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## CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

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## Coach Anastasia Achieves 500 Wins!

The Olean City School Administration, the Olean Athletic Department and the Olean Sports Boosters Club are proud to recognize Coach Jeff Anastasia for recently achieving his 500<sup>th</sup> career victory as the boys' varsity basketball coach.

Coach Anastasia achieved this milestone when the Huskies defeated Dunkirk on Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Coach Anastasia began his coaching career here at Olean in 1983 and became the varsity coach in 1987. During his coaching career he has coached 8 1,000-point athletes, won 16 league titles, 10 Section VI championships, 4 regional championships, has led his teams to 4 trips to the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Final Four, and has won one New York State Class "B" Championship.

He has also been named as the Big 30 Coach of the Year, Western New York Coach of the Year and New York State Coach of the Year.

To honor this special achievement, Coach Anastasia was presented with a commemorative game ball by Olean City Schools High School Principal Mrs. Lias.

At Washington West, where Coach Anastasia teaches physical education, he was greeted with 10 dozen cupcakes the morning after getting his 500<sup>th</sup> career win against Dunkirk. Many Washington West Husky Pups also helped celebrate Mr. A's 500<sup>th</sup> win with hats, signs, high-fives, and kind words.







## Welcome Aboard!

The Olean City School District welcomes Pam Buchsenschutz as a new Teacher Aide at East View Elementary School.

## Board of Education Nominating Petitions Due on April 29<sup>th</sup>

On Tuesday, May 19, 2015, eligible district voters will elect one member of the Board of Education. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will serve a five-year term, beginning on July 1, 2015, and expiring on June 30, 2020.

To qualify as a candidate, one must be a qualified voter and a district resident for one year immediately prior to May 19<sup>th</sup>. By 5:00 p.m. on April 29, 2015, 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 to be held on May 5, 2015, at the District Clerk's office from noon to 4:00 p.m.

Nominating petitions are available March 18, 2015, at the District Clerk's office, 410 West Sullivan Street, Olean, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., phone 375-8018.

The Annual School Budget Vote and Board Election will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2015, at the Olean Middle School, 401 Wayne Street, Olean from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

*From the Superintendent*

## Governor's Imposed Fiscal Process Won't Impede Board Objectives

**By Dr. Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent**

Over the past several months, the Board of Education has been steeped in the development of the 2015-16 budget. Typically, the District would have been provided State Aid allocation amounts immediately following the Governor's State of the State Address. This year has been very different. Districts did not receive aid runs in January, as the Governor has opted not to release them until the Legislators approve his reform proposals. While this makes it difficult for the District to complete the Tax Levy Limit calculations and complete an accurate budget for our community to review, the Board will work diligently to move the budget process forward and promises to submit the most accurate budget feasible under the current conditions.

Regardless of the Governor's financial plan outcome, it is the unfettered passion of the Board of Education, the Administrative Council, and the entire Olean City School District faculty and staff to provide the highest quality educational and extra-curricular programs possible within the financial limits imposed upon us. Our school community has faced great hardship over the past several years and we have persevered through it all. The Governor's newly imposed fiscal planning process will not impede the Board's agenda of continuous improvement.

Whether we are facing more adversity in the future than we have in the past, I am uncertain. What I am certain of is that the level of achievement of our students continues to expand and develop. Whether one's talent is in the area of music, art, academics, connecting with others through inter and/or intra personal strengths, or athletics; our students accomplishments illuminate a star brighter than none other. I know this because of, but not limited to, the following:

- Each day, within our hallways, I witness acts of kindness, compassion, empathy, and respect;
- Upon graduation, 32% of the graduates have been accepted into a 4 year college and 34% to a 2 year college, 5% were accepted into the Military while others entered the work force;
- I see our school community come together to assist others in need and support various service organizations within the Olean Community: participation in the City of Olean Litter Control Program, Homeless Huskies, Community Thanksgiving, The Souper Bowl of Caring, Genesis House Luminaries, and Jeans for Teens;
- The high school gymnasium walls are covered with achievement awards for our athletes and coaches; and
- The number of students recognized by the Board of Education for their achievements expands each month along with an increase of students accepted into the National Honor Society and/or the National Technical Honor Society at BOCES.

