



## ***“Home, School and Community Educating for Life”***

### **The One Where the Husky Pack Starts a New School Year**

The first message, “Change Can Be Scary...Let’s Do It Together” was revealed by Rachel Greene, portrayed by Katie Wolfgang, and Monica Geller, portrayed by Lori Anastasia. Rachel and Monica shared how some changes are planned, and other changes can blindside you. They concluded that supporting each other through change would make them stronger.

The second message, “Life is Perfectly Imperfect” was shared by Chandler Bing, portrayed by Olean’s own Matt Perry, and Joey Tribbiani, portrayed by Stephan Ahl. Chandler and Joey acknowledged that usually, life does not go as planned. Embracing the mantra that “Life is Perfectly Imperfect” helps us through those challenging times.

The final message, “Let’s Be There For Each Other” was shared by Ross Geller, portrayed by Richard Dimartino, and Phoebe Buffay, portrayed by Lauren Stuff. Ross and Phoebe shared how they were there for each other. Then, with a song in her heart and a guitar in her hands, Phoebe then played “Husky Pack” which was to the tune of “Smelly Cat.”

The Husky Family was then provided lunch on the front lawn of OHS. Several small businesses from the Olean Community were part of this memorable Opening Day for Olean Schools. They were Mandy’s Flowers, Reid’s Food Barn, Jim’s Park & Shop, and Caya’s Canopies. Lunch was provided by Krolick’s Chicken. Prior to returning to their school buildings, staff were given a shirt for the new school year. “Could we BE any more excited?” to start the new school year? As HUSKIES, we will pull this sled together and support each other through the changes that come with every new school year.

sage for all staff. To start the First Day of School for staff, all staff were welcomed to “Husky Perk” where they were able to meet up with the members of the Husky Family, some of whom had not seen each other over the summer. Staff were provided with breakfast treats, opportunities to catch-up, and photos of their “First Day of School.” Dr. Morris, Superintendent of Olean Schools, along with Kelly Keller, OCSD Board of Education President, welcomed staff back in the OHS Auditorium. Mike Irizarry, Assistant Superintendent of Academic Services, introduced new members of the Husky Pack that were hired over the summer. To end the morning with inspiration and Husky Pride, Brian Martin, second grade teacher at East View, and FRIENDS Rachel, Monica, Chandler, Joey, Ross, and Phoebe charmed our hearts with words of wisdom for the new school year.

Brian Martin opened his Keynote Address by telling us about his study of sports psychology and how it relates to our lives as educators. As with any new school year, there will be changes. Brian shared, “In order to handle change, you must focus on the things you can control.” He then invited some FRIENDS to share their message, too.



*Dear Husky Community,*

One of my favorite things is watching the vibrant colors of fall begin to fill our beautiful city. October brings football (Go Huskies and Go Bills!), cooler temperatures, and a renewed sense of energy and focus within our schools. Our students are engaged in their learning, and the atmosphere across the district is one of enthusiasm, collaboration, and growth.



In September, we held our Welcome Back Family Event, which was a tremendous success! It was wonderful to see so many families, students, staff, and community members come together for a morning of fun, games, and learning activities. I want to share a big thank you to the many volunteers, community partners, and staff who made the event possible. This event set the tone for a year focused on connection and community.

We know that strong partnerships between schools and families are key to student success. October is a great time to stay engaged with your child's progress by attending parent-teacher conferences, which provide valuable opportunities to discuss academic growth and set goals for the year. I encourage you to reach out to your child's teachers with any questions or concerns. Together, we can ensure every student has the support they need to thrive.

During the remainder of the fall season, there are many exciting events on the horizon. Be sure to check the district calendar for upcoming activities, including sports events, performances, and student showcases. I look forward to joining you in celebrating our students' achievements and the great work happening in our schools each and every day.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Olean City School District. Let's keep the momentum going as we embrace all that October has to offer!

Warm regards,  
Dr. Genelle Morris  
Superintendent  
Olean City School District



## **Farm to School Goes to Nebraska**

On September 10, 11, and 12th our Farm Educator, Sheldon Kenyon, had the opportunity to attend the Patrick Leah Farm to School Grantee Gathering in Omaha, Nebraska. As the Cornell Cooperative Extension Farm to School Educator for Olean City Schools, this was a wonderful opportunity to make connections with other grantees from across the country, Washington D.C., and Guam. It was truly amazing to see all the diverse ways the Farm to School program is being implemented in so many different environments.

