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## CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## At OHS, it's business NOT as usual

The Business Education Department is providing many real-world experiences with their students of various grades. As many experiences as possible are being provided to our business students from various classes. An awareness of careers, occupations, college futures, and employability skills are being stressed as several students are gaining skills to assist them in their world now and in the future.

Students were given the opportunity to learn about a paralegal career from Melanie Zandi, Instructor at Olean Business Institute. The Careers and Financial Management Class had the opportunity to discuss several legal careers and see if this is a career that they should pursue.

Men's Wearhouse from Buffalo, New York presented to all the business classes and the entrepreneurship class to reiterate the important skills needed to interview. During this presentation, students had a contest to see who could actually tie their tie the quickest and the best. Men's Wearhouse was very generous and allowed the winners to keep their "classy and up-to-date" tie.

Twenty-five students were also given the opportunity to attend Jamestown Business College in Jamestown, New York. The students participated in several different classes and events to learn more about the college or a possible career that they have decided upon. We learned that JBC awards a scholarship to a junior that is interested in attending their school to major in the business curriculum. This is definitely a topic more juniors need to learn about.

In addition, some of our students attended Jamestown Community College in Olean to attend the "Career Horizons – 2010".



Students are pictured at Jamestown Community College (above) and Jamestown Business College (right).



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## Message from the Superintendent

# 2010: A Year to Be Thankful

By Dr. Colleen Taggerty,  
Superintendent

As we enter 2011, I ask that we take a moment to reflect on all of the good within our community. Our young people do incredible work for members of our local community and victims of natural disasters and/or Third World Countries. Through the Student Activity Council, Interact Club, Athletics and the Arts, they have become involved with Gus Macker, Taste of Olean, Community Thanksgiving, Homeless Huskies, Souperbowl of Caring, clothing drive for Honduras and many other fundraising events. As the Superintendent of the Olean City School District, I could not be more proud of each and every one of them. My sincere appreciation and gratitude is extended to the youth of our community.

I am also very grateful for the support that has been given to our District from the community and staff. Without active Parent Teacher Organizations, committed staff members, the Music and Sports Boosters, the Olean City School District Foundation, and parents/guardians who are involved with their child's educational growth, our children would have fewer opportunities extended to them. It truly does "take a whole village (or in our case a whole City) to raise a child" and you are there for them. Thank you!

### EMERGENCY/WEATHER DAYS

As the winter months begin to engulf us I have received inquiries regarding school closing criteria. It is important to note that the health and safety of the students are our main focus

when determining the need to use such days.

The decision to close or delay school is not a decision that I make in isolation. I look to a variety of sources/resources such as; County and City official, the local weather forecast, our neighboring Superintendents, and our Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds. As deliberations take place, we examine the severity of the conditions along with the need for parents to provide appropriate supervision for our younger population of students.

There are three options to consider when weather emergencies arise. We can close for the entire day, delay the start or call for an early dismissal. A delay or an early closing would not count against our required days of attendance but might prove to be a hardship for parents with respect to providing supervision for their younger children. Closing for a full day would count against the 180 student day requirement but may be better for parents who have younger children who are not able to be at home unsupervised.

All school districts in New York State are required to have students in session 180 days. If closings cause us to fall below the 180 days, vacation schedules would have to be altered so that we could ensure the regulated days that students must be in attendance. While this is a secondary consideration, it still must be factored into the decision.

While the closing of school for weather may always be a debatable topic, I hope that this information helps in your understanding of the thought that goes into making such a decision.

## Business NOT as usual, *continued from page 1*

This event also provided the students a chance to meet with specialists from various occupations, ask questions and gain insight into multiple career interests and opportunities. This day provided our students with information on the Basic Skills for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, the opportunity to discuss fields with many career representatives, and students were even supplied information regarding being their own boss.

Coming soon to the business department will be a very special guest speaker, Adam Frantazzo, Owner of Revolution Hydroponics. Not only will students be learning about high-quality



Josh Peters and Hunter White Eagle competing to tie a tie.

nutrients, lighting systems, and organic gardening. They will learn the positives about starting their own business, the risks

involved, and how we learn from failure and move forward in our lives after a failure.

On Wednesday, February 5, 2011, our DECA students will be competing in a Regional Competition with the following districts: Salamanca, Wellsville, Southwestern, Whitesville, and Cattaraugus-Little Valley. Please wish our Olean DECA students good luck in this challenging endeavor.

