



OLEAN

CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

"Home, School and Community Educating for Life"

December 2018-January 2019

Volume 15, Issue 3

Happy Husky Holidays!

Parade Kicks Off Festive Season

Members of the Olean Educational Support Personnel Association – OESPA – again participated in the Olean Santa Claus Lane Parade this year on November 23rd. A dedicated group of school support staff crafted a wooden sleigh, complete with holiday lights, carrying wrapped gifts. All members of the support staff union were invited to come along and, with the help of Olean's own Husky mascot, remind the community that "It Takes All the Huskies to Pull the Sleigh"!



From the Superintendent

District Wins NYS Championship in Giving

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

- Margaret Mead

**By Rick T. Moore,
Superintendent**

I had the pleasure of attending college with two of the players that participated on the 1980 USA Hockey Team (Miracle on Ice) that beat all the odds to defeat the Soviet Union and win the gold medal in Lake Placid.

Herb Brooks, who led a team of young college no-names in a "David versus Goliath" battle against the world, coached the team. Coach Brooks had a method to his madness: the players he selected were not the hotshot scorers or the all-stars; rather they were blue-collar hard workers known as grinders. Well, the formula actually worked. The line we used to describe the phenomenon can be traced back to the Greek philosopher Aristotle: "The whole is greater than the sum of all the parts." This is also known as synergy.

What we experienced on New York Gives Day, held Tuesday, November 27, at Olean City School District, was a similar phenomenon. I remember when I started in Olean as a teacher in the 1980s, Coach Scholla had many sayings that ended up on T-shirts. One of my favorites was "TEAM = Together Everyone Achieves More". Ironically, his wife, Janine, is President of the Olean City School District Foundation. Whatever the Schollas are involved with epitomizes the concept of TEAM. Don and Janine have a quiet and calm way of orchestrating excellence.

The Foundation's effort on New York Gives Day was taken out of the classic Scholla playbook. Yet, every plan needs a strong-willed mother behind it, and that was Melissa DeRose. At our Foundation meeting in the fall,



(Photo Courtesy of Olean Times Herald)

Melissa, who chairs our New York Gives Day committee, devised a plan that would make a four star general proud. Ms. Kyle Leslie, Mr. David Lasky, Mrs. Amy Sherburne and Mr. Dan Stetz, along with our student members of the OCSD Foundation, Jarrett Prizel and Michael Schmidt, played a large role in this unbelievably successful fund raising effort. Everyone executed their role to perfection.

It became obvious quite early in the morning on Tuesday, November 27, that not only was our effort going to improve from a year ago, but also that it would surpass all the other organizations in New York State by receiving the greatest number of contributors. We were shocked by the level of generosity we encountered from faculty, staff, students, parents, alumni, and total strangers. We engaged all the Huskies, near and far, in the weeks and days leading up to the big day. There were emails, robo calls, student fundraising, and many more efforts that led to Olean City School District becoming the New York State champions of giving.

We would be remiss if we did not mention the Cattaraugus Region Community

Foundation and their prizes that motivated everyone in Olean to compete on a higher level. CRCF Executive Director Ms. Karen Niemic-Buchheit and CRCF Communications and Fund Development Coordinator, Mr. Kirk Windus, have played a huge role in helping the Olean City School District grow our Foundation funds, creating greater opportunities for the children of Olean.

In the end, the Olean City School District Foundation raised \$6,641.47 on New York Gives Day and had the most donors in the entire state of New York with 209. For specific details, you can go on the New York Gives website at nygivesday.org.

Obviously, we could not have done this without all of the wonderful people who gave. The Olean City School District wants to thank everyone that contributed for his or her outstanding generosity. We, the Huskies of Olean, truly are the New York State Champions in giving.

Once again, it takes all the Huskies to pull the sled!



Pamela Burrows
Lifeguard



Maria Decerbo
Teacher Aide



Jennifer Layton
Olean Academy
Developer



Andrew Nasuta
Cleaner

WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES!



