



# LEAN

## CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

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## *Rising to the Top ...* **Spotlight on Music & Art Students**



Senior Ashley Mulryan (*center above*) has received the highest honor of being accepted to the MENC All-Eastern Honors Choir. She competed with tens of thousands of vocalists from the eastern seaboard states and is one of approximately 350 students to attain this honor. She will travel to Hartford, CT in April for this exceptional experience. Way to go, Ashley!

Celebrating our All-State Musicians are (*upper photo, l-r*): band teacher Mr. Fox, chorus teacher Ms. Rhody with students Jamal Klute, Ashley Mulryan, Abe Knieser, Andrew Liu, and orchestra teacher Mr. Wada.

At right are Senior High Area All-State musicians: (*back, l-r*) Maija Klute, Jamal Klute, Ashley Mulryan, Abe Knieser; (*front, l-r*) Jordan Creed, Julie Mulryan, Andrew Liu and Jonah Rosel. Not pictured: Sara Fox.

Congratulations to all our musicians on their outstanding achievement!



Congratulations to Konrad Morawski and Kayla Cihak (*above*), as well as Caroline Carlson, Kelsey Langdon and Brianna Magro, whose artwork was chosen from over 300 entries from 21 area schools for the High School Juried Exhibition at St. Bonaventure University's Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts. The exhibition ran from January 24 through mid-February.

Congratulations to 5<sup>th</sup> graders Andrew Sherburne (*below with teacher Mrs. Nickel*) and Tyler Crivelli for selection in the "K-5 Area Art Contest" at the Regina A. Quick Center. Their artwork was on display December 6 through January 17.

A middle school juried exhibit is on display until the end of March.





## Board of Education Nominating Petitions Due on May 1<sup>st</sup>

On Tuesday, May 21, 2013, eligible district voters will elect three members of the Board of Education. The candidates receiving the two highest number of votes will serve five-year terms, beginning on July 1, 2013, and expiring on June 30, 2018; the candidate receiving the third highest number of votes will serve to fill a vacancy expiring June 30, 2017.

To qualify as a candidate, one must be a qualified voter and a district resident for one year immediately prior to May 21, 2013. Nominating petitions will be available March 23, 2013, at the District Clerk's office, 410 West Sullivan Street, Olean, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. By 5:00 p.m. on May 1, 2013, each candidate must also file with the District Clerk a nominating petition containing the signature and legal address of no fewer than 100 qualified voters living in the district. A qualified voter must be a United States Citizen, at least 18 years old, a district resident for thirty (30) days immediately prior to the date of the election, with their current address either correctly filed at the Board of Election in Little Valley or properly registered at the district's registration which will be held on April 10, 2013, at the District Clerk's office from noon to 4:00 p.m.

## From the Superintendent What Makes a Great School a Great School?

By Dr. Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent

Greatness comes from a shared vision that ALL children will learn and that ALL educators, parents and school community will share in the responsibility of ensuring that each child has the opportunity to reach their potential. Sharing in this responsibility means that we all support the learners in their academic, social and emotional quests. Our learners deserve a collective commitment to excellence from each of us.

To assure a continuous improvement cycle and be in compliance with the Shared Decision Making regulation, the Comprehensive District Educational Planning Committee (CDEP) initiated in 2008 has evolved into the CDEP/Shared Decision Making Committee (SDM). The committee functions in an advisory capacity to the Board of Education. For the 2012-13 school year the CDEP/SDM committee has focused on the areas of: District mission/vision and guiding principles; the Educational Philosophy of the District; increasing membership from various constituency groups; and continuous improvement in the area of student achievement. The new mission/vision statement adopted by the Board of Education is as follows: *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 help to inform the Board of Education when making educational policy. They are as follows: The Olean City School District has a commitment to fostering: a respectful, safe and welcoming environment; an acceptance of diversity; continuous improvement; academic excellence and lifelong learning; honesty, integrity, responsibility, and accountability; and student potential and achievement. To quote Martin Luther King Jr. "Intelligence plus character-that is the goal of true education."

As the committee continues to meet and assess the strengths and weaknesses of our educational and extracurricular programming offerings, I invite you to keep abreast of our progress by visiting the District website at [www.oleanschools.org](http://www.oleanschools.org) where the minutes to the CDEP/SDM meetings can be found under the information tab.



