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## CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

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## Lean High School Interact Club ...

### Active For A Good Cause

Interact is a Rotary-sponsored service club for young people. It gives OHS students an opportunity to participate in fun and meaningful service projects. Interact clubs perform at least two projects a year, with one servicing the community and the other furthering international understanding.

Pictured (*clockwise from below*) are club members: helping at the Rotary Club Veterans Day Pasta Dinner; learning about the "Alliance for Smiles" program from Mr. Carl Vahl; and using the new recycling cart, obtained with a Cattaraugus County Youth Bureau Mini Grant, during the monthly recycling effort at OHS.





## **Congratulations, Officer McGraw!**

Olean School District Resource Officer Daniel McGraw was among several resource officers from the area to be honored for the "excellent work and services" they provide during an appreciation luncheon on Dec. 7, 2017, at Katy's Fly In in Great Valley. The luncheon was sponsored by Senator Catherine M. Young, Assembly Member Joseph M. Giglio and the Cattaraugus County Youth Bureau. Mr. McGraw is shown holding the citations he received from Senator Young and Assemblyman Giglio.

*From the Superintendent*

## **District Focused On Providing Welcoming Learning Environment**

**By Rick T. Moore, Superintendent**

In light of our commitment to maintain an exemplary school climate and a learning environment in which all individuals feel welcomed and valued, the Olean City School District is in the process of reviewing and revising its anti-discrimination policies and procedures. Simply put, we pride ourselves on our school being a place where individuals feel safe, secure and valued, free from unlawful discrimination and harassment.

We wanted to take this opportunity to remind all community members that the Olean City School District will continue to emphasize these rights and ensure that everyone is aware of the procedure under which an individual may file a complaint. The District wants to assure everyone that complaints will be investigated promptly and thoroughly. Whether you are a student, parent, employee, or any other stakeholder within our district and feel you are being subjected to unlawful discrimination or harassment, please direct your concerns to [CivilRightsCompliance@olean.wnyric.org](mailto:CivilRightsCompliance@olean.wnyric.org). Furthermore, our complaint process and district form for filing a complaint can be found by going to [www.oleanschools.org](http://www.oleanschools.org) and clicking on the "Human Resources" tab on our webpage, and then clicking on "Civil Rights."

The Title IX Officers for the district are Aaron W. Wolfe, Director of Human Resources, and Marcie Richmond, Director of Special Education. The ADA/504 Compliance Officer for the district also is Mr. Wolfe. All contact information appears under the "Civil Rights" page under the "Human Resources" tab at [www.oleanschools.org](http://www.oleanschools.org).

If you have any questions regarding these policies or procedures, please contact me. Thank you.

## **Retiring OHS Librarian Honored For Service**

At the January 9<sup>th</sup> Board of Education meeting, Mike Martel, H.S. Assistant Principal, (left) and Jeff Andreano, H.S. Principal, (right) presented Librarian Cindy Kurjakovic a plaque in appreciation of her many years of service to the students of the Olean City School District. Ms. Kurjakovic retired at the end of January.





# New Employees Join District



**April Ginter**  
Food Service  
Helper

**Misty Haynoski**  
Keyboard Specialist

**Scottie Kemp**  
Teacher Aide

**Christine Walker**  
Food Service  
Helper

# Olean Graduate Returns To Area For Book Signing

Olean native Christopher Eddy, a retired Brigadier General in the Air Force Reserves who also works for the Federal Bureau of Investigation running its Intelligence Program in Miami, FL, conducted his second book signing for his new book, "The Hidden Secrets of Leadership Found in Movie Quotes: How the greatest films of all time can teach you how to be a better leader!," at the Olean Public Library on Wednesday, January 3.

"You may not believe this but the genesis of this book was born from my experiences in Olean," Gen. Eddy said. "One of my favorite pastimes was to go to the Palace Theater to watch movies ... I went as often as I could sneak away! After a while, the movie quotes became a way to communicate with friends and family."



**Gen. Christopher Eddy**

Gen. Eddy noted the opportunities he had to serve with senior government and business leaders tied his love for movies and passion for leadership together.

He added, "After 30-plus years with the Air Force and FBI, I spent a lot of time with leaders who personified service before self, excellence and integrity, and I wanted to be able to explain that to a wide audience without getting into the theoretical realm of leadership. I remember reading books on leadership dealing with corporations, motorcycle maintenance, and even the Bible. Tying movies into leadership seemed like a great way to communicate my experiences throughout the years."

