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## CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Reading First reaches its goal!

**Lynn Corder,**  
**Reading First Coordinator**

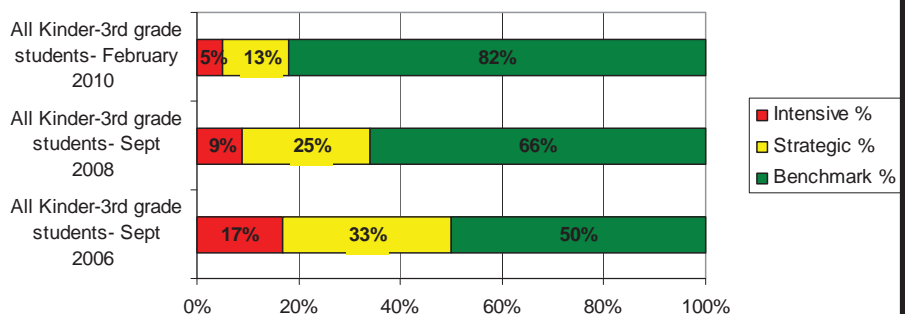
Reading is the most precious gift a child can receive. In today's schools, teachers and parents alike can attest to the devastating long term consequences for children who are not afforded this gift. In our Olean Schools, we are proud to say that we put "Reading First" and our results will benefit the 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)

**Olean City School District Reading First Data  
(All Kindergarten- 3rd Grade)**



Benchmark = Students at or above grade level

Strategic = Students at some risk for reading failure/slightly below grade level

Intensive = Students with severe reading difficulties

- 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 imperative 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 developing 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 community. 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 reality, 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](mailto:ctaggerty@olean.wnyric.org), or you can dialog with me on my blog. Just go to our website at [www.oleanschools.org](http://www.oleanschools.org) and click on Superintendent's blog. We must continue to be responsive to the needs of our community 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 Police Barracks. Students learned the academic & educational requirements for a career in such a facility, as well as, touring 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 forensic science services, including the state's DNA Databank. In 2007 the Headquarters Lab received 6,917 cases for analysis.
- The Mid-Hudson Regional Lab, established in 1978 at Stewart Airport in Newburgh (Orange County), provides controlled substance examinations and toxicology 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**



**Lisa Fratercangelo**



**Tiana Howden**

## New staff join school district

**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 Pittsburg 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the girls’ home game vs. Allegany-Limestone on Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 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.



**Amy Nunez**



**Sandra Patrick**



**Janice Steiner**

### 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

## Mahar hired as District Program Coordinator

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 pre-school 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.



Mary Volz



Kaitlin Curran



Rychelle Weseman

# 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 5<sup>th</sup>. Kasey and Karimah are members of OHS Select Choir and Bel Canto.



The following students were accepted into Area All-State groups for the NYS-SMA 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 Kolodziejki.

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.





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

## ‘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.



## A's for Olean Schools!

We are in **A**WE of your generosity

We **A**PPRECIATE your gift and

**A**CCCEPT it on behalf of our neighbors in Haiti.

We know we can **A**LWAYS 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. 21<sup>st</sup> call to help in the Haiti earthquake relief effort. On Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> 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!



## 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.



## Athletic Department News



### Coach Anastasia celebrates 400<sup>th</sup> Career Win

The OHS Athletic Department recently recognized Coach Jeff Anastasia for achieving his 400<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 1,000<sup>th</sup> point milestone

Rachel Bantelman, a senior on the Girls' Varsity Basketball team scored her 1,000<sup>th</sup> 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!



Nick Henderson

### OMS Liberty Partnership Student of the Month

By Miss Roblee

Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.



## How Do You SPELL W..I..N..N..E..R?

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.



## SECOND STAINED GLASS WINDOW

A second stained glass window in the Olean City School District Library, was recently completed. Andrea and James I. Reach, and Michael R. Soar, as shown in the picture above, were the donors. The window was presented to the school students to achieve the

## WPIG DISNEY ON ICE TRIP

On January 20<sup>th</sup>, 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.



## 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 8<sup>th</sup> graders, help pack one of the boxes the team is sending to numeric savant Beth. Beth, an old special needs woman, remembers the names, addresses, and birthdays of everyone who meets and sends them birthday cards. OMS students sent birthday cards to Beth, and have heard back from her parents three times. In a video the team posted on the news in Mechanicsburg, PA, the reporter mentioned the cards received by Beth. In carrying on the theme for their English class this year, the students are helping to someone. Gray Team students have been bringing in colored paper, and more to help offset the cost Beth incurs sending over a thousand birthday cards a year. And interestingly, Beth has been sending OMS students birthday





# Level 2 & 3 sex offenders living in district listed

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](http://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.