The start of this year has been such a learning experience for the entire business education department. We continue to encourage real-life experiences, dealing with changes in the workforce, and once again the importance of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills.

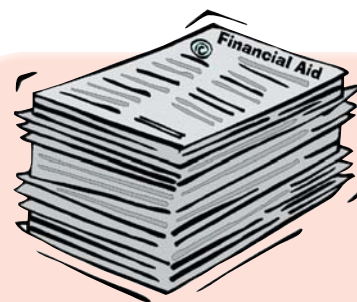




## Homeless Huskies carry on giving tradition



On November 5, 2010, Olean High School held its annual Homeless Huskies event. This is an event where students sleep outside in boxes from 10 p.m.-6 a.m. in order to raise awareness and money for the homeless. One hundred and thirty students participated and raised \$9,368. The money was divided between the Genesis House and the Warming House.



## GUIDANCE OFFICE NEWS

### 2011 Financial Aid Night

Reminder to juniors and seniors and their parents regarding OHS's Financial Aid and Scholarship Night scheduled for Wednesday, January 5, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Olean High School cafeteria. Wendy Fleming, a Financial Aid administrator from St. Bonaventure University will be our speaker for the evening. A list of local scholarships will also be made available to current seniors.

Students and parents can prepare for the evening ahead of time by obtaining their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) pin numbers at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov). Current seniors and a parent should both obtain separate pin numbers for future use with financial aid paperwork.

### Attention Parents/ Guardians of Graduating Seniors:

Cap and gown measurements will be taken on Monday, February 7, 2011 from 8:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Seniors are asked to report to the medical office during a free period. A fee of \$19.00 must be paid at the time measurements are taken. All seniors who meet graduation requirement and wish to participate in the graduation ceremony must purchase a cap and gown. If you have any questions or concerns, please see Mrs. Lias or Mrs. Clawson.

Graduation is scheduled for Saturday, June 25, 2011 at 11 a.m. in the Olean High School auditorium.



# High School MUSIC NOTES



## Area All-State Vocalists

Several vocalists were accepted into the Area All-State Choir by a solo audition process. Their hard work and dedication paid off as they presented a concert at Fredonia in November to a large and appreciative audience. Way to go, Husky Harmony!

Pictured in the photo at right are: (l-r) Nigel Knieser, Riley Branch, Karimah Rahman, Jamal Klute, Amber Kolodziejski and Ashley Mulryan.



## Students tune up with Seneca Barbershoppers

Barbershop style singing is a great way to build vocal skills, make friends, and just plain have fun! Nine OHS Vocalists participated in a day-long workshop sponsored by the Seneca Junction Barbershoppers, which culminated in an exciting concert held at Salamanca High School. Music builds bridges that can last a lifetime.

Shown in the photo at left are: (back, l-r) Joshua Peters, Steven Jackson, Brayden Hawkins, Carolann Thayer and (front, l-r) Taylor Bright, Gabby Giardini, Courtney Bailey, Sarah Knieser, and Leslie Saleh.



## Foundation helps students climb to new heights

By Ryan Nawrot

A rock climbing wall, funded by a grant from the Olean Foundation, has been installed in the high school and is helping students take on their fears while promoting an array of positive characteristics. The wall comes complete with fire cracker ladder, harness, and other essential, rock climbing equipment.

Rock climbing addresses four out of five components of physical fitness: muscular endurance, body composition, and flexibility, and is therefore a great addition to the list of fun and challenging activities supplied by the Physical Education Department.

Students learn safety and communication skills in order to complete unusual and challenging tasks in the high school gymnasium. The rock climbing unit is a cooperative game exercise where students must work together within a specific framework established by the instructor to achieve a particular goal.





## OHS Ceramics students showcase pinch pots

### ADS for GRADS



Senior Parents, Guardians, Siblings, Friends, etc.....

PLACE AN "AD FOR GRAD" TODAY!

All ads must be submitted by February 4 2011.