## Giving a 'HOOT' about Genesis House

In a continuing effort to teach students the importance of community service, Mrs. Carrie Samuelson, advisor of the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade HOOT Club, organized a recent Hat Day for students and a Dress Down Day for staff at Olean High School to raise funds for the Genesis House. Proceeds were used to purchase 20 crock pots for the Genesis House. These will be given to residents as they leave their temporary housing. The students' next project will be to gather crock pot recipes and assemble a cookbook to go with each crock pot donated.

Pictured are 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Hoot Club students: Allison Monroe, Boston Abdo, Grace Wroblewski and Grace Menter.

## Finance Committee's First Review Recommends 3.96% Tax Levy Increase

# Board Budgeting Strategies Remain Steadfast

As many have said, developing the 2013-14 budget is like the movie, "Groundhog Day." The strategies that allow the Board to present an educationally sound and fiscally responsible budget to the community remain the same. The District is facing yet another deficit of \$600,000. While this may appear to be better than years past, one must remember that in order to offset an aggregate reduction of \$6,884,056 in State Aid, the Board has been forced to: reduce staffing positions by 65 through layoffs and attrition; cut educational and extra-curricular programming; and close two buildings.

The District is faced with the following realities: continued reduction in State Aid of \$1,312,935; expiration of the Early Reading First grant; an increase of 4.41% in TRS and 2.0% in ERS; salary increases per contractual obligations; potential health insurance increase of 5%; and the potential sequestration of Federal grant funding of an 8.9% reduction could possibly result in a permanent reduction of funds by approximately

\$175,540 for 2013-14 and into future years.

To offset the increased expenditures and/or loss of Federal and State funding, the Finance Committee has recommended to the Board of Education that the District use some of the proceeds from the sale of the elementary buildings to help offset the debt service, reduce Pre-K to half day, and spend money from reserves. These strategies still leave the District with a deficit of approximately \$520,000. The Tax Levy Limit calculation is estimated to be 5.17%. The Finance Committee is recommending that the Board consider a 3.96% increase, thus preventing further reductions in staffing and programs.

Everyone recognizes that NY State and our local community are facing hard times. Therefore, the Board of Education has been sensitive to the needs of the taxpayer and has kept the tax levy between 3.5% and 2.0% over the past four years. It is with this same spirit in mind that the Board continues to work as they prepare the 2013-14 school year budget.

## Level 3 Sex Offenders Living in District Listed

The Olean Board of Education has approved a policy that requires all parents be notified of Level 3 sex offenders living in our school district. A Level 3 offender is the most serious and the "risk" to the community is considered high. Therefore, the District will use this newsletter to publish names, addresses and other pertinent information related to the nature of the offense committed by such sex offender.

For the public's convenience, we have established a "link" on the front page of the District's web site, [www.oleanschools.org](http://www.oleanschools.org), with the NYS Neighborhood Predator Report. This link takes you to the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services where you can find additional information and a picture of any Level 3 sex offender living in our school district. We believe you have a right to know, and we will continue to notify you annually.

**Steven M. Allen**  
aka Steven Clemons  
603 East Highland Avenue  
Sexual Abuse-1<sup>st</sup> degree; Rape-2<sup>nd</sup> degree  
Female 13

**Robert Beckman**  
Attempted Sexual Abuse-1<sup>st</sup> degree  
Female 4

**Frank B. Cole**  
927 ½ Buffalo Street, Apt. 4  
Forcible Touching  
Male 9

**Frederick (Freddy) Crawford**  
Sexual Abuse-2<sup>nd</sup> degree  
Male 11

**Jack Denning**  
314 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Sexual Abuse-2<sup>nd</sup> degree  
Female 11

**Clark Follett**  
Sexual Abuse-2<sup>nd</sup> degree  
Females 13 and 14

**Bryon Fye**  
Sexual Misconduct  
Female 16

**Lee Gates**  
Attempted Sexual Abuse-1<sup>st</sup> degree  
Female 10

**Stephen Hamer**  
1542 Olean-Portville Road, Apt 8C  
Rape-2<sup>nd</sup> degree  
Female 13

**Christopher Hollister**  
127 North 13<sup>th</sup> Street  
Non-NYS sex felony  
Female 5 and 8

**Richard M. Kline**  
346 W. Highland Avenue  
Sexual Abuse-2<sup>nd</sup> degree  
Female 4

**Bruce Knavel**  
2850 McDuffy Road, Apt. 7  
Attempted Sexual Abuse-1<sup>st</sup> degree  
Female 5

**Arthur Link**  
1700 East State Street, Apt. 3  
Sexual Abuse-2<sup>nd</sup> degree; Rape-3<sup>rd</sup> degree  
Female 16