Steven M. Allen  
aka Steven Clemons  
603 East Highland Avenue  
1st degree sexual abuse, 2nd degree rape  
Female 13

Robert Burlew  
5 Edwards Court and  
Shady Rest Motel  
2nd degree sexual abuse  
Female 6

Frederick (Freddy) Crawford  
2nd degree sexual abuse  
Male 11

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

Jack Denning  
314 South 3rd Street  
2nd degree sexual abuse  
Female 11

Terrance Duncan  
aka Terry Cromwell  
3rd degree sodomy  
Female 8

John Eccles  
2nd degree sodomy  
Female 13

Clark Follett  
2nd degree sexual abuse  
Female 13 and 14

Christopher Hollister  
127 North 13th Street  
Non-NYS sex felony  
Female 5 and 8

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  
Sexual misconduct  
Female 16

Lionel Luper  
3rd degree attempted rape  
Female

Ricky Miller  
2nd degree sexual abuse  
Female 12

Darryl Myers  
1542 Olean-Portville Road  
1st degree sexual abuse  
Female 14

Arthur Nelson  
Attempted sexual abuse-1st degree  
Female 10

Jeffrey Pauly  
2nd degree sexual abuse  
Female 12 and 16

Shawn Rees  
1st degree sexual abuse  
Female 7

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

Keith Roberts  
309 South 3rd Street  
Non-NYS sex felony  
Female 6 and 7

Robert D. Schrauger  
2nd degree sexual abuse  
Female 13

Michael L. Stiegman  
Attempted sexual abuse-1st degree  
Female <11

Clifford Thompson  
313 South Third Street  
1st degree attempted rape  
Female 7

Mark A. Thompson  
Criminal Sexual Act-2nd degree sexual act  
Female 13

Gerald (Gerry) Tullar  
Forcible touching  
Female 46

Maurice Turner  
1542 Olean-Portville Road  
1st degree sexual abuse  
Female 10

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

# 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.

SCHOOL	DATES—2010		TIMES	PHONE
East View Elementary	Monday	March 22	8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	375-8920
Ivers J. Norton Elementary	Tuesday	March 23	8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	375-8940
Boardmanville Elementary	Wednesday	March 24	8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	375-8900
Washington West Elementary	Friday	March 26	8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	375-8960

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:


## 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 (8<sup>th</sup> grade) was rewarded for their efforts with a pizza party. The Orange Team (6<sup>th</sup> grade) and Blue Team (7<sup>th</sup> 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 Kindergarten 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!



# Boardmanville Elementary School



**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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, 5<sup>th</sup> grade students pass the torch before the Opening Ceremonies. Above right, 5<sup>th</sup> 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.



## East View Elementary School

**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.



**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!

**Partners in Education – Olean Area Federal Credit Union:** The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup>, 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!

**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!



# Ivers J. Norton Elementary School

**Reading Olympics:** Let the reading begin! On Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 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.



**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.



### “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!



**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.

# Washington West Elementary School

### 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.



## OLEAN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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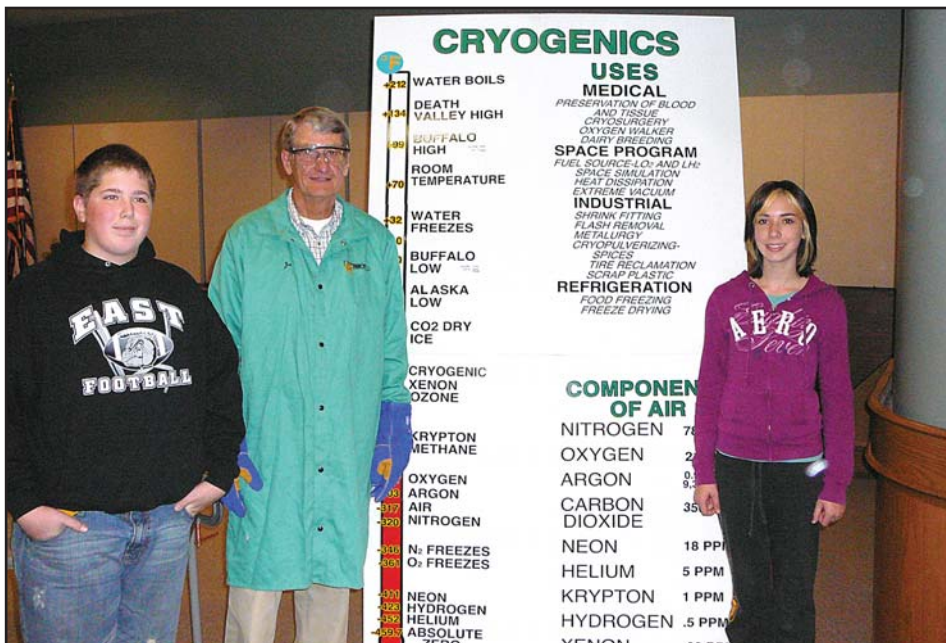
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- Curriculum and Instruction
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- Finance/Resource Management
- Building Relationships



## '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.