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Special ceremony remembers 10th anniversary of 9/11

The Olean City School District recently commemorated the 10th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks on our nation with a remembrance ceremony at Olean High School.

The ceremony, which opened with a presentation of the colors by local members of the military, included members of the OHS chorus and orchestra, along with Summer Rising STAR program students who joined elected officials and local business leaders to commemorate the event.

During the ceremony, a special September 11 memorial statue was unveiled in the front lawn of the high school. With the help of some Olean High School art students, the statue was crafted by Dave Poulin of Jamestown, and depicts a fireman and child holding a commemorative piece of steel from the former Twin Towers.

Additionally, Shay Lynch, an Olean High School alumnus who moved to New York City in 1993, conducted the Olean High School orchestra as they played "Remembrance, A Decade," a piece he composed for the ceremony. Commissioned and funded by the Olean City School District Foundation, the piece included approximately 30 instruments with a cello soloist throughout. "While I was listening to it, the music made it come to life," said Dr. Colleen Taggerty, district superintendent. "I could see the tragedy of the day unfolding through the music. It was very emotional, tremendous."

"The foundation was pleased to fund the commission of this piece by an Olean High School alumnus and played by Olean High School students," said Steve Pancio, president of the board of directors for the Olean City School District Foundation. "The entire ceremony was tremendous and we are proud that we could play a small role in helping to honor the memory of those who



Above, a crowd looks on as the September 11 Memorial Statue is unveiled. Below, 1993 OHS graduate Shay Lynch leads the Olean High School orchestra in his commissioned piece, "Remembrance, A Decade."



lost lives on that tragic day."

In addition to school district officials, students, community members and business leaders, the event was attended by Olean mayor Linda Witte, New York State Assemblyman Joseph Giglio and New York State Senator Catharine Young. For more information about the Olean City School District Foundation, email ocsdfoundation@gmail.com or visit the foundation's website at www.oleanschools.org.

Foundation accepting requests, Academic Wall nominations

The Olean City School District Foundation, a volunteer organization committed to enhancing the overall educational experience for students in our school district, is currently accepting nominations for future inductees to the Olean City School District Academic Wall of Fame. To access a nomination form, email ocsdfoundation@gmail.com, call (716) 375-8018, or visit the foundation's webpage at www.oleanschools.org. Application deadline is December 31, and honorees will be recognized at the district's annual alumni dinner in June.

The foundation is also accepting grant requests for funding. Grant applications are accepted from community members, as long as the request involves enhancing the overall experience for district students, staff and administrators. To receive a grant application, email ocsdfoundation@gmail.com or visit the foundation website at www.oleanschools.org.

**Thank you
Board members
for all you do!**

*Governor Andrew Cuomo
declares Oct. 31-Nov. 4, 2011
School Board Recognition Week*

Each year, School Board Recognition Week is observed by more than 700 school boards in districts throughout New York State. This week is designated to recognize the men and women serving as members of school boards that continually strive for improvement, excellence and progress in education. Please join us in acknowledging the District's Board of Education for their outstanding commitment, contributions, and many hours of devoted service to public education.

Message from the Superintendent

Taking a proactive approach to unprecedented state scrutiny

By Dr. Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent

At a time when schools are losing aid and a Tax Cap has been imposed, the State has increased its involvement in teacher evaluations and school effectiveness with no meaningful mandate relief in sight. School districts are now required to change the way teachers and principals are evaluated based upon test results and new teaching and leadership standards. New curricula are being introduced, and new assessments will be administered to our students that will align to national standards.

Districts across the State are committing hundreds of personnel hours and tens of thousands of dollars implementing new requirements at a time when faced with unprecedented cuts in personnel and revenue. Never before has public education been under such scrutiny by the government and our local communities. Never before has it been so crucial for us to take a proactive approach in defining the future of the Olean City School District.

With the demands for resources increasing and the revenues slowly eroding, the Board of Education has commissioned The Western New York Educational Service Council to conduct a district-wide feasibility study. The Council will answer the following question: *Will the Olean City School District be able to maintain programs, six school buildings, current extracurricular activities, etc... under the financial constraints of increasing costs, less aid, and a tax cap?*

The Council plans to present its findings and recommendations to the Board of Education at the January 17, 2012 board meeting.



Teachers, parents support community events

Winning the First Annual Rally in the Valley Scavenger Hunt held in September was this team made up of OCS D teachers and parents: (l-r) Sue Sorokes, Chris Rosel, Charmaine Dwailebee, Kay Anzivine and Jeanne Frisina.

Understanding the Tax Cap Law: Part I

In June 2011 New York State passed a tax cap law. A three part series will be completed and published in the next several newsletters, as well as posted on the District's website, that will explain the impact of the law for our taxpayers.

