audience. It took him two years of hard work, determination, and successful playing in the NBA against Wilt Chamberlain, his all-time hero, to earn Chamberlain's respect.

Two years later, Lanier made the NBA All Star Team and enjoyed the moment when Chamberlain said to him, "Welcome to the NBA!"

Lanier was accompanied by St. Bonaventure University men's and women's

basketball players Michael Lee, Tyler Relph, Evan Solta, and Priscilla Edwards.

Ms. Edwards told the students that they must make **I**ntelligent choices. "You know what the intelligent choices are: eat well before a game, stay on top of your studies, and remember, wherever you go, people are watching you!"

"**D**ream your dream," Lanier stated. "Be a difference maker!"

Michael Lee, senior basketball player, said, "Effort and enthusiasm will help in life. I chose SBU because it has one of the top business schools in the nation."

Lanier summed up the entire assembly when he quoted his Dad, "If you outwork the next guy, give more sweat, whether it is in the classroom or on the basketball court, you will be successful in life!"

## Welcome, exchange students!

Taking a brief vacation from home might seem like the perfect idea for high schoolers, but Leo Salomon and Alejandra Cardenas are on a year-long venture from their homelands. The two young women are in the OHS senior and junior classes, respectively. But this is not a vacation. Their course loads and schedules are full.

Leo has come to Olean from Berlin, Germany, and Alejandra is from Monclova, Mexico. Both girls are becoming well-acquainted with life in Olean. The John Bartimole family has welcomed Alejandra, while Philip and Mary Schena have opened their home to Leo. Coming to the United States was a wish of Leo's. She has a childhood friend, who had relocated to Canada. It has been a great opportunity for her to be able to visit with her friend. Leo is sponsored by the Olean Rotary Club. In January, she will move to the Cheek family. Jackie Cheek, also a senior at OHS, spent a semester abroad last year sponsored by the Olean Rotary Club.

The two high schoolers have made friends with the students at OHS. Leo has found the time to play on the OHS Girls' Volleyball team, work an internship at the Olean Times Herald and join the ski club. Alejandro is interested in the OHS dance team, practicing with the soccer team and ski club.

While both girls admit to missing their families, they believe living abroad is the opportunity of a lifetime. The students keep in contact with their family through e-mails and Sunday telephone calls.

On behalf of the entire student body,  
**WELCOME to OHS!**

### CONGRESS 2008

**Students: Purchase your yearbook in room 202B as soon as possible. Order now – no late fee!  
The cost is \$65.**



## Music News



**Harmony Explosion participants are (back, l-r) Shandel Spears, Byron Herbert, Kasey Boutwell, Justin Scott and (front, l-r) Samantha Armstrong, Karimah Rahman, Kristen Rose, Brady Gaynor and Sarah Stephan.**

### ***Group has a blast at Harmony Explosion***

Eleven OMS and OHS students participated in Harmony Explosion Camp last summer at Nazareth College in Rochester. The two days and nights were financed in large part by scholarships from local and district barbershop organizations. The students were treated to a wonderful experience with Barbershop and Beautyshop workshops and performances, along with swimming, pizza, great meals and lots of fun! They gained lots of valuable experience in a cappella singing. The two days and nights were financed in large part by scholarships from local and district barbershop organizations. Many thanks to Ted Norton, Youth Outreach Coordinator for the local Barbershoppers, who presented us with this opportunity.

### ***OHS junior accepted into All-State Choir***

Congratulations to OHS junior Christa Nianiatius, who received the high honor of being accepted as a member of this year's NYSSMA All-State Choir. This is the highest level of high school choir in New York state. Christa earned a perfect score on a grade six solo at the NYSSMA Solo Festival last year. That performance qualified her for the group of approximately 400 distinguished vocalists from across the state that performed at Eastman Theater in Rochester during the NYSSMA Winter Conference on Dec. 2. Christa is a member of OHS Select Choir, Bel Canto, and studies with Nancy Hefti. She is also a member of the choir and a cantor at St. Bonaventure Church in Allegany.



**Christa Nianiatius**



# Homeless Huskies event another success



OHS students Natalie Saleh, Alexa Blackmon and Megan Dwaileebe were all wrapped up in their home for the night during the Student Activities Council's "Homeless Huskies" fundraiser held on the front lawn of the school in November.

Why did over 130 students spend a chilly night in November in a box on the high school's front lawn? Students rallied to raise money for local charities and to experience what it is like to be homeless.