Gen. Eddy is a 1982 graduate of Olean High School and is a member of its Academic Hall of Fame.

## Olean City School District Foundation ... "Enhancing the Educational Experience"

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*A 501c (3) organization that fund raises to support the Academic Enrichment Grants, as well as the Olean City School District's Academic Wall of Fame*

### OCSD Foundation Approves Grants for 2017-2018 School Year!

- "Wrinkle In Time" Grant
- Poetry Out Loud Grant
- STEAM Pi Day Competition Grant
- Film Class Drone Purchase
- East View Elem. Yoga Class Enrichment

*(Grant Applications Found on OCSD Foundation Website!)*



### Thank You For Your Support:

#### New York Gives Day – Nov. 28, 2017

Total OCSD Foundation gains: \$1,361.68.  
Support such as this enables us to contribute to the enrichment of our Olean students' education through grant approvals.

### UPCOMING EVENTS-SAVE THESE DATES:

#### **FRIDAY, MAY 4 – OUR SPRING FUNDRAISER!**

... Fun and Food! Last year's event was a huge success, so get your tickets early!

#### **THURSDAY, JUNE 14 - OPENING OF OHS COMMEMORATIVE WALKWAY**

Join Us on the Front Lawn at OHS

#### **FRIDAY, JUNE 15 – CLASS OF 2018 WALL OF FAME INDUCTION** OHS Alumni Weekend

#### **SATURDAY, JUNE 16 – RED AND GOLD GOLF SCRAMBLE** OHS Alumni Weekend - Bartlett Country Club

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE ABOVE EVENTS:**

See [www.ocsdfoundation.com](http://www.ocsdfoundation.com) or email us at [ocsdfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:ocsdfoundation@gmail.com)



## National Honor Society Holds Inductions

New members were inducted this fall into Olean High School's chapter of National Honor Society. Students were chosen based upon general excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Character and were honored at a luncheon held at the Old Library Restaurant. Pictured above are: (front, l-r) Gregory Padlo, Hira Mirza, Destiny Treptau, Alivia Schoening, Hannah Aiello, Brianna Dyal, Calista Heister, Sophia Aiello, Justine Brooks, Bailey Brushingham, Olivia Lang, Mackenzie Sakala, Josh Bihler; (middle, l-r) Faith Springstead, Keenan O'Connell, Jackson Marsfelder, Sophia Melvin, Lauryn Washington, Mary Ring, Julia Stayer, Reagan Stitt, Kylie Lyons, Madison Henning, Kaitlyn Patrone, Veronica Ferry, Bryan Ramarge, Michael Schmidt, Cory Anastasia; (back, l-r) Deyseann Garey, Courtney Brisky, Matthew Droney, Kayla O'Connor, Brianna Painter, Erin Martin, Jarrett Prizel, Filip Morawski, Joel Graves, Meagan Bruso, Makenzie Milligan and Jack Dwaileebe. Missing: Karino Wada.



## Sky Zone Trip A First For Many Students

In January a group of high school students attended Sky Zone Trampoline Park in Buffalo. This was the first time many of the students have been there. This activity was free and sponsored by the District.

February's adventure activity for the high school was Snow Tubing at Holiday Valley on February 15.



## Holiday Music At Allegany State Park

The Olean High School "Studio 107 Chamber Players" performs at Allegany State Park throughout the year. The group was again invited to play music at the holiday "By the Fireside" program held in the Red House Administration Building on Saturday, December 16, from 7:00-8:30 p.m.



