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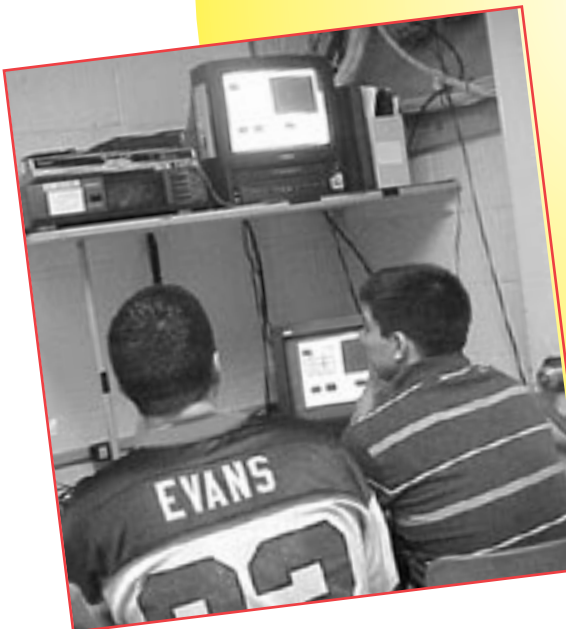
TV Production rolling at high-school

Olean High School now has a class in Television Production. The class runs four times a year to allow all grade levels access to this class. An updated TV Studio with brand new equipment was installed this summer so students can learn the basics of Television Production.

They are learning how to plan, write, and tape small studio productions as well as field productions. Students use the Non-Linear Editing Station to edit small videos of events occurring around Olean High. They use a digital video camera to record footage around the school and a Freshman Orientation video is underway.

This is an exciting addition to Olean High. Students who want to learn "behind the scenes" technology will be able to take those skills and apply them to a college major or just make better home movies.

For more information, please contact Ms. Kurjakovic at 375-8003.



Process providing road map to the future

By Mark J. Ward, Superintendent

The Board of Education is continuing to host a series of meetings, moderated by the Superintendent of Schools, to discuss the future needs of our elementary schools. The discussions have focused on the number of elementary schools that we currently have and whether or not we should consider different options. Parents, teachers, staff members, administrators, Board members and community residents have had an opportunity to ask questions, participate in group activities and review a variety of data about the Olean City School District.

The purpose of the “process” is to determine what, if any, changes are warranted. The study will continue to look at all aspects of the issue, carefully examining the following information:

- Enrollment patterns of the District and individual schools
- Tax rates steady increase
- Tax base - 20% decline since 1984
- Operational costs for each building
- Students not attending their neighborhood school
- Out-of-District students
- Transportation
- Facilities
- Programs and staff
- Class size
- Redistricting

During the series of meetings a number of different elementary configurations have been suggested and discussed. The following are continuing to be reviewed:

- Five (5) Pre-K-5 Buildings (current situation)
- Four (4) Pre-K-5 Buildings
- Three (3) Pre-K-5 Buildings
- Three Schools: Pre-K-1, 2-3, 4-5

- Three Schools: Pre-K-1, Two (2) 2-5 schools (East side and West side)
- Move 5th grade to Middle School and have 2 or 3 elementary schools

Three sub-committees will be looking in depth at the various “alignment options” outlined above. Facilities, programming and transportation will be evaluated with recommendations sent eventually to the District Planning Team (DPT) comprised of parents, union/teachers, support staff, administration, community members and Board representation.

While the final decision will rest with the Board of Education, this investigative and research phase gives the District residents an opportunity to share their thoughts and feelings, ask questions and learn from each other. The Board continues to be concerned about focusing attention on educational programming and resources in an effort to offer our students a quality education that our community can afford. Some people have asked, “Why are you considering changing our elementary schools?” The answer is rather complicated but it settles on three main issues, balancing the cost of operating our schools, our limited financial resources and what do we want our school system to look like as we prepare our students as 21st Century learners.

We recognize that as we look at and consider change that many questions, concerns and emotional feelings stream through-out peoples minds. We want to assure you that the Board will carefully weigh all the information whether it is factual, emotional or historical in an effort to make the best possible decision for our children and the Olean community.

In the end, this process should provide the District with a Long Range Plan that will outline future program and facility needs. If changes are eventually recommended and adopted, it will provide our District a “Road Map to the Future.”

Homecoming 2005

“A Night on Bourbon Street” was the theme of Homecoming held Oct. 8 at Olean High. Twenty percent of ticket sales went to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina, raising over \$900.

Elected to Homecoming court were (front, l-r) Jen Howard, Molly McKeown, Lauren Cussins, Natalie Pelton, Jocelyn Parks, Lyndsey Baldwin and (back, l-r) Jared Warren, Kevin Dougherty, Andy Trass, Andy Mellon, Marco Marquez and Kevin Yehl.

A special thank you to the Homecoming committee who did an outstanding job: juniors Carrie Burgess, Rachel Burrows, Dana Demarest, Meagan Griffin, Meggan Lampack, Elizabeth Lehman, Megan McKeown, Gina Palumbo, Eileen Proto, Adrienne Sader, Katie Simon, Lauren Simon; and seniors Sasha Gilbert, Lauren Cussins, Amanda Jones, Amanda Sitter, Janelle Theodore, Amanda Washington and Katie Yatzkanic.





Art students sharing creative talents with the community

Art Club members are currently working on a mural in the recreation room at the Olean Business Institute. Olean High art students created designs which were then projected on the walls of the rec room and they are now painting these creative images. Most of the drawings involve various games, such as chess and foosball, or incorporate the business school's initials. The art students are helping to brighten up an otherwise drab space with their brightly colored paintings.