As quoted by Voltaire; *"Appreciation is a wonderful thing. It makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well."* I sincerely appreciate the commitment to excellence shown by our students, our staff and from all within our extended Husky family. Each group provides a unique perspective that allows our school district to evolve within itself and to transform itself as we engage in our continuous improvement journey.

**Transportation requests are due April 1, 2015, for resident students to be transported to non-public schools for the 2015-2016 school year.**



## OHS Students Attend Maker Faire

Members of the "Marathon to the Sky Club" attended The Rochester Mini-Maker Faire in November with the help of Dresser Rand. Dresser Rand generously donated money for the transportation of the club to Rochester. Club members presented what they created in the last school year, which included a payload with a GPS tracking chip and camera. At the Maker Faire the club presented a power point outlining how the payload was built and tracked. They showed video footage from the test launch which occurred in July 2014 and discussed future plans. The club hopes to launch a weather balloon to near-space, possibly even attaining a world record this spring, as the club takes part in the Global Space Balloon Challenge.

The Maker Faire was a great opportunity for Olean students to see some creative inventions. We'd like to thank Dresser-Rand for providing the funds for our transportation. We'd also like to thank the OCSD Foundation, Airgas of Olean, Anthony Scordo, and Mike Hojnowski for helping out.

## Winter Weekend Court Honored During Festivities



## 'Hour of Code' Marks Computer Science Education Week

To celebrate Computer Science Education Week, December 8-14, 2014, the Olean City School District participated in the "Hour of Code." Over 150 students at Washington West Elementary and the Olean Intermediate Middle School participated with almost 98 million other students world-wide in this celebration of Computer Science education. These students, with help from Mr. Lasky, student teacher Miss Gokey, and several students from his newly formed programming class at the High School, learned how to write computer programs using a drag and drop interface. For one hour, students had a great time programming the "Angry Bird" to catch up to the pig and Elsa from *Frozen* to skate patterns in the ice.

The Hour of Code is a program started by Code.org, a non-profit dedicated to growing computer science education. Code.org has the support of many very influential people in the field of computer science including Mark Zuckerberg, Bill Gates, and Will I. Am. Mark Zuckerberg has said, "In fifteen years we'll be teaching programming just like reading and writing ... and wondering why we didn't do it sooner." The Hour of Code software is available all year and can be found at <http://hourofcode.com>.

Selected for the OHS Winter Weekend Court were: (r-l) Sophomore Escort Ty Johnson; Sophomore Attendant Emily Gayton; Senior 1<sup>st</sup> Escort Geoffrey Broadbent; Senior 1<sup>st</sup> Attendance Mona Jamil; Queen Aaliyah Robinson; King David Whitehorn; Senior 2<sup>nd</sup> Attendant Lauren Puller; Senior 2<sup>nd</sup> Escort Patrick Connelly; Junior Attendant Michaela McCall; Junior Escort Zach Spears; Freshman Attendant Gabrielle Malone; and Freshman Escort Malik Reynolds.



# Board of Regents Revises Enrollment Regulations

On December 16, 2014, the New York State Board of Regents adopted a revised version of the Commissioner's Regulations Section 100.2(y). The revisions are designed to ensure greater uniformity statewide in enrollment procedures and residency determinations. The revised regulation adds five new sections, the first of which requires that all school districts make enrollment forms, procedures, instructions, and requirements for determinations of student residency and age publicly available. Enrollment forms are available on the District's website, [www.oleanschools.org](http://www.oleanschools.org).

Section 100.2(y)(2) mandates that following a request for enrollment, the child must be enrolled and commence attendance by the next school day, or as soon as practicable thereafter. Section 100.2(y)(3) provides that the actual residency determination must be made within three business days of enrollment, after the child's parent/guardian(s) or person(s) in parental relation is afforded the opportunity to submit information regarding the child's right to attend school in the district. Thus, children will now be able to start school before the district has determined if the student is a resident.

Requests for enrollment will be handled by the Central Registrar's Office promptly so that students may begin school as soon

as possible. During the school year (excluding weekends and holidays), students will typically be able to begin the next school day when requests are received by 12:00 p.m. We request that you and your child meet with us on the first day for a building tour and the opportunity to discuss your child's schedule. We will do our best to help your child begin in the most appropriate classes; however, his or her placement may be adjusted on receipt of previous school records (ie, transcripts, testing results, IEP, etc.)

