



OLEAN

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Donating a check from Homeless Huskies to the Genesis House are (l-r): Alicia Henning, Gabby Harrington, Lauren Stevens, Taylor Stephens, Kelly Hustak, Karalyn Anastasia, Joe Reed, Kaitlyn Farrington with Linore Lounsbury, executive director of Genesis House (see full story, page 2).

Initiated by the First Grade teachers, East View Elementary decorated a "Giving Tree" with ornaments describing acts of kindness or generosity done by students and staff. Also, they participated in The Great Bedtime Story Pajama Drive, working with Scholastic Book Clubs to donate brand new pajamas and books to children in need. For every pair of pajamas donated, Scholastic donated a book. East View collected 115 pairs of pajamas. Finally, East View's 5th grades spent an entire Saturday bell-ringing for the Salvation Army kettle drive.



Celebrating the SPIRIT OF GIVING



Kindergarteners at Washington West challenged the school to "stuff the turkey" and collected over 250 pounds of donations for Olean's Food Pantry. Pictured are (l-r) Donte Clemons, Amyra Shaffer, and Ethan Pfeffer.



In keeping with an OMS Purple Team tradition, on December 5th, students and staff volunteered to ring the bells for the Salvation Army outside Walmart. Pictured (l-r) are Jacob Hitchcock, Mrs. Amy Bay and Jillian Marcellin.

OHS raises more than \$9,000 through Homeless Huskies

Olean High School's 19th annual Homeless Huskies event was held on November 10th. Homeless Huskies is a fundraiser in which students spend a night sleeping in cardboard boxes on the high school's front lawn. By getting local businesses and others to sponsor them, students must raise a minimum of forty dollars to participate in the event.

Every year the money raised goes directly to the Genesis House and the Warming House here in Olean. The event also raises awareness of the reality of being homeless. This year 148 people participated in the event and raised over \$9,000. In addition to helping out the community, Homeless Huskies is also a competition among the classes. Every dollar that is raised turns into a class point. Each class point later becomes money which can be used toward that class' senior trip. In order to receive the most points, classes compete in decorating their boxes and raising the most money.

Homeless Huskies continues to grow in success each year. Teachers and students look forward to being a part of Homeless Huskies every November.

Message from the Superintendent

New year presents comfort, excitement and challenge

By Dr. Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent

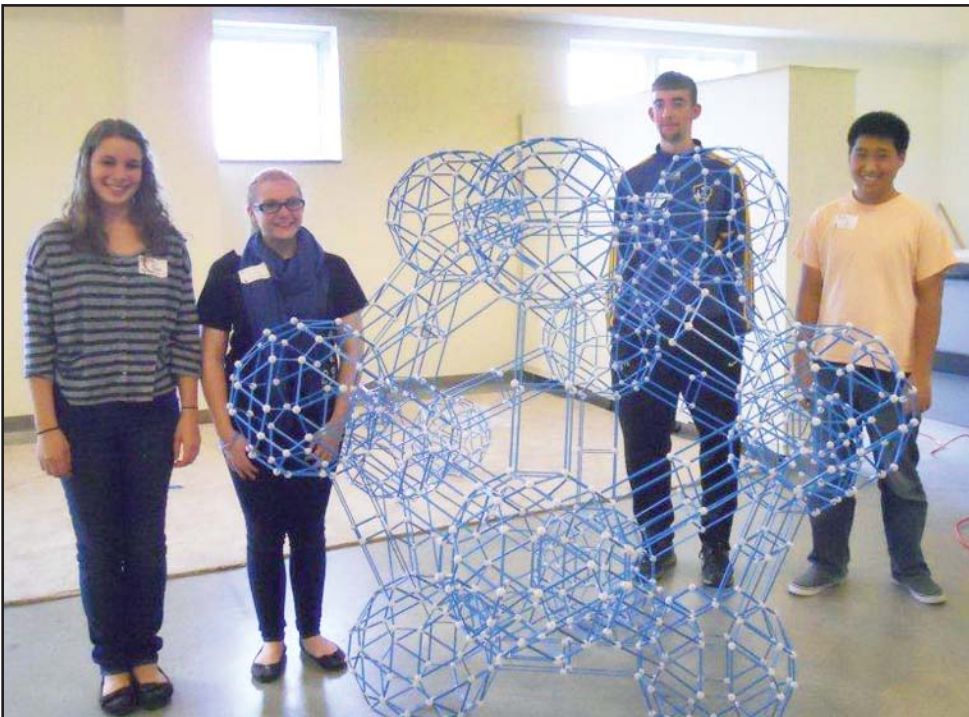
It is 2012 and with it comes comfort, excitement, and challenge. Knowing our students are academically challenged through rigorous course offerings; local, county and state competitions; and community service projects brings great comfort. Our primary responsibility is to ensure all students are college and career ready. The Olean City School District is well poised to accomplish this goal.