Susan,

Congratulations on this important step toward your future! You are a very amazing person who is loved very much.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Mike, Josh and Elizabeth

Sample 1/8 Page

AD SIZE	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
1/8 Page	\$ 40.00		
1/4 Page	\$ 75.00		
1/2 Page	\$140.00		

Complete the information below and return this form along with a picture and typed message to your senior to be included in the "AD FOR GRAD" section of the Congress 2011 yearbook to:

Mrs. Frentz  
410 W. Sullivan Street  
Olean, NY 14760

Feel free to send your picture and message via e-mail: [sfrentz@olean.wnyric.org](mailto:sfrentz@olean.wnyric.org)  
(Picture must be sent as a .jpg)

**Make checks payable to OHS Yearbook**

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

(Pictures will be returned at the end of the school year.)

Pictured above and below are various high school students working on glazing Pinch Pot project during Ceramics class. Students created preliminary drawings of vessels shapes, and then used the pinch pot method to create 3-D translations of their drawings. Pots were fired and three coats of underglaze applied, refired, and are on display in the showcase in the High School foyer.







## Clowning around at the OMS Library Book Fair

Chantel Singleton (left) trying her luck at Spin and Win. Jarrod Wigent and Alexis Jonak (right) having fun advertising the fair.



The OMS Library held its annual school book fair in November. Keeping with this year's theme, *Here's to our Heroes: Reading Saves the Day*, several eager students volunteered to advertise the fair on morning announcements using the *Batman* theme music. Students had the opportunity to visit the fair during one of their classes. Along with purchasing books, there were numerous opportunities to win merchandise from the fair. Some lucky students found a ribbon on their locker in the morning which entitled them to play *Spin and Win* when they arrived at the fair. New this year was the *Unmask the Hero* contest where students had to attempt to identify OMS staff members who were hiding behind masks. There were also the perennially popular *Guess How Many* and *I Wish I Could Win* contests. The fair was successful in that it allowed the library to purchase many new materials with the profits while also creating excitement about books and reading for the students.

## Olean Middle School: 'Destination Excellence!'

Where did the middle school staff come up with their motto for the 2010-2011 school year? At the Olean City School District's opening day, local community member Sean Obergfell was a guest speaker who challenged the entire district to dedicate themselves and their journey of working with children to excellence. Mr. Obergfell spoke about the importance of everyone giving his or her best to the students, staff, and each other every day.

OMS staff members approached Principal Jerry Trietley, and asked if they could run with the slogan from Mr. Obergfell's speech. He immediately gave the staff the go-ahead. T-shirts, sweatshirts, and hoodies were designed by Studio4East and sold at cost to those who were interested at OMS.

As you walk down the halls at OMS, on any given day, you will see the "OMS: Destination Excellence" apparel everywhere. Students and staff alike wore their new clothing to the Great Rewards' Assembly in November, and Mr. Trietley introduced and surprised Mr. Obergfell with an "OMS Destination Excellence" T-shirt.







## Kids2College program plants the seed for OMS students

The Olean Middle School sixth grade students participated in an exciting new program that examined the importance of a post-secondary education. This program was partnered with Alfred University and funded by the Sallie Mae Foundation.

The lessons were taught in the sixth grade social studies classes, lead by Mr. Bauer and Mrs. Bean. Students participated in activities dealing with different educational opportunities, the time needed to earn various degrees, possible career choices, and funding for education. The students attended a career day which included 12 presenters from our community. Each presenter spoke of his/her educational journey, his/her daily work routine, and answered students' questions about his/her career.

The Kids2College program culminated with an all day field trip to Alfred University, where students toured the campus and participated in numerous hands-on activities. The students really enjoyed this experience.

Mr. Bauer and Mrs. Bean would like to thank the Alfred University staff for giving the sixth grade students such a wonderful experience and making this a huge success for our children. According to the final program survey, all students are planning on attending a post secondary institution.







## RAISING MONEY FOR OLEAN FOOD PANTRY

Purple team students in Mrs. Camp's and Mr. Korzeniewski's Academic Labs together raised over \$77 by contributing their spare change for the Olean Food Pantry. Our students raised this money in a two week period in November and were rewarded with a pizza party by their teachers. Pictured above are: (back, l-r) Mr. Korzeniewski, Nick Provorse, Justus Lippert, Jaqueveus Ulmer, Katherine Williams, Presttyn Jordan, Alex Cavana, Tristen Abdo, Mrs. Camp and (front, l-r) Alissa Roberts, Tayona Peterson, Patti Billyard, Amanda Sherlock, and Derek Heath.

