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

## Welcome Dr. Marlon P. Lee

A sincere welcome to our new Assistant Superintendent of Academic Services, Dr. Marlon P. Lee, who started on January 17, 2023.

Marlon joins us from the Buffalo Public Schools, where he has spent the last 15 years working as a teacher, Dean of Students, Assistant Principal, and Principal. His

time in Buffalo gives Dr. Lee vast experience and knowledge working with diverse students and their families, whether academically, linguistically, or culturally. Dr. Lee has spent his career ensuring that all students have access to a quality education that can prepare them for college and career readiness.

Dr. Lee completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Buffalo, earning his Bachelor of Arts in Health and Human Services. He then attended Canisius College, earning his Master of Arts in Elementary Education. While teaching 4th and 5th grade, Marlon enrolled at Buffalo State College, where he earned his Certificate of Advanced Studies in Educational Leadership and Facilitation. Finally, Dr. Lee recently completed his doctoral studies at D'Youville University in Educational Leadership.

In his spare time, Dr. Lee loves to travel, work on projects and mentor youth. He currently lives in Buffalo with his children and is planning on moving to Olean soon. He is excited to work with the Olean community and become a Husky!



## Congratulations to Coach Ksionzyk!



On Friday, December 2nd, former Olean High School track coach, Paul Ksionzyk, was inducted into the Section 6 Hall of Fame. Coach Ksionzyk was also a former Physical Education teacher and Athletic Director in the Olean City School District for 35 years.

Pictured from left to right: Dan Freeman (current Boys Track Head Coach), Leslie Morey-Nasuta (current Girls Track Head Coach), Bob Ring (former Girls Track Head Coach), Paul Ksionzyk, Mike Ksionzyk (son and current Track Coach), and Brandy Bennion (current Track Coach).

## Careers & Financial Management Charity Fundraiser Ideas

Mrs. Frentz' Careers & Financial Management class prepares students for the real world and gives them a taste of how to start navigating the workforce and manage their money. There are a slew of different ways students practice this. Recently, students had the opportunity to delve into a charity that they are passionate about. Students created posterboards for a community event sponsoring a charity of their choice. To complete this, students had to research a charity with which their values aligned, come up with a successful event, and present their charity organization fundraiser to the class. Here are just a couple of examples:





*Dear Olean School District Community and Families,*

I want to extend my best wishes to the entire Olean City School District (OSCD) school community for a happy and healthy new year. Seeing all our children, teachers, and staff back in our schools after a well-deserved break was exciting.

The beginning of a new year provides a perfect opportunity for us to recommit to our mission/vision to provide a student-centered community of excellence in which all members are challenged to learn, achieve, contribute, and innovate. Over the past few months, our school and community members have worked on a vision statement to form our strategic plan. We are very excited to collect parent and community thoughts as we plan for our district. Our students will only benefit from implementing the vision we all have to advance the opportunities and success of our children. I look forward to hearing from you and sharing our final plan!

As we venture into the opportunities of 2023, I encourage us all to reflect on achieving our mission for the success of our children. Thank you for all you do to ensure our students succeed. I look forward to all we will accomplish together this year for the Olean City School District.

Sincerely,

Dr. Genelle Morris  
Superintendent of Schools



## LOOKING BACK...

2022 Grants  
Over \$25,000 Awarded!

- eSports Club
- Photostory
- Thoughtful Thursday
- STEM Soapbox Derby Program
- Bringing Literature to Life
- Camp Huskie
- Mad Scientist in the Classroom

## WHAT'S NEXT?

Night at the Races 5/5/23  
Red & Gold Scramble 6/17/23

## Good News from Olean Schools Foundation

"The world needs dreamers and the world needs doers. But above all, the world needs dreamers who do." ~ Sarah Ban Breathnach

### GRANT SPOTLIGHT!

Congratulations to our teachers and support staff at  
East View Elementary!

August of 2022, we received a grant request to purchase items to launch a new school-wide initiative, asking students to perform one thoughtful act of kindness on Thursdays. "Thoughtful Thursday" was born. OSF continues to support this successful program with various activities planned throughout the school year. A wonderful example of expanding, enriching and inspiring the lives of our Huskies!