Mrs. Heinz's Advanced Art Drawing and Painting class also recently hung large fall leaves in the cafeteria, which they created with pastels. Students brought in leaves of various colors and using direct observation, which means students looked at the leaf they were to draw, created a very much enlarged drawing of their particular leaf. The leaves are helping everyone enjoy this colorful season, even when we're inside the building.

Spanish Club to tour abroad over Spring Break

Over the Spring Break in April, the OHS Spanish Club will be traveling to the cities and surrounding areas of Barcelona, Madrid, and Paris. Approximately 30 students and adults will be following an itinerary set up by EF Tours.

Students are raising money to help finance their trip through the sale of Olean Huskies Lanyards and raffle tickets for themed baskets during the months of October, November, and December. To purchase these items contact any Spanish Club member or Mrs. Shannon, Mrs. Melaro, or Mrs. Connelly at Olean High School.



During our first stop in Barcelona students will have an opportunity to visit the well known Gaudi Cathedral and Guell Park, stroll through the Ramblas, and immerse themselves in the Catalan culture. From there we head to Madrid, the heart of Spain. In Madrid we will visit the world renowned Prado Museum, the Royal Palace, and enjoy an evening of Flamenco. After an excursion to Toledo, we will board the overnight train to Paris. In Paris we will discover the city on the Seine: the Louvre, the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame, and the Palace of Versailles.

All students will be required to keep a journal of each day's activities. Students will be utilizing all four communication skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

We hope that this trip enhances their study of language and world culture.

Parents hustle to classes at Open House

By Eileen Keenan-Skrobacz

Olean Senior High School parents took their children's places in the high school classrooms on Monday, September 19. During a brief opening assembly, OHS principal Mrs. Barb Lias, asked parents to walk in their children's shoes for the next eight periods. The guidance counselors gave the parents their children's schedules and the first period bell rang! The parents were off on an adventure which was so familiar years ago! Many parents were heard to say that they remembered climbing the stairs from the basement to the third floor. And now they were even more exhausted!

Teachers throughout the building had prepared notes for the parents and some even had brain teasers to demonstrate to parents how necessary it is to have their children think outside the box.

At the end of each period, parents gathered materials from the teachers and headed to computers, music, art, English, and much more

Stay active! Use the school pool and track

By Eileen K. Skrobacz

Are your children telling you they're bored, and there is nothing to do? Are you looking for an alternative for your children sitting on the couch, watching TV, or playing video games! Then grab everyone's bathing suits, towels, and head out to the Olean City School District swimming pool, located on the middle school campus. Enjoy jumping off the diving boards, swimming some laps, or playing various pool games with your family and friends. The pool is now open on specific Wednesdays and Saturdays through the end of the school year. Parents, children, and all city residents are invited to swim, free-of-charge, at the pool from 6 until 7:30 p.m. In order to provide the safest environment for everyone, it is important for elementary students to be accompanied by a responsible adult while using the pool.

The Olean City School District and the 21st Century Learning Center grant are sponsoring the open swim for the district residents. Dates the pool is available for open swim are Nov. 9 & 19, Dec. 14 & 17, Jan. 11 & 21, Feb. 8 & 18, March 8 & 18, April 5 & 29, May 10 & 20, and June 14 & 17. So mark your calendars, and make plans to take advantage of the district's beautiful indoor swimming pool.

In addition, some City of Olean residents are taking advantage of the district's track located on the middle school campus. Some walk, some run, and some walk and run! Being able to exercise on the track keeps the residents returning during the evenings and on the weekends when the track is not being used by Olean City School District students.

Olean Athletic Director Don Scholla reminds the users of the track that no bikes or dogs are allowed on the track. Mr. Scholla also asks that if any joggers or walkers see people loitering on the track, misusing the area, or causing any damage to please phone the Olean Police Department and school officials.



Recognizing 'Good Sports' at OHS

Olean High School has recently received commendation from Section VI, Inc., for achieving the 2004-05 NYSPHSAA Good Sports Award. This award is presented to schools in recognition of their outstanding efforts in promoting good sportsmanship within the section and state. OHS is one of only four schools in the (88) member Section VI to be recognized as having the most outstanding proactive approaches for promoting sportsmanship. Olean has earned the distinction of being a model New York Good Sports School from Section VI for the second time now.

At a special Section VI luncheon on Wednesday September 21, OHS was presented a New York Goods Sports Plaque by Section VI Sportsmanship Coordinator, Doug Ames. Receiving the award on behalf of OHS were student-athletes Sarah Rhinehart and RJ Strickler, along with principal Barb Lias and athletic Director Don Scholla. Also included in the picture is Section VI President Frank Nicotra.

UPCOMING SAC EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 18 Junior Class Turkey Dance, 9:30 p.m.-12 midnight
- 19 Community Thanksgiving Dinner

DECEMBER

- 5 Open SAC meeting, 2:30 p.m., Rm. 3
- 16 Senior Class Holiday Dance, 9:30 p.m.-12 midnight

JANUARY

- 4 Open SAC meeting, 2:30 p.m., Rm. 3
- 9-13 Jar Wars

FEBRUARY

- 6 Lip Sync, 7 p.m.
- 9 Decorate State, 2:30-5 p.m.
Mandatory Senior Skit Rehearsal, 7-8 p.m.
- 10 Winter Weekend Assembly, 12:50 p.m.
- 11 Decorate Café, 9 a.m.-12 noon
Winter Weekend Dance, 10 p.m.-1 a.m.
- 15 Up All Night Meeting
- 23 Up All Night Money due

For current sports
schedules go to:
www.viewmyschedule.com



News from around the 'Middle'

EIGHTH GRADE - PURPLE TEAM

Academic Lab:

Students in eighth grade have been given the opportunity to receive extra help in math and English with the addition of an academic lab. The Purple Team has split their students among seven teachers. Most students are getting math help one day and help with English the next. We have just finished our first rotation; some students have changed to new teachers for their second cycle. During the first cycle students worked with reading comprehension or on writing skills for English.