The regulation now lists the types of residency evidence that should be considered. The list of documents can be located on the district's website [www.oleanschools.org](http://www.oleanschools.org). In addition to proof of the parent/guardian's physical presence, the district may also require the parent/guardian to provide an affidavit indicating they are the parent/guardian with whom the child lawfully resides or that they are the person in parental relation to the child, with total and permanent custody and control that describes how permanent custody and control was obtained. The regulation provides that documentation that the child has been placed by a federal agency with a sponsor is also adequate proof of custody.

The regulation now addresses documentation of a child's age and is consistent with Education Law Section 3218.

If available, the district must rely upon a certified transcript of a birth certificate or record of baptism. If not, other documents that may be accepted are listed on the district's website, [www.oleanschools.org](http://www.oleanschools.org).

Section 100.2(y)(4) of the regulation specifically notes that even after an initial determination that a child is entitled to attend, a district may thereafter determine that a child is not a district resident. In those circumstances, just as with an initial determination, the district must provide the parent/guardian with an opportunity to submit information concerning the child's right to attend school in the district before making the determination. The decision to exclude the child (except for when the child first seeks to enroll) must be made within two business days thereafter.

If proof of residency is not provided to the district within seven (7) days, the parent/guardian will receive written notification that a child is not entitled to attend as a resident student.

Please be advised that when a family moves from one residence to another residence within the district boundaries, proof of residency at the new address must be provided following the same aforementioned guidelines.

*(Information provided by Harris Beach Attorneys at Law)*



## Workshop Teaches Healthy Cooking

It's time to get healthy, and that is exactly what our OHS Staff had the opportunity to do when Brittany Frentz, Nutrition Coach of Nature's Remedy of Ellicottville, NY, led individuals at Olean High School in how to cook and create a healthy meal. This healthy meal consisted of Dijon arugula and walnut salad, baked squash with basil and feta, and baked parmesan asparagus. This meal was topped with a healthy and delicious dessert, quinoa stuffed pears.

The class was broken into teams to fix this delicious meal. Staff learned not only how to prepare this meal, but also the importance of providing nutrients to help us as we try to stay healthy. Healthy eating is an important choice, and 2015 brings resolutions for many staff members to begin a healthy lifestyle.

By attending this class, staff was afforded an opportunity to cook with fresh and wholesome ingredients and gain optimum health benefits. The food was prepared rather quickly and easily. Those that attended this cooking workshop were able to take home recipes and tips to continue to provide healthy meals at home and in the future. More cooking classes will be coming to keep our staff healthy at OHS.



## Physical Education Grant to Provide New Equipment

The Physical Education Department is the recipient of the Carol M. White PEP Grant for the Olean School District and the Hinsdale Central School District. This \$780,000 grant will be used over three years to purchase new equipment and supplies for Physical Education classes as well as nutritional and educational training for the teachers.

In October, students in grades K-12, with the help of the classroom and Physical Education teachers, completed the first round of required data collection for the PEP grant. Students were asked to fill out nutritional surveys in class and take a physical fitness PACER test for cardiovascular endurance. In addition, students were RANDOMLY selected to wear a pedometer for four or seven days to log their steps each day. The students did a great job completing this first round of data collection for the grant, and the next data collection will be in January.

To date, the PEP grant has enabled the Physical Education Department to be trained in a new SPARK fitness curriculum and a Healthy Kids Challenge nutritional curriculum. Also, tons of new equipment has been ordered to enhance and complement the Physical Education lessons in all grades. At the high school, our new Wellness Center is taking shape with the addition of 16 new pieces of cardio equipment. Come check it out!

## Web Information on NYS Sex Offenders

The Olean Board of Education approved a policy that requires all parents be notified of any Level 3 offenders who are living in our school district. A Level 3 offender is the most serious and the "risk" to the community is considered high. Therefore, 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 New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services where you can find additional information and the picture of any Level 3 sex offender living in our school district.



## OHS Decorations Brighten Halls

The doors at OHS drew attention to the winter festivities during the month of December. Decorations were hung, lights were bright, and the messages were festive.