In addition to learning about accessing resources, fulfilling program requirements and goals, and program reporting, attendees participated in workshops with regional teams, had site visits, and was visited by the Winnebago people of the Cherokee Nation who honored them with a traditional dance performance and spoke about indigenous foods and the connections between the people, the food, and the land.

The Olean Farm to School Program is implementing a new grant program that will provide opportunities to create gardens and hands-on growing opportunities, introduce students to new foods, and extend learning beyond the classroom. To read more about the Farm to School initiative, check out our "Farm to School" page under the Community Schools section of our website or contact Sheldon Kenyon at [skenyon@oleanschools.org](mailto:skenyon@oleanschools.org)

# Welcome to Olean City School District!



**Stephen Chartier**

Olean City School District is pleased to welcome Mr. Stephen (Steve) Chartier as the new principal of East View Elementary School. Mr. Chartier brings with him twenty-five years of service in elementary education. As an insightful and enthusiastic school leader, Steve aspires to promote a school culture and educational program conducive to student learning and socialization. He is an educator who is unwavering in his commitment to students reaching their potential. Believing that every child can succeed, Mr. Chartier never settles for “good enough” and works endlessly to further develop and promote a collaborative educational climate that is not only nurturing and caring but positive and rigorous as well. Welcome Steve!

**Joshua Austin**

Hello Husky families! My name is Joshua Austin, and I am excited and honored to introduce myself as the new assistant principal at Olean High School. It is a privilege to join the Olean City School community, and I am eager to get to know each of you.

For the past 8 years, I have had the pleasure of working for Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES as an adaptive physical education teacher. My goal as Assistant Principal is to support and improve the work that is being done at Olean High School by ensuring that all students and staff members feel valued and supported to reach their full potential. What excites me most about working at Olean High School is the opportunity to collaborate with staff, students, and community members to maintain a positive school environment where students are encouraged to become their best selves.

I currently reside in Olean with my girlfriend Jennifer and our beautifully blended family of six kids: Lizzie, Cole, Chase, Cam, Joshua, and Gracie. I have resided in Olean for nearly 10 years and am proud to call Olean home. There is no other place I'd rather be. Let's build something great together,

Joshua Austin

Olean High School Assistant Principal



**Jackie Reed**

We would like to introduce Jackie Reed who has accepted the position of the District Clerk / Secretary to the Superintendent. Jackie has been a proud member of the Husky Pack for 20+ years. She previously held positions as the Secretary to the Director of Special Education and the Secretary to the Director of Curriculum and Instruction. Jackie and her husband, John, raised three sons who all graduated from Olean High School – Paul ('08), Nick ('09) and Joseph ('12). Jackie says that she is “grateful for this opportunity and looks forward to serving the Superintendent, the Board of Education, and the Olean Community in this new role. Go Huskies!”

**O'Brien Dailey**

My name is O'Brien Dailey, and I am excited to introduce myself as Olean City School District's new Media, Brand & Communication Specialist. I earned my bachelor's degree in media studies from St. Bonaventure University (Go Bonnies!) and an associate's degree in communications from Corning Community College. After graduating, I spent two years as a news producer in Florida. My goal is to ensure that the district and the Olean community stay closely connected. Whether it's highlighting student achievements, school events, or new initiatives, I want to keep everyone in the loop. When I'm not working, you can find me playing video games, watching movies, or spending time with friends. I'm also a passionate sports fan, rooting for the Steelers, Mets, Sabres, and the Miami Heat—though I hope my lack of allegiance to the Bills won't be held against me (haha). Lastly, I just want to thank everyone for welcoming me back to the community.

Sincerely,

O'Brien Dailey



# Welcome!



# Welcome to Olean City School District!



**Welcome Shannon Burdick!**

Ms. Burdick will be the districts new Athletic Trainer. She graduated

from Alfred-Almond Central School, Genesee Community College and SUNY at Brockport. She likes soccer, basketball, softball, canoeing, four wheeling, fishing, listening to music, learning languages and drawing. In her spare time, she plays video games and spends time with family and friends. She is excited about the facilities and complexes available to the athletes and how well Olean City School District takes care of their employees!

**Welcome Luke Schoonover!**

Mr. Schoonover is the district's new Information Technology Specialist. He graduated from James Madison High School. He likes reading and skiing. In his spare time he likes to read books. He is excited to learn as much about technology as he can!



**Welcome Melissa Bee!**

Ms. Bee will be teaching 1st Grade at East View. She graduated from Olean

High School and University of Pittsburgh at Bradford and Liberty. She likes spending time with family and reading books. She is excited about serving our community's families!