Sean O'Connell, co-president of the Student Activity Council (SAC), said, "It's a very hectic week getting everything organized. The benefit, however, is great!"

SAC Co-president Mark Gerwig concurred, saying, "This year we raised \$6,538. The total amount of money raised over the past 15 years by OHS students is over \$85,000. All of the money stays in Olean to help people in our community."

Seniors raising \$2,056 were: Joey Allen, Kelly Ash, Alexa Blackmon, Ryan Bohn, Cassie Bold, Alison Brady, Cory Bullers, Nicole Burgess, Katie Butinski, Jacqi Cheek, Carrie DiRisio, Mark Gerwig, Susie Goodwin, Meghan Guild, Tiehsa Hemphill, Kayt Himes, Megan Kane, Kathleen Lewicki, Rachel Lowry, Angela Luty, Teo McPeak, Anna Miller, Emily Mulherin, Sean O'Connell, Hannah Penman, Rob Prince, Kyle Schulze, Jaleesa Sledge, Emily Sorokes, Culley Steiner, Matt Strickler, Leonie Solomon, Ashleigh VanHoutte, Annmarie Ventura, Ethan Whipple, Jessica Williamson, Tiffany Young, Jeff Zambanini, and Nadia Babar.

Raised \$1,515 were juniors: Elizabeth Colarusso, John Capitani, Amanda Carlson, Angelica Carlson, Sean Chatmon, Megan Dwaileebe, McKenzie Forrest, Amanda Giermek, Liz Grigsby, Matt

Hopkins, Jocelyn Huselstein, Kristen Jedrosko, Matt Johnston, Bridget Lamb, Amy Lamont, Sarah Lehman, Kesha Major, Callahan McBride, Christa Nianiatius, Mark Powers, Nick Reed, Sam Reed, Chris Rhinehart, Lorenzo Rodriguez, Ariel Shoemaker, Jared Warren, and Aubree Worth.

Raising \$1,488 were sophomores: Shanae Abdo, Aaron Anastasia, Kaitlyn Andreano, Sam Armstrong, Kasey Boutwell, Scott Brady, Christina Devling, James DiBlasi, Amy Farris, Bethany Fling, Todd Hanson, James Hardenbergh, Kaitlin Harvey, Sam Hendrickson, David Kranock, Amanda Lasky, Michael Liu, Dan Massaro, Amanda Mattys, Reed McElfresh, Caitlyn McNamee, Tchianna McPeak, Chris Mosher, Sarah Nodler, Chris Pavlock, Louise Penman, Natalie Saleh, Nicole Sexton, Kyleigh VanHoutte, Amy Wetherby, Oriana Young, Tanner Kahm, and Angela Finch.

Raising \$1,376 were freshmen: Matt Allen, Kaitlyn Anastasia, Taylor Bold, Lauren Bowser, Logan Bowser, Krista Branch, Alyssa Brown, Sarah Colarusson, Alex Curtin, Kara Frisina, Brady Gaynor, Tyler Gunsolus, Emily Kayes, Marissa Levia, Natalie Malick, Corrie Malone, Ebony McClain, Olivia Mulherin, Brad Nenno, Madison Ozzella, Serah Paar, Lacee Pearl, Paul Pezzimenti, Amanda Piskulski, Kelsey Pleakis, Karimah Rahman, Summer Sawaya, Barbara Simon, Olivia Sorokes, Krysta Strickler, Victoria Swier, and Melanie Yanestko.



## Special guest visits OHS Economics class

Did you know that Bill Gates and Warren Buffett both started out as small business owners? Or that five of the top 10 wealthiest Americans made their fortunes in the computer industry? Students taking Economics at OHS learned this and more during a presentation by Laurie Branch, CEO of the Iroquois Group in Olean and an Olean School Board member. Ms. Branch (*shown at left surrounded by the class*) spoke to students about owning and operating a small business and many of the challenges small business owners face. The lively presentation required students to imagine how they would handle several real-life business situations, and then Ms. Branch told students how each situation was really resolved. Thank you, Ms. Branch, for your insightful presentation!