## OIMS Outfitters: New Boutique in Town

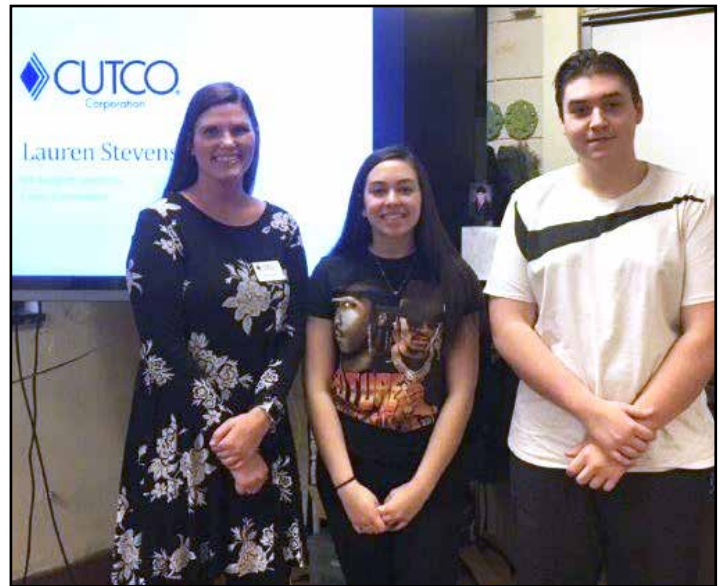
Student comfort is a big contributor to learning, so having decent clothing and other basic necessities can help improve a student's school performance.

Students at OIMS will now have a place to "shop" (at no charge) for all their necessities. Students in need can now visit OIMS Outfitters privately, during school hours, and select clothes that reflect their own style. We hope students will choose the items they need to look good and feel confident.

Available merchandise will include underwear, socks, shoes, pants, shorts, shirts, sweatshirts and jackets. Items will be displayed in a store-like setting by gender and size. We hope to also provide additional items that students need to be successful. This includes new toiletries, footwear, backpacks and school supplies.

Students will also have the option of leaving behind soiled clothing to be washed and returned. Students in the OIMS Life Skills Special Education Class will run OIMS Outfitters like a store, sorting and folding the clothes and stocking the shelves.

We are looking for donations of toiletries, personal grooming tools, and up-to-date and stylish clothing in sizes that would fit our middle school students. If you have suitable items to donate, please drop them off at the OIMS main office and help us keep the shelves of OIMS Outfitters stocked for our enthusiastic young customers!



## Former Student Shares Insights With Class

On January 24, Lauren Stevens was guest speaker for the Business Communications class at OHS. Lauren was a student in the class during the 2011-2012 school year and is a 2012 Olean High School graduate. In 2016, she graduated from SUNY Brockport. Lauren was invited to be a guest speaker because of her new position at Cutco as an HR Support Specialist. With this experience and training, it was obvious that Lauren could provide beneficial information to our business communications students and assist them with their job preparation.

Lauren shared with students the wonderful benefits of this class and provided them with useful information for when they begin interviewing for college and their future careers.

Students were given tips on the importance of listing experiences and education in chronological order on your resume. Students were reminded to pay attention to detail and to review their resume and cover letter with at least three people. It is important that their resume and cover letter are flawless. By allowing three people to review resumes and cover letters, you more than likely will have perfection and a better chance of landing a job.

Discussions also took place to make students aware that they need to be sure to have an appropriate voicemail set up, create a professional and appropriate email, and most importantly, everyone should clean up their social media. Lauren provided the students with a wonderful social media exercise.

Some other pertinent reminders were: Do their research before an interview; dress for one step above the position desired; arrive 10 minutes early; do not bring your cell phone; make eye contact; and be prepared with questions.

Lauren provided so much valuable information. She modeled professional behavior, and she shared many stories that were truly relatable to students. It was a pleasure having her speak to our future graduates, college students and employees. She is just one of the many OHS graduates who has been successful, and we appreciate her sharing her expertise. We send Lauren best wishes in her new career with Cutco and, as always, we thank Cutco for sharing her with us. Lauren's time and energy was certainly valuable to the OHS Business Communications class.





## BUSTIN' MOVES WITH CIZE® LIVE

CIZE® LIVE is professional dance for everyday people! Starting Thursdays in February, Mrs. Wilton is offering this choreographed class to any interested 7<sup>th</sup> grade girl. Cize® takes place after school at 3:30 in her classroom, and includes a healthy snack when it's over! If you're a 7<sup>th</sup> grade girl and would still like to try it out, see Mrs. Wilton for a permission slip. From your first class, you'll be bustin' out moves you can take anywhere! It's so fun and exciting, you'll forget you're working out!