## STUDENT WINS EAGLE'S CLUB ESSAY CONTEST

Red Team student Gabrielle Carpenter was selected the winner out of many entries in the annual "What My Home and Family Means to Me" essay contest sponsored by Eagles' Club of Olean. Gabrielle will be honored with an award at an upcoming luncheon provided at the Eagles' Club of Olean. Way to go! You make us proud!

## EXPERIMENTING WITH DRY ICE

Ally Rakus and Shar-day Vaughn, 8<sup>th</sup> grade Gray Team students, complete a sublimation of dry ice (solid carbon dioxide) lab. This is a phase change from solid to gas which skips the liquid phase. The 8th grade class would like to thank Abbott Welding for donating the dry ice to the school for this lab.



## THE ARMY VISITS

Eighth-grade Gray Team members, Corby McLaughlin, flank Sgt. Duncan, a local US Army soldier. Sgt. Duncan, whose wife Lisa works in the school, visited the Gray Team students about the US Army and college decisions. Mrs. Amy Bay, Gray Team teacher, made the arrangements for the guest speaker. Corby, McLaughlin, and Todd Childs, OMS Gray Team member, smiles as they listen to Sgt. Duncan.







## OMS

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## PURPLE TEAM RINGS SALVATION ARMY BELLS

In a tradition going back about 18 years, students from the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Purple Team once again volunteered their time to help the Salvation Army with this year's Red Kettle Drive. Shown in the photo at right are: (front, l) Aaliyah Robinson, Ashley Putt, David Whitehorn, Lauren Puller and (back, l-r) Chucky Martin, Destiney Portlow, Mrs. Wenke and Keefer Williams.



## THANKFUL SIXTH GRADERS

The holiday season is a time for everyone to reflect upon the many blessings they have received. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade students in Family and Consumer Science classes decided to show gratitude for their blessings by giving to others. The students baked over 125 loaves of pumpkin bread which were served at the Community Thanksgiving Dinner held on November 20, 2010. About 500 meals were served to residents in the Olean area. The students also made greeting cards that were distributed to the guests in attendance.

In December, the students also baked cookies which were distributed to families in the area through the Olean Food Pantry. The ingredients for the cookies were graciously donated by the students and their families.

Both activities proved to be meaningful and fun for all 6<sup>th</sup> grade students in Family and Consumer Science classes.

## PERFECT AND DISTINGUISHED ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Congratulations to this quarter's attendance winners! Shown in the photo at right are: (l-r) Christian Bennett (Distinguished Attendance Award, \$25), Principal Gerald Trietley, and Joshua Rivera (Perfect Attendance Award, \$50).



## SANTA CLAUS LANE ESSAY WINNERS

Two eighth grade Gray Team students were declared the co-winners in the Olean Chamber of Commerce Santa Claus Lane writing contest. Adam Stark and Jared McLaughlin, both students in Mrs. Skrobacz's third period English class, wrote about the contributions they make to our community during the holidays. They are pictured above with Olean Mayor Linda Witte. Both young men work with their families to help others have a happier holiday.







## Athletic Department News



### Athletes of the Season

Congratulations to Samantha Huselstein and Summer Sawaya of the Girls' Swimming & Diving Team who were named OHS Athletes of the Season for Fall 2010.



### Huselstein is Division I Scholar-Athlete of Season; Bold is OHS Scholar-Athlete

The Olean High School Athletic Department proudly announces that senior Samantha Huselstein, a member of our girls swimming & diving team, was named the **CCAA Division I Female Scholar-Athlete of the Season** for the 2010 fall season. The CCAA Division I member athletic directors selected Samantha as the recipient of this award for demonstrating outstanding achievement in academics as well as athletics.

Senior soccer player, Taylor Bold, also received recognition for being selected as the OHS Male Scholar-Athlete nominee for the 2010 fall season. Congratulations Sam and Taylor!



### Fall 2010 All-Sportsmanship Team Selected

OHS Fall Sportsmanship Awards went to: (left photo, l-r) Cheerleading – Marisa Burrows; Girls' Swimming – Abby Kahm; Boys' X-Country – Nathan Hawkins; V. Football – Tyler Plaud; and Girls' X-Country – Kayleen Rybicki. Also receiving awards were: (right photo, l-r) V. Girls, Soccer – Krysta Strickler; JV Boys, Soccer – Pat Brown; JV Girls' Soccer – Fylicia Barr; V. Boys' Soccer – Desmond White; Girls' Tennis – Jocelyn Eade; JV Volleyball – Zoe Mahler; V. Volleyball – Barb Simon and AD's Choice (Socceer) – Emily Kayes. Missing From Photo: JV Football – Sean McClain. Congratulations and thank you for being a good sport!