**Welcome Caitlyn Callahan!**

Ms. Callahan will be a School Counselor at East View. She graduated

from Olean High School, SUNY at Fredonia and St. Bonaventure University. She likes traveling, beaches and in her spare time she likes pottery and arts and crafts. She is excited about working in the community she was raised in!

**Welcome Emily Horth!**

Ms. Horth will be teaching Kindergarten at East View. She graduated

from Cattaraugus-Little Valley Central School and SUNY at Fredonia. She likes spending time with her family, friends and 2 dogs. In her spare time, she plays softball and helps coach a little league team. She is excited about beginning her career as a Kindergarten teacher and working with children as they begin their journey at Olean City School District!



**Welcome Courtney Lasher!**

Ms. Lasher will be teaching Special Education at East View. She graduated

from Olean High School, St. Bonaventure University and Walden University. She likes bird watching, gardening, riding bikes and playing basketball. She spends her spare time with her 3 kids playing board games. She is excited about being a part of the Husky Pack again!

**Welcome Rebecca Siafakas!**

Ms. Siafakas will be teaching Special Education at East View.

She graduated from Allegany-Limestone Central School, St. Bonaventure University and SUNY at Fredonia. She likes to read, travel, garden and horseback riding. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with family and traveling to see her children. She is excited about the district she started in 25 years ago as well as being committed to the district and community by serving the families in Olean for many years and in many different capacities!



**Welcome Stephan Ahl!**

Mr. Ahl will be teaching French at the High School. He graduated

from Olean High School and Penn State University. He likes theatre, Netflix and traveling. In his spare time, he goes for walks with his dog Callie, plans his next trip and runs the Olean Theatre Workshop. He is excited about coming home and being around these great employees!

**Welcome Courtney Brisky!**

Ms. Brisky will be teaching Art at the High School. She graduated from Olean High School and Villa Maria College. She likes video games, the painter Frank Bernard Dicksee and Dungeons & Dragons. In her spare time, she goes to renaissance festivals



and animation festivals. She is excited to teach kids about all the cool things happening in the art world right now.

**Welcome Tiffany Campbell!**

Ms. Campbell will be teaching in an 8th Grade Special

Education Resource Room at the High School. She graduated from Bradford Central Christian High School and University of Pittsburg at Bradford. She likes to read young adult & children's books, visit museums and spends a lot of time with her family and fur babies. In her spare time, she reads and builds doll houses and just finished a "barndominium"! She is excited about the comradery at Olean City School District and if someone doesn't have the answer to your question they help you find it!



**Welcome April Eaton!**

Ms. Eaton will be teaching Special Education at the High School. She graduated

from Olean High School and Western Governor's University. She likes the Buffalo Bills and camping. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling, reading, spending time with family and snuggling with her bloodhound Doober. She is excited about a new chapter, working with the students and coming back to her alma mater!

**WELCOME TO THE TEAM**



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## Welcome Kemarie Evans!

Ms. Evans will be teaching 8th Grade Spanish at the High School. She graduated

from Alliance High School and is currently at St. Bonaventure University. She likes to travel, bake, read and dive into true crime stories. In her spare time, she loves discovering local events such as the Garlic Festival and Pumpkinville which are her favorites. She is excited about meeting her first ever class, getting to know them and witnessing their growth not only as students, but as people. She hopes to inspire in them the same love for the Spanish language that she developed when she was in their shoes!

## Welcome Breeanna Finefrock!

Ms. Finefrock will be teaching 8th Grade English at the High School.

She graduated from Jamestown Community College. She likes concerts, music, cats, the color yellow, giraffes and movies. In her spare time, she plays volleyball with a league at Good Times and goes for nature walks. She is excited about being able to connect and help the students learn and maybe learn some new things from them as well!



## Welcome Paul Giovine!

Mr. Giovine will be teaching Mathematics at the High School. He graduated

from High Point High School, Rutgers University, College of

New Jersey and Stony Brook University. He likes teaching and coaching. He likes to spend his spare time with his family. He is excited about the opportunity to serve the community as a teacher and a coach!



## Welcome Susan Goodwin!

Ms. Goodwin will be teaching Business at the High

School. She graduated from Olean High School and Niagara University. She likes the Buffalo Bills, traveling and spends her spare time with friends and family. She is excited about being able to help students learn more about the business world and to be back at Olean High School.

