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## CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

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## OIMS Opens Husky Maker Lab

OIMS is proud to announce the opening of its Husky Maker Lab, a space for students to create, design, and build! From 3D printers and robotics to low-tech craft projects, the Husky Maker Lab offers a wide range of opportunities for students to explore new things in hands-on ways. The Lab, which is connected to the OIMS library, currently features new flexible seating, two 3D printers, Lego WeDo sets, and class sets of Makey Makey, Humingbird robots, Dash and Dot robots, and MakeDo cardboard construction kits. Students can also use sewing machines, discover electronics in our Breakerspace, and try their hands at popular YouTube and Pinterest crafts and builds using our large collection of raw materials. Community members who would like to get involved or donate items to the space are welcome to email Karen Fox, OIMS librarian, at [kfox@olean.wnyric.org](mailto:kfox@olean.wnyric.org).



# District Welcomes New Employees

## Teachers:

**Jarrold Bell** was recently appointed as a full-time Social Studies teacher. In December 2006, Mr. Bell received a Master of Education from Saint Bonaventure University and in December 2003 received a Bachelor of Science from SUNY Brockport. Jarrold was a Social Studies teacher at Lake Norman Charter School from 2016 through 2018 and Friendship Central School from 2008 through 2015.

**Laura Cawley** is the new Art teacher at the Olean Intermediate Middle School. Ms. Cawley received her Bachelor of Science from Adams State College and her MS from Wilkes University. Prior to joining the district, Laura taught Art at the York Middle School in SC from 2016 through 2018 and the Fairfax County Public Schools from 2010 through 2016.

**Janna Davis** was appointed at the August board meeting as the new School Counselor at the Olean Intermediate Middle School. Mrs. Davis has 23 years of experience in the school and mental health field. Janna received her Master's degree in School & Mental Health Counseling from St. Bonaventure in 2012. Mrs. Davis worked for BOCES from 2010 through 2018 and Beacon Light from 2001 through 2010.

**Kimberly LaGreca** is a Science teacher at the High School. Mrs. LaGreca received her Master of Education and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of New York at Buffalo. Kimberly taught Earth Science at the Belfast Middle School from 2017 through 2018.

**Abigail MacWilliams** joins the district as the new LOTE teacher at the High School. Abigail, a graduate of Olean High School, received her Master's degree from St. Bonaventure in December 2017. Ms. MacWilliams did her student teaching at Allegany-Limestone Central School.

**Laura Moore** was appointed to the High School Math teacher position. Mrs. Moore received a Bachelor of Science from Hobart and William Smith College and Master of Science in Education from St. Bonaventure University. Mrs. Moore taught

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Jarrold Bell



Laura Cawley



Janna Davis



Kimberly LaGreca



Abigail MacWilliams



Laura Moore



Sarah Morris



Rhonda Morse



Heather Reese



Katie Smith



Tanessa Armour



Brielle Cornelius



Jena Dodge



Charmaine Dwaileebe



Monique Ling



Roberta McAfee



Bobbi Jo Mitchell



Mark Nolan



Phylcia Patterson



Susan Pfeiffer



Tara Ramadhan

*From the Superintendent*

## District Capital Project Reported On Schedule & Within Budget

**By Rick T. Moore, Superintendent**

Hope this note finds everyone well and enjoying the autumn season. It is perhaps the best time of the year: Football, homecoming, pumpkins, and walking on those brisk, cool, sunny days enjoying the fall colors. Soon it will be Thanksgiving with family and friends; surely these simple pleasures are the best.

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on how thankful we need to be for all the wonderful things in our lives. We have been truly blessed at the Olean City School District in so many ways. Not only are we busy improving the Olean City School District classroom instruction, but also our District is being transformed by a wonderful capital-building project. This project is presently on schedule and within budget. The \$16,150,000 referendum authorization addresses issues at all of our District schools and buildings.

East View Elementary School is experiencing the most significant improvements where we are focusing on improving the educational environment and ensuring greater safety. To accomplish these two goals we are renovating and renewing the entire school by changing the interior design from a 1970's open concept to a more secure and educationally sound design required of today's schools. The main office is being built at the front of the building for better safety and security. A new roof is being installed, and a new and improved HVAC system will create both a better learning environment and a more efficient heating and ventilation system.

Washington West Elementary School has received a new gas emergency generator and is receiving a new electrical service infrastructure. A new roof replacement is scheduled for the summer of 2019 along with updates to the glass block windows in the gymnasium.

Olean Intermediate Middle School witnessed a number of improvements over the summer of 2018. The entire roof was replaced and there were updates to the pool's dehumidification system. This coming summer will see a new parking lot installed at OIMS.

Olean High School has experienced significant improvements and upgrades in the area of new flooring on all four floors in the building. Terrazzo has replaced the outdated and gloomy tile on the second and third floors to coordinate with the first floor, which was refurbished in a previous project. The basement will be receiving a new epoxy floor. We are in the process of installing all new hallway lights, which really brighten up the environment. Additionally, updated wall tile is being installed on all floors, and all of the bathrooms are being modernized and refurbished to accommodate our changing times. The project is giving the High School a new face lift that has been terribly overdue.

We are pleased to report that the \$16,150,000 capital project is, at this time, on schedule and within budget. We are proud of how many local contractors we have been able to employ on this project and want to thank them for a job well done to date. We were fortunate to have mostly local contractors working on this project as it helps the economy of our region. Additionally, we want to thank the residents of the entire Olean City School District for their support with this capital-building project. You have allowed us to create school environments in which our students will be both safe and can receive an excellent education for years to come. Principals, faculty, staff, students, and parents should all be recognized for their flexibility, tolerance, and patience during this project. Thank you! We all are very fortunate to work and live in such a supportive and friendly community.