# Information from OCSD nurses on head lice

The OCSD nurses work diligently year round to help control outbreaks of head lice in our schools. Thousands of students have their heads checked annually by our nurses! The district protocol includes sending a student home when found with live lice. The student needs to be treated at home and checked again by the nurse when returning to school.

Some myths about head lice:

- Head lice shampoos kill all lice eggs. **Actually, no pediculicide can kill all eggs.** All eggs must be manually removed. It is essential to check daily for overlooked eggs for up to 14 days and to remove any eggs found.
- Reinfestation is caused by lice living on furniture, clothing and bed linens. **Actually, lice rarely survive off the human head for more than two days.** The most common cause of reinfestation is failure to remove all eggs.
- Head lice are a sign of poor hygiene or unsanitary living conditions. **Actually, anyone can get head lice, regardless of living conditions.**
- If done properly, one treatment with a lice killing shampoo is enough. **Actually, most products require a second treatment in 7-10 days to kill the newly hatched eggs.** Be sure to follow the directions on the package.
- Lice fly. **Actually, lice cannot fly or jump.** They crawl rapidly in the head and are often hard to find.

## HEAD LICE CHECKLIST

1.	Examine each family member's head.	
2.	Treat all members of the family that are infested.	
3.	Soak combs and brushes in hot water (150° F) for 10 minutes.	
4.	Comb hair of each person carefully with a fine tooth comb or use tweezers or fingernails to get rid of all nits.	
5.	Wash and dry all bedding at hot settings (prior to being used after person is treated). Put pillows and non-washable bedding in dryer for 30 minutes.	
6.	Vacuum all mattresses, especially around any buttons.	
7.	Make all beds with clean bedding.	
8.	Carefully vacuum all upholstered furniture, throw pillows and seats in the car.	
9.	Carefully vacuum all carpets.	
10.	Wash all jackets, sweaters, hats and other clothes that have come in contact with infested persons.	
11.	Take non-washable clothes and stuffed animals to the cleaners or use alternative treatments: Hot dryer – 30 minutes Seal in plastic bag – 14 days	
12.	Encourage your child to keep his/her coat and hat in backpack, and not to share combs, hats, etc.	

**When child returns to school, your child MUST be checked in the nurse's office PRIOR TO RETURNING TO CLASS.**

Children in close contact with each other are more likely to transmit head lice.

If your child is sent home with head lice, don't panic. But be prepared to spend

time removing eggs from your child's head for about two weeks. The above checklist may be helpful to you as you care for your child. You might want to cut this out to use for future reference.

## District Child Find Notification

The Olean City School District Child Find policy requires that all children below twenty-one (21) years of age residing within the district, who have a disability, regardless of the severity of their disability, and who are in need of special education and related services are identified, located and evaluated in accordance with all federal regulations and state standards.

Children might have deficits in behavior, communication, cognitive abilities, physical development, sensory development, hearing, and social-emotional abilities. If you suspect that your child might have a disability, please contact Kelly Andreano, CPSE Chairperson, at 375-8989 if your child is pre-school age (3-4) or contact Jon Hamed, CSE Chairperson, at 375-8984 if your child school age (5-21).

## Elementary Restructuring Committee Wiki Link

Olean City School District residents are invited to visit the Elementary Restructuring Committee's Wiki link that can be found on the District's website at [www.oleanschools.org](http://www.oleanschools.org)







**ENJOYING PUMPKINVILLE:** Students in Mrs. Chudy's and Mrs. Stephens' classes went to Pumpkinville in October. They enjoyed learning about the growing cycle of pumpkins and all the fun displays. They also enjoyed having cider and donuts!

# Boardmanville Elementary School

**ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL:** At the annual Boardmanville PTO Fall Festival, students participated in many different physical challenges to win a unique prize ... Duct Tape. The tape was then used to tape Mr. Folland to the wall (below). A good time was had by all.



**ORIENTEERING TREASURE HUNT:** On a warm week at the end of October, students in grades 4 and 5 learned orienteering skills and participated in a treasure hunt during Physical Education class. The students used compasses along with the degrees of travel and the number of steps to find their way to 13 different checkpoints. If the students were successful, they ended up with a password that unlocked a prize.