General Information:

Is the tax cap limited to 2%? NO – The tax levy limitation will be between 1 %– 2% based on the lower of either the Consumer Price index (CPI) or 2%.

Is this law a flat tax cap? NO – The law limits the school district tax levy NOT the individual tax bill of resident taxpayers.

Can a school district simply apply 2% to the current levy to determine next year's tax levy? NO – A formula has been supplied by the State to calculate the tax levy limit.

Does the new law cap the tax increase? NO – The law sets a new threshold on the tax levy increase.

New Threshold Components:

What is the first step in calculating the tax levy limit? The District will use the 2011-12 tax levy amount and multiply it by a growth factor to be set by the State.

Can the Olean area have a growth factor based on the current economic state? Yes, all new housing and businesses that were built in the past year are included in the growth factor. This includes renovations made by homeowners.

What are PILOTs? Businesses can apply to the County of Cattaraugus Industrial Development Agency/Resource Corporation to waive their taxes and get a separate agreement to pay taxes through a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT). The businesses are taken off the tax roll and pay their taxes in accordance with the PILOT agreement for up to 15 years. After 15 years has lapsed, the property value goes back into the total tax rolls.

Do PILOTs affect the tax levy limit? YES - PILOT payments are included in the calculation to determine the tax levy limit.

Are there any increases in expenses that are outside the tax levy limit? YES

What expense exceptions apply to the school?

1. Increases in the Employee and Teacher retirement contribution rate that are above 2%.

For example, the average Employee Retirement System (ERS) rate will increase in 2012-13 by 2.6%. Therefore, a part of the increase to pay for employee retirement will be exempt from the tax levy limit. Following is an example of how this will work:

Total salary paid for employees in Employee Retirement System:	\$3,500,000
Times the amount over the 2% increase (2.6 – 2.0)	X .006
Exempt amount	\$ 21,000

This exemption will also apply to the Teacher Retirement System (TRS) contribution rate increase that is projected to be 2.49%.

2. Taxpayer portion of the capital project. Every year the District makes principal and interest payments for the capital project. This payment is made up of building aid and a taxpayer portion. For the current school year, the taxpayer portion is \$84,662 which can be exempt from the tax levy limitation.

Future Articles:

Part II – New Budget Vote Requirements and Part III – New Contingency Budget Requirements

Can my taxes go up beyond the 2% cap? YES - With the exceptions added back into the tax levy, the District can increase the tax levy by a maximum of 2% plus add in all of the exceptions noted in the accompanying.

Can the District raise my taxes by more than 2% and still be in compliance with the new law? YES.

As an example: a tax levy increase of 2.66% (or \$343,094.48) would be in compliance under the following set of circumstances:

MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE LEVY PROJECTION	
2011-12 Tax Levy	\$ 12,869,356
Times Tax Base Growth Factor	X 1.00
	\$ 12,869,356
Plus 2011-12 PILOTs	\$ 48,845
	\$ 12,918,201
Minus Prior Year Exemptions (taxpayer portion of capital project)	\$ (84,662)
Adjusted Prior Year Levy	\$ 12,833,539
Times Allowable Growth Factor (lesser of CPI or 2%)	X 1.02
	\$13,090,209.78
Minus 2012-13 PILOTs	\$ (48,845)
	\$13,041,364.78
Plus Available Carryover	0
Tax Levy Limit	\$13,041,364.78
Plus 2012-13 Exemptions (taxpayer portion of capital project, ERS and TRS over 2% rate increase)	\$ 171,085.70
MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE TAX LEVY	\$13,212,450.48

Dignity for All Students Act

The Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) goes into effect on July 1, 2012. This act amends the New York Education Law to prohibit harassment against students in school, including harassment based on real or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender (including gender identity and expression) and sex, and to prohibit discrimination based on these same characteristics.

The Olean City School District has instituted a Character Education program that promotes civility, responsibility and ethical behaviors. Each month the schools focus on a specific character trait through various activities. The District is investigating researched-based programs that will enable teachers to infuse anti-bullying into their daily lessons. However, this within itself is not enough to prevent and/or stop bullying. Students need to become advocates for themselves and for others. We also need your voice. We need you to help reinforce the importance of speaking out against bullying. It will take all of us, working together, to prevent and/or stop bullying behaviors.

OHS Music News

Olean City School Music Department would like to welcome Mr. Jason Fox as our new high school/middle school/elementary band director.

It is a new start for the band program after several changes of directors. Mr. Fox is a trumpet player who resides in Olean, who is also the director of the St. Bonaventure University band program. He brings a wealth of musical experience, talent and enthusiasm for building the band program. Students are encouraged to see Mr. Fox if they are interested in joining the band.