## CULTURAL EXPEDITION TO MUSEUM

As a culmination of the Native American unit in fourth grade, our teams traveled to Salamanca over the course of two weeks to visit the Seneca Iroquois National Museum. We learned about clans, Iroquois life in a longhouse, and Native American games like lacrosse and snowsnake. We also saw original artwork, jewelry, and so much more. The children were also treated to a puppet show that illustrated how we all have many unique gifts to share with others. The museum will be opening in a brand new building August 1. Shown above are George Vancleef, Collin Jefferey and Joseph Ball holding wampum belts next to a longhouse at the Seneca Iroquois Museum.



## FULL STEAM AHEAD

The first meeting of the new Girls in Manufacturing program is made available through the ARC and Dream It Do It. Girls will learn about manufacturing by meeting with female engineers, teachers, and community members. The program runs Wednesdays after school through the rest of the year. Girls interested in signing up should see Mrs. Gabler in Room 101.



## BRINGING JOY BY

Ms. Dudley's Family and Consumer Science Class (along with yummy cookies) to donate to the Olean Food Pantry. The students made decorations for the residents at the Pines Nursing Home. The students visited with the residents, sang Christmas songs, and performed a skit in the dining room. Hats off to these 6th graders!





## AD FOR OIMS GIRLS

ing Club took place January 31st at OIMS. The through a grant with the Appalachian Regional Com- about the exciting possible careers for women in chnicians, drafters, welders and more. The club e year, and will begin again in the fall. Girls inter- 237 at OIMS.



## SERVING OTHERS

sses made 100 dozen chocolate crinkles (i.e., y at Christmas time. They also made holiday door me in Olean. Not only did they bring joy to many t students also met at the Pines to distribute the Carols, and join them for the Barber Shoppers cons for some wonderful community service work!



## WORKSHOP DEVELOPS LEADERS

On January 18, 15 seventh-graders attended the Cattaraugus-Allegany Middle School Student Leadership Workshop. Led by inspirational speaker, Ed Gerrity, the students reflected on being positive, being respectful, and using leadership skills to their potential. Students made vision boards, wrote letters of appreciation to a loved one, and reflected on being a positive influence. They were asked to write five positives about their school and three things they would like to change. They were instructed to develop a plan to turn one of their negatives into a positive and to initiate that change. Attending were: Quintin Allen, Thomas Bates, Dylan DiRosa, Michelle Droney, Ashlyn Flood, Samantha Gould, Wyatt Hewitt, Matthew Kramer Jr., Nate Martinelli, Andrew Mulryan, Chance Padlo, Janelle Ryan-Havers, Lily Schena, Casi Spiller and Leah Williams. Above right Andrew Mulryan demonstrates to Ed Gerrity how negative words can pound us down. Above left Lily Schena works on her vision board.



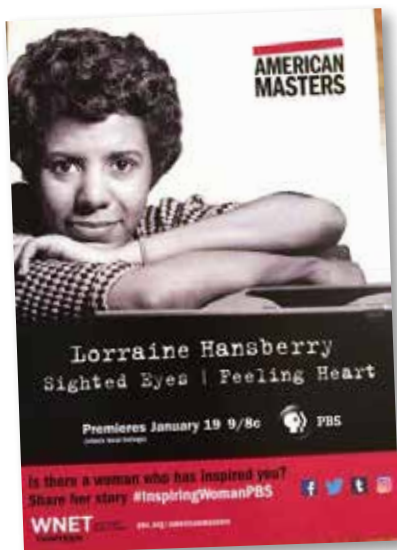
## CELEBRATING GREAT CHARACTER

Thirteen fifth-graders in Mrs. Cortez's and Mrs. Hamed's classes were recognized for consistently demonstrating a positive attitude, completing ELA/Math homework, and having a strong work ethic. These students have been exceptional friends and role models in their classrooms! They were celebrated with a popcorn party to reward their positive leadership traits.

Congratulations to: Jayden Marvin, Sully Hoffman, Maddax King, Ashlyn Ball, Ava Moran, Brennan Kielar, Andrew Shaul, Aiden Clark, Eli Orcutt, Hannah McAdam, Kadie Haines, Blake Kinnaird and Mekhi Muhyee. We are so proud of all you do as students to help create an environment of joy, diligence, excellence and appreciation for others and for school!