# OHS program leads the way in engineering

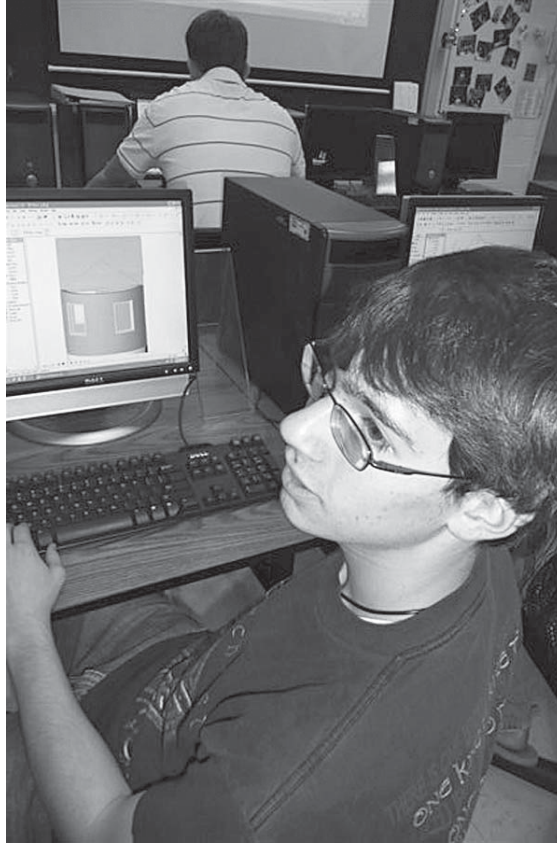
It's 6:50 a.m., and students are heading into the computer labs at OHS. While most students are still at home - some perhaps even asleep, eating breakfast, or getting ready for school - a dedicated group of freshmen, sophomores, and juniors who are in the Project Lead the Way (PLTW) program find themselves sitting at computers attempting to design tree houses, redesign coffee mugs, and sketching using computers. The students are participating in a college-credit bearing program through the NYS Department of Education, the Rochester Institute of Technology and Olean High School.

The program was brought to OHS through the efforts of Mrs. Barb Lias, OHS principal, and Matt Threehouse, OHS guidance counselor, who attended a presentation about PLTW. Both were immediately impressed with the opportunities which students would have if they could bring the program to OHS. Mrs. Lias contacted Portville Central School to see if they would be interested in being a part of the program. The interest at PCS enabled their students to join in the OHS classes. Currently, there are students from PCS enrolled in all three levels of PLTW.

During eighth grade, Olean Middle School students and their guidance counselors set up their high school schedules. One option available is to attend school early and be a part of Project Lead The Way, which is designed to give high school students a background in engineering, earn college credits, and be exposed to the numerous jobs available in the engineering field.

According to Barb Lias, "Project Lead The Way is an opportunity to provide the students with abstract thinking. The students are problemsolvers who become students who can look at a problem and find a solution outside the box." Working with New York state and Rochester Institute of Technology, Mrs. Lias has been able to have Olean Senior High School staff members offer the engineering program for the past three years.

During the summer, Fred Welch has attended classes at RIT which afford him the opportunity to teach the classes at OHS. This past summer, Les DeGollier, a newly hired OHS math teacher, also attended the



**OHS junior Cameron Lewis is a third-year Project Lead The Way student.**

program at RIT in order to teach the third level of PLTW.

"I have always had an interest in design, especially with buildings. When I was interviewed for the math position at OHS, I was asked if I would be interested in teaching the CEA course. I said yes thinking it would be a great fit," Mr. DeGollier said.

Junior, and third-year class member, Jeremy Spehar signed up for PLTW after receiving a letter in the mail during eighth grade explaining the program. "I plan on becoming a petroleum engineer, so this was a good way for me to explore engineering," he said. "I really like the computer work we are doing."

At the end of his first and second years in PLTW, Jeremy visited eighth-grade math classes and told the students about PLTW. Dominic Carappellatti listened to Jeremy and thought the program might be fun. "We actually get to draw on sketch pads and soon we'll transfer our drawings to the computer. I would tell my friends to give PLTW a try!" Dominic said.

In addition to being able to study what engineers actually do and apply-

ing the process to authentic designs, the students enrolled are also able to earn college credits. Students must maintain an 85% average throughout the year and pass the RIT course exam. Most of the students opt to take advantage of the college credits for many reasons.

According to junior Jared Warren, a student in the Architectural Engineering program, the third-year of PLTW, signing up for the program was a great opportunity for him. "I want to be an engineer. One goal of PLTW is for high school students to have the opportunity to explore different types of engineering. We've already done similar engineering processes that an electrical, mechanical, and architectural engineers would do. I like the hands-on activities and the access to the REVIT programs, which engineers use in the real world," Jared said.