Over the summer, the following students qualified by audition for the Young Artists Concert Series 5, provided by the Chamber Music Society of Olean. They provided an outstanding instrumental concert to our community at the First Presbyterian Church in Olean on Saturday, September 24th. The students are:

Yuki Wada (Violin-BV)
 Karino Wada (Violin- OMS)
 Maija Klute (Piano- OHS)
 Jamal Klute (Clarinet & Piano- OMS)
 Abraham Knieser (Contrabass & Piano- OMS)
 Andrew Liu (Violin & Piano- OMS)

If you missed their performances and would like to see our music students in action, they are viewable at www.chambermusicsocietyofolean.com.



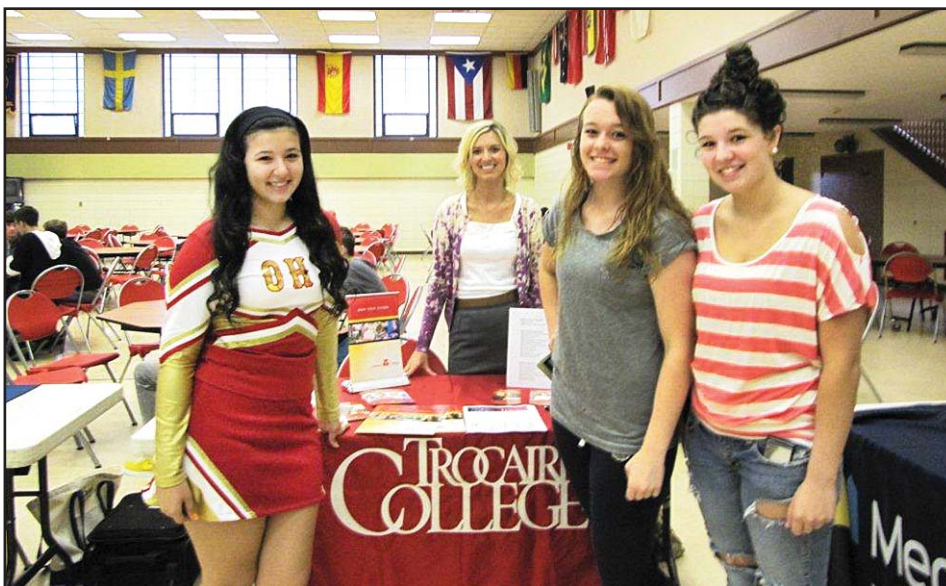
Jason Fox

Congratulations, Homecoming Court!

Named to the 2011 Homecoming Court were:
 (back, l-r) Sophomore Escort – Isaiah Jobe, Senior 1st Escort – Robert Ackerman, Senior Homecoming King – Tyler Plaud, Senior 2nd Escort – Neil Shoemaker, Junior Escort – Bobby Devling, Freshmen Escort – Geoffery Broadbent.

Pictured in the front row (l-r) are: Sophomore Attendant – Angelina Maine, Senior 1st Attendant – Marissa Burrows, Senior Homecoming Queen – Gaby Harrington, Senior 2nd Attendant – Chelsea Calabro, Junior Attendant – Sydney Zuckermann, Freshmen Attendant – Julie Mulryan.





College Consortium at OHS another success

On September 23rd the juniors and seniors from Olean High School attended an annual "mini college fair." Each year the Olean High School Guidance Office hosts the Western New York College Consortium to give juniors and seniors a chance to speak with college representatives about college academics and campus life. This year OHS was visited by 18 colleges from New York State including University of Buffalo, Niagara University, Buffalo State College, Medaille, Trocaire, Daemen, Villa Maria, Canisius, Bryant and Stratton, D'Youville, Fredonia, Niagara Community College, Alfred University, Alfred State, Genesee Community College, Hilbert, St. Bonaventure, and Erie Community College. The students talked with the college representatives, picked up information and had a chance to compare differences among campuses.



This time of year, seniors are busy completing college applications and meeting with their counselor, Mr. Howard, to put the finishing touches on the college application process. The juniors are beginning their selection process by narrowing down their college list and preparing to take the PSAT this fall and the SAT tests this spring. Mrs. O'Connell will be giving career presentations in classes this fall. These presentations are geared to explain the college application process and to give students a chance to learn more about different colleges and careers. Students can visit the Guidance Office during their free period for more college information!

Free high school store? Yes, it's true!

Olean High's Free School Store has been open before and after school since the beginning of the year. That's right. It's free, but how is that possible?

Here's how it works: At the end of each school year, Ms. Leskow's classes take on the challenge of collecting gently used school supplies. The items are then stored until fall when they make their way into the Free School Store. There students can take what they need until the supply runs out.

How cool that the students of Olean High make a special effort not only to keep usable items out of landfills, but also to help each other out! A special thanks goes to the Interact Club for making this year's store a success!