**Terry Miller**  
1542 Olean-Portville Road, Apt. 7  
Sexual Abuse-1<sup>st</sup> degree  
Females 9 and 10

**Arthur Nelson**  
Attempted Sexual Abuse-1<sup>st</sup> degree  
Female 10

**Frank O'Dell**  
Sexual Abuse and Attempted Sexual Abuse-1<sup>st</sup> degree  
Females 4 and 7

**Damon O'Hara**  
Rape-2<sup>nd</sup> degree  
Female 14

**Jeffrey Pauly**  
Sexual Abuse-2<sup>nd</sup> degree  
Females 12 and 16

**Joseph Pittman**  
1542 Olean-Portville Road, Apt. 82  
Sexual Abuse-1<sup>st</sup> degree; Rape-3<sup>rd</sup> degree;  
Sodomy-3<sup>rd</sup> degree  
Female 14

**Shawn Rees**  
Sexual Abuse-1<sup>st</sup> degree  
Female 7

**Michael Stiegman**  
Attempted Sexual Abuse-1<sup>st</sup> degree  
Female <11

**Mark A. Thompson**  
Criminal Sexual Act-2<sup>nd</sup> degree  
Female 13

**Gerald Tullar**  
Forcible Touching  
Female 46

**Kenneth Werts**  
633 S. Union Street, Apt. 6  
Sodomy-1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> degree  
Male 12



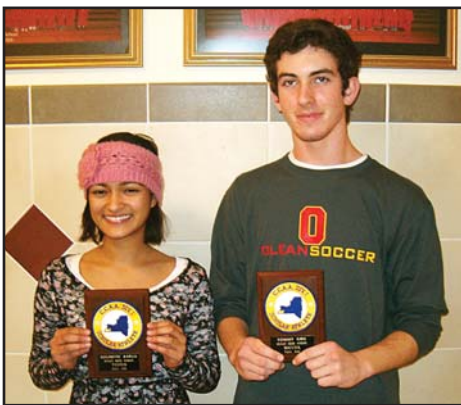


## OIMS Spelling Bee

The OIMS Spelling Bee was held on January 9 when twelve spellers competed in the annual showdown. The competition is the first step toward a possible trip to the National Spelling Bee in Washington, DC.

This year's winner, Sachita Barua (*above right*), a 7<sup>th</sup> grader on the Yellow Team, repeated her previous success as our school champion. She also competed on February 6<sup>th</sup> for a place in the WNY Regional competition to be held in March. The winner of that contest will be invited to compete in Washington in the spring.

Runner-up was Natalie Sova (*above left*), a 7<sup>th</sup> grader on the Yellow Team.



## OHS Scholar Athletes

The Olean High School Athletic Department proudly announces that senior tennis player Soumitri Barua and senior soccer player Tommy Kirk (*pictured above*) have been named as OHS Scholar-Athletes for the Fall 2012 Season. This award is given by the CCAA League and recognizes achievement in academics as well as athletics.

### Transportation Requests ...

for resident students to be transported to non-public schools for the 2013-2014 school year are due April 1, 2013.



## DECA Students Advance to States

On January 8, 2013, thirteen of our DECA students participated at Jamestown Community College for a Regional DECA competition. Once again, our DECA members performed exceptionally well. Three of our DECA members qualified to compete in DECA's State Competition which is held in Rochester, NY, on March 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup>. These three students are: Destin Sweeten (second time State contender); Morgan Smith, and Kelsey Stimlinger.

Destin Sweeten will be competing in the Human Resources competition area; Morgan Smith will be competing in the Apparel & Accessories area; and Kelsey Stimlinger will be competing in the Quick Service Restaurant Management area. Over 2,500 students across NYS will be at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center ready to compete and represent their schools. If these students place in the top five (overall) at States in their test area, they can qualify to go to Nationals in Anaheim, California, at the International Career Development Conference.