## Welcome Jennifer Pace!

Ms. Pace will be teaching Business & Marketing at the High

School. She graduated from Pioneer High School, Grand Canyon University, Canisius College and Houghton College. She likes spending time with family and friends, shopping and taking her dog to the creek to swim. In her spare time, she enjoys drawing, crafting, coaching sports teams that her grandkids play on and concerts. She is excited about working with students to prepare them for the future!



## Welcome Brandi Peterson!

Ms. Peterson will be teaching 8th Grade English at the High

School. She graduated from Portville Central School and Grand Canyon University. She likes reading psychological thrillers, going camping with her family and cooking. In her spare time, she likes to wake up before her kids to enjoy a cup of coffee and read on her Kindle. She is excited about helping students discover their strengths and assist them in new academic achievements!

## Welcome Corinne Quinn

Ms. Quinn will be teaching 10th Grade Special

Education at the High School. She graduated from Bradford Area High School and St. Bonaventure University. She likes hiking, camping, fishing, kayaking, gardening, cooking, all genres of music, baseball, basketball and football. In her spare time, she likes to watch her son play basketball, travel to baseball stadiums, hiking and camping. She is excited to work with students and serve her local community and work at the same school her son will be attending for his senior year!



## Welcome Gina Tkacik!

Ms. Tkacik will be teaching 8th Grade Science at the High School. She graduated

from Otto-Eldred High School, St. Bonaventure University

and Clarion University of PA. She likes to travel and learn new things. She is excited to experience new colleagues and students, and to try to make a difference!



## Welcome Nicole Buchanan!

Ms. Buchanan will be a Speech-Language Pathologist at East View

and OIMS. She graduated from Maryvale High School, the University of Buffalo and SUNY at Fredonia. She likes the Buffalo Bills, flamingos, coffee and Reese's Cups. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her husband and daughter and son, gardening, cooking/baking, traveling and shopping. She is excited to work for a supportive district that values speech and language therapy and is truly committed to helping students communicate. She is grateful for this opportunity to continue to practice what she loves doing!

## Welcome Morgan Davis!

Ms. Davis will be teaching Special Education at OIMS. She graduated

from Allegany-Limestone Central School and SUNY at Fredonia. She likes to spend time with her husband, family, cooking and exercise. In her spare time, she likes to travel, read and golf. She is excited about working in the community that she grew up in and also working with amazing people!





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## **Welcome Jillian Deschler!**

Ms. Deschler will be teaching 4-6th Grade Special Education at OIMS.

She graduated from Cuba-Rushford Central School and St. Bonaventure University. She likes to spend time with her children, baking, playing horseshoes and traveling to California to visit her son. In her spare time, she likes to go for walks with her goldendoodle Molly and spend quality time with her daughter. She is excited about meeting her students and learning about each of their personalities!



likes to read, hang out with his friends and family, and watch sporting events. He is excited about the opportunity to work with adolescents and engaging them in the world of history!

## **Welcome Jennifer Poling!**

Ms. Poling will be teaching English at OIMS. She graduated from Bradford Central Christian High School, University of Pittsburgh at Bradford and the University of Phoenix. She likes walking, yoga and traveling. In her spare time, she likes to golf and watch her son play soccer. She is excited for the opportunity to teach English and meet new teachers and students!



food. In his spare time, he likes to spend time with his family, work outside and create new things. He is excited about being a part of the Husky pack, learning new things and making some wonderful music together!

## **Welcome Donald Stitt!**

Mr. Stitt will be teaching Special Education at OIMS. He graduated from Kane High School, Edinboro University and Gannon University. He likes chocolate, traveling, coffee and family time. In his spare time, he coaches youth sports for his twin boys and visits his daughter who attends Alabama University. He is excited about meeting new people!



of Pittsburgh at Bradford. She likes theatre, reading a good book and spending time with family and friends. In her spare time, she likes helping at the local theatres. She is excited to meet the students, staff and to begin her first year of teaching!

## **Welcome Sydni Keesler!**

Ms. Keesler will be an Occupational Therapist at Washington West. She graduated from Bradford Area High School, University of Pittsburgh at Bradford and St. Bonaventure University. She likes spending time outside with her horse and dogs, being in nature, listening to music and paddle boarding. In her spare time, she loves spending time with her family, friends and boyfriend. She is excited about making connections with the students she works with to help them develop the skills and confidence they need to succeed.



## **Welcome Andrea Harris!**

Ms. Harris will be teaching Music at OIMS. She graduated



from Olean High School and SUNY at Fredonia. She likes choral music, musical theatre, singing, dancing and binge watching a really good TV show. In her spare time, she dances, plays tennis, skis, roller blades, paints and spends time with her family. She is excited about returning to her home district to inspire young musicians!