In math, students worked with integers. For the majority of the students, improvement has been seen. A small group of students is working in an enrichment program that is comparing and analyzing movies with historical settings. We commend students for their hard work and persistence during the first cycle and look forward to continuing this endeavor.

Community Service:

The Purple Team raised over \$400 for the victims of Katrina in the dis-

trict walk-a-thon. We are proud of the students that found sponsors and even donated money out of their own pockets. In December, we will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army. We hope that our Purple Team extended family will support this, our next community service project.

EIGHTH GRADE - GRAY TEAM

In addition to the Middle School being a fun place to be everyday, the Gray Team offers some great experiences for eighth graders. The Gray Team consists of Mrs. Cordia, science teacher; Mr. Dibs, social studies teacher; Mr. Retchless, math teacher; and Mrs. Weber, English teacher.

The Gray Team has implemented an academic lab into their class schedules this year. This new class has been designed to provide preparation for the state assessments that students will be taking in the eighth grade. In the first semester, the focus is predominately on English and math. However, the other academic areas will be incorporated, as well as enrichment activities. One of these fantastic enrichment activities took place in Mr. Dibs's academic lab. Students worked on a Grand Canyon project where they had to plan a trip to the Grand Canyon. This wonderful project incorporated all four academic areas and was fun as well.

Another interesting project that students recently completed was their short story paper quilt project in Mrs. Weber's English class. This project required students to identify and explain important literary terms that students need to understand for the ELA Assessment in January.

As you can see, there have been many interesting events happening on the Gray Team.

SEVENTH GRADE - BLUE TEAM

By Judy O'Dea and Amy Riker

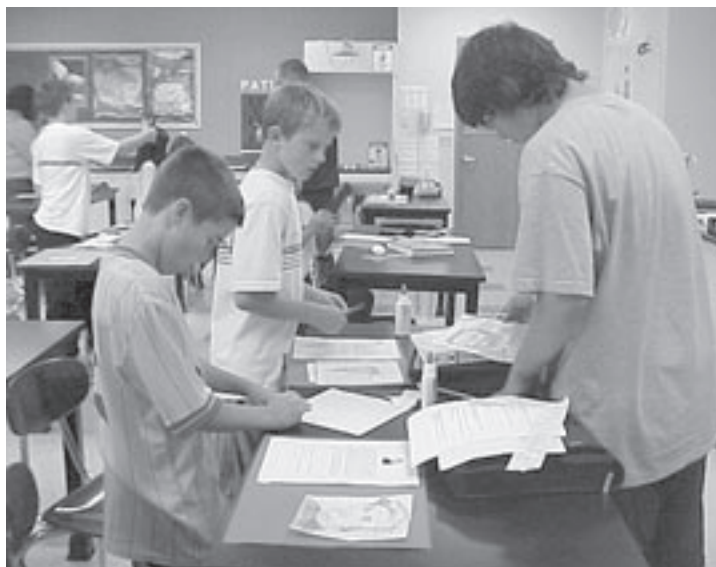
Olean Middle School seventh grade students on the Blue Team participated in a Famous Person Project in September. Teachers submitted names of

famous individuals from each of the five disciplines (English, Foreign Language, Social Studies, Math, and Science) and from a general category. The students drew names, researched in the school library, and wrote a short biographical piece on the famous person, including a work cited section.

Students were really challenged when they had to take a 2½ inch x 1½ inch picture of the famous person, use a grid, and enlarge the picture so that it was 4 times the original size. This technique of using a grid gave everyone a chance to produce a great portrait!

The final product was a poster which included the writing piece, the sketch, a caption, and a question that the student would ask the famous person if he/she were to be interviewed. The posters were hung from the ceiling and taped to the walls on the 3rd floor of the middle school for open house.

The Blue Team teachers would like to thank Ms. Soplop (librarian), Mrs. Mohagen (librarian's assistant), and Mr. Brown (art teacher) for all of their help with this project, and would like to congratulate the Blue Team students on a job well done!



Brandon Jones, Will Wetherby and Brett Smith assemble their posters in Science.

Enthusiastic readers shine at OMS



Eighth-grader Anamarie Mehmel with her reading recommendation

**By Carmen Soplop
Middle School Librarian**

The joy of reading seems to be contagious this year at Olean Middle School. Students at all grade levels, in record numbers, are frequenting the library to check out novels of their own choosing for leisure entertainment. To help each other discover new books and



Seventh-grader Desmond White with his reading recommendation

authors as well as hidden treasures on the shelf, students are encouraged to recommend titles they have found especially satisfying. Pictures of students, along with their reading suggestion, are posted in and around the library so others may benefit from these recommendations and share the enjoyment.

Students will be rewarded for their reading once again this year through the Accelerated Reader program. If a student reads three Accelerated Reader books in a month and passes the quiz on each of them, he or she will receive a prize. At the end of the year, prizes will be awarded to the students who have accumulated the most points in the program. Thank you to Burger King and Auntie Anne's of Olean for donating some of the prizes.

