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## CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

*"Home, School and Community Educating for Life"*

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## Thirst Project Club Meets Goal

### *Efforts Providing Access to Clean, Safe Drinking Water*

We did it!

The Olean Thirst Project Club was founded in September 2015. Club members sought to educate the community and their fellow students about the global water crisis that holds 663 million people without access to clean, safe drinking water. The club set our goal of \$12,000, which would be enough to fund one sustainable well in a developing nation such as Swaziland.

Over the past 16 months, the club raised money by hosting a black-light dance at the Olean Intermediate Middle School, manned concession stands for district sporting events and even hosted a Lip Sync Battle at the 2016 OHS Prom assembly. Community organizations have been very supportive. The Olean Zonta club donated \$1,000, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Aerie No. 2692 of Depew donated \$1,000.

In an effort to increase awareness in our local school community, we arranged an assembly for grades 6-10. The Thirst Project Road Warriors



**Members of the Thirst Project Club and Road Warriors accept a check from Olean Zonta Club members. This generous donation helped the club reach its goal to build a sustainable well in a Swaziland community. Pictured are (front, l-r) Rebecca Fox, Kaitlyn Clark, Mackenzie Pfeffer; and (back, l-r) Skyla Chapman, Drew Penkala (Road Warrior), Emily Gayton, Sue Moricca, Kristen Sikora, Kim Wolfrom, Haley Thompson (Road Warrior), Laura Kopec, and Diane Balaban.**

presented a high energy information session to a very receptive group of young people.

In December of 2016, we reached our goal of \$12,000, which will provide between 400-600 people in a community with clean, safe drinking water and sanitation. In the following weeks, the club will select a com-

munity where the well will be placed. Our efforts will continue throughout the school year in hopes of helping more people gain access to clean, safe drinking water. The club would like to thank the community and school district for their constant support of the cause.

## Stay Informed with School Messenger Info Center App

Are you looking for a more convenient way to receive important messages and updates from your student's school but are always on-the-go? School Messenger has recently released an app, called InfoCenter, which can deliver important information from the district or specific school buildings in three (3) different formats: as a recorded voice message, as an email or as a text message. You can choose the format the message is delivered to you as well as the types of messages you receive, such as cancelled games, concert reminders, school closings, or notification that your student was absent from school.



This app is the answer for on-the-go parents who want to stay connected to their student's activities and information from the district.

InfoCenter is available for Apple (App Store) or Android (Google Play). Please note that you will still have the recorded message on the phone listed as your primary contact.

Just another way of staying connected and informed.

## Link to Neighborhood Predator Report Site Listed for Residents

The Olean Board of Education 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, 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), to 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.

*From the Superintendent*

## Embracing the Challenge: Technology's Evolution in Learning

I invite you to think about what celebrations and challenges face public education today in the area of high-tech teaching and learning. With each new season we prepare for the weather changes by changing how we dress, how or what we drive, as well as the activities in which we participate. Just as we adapt for each season, so too must we be willing to understand that change is occurring with the shifts in technology. We must learn to adapt, accept and/or embrace those changes.

Innovation in the area of technology is revolutionizing and transforming the way we communicate, interact with one another, and how we work. Personalized learning, computer-based testing, bring your own device (BYOD), 3-D printing, e-books, and the 1:1 device initiatives are influencing how students learn and how teachers teach. Utilizing technology as a tool for learning has much promise for acceleration, remediation, and individualized learning. It also brings many challenges such as appropriate classroom furniture, wireless network capability, purchase and replacement of devices, professional learning for all staff and students on how to best utilize the devices for authentic learning experiences, and how to maintain a balance with the critical soft skills (i.e. creativity, problem solving, compassion, written and oral communication, self-motivation, collaborative team-working skills) necessary for success in life.

Whether or not we embrace the changes being forced upon us though the evolution of technology, it is important to realize that our personal lives are being transformed with each new device being sold on the market and so too is our educational system. With rigorous and thoughtful evaluation of the technological tools for learning against achievement results, the transition into the ever evolving world of technology is the intent of the Olean City School District.

An unknown author once stated: "If one gives up when it's winter, one will no doubt miss the promise of your spring, the beauty of your summer and the fulfillment of the autumn." It is our responsibility to make sure our students do not miss the promise of their technological future. Therefore, the Olean City School District will embrace the challenges and, through creative and innovative methods, promote a culture of high tech personalized learning.

Yours in educational collaboration,

Dr. Colleen Taggerty  
Superintendent



## Classes Assist with District Mailing

The students in Ms. Bowker and Mrs. Bennion's classes did a fantastic job preparing the mailing of the superintendent of schools vacancy announcement. Job well done!