## PB&J Drive Benefits Olean Food Pantry

In December, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class sponsored a week long Peanut Butter and Jelly drive, with proceeds benefitting the Olean Food Pantry. Each morning, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class officers accepted donations in the front lobby of the high school. A total of 63 pounds of food was donated. To all those that donated nonperishable goods, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class and the Olean Food Pantry thank you for your generosity. Pictured (l-r) are Mrs. Camp, Mike Schmidt, Jarrett Prizel, Jack Dwaileebe, Matt Droney, Brian Ramarge, Josh Bihler, and Scott Brook, Olean Food Pantry representative.





## PLACEMATS BRIGHTEN MEALS

OIMS students were very busy trying to bring some happiness to people's lives. Students created paper placemats which were donated by OCSD Superintendent Dr. Colleen Taggerty for patients at Olean General Hospital, residents of Eden Heights and the Pines Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. They designed the placemats with a holiday theme, which were laminated for repeated use.

When the placemats were delivered, the representatives from OGH, Eden Heights, and the Pines were extremely grateful. The students enjoyed the opportunity to brighten someone's holiday. Giving back to our community is an on-going lesson for OIMS staff and students.



## DANCING FOR CLEAN WATER

Did you know that two short hours of fun and dancing could ultimately provide clean drinking water for an entire African village? On January 16<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> graders turned out in numbers to raise \$1,000 to be used to drill a well for a village in Zimbabwe. Seventh grade students wanted to make a dream come true for an African village after reading *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park. Fresh water is a dream for many villages in countries such as Sudan and Zimbabwe. Providing this basic need for life also will save children from the long trek to fetch water, helping an entire village to live healthier lives, and even saving lives threatened by water borne diseases!

## TOP SPELLERS IN THE SPOTLIGHT AT OIMS

On a cold winter January evening, fifteen of Olean Intermediate Middle School's top spellers met in the LGI Room in order to determine who the best OIMS speller would be. The Spelling Bee, a sanctioned bee under Scripps National Spelling Bee, lasted twenty-six rounds. The 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders spelled words such as bogus, screech, truffle, and domestic. Students approached the microphone with confidence, perseverance, and determination in order to capture the title of the OIMS Spelling Bee Champion.

At the end of the evening, 7<sup>th</sup> grade Blue Team student Madelyn Hoffman was declared the winner. Madelyn out-spelled thirteen other sixth and seventh graders and went head-to-head with Cait Butler, 7<sup>th</sup> grade Yellow Team student. The 7<sup>th</sup> graders spelled through eleven rounds of words until Cait misspelled the word "quibble." Madelyn successfully spelled "quibble" and the next word on the list: "duvet."

At the conclusion of the Bee, Ms. Yaffe, OIMS Spelling Bee moderator, announced that Madelyn would take a written test in early February. All schools across Western New York have the opportunity to submit one student to compete in the written spelling test. The students who score in the top twenty will be invited to Buffalo to compete for the Buffalo News Western NY Spelling Bee Champion. The winner of the Buffalo News Bee will travel to Washington, D.C., to compete against the best spellers in the nation.

In addition to the champion and runner-up, the following OIMS students participated in the Annual Bee: Mackenzie Windus, Alice Dwailebe, Lauren Kielar, Kaura Chahal, Rylie Gumtow, Jack Knieser, Makenzie Rossman, Ryan Murphy, Megan Ritchie, Ta'Shanti Phillips, Chance Frame, Yuki Wada, Noah Paterniti.



## LIBRARY FULL OF AFTER-SCHOOL FUN

Walking by the library Wednesdays after school, you'd hardly notice the subtle activity of one of OIMS' after school programs which met in November and December. A small group of 5<sup>th</sup> graders (all of whom met classroom reading goals) designed and painted their very own BEANIE BEARS! Thanks to the support of their families and the artistic guidance of Mrs. Grosso, students now have a very special keepsake. An Olean football bear, An Oilers Bear, 2 Christmas Bears, and a basketball bear were created. Albert Martin, Dom Henzel, Maddie Jones, Julius Childs and Morgan Nutt participated in this after school class.

An Enchanted Book Club: "That's the thing about inner beauty: unlike physical beauty, which grabs the spotlight for itself, inner beauty shines on EVERYONE. Catching them, holding them in its embrace, making them more beautiful too."