## Teachers Attend NYC Film Screening

Two Olean High School teachers, Mrs. Joelle Perry from the Social Studies department and Mrs. Sally Ventura from the English department, were invited to attend a screening of the film “Sighted Eyes / Feeling Heart” in New York City two days prior to its release. The documentary chronicles the life of Lorraine Hansberry, author of *A Raisin in the Sun*, an award winning Broadway play which became an award-winning movie. Mrs. Ventura called the documentary “absolutely awesome,” adding that she is especially excited about its potential as an interdisciplinary resource.

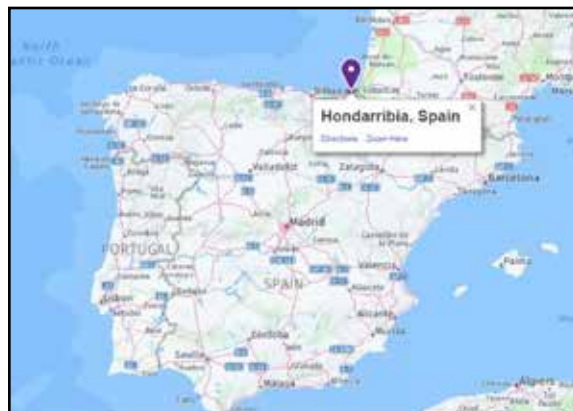
# Learn How To Be Part Of An Amazing Travel Opportunity

Seeking an experience of a lifetime? Txaro Azkue, a teacher living in the beautiful coastal city of Hondarribia (located in the northern Basque region of Spain, right on the border of France, in the foothills of the Pyrenees), will be in our area this March to talk to students and families about participating in her cultural experience program.

There are three options for those interested. Option 1 would be for students seeking to have an immersion language experience. Students would spend 2 weeks in Spain learning Spanish and living with a Spanish family. Option 2 would be for area families to host a Spanish student for a 4-week stay this summer 2018. Option 3 would be for parents and/or adults interested in spending a week in this magnificent spot. Parents would meet the Spanish family in which their child is placed, as well as explore the culture of this part of the world.

Presently Txaro operates an English language school in Hondarribia, Spain. After being raised in Fulton, NY, she took her English skills and opened a school which has run successfully for the past 40 years. She looks forward to meeting interested students and families who would like to participate in her “Language and Cultural Exchange 2018.” Txaro will be speaking to students in Olean, Allegany-Limestone, Cuba-Rushford and Portville during the week of March 12-16. There will be an informational parent/community meeting at Olean High School on Wednesday, March 14, at 7:00 PM in the cafeteria. For more details on this and other local meetings, watch for specific times to be listed in the Olean Times Herald, or contact Txaro’s U.S. coordinator, Melanie Napoleon, at [mnapoleon@olean.wnyric.org](mailto:mnapoleon@olean.wnyric.org).

**LEARN A LANGUAGE – LEARN ABOUT A CULTURE**  
**– OPEN YOUR MIND TO THE WORLD**



## OHS Wrestling Team Gets 20<sup>th</sup> Win!

The Olean High School Varsity Wrestling team recorded its 20<sup>th</sup> win of the season on Wednesday, January 17. This 20<sup>th</sup> win sets a new school record for wins by a wrestling team at OHS. The team is currently 20-0 on the season.







## UNIVERSAL PRE-K REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The Olean City School District will be conducting informational sessions to prepare for Universal Pre-Kindergarten registration and enrollment for the 2018-19 school year. If you have a child who will be 4 years of age by December 1, 2018, you are invited to join us from 6-7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 20, at East View Elementary, or Thursday, March 22, at Washington West Elementary. Please contact Jen Mahar at 375-8039 if you have any questions. 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 2018-2019 school year from March 19 – 22, 2018. If you have a child who will be 5 years of age by December 1, 2018, **please complete the form below and return it to your neighborhood elementary school, or call the school at the number listed below.**

SCHOOL	DATES—2018		TIMES	PHONE
East View Elementary	Monday	March 19	9:15 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.	375-8921
	Tuesday	March 20	9:15 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.	
Washington West Elementary	Wednesday	March 21	9:15 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.	375-8968
	Thursday	March 22	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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## Connecting With Students

After hearing of a student's new interest in fly fishing, Superintendent Moore shared some of his expertise in the field during a recent early-morning session at OIMS. Zach Trietley snuck into the gym before classes to try out Mr. Moore's technique.