## **Welcome Bryce Ryan!**

Mr. Ryan will be teaching Health and Physical Education at OIMS. He graduated from Canisteo-Greenwood Central School and Liberty University. He likes playing basketball, trying new restaurants and spending time with his wife and kids. In his spare time, he works out, coaches and spends time with his family. He is excited to meet the students and be a member of the community!



## **Welcome Danielle Aiello!**

Ms. Aiello will be a Resource Room Teacher at East View and Washington West. She graduated from Elizabeth Seton High School and St. Bonaventure University. She likes to travel and cook. In her spare time, she volunteers for Allegany EMS. She is excited to meet and work with kids and is also looking forward to being a part of the Husky team!

## **Welcome Brionna Howard!**

“Hello Olean! I’m Brionna Howard, the new Olean High School librarian. Prior to this role, I taught 7th grade social studies here at OIMS. I’m excited to step into this new role and get more involved with students and the community. Some of my goals for this first year are to improve our collection and offer more in-school program opportunities for students. So far, I’ve enjoyed watching them hone their chess skills and draw some amazing artwork. In the future, I hope to create more chances for Olean community members to get involved in programs. Go Huskies!”



## **Welcome Justice Herrick!**

Mr. Herrick will be teaching 7th Grade Social Studies at OIMS. He



graduated from Cuba Rushford School and SUNY at Cortland. He likes viewing and engaging with history and historical events, watching movies and ice hockey. In his spare time, he

## **Welcome Chad Sayers!**

Mr. Sayers will be teaching Music at OIMS. He graduated from Granville High School and SUNY at Fredonia. He likes music, railroads and good



## **Welcome Gretchen Henneman!**

Ms. Henneman will be teaching 2nd Grade at Washington West. She graduated from Bradford Area High School and the University



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## ***Welcome Kaleigh Anastasia!***

Ms. Anastasia will be a 5th Grade Math Teaching Assistant at OIMS. She graduated from Olean High School. She likes food and animals but most importantly helping and working with kids. In her spare time, she is usually with her niece and nephew. She is excited to be the Teaching Assistant to the kids that her favorite teachers were to her while she was growing up.



## ***Welcome Lisa Carpenter!***

Ms. Carpenter will be a Kindergarten through 3rd Grade Math Teaching Assistant at East View. She graduated from Olean High School and Olean Business Institute. She likes spending time with her family, going to the beach and cheering on the Buffalo Bills. In her spare time, she loves to bake cookies and brownies. She is excited about helping the kids succeed in

math at school and also working with a new team of teachers and support staff!

## **Support Staff:**

### *Teacher Aides:*



Adriana Reihle



Ashley Doxey



Autumn Dawley



Christine Neeley



Erin Hitchcock



Maribel Marte



Megan Mancuso



Nathan Wirth



Nathaniel Sage



Serena Bremiller



Samara Rafi



Tammy Goldbery



Whitney Oldham



Maurya Porter



Tammy Aaron

### *Keyboard Specialists:*



Kathryn Witter



Sharon Klimczyk



Victoria Ramsey

### *Cleaner:*



Kathy Giberson

### *Nurse:*



Rebecca Freer





# News From OHS

## Corporate Challenge – OCSD Highest Participation Award

The Olean City School District once again won the “Highest Participation Award” in the Olean Area Chamber of Commerce Corporate Challenge this past June. A total of 117 faculty and staff members participated in the 3.1-mile race or 2 mile walk.



## Forensics Fun!

Students in Mr. Woleben’s forensics class had an engaging and fun hands-on lab where they created chalk outlines, just like in real crime scenes! Each group selected a volunteer to act as the “victim,” lying down on the floor while the others carefully traced their outline in sharpie. Once the outline was complete, the students took measurements of the victim’s arms, legs, torso, and overall height, practicing skills like precise documentation and observation. This activity not only allowed students to practice critical forensics techniques but also encouraged teamwork and attention to detail as they mimicked real-life crime scene procedures.



## The French Classes Are Reaching New HEIGHTS

French students kicked off the 24-25 year with the new French song <Sommet> by Amir which means the SUMMIT. Monsieur Ahl (Olean High School’s new French teacher) presented this new song with the message that this year’s French classes will work together to reach their “highest potential”. Olean’s World Language classes focus on developing the whole student by becoming proficient in language skills, cultural awareness, and tolerance; thus, making our students compassionate and competitive in today’s global world. Each student created a version of themselves moving UP the mountain with a positive goal stated in French. This will serve as a reminder to push onward and upward this school year.