Currently, Nya Robbins, Aaliyah Foskolos, Hannah Vanderhoef, Adele Dwailebe, Jaelyn Bennett, Chloe Hirt, Treonna Elizee and Roxy Padlo are meeting on Wednesdays for a 5<sup>th</sup> grade Book Club. Students are reading/discussing a version of Charles Perrault's *Cinderella*. After analyzing the story and completing theme related projects, the girls will be attending the new Disney movie *Cinderella*, scheduled for release in theaters this March. Thank you Mr. Witcher, families and Mrs. Grosso for making this book club possible!



## BOOSTING A CLASSMATE'S SPIRITS

According to the Webster on-line site, appendicitis means a condition in which a person's appendix is painful and swollen. OUCH! Appendicitis must hurt. Just ask Orange Team 6<sup>th</sup> grader Kailyn West who was not feeling well. Once diagnosed, Kailyn had an emergency appendectomy which caused her to miss over a week of school. While Kailyn was home recuperating, her classmates made her get well cards and sent them home with her older brother. Kailyn's mom said the cards really boosted Kailyn's spirits.

What do you do when you miss your friends in school while you're home recuperating from surgery? You take out your Mom's smartphone and FaceTime with them.

FaceTime? Dial your teacher's phone at school, click on FaceTime, and you can see and talk to your classmates! Mrs. Skrobacz, OIMS English teacher, set up the event with Kailyn's mom. The plan was to have Kailyn call during English class so the kids could all talk to her. The FaceTime plan didn't work, but that certainly didn't stop all of Kailyn's classmates from talking to her and wishing her well. Kailyn's happiness at hearing from her classmates could be heard through the conversations with each of her friends. It was fun for everyone to talk to Kailyn since she hadn't been in school for a week.



## QUICK CENTER ART SHOW WINNERS

Congratulations to Mrs. Nickel's 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Art students for being winners of the "K-5 Art Show" at the Regina A. Quick Center on the St. Bonaventure University Campus. Their artwork was on display December 4, 2014, through January 18, 2015. A reception was held for the students on December 4, 2014, at the Quick Center. Pictured (l-r) are Aeden Gelder, Ayden Walker and Chance Padlo.



# A Reality Check Against Youth Tobacco Use

The Olean Reality Check Youth Club, a group of students that are fighting back against the tobacco companies targeting the youth to smoke, showed their efforts at the Holiday Valley Snow Tubing site this month.

Their message posted on their sign stated: “Cigarette butts are the most littered item. Clean up at tobacco freenys.org.” The youth group has done three public awareness activities to date. In November, the students made a sign for the “Great American Smoke Out Day.” In December, the group decorated an anti-smoking Christmas tree at the mall for the holidays. The group has been very active for the last five years with 30-35 OIMS members.

The older students this year carried the program into the High School level, since they were the beginning students for the program at OIMS.



## Teens for Jeans

Every year, over a million young people experience homelessness in the United States. One item these people often request is a pair of jeans. Olean City School District students, families, and staff have been going through their closets, looking for gently worn jeans to donate to the “Teens for Jeans” drive, sponsored by Aeropostale. These jeans are usually taken to Aeropostale, but we do it a little differently here at OCSD. Every pair of jeans brought to school will be given to the Genesis House of Olean. Ta'Shanti Phillips (above), a member of the 7th grade Blue Team, brought in twenty pairs of jeans to donate! This has been a great experience for OCSD students in understanding the importance of helping others.



## OIMS Students & Staff Make Blankets for Children's Advocacy Center

When the Olean Children's Advocacy Center asked OIMS faculty about the possibility of students and staff helping to make no-sew blankets for children who were facing difficult times, the response was overwhelming. OIMS students and staff began working on blankets during their spare time in December and January. The completed blankets were picked up by representatives from the Advocacy Center. Everyone who helped make the blankets enjoyed working on a community project and taking time to think about others. As more material is delivered to OIMS, students and staff alike rally to complete the blankets as quickly and neatly as possible. Once again, OIMS students and staff gave back to our community.