OMS Open House attended by 850

This year's Middle School Open House underwent a few changes from years' past. Mr. Trietley, the new principal, welcomed everyone in the gymnasium to introduce himself, discuss the school's policies and highlight some of the new programs. After the meeting, everyone was dismissed to tour the school, visit the classrooms and meet the teachers. Parents had a chance to see where their children spend their day and admire all of the work that they have been doing since the beginning of the year. The parents also had a chance to ask teachers questions, bring up any concerns and sign up for conferences, if necessary. As always, there were delicious refreshments provided.

Door prizes also were given away throughout the evening. Olean Middle School would like to thank everyone who donated prizes and other goodies. We would also like to congratulate the students on earning their "no homework night." This was an agreement Mr. Trietley and the staff at OMS made prior to Open House hoping that over 500 people would attend. The number was exceeded as over 850 people were present. Great job!

Red Ribbon Week drives home drug-and-alcohol-free message

By Janeen Bergan

Since 1988, Red Ribbon Week has been a week dedicated to being drug-free and helping others become aware of the dangers that are associated with drugs and alcohol. This year Red Ribbon Week was held October 24 until October 31. The Middle School took this week seriously by signing a drug-free pledge and wearing red ribbons the entire week. Everyday there were entertaining activities that everyone had a chance to participate in. There were trivia questions over the announcements, hat day, and wear red and gold day. Homerooms competed in Red Ribbon spirit by creative decorating and a winning homeroom from each grade level received a pizza party. Once again, the students had a chance to show off their dance moves at the dance Friday night. Parents and staff also showed their support by tying red ribbons to their cars' antennas.

Many great prizes and donations were donated to support this week at the Middle School. We cannot thank everyone enough for their generosity. Without you this week would not have been as successful as it was. We appreciate everyone's support. The local companies who donated much of our needed items are: Burger King in Olean, O'Dea's Snow Tubing Hill for tubing passes, Wendy's in Olean for food, Olean City Parks and Recreation Department and the Olean Youth Bureau. Thank you so much and remember, we can have fun without drugs!



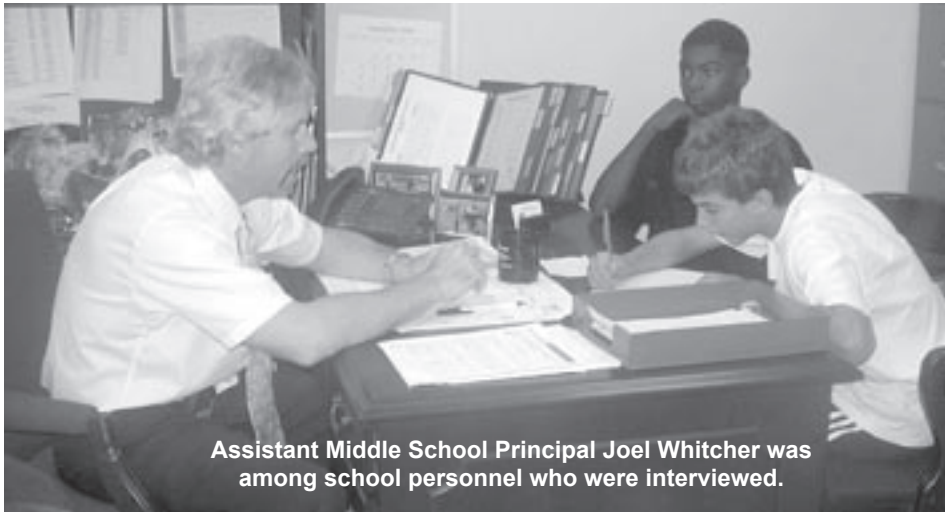
Writing students learn the art of the interview

If you could interview one person in the entire world, who would you choose? Miss Spoonley, SBU student teacher, and Mrs. Jedrosko's 5th period writing class had the opportunity to interview individuals who work for the Olean School District. Miss Spoonley assisted the students in conducting these interviews because the 6th grade students are new to the Olean Middle School. Some of the interviewees are also new to either OMS or the District.

The students learned many things throughout the interviews. For starters, they learned about the many responsibilities of the various jobs necessary to keep a school system up and running. They also learned how to conduct an interview and how beneficial they can be. The students were able to use technology to take pictures. They also worked on their typing skills to create 'Information Posters' about each person interviewed. These posters, complete with pictures, were on display for the Open House.

Those interviewed included: Mr. Ward (Superintendent), Mr. Trietley (OMS Principal), Mr. Whitcher (OMS Assistant Principal), Mrs. McElfresh (Board President), Mr. Martello (Board Member), Officer Randy (School Resource Officer), Mrs. Buehler (OMS Receptionist), Mrs. Bess (Secretary), Mr. Driscoll (6th Grade Guidance Counselor), Mrs. Wenke (7th Grade Guidance Counselor), Mrs. Sine-siou (8th Grade Guidance Counselor), Mrs. Lamb (School Nurse), Mrs. Klingbeil (Attendance), and Mr. Lampe (Building Maintainer).

The students had a great time interviewing so many professionals. They were given the chance to learn about the many jobs and responsibilities of the individuals working for the Olean School District. They also learned about the interviewing process. Miss Spoonley, Mrs. Jedrosko and her 5th period writing class would like to thank all of the above mentioned for their participation.



Assistant Middle School Principal Joel Whitcher was among school personnel who were interviewed.

On-line databases available to middle-schoolers

By Carmen Soplop, Middle School Librarian

The OMS Library subscribes to several online databases that provide authoritative, accurate and easy-to-use information for students' research needs. The databases offer an extensive collection of encyclopedia and magazine articles, pictures, current news stories, recommended web sites and other useful information. The readability levels and searching interfaces are geared to middle school students. As we subscribe to these services, user names and passwords are required to access them. These databases can be accessed from your home computer for student research by using the library's accounts and passwords. The passwords are available in the OMS Library. Students have been encouraged to bring them home but if you do not have them and would like a copy, please call Ms. Soplop at 375-8063.