## Homecoming 2024 was a Huge Success

Meet Me at Midnight was this year's Homecoming theme for the Olean High School students. The Huskies gathered at Lincoln Park on Saturday, September 21st for the annual Homecoming event. This year's attendance was the highest it has been in recent memory. It was a joyful mood, full of celebration, following the Varsity Football team's win against Lewiston Porter the night before. We hope this is just the first of many successful events for this upcoming school year.



## OHS Students Accepted into NYSSMA's Junior and Senior High Area-All State

The Olean Music department received amazing news of several students accepted into New York State School Music Association's 2024 Area-All State! In Zone 1, Aaron Budaj and Lokesh Anumalasetty were selected for the Senior High Chorus! In Zone 15, Isaiah Sayers and Landon Farnham were accepted into the Junior High Band and Orchestra, respectively! Also in Zone 15, Theodore McClellan was selected for the Senior High Band along with Evan Snyder, Natalie Snyder, Sam Morgan, Lokesh Anumalasetty, Seamus Leslie and Jadyn Ours for the Senior High Orchestra! Students were selected based on their NYSSMA score from Solo Festival this past May. Only the students with the highest earning scores received a spot in one of these ensembles. The Music department could not be happier and prouder of our Olean students' diligence and hard work! Olean students will travel to SUNY Fredonia, Genesee Valley and Bath-Haverling to perform with the other top score-earning students. These groups rehearse all-day Friday and Saturday with a guest conductor and conclude the weekend with a performance by the Zones Area-All State Band, Chorus and Orchestra. We cannot wait to hear our Olean students alongside other wonderful student musicians during the next few November weekends!

## New Library Programs

This month the Olean High School library has had some exciting new programs! Students have been able to use their down time to come in and color, play board games, do STEAM activities, and more! We look forward to adding more in the future. If you have any suggestions for things to add to the library, or want to make donations of board games, puzzles or craft supplies, reach out to OHS library media specialist, Brionna Howard at [bhoward@oleanschools.org](mailto:bhoward@oleanschools.org).



# News From OIMS

## Chalk for Peace

The Art Department hosted Chalk for Peace at OIMS on September 20th, honoring International Day of Peace. More than half the student body was able to come outside throughout the day to create art in the theme of peace, kindness, and spreading joy.



## STEAM Camp



The Liberty Partnerships Program took a group of OIMS students to participate in a STEAM day camp organized by SUNY Fredonia.

While at the camp, students had the opportunity to learn about computer programming, geoscience, theatre, and spreadsheets. From taking apart computer cases and examining the contents to choreographing stage sword fighting, students immersed themselves in each subject with a hands-on experience.

While at SUNY Fredonia, students were able to get a feel for what life is like on a college campus. They were seated in

lecture halls, had dining hall food for lunch, and went on a tour of the campus. Thank you to SUNY Fredonia for giving our students such a great camp to return to!

## Mr. Talbot's Map Project



Students in Mr. Talbot's sixth grade Social Studies class recently completed a unit on maps. During the unit, students learned about types of maps and parts of maps. The unit concluded with students creating an elevation map and a bird's eye view map of their own civilization. Students had to follow a rubric to make sure that all elements required were used on their maps.



## OIMS Spirit Week

OIMS Spirit Week was a huge success! Students from all grade levels dressed up as different decades for Decades Day! The most popular decade was the 80's!



## 6th Grade Coding

In Mr. Penston's new 6th grade Computer Literacy class, the students are programming robots to drive through a race course. After a few weeks of preparation and instruction, the students had to plot their course on a scale map using a ruler and protractor to find the angles. They then plugged all those measurements into the coding software to tell the robots which way to go. The classes are now competing to see who can complete the course first.



## Fun at Pumpkinville

Mrs. Smith's and Miss Gilbert's classes got to enjoy a day at Pumpkinville. Students got to enjoy all the activities that Pumpkinville has to offer.





# Washington West Elementary School



## Positive Expectations

Here in the halls of Washington West, we are committed to supporting our students to be the very best version of themselves. No matter where they walk in the halls, we encourage them to follow our four school-wide expectations: we are safe; we are respectful; we are responsible; and we are kind. Our faculty and staff have been helping our students learn these expectations, celebrating them for their stellar student accomplishments. At home, you can encourage your husky pup to work hard to abide by these expectations, too!