Good luck goes to Destin, Morgan and Kelsey as they prepare for State Competition!

## Civil War Expert and Cartographer Shares Knowledge with Class

OHS juniors in Mrs. Scholla's (JCC HIS 1530) "US History to 1877" class were recently treated to a visit by Mr. Earl McElfresh. A graduate of Olean High School and St. Lawrence University, Mr. McElfresh has spoken on Civil War and cartography at places like The Smithsonian, The National Archives, and The Library of Congress.

Mr. McElfresh shared with the students the story of how he became a cartographer and how it enables him to blend his love of history with his artistic skills. Owner of the McElfresh Map Company, here in Olean, Mr. McElfresh generously provided students with maps for their keeping, on a variety of Civil War Battlefields, as well as maps from the American Revolution, World War II, etc. In addition, he provided students with a list of his favorite Civil War books for their future reading consideration.

Mr. McElfresh's enthusiasm for history, and particularly the Civil War era, was "contagious." This was evident by the questioning that continued beyond the class period. Mr. McElfresh even responded to each student's questions (see quote below) via e-mail as a follow up to his presentation.

Many thanks to Mr. McElfresh for sharing his wealth of expertise, and to Diana McElfresh for letting her dad come into her classroom!

*"It was a wild bunch of characters. England had Dickens' characters. We had these guys. Some of the most noble people in history, and some of the most ignoble, made up the cast of our Civil War."* – Earl McElfresh





## OHS 'Breakfast Bunch' Getting a Healthy Start to the School Day

We always hear through the grapevine or should we say through the "Grape Nuts" that breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Is it for nutritious reasons?; is it to rev up your metabolism?; or is it to socialize and be surrounded by friends?; or is it even to get a head start on school work for the day? These are just some of the reasons why our Olean High School students come to enjoy a nutritious breakfast. Breakfast popularity is growing tremendously as the months progress. This growth is measured by breakfasts purchased. In September, 978 breakfasts were enjoyed in the cafeteria, and this number has increased to 1,464 enjoyable breakfasts in January. Therefore, these numbers certainly show a necessity for this wonderful program. Whether it is the nutritious breakfast, the revving of the metabolism, the socialization, or beginning the task of school work, this is a successful part of the day at Olean High School. This day begins at 7 a.m. – 7:45 a.m. All faculty, staff and students are invited to begin their day with a healthy breakfast.

## 'Jeans for Teens' a Win-Win for Everyone

It began in early January and continued through the second week of February, and when the "Jeans for Teens" drive was over, the Olean City School District had collected over four hundred pairs of jeans to donate to the Olean Genesis House. The drive, which is in its second year and headed by 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade English teacher Eileen Skrobacz, is done in conjunction with Aeropostale of McKinley Mall, and is a part of the "Dosomething.org" website.

Students, staff, and families were asked to look around their closets, under their beds, anywhere at home where gently-used jeans were no longer needed. Typically, the jeans are just teenagers' sizes, but when the need for jeans from infants through adults was mentioned, the drive became a drive for all sizes! The jeans were brought to OIMS, counted, folded, and bagged by Blue Team seventh graders for the Olean Genesis House. At one point, there were over three hundred pairs of jeans in Mrs. Skrobacz's class room. For every pair of jeans donated, students and staff members received a twenty-five percent off coupon for a new pair of jeans at Aeropostale.



Typically, the donated jeans are taken to a nearby Aeropostale store; however, since the nearest Aeropostale store is in the McKinley Mall in Orchard Park, Mrs. Skrobacz contacted the store's manager, Lisa Mancuso, and requested the jeans be kept local. Mancuso contacted Aeropostale's corporate office and they loved the idea. On Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, a

Genesis House volunteer pulled up to the OIMS front door and awaited the flurry of activity as students brought bags and bags of jeans for those in need. Students, staff, and families did something nice for others and were given a twenty-five percent off coupon for their efforts. Indeed, a win-win situation!