OMS Sports Update

Modified Football

By Phil Vecchio

The modified football team is off to a 3-1 start with three games remaining on the 2005 schedule. The team started the year with a shutout victory against Fredonia, winning 14-0. The Huskies lost their second game 20-14 against Dunkirk. The modified team has since rattled off two wins in a row beating Washington 20-7 and Allegany-Limestone 55-25. Coaches, Terry Burrows, Phil Vecchio and Jason Folland have found working with these student-athletes to be very satisfying.

We believe the importance of getting in the "Huskies football family" early is paramount. The boys have a year under their belts already and they have had the chance to learn the importance of practice, responsibility to teammates and terminology that is used for the high school's football team. In turn, the boys have become more responsible and are also learning the importance of becoming student-athletes. The football program has a study hall scheduled three days a week to ensure that the football team takes care of the most important aspect, academics.

The Olean modified football team would like to thank all of their fans who came to support them at the games, as well as all of the parents who helped make this program possible. The season was a success and we look forward to next year!

Modified Wrestling

By Mike O'Connor

The Olean Modified Wrestling season will begin on November 1st. Any 7th or 8th grader who is interested in wrestling this season should contact Mr. O'Connor at the Middle School in room 303. There is no fee to participate and all equipment will be supplied by the school.

The winter modified season is a split season, which means that athletes are able to participate in both wrestling and basketball. Wrestling will take place in the first half of the winter season, and basketball will begin when wrestling ends. The split season is done so that modified level athletes can participate in both sports before making a choice for high school.

School foundation continues to bring new ideas to life

Great ideas supporting the education of Olean students immensely influence their growth. New experiences, projects, and programs expand their minds and broaden their horizons. The Olean City School District Foundation (OCSDF) continues to help bring new ideas to life.

The foundation provides funds and in-kind donations to support great ideas such as the Olean Middle School Guitar Grant, the Elementary Percussion Grant, and Book Drive through a grants program.

The OCSDF encourages extra effort and creativity to maintain high standards in all of our schools. Any teacher, staff, or Olean resident with a good educational idea, and a solid plan to implement it with proper approval may apply for a grant.

You can pick up a grant application at the Superintendent's office at Olean High School or by contacting Meme Yanetsko (Class of 1986), OCSDF Secretary/Treasurer, at (716) 372-4433, or meme@oleanny.com.

It is the Foundation's hope that the OHS Community can make a yearly tax-deductible donation, so projects like the ones above could continue to be funded. Donations for the foundation can be sent to the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation, 120 North Union Street, Olean, NY. gifts to the OCSDF are tax-deductible and are a true testament to the value of education in Olean Schools.

Level 3 sex offenders listed who live in school district

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 School District 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 if additional offenders move into our community.

Steven M. Allen
603 E. Highland Ave.
1st degree sexual abuse, 2nd degree rape - female 13

Steven Clemons
603 E. Highland Ave.
1st degree sexual abuse, 2nd degree rape - female 13

Randy Cole
122 South 3rd St.
Sexual misconduct w/female 15

Joseph Cucchiaro
420 3rd Ave. (Upper Apt.)
2nd degree sexual abuse - female 12 & 13

Jack Denning
314 S. Third St.
2nd degree sexual contact w/ person less than 14 (11)

Michael Gardner
930 Buffalo St.
Out of state felony sex act - female 11

Raymond Grygo
133 S 3rd St., Apt. D
2nd degree sexual abuse - female 10

Damon Kayes
503 1/2 N 8th St.
3rd degree rape

Richard Kline
346 West Highland Ave.
2nd degree sexual abuse - female 4

Buddy Langdon
215 W Greene
Sexual misconduct -female 16

Thomas Loop
643 Delaware Ave.
1st sexual abuse - female 14, 5

Dennis Merrill
935 1/2 Buffalo St.
2nd degree sexual abuse - female 12

Kyle Miller
1542 Olean-Portville Rd (Rt. 417)
2nd degree sodomy

Howard Stives
406 North 9th St.
1st degree attempted sodomy

Kenneth Werts Sr.
633 S. Union St., Apt. 6
Sodomy 1st & 2nd degree

AmeriCorps service organization begins in district

Olean City Schools, in partnership with Cattaraugus County, would like to announce their participation in the AmeriCorps National Service Organization.

AmeriCorps' purpose is to supply public service volunteers to help mentor students and carry on community service projects.

Dr. Tony Evans and Mrs. Joanne Snyder administer this program for Cattaraugus County.

At present, our AmeriCorps member is Mr. Dominic M. Russi who will be working with students at Olean Middle and Olean High schools.

Mr. Russi is a St. Bonaventure University graduate with a BA in History, and MS in Education from Canisius College, and doctoral hours from the University of Buffalo. He taught in the Buffalo Public

School System for 34 years. His varied range experience in his teaching career has included all aspects of urban teaching, mentoring and involvement in extracurricular activities focusing on community service.

He is looking forward to working with the students and staff at the middle and high schools in Olean.

Ivers J. Norton Elementary School is once again the proud recipient of a \$500 grant given by the Exxon-Mobile Corporation. The Exxon-Mobile Educational Alliance Grant will be used to support the Character Education Program at IJN recognizing students each quarter who demonstrate specific positive character traits. The grant has been applied for and received for the past four years through the effort of Ms. Lori Burak, manager of Wilson Farms.

Shown accepting the award from Ms. Burak (left) is Dr. O'Connell, principal, and students Kaitlyn Knott and Liam McNamee who were part of last year's Character Education Program.