Important notice to parents of students receiving special education services

The New York State Education Department is conducting a state-wide Parental Involvement Survey for all parents of children receiving special education services. Parents in school districts throughout the state are being asked to complete this survey. The results for the Olean City School District will be reported to the state. Parent answers are very important and will remain strictly confidential.

You may be approached by phone, mail, or any meetings or conferences you attend to participate in the survey. It is very important that we have as much parent participation as possible in order to assure the best educational experience for your children in the future.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. We look forward to working with you in this very important survey. If you have any questions, please contact the Special Education office at (716) 375-8993.

CAFETERIA REMINDER TO PARENTS BREAKFAST IS AVAILABLE TO ALL STUDENTS

School	Breakfast Begins	Price
High School	7:30 a.m.	\$1.20
Middle School	7:15 a.m.	\$1.20
Elementary Schools	8:30 a.m.	\$1.05

Every student who is entitled to free and reduced meals can eat both breakfast and lunch each day. Price for reduced breakfast is \$.25. Menus are available on the District's website as well as being sent home with elementary students. A main entrée as well as side dishes are available daily. Come join us to start your day with the most important meal of the day.

Concerning Free and Reduced Priced Meals

Reasons Not to Complete an Application:

- If you receive a **Direct Certification Letter** from the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, follow the instructions on the back of that letter then send the **original letter** to your child's school, as soon as you get it. The food service department needs this document.

Reasons to Complete an Application:

- Your children may receive nutritious breakfasts and lunches each school day **at little or no cost to you.**
- **To avoid unnecessary charges on your child's account, send money to cover your child's purchases,** until your new application is processed. We need a new application on file each school year. The applications are dated for a specific school year in the upper right corner. You will receive a Notification of Eligibility Letter from the Olean City School District food service office. Your current year status ended on October 1st. If no new application was received by October 1st, the child goes back to paid status.
- The number of students eligible for free/reduced meals directly affects state and federal aid received by Olean City School District to support the Olean school's educational programs.

Reasons to Contact the Food Service Office Immediately:

- You are receiving notices from the cafeteria or your child tells you that he/she owes money.
- You are receiving phone messages or additional applications from the food service office.
- If your application has been mailed back to you – needing more information.
- Any of these actions means your child may be charged for meals until we get the information we need.

If sending a check or money order, make payable to: **Olean School Lunch Fund.**

This form may also be mailed directly to:

Food Service Department
Olean City School District
410 W. Sullivan St.
Olean, NY 14760.

If you would like help in the completion of this application, or have any questions, please call 375-8036 and ask for Mrs. Lewis.



Angelina Bello



Gregory Cotton



Allen Backer



Kathleen Farnham



Sabrina Gibbons



Wanda Inwood



Emily Manning

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF



Nancy Martin



Derric McElheney



Kate McLearn



Pamella Mellon

Angelina Bello joins the District as a Grade 7 Math Teacher at the Olean Middle School. Ms. Bello received her Master of Science in Early Education from St. Bonaventure University in May 2010 and her Bachelor of Science in Education from SUNY Fredonia in May 2009. Angelina completed her student teaching at Gowanda Middle School and Pine Valley Elementary School. Ms. Bello is an Olean High School graduate.

Gregory Cotton was recently hired as a long-term substitute Math teacher at the High School. Mr. Cotton received his Master of Science in Education from SUNY Fredonia in August 2011 and his Bachelor of Science in Mathematics in May 2010. Gregory graduated from Olean High School in 2006.

Other new employees joining the district include:

Allen Backer – Custodian/Buildings and Grounds Maintainer at the Ivers J. Norton Elementary School.

Kathleen Farnham – Senior Food Service Helper at East View Elementary.

Sabrina Gibbons – Teacher Aide at Olean High School.

Wanda Inwood – Teacher Aide at Olean High School.

Emily Manning – Monitor at Washington West Elementary School.

Nancy Martin – Teacher Aide at Olean Middle School.

Derric McElheney – Teacher Aide at Olean High School and Olean Middle School.

Kate McLearn – Teacher Aide at Washington West Elementary School.

Pamella Mellon – Food Service Helper at Olean High School.

Kathleen Thierman – Teacher Aide at East View Elementary School.

Dorothy Washington – Teacher Aide at Washington West Elementary School.



Kathleen Thierman



Dorothy Washington





SCENES FROM WILD WEST DAY

Above, Lyndsey Churakos, Anisah Chauhdry and Anna Pecherzewski enjoy life as cowgirls at the Gray Team Wild West Day celebration. Pictured at right, Nick Sanders shares some corn bread and beef jerky at the Gray Team Wild West Day celebration.



THE ART OF FRENCH PAPER CUTTING

Mrs. Heinz's 7th grade art classes recently discussed the French artist, Henri Matisse. We studied his Fauve paintings, and paper cuttings created toward the end of his life. Students learned about negative and positive space and balance. We then created a cut paper project similar to Matisse's paper cutting using black and white paper. Jade Swick is pictured creating her project in class.

BECOMING PASSIONATE AGAINST BULLYING

On October 3rd, Mr. Sean Obergfell gave our students a powerful anti-bullying message. He talked passionately about treating others with respect and compassion, citing real life examples and dealing with bullies by supporting those kids that get bullied. The students listened intently, and many were touched by his presentation.

As a result of Mr. Obergfell's assembly, we are starting a new group called "Passion 4 Action." This group will meet on a regular basis to discuss bullying issues and to work on strategies for young people to treat others as they would like to be treated. All students are welcome to join "Passion 4 Action" so we can collectively learn how to treat each other with respect. Students may contact Miss Ralston or Mr. Houseknecht for more information on joining the group.



CONFRONTING

By the O

With the increase in technology, new level. The use of text messaging such as My Space and Facebook are times schools are dealing with issues. When students personally attack, have an electronic device, this is called *cyber bullying*. This is a new way of dealing with this issue.

The best way to get involved is to talk to your child about internet safety and rules. For instance, when using Facebook, they affirm an age of at least 13. Do not date or harass any other user of Facebook. Who do you frequently chat with on-line? Is your child viewing their pictures? Many parents are not aware of their much older birth date in their registration information at school and even college, when in fact they are to be responsible in using these devices. Parents should talk about themselves then they should talk to their child.

Jim Jordan is a motivational speaker. He has the following information:

Ways to Bully

- Sending cruel, vicious, and so
- Creating web sites that have s
- Posting pictures of classmates
- Taking a picture or video of a person's appearance to others without consent

Tips for Kids

- Do not respond to/engage in t
- Talk to someone about the bu
- Keep records/print off messages until an adult has seen them.
- Block that person's number from your phone. Most social network sites have a block button.
- Take a break from the computer

Tips for Parents

- Make bullying a "talkable" subject.
- Place and keep the computer in a common room.
- Inform Internet Service Provider.
- Do not erase messages. Keep records.
- Software helps. McAfee parental controls help in common rooms.
- Tracking software lets parents know what their child is doing online and what they are writing.

For more information on cyber bullying, contact the Olean City School District at 716/326-1234 or www.oleancityschools.org.

NG CYBER BULLYING

MS Guidance Department

we are finding that bullying has risen to a whole new level with cell phones and on-line social networks creating a whole new problem for schools. Many students that began on one of these venues the night before, harass, intimidate and/or threaten others using an electronic device. Schools need the help of parents in combat-

to educate yourself and your child about internet safety. If someone agrees to the rights and regulations on the internet, they must be at least 13 years old. They also agree to not bully, intimidate, or harass. Parents should know which sites their child is on and be certain their child personally knows who they are talking to. Parents should be set for everyone to see what they post and to be able to delete it. They would be surprised to see their child has entered a contest, and have stated they have already graduated high school, but they are only in middle school. Students need to be aware of the consequences, and to remember if they wouldn't want it said about them, they shouldn't say it about anyone else.

Mr. Houseknecht, who deals with Cyber Bullying. He states the

sometimes threatening messages.

Stories, cartoon, pictures and jokes ridiculing others. These are often sent online with the intent to embarrass them.

A person using a camera phone and sending that picture to others.

the abuse. No back and forth messages.

bullying. Sometimes ignoring it leads to escalation.

Remove the person if possible of the harassment. Do not delete them

from your phone or "unfriend" them on your site.

At the bottom of the page, Report or Block this

person. Get off the site for a couple of weeks.

subject.

in an open, common room, not your child's bedroom.

order or cell phone service provider of abuse.

to them for evidence.

Parental controls can filter instant messaging and chat

to see exactly where students go on the computer and

bullying, go to Jim Jordan's website, www.jimjordan.com.

school-speaker.htm or www.cybersafety.com.



RED, WHITE & BLUE CONTEST WINNERS

Pictured (l-r) are the winners of the Red, White and Blue 9/11 Remembrance contest: Emma Strong, Shaylee Wilder, Phillip Decker, Antonio Belvees, Grace Wroblewski, and Kara Howard. Each received a \$20 check from our Great Rewards program.



RESPECTFUL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the following students for being chosen as Students of the Month: (back, l-r): Olivia MacWilliams, Jonathon Wilkins, Dylan Spencer, Carter Obergefell, Mr. Houseknecht (Asst. Principal), Colin Moran, Luke Rogers, and Lucas Chapman. Front Row (l-r): Emily Ludden, Gabby Huff, Kelsey Gengo, and Abby Schwartz.

From the School Resource Officer ...

Schools across America are being bombarded by parent phone calls stemming from Facebook harassment and bully issues.

Good parents are receiving calls from the schools sharing that the school has evidence that their child harassed, bullied, teased, or insulted another child. By law, the school is obligated to investigate the situation once it shows up at school. The evidence usually shows up via a printout brought in by a student to share with more students. For the victim, it's devastating!

Six Steps A Parent Can Take To Stop Facebook Bullies

1. There is absolutely no reason for an elementary school child to be alone on Facebook or to have his or her own private account.

2. If your middle school or high school student has a Facebook account, you, the parent, should have an account too. Tell your child that they have to "friend you," in order for them to have their own Facebook account.

3. All parents must insist on access to their child's Facebook account. This means that you have to have the password to your child's account.

4. Let your child know that you will be checking on their site periodically. While checking, click on "Groups" and other areas of your child's site including pictures, comments, and conversations.

5. As the parent, you are responsible for your child. This includes their behavior on Facebook. If you see inappropriate behavior coming to your child from others: 1) remain calm, 2) talk to your child about it, 3) contact the other child's parent- if you know them, 4) contact the school administration if the content (threats, harassment) includes statements/actions that have or will occur at school.

Limit your child's time on Facebook and other social media outlets. Too many children become addicted to these sites and spend less time on more productive areas of their life.

Ofc. Jason Hlasnick

City of Olean Police Dept. S.R.O.

jhlasnick@olean.wnyric.org

716-375-8068 O.M.S. office

716-375-8034 O.H.S. office

Several staff awarded tenure



Eric Garvin, president of the Olean City School District Board of Education, presents a tenure certificate to Molly Scott, Elementary teacher at Washington West. Pictured (l-r) are Mr. Garvin, Mrs. Scott, and Joel Whitcher, WW Principal.



A tenure certificate was presented to Beth McIntyre, an English teacher at Olean High School.



A tenure certificate was presented to Linda Nottingham, IJN Principal. Pictured (l-r) are Wayne Nottingham, Mrs. Nottingham, Eric Nottingham and Mr. Garvin.



Tenure certificates were presented to: (l-r) Katie Camp, Special Education teacher at the Olean Middle School; Lucille Rohrs, Grade 8 Math teacher at the Olean Middle School; James Pawlowski, Physical Education teacher at East View; and Lyn Ann Dempsey, Elementary teacher at Ivers J. Norton.



Athletic Department News

Beth & Jim Lee presented 'Good Sport Booster Award'

The Athletic Department and Sports Boosters Club are proud to announce that Beth and Jim Lee have been awarded the 2011 OHS "Good Sport Booster Award". This annual award is given in recognition and appreciation for dedicated support of OHS student-athletes and teams. It is given to a person(s) who is a positive role model and consistently demonstrates good sportsmanship while cheering and supporting the "Huskies".

The Lees have been very active members and leaders of the Olean Sports Booster Club for a number of years. Their positive support and tireless efforts have made a definite impact on OHS athletics.

The 2011 "Good Sport Booster Award" was presented to the Lees by OHS Sports Booster Club Vice-President Mike Nenno on Saturday, October 1, at the annual Booster Club endowment raffle.

Congratulations and thank you, Beth and Jim Lee!



OHS achieves Section VI Sportsmanship Promotion Award for 2010-11



Olean High School has recently received recognition and commendation for achieving the Section VI Sportsmanship Promotion Award for 2010-11. 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 (94) member Section VI to be recognized as having the most outstanding and proactive approaches for promoting sportsmanship.

At a special Section VI luncheon on Wednesday September 21, 2011 OHS was presented a New York Goods Sports Plaque by Section VI President, Jeff Rabey. Receiving the award on behalf of OHS were student-athletes Maria Skrobacz and Roger Wangelin, along with Athletic Director Don Scholla.



Writer's Workshop Time: Here is a picture of Mrs. Bushnell's second graders conferencing during writer's workshop. The children enjoy writing in their writers' notebooks each day learning the 6 Traits of Writing. They have learned what hard work it is to become a published author. It is one of our favorite times of day!



Making New Friends: These new kindergarten students clearly enjoy the excitement of meeting new friends as they start their school careers.



Learning about Graphing is Fun! Students in Mrs. Olson's third grade class collected data from classmates and created bar and pictographs to practice the skill.



Walking School Bus Program: As part of a wellness program sponsored by Community Action, Boardmanville participated in the Walking School Bus program in October. Nineteen Boardmanville students, two parents, and teachers Mrs. Mucke, and Mrs. Jedrosko, met Community Action member Sheldon Kenyon and the principal at Olean General Hospital for an enjoyable walk to school. Thank you to Mr. Joe Gaughn and his OGH staff for their efforts to provide our students with a safe, comfortable meeting place.

Boardmanville Elementary School



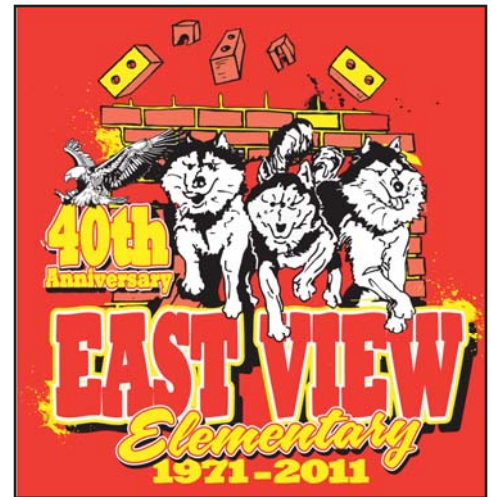
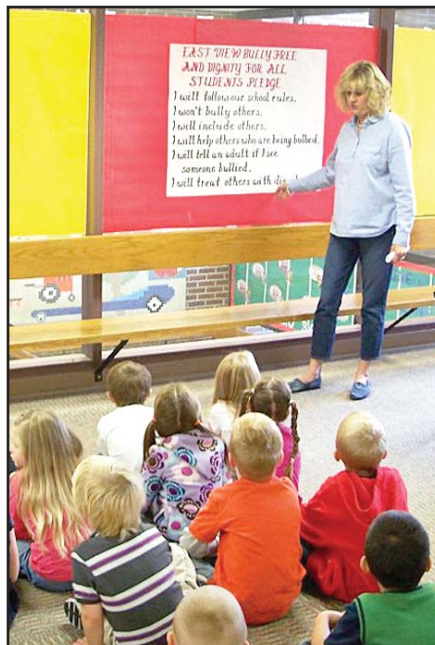
Field Trip to Moss Lake: Boardmanville third graders spent a fabulous day at Moss Lake near Rushford, N.Y. The trip was connected the Schoolyard Studies Science Kit to the great outdoors. We saw plants, insects, and bog wildlife. Students viewed several American chestnut trees. They are making a comeback to this area. Did you know the flavoring "wintergreen" comes from a plant that early settlers named because it was green in the winter? Also, Eastern Hemlock needles are high in Vitamin C and were brewed into a "tonic tea" by early settlers.



Celebrating Football, Exercise, and Healthy Eating: East View Elementary School “kicked off” the new school year with a day devoted to football, healthy eating and exercise. The PTO sponsored “Back to Football Friday” in which students and staff enjoyed an entire day of healthy activities. The day began with tailgating in the Alder Street parking lot. Parent and staff RVs were set up so that all the students and staff could tailgate with healthy snacks, including fruit, yogurt and granola bars. Then the students and staff participated in a training camp workout and quarterback challenge. The entire day was filled with healthy activities and team spirit. Through this activity, East View hopes to win the NFL Rush competition for Western New York, in which a \$10,000 grant is awarded to promote being active and healthy eating.

East View Elementary School

Pledging to be Bully Free: At a recent Character Education assembly, all East View students and staff made a pledge to not bully others, to tell an adult when they see someone being bullied, and to treat each other with respect. Everyone read the pledge at the assembly and then signed their name on the pledge that is displayed in the front hall of the school. This will be on display all year as a reminder that everyone at East View is committed to making East View bully free and believes in Dignity for All. Mrs. Domboski is pictured preparing her Kindergarten students to sign East View’s bully free school pledge.



East View is Turning 40! On November 30, 1971, 463 students marched from School 4 (now the King Street Park) to the new East View Elementary School, accompanied by an American Legion Honor Guard, the Olean High School Band, faculty and staff members, and school and civic leaders. To celebrate our 40th anniversary, we are planning to recreate that parade this coming November 30, 2011. More details will be forthcoming, but we are encouraging all former staff and students to participate in this parade. In addition, the celebration will continue that evening, with our PTO sponsoring a spaghetti dinner with special entertainment from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.



International Walk to School Day: Approximately 30 East View students and several parents participated in the International Walk to School Day on October 5th. The students met at King Street Park, walked to the school with the principal and several teachers, and received a certificate for participating. Everyone enjoyed this healthy activity as well as helping the environment so they decided to continue the walk to school day every Wednesday morning during the month of October.



Puppy Chow! Olean elementary students are often referred to as “Husky Pups”. To recognize good character choices, students are rewarded weekly with a “Puppy Chow” luncheon. Students receive “P.A.W.S.” (Positively Awesome Work Sighted) cards for great behavior, awesome attitudes, active participation in class, and good character. These cards can be turned in for different rewards, including lunch with the principal and other staff. During lunch, our Husky Pups are given a certificate and other small treats. They also wear a red Paws-itive awesome T-shirt for the day!



Assembly Puts Pep in our Step: Thanks to Ms. Stuff and Mrs. Kallenbach for organizing the September pep assembly that was full of energy and enthusiasm. Fourth graders performed a skit about respecting and including others. Cheerleaders motivated students and encouraged acceptance and friendship. Mr. Kirk Gilbert, caseworker from the Attendance Support Program, also encouraged students to have regular attendance.

Walking to School: Teachers and staff walked **75** students to IJN on International Walk To School Day October 5th. Our walkers were treated to a special backpack with the slogan Hike It, Bike It, I Like It. The Walking School Bus Program was developed as an off-shoot of this initiative to fight against childhood obesity. Locations throughout the IJN neighborhood have been designated as ‘bus stops’ where students meet every Wednesday at 7:55 a.m. to walk to school. Thanks to those who make our bus run, especially DSS workers Andy Studley, Kirk Gilbert, and Mike Blask! Call 375-8941 for locations and more information, if you’d like to join the fun!



Kitchen Nearing Completion: Progress continues on the newly expanded and remodeled kitchen with beautiful tile installed on the floors and walls, while new lighting fixtures, doors, and windows have been added. In addition, the serving line was moved out of the hallway, and a new tray return added in our cafeteria/gym.

Ivers J. Norton Elementary School



Experiencing Open House: At Open House students showed families their classrooms and the school work. Many were impressed with the renovation updates on every floor. Glen Colton, a local favorite, played guitar as we sang about being a “bully-free” school. We danced the polka, did the limbo, and Mr. Colton inspired us to be respectful and follow the golden rule. The PTO sponsored a book fair in our newly renovated library. We are thankful for their leadership and their constant support of all we do!



Apple Day: First grade students at Washington West had a “bushel of fun” learning about apples this September! The highlight of their experiences was “Apple Day”, which provided students with many different apple opportunities, including tasting a variety of apples, making apple prints, and enjoying delicious apple crisp! One first grader commented, “The apples were awesome, I had such a fun day!”

Taking a Virtual Field Trip: The third grade classes teamed up to do two polycoms with the Cincinnati Zoo to learn about animals and adaptation. The polycom machine allows students to take a “virtual” field trip without leaving the classroom. The students can communicate in real-time with other classrooms or presenters from around the world. What a great way to create new learning experiences!



The Art of Color Mixing: Kindergarten and first grade students in Mrs. Nickel’s Art class are mixing primary colors (Yellow and Red) to create a secondary color to make pumpkins – it’s color magic! The students then cut out simple geometric shapes for the facial features to complete their jack-o-lanterns just in time for Fall!

Washington West Elementary School



Huskies with Character: Showing good character pays off at Washington West! Students can earn Husky Bucks for demonstrating good character traits and making positive choices. When adults catch students “doing good”, they can reward the students with a Husky Buck to be placed in a weekly classroom drawing. Each Friday, school counselor Mr. Brooks collects the winning Husky Bucks and awards those students with a certificate and a pencil. Their photo is then placed in the front hall for recognition. All students who receive Husky Bucks are entered into quarterly drawings for prizes provided by the WW PTO. The Character Counts assemblies are a wild and crazy fun way to say thanks to our boys and girls for showing their good character at school every day.

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Class honors Shirtwaist Factory victims

On March 25, 1911, a fire broke out at the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory in New York City. All of the exits were locked and the fire escapes were barely attached to the building. As a result, within 18 minutes 146 people were dead, either by falling to their deaths or by the fire itself. It is believed the fire may have been started by a cigarette in a scrap bin that had not been completely extinguished. The victims were primarily female immigrants from Russia and Italy, some as young as 14. These victims were mothers, children, sisters, wives, brothers, and husbands.



The students are (l-r): Shane Miller, James Dombrowski, Shawn Bihler, Jordan Abdo, Chelsea Nedell, Ashley Murphy, Caton Charleston, Katelin Sutton, and (front) Alex Whipple.

For the 100th anniversary, the OHS US History and Government classes (Class of 2012) honored these victims by wearing black arm bands, each with a different name and short biography of a Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire victim. This experience allowed the students to better understand the need for workplace code enforcement and safety laws, as well as the history of the labor movement in our country. Participatory Government Intern, Madison Ozzella helped to organize the event in order to give her fellow students a better "connection" to our state's and nation's past.



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Mission ...

"Home, School and Community
Educating for Life"

Values ...

- Excellence
- Honesty/Integrity
- Learning
- Mutual Respect
- Resourcefulness
- Responsibility & Accountability
- Sensitivity to Diverse Needs
- Teamwork

Strategic Themes ...

- Curriculum and Instruction
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- Building Relationships