*Olean Schools Foundation is a 501-c3, comprised of an all-volunteer board. Our mission is to fund new and innovative programs implemented by Olean City School district teachers to enhance the education of our students*

*To learn more, visit our page on the district's website: [OleanSchools.org](http://OleanSchools.org)*

# Welcome to Olean City School District!

## Teacher Aides



Heather Levia



Lilia Moore

## Food Service Helpers:



Susan Wilson



Grace Witter

## Cleaner:



Donald Powell

## Grades 3-8 English Language Arts and Math Assessments

Beginning in Spring 2023, the Olean City School District will begin using computer-based testing for all elementary and middle-level students for the Grades 3-8 English Language Arts (ELA) and Math assessments. New York State has provided computer-based testing for several years and is preparing for all districts to make this transition. Transitioning our testing program this year will allow us to establish our process for administering the assessments in the computer-based format prior to the State's final transition date.

Students will complete the assessments on the devices they currently use for daily instruction (iPad or laptop). Students have opportunities to read and respond to everyday instructional activities and assessments on their iPads or laptops through various apps and programs, some of which are very similar to the format that students will experience for testing. Students also recently participated in a brief, ungraded practice test so that they could experience the Questar testing platform and so that the schools are fully prepared for the state tests in the spring.

Students will participate in two days of testing for both English Language Arts and Mathematics. This is the same number of testing days as they have previously taken for paper-based tests. Please find the testing schedule below. Additional information will be provided via ParentSquare updates.

Grade 3-8	English Language Arts
Wed Apr 19	Grades 6 and 7 Session 1
Thu Apr 20	Grades 6 and 7 Session 2
Fri Apr 21	Grades 4 and 5 Session 1
Mon Apr 24	Grades 4 and 5 Session 2
Tue Apr 25	Grades 3 and 8 Session 1
Wed Apr 26	Grades 3 and 8 Session 2
Thu Apr 27	Make-Ups
Fri Apr 28	Make-Ups

Grade 3-8	Mathematics
Tue May 2	Grades 6 and 7 Session 1
Wed May 3	Grades 6 and 7 Session 2
Thu May 4	Grades 4 and 5 Session 1
Fri May 5	Grades 4 and 5 Session 2
Mon May 8	Grades 3 and 8 Session 1
Tue May 9	Grades 3 and 8 Session 2
Wed May 10	Make-Ups
Thu May 11	Make-Ups





It takes all the Huskies  
to pull the sled!

# OLEAN

## CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

**VOTE: MARCH 14, 2023 • 7AM TO 9 PM**  
**OLEAN INTERMEDIATE-MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSIC SUITE**  
**MODIFICATION OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT 2020**



**NO TAX  
INCREASE**  
**\$5.5 M  
BUDGET**



### TIMELINE



# News From OHS



## Pink Pumpkin Project

During the month of October in 2022, Olean High School SAC, Zonta Club, and Girls Volleyball combined their efforts to raise donations for the Pink Pumpkin Project. In total \$3,488 was raised. The Pink Pumpkin Project (PPP) is an organization that offers emotional and financial support to those fighting breast cancer who live in our local communities. With this money, the PPP can create "totes" to donate to patients undergoing treatment and provide them with a monetary donation. The groups at Olean raised the money through "jar wars", cotton candy sales, raffles, and bake sales.



## Olean Ski Club

The Olean Ski Club is once again spending Thursday evenings this winter at Holiday Valley in Ellicottville. Students from Olean are learning to ski and snowboard in order to make the most of our snowy WNY winters. All community members are eligible to purchase discount passes through the club every year. For more information, contact Mrs. Wolfgang at Olean High School or visit her webpage at <https://www.oleanschools.org/Page/9810>.

## Williams Signs at Finger Lakes Community College

Senior, Leah Williams, will continue her volleyball career at the next level, signing to play next fall with the Lakers. Leah will be attending Finger Lakes Community College and majoring in Accounting.

*Pictured (from left to right) Tyrone Williams (father), Micheyla Williams (sister), Leah Williams, Sara Williams (mother), and Calvin Williams (brother).*





# News From OIMS



## 7th Grade Study Skills

The 7th Grade Study Skills and Geography classes presented their semester-long project to their classmates at the end of January. Each student group selected a continent then drew a random country to research. Students were able to apply their topics learned in study skills as well as geography to assist them in their research and learning about these countries, their culture, the people, and environments. Students also enjoyed sharing the foods, music, games, and cultures to the community.

## Martin Luther King Jr. Mural

Mrs. Griffin's 5th grade class completed their Civil Rights Unit by creating a mural of Martin Luther King Jr.



## Art Music Collab

Ms. Cawley's 7th grade art class collaborated with Mr. Knapp's music class to create original abstract guitar picks that can be used in class to practice their chords!





## National Popcorn Day

Mrs. Mest's class put many life skills to use while helping OIMS PTO celebrate National Popcorn Day. Thanks to the PTO each student and staff received a bag of popcorn!

## 6th-7th Grade Concert

OIMS band, orchestra and chorus students performed in their winter concert on December 20th. Mrs. Stein and Mrs. Snyder were very proud of them, they played and sang beautifully!



## SAC News



To kick off 2023, the SAC hosted a 6th and 7th Grade Winter Dance. A great time was had by all students in attendance. There was a photo booth to snap some picture, pizza and snacks, and a dance circle in addition to the traditional basketball shoot out.

The SAC is eagerly preparing for No One Eats Alone on Friday, February 17th. This is our major event of the year where invited guests, staff and students will promote community, inclusion and friendship at lunch. With this, students will sit with new people to get to know each other in their lunch period. We strive to continue to build our community after some isolating times and encourage all to eat, to get together, and get to know one another.



Finally, we are collecting soup and canned food for the Souper Bowl of Caring from February 6-12. Although the Bills may not be in the Super Bowl, we hope to have a super turn out for this drive! Go Bills!





# Washington West Elementary School



## Shouting Our Support from Washington West:

Our faculty, staff, and students had nothing but LOVE for the Buffalo Bills and injured player, Damar Hamlin. Students showered Damar with cards from the halls of Washington West and sported their RED, WHITE and BLUE in honor of him and his recovery. Near or far, our husky pups have hearts that outpour with love for those in need!



## AWESOME With AREA:

These husky pups are awesome when it comes to finding area, in part because they've been able to use manipulatives and SNACKS to help them find the area of different figures. If you see a third-grade husky pup, be sure to ask them how you find the area of an object! They'll be sure to know!





## Trapped In a Snow Globe:

Can you imagine what it would be like to be trapped in a snow globe? Would you like to be stuck in there - forever? These husky pups used their imagination and put pen to paper to write an opinion about whether or not they would like to be trapped inside of a winter wonderland.



## R is for ROBOT + RAIN:

UPK is all about building letter recognition and these husky pups are learning all about the letter "r." They've even learned how to make RAIN and build their very own ROBOTS!



## SPARKLE With Kindness:

Sparkle the husky pup has joined one of our kindergarten classrooms in the new year. Sparkle's mission? To help our husky pups spread kindness through the halls of Washington West. Sparkle has helped our kindergartners make each day a day of kindness and cheer, where they are proactive and continue to put first things first!

**Follow your Husky Pups on Twitter @OleanWW**

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# East View Elementary School



## Smile!

All week teachers and students send “smile” notes to friends and co-workers. It’s a great way to spread some kindness and gratitude. Each week one teacher and one student are selected as the kindness ambassadors of the week! Here are a few from the past month.



## Super Leader Lunches

Super Leader Lunches have been a tradition at East View for over 15 years.



## Thoughtful Thursday

A few shots of Thoughtful Thursday from around our school. Thank you to the Olean Foundation for our Kindness T Shirts.





## Portraits of Leaders

Third graders at East View have been exploring traits of a leader. Each student created a portrait of someone who stands out as a leader to them. Their collection features friends, community members, teachers and even some Buffalo Bills!



## Reading With a Therapy Dog

Mrs. Threehouse's students each had a chance to read to a therapy dog and they loved it!

Follow our school on twitter @OleanEastView

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ORGANIZATION****U.S. POSTAGE PAID****Permit No. 73  
Olean, NY 14760****ECRWSS****OR CURRENT RESIDENT****POSTAL PATRON LOCAL****Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK)  
Registration for 2023-2024**

The Olean City School District will be holding informational sessions to prepare for UPK registration and enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year. If you have a child who will be 4 years of age by December 1, 2023, you are invited to join us from 5:30-6:30 PM on Tuesday, February 28th at East View Elementary or Thursday, March 1st at Washington West Elementary. Please contact Jen Mahar at 716-375-8039 if you have any questions. Information is also available on the District website under Community Schools.

**Kindergarten Registration Information  
for 2023-24**

The Olean City School District will be conducting Kindergarten registration and screening for the 2023-2024 school year in March. If you have a child who will be 5 years of age by December 1, 2023, who will be entering the district for the first time, please complete the form below and return it to your neighborhood elementary school or call the school at the number listed below.

SCHOOL	DATES—2019		TIMES	PHONE
East View Elementary	Tuesday	March 14	9:15 AM – 1:00 PM	716-375-8921
	Thursday	March 23	9:15 AM – 1:00 PM	
Washington West Elementary	Thursday	March 16	9:15 AM – 1:00 PM	716-375-8968
	Tuesday	March 21	9:15 AM – 1:00 PM	

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Last

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Note: Families of students currently enrolled in Olean's Universal Pre-Kindergarten program do not need to schedule an appointment.



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**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