Marissa Phillips
Teacher Aide



Gloria Rosenthal
Teacher Aide



Heidi Smith
Teacher Aide



Fran Steffen
Temporary Account
Clerk Typist



Heather Steiner
Food Service Helper

Class Creates 'Photo Opp' for Chamber



Greater Olean Chief Operating Officer Meme Yanetsko reached out to Mr. Brown's Drawing and Design for Production classes. She proposed a community service project in which students help create a platform and a façade so visitors to Lincoln Park and holiday events in Olean could have a photo opportunity that relates to the city.

This was a great opportunity for our students to experience the Design Process model that we use in DDP. Mr. Brown's 6th period researched and developed concept sketches in class. Once the concept sketches were combined taking the best features from each sketch, a final set of sketches were created to show how each piece of the project needed to be constructed to create a finished assembly.

A list of materials was sent to Home Depot, who generously donated the plywood, paint, roller sleeves and lumber to complete this project.

With the materials on site at the high school, the students were given safety demonstrations on proper use and care of the power tools to begin constructing the three components of the assembled project. Students took turns cutting, using the framing nail gun, ripping plywood, using the pocket hole tool, gluing and drilling in the screws. The students assembled the frame pieces and painted both front and back faces.

The final product, resembling a post card from Olean, is now prominently displayed at the entrance to Lincoln Park.



Fifth-Graders Host Halloween Party

Students in Miss Reese and Mrs. Gabler's 5th grade hosted an all-inclusive Halloween Party for students in Mrs. Mest's multi-age Life Skills classroom, showing that regardless of age or ability, friendship and fun have no boundaries. Students rotated through stations planned and facilitated by the 5th grade students. The stations included slime making, ghost balloon launching, as well as various Halloween arts and crafts. The day ended with a "Day of the Dead" food celebration. This was just one of what we hope will be many more inclusive activities at OIMS!

Students Excel in Area All-State Music Honors Ensembles



Our Olean Musicians once again rocked the Area All-State Music Festivals! These students qualified by earning extremely high scores at the state solo festival last June and were accepted into honors ensembles which performed in November. They were led by distinguished conductors and performed at a superior level of excellence. The Junior High Festival was held at Akron CSD, and the Senior High Festival was held at SUNY Fredonia. We are so proud of our talented and accomplished OCSd Musicians!

Pictured above are Junior High Area All-State Festival participants are: (back, l-r) Garrett Meerdink, Sam Renaud, Savannah Coker, Taya Oyer; (center, l-r) Taylor Hammond, Will Snyder, Ruth Scordo, Jayde Smith; (front, l-r) Lily Schena and Tanvi Patro.

Pictured at right is Senior High Area All-State Orchestra participant Yuki Wada.



Pictured below are Senior High Area All-State Festival participants (clockwise from back): Quinn Forrest, Coby Spiller, Mark Brown, Ethan Dalton, Nate Gabler, Mary Ring and Jessica Chastain.



Lasertron Adventure Activity

The November adventure activity for high school students was to a trip to Lasertron in Buffalo. Lasertron is a 9,200 square foot, state of the art laser tag arena. This was a free district-sponsored event.

Sharing Knowledge with Business Classes

Olean's Business Education Department has been busy with various visitors from our community. Our first speaker was Jamestown Business College's Admissions Associate, Chrissy Conklin. She presented to the Business Communications class and provided many ways for students to use good communication skills and to assist them with preparation for future interviews. In addition, Melanie Zandi, Employment Development Specialist at Jamestown Community College, visited the Careers and Financial Management and Business Communication classes to provide her expertise in landing a job by providing an excellent resume and excellent interviewing tips. Officer Dan McGraw also spoke to the Careers & Financial Management class regarding the legalities of the questions asked on resumes. He explained the difference between being a juvenile, an adult, and a juvenile with sealed cases. Officer McGraw also talked about the differences between felonies, misdemeanors, violations and being arrested and convicted.

Our 2018-2019 business education partner -- The Olean Area Federal Credit Union -- spoke to our Sports & Entertainment Marketing, Accounting I and II, Business Communications, Careers & Financial Management, and DECA students. The two guest speakers from the credit union were very valuable in providing their expertise on identify fraud. Abbey Bowser, Marketing Communications Specialist, and Aaron Weise, IT Network Specialist, represented Olean Area Federal Credit Union in a positive and professional manner. They taught us that there are so many steps that we all should take to protect our identity in relation to our finances and investments. We are never too young to start practicing safe ways to protect ourselves. Captain Robert Blovsky also shared ways for us to be "smart" with telephone calls that we receive, door-to-door solicitors, and other ways to be aware of scams.

Our last presenter was Chelsea Rosiek, Head Women's Lacrosse Coach at St. Bonaventure University. Chelsea spoke with the Sports & Entertainment Marketing classes and shared the history of the lacrosse program, gave a great definition and analogy of Title IX, wonderful words of advice for high school students, the life of a Division I athlete, and she even took the time to answer many questions that



Clockwise from top are representatives from Olean Area Federal Credit Union, Jamestown Business College, and St. Bonaventure University.

students had about becoming a college athlete. The information that was provided will benefit all students whether they are athletes or not.

Our presenters provided valuable energy and enthusiasm, and our business

education department was lucky to have such willing and professional speakers. Their time is truly appreciated, and our students will benefit so much from hearing such valuable words to assist them throughout their lifetime.



Let's Juggle!

OHS has a new club for students this year. It's the juggling group. Thank you to the Olean City School District Foundation for the grant to help us get started.



OH, LÀ LÀ! LE FRANÇAIS, C'EST TOP

National French Week was celebrated in each OIMS French class (pictured at left) from November 5th through November 9th. This is a week sponsored by the AATF (American Association of Teachers of French) to commemorate all things French and to celebrate the fun experiences in learning the language.

This year's celebration at OIMS entailed five daily themes: Blue/White/Red Day, Scarf/Beret Day, Très Chic Day, Say "Bonjour" to My Teachers Day and, last but not least, French T-shirt/Party Day! All French classes dressed according to the daily theme, practiced their French listening and response skills with TPR (Total Physical Response) in the classroom, created their own replicas of French citizenships (ID cards), and, of course, sampled French food.

Merci mille fois (many thanks) to all the students who participated and helped decorate our corridors and read on the daily announcements ... en français! #LefrançaisPlusQuUneLangue #FrenchMoreThanALanguage



SBU ART EXHIBIT WINNER

Congratulations to these Awesome Elementary Artists for having their artwork accepted into the Regina A. Quinlan Center for the Arts Kindergarten through Fifth Grade Junior Art Exhibition. Their artwork will be on display from December 4 through January 13, 2019, at the Regina A. Quinlan Center on the St. Bonaventure Campus. Stop in and see what our young artists have created!

Shown above (l-r) are: Fifth Graders Courtney Gross and Acacia Steffenhagen, and Fourth Graders Lorenzo Downing and Liam Ruggles.

CONNECTING OIMS KIDS WITH WATKINS GLEN STATE PARK

The OIMS fifth grade classes traveled to Watkins Glen State Park on October 18 & 23. Official guides gave each group a tour of the gorge. The groups walked the 2-mile, 800-step gorge path. The Glen's stream descends 400 feet past 200-foot cliffs, generating nineteen waterfalls along its course. The gorge path winds over and under waterfalls and through the spray of Cavern Cascade. This trip was possible courtesy of the Connect Kids to Parks Grant. This program is a field trip refund grant program connecting New York school children with nature and New York State history. It provides reimbursement for travel expenses to any New York State Park, Nature Center or Historic Site. As the pictures attest, the view and vistas were breathtaking.



HONORING OUR COMMUNITY VETERANS

Sixth grade students at OIMS took advantage of the opportunity on Veterans Day to acknowledge the outstanding men and women in our community who have so bravely served our country. Students wrote letters of gratitude to veterans and made poppies, which were then delivered to several community agencies that work with veterans. Students were able to find some heroes right at OIMS! Thank you Mrs. Cortez (above left) and Mr. Button (above right) for your honorable service to our country!



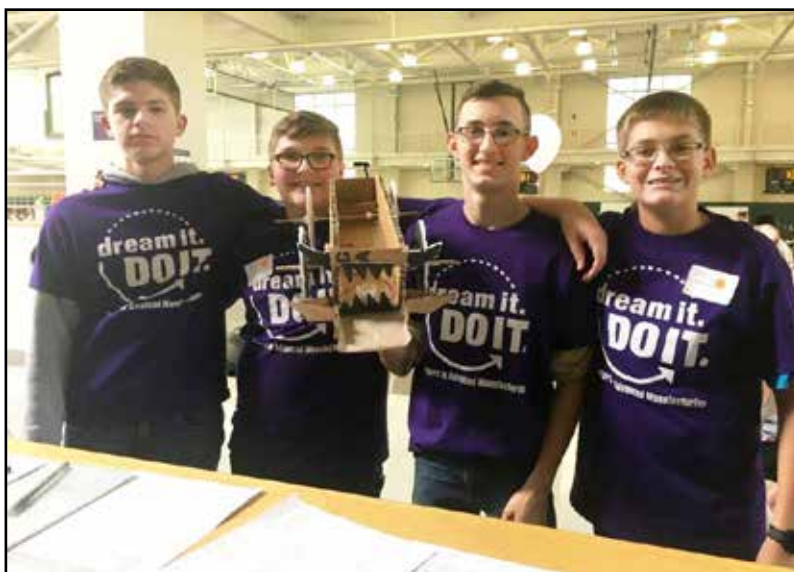
Homeless Huskies Event Raises More Than \$6,000

On October 26, students and staff took to the front lawn for the 26th annual Homeless Huskies. A total of 116 students participated in this event. Despite moving the event up a month, Mother Nature still pounded us with rain and cold weather. Even though the weather was not ideal, Homeless Huskies was a huge success raising \$6,745 for the Genesis House. A warm thank you to the participants and sponsors who helped make this event successful.



Heister Signs with Virginia Tech

Senior Calista Heister officially signed to play soccer at Virginia Tech next year. Pictured with Calista are her parents Kim and Mark (seated) along with JV Soccer Coach Dylan Shaw, Varsity Soccer Coach Dan Freeman, and High School Principal Jeff Andreano. Congratulations, Calista!



OHS Takes Top Spots in Dream It. Do It. 500

Olean High School students took part in the Dream It. Do It. 500 on November 10th at St. Bonaventure University. Our students took 1st and 2nd place! Pictured above left are the 1st place team of Yuki Wada, Nate Gabler and Justin Lin. In the right photo is the 2nd place team of Max Wolfe, Josh Dalton, Maddox Windus and Byron Ring.



Teams Capture Two Fall Sectional Titles

This fall season, the Girls' Varsity Soccer Team and the Girls' Varsity Volleyball Team each ended their seasons with Section 6 Class B1 titles. Congratulations Girls!!!





Thanksgiving Activities: Above, our Safety Officer Berlinski was checking in on two students and their Thanksgiving projects.

Below, Pre-K enjoyed a Friendsgiving celebration together. Mr. Crawford showed up to say hello, help serve and to sample the turkey!



Honoring Our Veterans: Above, James Hart, retired US Navy, and Great Grandfather to East View second grader Corey Bennet, shares some memories, experiences and photographs with Mr. Martin's second grade class in honor of Veteran's Day. Mr. Martin is also a Veteran of the US Army. We proudly thank them both for their dedicated service to our nation.