## Leaders Of The Pack

In addition to our stellar squad celebrations, each student has the opportunity to spell out the word L-E-A-D-E-R on a positive incentive board in their classroom. Through showing their proactive habits, and thinking win-win, they earn opportunities to add a letter to their board. Should they spell out the word LEADER, that student earns an out of this world prize and a chance to win their own stuffed astronaut husky. These two husky pups were the first to receive a cuddly cute pup pal, and throughout the year, they'll be many more to come.



## Stellar Squad

Washington West is OUT of THIS WORLD, and so are these husky pups who received the honor of being our first recipients of the STELLAR SQUAD award. Through hard work, commitment, and dedication to our positive expectations, the students received the coveted title of being a part of the squad.



## Amazing Animals

We welcomed Mr. Morton, our resident "animal guy," back to the halls of Washington West to showcase his furry friends and cool creatures. Mr. Morton shares incredible facts and insightful information with our husky pups, showing them all the incredible attributes of his pet of the month pal.



# **-PAWS UP-** **for Positive Attendance**

Throughout October, our husky pups are putting their paws up for positive school attendance.

## **DID YOU KNOW:**

If your child misses **MORE THAN 18** days throughout the school year, he/she is considered chronically absent. Students that are consistently absent or late to school risk falling behind academically.

Let's work together for "PAWSITIVE" School Attendance here in the halls of Washington West.



## **PAWS UP for Positive Attendance**

Did you know that if your child misses more than two school days per month, it can make it more difficult for them to read? To promote positive school attendance, Washington West is helping students to track their attendance throughout the month of October. If they come to school on time - and are present - each and every day throughout the month, they work to earn a PAWSITIVE attendance incentive, and an entry into a school-wide raffle. Let's put our PAWS UP for positive attendance!

# East View Elementary School

## Behavioral Expectations at East View



It should come as no surprise that a significant part of our students' academic success correlates directly to the exemplary behavior that they exhibit. To ensure a safe and orderly educational environment conducive to student learning, East View staff, along with staff across the district, have been working collaboratively in the best interest of children by recognizing and identifying appropriate behavior, proactively building healthy relationships and a sense of community with and among our students, as well as working with individuals who may have committed harm to take full responsibility for their behavior.

To strengthen our environment, we are pleased to share that we have integrated Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) into our Leader in Me programming which has been a main stay within Olean City School District for the past several years. Research-based, PBIS is designed to compliment the 7 Habits by pro-actively teaching respect, responsibility and safety at school all the while building a stronger foundation and culture of caring. Through direct modeling and positive reinforcement

of expected behaviors, East View students continue to excel in a stimulating environment where everyone is safe, respectful, responsible, and kind. Further, they are also members of learning communities that are less reactive, aversive, and exclusionary, and more engaging, responsive and productive.

During the summer months, EV and district-wide staff members identified and highlighted behavioral expectations from the classrooms and hallways to the bathrooms and play areas. These items were documented via our Behavior Expectations "Matrix," which has been posted throughout the building for quick reference when promoting positive behaviors or when reteaching may be needed. Vibrant and captivating posters were also developed to help draw attention to what we expect throughout the school day. Our main goal of this body of work is for all students to know how a "Husky Nation" student shows prideful leadership.

We are excited to be proactively nurturing student leadership, responsibility, as well as a positive school environment at East View, laying a strong foundation for our students' future academic and personal success.





## Bus Safety



We are excited to share that our students have also been learning all about bus safety! Ensuring that everyone know how to stay safe while riding a school bus is a priority. Did you know that bus safety is not only important, but also required within New York State? Each year, schools must conduct three "bus drills" to help students understand the proper procedures for staying safe while riding and what to do should an emergency occur. This year, Dave Young, our Transportation Supervisor, worked with our students and lead their safety discussions and demonstrations—including safely exiting via the rear door.

Follow our school on twitter @OleanEastView



Top things a Foster child wants:

I want food and water. Nice clean clothes.  
Don't hit on me. Clean house. Toothbrush.

I want love.



Do you think you could give these things to a child? Have you ever thought about being a foster parent but have questions? We'd love to answer them for you.

Please contact Amanda (716-338-3016) for more details.



CATTARAUGUS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

### Road Map to Foster Parent Certification

What steps do I need to take to become a certified foster parent?