**PAJAMA PROGRAM:** Mrs. Stephens volunteered to organize and coordinate a Pajama Program (right) that was sponsored by Scholastic Book Club. Students and families at the school, along with our partners in education, the Olean Medical Group, collected 136 pairs of pajamas for children in our area. Donations were made locally to Genesis House, Child Advocacy Center, and Head Start just in time for the holidays! Scholastic will donate a book for every pair of pajamas donated! Thank you to Mrs. Stephens for organizing this terrific program to help our school and community.



**HALLOWEEN PARADE:** Mrs. Stephens' kindergarteners were part of our annual Halloween parade. Many thanks to our partner, Olean Medical Group, who invite the students to parade through their offices and give them all special treats.

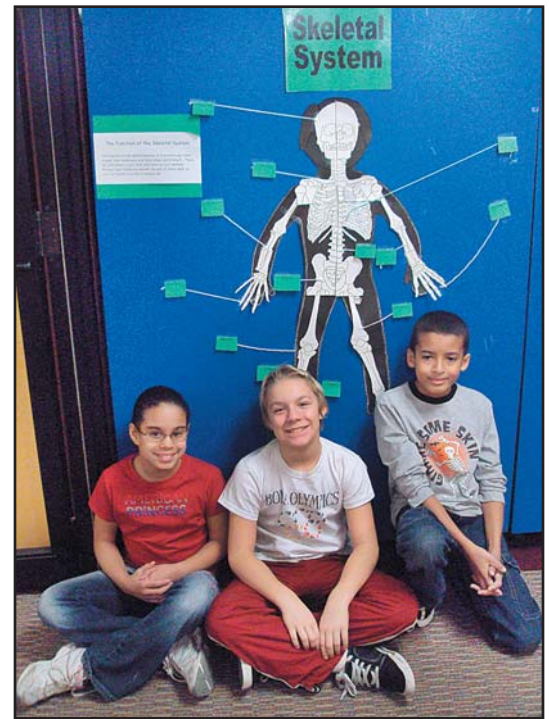




**KINDERGARTEN THANKSGIVING FEAST:** East View's Kindergarten students enjoyed a traditional Thanksgiving feast (above) together. A special thanks to the parents and staff who donated items for the making of the feast.



**HOMEWORK HELPERS:** East View's "homework helpers" program (above) is up and running. This program takes place after school, Monday through Thursday and is under the direction of Ms. Meyers, one of East View's Reading teachers. Approximately 15 students participate in the program each day. The students receive a snack and then assistance with their homework or they are able to sharpen their reading and math skills in the computer lab.



**STUDYING THE BODY SYSTEMS:** Mrs. Dempsey and Mrs. Ullman's Fifth graders have just finished a science unit on Body Systems. As a culminating activity, each group made a life-size diagram of a specific body system. The students did a wonderful job working together as a group, as well as showing the rest of the class their knowledge of each body system.

## East View Elementary School

**FLIP FLOPS FOR UGANDA:** Mrs. Bowser and Mrs. Hart's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade and Mrs. Rogozinski and Mrs. Keller's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade have received letters from the Lisa Junior School in Masaka, Uganda, Africa (left photo). Many of these students are orphans. Ali Scott, a former Olean student, has been a volunteer at this orphanage. It is through Ali that we are able to correspond with these children. We are learning about the country, language and it's culture/customs. One hundred pair of flip-flops have been purchased to send to the students in Uganda. In addition, Ali will be home for the holidays and will be a guest speaker in our classrooms. Our hope is that this will be an on-going activity. Pictured are First and Second grade students looking at the letters, pictures and jewelry that they received from their pen pals in Uganda.



**FAREWELL MR. LAMPE:** The students and staff of IJN wish a fond farewell to Mr. Neil Lampe. He has been with the Olean City School District for five years, serving the majority of his career working at Olean Middle School. He transferred here to IJN a little over a year and a half ago. Best of luck to you, Mr. Lampe! We thank you for your dedicated service to our IJN family and to the district.



**LAPTOP LETTERS:** This month our 1st and 5th grade buddies emailed Santa! The 5th graders created a template that required asking the 1st graders some good things that they have done and what they wanted for Christmas. Then they worked together on laptops creating the letter for Santa where the 5th graders learned to use a word processing program and clipart. The letters are being sent to Santa via email and the 1st graders will get a response back in a few days. We loved doing this activity with our buddies. We are so excited to hear back from Santa!