## STUDENT LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

The Allegany-Cattaraugus Secondary Principals' Association (ACSPA) Annual Middle School Student Leadership Workshop was held on January 24<sup>th</sup> at the Challenger Learning Center. Fourteen 7<sup>th</sup> grade students from OIMS had



the opportunity to attend the middle level student leadership workshop. Workshop presenter Ed Gerety used fun and engaging activities to teach students that being a leader means to be grateful, positive, passionate, respectful, responsible, and kind. The students enjoyed meeting new kids from several other school districts, creating dream boards, and writing appreciative letters to their loved ones. Students were encouraged to come up with positive aspects of their school districts. OIMS students liked that our school has a Great Rewards Program and many extra-curricular activities. Most importantly, students learned to step up as a leader to help others reach their full potential.

Pictured above are OIMS 7<sup>th</sup> graders, Mariah Moses (*left*) and Julia Rakus (*right*), seen creating their dream boards at a leadership workshop. Students cut out items from magazines that represent their life goals.



## DECEMBER CHARACTER TRAIT: KINDNESS

OIMS students in grades four, five, six, and seven were recognized for exemplifying the December Character Trait of "Kindness." They were awarded with an ice cream sundae party from the Olean Area Federal Credit Union. Pictured are: Shawn Machen, Korrey Keis, Torrey Stives, Brianna Dyal, Kaitlyn Ensell, Mariah Moses, Andrew Emerton, Haleigh Whatley, Rylie Guntow, Angela Havens, Alyssa Bushnell, Justin Lin, Kendall Ramlall, Lilly Guenther, Ty Donahey, Sachita Barua, Bridget Panebianco, James Evans, Megan Pockalny. Missing from the photo: Grace Ventura, Chloe Proctor, Nicholas Richter, Mackenzie Windus, Will Stebbins, and Nicole Foster.

## USING CELL PHONES

Technology has replaced the numerous papers teachers used to distribute to students. Incorporating technology in the classroom can be in different forms. There are laptops, computer labs, and computer carts available for students. Blue Team seventh grade English students were told to bring their cell phones to class. "What?" they all exclaimed!

Mrs. Skrobacz, sixth and seventh grade English teacher, had her students bring their cell phones in order to quiz each other using the literary terms. Students would text the definition of a literary term to their friends in the same classroom and their friends would respond with the word being defined. The classroom was absolutely silent as students helped each other review the terms. For students who did not have access to cell phones, there were flashcards to use to quietly quiz each other. Cell phones in the classroom can be used to learn as the students realized in English. More plans are in the works to incorporate the cell phones into learning!

Pictured in the upper right photo are seventh graders Latrell Butler, Mariah Moses, Sophia Garvin looking on, and texting is Zayba Chauhdry. Shown in the lower photo participating in the first-ever cell phone literary terms review are seventh grade Blue Team students (l-r) Burke White and their prowess at texting and receiving data during a





## TO LEARN VOCABULARY



comb, George Kivari, and Eli Hendrix, demonstrating a recent English class.

## STUDENTS DESIGN AND BUILD CIRCUIT GAME BOARDS

Adam Dougherty from Mrs. Sullivan's room (*pictured at left*) demonstrates his hidden circuit game board that he designed and built to Dakota Everitt from Mrs. Kallenbach's room. Students used an open circuit to find the correct answer on the game which would then cause the circuit to close and light the bulb.



## SNOWFLAKES FOR SANDY HOOK

Students from Ms. Bello's seventh grade Blue Team math classes, Ms. Engelder's class, and Mrs. Nickel's fourth grade Art classes created snowflakes to send to Sandy Hook Elementary. The students in Mrs. Nickel's Art classes had a lot of fun creating snowflakes and learning about radial symmetry.

They also learned about "Snow Flake Bentley." Pictured in top photo are the 4th graders and in the lower photos, Hanna Dearthmitt and Zach Cavana.



## FIVE STAR BANK MOVIE STAR WINNER



The 1<sup>st</sup> semester winner of Five Star Bank Wants YOU to be our Movie Star is OIMS 4<sup>th</sup> grader, Lilly Guenther. Every "A" in any core subject earns students a chance to be in a drawing for a gift certificate to Carmike Cinemas as well as a popcorn bucket full of snacks.

Pictured from left to right: Joel Whitcher, OIMS Principal 4-5; Lilly Guenther, OIMS 4<sup>th</sup> grader; and Amy Domboski, Five Star Bank Assistant Vice President.