Ar right, Kien and Mackenzie from Mrs. Hart and Ms. Whitmans' first grade classes share their writing about Veteran's Day.



East View Elementary School



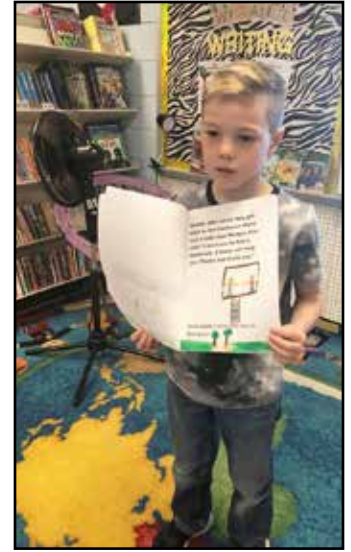
Ringin in Good News: Mrs. Ackerman's class came to the main office to celebrate by ringing the Good News Bell!.



Modeling Good Reading Practices: Mrs. Rogozinski (seated) is conferencing with William, a first grade student, who is working on reaching his Power Goals. Mrs. Howden (center), our Reading Coach, was facilitating a visit from staff from Bemus Point CSD who would like to model some of our practices in reading instruction.



Stuffing the Turkey: This November, our husky pups gave back to the Olean community, donating non-perishable food items to our local food pantry. Thank you for your contributions and for showing your gratitude for the place we call home!



Magic Tree House: Third graders wrapped up a unit on series books and narrative writing, composing their own stories similar to that of the tales of Jack and Annie from The Magic Tree House. Students shared these narratives and projects with families during our November conferences.



Breakout: First graders participated in BreakoutEDU with CABOCES Staff Specialist Clay Nolan. Students worked through several clues to unlock a series of locks and BREAKOUT from their challenge. Through teamwork and perseverance, the students found success.

Washington West Elementary School



Girls on the Run:

Washington West was proud to bring back Girls on the Run for the Fall 2018 season. Congratulations to our NINE Radiant Runners: Isabella Soldo, Gaitley Maiolo, Haylie Bednarski, Evelyn Jeffrey, May Eaton, Jenna Grimmer, Lillian Tulwits, Sydney Stitt, and Elizabeth Bailey. These students completed a 5K in Delaware Park in early-November (see photos left and right).



OLEAN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
410 W. Sullivan St.
Olean, NY 14760
www.oleanschools.org

ADMINISTRATION

Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools
Kathleen Elser, Business Administrator
Jeffrey Andreano, High School Principal
Mike Martel, Assistant High School Principal
Gerald Trietley, Olean Intermediate (Gr. 6-7) Middle School Principal
Joel Witcher, Olean Intermediate (Gr. 4-5) School Principal
Brian Crawford, East View Elementary Principal
Lauren Stuff, Washington West Elementary Principal
Aaron Wolfe, Director of Human Resources
Marcella Richmond, Director of Special Education
Csobanka Woodworth, Technology Administrator
Jen Mahar, District Coordinator of State & Federal Aid Programs
Jen Kless, Coordinator of Curriculum and Instruction

BOARD OF EDUCATION

John Bartimole, President
Frank Steffen, Vice President
Andrew Caya
Janine Fodor
Paul Hessney
Mary Hirsch-Schena
Ira Katzenstein
Michael Martello
James Padlo

NON PROFIT
ORGANIZATION
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
Permit No. 73
Olean, NY 14760

ECRWSS

OR CURRENT RESIDENT

POSTAL PATRON LOCAL



Elementary Students Meet Turkey Reading Challenge

Students at East View and Washington West Elementary Schools who have completed the Turkey Reading Challenge of 2018 not only helped Miss Stuff and Mr. Crawford make it back to their respective schools, but they also got their pictures snapped with the principals dressed as a TURKEY! Gobble Gobble! What challenge will be next?!



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