IJN's PTO sponsored a book fair on October 21-25. All students had an opportunity to visit the book fair and purchase books, but the surprise was that students in grades 2-5 could also pick a special book of their choice and the PTO graciously purchased that book for them. Since students in kindergarten and first grades are going to see a play about Curious George in November, the PTO purchased books about Curious George for each of them. We hope that the students will become more familiar with the character both before and after the play. THANKS PTO FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Ivers J. Norton Elementary School



On October 14, students at IJN participated in fire prevention presentations. Grade levels got together and talked with the fireman about safety issues, including the importance of having smoke alarms in your house. Students were shown a fire truck and an ambulance. The firemen discussed how some of the equipment worked. Students even got a chance to try on some equipment! Check out Jared Corkery in these photos from Donna Wilson's 2nd grade class!



Be Safe, Be Respectful, and Be Responsible: Our staff and students are committed to being safe, being respectful, and being responsible in order to make East View the safest school it can possibly be. In addition to daily recognition of positive student behaviors and behavior posters being displayed in specific areas of the building, several activities take place throughout the year to help students remember how they can follow these principles each day. One of these activities, that took place recently, was the “BeeKeeper Stations” activity. This activity involved students traveling to various stations throughout the building where staff members discussed with students how they could be safe, respectful and responsible in specific areas such as the cafeteria, bathrooms, in the hallways and at arrival and dismissal times. In addition, students learned how to deal with bullies as well as keeping up with homework. Shown at far right, East View Counselor, Mrs. Deb Weatherell discusses how to stop bullying at one of the BeeKeeper Stations. Inset photo at right, East View student Collin Charles is recognized for “stopping a bully situation by using his words.”



An Evening with Children’s Author, Jan Brett: On October 12, East View’s Title I reading students and their parents had the opportunity to see and hear the well-known author, Jan Brett. The district’s new videoconferencing equipment (called a PolyCom) was used to connect the school to the Indianapolis Zoo where the author was located. Jan Brett discussed her new book, Honey..Lion! She also demonstrated the steps she uses to draw her illustrations. All who attended thoroughly enjoyed the videoconference, along with a book display and refreshments provided by Title I. Thanks to our Title I teachers, Mrs. Gloria Swetland and Ms. Kelly Havens for arranging this program which was East View’s first attempt at videoconferencing. A special thank you to Ms. Carmen Soplop, Middle School Library Media Specialist, for her technical assistance.

East View Elementary School

Homework Heroes: Each month, kindergarten students in Mrs. Sakala’s and Mrs. Nottingham’s class are given a homework calendar. The activities are geared for students and parents to work together. The assignments help to foster good homework habits and give the parents an opportunity to see their child work on a variety of skills. The homework is collected at the end of the month. We are proud to say that we had outstanding participation from our families!!! The students were excited to hear the great news! To honor our homework heroes, Mr. Olson presented each student with an award! We look forward to many more awards! Keep up the good work, kindergarten students!

Kindergarten Parent Night: Friday, October 21, was our first Kindergarten Parent Night! Families from all three kindergarten classes enjoyed an evening of fall fun! Families toured each outdoor station during the hour-long event. The activities included: painting real pumpkins, coloring a scarecrow, making caramel apples, and snacking on donuts and cider. Parent nights offer the opportunity for our families to become better acquainted. The students get a chance to introduce their parents to new friends. Teachers have the opportunity to get to know the family members as well. Please watch your calendar for upcoming kindergarten parent nights. Hope to see you there!



Fifth Graders Hold Halloween Carnival: The students in Mrs. Geller's, Mrs. Sorokes's and Mrs. Gaylor's classes held a Halloween carnival on October 31 for all primary classes at East View. Activities, designed and run by students, included Halloween Twister, a Velcro dart game, a Pumpkin Bean-bag game, a Pumpkin Potion, and a finger print activity to go along with the "Five Little Pumpkin" song. Special thanks to grandfather, Mr. Joe McCarthy and SBU intern, Kara Gilhooly, for their help in preparing games for the day. Two other games, Pin the Nose on Pinocchio and Assemble a Pinocchio Puppet Relay game, were designed to prepare the children for a school-wide trip to see the play Pinocchio at Shea's Theatre in Buffalo in November. Primary and intermediate aged children cooperated in this event to make it a fun-filled time for all!



Building Level Team News: East View's Building Level Team (BLT) held its first meeting of the 2005-2006 school year on October 6th.

The BLT is a committee of parents, students, staff, and members of the community who meet monthly to discuss school issues. The goal of the BLT is to make recommendations that will lead to improved student achievement.

During our first meeting, we discussed updating the BLT's mission statement as well as the recent open house and worked to identify several areas to address during this school year. Two possible areas were improving student nutrition/physical activity and updating the building's safety and security plan. The BLT decided to conduct a parent survey to help determine our needs. The results will be discussed at the next meeting, November 10.

East View's BLT meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month, from 6-7 p.m., in the school cafeteria. New members are welcome. Please contact Mr. Olson at 375-8921 if you are interested in joining the Building Level Team.

IMPORTANT DATES AT EAST VIEW

NOVEMBER

- 10 Building Level Team mtg., 6 p.m.
- 11 No School - Veteran's Day
- 16-17 Gr. 5 NYS Social Studies Test
- 21-22 Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 21-22 Book Fair in the Library during conferences
- 23-27 No School - Thanksgiving Recess

DECEMBER

- 14 Winter Concert, 7 p.m.
- 22-31 No School - Winter Recess

JANUARY

- 1-2 No School - Winter Recess



East View Students Travel to Shea's Theater: On November 8, all of East View's students in Kindergarten through 5th grades attended a musical/puppet production of Pinocchio at Shea's Theater in Buffalo.