### It's Time to Register for Pre-K

The Olean City School District will be conducting an information session to prepare for Universal Pre-Kindergarten registration and enrollment for the 2015-16 school year. If you have a child who will be 4 years of age by December 1, 2015, you are invited to join us on **Tuesday, March 10th from 5:00 - 6:30 PM at the Olean Intermediate-Middle School's pool entrance.** Information is also available on the District website under Community Schools.

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The Olean City School District will be conducting Kindergarten registrations for the 2015-2016 school year from March 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>. If you have a child who will be 5 years of age by December 1, 2015, **please complete the form below and return it to your neighborhood elementary school, or call the school at the number listed below.**

SCHOOL	DATES—2015		TIMES	PHONE
Washington West Elementary	Monday	March 9	9:15 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.	375-8968
	Tuesday	March 10	9:15 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.	
East View Elementary	Wednesday	March 11	9:15 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.	375-8921
	Thursday	March 12	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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**Super Bowl Party:** Students in Mrs. Bowser's and Mrs. Rogozinski's classrooms held a Super Bowl party complete with wings from Randy's Up the River. This party took place the same day as our character education assembly. This month's character trait is honesty.



**'R' Is For Rodeo:** Mrs. Ackerman's and Mrs. Obenrader's Pre-K classrooms held a RODEO to wrap up "R" week. We started with a hoedown feast of homemade macaroni and cheese with hotdogs. The students put together a cowboy craft, lassoed some bulls, played armadillo bowling, dropped snakes in a boot, read in our covered wagon, played with the different animals and barns, played in our soda saloon/hotel/bank/jail, rode our bucking bronco horse tricycles, galloped on our horses, and panned for gold/gems.



**Building Compound Words:** Washington West second graders had fun making "compound snowmen." Students brainstormed a list of compound words. They took the first part of the word and drew it in the center circle of their snowman. Then they took the last part of the word and drew it in the bottom of the snowman. Each student's compound word could be found written under their snowman's hat. Students enjoyed figuring out the compound words!



**SBU Interns Arrive:** WW students and staff would like to welcome our newest group of interns from St. Bonaventure University. These college students spend two days a week here on our campus. They receive their university level instruction for half the day, and spend the other half working directly in classrooms. What a benefit to have them with us!

# East View Elementary School



**East View Night at the RC:** January 21st was East View's night at the Rielly Center on the SBU campus. All East View students received a free ticket to the women's basketball game to cheer for their favorite player and classroom pen pal.



**Solid, Liquid or Gas?** Students in Mrs. Bushnell's class have enjoyed conducting science experiments in the faculty room during the month of January. Here, Max is deciding if the substance he is touching is a solid, liquid or gas.



**Welcome SBU Interns:** We are pleased to welcome our second semester St. Bonaventure field block interns to East View. They took a photograph on our steps, just like our Super Bees do each Friday!

# Washington West Elementary School



**Students AKA Egyptians:** Ms. Frederick's third graders had a blast learning about Egypt. The girls made ancient Egyptian wigs and used paint to design their faces like the females did long ago. The class also conducted a cool science experiment to learn about the mummification process! Eight apple slices were each placed in a different blend of salts - table salt, Epsom salt, and baking soda - to see which combination preserved the apple the best over 2 weeks. The winner was table salt, which was a key ingredient the Ancient Egyptians used to mummify their Kings and Queens!



**Rocking the Reilly Center:** Our partnership with St. Bonaventure University continues to grow! Under the leadership of Seth Johnson, SBU's Director of Marketing and Promotions, all grade 1-3 classes have been partnered with a Lady Bonnies basketball player. Students and players were introduced at a pep assembly at WW and have started their correspondence. Upon a recent visit to WW, the players gave all students vouchers for free tickets to watch our pen-pals compete against Duquesne! Students and families had a wonderful time cheering on their team! Mrs. Nottingham is pictured with Dr. Ron Zwerlein on the Reilly Center Court as WW was recognized that evening!



**Team Building:** Members of the WW staff work on team building strategies in the halls of the school. Organizers, Ms. Moore and Mrs. Lewicki, created this event that helped us focus on cooperation, trust, friendliness, enthusiasm, and joyfulness. Participants had a good time while strengthening their ties as a staff.



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## East View Family Night at YMCA

January 30<sup>th</sup> was East View night at the Olean family YMCA. More than 100 East View students attended and enjoyed swimming, the rock wall and inflatables.

## 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