Junior Cam Lewis, also a third-year PLTW student said, "The course is fun! I'm looking forward to being an engineer. I'd like to be a civil engineer who oversees the construction of public plants, roads, and more which carries quite a responsibility. I also enjoy the hands-on because the activities are worthwhile, and they have given me a broader representation of what engineers do. During a field trip with the PLTW class, we visited Napoleon Engineering Services in Olean. We were given the opportunity to see real-life examples of what we were working on in the classroom, and that made for a great learning experience."

During the first year, Introduction to Engineering, and second year, Design and Digital Electronics, of PLTW, students are taught by Mr. Fred Welch, district technology teacher. Students learn theory, simulate designs on the computer, and then apply the theory and design through actual electronic boards. "It's a wonderful opportunity for the students to use their mathematical abilities through PLTW," Mr. Welch stated. "During their freshman year, students take CAD with Mechanical Engineering. The students explore various engineering careers, complete the steps necessary for the engineering process, and then reverse the engineering process," he said.

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Above, junior Annie Skrobacz, a student in Mrs. Carol Shannon's Spanish Level 4 class, shows her "Day of the Dead" cake. The "Day of the Dead" is a huge holiday celebrated in Mexico and is a very important part of the Mexican culture. On Nov. 1, the dead children are honored, and the Mexican honor all of their deceased on Nov. 2. The philosophy of death in Mexico differs from death in the U.S. Mexicans do not fear death. The Level 4 and 5 classes bring in food and drink because that is an important aspect of the celebration which Mrs. Shannon wants her students to experience. In Mexico, the tradition is to include all of the things which the deceased liked, not just food and drink. Marigold petals and candles help show the way so the dead may return to celebrate with the family.

Mrs. Melanie Napoleon's French classes enjoyed wearing French-themed outfits during National French Week. At right, Mark Powers and Jared Warren donned their berets and scarves for the day.



## LANGUAGE SPOTLIGHT

At right are seniors (l-r) Marilynn LaBella, Nicole Burgess and Rachael Moscato, students in Mrs. Carol Shannon's Level 5 Spanish class, displaying their "My Life in a Bag" project.

After attending a conference a few years ago, Mrs. Shannon came across the "My Life in a Bag" project. She loved the project because she was able to find out so much about the students from their bags. The project also requires the students to speak completely in Spanish in front of their classmates and teacher. And, while the student is speaking, the peers are listening to Spanish presentations.

On the front of the bag, the students write 15 sentences and create a collage of themselves using pictures. On the back of the bag, the students write 15 more sentences with pictures that include their future dreams, how they will look, and what they will be doing at age 25. The left side of the bag contains 15 things the students like and the right side they write 15 things they dislike. And finally, they place five items in the bag which are meaningful to them.



## OHS staff celebrate 25-year Halloween tradition

OHS staff members (l-r) Jackie Falk, Amy Leskow, and Joseph Gervase enjoy the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween celebration. At the beginning of October, OHS teacher Mrs. Wanda Stebbins begins planning for the annual luncheon.

Some of the OHS students also pitch in and help make the day more festive. Table centerpieces and placemats are created by Mr. Thad Zyck's students. Those students also help to set up and clean up the luncheon, which is an opportunity for the students to participate in the work-study program. It's estimated that over 1,000 people have taken part in the OHS Halloween Luncheon since its inception.





## MARBLE STRUCTURE CHALLENGE



Seventh-grader, Andrew Liu, and eighth-grader, Alex Caya, are shown at left collaborating to build the winning marble structure in Ms. Dunbar's Pre-Algebra class. The class challenge was to build a structure on a piece of cardboard using only one index card and 18 inches of masking tape. The group whose marble took the longest amount of time to travel from the top left to the bottom right won the challenge. Andrew and Alex's marble took 8.53 seconds.