**Kathie Dudley**



**Sharron Courtney**



**Jill Forrest**



**Jennifer Sutton**



**Ryan Swick**



**Dionne Turnage**



**Heather West**

## ***Give a Warm Welcome to Our New Employees***

### **Teacher:**

**Kathie Dudley** was appointed to the position of Family and Consumer Science (FACS) teacher at OIMS in December 2016. Ms. Dudley received a Master of Science in Education from St. Bonaventure University in December 2008 and a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Pittsburg in April 2002. Prior to joining the District, Kathie work for BOCES as an Itinerant FACS teacher and Archbishop Walsh as an English teacher.

### **Support Staff:**

**Sharron Courtney** – Teacher Aide at Olean High School

**Jill Forrest** – Teacher Aide at East View Elementary School

**Jennifer Sutton** – Keyboard Specialist – IT Department

**Ryan Swick** – Teacher Aide at Olean High School

**Dionne Turnage** – Teacher Aide at Washington West Elementary School

**Heather West** – Program Specialist – Community Schools



## **PEP Grant Adventures Continue**

In January a group of high school students attended Sky Zone, an indoor trampoline park, in Buffalo sponsored fully by the PEP grant. This was the first time many of the students have been there. February's adventure activity for the high school is going to be Snow Tubing at Holiday Valley.

# A Christmas Tradition: Making Bûche de Noël

Mrs. Napoleon's JCC 2510 level 4 French students made their yearly visit to Mr. Zyck's classroom to pair up with his students to create a beautiful Christmas dessert. The Bûche de Noël (commonly known as the Yule Log) is a traditional dessert served near Christmas, especially in Belgium, France, Switzerland, Québec and several former French colonies. This lovely dessert is made of sponge cake and resembles an actual log (in the form of a sweet roulade). Students spent the first day making the sponge cake and the second day decorating it with their own special details. This decadent treat was enjoyed by the students and staff in the building.



## Substitutes Sought for All Positions ... Apply Today!

Are you interested in being a substitute for the 2016-2017 School Year? The District has increased the pay rates for substitutes!

The District is in need of substitutes in all areas:

- Long-Term Sub Teacher: \$120/day
- Certified Sub Teacher: \$105/day
- Sub Teacher w/Bachelors: \$91/day
- Non-Certified Sub Teacher: \$85/day
- Sub Nurse: \$15/hour
- Sub Teacher Aide/Cleaner/Food Service: \$9.70/hour

Applications for all substitute positions are available in the Human Resource Dept., 410 West Sullivan Street, Olean, and on the District's website, [www.oleanschools.org](http://www.oleanschools.org). If you have questions, please contact the Human Resource Department at 716-375-8032.

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS Olean City School District

The Board of Education of the Olean City School District is seeking a progressive-minded Superintendent of Schools to continue the excellent work of our retiring Superintendent who has served the district with distinction for nine years. We seek an educational professional who embraces the concept of individualized learning and who believes it is the responsibility of the district to give each student his or her best chance to succeed in the classroom and in life.

The successful candidate will not only love education, but will also fully embrace the on-going metamorphosis of how education is changing to adapt to the new dynamic methods of teaching and how those methods dovetail with the customized learning needs of students. The new Superintendent will be a proven collaborative leader who engages all district employees and students with respect and who demonstrates the utmost integrity. The Superintendent will effectively and efficiently be able to manage a staff of more than 400 and oversee the education of 2254 students in a Pre-K through 12 setting. He or she will have high expectations of himself or herself and of others, tempered with compassion and understanding.

Salary Range: \$150,000-\$175,000. NYS SDA/SDL certification required.

The brochure and application may be found at [www.castalloandsilky.com](http://www.castalloandsilky.com) by clicking on Forms and Documentation. Submit letter of interest, resume, application, professional placement file and/or three letters of recommendation, graduate transcripts, and SDA/SDL certification to:

Mr. Alan D. Pole, Senior Associate  
c/o Castallo & Silky, LLC  
4514 Whistler Circle  
Manlius, NY 13104  
Email: [polead@yahoo.com](mailto:polead@yahoo.com)  
315-692-4615 (office)  
607-427-9681 (cell)

Application deadline: March 10, 2017

Start date: On or about August 1, 2017

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# Basketball Milestones at Olean High



On Dec 29, 2016, at the Annual I.A.A.B.O. Christmas Tournament at St Bonaventure University, Sara Pfeiffer became the youngest female basketball player to score 1,000 points during a career at Olean High School.

Sara joins only five other female players who have scored 1,000 or more career points. Sara is well on her way to challenging the all-time women's career scoring record set by Holly Speroni, as well as the all-time men's career scoring record.