# Ivers J. Norton Elementary School

**IJN MAKES DONATION OF PJS:** The Pajama Program is a non-profit charity that collects new pajamas for children. Scholastic Books has partnered with the Pajama Program and for every pair of pajamas donated, Scholastic donates a new book. The generous students and staff at IJN participated in a pajama dress down day on November 9<sup>th</sup> that raised \$310 dollars for 55 pairs of pajamas.

**COOKIES WITH SANTA:** It was amazing to see the faces of those who entered the IJN gymnasium on Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>! Santa and Mrs. Claus were here to greet everyone! The gym was filled with holiday cheer as members of the IJN family enjoyed a wonderful evening! Sponsored by the PTO, this event was the talk of the town! While Santa and Mrs. Claus spoke with eager children, students enjoyed sugar cookies and hot cocoa. Students also had the opportunity to create a jingle bell necklace, and to hear a story read aloud by Mrs. Neary!



**WELCOME NEW STAFF:** Barb Bailey, Julie Jones, and Cindy Alferink are the most recent additions to the IJN family. As aides, they provide an incredible service to our students and to our staff! Welcome aboard, ladies.

**SEW MUCH FUN!** Have you ever tried sewing on a 118-year-old treadle sewing machine? Well, the first graders in Colleen Larsen-Deibler's class at IJN have! On December 7<sup>th</sup> the students had a visit from Dave and Marie Peterson of Jamestown, and their 1892 Wheeler



and Wilson treadle sewing machine. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson are the parents of Lindsey Peterson, Mrs. Deibler's student teacher from St. Bonaventure. Miss Peterson arranged for her parents to bring their sewing machine "just for fun." So many people today don't know how to sew, not even a button. [She] wanted the students to see the craft in action, and seeing someone sew on a 118-year-old machine is just awesome!" Mrs. Peterson makes felt Cat in the Hat hats and American Girl Doll clothes, among other things. She brings her treadle sewing machine to local craft shows and allows parents and children to select their own colors to make custom Dr. Seuss inspired hats. She sewed a hat on the machine, right in front of the class, and then handed out craft materials such as buttons, ribbons, bows, puff balls, sequins, and more for the students to decorate stockings. While the majority of the class decorated stockings, small groups took turns going to the back to learn more about the machine and to try sewing on it.





**THANKFUL FOR READING BUDDIES:** Mrs. Monroe's fifth grade class is thankful for their reading buddies in Mrs. Bates' K class. The classes meet every Friday in the library for about 30 minutes. Every Friday, the K students have such big smiles on their faces when our students arrive. During the past few months, we have been working on many different activities. Some of these fun activities included reading stories to the K, helping the students read and write with their weekly Scholastic News, and working on a booklet for the class. We also worked on some fun and interesting holiday activities (Color by Number with turkeys and cutting, pasting, and putting together beautiful poinsettias for the Christmas season). These activities provided opportunities for writing/literacy growth. Our reading buddies program also helps build students' self-esteem and confidence. What fun we have with our K reading buddies.

# Washington West Elementary School



**SANTA CLAUS LANE PARADE:** Washington West students did their best to keep warm while welcoming the holiday season in Olean's Santa Claus Lane Parade on November 26<sup>th</sup>. The WW PTO sponsored the school's float, which was themed "Deck the Hall!" Students and parents dressed in holiday attire and donned festive costumes to celebrate the season. A good, but chilly, time was had by all who attended!



**QUICK ARTS CENTER VISIT:** The third grade from Washington West spent the morning at the Regina Arts Quick Center (right and left photos) at St. Bonaventure on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>. The students examined different pieces of artwork from all over the world. This was excellent because it ties in with their Social Studies curriculum... Cultures from Around the World. With the digital cameras they had from BOCES, the third graders were able to capture some beautiful original art. A literature piece from each country was also picked and read to the students by various volunteers from Bonas. The students got to listen to authentic African drums, and some volunteers from Bonas will be visiting the third grade rooms to design African masks later this month. The students had a blast using the cameras and seeing all the different art. Students also made passports. What a great day at Bonas!





## **OLEAN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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- Excellence
- Honesty/Integrity
- Learning
- Mutual Respect
- Resourcefulness
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