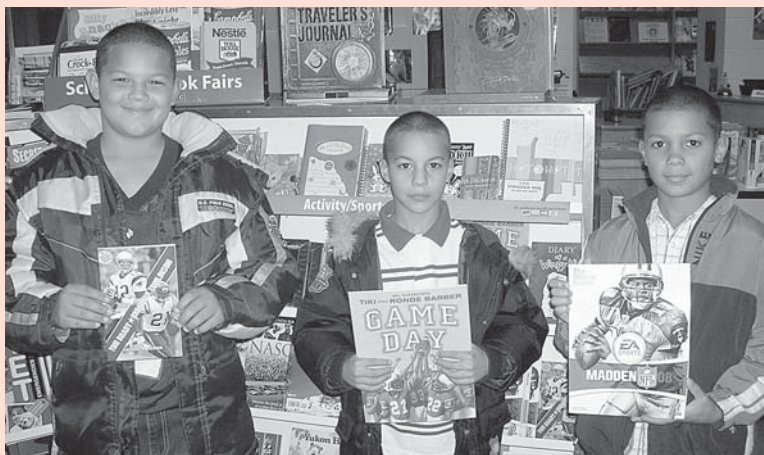


## SOLO FESTIVAL

Olean vocal music soloists will be performing at the Solo Festival on Feb. 2. Attending with Mr. Snyder will be Stavish, Victoria Sainz, Ashley Hutchison, Kayla Nicole Sova with Mrs. Eustis, and Abby Stavish. Also performing will be Steven Jackson, Jamal Klute, Lindsay Bu...

## GOLF, ANYONE?

Sixth-grade students in Mrs. Eustis' enrichment class worked together to construct a miniature golf course with an Olean Middle School theme.



## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Above, the Burney brothers check out books on sports at the OMS library Scholastic School Book Fair in November. All students had an opportunity to browse the fair during their language arts class and many returned to make purchases. The fair was also open during parent conferences and many parents took advantage of this opportunity to come in and shop. The profits are used to purchase more books and materials for the school library.



## PLANTING BULBS FOR

In celebration of the Red Ribbon Week, School Purple Team students planted vibrant red tulips. These plants are drug-free. The bulbs should bloom in April during Awareness Month. This activity was one of the activities planned for the Purple Team.



## and the 'Middle'



### VAL SINGERS

ing at the Cattaraugus All-County Solo Fes-  
l be Angela Travis, Heather Cline, Maddie  
ralyn Anastasia, Janelle Shaffer, Hailey Jones,  
sh, Alicia Broadbent, Brittany Higby, Steven  
shnell, Courtney Lentz, and Ashley Mulryan.



### R RED RIBBON WEEK

Week campaign, the Olean Middle  
d flower bulbs that will bloom  
will serve as a reminder to stay  
in April during National Alcohol  
s one of several community service  
m students this year.

## SOCIAL STUDIES PROJECTS

The students in Mr. Bushnell's sixth-grade social studies classroom are offered daily choices on what project they will work on for that particular day. Some of the choices include constructing and designing models and books, writing poetry, creating rap songs, examining artifacts, writing friendly letters, and creating advertisements. Taylor Ketchner is shown at right holding her model of how an Egyptian burial chamber may have looked.



## BLUE TEAM TOP HONORS

The Blue Team applauds its top two students for the first marking period. Soumitri Barua and Kevin Volz, shown at left, were each awarded a congratulatory certificate, a Great Rewards certificate, and movie coupons for their outstanding achievement. Great job, Soumitri and Kevin!



## MEXICAN TRADITIONS

On Nov. 2, Mrs. Jackson's Spanish 7 class celebrated the Mexican holiday, "The Day of the Dead" (El Día de los Muertos). The class made "esqueletes cantantes" (smiling skeleton puppets) and then had a fiesta during class with traditional sweets, nachos, churros, salsa, and many other delicacies. They then watched a video of an actual "Day of the Dead" celebration in Oaxaca, Mexico. A great time was had by all! Olé!

# Project Lead The Way

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Another important aspect of the engineering program is to encourage females to explore engineering opportunities. Third-year student Annie Skrobacz is taking part in PLTW because she wants to see if engineering is a career she might want to consider when applying to college. "PLTW is a worthwhile course. We're earning college credits as early as our freshman year in high school. It is a little difficult to be the first students to go through the program, but we're certainly learning quite a bit about wires, resistors, creating patterns, and using computer programs which engineers use on a daily basis. It's actually a great opportunity for all of us," she said.

Freshman Katie Powers' dad saw the information about the program at home. Mr. Powers, who is an engineer at Dresser-Rand, encouraged Katie to take advantage of the program. "My dad really wanted me to give it a try," she said.

Adrian Ziaggi, a freshman from PCS, also heard Jeremy Spehar's presentation. "I am in the class because I don't know what I want to be when I grow up so this was a career to explore," she said. "I really like the three-dimensional sketching we're doing."

For Cam, taking a PLTW class before the actual first period classes has enabled him to add supplementary classes to his schedule. "Now I can fit health into my schedule," he said.

