



LEAN

CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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District unites for 'Souper Bowl of Caring'

It takes all of the huskies to pull the sled, and over the past two weeks, the husky sled has been very busy! Olean senior Annie Skrobacz planned and carried out a massive task which called upon OHS Girls' and Boys' JV and Varsity basketball players and coaches, school administration from both public and Catholic schools, pre-kindergartners through seniors in high school, and church members throughout Olean to band together for the National Souper Bowl of Caring Community of Olean event.

Last summer, Annie began working on the National Souper Bowl of Caring Olean Event when she sought the support of Olean City Schools' Superintendent, Dr. Colleen Taggerty. Once Annie discussed the project, Dr. Taggerty was more than willing to have Annie present it to the OCSB Board of Education whose members were happy to be a part of a community event which directly benefits Olean residents.



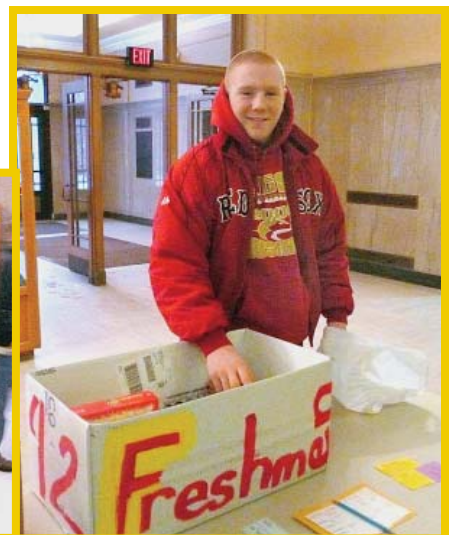
In order to increase community awareness, Annie spoke to Father Gregory Dobson, pas-

tor of St. Mary of the Angels' Church and Greater Olean Area Council of Churches' member. He agreed to discuss the project with GOACC members; the outpouring of those wanting to help continued to grow when a number of the churches agreed to sponsor food and monetary collections at their churches on Super Bowl Sunday.

Olean Zonta Club contributed \$300 which provided a huge jumpstart to the 2009 drive. OHS social studies teacher Janine Scholla thought it might be a great idea to have the basketball players kick off the annual event with a food drive and cash collection at a home

basketball game. The basketball players, coaches, families, and friends hit the court running with contributions filling the buckets in the gym. Olean City School District students, Southern Tier Catholic School students, and Archbishop Walsh High School students rallied with food drives at their respective schools.

Across the city, school staff members made donations to dress down for the National *(continued on page 6)*





Project brings a little music to Global History

OHS Tenth-graders Karimah Rahman and Melanie Yanetsko (*pictured above*) recently presented a musical piece for their Global History II class. As one of the options for their 2nd quarter project, Karimah and Melanie chose to perform “Aloha Oe,” written in 1878 by her royal highness, Queen Liliuokalani, the last monarch of Hawaii.

The assessment was inspired by a piece of sheet music (*pictured below*), copyrighted 1913, that was originally owned by Mrs. Scholla’s mother. As part of their assessment, Karimah and Melanie also did some research on Queen Liliuokalani’s life, explaining how economic imperialism forced her from power. Originally written as a love story, the song became identified with the Queen’s love for her Hawaii upon her removal from the throne.

Well done, Karimah and Melanie!



Message from the Superintendent

Community input sought on challenging budget process

During this time of unprecedented financial difficulty, the Olean City School District must continue superior performance in relation to our mission “**Home, School and Community Educating for Life.**” With the current financial status New York State has reduced our aid by \$852,798. The original Federal Stimulus package highlighted Olean as receiving an increase of \$163,700 for Title 1 grants, \$307,400 in the area of Special Education funding, and \$667,000 in Construction for the 2009-10 school year. While these categorical funding increases may help to offset some of our cost increases, we will still face financial hardship over the next two to three years. We will continue to see increases in our overall general operating expenses in areas such as fuel, gas, electric, phone, salaries, health insurance, and pension contributions.

Knowing that we are facing significant increases in operating costs, it becomes essential that we find ways to reduce expenditures for the 2009-2010 and 2010-11 school years. It is critical that we are deliberate in our decisions and sensitive to the intended and unintended outcomes of each of those decisions. We know that the decisions we will make in balancing the budgets will impact our learners for years to come.

Throughout the budget development process, we must communicate openly and frequently. To assist with the District’s two-way communication, I invite you to share your thoughts and ideas regarding the budget with me by logging onto our webpage www.oleanschools.org where you will find the Superintendent’s Blog under Headlines and Features. Click on the bolded title; Superintendent’s Blog- Budget. You will be directed to the Blog where you can post your comments.

To protect the integrity of our readers and learners, each entry will be screened for appropriate language and content prior to being posted for public view. Please be assured that your comments will not be altered in meaning if editing of language or content is necessary.

I also invite you to email me at ctaggerty@olean.wnyric.org, call 375-8018, or stop by my office to share your thoughts and ideas.

I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for your continued support.

Dr. Colleen Taggerty,
Superintendent of Schools



Cafeteria charge procedures reinstated

Please be advised that the cafeteria charge procedures established in March of 2007 will be reinstated and enforced effective February 2009:

- Students will be allowed no more than three (3) meal (breakfast or lunch) charges
- If a student exceeds three (3) charges they will receive cereal and milk for breakfast and /or a sandwich and white milk for lunch so that no student will go without. Parents will be responsible for the cost of any food that is distributed
- The cashier will issue a "cafeteria charge" notification if there is a charge of any kind. Slips will then be given to the classroom teacher and sent home with the students in grades K-5
- After three (3) charges students in the Middle School and High School will be given a "charge slip"
- Building Principals will contact families directly if procedures are not followed
- We encourage families to pay in advance into their children's lunch account by making checks payable to "Olean School Lunch Fund"

Please help us make sure that your child receives the meal they want and that the District is paid for the food we are providing.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation and support!

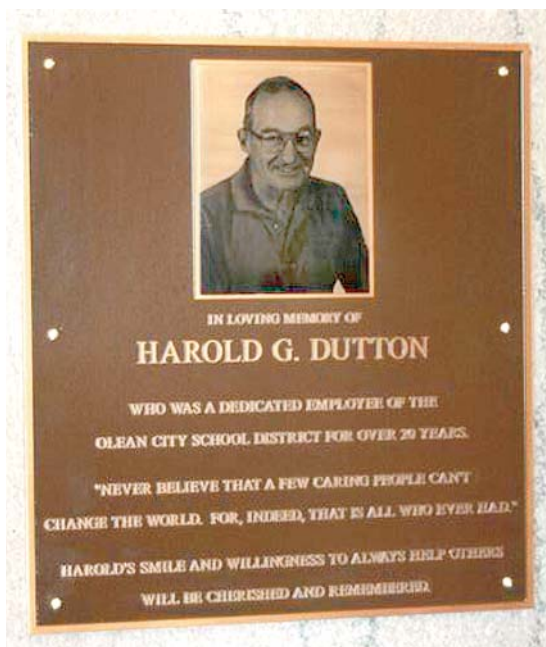
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OHS Winter Weekend includes special dedication

This year's Winter Weekend ended with over 300 students attending Saturday night's dance on February 7. Special events held during the week leading up to the dance challenged classes to "dress" for theme days such as Tie Dye Tuesday and Western Wednesday.

On Friday, the Winter Weekend assembly began on a quiet note with the unveiling of a dedication plaque (*right*) honoring our friend and former OHS employee, Harold Dutton. The Harold Dutton Plaque is now displayed outside the OHS auditorium.

This year's theme for the dance was "A Knight for a Princess" and the Royal Court included (*pictured above*): Freshmen Attendants - Marcus Clarke and Lauren Stevens; Sophomore Attendants - Logan Bowser and Sarah Colarusso; Junior Attendants - Jeremy McCoy and Amy Farris; and Senior Attendants - Tom Quinlan, Sonya Maine, Lorenzo Rodriguez, and Amanda Giermak. The Senior King was Shawn Chatmon and Senior Queen was Bridget Cooney.



District lists Level 2 and Level 3 sex offenders

The Olean Board of Education has approved a policy that requires all parents be notified of any level 3 sex offenders who are living in our school district. A level 3 offender is the most serious and the “risk” to the community is considered high. Therefore, the District will be using this newsletter to publish the names, addresses and other pertinent information related to the nature of the offense committed by such sex offender.

For the public’s convenience, we have established a “link” on the front page of the District’s web site www.olean-schools.org with the NYS neighborhood Predator Report. This link takes you to the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services where you can find additional information and the picture of any Level 3 sex offender living in our school district. We believe you have a right to know and we will continue to notify you periodically.

Steven M. Allen

603 E. Highland Avenue
1st degree sexual abuse, 2nd degree rape
Female 13

Steven Clemons

603 E. Highland Avenue
1st degree sexual abuse, 2nd degree rape
Female 13

Edmund Bader

3rd degree sodomy
Female 15

Frank B. Cole

927 ½ Buffalo Street, Apt. 2
Forcible Touching
Male 9

Frederick (Freddy) Crawford

2nd degree sexual abuse
Male 11

Terry Crowell

3rd degree sodomy
Female 8

Joseph Cucchiaro

1010 Washington Street
2nd degree sexual abuse
Female 12 and 13

Robert Dibble

Sexual Misconduct
Female 18

Terrance Duncan

3rd degree sodomy
Female 8

Clark Follett

2nd degree sexual abuse
Female 13 and 14

Raymond Grygo

306 ½ Tompkins Street, Apt. 2
2nd degree sexual abuse
Female 10

Matthew Hanbach

Sexual misconduct

Christopher Hollister

127 N. 13th Street
Non-NYS sex felony

Richard T. Hurtle

Non-NYS sex felony
Female 8 and 9

Richard M. Kline

346 W. Highland Avenue
2nd degree sexual abuse
Female 4

Daniel (Buddy) Langdon

215 W. Greene Street
Sexual misconduct
Female 16

Lionel Luper

3rd degree attempted rape
Female

Robert J. Marvin

2nd degree attempted course
of sexual conduct against a child
Female 7

Dennis A. Merrill

615 ½ E. State Street, Upper Apt
2nd degree sexual abuse
Female 12

Max Reyes

912 Front Street, 1st Flr
Non-NYS sex felony
Female 2, 6, and 8

Joseph Richie

245 S. Barry Street
2nd degree sodomy
Male Younger Than 17

Clifford Thompson

313 South Third Street
1st degree attempted rape
Female 7

Mark A. Thompson

2nd degree sexual act
Female 13

Ronald W. Thompson

2nd degree sexual abuse
Female 36 and 37

Gerald Tullar

Forcible touching
Female 46

Kenneth Werts

633 S. Union Street, Apt. 6
1st and 2nd degree sodomy
Male 12



**OHS
Harold Dutton
Spotlight Award
winners for February**

are: (back, l-r)
Chelsie Knapp,
Bridget Lamb,
Ariel Shoemaker,
Chris Rhinehart,
Shelby Stark
and (front, l-r)
Megan Dwaileebe,
Brandon Jones
and Stevey Marcellin.

Spotlight



OHS Varsity Cheerleaders host local clinic

On Saturday, January 31st, the Olean Varsity Cheerleading Squad hosted a four-hour cheerleading clinic led by St. Bonaventure Cheerleaders. Allegany-Limestone cheerleaders were also invited by Olean to attend.

The Bona cheerleaders taught the two high school squads some floor moves, mounts and flying moves. The girls also learned a dance routine and a new cheer, which Olean's squad incorporated into their Winter Weekend assembly presentation.

While it was a lot of work, the girls got a real taste of what it means to be a college cheerleader. They had lots of fun and feel they learned a great deal.

All three squads enjoyed pizza at the end of the clinic, thanks to the Olean Sports Boosters.

BWB teams with district for holiday greetings

Olean/Jamestown/Orchard Park, NY- Buffamante Whipple Buttafaro, P.C. "BWB," a regional certified public accounting and business advisory firm, partnered with Olean City School District to bring their friends and clients a truly unique and beautiful holiday card. Fourth grade students from the local elementary schools participated in the firm's second annual holiday card contest. Students were asked to draw a holiday greeting card and were told they would be judged on creativity and neatness. MacKenzie Pfeffer of Washington West Elementary, Alexis Gergel, and Shannon McNamee of Boardmanville Elementary School were the winners. Each winner received a basket filled with art supplies and the District received a monetary donation to their art department. The three chosen designs were used for the BWB, Vineyard Group, LLC, and GFC Business Systems' holiday cards.

"I think the program really draws a lot of excitement out of the kids. They know their card could potentially be published and seen at many local businesses and organizations in the community. On behalf of BWB, I would like to thank Olean City School District and their talented and creative group of students for their participation," said Leslie Brown, Communications Coordinator at BWB.

BWB maintains offices in Jamestown, Olean, and Orchard Park, New York. Currently, their staff consists of nearly sixty professionals, including twenty-five Certified Public Accountants, making them the largest CPA firm in Southwestern New York, inclusive of their full-service payroll company, GFC Business Systems and the multi-faceted business and consulting affiliate, Vineyard Group, LLC.



'Souper Bowl,' continued from pg. 1

Souper Bowl of Caring event. The Dresser Clark Federal Credit Union also had a dress down day in order to contribute funds to the National Souper Bowl of Caring Olean Event.

School children, teachers, school personnel, moms, dads, coaches, clergy, and parishioners across all walks of life and throughout our great community banded together for a common cause: to help those who are less fortunate. This year, with the need for help being greater than ever, the community of Olean pulled the husky sled with more food and money than ever before! And, what were the final results? Over \$3000 and over 5000 food items were collected and donated to the Olean Food Pantry. Olean certainly is a community where people will happily and willingly help one another.

Annual Penn-York College Night scheduled for March 10

The annual Penn York College Night will be held on **Tuesday, March 10, 2009, at St. Bonaventure University, Reilly Center, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** Over 100 colleges, universities, technical schools, and military representatives will be available to provide information. Financial aid information will be available, as well as information for students with disabilities. Please call the Olean High School Guidance Office at 375-8004 for a complete listing of the colleges being represented.



OMS classes design winning drug pamphlets

During health class, seventh grade students developed a professional-style pamphlet about a drug they chose to research. In their drug pamphlet, students were to meet the following requirements: a brief history, how the drug was used, slang names, short and long term effects, medical use (if any), and three pictures. They were also required to develop a bibliography on the back of their pamphlet.

Students researched in the library during class, where the school librarian, Ms. Soplop, and Mr. Shoup, guided them through pamphlet-making procedures. Students had to apply facts from their research to complete an informational sheet about the drug. Students then organized their information, wrote the body, and created their own professional – looking pamphlet. One goal of this project was to use computer technology in both the research and the creation of the pamphlet.

A good grade was not the only reward



Winners from the first 20 weeks of health class being congratulated by Mr. Shoup (left) were (l-r): Samantha Terhaar (1st prize), Chance Anzivine, Sara Knieser, and Kala Henning. Congratulations!

for a great project. The top four students who created the best pamphlets won a small amount of money. The first place pamphlet was given a prize award of \$10

and the other top three places were each given \$5. These rewards were made possible through the Great Rewards Program and Mr. Trietley.

Learning about the 1920s



In Mrs. Perry's 8th Grade Social Studies class, the students went back in time and researched about life in the 1920s. Kelsey Branch, Katie Fox, and Maggie Stanford dressed up as flappers while Ethan Coulter impressed his classmates with information about Al Capone and Capone's involvement in the Olean area. All of the students did a great job on their research project and oral presentation of the 1920s.



CAN YOU SPELL 'E-X-C-I-T-I-N-G?'

The OMS Spelling Bee was held on Tuesday, January 14. Twenty-five students participated, and after spelling over 400 words, a champion was declared. Soumitri Barua (*front right*) an 8th grade student, won the OMS Bee for a third consecutive time. Jamal Klute (*front left*), also of the 8th grade, placed second.

Also pictured with our two great spellers are our principal, Mr. Jerry Trietley, and our Superintendent, Dr. Colleen Taggerty.

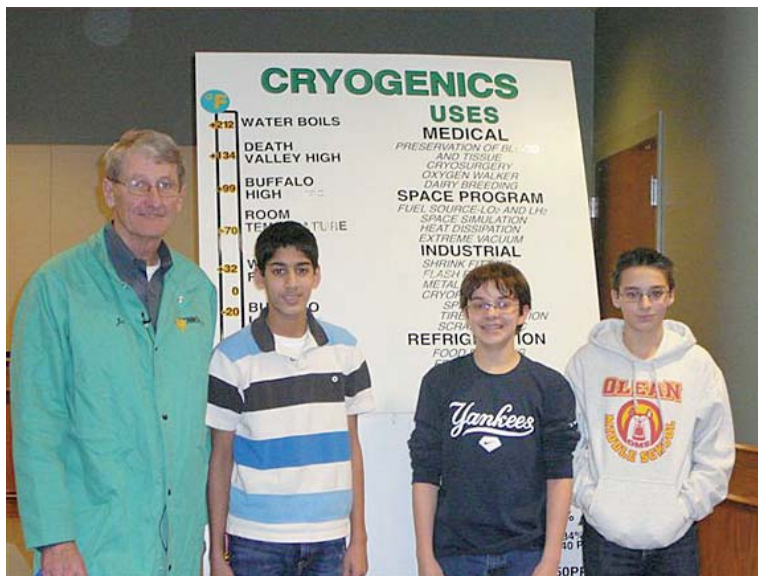
Soumi took the County test on February 4 and finished 20th out of 86. She will compete in the Regional Spelling Bee to be held in March in Buffalo. The winner in Buffalo will qualify for the National Final.

How do you spell success? S-O-U-M-I-T-R-I !!



FIVE STAR BANK

Aleea Clemons, a sixth grader at the Olean Branch of Five Star Bank and show them any of the four core subject earns them a chance at Cinemas as well as a popcorn bucket full of snacks. Gerald Trietley, OMS Principal, Aleea Clemons, both of Five Star Bank.



ONE 'COOL' PRESENTATION

By Mrs. Carrie Samuelson, 8th Grade Science Teacher

On January 22, the Purple Team students were educated about the science of Cryogenics as they observed demonstrations involving liquid hydrogen, oxygen and nitrogen. This "cool" presentation by Mr. Joe Higgins, of Abbott Welding, had students sitting on the edge of their seats as the 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 are Mr. Joe Higgins of Abbott Welding, and Purple Team students, Hasan Saleh, Kevin Volz and Ian Patrick.

PLEASE OBEY THE TOBACCO FREE SCHOOL ZONE SIGN

By Mr. Shoup, Health Educator

OMS would like to remind parents, guardians, and students that smoking or use of other tobacco products on school grounds is illegal. This law (**New York State Education Law - Article 9 and OCSD Policy**) is enforceable within the Tobacco Free School Zone, which is a 1,000 foot perimeter of any Olean City School.

We ask all individuals to avoid smoking or using tobacco products on school grounds, even in your vehicle, and during sporting events. We ask all community members to respect the Tobacco Free School Zone. Help us set positive examples for our children. Thank you for your cooperation!

Pictured in the photo at right are (l-r) seventh-graders Janelle Shaffer, Wil Bathurst, and Ally Threehouse displaying the Tobacco Free School Zone sign.

and the 'Middle'



BANK MOVIE STAR

Middle School won the "Five Star Bank Wants" drawing. Students simply have to drop by the bank with their report card. Every "A" (90% or above) in the drawing for a gift certificate to Carmike's! Congratulations, Aleeya! Pictured above (l-r): Aleeya, and Amy Schneggenburger and Miranda Tom,

TOBACCO-FREE SCHOOL ZONE



ATTENDANCE AWARDS

OMS Principal Gerald Trietley is pictured in the photo at right with Perfect Attendance Award Winner, Andrew Liu, and Distinguished Attendance Award Winner, Mackenzie Yanetsko.



ALL-COUNTY BAND MEMBERS

Congratulations to sixth-graders Sierra Donovan, Alexis Sova, Meghan Brenneman, Mona Jamil, Nick Martel, Nick Patrone, Matthew Smith and Jake Cihak. These eight students were selected for, and participated in, the Cattaraugus All-County Elementary Band which was hosted by Ellicottville Central School on February 6 and 7. The group was comprised of the very best fifth- and sixth-grade instrumentalists in Cattaraugus County, and was a wonderful experience for the young musicians to be a part of. Congratulations!

WAL-MART FOUNDATION GRANT

Recently \$1,000 was donated to the Olean Middle School through the Wal-Mart Foundation Community Grant Program. The money will be used to support the Great Rewards Program and the OMS Academic Walls of Fame. OMS sends a big thank you to our local Wal-Mart! Pictured in the photo at right are (l-r): Ed Schuh, Allegany Wal-Mart Store Manager, OMS Principal Gerald Trietley and Assistant Principal Joel Whitcher.





Athletic Department News

Coach Myers inducted into Wrestling Hall of Fame

On Sunday, March 8, former OHS wrestling coach and physical education teacher Jim Myers will be inducted into the Western New York Wrestling "Hall of Fame." Coach Myers got involved with wrestling in 1970 as a youth volunteer coach and OHS assistant wrestling coach. He became the Huskies' head coach in 1979 and served in that capacity for 16 years.

Coach Myers helped put Olean wrestling on the map, sending nearly 80 wrestlers to sectional competition, with his 14-1 team in 1981-



Coach Jim Myers

82 ranked among the top in the state. His teams won four league titles, one Section VI championship, and were the No. 1-ranked team in the inaugural Times Herald rankings when they went 12-2 during the 1984-85 season.

At OHS he coached 12 state qualifiers with six individuals winning state wrestling titles. Two of his former wrestlers also went on to become NCAA Division I National Champions. Coach Myers was well respected by his players and peers and always represented Olean High School with class and dignity.

Congratulations, Coach Jim Myers on this well deserved recognition and thanks for being "Our Coach" at OHS!



Girls' JV Basketball team goes undefeated

Congratulations to Coach Samuelson and the Girls' JV Basketball team for finishing their season undefeated, with a record of 20-0. The team traveled in January to play in their third basketball tournament in Rochester and successfully defeated Wayland-Cohocton and Hilton High Schools. They were previously successful at the IAABO tournament in December after defeating Pine Valley and then Pioneer. In their first tournament of the season held at Salamanca, they beat Holland and Southwestern. Pictured are (front, l-r) Lacey Pearl, Melanie Yanetsko and (middle, l-r) Emily Bantleman, Katie Douthit, Alicia Broadbent, Coach Samuelson, Abby Stavish, Chelsea Calabro, Ashley Pfeiffer and (back, l-r) Natalie Malick, Marissa Levia, Maria Skrobacz, Bethany Chesebro, Lauren Stevens and Lauren Bowser.

Sports Boosters upgrade weight room

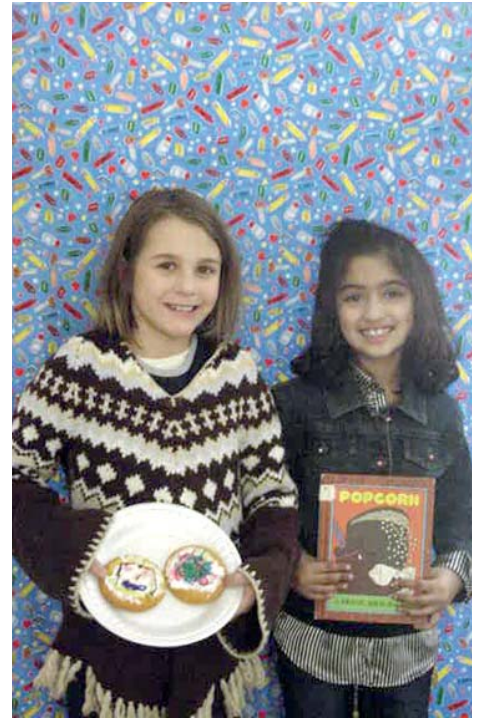
OHS is boasting a newly renovated weight room facility. Pictured at right are students Kelly Hustak, Karalyn Anastasia, and Sierra Abdo trying out the new treadmills bought by the Olean Sports Boosters.





Proudly Displaying their Work:

Students and their families were invited for an evening of hot chocolate and cookies in Mrs. Stephens' and Mrs. Carls' kindergarten classrooms on Tuesday, January 27, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Many came in their pajamas and shared their work with their families (*see photos above and left*). It gave family members an opportunity to see all the reading centers, art work, class books that were made, and fun websites on the computer. A great time was had by all!



Stories and Cookies Go Together:

Mrs. Gabler's 5th grade class and Mrs. Gaylor's 2nd grade class share stories and activities every Thursday afternoon.

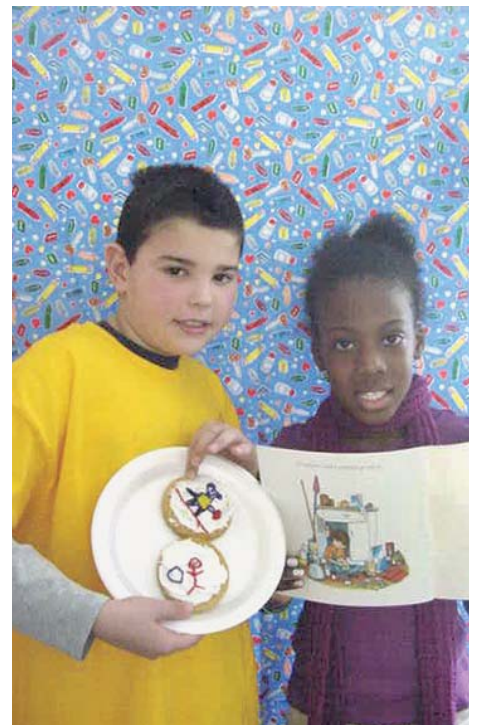
Recently, the reading pals chose one of their favorite stories and displayed their favorite part on a cookie. Students (*see photos above and below*) used white frosting for the background and colored tubes of frosting to draw the details. They then shared their favorite parts and explained the plot of the books to the rest of the classes.

Boardmanville Elementary School



A Visit from a Macaw-Quincy:

Fourth-graders in Mrs. Sullivan's class look on as Beth Harris (*photo at left*) explains the behavior of her macaw-Quincy. The 4th grade students completed a literature unit based on the story "The Great Kapok Tree."

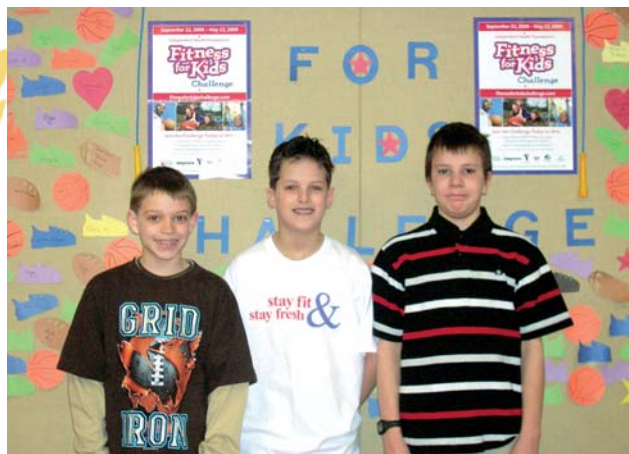




Family Night at the YMCA: East View students and staff, along with their families, recently enjoyed a Family Fun Night at the YMCA. There were a variety of activities available including the climbing wall, open gym, swimming and inflatables. Thanks to the YMCA for providing the use of their facilities and thanks to the PTO for providing refreshments.

East View Elementary School

Dancing at Recess: East View's Kindergarten students have been enjoying a new recess activity during the winter months – dancing (*see photo below*). Lead by teacher aide, Mrs. Sue Grosso, the students have had a great time dancing the Macarena, the Chicken Dance and the Cha Cha Slide.



“Fitness for Kids” Challenge: East View students are increasing their physical activity and good nutrition by participating in the “Fitness For Kids Challenge,” (*see photo above*) sponsored by the Independent Health Foundation and the YMCA. This is an 8 month program in which students participate in healthy activities, and record the activities in an activity log. For every 12 activities completed, the child's name is entered into monthly and grand prize drawings. In addition, the school will be competing for a \$1,000 award to create a healthier school environment. In the photo above are some of the fifth-grade participants in the Fitness For Kids Challenge.



Bookmark Winners: Congratulations to the IJN students who participated in the Olean Public Library's bookmark contest! One winner was selected from each grade level. The overall winner from IJN was a fourth-grader. Winners from across the region will be honored at a reception to be held at the Olean Public Library on Saturday, March 7, at 11 a.m. We're proud of our students!

Ivers J. Norton Elementary School



Studying the Rain Forest: The fourth-graders at IJN have been studying the Rain Forest. We have read and did research about various animals that live there and their natural habitat. The stories that talked about the Rain Forest and animals were the Great Kapok Tree and Encantado which was about a pink dolphin that lives in the Amazon Rain Forest. It was fun to create our own rain forest display and learn about the four layers of it. submitted by Chantel Singleton.



IJN 100 Years Strong: As we continue to observe the 100th year of Ivers J. Norton School, students were treated to a special celebration of the 100th day of school on February 13th. The Olean Area Federal Credit Union, in partnership with our PTO, commemorated this historic day with a special gift to all the students. Everyone was given a red and gold stadium cup that stated, 'I attended IJN on the 100th day of the 100th year!' The celebration for students and families continued that evening with a special concert by Glen Colton. A special thanks goes to the members of OASIS who supplied the refreshments and to our partners at the credit union for making this day so special!

Future events include a daytime assembly on May 20th to honor Mr. Ivers J. Norton and former staff members. The current staff will be recognized during Teacher Appreciation Week. We will also be welcoming former students to take part in an Open House as part of the Olean Alumni Associations Reunion Weekend in June. More events are planned for the fall, Our observation of the 100th year will conclude with a special float to be entered in the Santa Claus Lane Parade in November.

Remembering President Lincoln:

In honor of what would have been Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday, Mrs. Crawford's class read several biographies about Abraham Lincoln. After reading the biographies, the students determined the significant events in Abe's life and wrote a paragraph about him. Jarrett (*above*), became so fascinated by Abraham Lincoln that he wore a stove-pipe hat to school on Abe's birthday!





Teaching in the Bahamas! Over the past several years, Mrs. Matejka and her students have partnered with St. Bonaventure University's SIFE program. SIFE represents "Students in Free Enterprise" and is an organization that has local and international networking. The overall SIFE goal is to teach business concepts, ethics and connect cultures with educational programs and service work.

Recently Mrs. Matejka and Ms. Bess, an IJN first-grade teacher, participated with SBU students, professors and administrators and traveled to the Bahamas for teaching and creating major activities with students that they brought back and shared with others.

Mrs. Matejka recently taught for one week in a school located at St. Vincent de Paul, Freeport, Grand Bahama (*see photos above*). Mrs. Matejka said, "I taught with two other SBU students and a student teacher, who remained there. We wrote books and discussed ecotourism. It was an awesome experience, I have a lot to share with our WW Husky pups!"

Washington West Elementary School

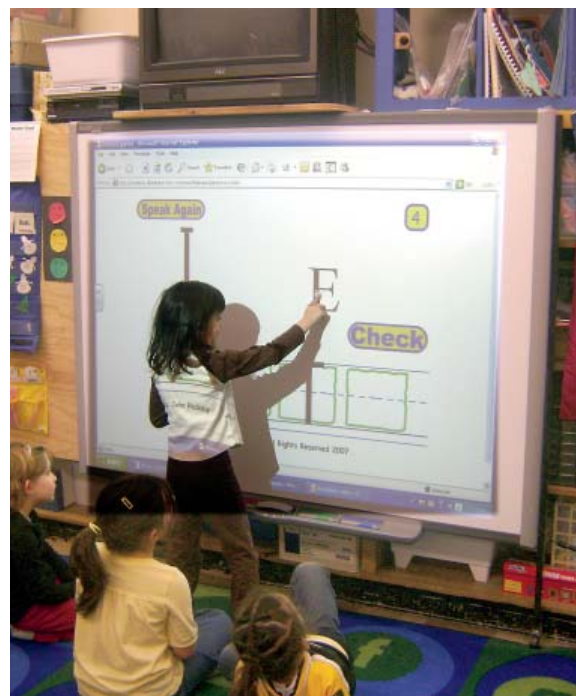
Celebrating Black History!

Recently Mrs. Monroe and her fifth-grade class completed a social studies unit in which they learned about African Americans (*pictured at right*). Mrs. Monroe read a book and showed a movie on the life of Martin Luther King. Her students chose an African American to research and to write his/her biography. Mrs. Monroe's young historians shared their learning with their classmates.



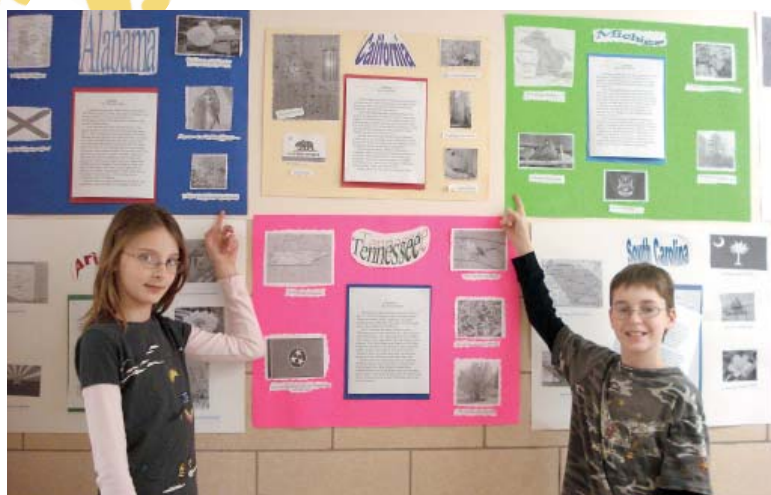


We are Special! Our kindergarten students created a very special hallway display after discussing that our differences make each and every one of us special!



Using Smartboards: Kindergarten students in Mrs. Bates' class love using the smartboard!

Lights, Camera, Action! Second-grade husky pups in Mrs. Brooks', Mrs. Lewicki's, and Mr. Martin's classes worked together on character education plays (*see photo at right*). Not only did students learn valuable lessons pertaining to their daily lives, but they were also able to practice reading fluently and with expression! Mr. Martin said, "Having the opportunity to bring all our second-graders together to work on character education and students' reading skills is a win-win learning activity!"



Learning More about our Country: As a real-life application of their ELA learning, Mrs. Monroe's fifth-grade Husky pups wrote business letters to numerous state departments requesting information. Other resources the students used to obtain additional information on their chosen state were Web sites, books and encyclopedias. As a means to share their learning, students put their special projects together on poster board (*see photo at left*). A very pleased Mrs. Monroe welcomes everyone to "Come see their awesome displays in the intermediate hallway!"

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- Mutual Respect
- Resourcefulness
- Responsibility & Accountability
- Sensitivity to Diverse Needs
- Teamwork

Strategic Themes ...

- Curriculum and Instruction
- Facilities & Learning Environment
- Finance/Resource Management
- Building Relationships



Studying lungs and heart health at East View

Students in Mr. Harvey's and Mrs. Ullman's 5th grade classes at East View Elementary School are working hard to see which blood types are safe to mix together when donating/receiving blood. They are then drawing conclusions about which blood type is the universal donor, and which is the universal receiver. This is all part of a new BOCES science kit, "Our Lungs, Heart and Health."