This trip was a tremendous opportunity for the students to travel to a large city and attend a theatrical production in a beautiful performing arts center such as Shea's. A huge thank you goes to the PTO for providing the funding for this trip. Also, our sincere thanks to all the parents and community members who supported the fundraising projects that made this trip possible. Pictured above are Miranda and Mariah Sakala standing next to a picture of Pinocchio, one of several large pictures that were on display to help students become familiar with the main characters of the story.



School Island: Our fifth grade is using a new computer program for student review and assessment on the Internet. Students can now log onto the site at school or from their home computers and access review questions, vocabulary, and flash cards to help them master their assignments. Just go to www.schoolisland.com, type in the user name and password, and begin. It's a fun way to get better grades. Pictured above is Staci Wojcik practicing place value.



Learning About Fire Safety: North Hill students learned some valuable lessons about Fire Safety with a visit from the Olean Fire Department. Each year during Fire Prevention Week in October, Olean firefighters visit classrooms armed with smoke detectors and gear. Students learn how to prevent fires from starting in their homes and how to escape safely with an E.D.I.T.H. plan in place (Exit Drills In The Home). Our students are valuable to us and we want to keep them safe both at school and in their homes. Pictured above are Firefighters Greg Eaton and Don Carpenter with student Autumn Flederbach in Mrs. Howden's Third Grade class.

Academic Intervention Services (AIS): Mr. Dan Brooks (pictured at right) and Mrs. Shana Chudy were hired for the 2005-06 school year to provide academic intervention services to students in the area of mathematics. They are working with third, fourth, and fifth grade teachers across the Olean District. The program is designed primarily as a push-in program. They are going into the classrooms and assisting by providing individual student help, small group instruction, and team teaching with the classroom teacher. The Olean Board of Education has made these positions available in an effort to improve student's math abilities. Mr. Brooks spends time each week at North Hill, Ivers J. Norton, and East View Elementary. He is at North Hill each Tuesday and Thursday.



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Katrina- Walk-a-thon: On Friday September 23rd, 2005 North Hill students in grades Dev. K-5 joined other students from across the district in a walk to help raise money for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. All of the students walked from North Hill down to the water filtration plant and back. Our students raised \$2,000.00! The total raised by Olean, Allegany, Portville and Franklinville school district exceeded \$33,000.00. This money is being donated to the Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund. Thank you to all the students that walked and to the people who donated.

Step Up to Writing: The faculty at North hill Elementary attended staff development days in August to learn about a new and exciting way to write. This program titled Step-Up-to-Writing, breaks down the writing process into logical steps for the students and creates a sense of excitement about reading, writing, and learning. This program is currently being implemented at North Hill in all grades from Dev. K-5.

Reading Buddies: In Mrs. DiCerbo's 4th grade class, students are pairing up with Mrs. Scanlon's 1st grade class to become "reading buddies". Once a week the 4th graders help their buddy read a library book and help them with their sight words and with reading comprehension! In science the 4th graders are currently learning about Crayfish! We will learn about their habitat, eating patterns and about size and mass. The students are paired up and have their own crayfish to observe and take care of. Ask your child about their crayfish!





Kids Walking for Kids: Mrs. Nancy Sullivan spearheaded Boardmanville's participation in this project originally organized by Olean 4th Grade teachers to raise funds for hurricane victims. Boardmanville staff, students and parents were joined by members of the St. Bonaventure Men's Soccer team and the Olean Medical Group in this worthy endeavor. Your efforts raised over \$3,800. The combined total raised by schools in Olean and surrounding towns was over \$33,000! Thank you everyone!

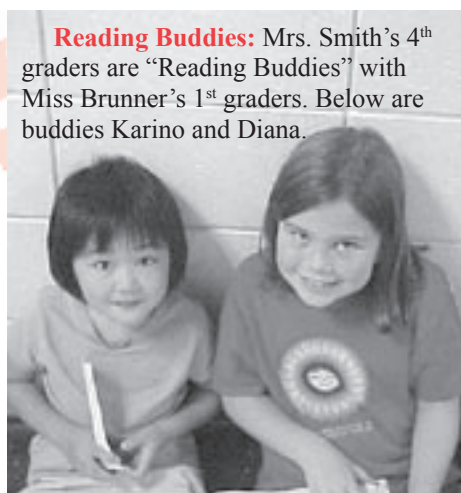
School-Wide Trip to see "Pinocchio": Mrs. Juanita Olson has been a leader in planning and organizing this opportunity for our students in grades K-5. Students and all building staff traveled to Shea's Buffalo Theater on Nov. 8 to see the live production of "Pinocchio." Our fall reading incentive program theme is "Pinocchio 'Nose' if You've Been Reading." The program is organized and coordinated by our reading teacher, Mrs. Tracey Spears. One of the activities for this program was Guest Reader Day. Boardmanville teamed up with Prudential Insurance for this event, tying it into Prudential's Global Volunteerism Day. We had 21 parents, teachers, Board of Education members and other community members read on Friday, October 14. Pictured in the photo below is PTO Co-President Mrs. Jenny Terhaar reading to a group from Mrs. Olson's second grade. Through this event, Prudential kindly donated \$1,000 to our school!