First-year PLTW freshman Brad Nenno really enjoyed the initial project assigned to his class. "We had to design a coffee cup with modifications using free form," Brad said.

Fellow classmates Paul Pezzimenti and Katie Powers designed a coffee cup which changed colors, had an automatic heater, played music, and would hover above the table when it was set down.

Anthony Vinscavage, who wants to be an aerospace engineer, is happy to be a part of PLTW. "This is my goal, to be an engineer. I enjoy sketching, drawing objects on the projection paper, and then seeing my final results. Initially, a sketch can look horrible until you see your final project and then you say to yourself, 'WOW! I did that!'" he concluded.



## Wear your Husky pride!

ITEM	COST	QUANTITY
Stadium Blanket	\$40	<input type="text"/>
Sweatshirts – Red/Grey (all sizes)	\$25	<input type="text"/>
Red Hooded Zip Sweatshirt (all sizes)	\$27	<input type="text"/>
Red/Grey Hooded Pullover Sweatshirts	\$27	<input type="text"/>
Jackets – Red Long zip/hood (all sizes)	\$35	<input type="text"/>
Jackets – Youth Size (just a few sizes)	\$35	<input type="text"/>
Golf Shirt – white/red (all sizes)	\$20	<input type="text"/>
Golf Shirt – red & gold heavy	\$25	<input type="text"/>
Husky Watch (Ladies/Men)	\$20	<input type="text"/>
Umbrella	\$15	<input type="text"/>
T-Shirts - Short Sleeve (all sizes)	\$12	<input type="text"/>
T-Shirts - Long Sleeve (all sizes)	\$18	<input type="text"/>
Mouse Pads	\$ 5	<input type="text"/>
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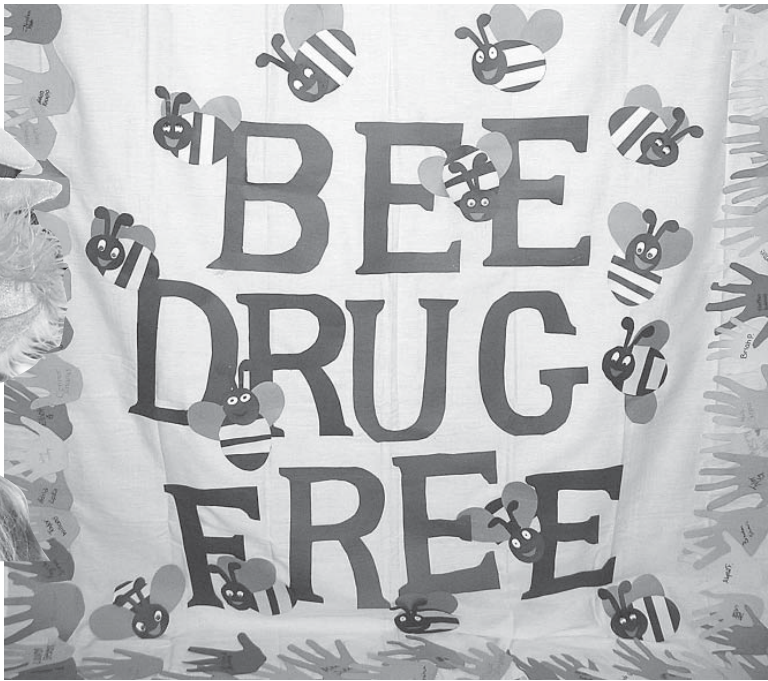
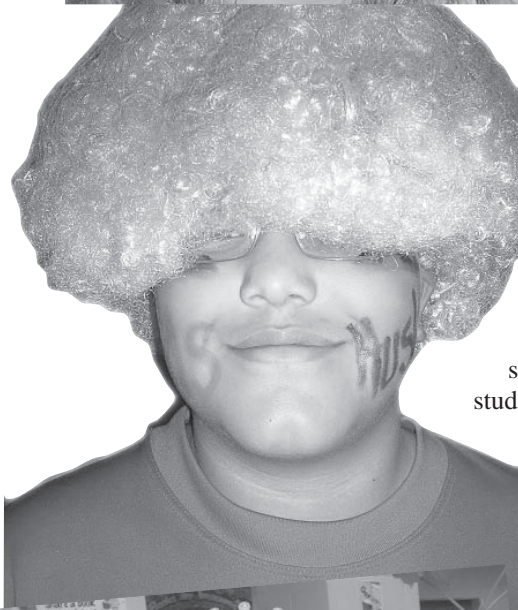
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### RETURN FORM TO:

Ms. Joyce Nudd, Olean City High School  
410 West Sullivan Street Olean, NY 14760





In October, Olean Middle School celebrated another successful Red Ribbon Week. To kick-off the week, students signed drug-free pledges which were hung in team hallways as part of the decorating competition. Other competitions included daily trivia questions, numerous theme/spirit days, and athletic events at the school assembly. Teams competed in a bean bag relay, wheelbarrow race, scooter race, and a tug of war. On the last day of Red Ribbon Week, students and faculty wore red ribbons dedicated to Enrique "Kiki" Camarena who worked for the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. In 1985, the 37 year-old was abducted, tortured and a month later was found dead in a shallow grave. The red ribbons honored his work and a life given to "make a difference."

Mr. Shoup, Red Ribbon Week coordinator, stated, "The most important goal for this week was to show kids that we can have fun without doing drugs. We believe we accomplished our goals."



# ONS Red Ribbon Week





**One, Two, Three:** Shown above counting out pennies to compare with dimes, nickels, and quarters are some second-graders in Mrs. Budzinski's class. The students are learning about working with money in math for the month of December.



**A Colonial Visitor:** The third-graders at Boardmanville had an unexpected visitor. While reading "William's House," a story about Colonial America, William's wife showed up in period clothing and answered questions from the children. The children were very interested to see a person dressed in such a way and amazed at the differences between then and now.

## Boardmanville Elementary School



**Stepping Up to Writing:** Mrs. Bushnell's second grade is using Step Up to Writing to write "How to Reports." They each made their own candy Christmas tree and wrote a detail report on all of the steps to make the tree. They then read the reports to kindergarten to teach them how to make their own treats. Their favorite step was the last; eat your tree.

**The Revolution Has Begun:** Students in Mr. Mankowski's and Mr. Folland's physical education classes have been improving their dancing skills and fitness levels through *Dance Dance Revolution*, an interactive video game in which students must step on a dance pad in coordination with the on-screen arrows.



**A Thanksgiving Feast:** The kindergarten classes at Boardmanville celebrated their Annual Thanksgiving Feast on Nov. 15. Many thanks to families who contributed supplies. Many parents and grandparents came in to help with activities. We made necklaces, placemats, and butter. The children had a great time and enjoyed their meal, and there were NO leftovers!



**Friday Morning Celebrations:** Pictured above are Boardmanville's Students-of-the-Month for November. These fourth and fifth graders demonstrated positive character traits and work habits in their classrooms to earn this honor.





**Performing at ALCAS:** Mrs. Rogozinski's first-grade class and Mrs. Bowser's second-grade class performed recently at the ALCAS Corporation (*left*). The students sang several holiday songs for a retiree luncheon. This yearly performance is just one of the activities that are part of the School/Business Partnership between East View and ALCAS. Other partnership activities include: East View gymnasium available one evening per week for use by ALCAS employees, fifth-graders touring the CUTCO factory and Vector offices, ALCAS employees serving as tutors, ALCAS sponsoring monthly Character Education luncheons, and ALCAS sponsoring the third-grade incentive trip to Midway Park.



**Community Service:** The fifth-grade chorus traveled to Allegany to perform holiday songs at The Waters nursing home.



**Kindergarten / 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teamwork:** Mrs. Marsfelder's and Mrs. Deibler's kindergarten classes are teaming up with Mrs. DiCerbo's and Mr. Charles' 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes for a variety of activities. Their first project was a Thanksgiving Feast in which the classes worked together to make a holiday dinner for themselves and their families. The students worked one day preparing the food, which included peeling potatoes and making muffins and then the next day, they enjoyed the meal with their families.

# East View Elementary School



**Learning About Playing the Guitar:** The second-graders in Mrs. Schreiber's (with sub, Mrs. Churakos) and Mrs. Rodman's classes were intrigued by their very own principal and his musical talents. After reading the story, "The Bremen Town Musicians," Mr. Olson came into the classroom (*at left*) with his guitar and gave the children a guitar lesson. The children learned how the vibrations from picking and strumming the strings on the guitar causes the sounds we hear – music. They also learned that playing a few notes at the same time creates a chord and that you can play several chords to make a song. Singing along with Mr. Olson to some Glenn Colton songs was also a hit. At the end of class, each child received a guitar pick to add to his/her treasure box (*above*).