1. Call the Foster Care Home Finder, Amanda (716) 338-3016
2. Attend an Informational Meeting to learn more about the certification process
3. Begin MAPP/GPS training process (we meet once a week for 10 weeks)
4. Start the home study process. Two home consults will need to be completed.
5. Complete background checks on all adult members 18 and older in the household. This includes fingerprinting, SCR (child abuse) clearance and justice center clearance.
6. Provide at least 3 references and employment verification
7. Home Finding team meets to review the home study and make approval decisions
8. Complete MAPP/GPS.
9. Certification Process is complete!

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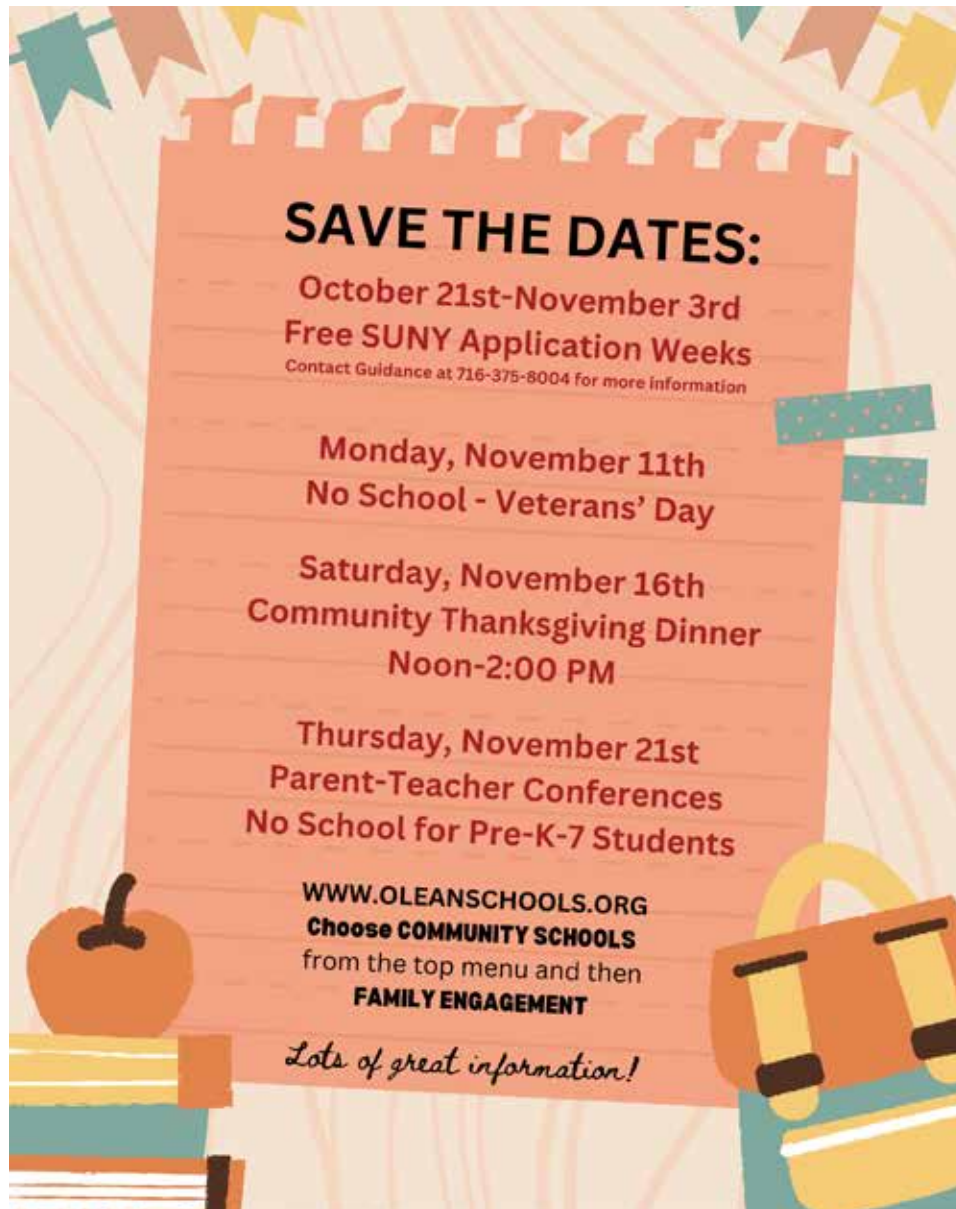
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**Olean City School District**  
**Mission/Vision**

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

**Guiding Principles**  
*A commitment to fostering:*

- A respectful, safe, and welcoming environment
- Embracing diversity
- Continuous improvement
- Academic excellence and lifelong learning
- Honesty, integrity, responsibility, and accountability
- Student potential and achievement