As I walk the halls of our schools, I experience, first hand, the excitement our students express when learning new information. It may be in art class, or during a solo music lesson, or through a science experiment when the learner has that "ah ha" moment. We may not know exactly what excites the student and ignites a love of learning, but we know when it happens. It may be evident through a sparkle in the student's eyes, a smile, or their quizzical facial expressions. Each signal tells me that learning is occurring, learning is fun and our students, your children, are on the path to success.

The economic stress continues to challenge the District. Over the last three years, we have experienced a reduction in State Aid and other revenue sources with continued increases in cost driven expenses. For the 2012-2013 school year, we are facing the largest gap since 2008. We had projected the gap over the last two years and, knowing that this would force us to make drastic and difficult choices, the Board of Education hired the Western New York Educational Service Council to complete a scan of the District.

The task given to the group was to complete a scan of the District for the purpose of assisting us in finding cost saving measures that we may not have been able to discover ourselves. The study findings will be presented to the Board of Education at its meeting on January 17th. I encourage your attendance at the meeting as the findings of the Service Council will be the impetus of decisions to come.

May 2012 bring each of you much joy.



Students take part in geometric barn raising at SBU

On Wednesday, November 9th, four Olean High School students took part in a geometric barn raising at Saint Bonaventure University along with four students from Allegany-Limestone High School.

Participating Olean students were (shown l-r) Nicole Sova, Rebecca Lasky, Matt Witte, and Andrew Liu.

The students created a mega icosidodecahedron with Zometools. It was fascinating to watch the unique problem-solving techniques each student used and wonderful to watch how well the eight students worked together to solve this complex problem in manageable steps.

Understanding the Tax Cap Law: Part II

In the second part of the three part series on the tax cap, the changes regarding the public vote will be discussed. Before discussing the public vote, a recap of how the tax levy limit works is below:

Can the District raise my taxes by more than 2% and still be in compliance with the new law? - YES

As an example: a tax levy increase of 2.66% (or \$343,094.48) would be in compliance under the following set of circumstances:

MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE LEVY PROJECTION	
2011-12 Tax Levy	\$ 12,869,356
Times Tax Base Growth Factor	X 1.00
	<u>\$ 12,869,356</u>
Plus 2011-12 PILOTS	\$ 48,845
	<u>\$ 12,918,201</u>
Minus Prior Year Exemptions (tax payer portion of capital project)	\$ (84,662)
Adjusted Prior Year Levy	\$ 12,833,539
Times Allowable Growth Factor (lesser of CPI or 2%)	X 1.02
	<u>\$13,090,209.78</u>
Minus 2012-13 PILOTS	\$ (48,845)
	<u>\$13,041,364.78</u>
Plus Available Carryover	0
Tax Levy Limit	<u>\$13,041,364.78</u>
Plus 2012-13 Exemptions (Taxpayer portion of capital, ERS and TRS over 2% rate increase)	\$ 171,085.70
	<u>\$ 171,085.70</u>
MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE TAX LEVY	<u>\$13,212,450.48</u>

Does the vote day change? - No. The vote is on the third Tuesday in May, which will be May 22, 2012 from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Olean Middle School.

Does the public still vote on the proposed new budget?
- Yes

Does the public vote on the tax levy? - Yes

How will the public know what the tax levy limit will be? - The district will continue to mail the property tax report card prior to the vote. This year, the report card will include both the tax levy limit and the proposed tax levy limit before legal exemptions are applied.

How will the public know what the proposed budget will be? - A public hearing will be held on May 1, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the High school auditorium. In addition to

the hearing, the amount of the proposed budget will also be included on the property tax report card.

What percent of voter approval is needed if the tax levy limit presented to the public is within the legal limit? - A 51% positive vote is required.

Can the taxpayers vote for a tax levy increase that exceeds the limit? - Yes

How will the taxpayer know if the tax levy increase exceeds the limit? - The district is required to state that the levy being voted on has a specific statement on the ballot that indicates that the tax levy exceeds the tax levy limit.

How can the taxpayers vote for a tax levy increase that exceeds the limit? - A 60% voter approval is required to exceed the tax levy limit.



Guest from Africa stresses value of languages

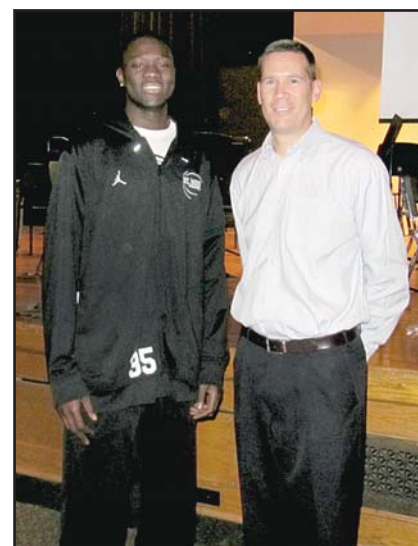
By Melanie Napoleon

Freshman basketball player Youssou D’Nour along with St. Bonaventure’s athletic director Mr. Steve Watson made a special visit to Mrs. Napoleon’s French classes earlier this month. Youssou, who is St. Bonaventure’s 6’ 10” recruit from Dakar, Sénégal, spoke to Mrs. Napoleon’s students about the importance of learning foreign languages as well as his own personal experiences with speaking Wolof, French and presently English.

Students prepared questions in French for Youssou, and there was a question and answer period for students to practice their French.

Mr. Watson also spoke about his experiences abroad, playing professional basketball and living in the French culture for a period of four years.

Students were very excited to have the opportunity to meet both Youssou and Mr. Watson. Mrs. Napoleon will continue with her series of special guests to give students a real opportunity to interact with true francophones in the hopes of encouraging long-term language studies. She said, “I believe that learning a foreign language is one of the greatest skills a student can acquire. It gives them a broad perspective of the world, allows them to be a better speaker of their own language and affords them unimaginable opportunities. Having a foreign language background is a must have in today’s global world!”

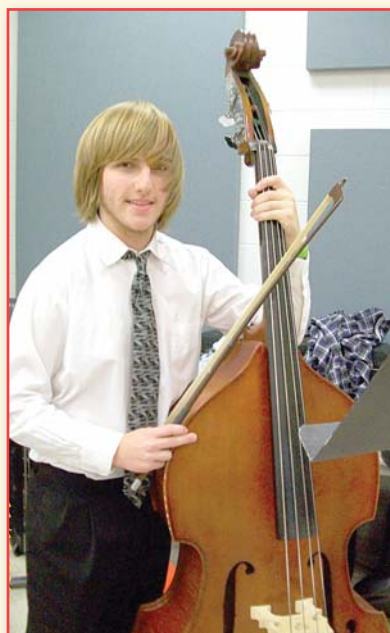


JANUARY 2012 REGENTS EXAM SCHEDULE

JANUARY 24 TUESDAY 8:15 a.m.	JANUARY 25 WEDNESDAY 8:15 a.m.	JANUARY 26 THURSDAY 8:15 a.m.	JANUARY 27 FRIDAY 8:15 a.m.
Integrated Algebra RCT in Global Studies	Living Environment RCT in U.S. History & Gov’t.	RE in U.S. History & Government Geometry RCT in Science	RE in Global History & Geography RCT in Writing
12:15 p.m.	12:15 p.m.	12:15 p.m.	<u>Uniform Admission Deadlines</u>
Comprehensive English Physical Setting/Physics	Algebra 2/Trigonometry RCT in Mathematics	Physical Setting/Earth Science Physical Setting/Chemistry RCT in Reading	Morning Examinations 10:00 a.m. Afternoon Examinations – 2:00 p.m.

Music Notes

Fourteen of the district's most accomplished music students participated in NYSSMA Area All-State Music Festivals in November at Akron Central School, Bath Central School, and SUNY Fredonia. Students must earn high grades in solo competitions in order to qualify for this event, which brings together accomplished musicians from the greater Western New York area. They gained a great deal of valuable experience working with distinguished conductors at these events. Congratulations and "Bravo" to our hardworking and dedicated musicians!



Pictured above is Jonah Rosel. In photo at right are (l-r) Jordan Weed, Ashley Mulryan and Nicholas Gibbons.



In the photo at left are (l-r) Abraham Knieser and Andrew Liu.

In the photo at right are (clockwise from bottom left) Maija Klute, Haley Freeman, Emily Allen, Alexis Sova, Jordan Creed, Sarah Fox, Hannah Stayer and Julie Mulryan.



Financial Aid Night Jan. 5th at OHS

OHS juniors and seniors and their parents are reminded of the annual Financial Aid and Scholarship Night scheduled for Thursday, January 5, 2012.

This event will take place at 6:30 p.m. in the Olean High School cafeteria. Wendy Fleming, a financial aid administrator from St. Bonaventure University, will be the 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 by obtaining their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) pin numbers at www.pin.ed.gov. Current seniors and a parent should each obtain separate pin numbers for future use with financial aid paperwork.

Measuring for senior caps & gowns Feb. 7th

Cap and gown measurements will be taken on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 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 \$20 must be paid at the time measurements are taken. All seniors who meet graduation requirements and wish to participate in the graduation ceremony must purchase a cap and gown. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Lias or Mrs. Clawson.

Our graduation ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, June 23, 2012 at 11 a.m. in the Olean High School auditorium.

Child Find Notice

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 Jon Hamed, CSE Chairperson, at 375-8984 if your child is school age (5-21).

Foundation funds trip to 'Civil War Voices'

The students and staff from Olean High School would like to thank the Olean Foundation for giving us the opportunity to see the play, *Civil War Voices*.

The October 25th evening performance was held at the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford, Bromley Family Theatre. The OHS History and English Departments collaborated on promoting this event as a great opportunity to not only attend professional theatre, but also to hear the personal stories from the Civil War era. *Civil War Voices* used "real words" and era music to tell the story of five extraordinary "voices" that helped shape America.

As our nation celebrates the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War, *Civil War Voices* gave our students insights into the lives of those who lived through the conflict, using the actual words the individuals left behind in diaries, letters, and other writings.

The Olean Foundation is a great asset to the Olean School District and we thank everyone involved for their time and efforts to support such unique opportunities for our students!



IMPORTANT SPECIAL EDUCATION NOTICE

If your child is receiving Special Education Services, you should have received a survey in the mail in mid-November.

The New York State Department of Education is requesting that all parents of students receiving special education services complete this survey. It is very important for parents to participate in order to assure quality services continue for students with disabilities.

There are three ways to submit your responses:

- **Paper Survey** - complete and return in the postage-paid envelope that was provided.
- **Online** at: <http://parentsurvey.potsdam.edu> You will need the six-digit pin that was provided. If you do not have the pin, you may obtain it by calling 375-8993.
- **Phone:** You may call Jackie Reed at (716) 375-8993 and she will be happy to do the survey with you over the phone.

Your participation is very important and greatly appreciated. Thank you!



Congratulations OHS 'math-letes'

Nine Olean High School students competed against area schools in the annual Pitt-Bradford and JCC Mathematics Competition on November 18th at the Olean JCC Campus. It is the first time Olean has entered this competition, and the students walked away with the fourth place trophy. Our highest scorers were Jamal Klute and Soumitri Barua. Pictured are 1st row: Julie Mulryan, Samantha Terharr, Soumitri Barua; 2nd row: Geoffrey Broadbent, Jamal Klute; 3rd row: Robert Devling, Mrs. Capra, Thomas Kirk. Missing students: Jordan Barr and Adam Stark. The students look forward to competing again next year.



Athletic Department News



2011 Fall All-Sportsmanship Team

Congratulations to the following athletes who were named to the Fall 2011 All-Sportsmanship Team were. Upper left photo: (front, l-r) V. Volleyball – Whitney Wright; AD's Choice (FB) – Maleke Fuentes; JV Volleyball – Katie Ludden; and (back, l-r) Boys' X-Country – Connor Prizel; V. Football – Jeb Hindle; and JV Football – Matt Ketchner. Missing from photo: FB Cheerleading – Julie Cottone; Girls' X-Country – Hannah Forrest. Upper right photo: (l-r) Girls' Swim & Dive – Ashley Mulryan; JV Boys' Soccer – Andrew Nasuta; V. Boys' Soccer – Ian Patrick; V. Girls' Soccer – Emily Dodge; and JV Girls' Soccer – Haley Freeman. Missing from photo: Girls' Tennis – Ashlynn Mundaniohl. Thanks for being a good sport!



Scholar Athletes

Senior athletes Matt Witte (soccer) and Kelly Hustak (soccer) have been named OHS Scholar-Athletes for the Fall 2011 Season. This award is given by the CCAA League and recognizes achievement in academics as well as athletics. Congratulations!

Section VI Sportsmanship Awards

The Girls' Varsity Volleyball Team received the Section VI Sportsmanship Award in the Chautauqua Cattaraugus Athletic Association (CCAA) Division I League for the 2011 fall season. This is one of the most prestigious awards a school can receive, since it recognizes a major objective of interscholastic athletics - sportsmanship. The OHS girls' volleyball team has been recognized by other coaches in the league for exemplary characteristics of sportsmanship displayed throughout the season. Also, as a result of this team award, team member Ally Threehouse (*pictured at right*) was selected to the "CCAA Good Sport Team" for the 2011 fall season.



Athlete of the Season

Janelle Shaffer (*pictured at left*) of the OHS Girls' Varsity volleyball Team was honored with selection as the Athlete of the Season for Fall 2011. Congratulations!



FIVE STAR BANK MOVIE STAR

Congratulations Timothy Magro, the winner of the Five Star Bank Wants You to Be Our Movie Star good grade incentive program. Every OMS student who earns an "A" in any core subject is eligible to win a night at the movies, compliments of Five Star Bank. To enter, the students simply stop by the Olean Branch of Five Star Bank, or the OMS Guidance office with their report card. Each "A" in a core subject earns them a chance in the drawing. A winner is chosen two weeks after each marking period. The prize is a \$25 movie gift certificate and a popcorn bucket full of snacks. Pictured from left are: Gerald Trietley (OMS Principal) Timothy Magro, and Amy Schneggenburger (Five Star Bank Branch Manager).



PRESENTS FOR THOSE IN NEED



Once again, the middle school has pulled through for people who really need some help. The Student Advisory Council coordinated a gift tree program, and students put out posters to advertise for the drive. Small clothing items like hats, gloves and socks were donated as well as all types of personal care items. All the items are being donated to the Genesis House. Shown are (l-r) Brooke Bushnell, Tyler Richmond, Brianna Curtin, Nick Sanders and Alex Blazejewski. Mr. Houseknecht would like to thank everyone who donated items. They will be put to good use.



OH LÀ, LÀ! LE FRANÇAIS

By Sheila Jackson & Kari W

National French Week was celebrated in all OMS classes on November 10th. This year's celebration entailed daily French in class: Très Chic Day, Scarf/Beret Day, Blue, White and Red Day, and to your Teacher Day.

National French Week is a week to commemorate the importance of learning the language. This annual celebration is in honor of Teachers of French (National Week of Teachers of French).

All classes watched videos about France or French culture and sampled some French food.

Merci mille fois (Many thanks) to all the students who participated in the drive!

Pictured above (l-r): Kaitlyn Clark, Brooke Kenyon, Jade Swick, Boston Abdo, Tanner Meyer, Caitlin Thompson.

FIRST QUARTER HONOR ROLL BREAKFAST

By Sheila Jackson, OMS Student Activities Advisor

On November 30, Olean Middle School's finest students were treated to the First Quarter Honor Roll Breakfast. This quarter, 242 students were treated to a breakfast meal, and had the opportunity to win cash and prizes. Congratulations to the winners: Sakala, Emily Smith, Brinee Torrey, Olivia Mucke. We are praising these students for their academic accomplishments (and more) for our next breakfast.



and the 'Middle'



ANÇAIS, C'EST SUPER!

Wilton, OMS French teachers

French classes from November 7th through No-
theme days as chosen by the first period Advanced
and Red Day, and last but not least, Say "Bonjour"

all things French and to celebrate the fun experi-
tion is sponsored by the AATF (American Associa-

ch characters, dressed according to the daily theme,

s who participated and helped decorate our corri-

ron, Alexis Gergel, Skyla Chapman, Olivia Wyant,
mayer and Tabitha Tuttle.



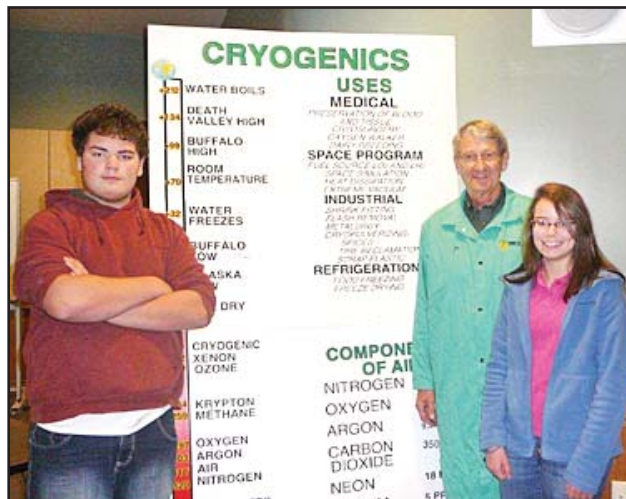
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Gerald Trietley, OMS Principal, gave a great speech
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Now THAT's A 'COOL' PRESENTATION!

By Mrs. Carrie Samuelson,
8th Gr. Science Teacher

On November 22nd, the 8th Grade Purple students were educated about the science of cryogenics as they observed demonstrations involving dry ice, liquid oxygen, and liquid nitrogen. This "cool" presenta-

tion by Mr. Joe Higgins of Abbott Welding had students sitting on the edge of their seats as a frozen rubber ball was shattered and an oxygen-coated cotton ball burst into flames. Following the demonstrations, Mr. Higgins explained to the students the many commercial uses of the cryogenic gases. Pictured above (l-r) are Sean Williams, Mr. Joe Higgins and Emily Allen.



TAKING A 'REALITY CHECK'



Devin Washington and Mariah Sakala, members of OMS Reality Check program, use white cups and spray paint to spell out "We've Seen Enough!" directed at the Tobacco Companies targeting youth. The activity was in conjunction with the Great American Smoke-out. Advisors for the RC club are Ron Shoup and Jo Dexter.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Pictured (l-r) are first quarter winners: Keegan Belleisle, Distinguished Attendance Award (\$25); Gerald Trietley, Principal; and Zachary Howard, Perfect Attendance Award (\$50).



OMS Huskies keep paws off drugs

Twenty-six years ago, Drug Enforcement Administration agent Enrique “Kiki” Camerana was tortured and killed in his attempt to help rid the world of illegal drug cartels. It was in his memory Red Ribbon Week was created. Red Ribbon Week is the largest anti-drug abuse campaign in the country, and OMS students are proud to be part of it.

Red Ribbon Week is celebrated during the last week of October each year with the goal of teaching young people about the negative effects of drug use, as well as proving to them it is possible to have fun without drugs in their lives.

The theme of this year’s celebration was “These Paws Do Not Touch Drugs,” which had to be included on the banner created by each team. As in past years, each team had very creative ideas, but this year the Orange Team won the banner competition followed by the Gray and Blue Teams. Congratulations to those Orange 6th graders for their very “bright” design! Other drug-free events for the week included Twin Day, Hat Day, Wild Sock Day and Spirit Day. Daily trivia competitions reminded students of the seriousness behind the week-long event, while a school dance raised money for future Red Ribbon celebrations and proved how much fun kids can have without the use of drugs or alcohol.

Mr. Shoup, the OMS Red Ribbon Week Advisor, acknowledged that over \$700 in prizes were awarded to the students this year. He thanks the faculty, staff, and students for their help in



making the 8th annual Red Ribbon Week celebration at OMS a huge success!

(*Information for this article was compiled by the following Blue Team students: Kaleigh Anastasia, Jared Bertch, Brett Bizzaro, Chris Bubak, Skyla Chapman, Derek Eaton, Kaysha Ertell, Quinton Matya, Austin Morgan, Joshua Rivera, and Jeramiah Stautzenberger-Wisiorek.)

Sixth-graders show their gratitude

By Mary Flynn

The holiday season is a time for everyone to reflect upon the many blessings they receive in their lives. The 6th grade students in Family and Consumer Science classes decided to show their gratitude for the blessings they receive by giving to others. The students baked over 100 loaves of pumpkin bread that were served at the Community Thanksgiving Dinner that was held on November 19, 2011. Over 600 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 that were distributed to families in the area through the Olean Food Pantry. The ingredients for the cookies were graciously donated by the students. This activity proved to be meaningful, as well as fun, for all of the 6th grade students in Family and Consumer Science classes.



Book Fair was out of this world

This year’s annual middle school book fair certainly lived up to its theme of “*To the Book Fair and Beyond – Books are Out of this World!*” Financially, the fair was a great success thanks to the many eager shoppers who bought loads of books and school supplies, thus allowing the library to add many of the best selling titles to its collection, as well as to take cash profit for later purchases. Students took on the roles of Buzz Lightyear and Woody to advertise the fair on morning announcements. Mrs. Grosso, the library aide, created a huge rocket complete with lights and wings that served as a portal to the fair. There were several opportunities for students to win prizes. One of the most popular was the chance to take a spin through an alien’s world to land on a planet and win the corresponding prize. Little green aliens were placed on random student lockers each morning inviting the “earthling” to play this game. Other contests included *Guess How Many*, *I Wish I Could Win* and *Name These OMS Star Titles*. Sixth grader, Tyler McManus, won this last contest by correctly identifying 10 of the 12 titles simply by reading a one sentence clue. A big thank you to all who supported the fair and made it one of the best ever - truly *out of this world!*



Olean City School District employees who raised over \$500 for the American Heart Association include: (front, l-r) Katie Ralston, Kris Bates with "Coach" Thomas Bates, Chris Rosel and (back, l-r) Molly Scott, Matt Perry, Jason Folland, Steve Estes, Katie Estes, Suzy Broadbent, and Birdie Skrobacz.



Above are ABC student member, Calib Wells, and ABC advisor, Miss Ralston.

At OMS, positivity begins with ABC group

What started as Olean Middle School's new anti-bullying group has turned into a weekly after-school activity focusing on positive interactions and exciting activities. The group was originally formed by teachers Mrs. Brennan and Miss Ralston to encourage positive interactions among peers. Now advised by Mrs. Brennan, Miss Ralston, Mrs. Wenke, and Mr. Korzeniewski, there are about 20 student members striving to become Olean Middle School's most positive students.

Students worked together to come up with their own name, The ABC Club, which stands for Anti-Bullying Club. Lately, the focus has shifted from bullying to the positive things students can do to make our school and community a better place for everyone. The students compiled a list of community service activities they would like to organize, and began their projects with a Thanksgiving food drive. In just one week the group collected 165 cans of food! The food was donated to the Olean Food Pantry.

All students are welcome to join ABC. Meetings are held after school every Wednesday, 2:45 – 3:30, in the OMS cafeteria.

Employees have big hearts

By Eileen Keenan Skrobacz

On Wednesday, November 16th, a group of Olean City School District employees gathered at Portville Central School for a worthy cause: the American Heart Association. Each year, Portville challenges a nearby school district to a basketball game in order to help raise money for local charities.

The following people played for the OCS D squad: Suzy Broadbent, Jason Folland, Matt Perry, Kris Bates, Birdie Skrobacz, Steve Estes, Katie Estes, Chris Rosel, Katie Ralston, and Molly Scott. Sitting on the bench providing some water and good strategies for the Olean players was IJN student, Thomas Bates. He also did a super job rebounding for the team during warm-ups.

It was quite a game with the crowd cheering both teams. There were hook shots, lay-ups and foul shots taken throughout the game by both teams. And even some break away plays by the Huskies! Throughout the evening, the score was balanced. In the end, however, Portville did come out as the victor.

Over \$500 was raised for the Olean team to donate to the American Heart Association. Perhaps there were some tired district athletes after the game, but knowing the American Heart Association would benefit from the strained muscles made everyone feel better quickly!

OMS Home & Family Essay Winners

Congratulations! The Red Team at Olean Middle School is happy to announce that Amaya Britt, Hannah Brown, Joey Copella, Tyra Ellis, Jacob Hathaway and Ethan Lauser have been selected by the Aerie #616, Fraternal Order of Eagles, to each be honored with an award at this year's Home and Family Essay Contest Luncheon. These students were selected from many for writing outstanding essays on the topic of what home and family means to them. Way to go! You make us proud!



Fall Fest and Duct Tape: Boardmanville PTO sponsored the annual “Fall Fest” in October. Students played a series of games and challenges that were set up at stations around the gym. The “prize” at each station was a piece of duct tape, which the students used to tape Mr. Folland to the wall. When the mat below his feet was removed at the end of the night, Mr. Folland hung on the wall for 15 seconds – a new record!

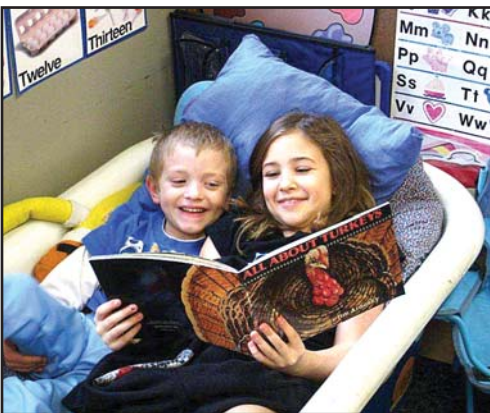


Recognizing Dream Readers: Mrs. Olson poses with her “Dream Readers” for the first quarter. These students read 5 or more chapter books! A celebration was held for all these students in November! Keep up the great reading!

Boardmanville Elementary School

Visiting Pumpkinville:

Boardmanville’s kindergarten students visited Pumpkinville in October (photos at right and below). They learned about science topics they’ve been studying. The students learned how a pumpkin grows and saw a real pumpkin patch. They learned how cider is made by watching the cider be pressed and pumped into jugs. The students and adults had a great time and learned a lot.



Reading in the Bathtub! Each week, Mrs. Stephens’ kindergarten class gets together with Mrs. Smith’s fourth grade class for “Reading Buddies” time. Pictured above, two buddies relax in Mrs. Stephens’ reading bathtub, enjoying their book together.





East View Elementary School

Celebrating 40th Anniversary: On November 30, 1971, students and staff marched from School #4 (now King Street Park) to their new school – East View Elementary. Forty years to the day, students and staff, with the help of the OHS Marching Band and Mayor Linda Witte, re-enacted that parade (middle left photo) to celebrate the anniversary. In addition, a spaghetti dinner (upper photo) was held that evening honoring East View's first principal, Lewis Largent and other staff members from 1971. To wrap up the celebration, an Open House was held on the following Saturday afternoon where former students, parents, and staff, as well as community members had the opportunity to tour the building.



5th Grade Visits Buffalo Museum of Science: Recently, East View's 5th Grade students traveled to Buffalo for a tour of the Museum of Science (lower left photo). The students saw a number of interesting exhibits, everything from meteorites to Egyptian mummies. In addition, they enjoyed a number of interactive exhibits including an erosion demonstration. However, the main reason for the trip was to see the traveling exhibit of pictures and artifacts from Papua, New Guinea. These items were collected by several explorers from the Western New York area and related to the 5th grade study of New World explorers. This trip was made possible from a generous contribution to our PTO from an anonymous donor.





Character Counts at IJN: Whether it is teaching financial responsibility, supporting character education through the donation of cinch-sacks, or providing food for character luncheon/snack, the Olean Area Federal Credit Union takes pride in our students! Thank you to Tonya Doxey, Audra Gunther and the entire staff! The character trait highlighted for November was Gratitude. Second grade teachers, Jennifer Crawford and Bernadette Martin, made it possible for local veterans in the hospital to receive holiday cards. They also gathered the names of 307 veterans from our IJN families and created a very moving "Veteran's Wall of Honor" in our building.

Ivers J. Norton Elementary School

Book Buddies: Miss Bess's first graders partner with 4th grade students to build reading and writing skills. These "Book Buddies" have been working on creative writing pieces and the editing process, in addition to fluency in oral reading.



What My Home and Family Mean To Me: Congratulation to winners of the "What My Home and Family Mean to Me" contest sponsored by the Olean Eagles Club. Contest winners and their families were invited to a dinner at the club.



4th Grade Social

Studies: Fourth graders create fantastic longhouses and Indian artifacts for their yearly Native American Project. This year, schools across the state were invited to participate in the "2011 Congressional Longhouse Competition." Each school was asked to select one student's longhouse for the competition. The longhouse chosen at IJN was constructed by Graham Kinnaird. His longhouse, if chosen as one of nine regional winners, would be showcased in the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington, D.C. Good Luck Graham!



SBU Interns and Student Teachers: IJN is a Professional Development Site (PDS) for St. Bonaventure University's up and coming education majors. Twice a week, university instructors Dr. Nancy Casey and Mr. Bob Murphy, bring 11 interns and spend the day on the IJN campus for "on-site" instruction. In addition to interns, SBU student teachers are placed in classrooms for a semester, and are mentored by our staff. Thanks SBU!



Puppy Patrol: Rewarding great character is fun at IJN! Our famous Puppy Patrol is always in the wings...waiting for just the right moment to award students for making great choices. Here's how it works: Students earn a PAWS (card when they are caught being good. The teachers collect the cards. The Puppy Patrol then comes at random times and draws a card. The selected student is awarded a small gift. SO Keep up it up, Husky Pups! Do things to earn PAWS cards: hand in your homework, show good character, and use excellent manners. Be respectful, beresponsible, and be safe! The next winner could be you!

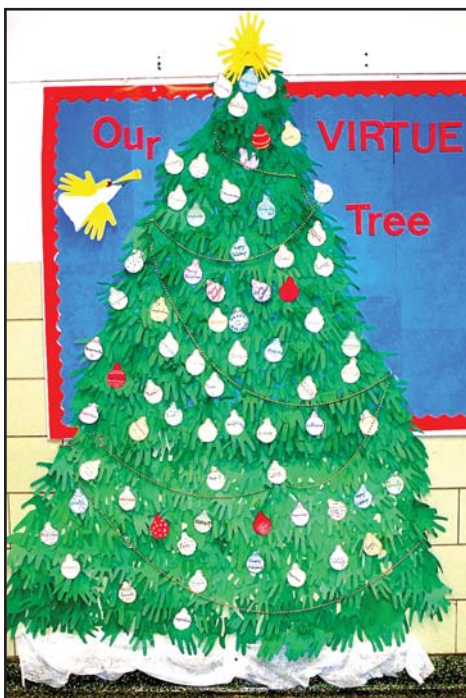


Home and Family Winners: Mrs. Monroe's fifth grade class from Washington West entered the Olean Aerie and Auxiliary #616 Fraternal Order of Eagles contest "What My Home and Family Mean To Me." The class was so excited as five winners were announced. The winners were invited to attend a buffet luncheon on Sunday, December 4, 2011 at 1:00 at the Aerie Club. Teachers and families were invited to share in the pride of the students receiving an award for their achievement. The winners from Mrs. Monroe's class were: Makensie Smith, Jazlynn Sullivan, Hannah Aiello and Sophia Aiello. Missing from the picture is Jack Perry. Congratulations class for a job well done!



Six Traits of Effective Writing: Students in Mrs. Davis' class have concentrated a great amount of time learning the 6 Traits of Effective Writing. The students used the writing process and wrote essays about topics relevant to children's lives in the current day and age, such as bullying and smoking. Already, the classroom teacher has seen quite an improvement with the students' abilities to communicate their ideas in writing to different types audiences. The 6 Traits of Effective Writing include: Ideas and Content, Organization, Voice and Audience Awareness, Word Choice, Sentence Theory and Conventions (spelling, grammar, capitalization and punctuation). The fruits of the students' labor are on display outside of Mrs. Davis' classroom.

Washington West Elementary School



Holiday Virtue Tree:

Students and staff have been studying the virtues (like integrity, kindness, thankfulness, honor), and putting them into action. Mrs. Miller, Teacher Aide, had students trace their hands to create the branches of the Virtue Tree. The smaller preschool hands were used to make the star and angel wings. During Library time, Mrs. Miller would ask a student to name a virtue and describe it. The virtue would be written on an ornament for the student to hang on the Virtue Tree. The tree is a daily reminder that virtues are important and easy to share! Thank you, Mrs. Miller, for taking the time to reinforce with students the values we strive to model.

Holiday Customs Exchange:

Mrs. Frederick's third grade class has been working on an integration project called Holiday Customs Exchange, which has involved many activities.



Each student researched the Christmas traditions and customs of a specific country. Mrs. Frederick assisted students in their fact-finding, then the students took the information home to complete a tree. Each student received a blank tree, and with their family, they decorated the tree according to their assigned country's customs. Kayla's country is Mexico, so she and her family decorated her tree with poinsettias, sombreros, and piñatas. Students also created artifacts to share with other schools through BOCES Polycom communications.

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Above are (l-r): Ms. Pauline Stanford, Adam Dougherty, Isabella Martinelli, Brookelinn Garey, Lauren Reed and Mrs. Jean Nickel. Missing are Angelina Ross and Kaitlyn Patrone.

Young artists exhibit at Quick Center

Congratulations to the following K-5 students for winning the St. Bonaventure Quick Arts Center Fall Art Contest: Boardmanville - Adam Dougherty, Kaitlyn Patrone and Angelina Ross; Eastview - Isabella Martinelli; Washington West - Brookelinn Garey; and Ivers. J. Norton - Lauren Reed.

These students' artwork was chosen from over 750 entries from 19 area schools. On December 1st, an artists' reception was held at the Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts at St. Bonaventure University. As winners the students received two free tickets to the performance of the Hudson Vagabond Puppets "The Snow Queen."



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