Pictured (l-r): Coach Randy Samuelson, Sara Pfeiffer, sister Gabby Pfeiffer, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Colleen Taggerty, mother Sue Pfeiffer, and Coach Chelsea Bowker.



Coach Jeffrey Anastasia reached his 545th career victory which puts him atop the list of WNY Boys' Basketball Coaches. Congratulations to Coach Anastasia!!!!

## ANNUAL VARIETY SHOW A HIT!

This was the 12<sup>th</sup> year of the OIMS Annual Variety Show. Students are encouraged to come up with an act. They try out in front of staff judges, and the top 10 acts are picked to participate. This year we were entertained by



several teacher acts as well as acts performed by students. Mr. Trietley and Mr. Whitcher were a hit in conjunction with the 4th grade “Village People” teachers singing “Macho Man” and “YMCA”. Another show stealer was Princess Leia (Mrs. Bean) and our very own Darth Vader, Mr. Korzeniewski. We had singers, dancers, and gymnasts as well as guitar, piano and keyboard performances. Our talented performers were Nick Jones, Avalyn Rhodes, Amyra Shaffer, Katie DeGroff, Prince Foster, Alecia Cheney, Jayna Griffin, McKenzie Kinnaird, Jo Jo Gibbons, Hannah Nelson, Trinity Snyder-Miller, Caroline Carter, Makenna Britt, Madison Jones, Makenna Pancio, Safia Javed, Ella Scanlon, Erin Cortez, Adele Dwaileebe, Sienna Smith, Ashlee Blinn, Arissa Hamed, Mrs. Snyder’s bucket drummers, Mrs. Mest’s class, Mrs. Ullman’s class, Ms. Bess’s class, the OIMS 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade chorus, and several acts by the OIMS teachers. We can’t wait to see what next year’s talent brings!



## SHOWING THE W

A group of 7<sup>th</sup> grade OIMS students attended the Catalyst Leadership Workshop in January. During the inspirational workshop, students shared positive messages and engaged students with actions that can make a difference, never give up, be themselves, and to dream big. The students learned about courage, responsibility, kindness and attitude. The students showed their skills and qualities!



## VALENTINE FUN IN KEYBOARDING

To supplement our keyboarding program and for a fun project, Mrs. Grosso had her 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade students create a Valentine Acrostic or a Coupon Book during their Tech time. Students learned how to add and format Word Art, as well as add and format a picture for a background, insert a text box and change fonts in Microsoft Publisher. The students learned quite a bit, all while creating a special Valentine gift. Great Job Kids!

## BRAILLE READERS

January was Braille Awareness Month across the country.

As part of this important event, one of our students, Cady Miller in Mrs. Ullman’s 5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom, has been participating in the Great Lakes “Braille Readers are Leaders” contest since December. This contest is sponsored by the National Federation of the Blind. Cady has been competing with Braille readers in her age group from New York, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

She has worked very hard and just submitted 175.5 Braille pages for the contest! Good work Cady -- thank you for being our Braille reading leader in Olean!





## DAY AT OIMS

...taraugus-Allegany Middle School Student  
...n-filled workshop, guest speaker Ed Gerety  
...activities designed to encourage them to make  
...n big. He stressed the importance of grati-  
...had a great time while learning leadership

## ARE LEADERS



## STUDYING HUMAN ORGAN SYSTEMS

Students from the 6<sup>th</sup> grade red team examine a model of a human heart as they study organ systems in Health class. Pictured (l-r) are Gavin Weisman, Randy Hall, Conner Scutt and Hannah Woodard.



## GUNDLAH DENTAL OFFERS FREE CARE

Olean General Hospital's Gundlah Dental Center recently came to OIMS to offer free dental care to students. Students who enrolled in the program received an exam, fluoride treatment, and sealants if indicated. Sealants are placed on the biting surface of permanent teeth to prevent decay. Above, Amy Wass, RDH, and Dr. Gesek examine the teeth of a student at OIMS. This program was available to students in grades 4, 5 and 6. Thanks to the Gundlah Dental Center for bringing this important service to our students!





## Elementary STEM Fun and Learning

Students in the after-school program at East View Elementary School have the opportunity to work with our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) coordinator Ms. West, on many hands-on activities.



## East View Talent on Display in Art Show

Last week Ms. Bowen and Mr. Brown, our Art Teachers, created a gallery of our students' work in our main lobby. The work was enjoyed by all the students, teachers and families as they traveled by each day.



## It's Time to Sign Up for Pre-K

The Olean City School District will be conducting informational sessions to prepare for Universal Pre-Kindergarten registration and enrollment for the 2017-18 school year. If you have a child who will be 4 years of age by December 1, 2017, you are invited to join us from 6:00-7:00 pm on Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, at Washington West Elementary, or Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, at East View Elementary. Please contact Jen Mahar at 375-8039 if you have any questions. Information is also available on the District website under Community Schools.