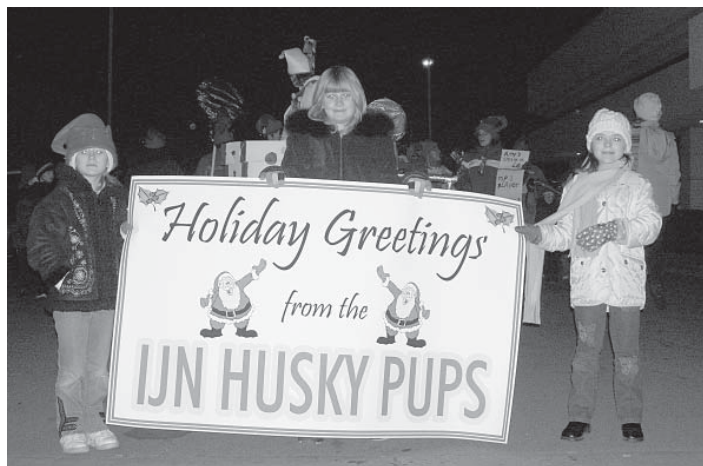
**Holiday Party & Coat Give-Away:** On Dec. 7, IJN Elementary School hosted a holiday party and coat give-away. The party included a visit and pictures with Santa, elves, refreshments, face painting, and a clown making balloon animals. The event provided an opportunity for participants to both receive and to give. Many coats and winter clothing items were given away to help community members stay warm this winter. Many thanks to the Sherburne and the Prizel families for all their hard work. Thanks also to the numerous community businesses and individuals that made monetary donations. Teachers, teacher aides, building maintainers, parents and children all volunteered their time and efforts to help others in need while also having FUN!



## Ivers J. Norton Elementary School



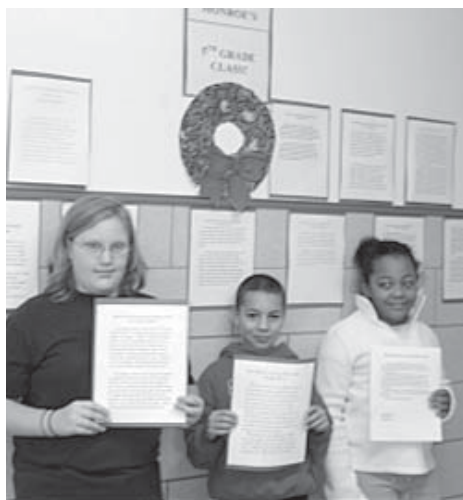
**Santa Claus Lane Parade:** IJN Elementary School won the prize and trophy for their participation in the annual Olean Santa Claus Lane parade. To prepare for the parade, there was a work session held two Saturday's before the event. The participants work hard to prepare. Everyone kept high spirits in spite of the cold. It was a great opportunity and experience. Great Job IJN!







**New Traditions to Be Thankful For:** Kindergarten and fourth-grade students at East View and Washington West celebrated the Thanksgiving holiday with a fabulous feast. A polycom reading of a Thanksgiving poem was also shared between the students of the two schools. A sincere thank you to families who graciously donated food items and time to help make our Thanksgiving feast memorable!



**Congratulations!** Recently Mrs. Monroe's and Mrs. Ullman's fifth-grade students participated in an essay contest entitled "What My Home and Family Mean To Me." Winners were Jamel Burney, Sydney French, and Tayona Peterson. The winners and their family members were invited to a buffet luncheon at the Olean Aerie and Auxiliary #616 Fraternal Order of Eagles.

## Washington West Elementary School



**What's the Temp, Second-Graders?** Mrs. Brooks' second-graders are working hard in science learning how to use a thermometer. Mrs. Brooks was very pleased as her students accurately used real thermometers to measure water at different temperatures and used the data to create a graph for analyzing the results. The students' favorite part of their science experiment was making their own model thermometers.

**Welcoming the Winter Holiday Season:** Mrs. Charles' and Mrs. Hamed's fourth-graders and Mrs. Jakubczyk's kindergarten students were busy welcoming in the holiday season as they decorated gingerbread houses. Thank you to all of the families who donated supplies and time!

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### ***Making Thanksgiving brighter for patients***

The third-graders at Boardmanville Elementary School have continued on a Thanksgiving tradition. Every year, they make napkin holders to take to Olean General Hospital for the patients' Thanksgiving breakfast trays. The third-graders are happy they can make a difference in the patients' days.



### **OLEAN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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