Boardmanville Elementary School



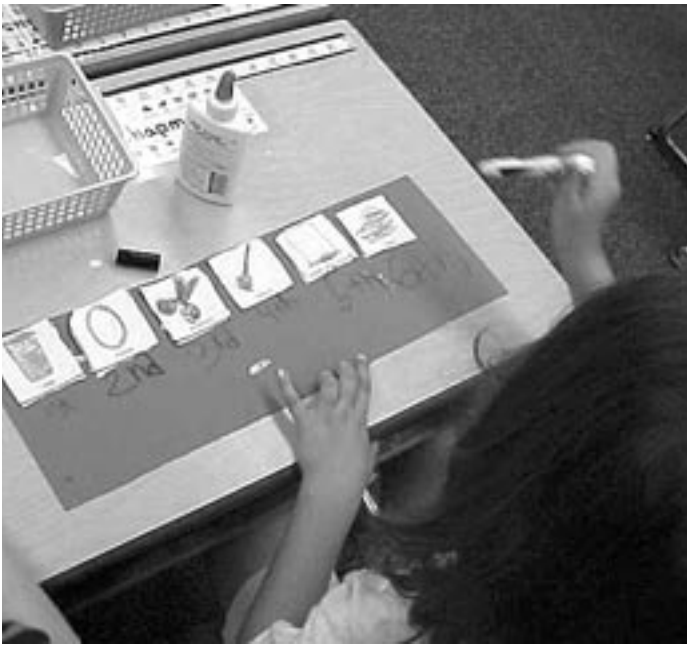
NYS Projects: Fourth graders Seneca, Jessie, and Luke proudly show their New York State projects.



Reading Buddies: Mrs. Smith's 4th graders are "Reading Buddies" with Miss Brunner's 1st graders. Below are buddies Karino and Diana.

The story of Chrysanthemum: Students in Mrs. Olson's Second Grade (pictured below) began the year with the book titled, Chrysanthemum. This is a story about a little mouse that is just beginning school. She and her family believe that her name is "absolutely perfect." Chrysanthemum learns that her classmates can be mean and make fun of her wonderful name. Students in Mrs. Olson's class each had a tissue flower that they presented to a different person each day. They made a positive comment to the person and then logged what they had said to the person in their journal. Practicing good character traits daily, reminds everyone how to treat others the way we like to be treated!





“If You Give a Mouse a Cookie”: Mrs. Chamberlain’s first-grade “Super Smilies” read the story, “If You Give a Mouse a Cookie” by Laura Joffe Numeroff. After reading the story they worked as a group to sequence the story’s events. Each group learned to work cooperatively. Each student became an expert for one event that happened when the mouse got a cookie. Once the group was finished sequencing the events, they glued the pictures in order and numbered the events. So ... if you give a mouse a cookie, what will he ask for next? Oops, I forgot that the mouse asked for scissors to cut his hair! “That was a great book!” exclaimed a student.



Being a Time Traveler is Fun: Students in Mrs. Monroe’s fifth-grade class have been having a lot of fun in Social Studies. The students worked in teams of two and researched Native American tribes. It was great to travel back in time to see how these Indians lived. The students designed a cover page and orally presented a one-to-two page report, showing pictures on what they researched.

Washington West Elementary School



Fifth-Grade Community (School Neighborhood) Clean-up Day: This activity was discussed and presented to the fifth-grade students by their new class officers. All of the fifth-grade students voted to clean up their school neighborhood.



Kindergarten Activity Days: Adult volunteers included two parents, Foster Grandparents and Yvonne Perry with clients from our partnership SubCon! Our theme was Halloween and students were very busy!!! Our young learners worked in centers as adult volunteers helped them create Halloween patterns using pumpkin and witch stampers and by gluing ghosts, pumpkins and other Halloween pictures all in an ABABABABAB pattern. Students enjoyed making ghosts by tracing their shoes and geometric pumpkins. They also recited the poem “Five Little Pumpkins,” made a book about it and located rhyming words. Wow -- they even strung painted spider webs, made spiders with accordion-folded legs and made their own spider snack to eat!!! We had lots of fun and look forward to doing it again in December.



What I did over summer vacation: Did YOU use YOUR brain over summer vacation? Students in Mrs. Lewicki's class did! Mrs. Lewicki's third-graders completed "rain forest" research projects over the summer with help from their families! What fun Mrs. Lewicki's students had sharing their "rain forest" research with their classmates and showing them their creative hands-on projects! Pictured at left is Dylan sharing his project on the "Harpy Eagle." At right is Lakeisha sharing her project of the "Toucan."



Cooperative Learning: Mrs. Faulkner's second-graders (shown at right) have been working on cooperating with a peer to learn new spelling words. Playing spelling games on the white boards gives each student an opportunity to be the expert! Learning shouldn't be so much fun!



Eating Their Work: Mrs. Frederick's fourth-graders created New York State Cookies. The students (pictured above and below) labeled cities with "Skittles." They used yellow frosting to label the Erie Canal and blue frosting to label the Hudson River. Chocolate chips showed the different elevations. It was an awesome project with a nice treat at the end!



READ, READ, READ! "Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body." Students in Mrs. Lewicki's class also read over the summer. They did book reports and projects to go along with some of their favorite books.

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In an effort to increase parental/community involvement, Olean School District is reaching out to parents, grandparents, relatives and community members to develop a list of "resources" that would be available to our teachers. Whether it is directly helping in a classroom or being a guest speaker, we can use your talents and interests to help enhance the education of our students. If you would like to give of your time, **please fill out and detach the form below and return it to the principal's office at your school.** We will be in touch with you in the near future!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail address _____

Yes, I would like to volunteer for:

_____ Help with "special" classroom projects

_____ Help directly in the classroom

_____ Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

_____ Guest speaker/presenter for topics: _____

_____ Other _____

The grade level I would like to volunteer with is: _____

The best time of day for me to volunteer is:

_____ before school _____ A.M. _____ P.M. _____ after school



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