# Business & Engineering Students Tour RIT

Judy Maxson, program manager for the College Access Program at Jamestown Community College, arranged a trip for the Engineering and Business students from OHS, Portville, and Archbishop Walsh Academy, to tour Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT). Funding was provided by the *College Access Challenge Grant*. Fifty high school students from Mr. DeGoller's and Mr. Welch's engineering classes, and Mrs. Stavish's Hospitality & Tourism class spent the day touring the academic buildings, student facilities and sports complexes. The tour included stops at the engineering building where OHS graduate and RIT freshmen, Thomas Skudlarek, met up with the students and further explained what RIT is about.

After the walking tour, representatives of RIT admissions gave a presentation about RIT's application process, internships, academic life and off-campus student life. Before leaving campus, students and chaperones were able to eat at the main dining hall on campus, "Gracies", also compliments of the grant. While at lunch, former OHS graduate and RIT senior, Jared Warren, met up with the group and was able to enjoy lunch with his younger sister, Elizabeth, who is a student at Walsh. Portville graduate Dominick Carpelletti, a RIT sophomore, also was able to spend some time visiting with the Portville students, who were part of this college tour as well.

Thanks again to Judy Maxson, Dave Carucci of *Primo Limo*, who supplied the coach bus at a reasonable cost, and the students of Archbishop Walsh Academy, Olean High, and Portville, who made this trip an enjoyable and informative experience.



## Olean Career Tech Center Names Outstanding Students

CA BOCES Olean Career and Technical Education Center recognized outstanding students for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. Honored from Olean were: (right, seated) Juniors Kelly Smith - Animal Science, Kendra Knowlton - Cosmetology and (standing) Amanda Sherlock - Career Foundations.

Also honored were Seniors (left) Ryan Knickles - Audio Visual Production, and absent Rashad Tarr - Criminal Justice.





# Kindergarten Registration Information

The Olean City School District will be conducting Kindergarten registrations for the 2013-2014 school year from March 18-21, 2013. If you have a child who will be 5 years of age by December 1, 2013, please complete the form below and return it to your neighborhood elementary school, or call the school at the number listed below.

SCHOOL	DATES—2013		TIMES	PHONE
Washington West Elementary	Monday	March 18	9:15 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.	375-8968
	Wednesday	March 20	9:15 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.	
East View Elementary	Tuesday	March 19	9:15 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.	375-8921
	Thursday	March 21	9:15 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.	

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

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

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

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

Names of other school age children and the school attending:

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_____	_____
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## Valentine's Day Dance Enjoyed by 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grades

On February 1<sup>st</sup>, the fourth and fifth grades held a Valentine's Day Dance. It was a great success and more than 250 people attended. There were treats for the students, and the DJ provided a night of music that got everybody moving. The proceeds are going to help with transportation costs for end-of-the-year field trips.





**The Value of Physical Education:** Third grade students practice their “Thriller” dance during their dance unit with Mr. Folland and Miss Morey. What does Physical Education do for your child? Physical Education ...

- is at the center of everything we do as it promotes a sound mind and body.
- promotes active learning through movement.
- improves health related fitness levels (cardiovascular endurance, muscular endurance, muscular strength, and flexibility activities).
- establishes physical fitness patterns that help all students understand the value of lifetime physical activity as it relates to long term wellness.
- promotes mental and social well being through individual and group activity.
- develops skills to continue participation in lifetime physical activities.
- helps all students learn and be exposed to a variety of sports and games.

# East View Elementary School



**D is for Dads!:** Levi, a kindergarten student in Mrs. Stephens’ class, invited his dad to celebrate D week with “Donuts for Dads.” The children enjoyed some juice and donuts with their dads, grandpas, and uncles to wrap up the letter D week. It was *delicious*!



**A Sweet Reward:** The East View PTO held a fund raising sale of Niagara Chocolates. The family who sold the most candy won a five pound candy bar. The winning brothers worked hard for their reward.



**A Pre-K Rodeo!** To wrap up our letter “R” week, East View’s Pre-K classes gathered up our cattle and put on a “RODEO.” The students were dressed in western wear, and our lower court was transformed into a western town. The students participated in a western rodeo obstacle course, which included horse jumping, lassoing, dropping a snake in a boot, and tossing horseshoes. We enjoyed a western style lunch and drinks from the watering hole! Overall, it was a hoedown we will not forget!