## New Employees (continued)

at Horseheads Middle School, Salamanca City School, Ellicottville Central School, and Belleville Henderson Central School.

**Sarah Morris** is a new Elementary teacher at Washington West. Mrs. Morris received her Master of Education in 2007 from the College of Saint Rose and her Bachelor of Arts from SUNY Cortland in 2004. For the past 11 years, Sarah has taught in the Central Square Schools.

**Rhonda Morse**, a long-term substitute for the district, was recently appointed to a full-time permanent Physical Education teacher. Ms. Morse received her Bachelor of Science from Ithaca College and her Master of Science from SUNY Brockport. She taught Adapted Physical Education at the Stafford County Public Schools in Virginia and Lakewood City Schools in Ohio.

**Heather Reese** joins the Olean Intermediate Middle School as a fifth grade teacher. Ms. Reese received her Bachelor of Arts from Wilkes University in 2011. Heather taught first and second grade in Fayetteville, NC prior to joining the district.

**Katie Smith** is the newly appointed Music teacher at the Olean Intermediate Middle School. Katie received her Bachelor of Science in Music Education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in May 2018. Ms. Smith completed her student teaching at Grandview Elementary and Cambria Heights High School in Pennsylvania.

### Support Staff:

**Tanessa Armour** – LPN at the Olean High School

**Brielle Cornelius** – School Nurse (RN) at East View Elementary School

**Jena Dodge** – Teacher Aide

**Charmaine Dwaileebe** – Keyboard Specialist at the Olean Intermediate Middle School

**Monique Ling** – Teacher Aide

**Roberta McAfee** – Teacher Aide

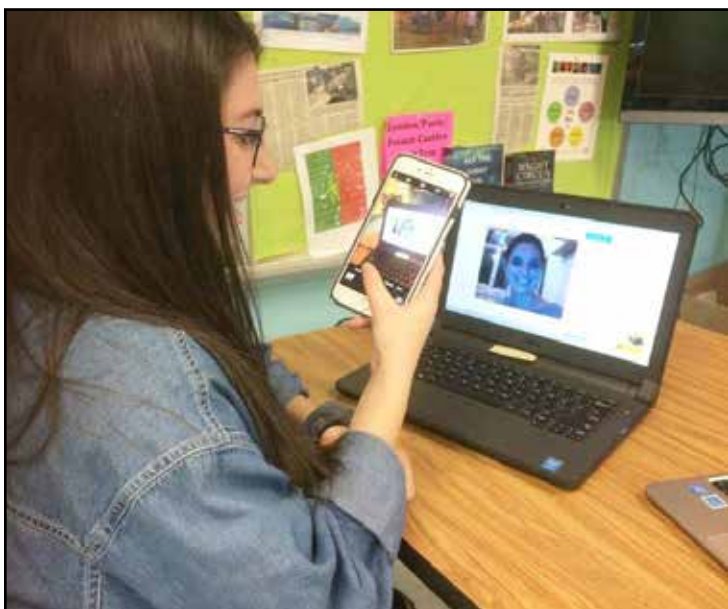
**Bobbi Jo Mitchell** – Cleaner

**Mark Nolan** – Maintenance Worker

**Phylicia Patterson** – School Nurse (RN) at Olean Intermediate Middle School

**Susan Pfeiffer** – Teacher Aide

**Tara Ramadhan** - Cook



## ‘Talk Abroad’ Improves Students’ Language Skills

JCC 2510 / 2520 French and Spanish students will be trying out their functional language skills in a very different way this year. Students are learning language through themes, topics and essential questions. At the end of the thematic unit, students are required to complete a thirty minute interactive conversation with a native speaker through our online Talk Abroad resource through JCC. Students may choose a speaker of their choice from many different areas around the globe. Last year our students successfully piloted this program for JCC. Students were amazed at their abilities to function at a reasonable proficiency level.

This approach to evaluating students is powerful because it expands their views of language while making the educational experience more engaging. Language is not something to be studied, but a way of seeing, understanding and communicating about the world in which we live.



## Program Enables Spanish Students To Visit Area

Once again, this past summer, area families were invited to participate in hosting Spanish students from the beautiful Basque region of Spain. Students arrived in July and stayed four weeks with host families. Students took part in area activities and local festivals as well as visiting Niagara Falls, Darien Lake and NYC. Students and families usually form a wonderful bond, which makes it really difficult to say goodbye in August. We hope to continue our relationship with our friends from Hondarribia, Spain, and offer this opportunity again next summer 2019 to interested families. Those wishing to host a student in the summer of 2019 should contact Mrs. Napoleon at [mnapoleon@olean.wnyric.org](mailto:mnapoleon@olean.wnyric.org)

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

**GRANT APPLICATIONS AND  
INSTRUCTIONS FOUND ON:**

**OCSDFOUNDATION.COM**

**SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR  
OCSD WALL OF HONOR 2019!**

To view procedures and criteria for nomination and to nominate an individual for consideration for induction into the Academic Wall of Fame, please to go the OCSD foundation website to complete and return the brief nomination form.

Nominations are accepted until **December 31, 2018** (to be eligible for June 2019 Induction).



**OCSD FOUNDATION TO PARTICIPATE IN NY GIVES DAY 2018**

**TUESDAY, NOV. 27, 2018!**



#NYGivesDay is a 24-hour giving challenge.

#NYGivesDay is a day for nonprofits to come and collect online donations!

On November 27, 2018, nonprofits across NYS will work together to raise awareness, collect donations and continue changing the world for the better!

We need your help! Looking to quadruple our participation from our 2017 campaign. