Reading First reaches its goal!

Lynn Corder, Reading First Coordinator

Reading is the most precious gift a child can receive. In today’s schools, teachers and parents alike can attest to the devastating long term consequences for children who are not afforded this gift. In our Olean Schools, we are proud to say that we put “Reading First” and our results will benefit the children of our community for years to come. We have reached the goals established by the Reading First grant of 80% children reading at or above grade level as well as 5% or lower for struggling (Intensive) level readers. These results far exceed the State and National Reading First results.

As we enter the fourth and final year of the grant cycle of Reading First, we are pleased to report that the students continue to demonstrate gains. You will see from the data presented in the graph that the approximately 2.6 million dollars awarded to our district for Reading First have had a very positive effect on our children. The fourth year of this funding was actually a grant extension due to the positive gains our children have made in reading.

As we enter the home stretch of these grant funds, what we know to be true is that our approach to reading instruction is now embedded in the district. The core components of reading instruction will continue including:

- Scientifically Based Reading Instruction
- 90 Minute Reading Blocks (Kindergarten-3rd Grade)
- 30 Minute Differentiated Reading Instruction for:
  * Intensive level readers (significantly behind)
  * Strategic level readers (slightly behind)
  * Benchmark level readers (on level)
  * Accelerated (above level)

- Reading Assessments
- Professional Development for Staff

Our district board of education, administrators, principals, coaches, teachers, support staff, and parents continue to maintain an unwavering faith that all children can and will prevail in reading. The teachers, coaches, support staff, and parents have worked especially hard with the children in providing them the “Gift of Reading.” The results are OUTSTANDING! As we await additional budgetary news from New York State, we will face many challenges; however, together we will continue to focus on providing the children all they deserve.

Thanks for all you do!
Message from
the Superintendent

Continuing
to build a
place of pride

By Dr. Colleen Taggerty,
Superintendent

What is school? It is a place of
learning; a place of employment; a
place of entertainment; and a place
of pride. As we begin the 2010-11
school year budget development
cycles, our decisions are made with
all four aspects in mind. It is imper-
native that we continue to strengthen
our learning opportunities for all
students, that we hire and maintain
highly qualified employees, and that
we provide a variety of music, art
and athletic opportunities; thus de-
veloping a sense of pride within our
student body, within our employee
ranks, and within our community.

Given the economics of today,
we look to develop a budget that
will maintain current programs,
yet not overly tax our commu-
nity. Knowing that we are facing a
reduction in State Aid along with
increased costs in health insurance
premiums, pensions, utilities, and
contractual obligations; we may
be faced with the difficult decision
of reducing programs. While we
hope this will not become a real-
ity, we also know that we must be
ready to do so. To help form our
decisions, we welcome any and all
input from you. I can be reached at
(716) 375-8018, by email at ctaggerty@OLEAN.WNYRIC.ORG, or you can
dialog with me on my blog. Just go
to our website at www.OLEAN.SCHOOLS.ORG and click on Superintendent’s
blog. We must continue to be
responsive to the needs of our com-
nunity and continue to build upon
the successes of the Olean City
School District.

I look forward to hearing from
you.

OHS Science Club tours
State Police Crime Lab

On Dec. 2 & 9, sixteen
members of the OHS
Science Club toured the
NYSP Crime Lab housed
at the Homer St. NYS Po-
lice Barracks. Students
learned the academic &
educational requirements
for a career in such a
facility, as well as, tour-
ing the rooms that could
be shown. The tour was
after hours, since the lab
has to be cleared of all tests and evidence for us to see the workings. Mr. Ron Stanbro
was our guide, as in previous years. He is an expert in trace evidence. The students saw
how the technology has changed over the years and how it is NOT like “CSI” on TV.
They heard about how all the security, checks and balances, and details about following
the “chain of evidence” really works. Mr. Stanbro told them about cases he had solved
and about going to court.

The NYSP Crime Lab System has been around since 1936 with four current facilities:
• “The Forensic Investigation Center (FIC) in Albany, which first opened in 1996, is
home to the system’s Headquarters Laboratory and provides a full range of foren-
sis science services, including the state’s DNA Databank. In 2007 the Headquar-
ters Lab received 6,917 cases for analysis.
• The Mid-Hudson Regional Lab, established in 1978 at Stewart Airport in New-
burgh (Orange County), provides controlled substance examinations and toxicol-
ogy analyses. In 2007, it received 4,070 cases.
• The Southern Tier Regional Lab in Port Crane (Broome County), established in
1979, specializes in controlled substance examinations. In 2007, it received 1,261
case submissions.
• The Western Regional Lab in Olean (Cattaraugus County), established in 1987,
specializes in controlled substances, toxicology, trace evidence and firearms tool
mark examinations. It received a total of 1,779 cases in 2007. During 2007, the
Crime Laboratory System continued to grow in response to new legislation” (from
the NYSP webpage).
Kathy Elser has been hired by the Board of Education effective January 11, 2010. In her capacity as school business administrator, Mrs. Elser will be responsible for the day-to-day business operations of the school district. She brings over 23 years of business and school district experience to Olean. Mrs. Elser holds an advanced degree from SUNY Brockport as a certified School District Business Leader as well as a Masters in Educational Administration from SUNY Brockport. She received her Bachelors in Business Administration with a concentration in accounting from St. Bonaventure University. She also received an Associate in Applied Science from Jamestown Community College with a degree in computer systems and programming. Prior to joining the District, Mrs. Elser was the Business Manager at Portville Central School for five and a half years. For eighteen years before pursuing a career in the education field, she was an internal bank auditor for Hamlin Bank and Trust, Five Star Bank and M&T. In addition to her career, Mrs. Elser served as a girl scout leader, Sunday school director, church elder and deacon, and a member of the Allegany-Limestone PTA. Mrs. Elser lives in Allegany with her husband and daughter. Her daughter, Rachel is a graduate from University of Pittsburgh and is working for the Americorps through the Cattaraugus County Youth Bureau. She has one son who lives in West Virginia who has just finished working for two years for Americorps.

Other new employees joining the district include:

Lisa Fratercangelo – Teacher Aide at Boardmanville Elementary School.

Tiana Howden – Account Clerk Typist, Business Office.

Amy Nunez - Monitor at Boardmanville Elementary School.

Sandra Patrick – Teacher Aide at Boardmanville Elementary School.

Janice Steiner – Monitor at Boardmanville Elementary School.

‘Coaches vs. Cancer’ games raise nearly $900

The Olean High School Boys’ & Girls’ Basketball teams held their annual “Coaches vs. Cancer” games during February 1.

In the boys’ home game vs. Dunkirk on Tuesday, February 2nd, and the girls’ home game vs. Allegany-Limestone on Thursday, February 4th, coaches from both teams wore sneakers while coaching the game. Suits and sneakers is a national event that is designed to raise awareness about the importance of cancer prevention and early detection.

All proceeds including gate receipts and 50/50 raffles from this event were donated to the American Cancer Society. The amount raised in Olean as a result of these two games was $894.91. This annual event was given generous support and promotion by the Olean Sports Boosters Club and the BCANY (Basketball Coaches Association of New York).

Funds raised through “Coaches vs. Cancer” are making a difference in the fight against cancer. Thanks to all who participated and donated to this worthy cause.

Attention Parents/Guardians:

If you have changed your address, phone number, or acquired a cell phone, please make sure to notify the school office so that we have up-to-date information.

Thank you!
Jen Mahar has been hired by the Board of Education as a District Coordinator of State and Federal Aid Programs and is responsible for the implementation of the new Early Reading First grant. She has over 10 years of school district experience.

Mrs. Mahar completed the Educational Leadership program at St. Bonaventure University (2007) and holds NYS certification as a school district administrator. She has a Master’s degree in Education from James Madison University in Early Childhood Education (1999). She is also a graduate of Penn State University where she earned a Bachelor’s degree in Elementary Education (1994). Prior to this position, Mrs. Mahar served as the Program Coordinator of Universal Pre-K and the Even Start Family Literacy Programs and as a classroom teacher in Pre-K and Even Start classrooms.

She also has experience as an instructor at Jamestown Community College and has been a workshop presenter at both state and national conference. She is a member of Olean’s Comprehensive District Education Plan Committee, the Community Schools Advisory Board, the Head Start Policy Council, and also belongs to the Western New York Pre-Kindergarten Administrators Association, the Even Start Association of New York, and the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Mrs. Mahar lives in Olean and enjoys spending time with her family. She also serves as a tutor for Literacy Volunteers and as a group leader and volunteer with BonaResponds.

Early Reading First Program
gets off to a great start

Jen Mahar, Early Reading First Coordinator

We were very excited to be awarded an Early Reading First grant this fall. This three year federal grant enables the district to expand its Pre-K program and provides resources that focus on the language and literacy of three and four year olds. Olean’s grant is called Project MADE - Make a Difference Early – and is one of only 28 grants awarded across the country and of three in New York State.

Early Reading First’s overall goal is to create centers of educational excellence for preschool students. Project MADE provides scientifically based literacy programs, teaching strategies, instructional materials, and student assessments, along with professional development and coaching for all pre-kindergarten teachers in the schools and will help teachers deliver effective literacy instruction. Early Literacy Coaches, Mrs. Mary Volz, Mrs. Laurie Marsfelder, and Ms. Amber Benjamin, are working with the pre-k classroom teachers and staff to provide additional teaching strategies, guide the use of assessments, and enhance the learning environment.

The district’s four-year-old and Head Start’s three- and four-year-old classrooms have already begun to implement the program. In January 2010, the two half day classes at East View Elementary became full day with new classroom teacher, Miss Kaitlin Curran, joining Mrs. Jill Obenrader. Classroom teachers have begun working together using the Scott Foresman Pre-K Reading Street program and will be supplementing this curriculum with the center-based Creative Curriculum. A four-week summer program will be announced soon for children transitioning between pre-k and kindergarten. Additional full day classrooms will be offered throughout the district in September 2010.

Mrs. Rychelle Weseman has joined Project MADE as the Parent Literacy Coordinator. In her role, she will provide opportunities for parents to learn about early language and literacy at school and/or home, offer resources for home learning activities, and support connections between parents and teachers. Classroom interactions will be scheduled for parents of pre-k students where they can join in during center time in their child’s classroom. Parents and children will work together in fun learning activities across different learning centers, participate in a group story time, and go home with additional activities to continue learning together. Family literacy nights will also be scheduled in each building. Families will be invited to come to school in the evening to participate in a group reading activity and learning stations.

For more information about the program, please contact Jen Mahar at 375-8039.
Students shine at music festivals

Congratulations to (shown at right, l-r) Kasey Boutwell and Karimah Rahman, who were accepted as members of this year’s NYSSMA All-State Women’s Choir. This is the highest level high school choir in New York State. Their high scores on a grade six solo at NYSSMA Solo Festival qualified them for the group of approximately 200 who performed at Eastman Theater in Rochester during the NYSSMA Winter Conference on December 5th. Kasey and Karimah are members of OHS Select Choir and Bel Canto.

The following students were accepted into Area All-State groups for the NYSSMA Zone 1 Festivals held in December. Their high scores on NYSSMA solos qualified them for participation in band, chorus or orchestra. Congratulations to these hard-working and talented young musicians!

In the left photo are Senior High Area All-State Chorus members: (back, l-r) Kasey Boutwell, Sariah Charleston, Byron Herbert, Justin Scott, Max Koski and (front, l-r) Riley Branch, Louise Penman, Karimah Rahman and Amber Kolodziejski.

In the lower left photo are Senior High Area All-State Band/Orchestra members: (Left to right) Steve Capitani, Rachel Pfeiffer and JD Olson.

In the lower right photo are Junior High Area All-State Chorus members: (l-r) Ashley Mulryan, Jamal Klute and Haley Jones.
‘Souper Bowl’ shows caring spirit

Maria Skrobacz, a sophomore at Olean High School and member of the National Souper Bowl of Caring Teen Advisory Council, led the Olean City School District’s collection of nonperishable food items donated from local school children. Throughout the city of Olean, a total of 7,040 nonperishable food items, 12 dozen, farm-fresh eggs, and $1889.04 were collected and donated to the Olean Food Pantry. Olean City School District, the Zonta Club, Olean Teachers & Postal Workers Federal Credit Union employees, Olean Area Credit Union employees, city of Olean employees & Mayor Witte, St. Mary of the Angels’ Catholic Church, First Presbyterian Church, Southern Tier Catholic School, Archbishop Walsh Academy, Five Star Bank, Community Bank, & the Pines Rehabilitation & Nursing Home combined their efforts to make the annual event a huge success.

OHS Sophomore Maria Skrobacz unloads boxes of items donated to the Souper Bowl of Caring.

Mural brightens OHS cafeteria

Advanced art painting student, Samantha Gutknecht, recently painted a mural on the wall in the cafeteria hallway. She created her design on drawing paper and enlarged the image onto larger paper using a grid. Mr. Vasi’s Career Foundations students cut the largest shapes in the mural out of plywood and attached them to the wall. Several other painting students have mural designs that are nearly ready to go into production. The class hopes to make OHS a brighter, more enriched environment, and enjoys sharing their talents with the rest of the student body.

A's for Olean Schools!

We are in AWE of your generosity
We APPRECIATE your gift and
ACCEPT it on behalf of our neighbors in Haiti.
We know we can ALWAYS count on the Olean community.

Olean High School Model United Nations organization would like to thank everyone throughout the Olean City Schools, and Olean community as a whole, for answering our Jan. 21st call to help in the Haiti earthquake relief effort. On Jan. 22nd staff "dress down day" donations, and student spare change collections, totaled almost $2,600 for UNICEF!!!
Thanks to everyone ... and especially the Model UN members who counted all that change!
Coach Anastasia celebrates 400th Career Win

The OHS Athletic Department recently recognized Coach Jeff Anastasia for achieving his 400th career coaching victory in boys varsity basketball. This milestone was achieved on Monday January 11, 2010 in a 50-35 OHS win over Southwestern.

Coach Anastasia was honored on January 19th before the Huskies home game against Fredonia. He received a commemorative ball from the OHS Athletic Department and the OHS Sports Boosters Club provided a congratulatory cake shared with the team in recognition of this outstanding achievement.

Congratulations, Coach Anastasia!

Bantelman reaches 1,000th point milestone

Rachel Bantelman, a senior on the Girls’ Varsity Basketball team scored her 1,000th career points on December 22, 2009. Rachel achieved this milestone in the first quarter of an 86-46 team victory over Dunkirk. She is pictured here with (l-r) Coach Scholla, her mother Jean, father Joe and sister Emily. Congratulations, Rachel!

OMS Liberty Partnership Student of the Month

By Miss Roblee

Friday, January 22nd, was a beautiful sunny day in Olean. This was the day that members of Liberty Partnership and AmeriCorps, in association with the Cattaraugus County Youth Bureau, planned to dig snow away from fire hydrants around town.

However, the pleasant weather forced another plan to be quickly developed, as there was no snow to be removed! Liberty Partnership and AmeriCorps members decided to map out where the hydrants were located so that the originally planned event would run efficiently at another time.

Out of the 7th and 8th grade students involved in Liberty Partnership, Nick Henderson was the only volunteer for this event. He was able to work with four high school students to map out fire hydrants between West Sullivan Street, West State Street, Union Street, and 12th Street. It was a great day for a walk and Nick did a fantastic job.

Nick’s generosity and willingness to help others are virtues that are often hard to find and should be acknowledged. Thank you, Nick, for volunteering your time and efforts to make Olean a better community! You are the first ever Liberty Partnership Student of the Month.

By Sheila Jackson, Spelling Bee Advisor

The Olean Middle School Spelling Bee was held on Thursday, January 7th. Nineteen spellers participated in this annual showdown. This competition is the first step toward a possible trip to the National Spelling Bee in Washington, DC, to be held this spring.

This year’s winner, Julie Mulryan, a 7th grader on the Blue Team, will be competing during February for a place in the Western New York Regional competition to be held in March. The winner of that contest will then be invited to compete in Washington.

Pictured congratulating Julie and Nicholas Sanders, who was this year’s runner-up, are Mr. Trietley and Mr. Welty.

**WPIG Disney On Ice Trip**

On January 20th, four students and two teachers were the winners of tickets to Disney on Ice at HBC Arena in Buffalo from WPIG. These OMS students were able to attend this wonderful event because of their positive attitude, responsible character traits, and strong work ethic. Pictured (l-r) Kelly Smith, Alissa Munday, Mrs. Bay, Marie Whittaker and Rebekah Nolf (accompanied by Mrs. Rickicki), enjoyed shopping, dinner, and exciting entertainment thanks to the generosity of WPIG.

**Second Stair**

A second stained glass window, Bean, was recently completed in the Library. Andrea and James Bean, theme, Reach, and Michael Rasz, as shown in the picture above, presented this to school students to achieve their goals.

**Perfect Attendance**

Congratulations to the second quarter Perfect Attendance Award winner Sarah Johnson ($50 award) and to Distinguished Attendance Award winner Abram Webster ($25 award). Both students are shown at right with Principal Trietley.

**Birthday Card Project**

Brock Blovsky and Sarah Retchless (pictured at left), OMS 8th grade, help pack one of the boxes the team is sending to numeric savant Beth, an old special needs woman, remembers the names, addresses, and birthday meets and sends them birthday cards. OMS students sent birthday cards, and have heard back from her parents three times. In a video the team on the news in Mechanicsburg, PA, the reporter mentioned the cards received by students. In carrying on the theme for their English class this year, the students to someone. Gray Team students have been bringing in colored paper, more to help offset the cost Beth incurs sending over a thousand birthday cards. And interestingly, Beth has been sending OMS students birthday cards.
Eagle’s Club Essay Contest

Congratulations to (front, l-r) Robert Wheeler, Jarod Greene, Courtney Martin, Alec Gonzalez, and Nicholas Sanders (back, l-r) and Glen Colin and Michael Gonzalez show the certificates they received as winners in the Eagles’ Annual Family Essay Contest held in December. Students wrote about numerous family traditions which they experience. Missing from the photo is Miranda Chastain.

New Guidance Handbooks

As part of the 8th grade transition process, the current 8th graders meet with their guidance counselor to discuss their four-year plan for high school. The students are given a high school guidance handbook which consists of the requirements for high school, the various classes available to them, clubs and organizations they could join and sports programs in which they can participate. The covers of this handbook are designed by students in the 8th grade technology class. These designs are then judged by members of the guidance departments. This year’s winning designs were produced by Morgan Smith and Caleb Edwards (pictured at left). These students received a $50 savings bond for their efforts.
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.oleanschools.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.

Level 2 & 3 sex offenders living in district listed

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Kindergarten Registration Information
For September 2010

The Olean City School District will be conducting Kindergarten registrations for the 2010-2011 School year at each elementary school in March 2010.

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If you have a child who will be 5 years of age by December 1, 2010, please complete the form below and return it to your neighborhood elementary school, or call the school at the number above.

Child’s name:________________________________ Date of Birth:__________________________
First                   Last

Parent/Guardian Name:__________________________________________

Address:______________________________________________________
Street City State Zip Code

Phone Number:________________________________________________

Names of other school age children and the school attending:

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OMS continues ‘Pennies for Patients’ support

The Olean Middle School participated in their fifth “Pennies for Patients” program sponsored by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The mission of this society is to improve the quality of life for those suffering from these diseases, and to provide funds to help find cures for leukemia and lymphoma.

For two weeks students and staff collected spare change to raise money for the research of leukemia and lymphoma cancers and raised over $1400. This amount surpassed the set $1000 goal. Spare change was supplemented through small fees raised by theme days, such as Twin Day, Hat Day, and Wacky Sock Day.

This year’s top money raising team, the Purple Team (8th grade) was rewarded for their efforts with a pizza party. The Orange Team (6th grade) and Blue Team (7th grade) rounded out the top three earners.

In the past five years, OMS students and faculty have raised over $9,000 for kids with cancer. Mr. Shoup would like to thank the entire faculty and OMS students who donated to this worthy cause. Once again, they’ve proven they care about those who are less fortunate in the world. What an achievement!
Learning about Predictions: First graders in Mrs. Carls’ class visited Mrs. Stephen’s Kindergarteners to sing the song “Groundhog Day” by Dr. Jean. Everyone enjoyed singing together and learning about what the groundhog’s predictions would mean. We all hope for an early spring!

Students Measure Up: Students in Mrs. Stephens’ class really measure up! They are learning measurement and how to use a ruler during Math Centers. How tall is the snowman?

Dental Health Month: Mrs. Chudy’s classroom had a visitor for Dental Health Month. Mrs. Wass, a dental hygienist, taught us how to take care of our teeth. We enjoyed brushing the Kangaroo’s teeth.

Friendly Rodent Visits: Mr. Morton, “The Animal Guy” visited Boardmanville in February, bringing his family of three groundhogs. Students were able to pet and feed these friendly rodents, and learned many things about them.
Using the Winter Olympics to Learn: For two weeks in February, students and staff at East View followed the Winter Olympics with great interest. The project began with our own “Opening Ceremonies” with a torch being passed by every student. In addition, each class chose a country to study and cheer for in the Olympics and 5th graders kept track of the medals won by those countries. The cafeteria even served lunches that were related to the different countries, such as Jamaican Jerk Chicken for Jamaica Day, and a German dog with baked apple sauerkraut for Germany Day. Everyone had a great time and learned a lot about winter sports and the cultures of other countries. Above left, 5th grade students pass the torch before the Opening Ceremonies. Above right, 5th graders track the medal count for the Olympics. At left, Pre-K students had the opportunity to try on some real ski boots and skis.

Welcoming New and Returning Staff: East View would like to welcome Ms. Kaitlin Curran, a new Pre-K teacher as well as Ms. Stephanie Henderson, a long term substitute Kindergarten teacher. In addition, we would like to welcome back Mrs. Diane Simon and Mrs. Deb Ralston who have returned to East View, serving as Pre-Kindergarten aides. Shown in the left photo (l-r) are Ms. Henderson, Mrs. Ralston, Ms. Curran, and Mrs. Simon.
Partners in Education – Olean Area Federal Credit Union: The 4th and 5th grade students at IJN are looking forward to a new program! Nicole Cook, and her fellow workers from the Olean Area Federal Credit Union, will be offering an in-school seminar called Saving and Creating a Budget. Starting on February 24th, our students will take part in a variety of lessons and activities that will help them grow in their knowledge of finances. Our partners will use the novel From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler, by E.L. Konigsburg as their starting point. Topics for discussion include: The Role of Money, Saving, Budgets, and Expense Records. Thank you, OACFU, for helping us learn and grow!

Library Bookmark Winners: The Olean Public Library sponsored a bookmark contest for students throughout the district! Congratulations to those students whose work was selected for print! Way to go!

Go Red for Women: The staff of IJN recently supported the Go Red for Women initiative sponsored by the American Heart Association. Women in America are dying of heart disease at the rate of almost one per minute. By making the right choices for our hearts, this No. 1 killer is largely preventable. A special ‘heart-felt’ thanks to the lovely ladies in this photo who supported the program!

Bahama Connection: In early January, students in fourth grade at IJN had the rare opportunity to share in the culture and lifestyle of a Bahamian student on Grand Bahama Island. Through Polycom technology, the students discussed their cultures, specifically focusing on the foods they eat and the things they do in their spare time. While tasting guava products (a Bahamian fruit), the IJN students shared their reactions with Bahamian students tasting maple syrup products. In future connections, the students will be planting seeds for their very own “cultural gardens” and discussing how the plants develop and grow, as well as the significance they have in the food chain.

Reading Olympics: Let the reading begin! On Wednesday, February 10th, the students and staff of IJN attended our Opening Ceremonies of the 2010 Reading Olympics! Under the direction of our Title 1 Reading Teachers, Ann Sorokes, Kelley Whitney, and Literacy Coach Pam Neary, the students of IJN have been called to be Olympic Readers! Each class selected a country and created its flag for the ceremonial parade of nations. Each nation was then given the challenge to read for 2010 minutes during the 17 days of the program.
A Pumpkin Party: After reading the story “The Life Cycle of a Pumpkin”, second graders in Mrs. Brooks and Mrs. Lewicki’s classes got together and had a “pumpkin” theme party. Students had an opportunity to try a variety of tasty treats made out of pumpkin. This was an eye opening experience as students saw first hand the many different foods that can be made using pumpkin. This hands-on activity was not only educational but also filling!

SBU Swim Team Visit: The kindergarten classes learned about working together by reading The Crayon Box That Talked. The SBU Women’s Swim Team were special helpers in Mrs. Johnson’s class as they helped draw self portraits and talked about working together.

“Walk Like An Egyptian”: Third Grade at WW completed a unit on Egypt. We went all out! We created headpieces that the Ancient Egyptians use to wear. Using real sand, we made our own pyramids. Mixing our own clay, we designed scarabs as well. We had a blast learning about Egypt!

Motors Demonstration: Mr. Borer, Mr. Barr and Mr. Young, engineers from Dresser Rand, came to our class for a hands on project. Students took apart lawn mower engines and then put them back together again. Then, students had challenging math questions figuring gear ratio, calculating engine ccs and miles per hour. Students had a blast learning about engineering and components to a motor.
‘Cool’ Presentation at OMS

By Mrs. Carrie Samuelson, 8th Grade Science Teacher

On November 23rd, 8th Grade Purple and Gray 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 are Zach Tarbox, Mr. Joe Higgins of Abbott Welding, and Katie Huselstein.