**First Grade Writer’s Workshop:** First graders in Mrs. Sorokes’ class love Writer’s Workshop, where they are learning to be authors. Students practice writing stories with a beginning, middle and end. They write stories from their own lives, and also friendly letters in pieces to express their opinions! Each child even has a private office for their writing time!





**iPad Technology:** Students embrace the iPad technology that is offered here in our second grade classrooms. A wide variety of educational applications are available, supporting our students in the areas of math and language arts. Teachers continue to receive training on how best to incorporate this wonderful resource into instruction. The students are very thankful to have such fun at their fingertips!

**A Blast of Arctic Fun!** After learning about the Arctic in social studies, Ms. Moore's class was able to have a first hand experience with one of the Arctic's most traditional ways of life. Students were able to take a ride in an authentic dog sled hand crafted in Kotzebue, Alaska. Students learned how dogs are hooked to a sled, how harnesses are different from normal every day dog collars, and the thrill of riding in a basket sled. With the help of Cletus (Ms. Moore's 1-1/2 year old dog) students were able to ride in the sled while Cletus pulled.

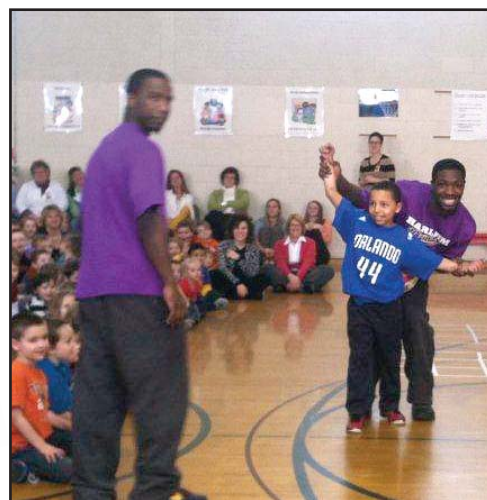


**Gon Wa Shin Nyen** ... means Happy New Year in Chinese! The third grade classes at Washington West have been hard at work learning about the Chinese Culture. The students have been engaged in many learning activities such as writing letters and post cards with facts about China trying to persuade their teachers to teach China next year, designing brochures about China, and writing multiplication and division stories using Chinese Characters. Mrs. Faulkner's and Mrs. Frederick's classes celebrated the unit by eating authentic Chinese food and watching a Chinese movie!

# Washington West Elementary School



**Husky Pups - Honestly the Best!** Washington West focuses on a different character trait each month as part of our Character Education Program. February's trait is Honesty. As students reflect the trait around our school, staff members recognize them and enter their names into a drawing to attend a special luncheon. Way to go, students! Honesty is the best policy!



**Harlem Wizards are in the House!** Not only did the Harlem Wizards dazzle our students with amazing basketball skills, but they brought a great message as well. During our assembly, they reminded our students of the importance of cooperation, especially when working with teachers and fellow classmates. The players reminded us that cooperation is at the heart of team work! A special thanks to teachers from Washington West who joined the OCS D team to play against the Wizards! A big woo hoo to Mr. Martin, Ms. Morey, Mr. Spencer, Mrs. Bates, Mrs. Lewicki, Ms. Frederick, and to Coach Anastasia for proudly representing WW!



## **OLEAN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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Joel Whitcher, Olean Intermediate (Gr. 4-5) School Principal  
John White, East View Principal  
Linda Nottingham, Washington West Principal  
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Marcella Richmond, Director of Special Education  
Csobanka Woodworth, Technology Administrator  
Jen Mahar, District Coordinator of State & Federal Aid Programs

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OIMS 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Blue Team students (l-r) Grace Sherburne, Taylor Crosson, and Jordyn Washington pack food donated for the National Souper Bowl of Caring.

## **Another 'Souper' Bowl of Caring**

The Olean Intermediate Middle School students and staff assisted the Olean High School Class of 2015 with its Souper Bowl of Caring campaign. Over 400 non-perishable food items were collected. On Friday, February 1, OIMS Student Council sponsored a Hat/Spirit Day and the OIMS teachers and staff "dressed down" to contribute an additional \$175 to the Olean Food Pantry. Souper job everyone!

## **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

An acceptance of diversity

Continuous improvement

Academic excellence and lifelong learning

Honesty, integrity, responsibility, and accountability

Student potential and achievement