# Kindergarten Registration Form

The Olean City School District will be conducting Kindergarten registrations for the 2017-2018 school year from March 13 - 16, 2017. If you have a child who will be 5 years of age by December 1, 2017, please complete the form below and return it to your neighborhood elementary school, or call the school at the number listed below.

SCHOOL	DATES—2017		TIMES	PHONE
<b>Washington West Elementary</b>	Monday	March 13	9:15 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.	375-8968
	Tuesday	March 14	9:15 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.	
<b>East View Elementary</b>	Wednesday	March 15	9:15 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.	375-8921
	Thursday	March 16	9:15 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.	

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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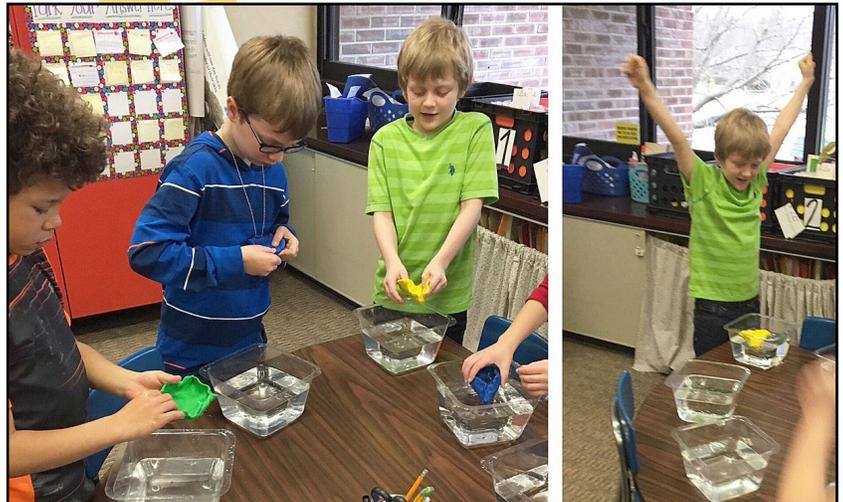


**Doughnuts for Dads** - In January, our Kindergarten team hosted a morning breakfast called Doughnuts for Dads.



**Cutco** - Last year our entire staff was fortunate to tour Cutco on one of our in-service days. This year, we invited Cutco to tour our school and will be hosting a series of tours in the months to come. East View and Cutco have been corporate partners for over 25 years.

East View  
Elementary  
School



**Science of Buoyancy** - Students in Mrs. Rodman's third grade learned about buoyancy in Science class.



**Climbing the Rock Wall** - Students in PE got to use our rock wall this past week.



**A Tree-mendous Job!** - Students in Ms. Frederick's class have been working in book clubs! Three different groups were formed to read three Magic Tree House books. Students learned about the customs and traditions of Japan, India, Iraq, and Italy. Students then wrote persuasive letters to the author of the Magic Tree House books, Mary Pope Osborne, to write a new book about a new country. To finish up this ELA Module, students designed and built their own tree houses! The students did a fantastic job! So much detail and creativity went into each project. For example, some students built desks, books, and shelves on the inside of their tree houses. Almost every tree house had a tire swing and a rope ladder! What a great way to finish reading a book!



# Washington West Elementary School

**Lessons from the Netherlands** - This pic was taken while Mrs. Murray's 3rd grade students were learning about the Netherlands from Larson Hawkes' father who was on business there. He told the students about the weather, foods, clothing, sports and other things that are important to the people in the Netherlands. He also showed them the currency and explained how much it was worth. It was a great experience since we are currently learning about the culture and traditions in other countries.



## OLEAN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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### ADMINISTRATION

Colleen Tagerty, Superintendent of Schools  
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Linda Nottingham, Washington West Elementary Principal  
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## Showing Kindness and Compassion

The OCS D's character trait for the month of December was kindness and compassion. For the third year in a row, the students and staff at Washington West held a pajama drive to benefit the Genesis House and the Child Advocacy Center. This year, with the help of the Washington West community and a generous anonymous donation, we had our most successful drive ever! The Washington West community certainly showed that trait through their generosity and support. 115 pairs of pajamas were donated to the Genesis House and the Child Advocacy Center! Thank you to all of those who supported this event.

## Olean City School District Mission/Vision

*The Olean City School District is a student-centered community of excellence in which all members are challenged to learn, achieve, contribute, and innovate.*

### Guiding Principles

*A commitment to fostering:*

A respectful, safe, and welcoming environment

Embracing diversity

Continuous improvement

Academic excellence and lifelong learning

Honesty, integrity, responsibility, and accountability

Student potential and achievement