## Link To Neighborhood Predator Report Site Available For Residents

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 under the Community Link tab 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.





CA BOCES Early Childhood interns work in our Pre K and K classrooms. In this photograph, the interns designed a game on transportation for the students in Mrs. Knight's classroom.



This year during the February break our students will be doing an Olympic Bobsled Reading Challenge. We had a few teachers who created a video, complete with bobsled antics, to get our students excited to read. At the time of publication, the video was not yet released. However, you can view the trailer video here: <https://goo.gl/mFUJ6S>



We are grateful to have several Foster Grandparents in our school. In this picture Grandpa Harold is helping a student with math fluency.



Scan the image above with your smart phone camera to see more pictures from East View Elementary School.

# East View Elementary School



Pre K students are taking their benchmark assessments on iPads.



Our first grade was taken over by pirates as they learned about "R" controlled vowels. Sometimes teachers refer to the "R" as the "bossy R" because the "R" bosses the vowel to make a new sound. When the "a" is followed by "r", it makes the sound you hear in "bar" or "car", and if you listen close, it also sounds like a pirate saying "ARRR."





Olean elementary students were given the chance to see the Lady Bonnies in action this month. Students from both Washington West and East View Elementary came together at St. Bonaventure University to help cheer on the Bonnies to a win. Thank you to all those that were able to make it out for the game, and to St. Bonaventure Athletic Department for hosting our students.



A special thank you to Mr. James Rockey, who donated coats, sweatshirts, hats and gloves to our school. Mr. Rockey's donation warmed the hands and hearts of so many in our school, and we thank him for his kindness and generosity.

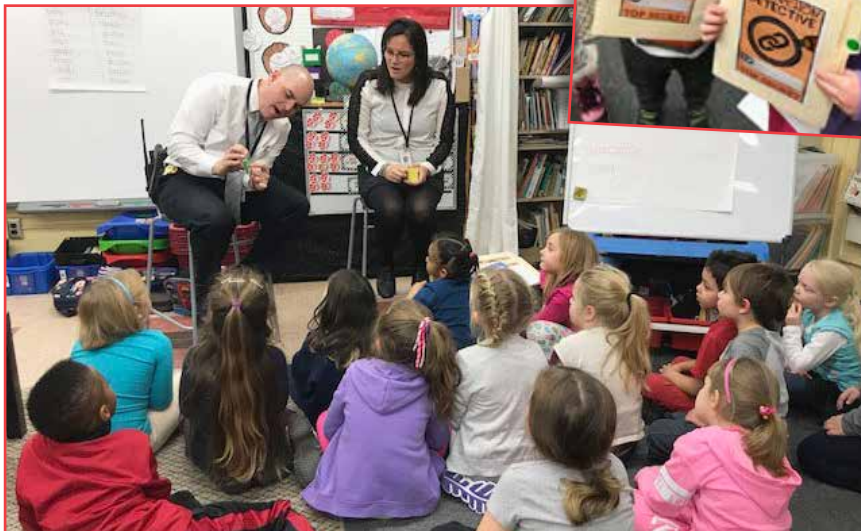


# Washington West Elementary School



Washington West is thrilled to have the Animal Guy, Mr. Mike Morton, of Sundance Kids Farm in each month to share a variety of animals. This month's visitors were a pair of hedgehogs. Students learned how they roll into a ball and have poor eyesight, but a great sense of smell.

Our first grade detectives have been hard at work searching for clues in their reading. Whether they are on the hunt for the character, setting, or problem, they are learning to use all their context clues to crack the case. Special guest Sergeant Jason Hlasnick came to talk about all the work detectives do to solve a case. A special thank you to Sergeant Hlasnick for helping our literature detectives solve the case for each new book they read.





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## Orchestra Students Selected For All-County

Congratulations to following OHS Orchestra students who were selected to perform in the honor ensemble of the Allegany All-County Festival at Fillmore Central School on January 19 & 20. Pictured are: (front, l-r) Gabriel Williams, Sarah Liu, Collette Trudeau, Paige Smith, Ryan Wisnewski; (middle, l-r) Meagan Bruso, Maxwell Wolfe, Yuki Wada, Joshua Tsujimoto, Ethan Dalton; (back, l-r) Zoey Clayson, Ellison Ash-West, Madeline Hughey, and Filip Morawski.

## 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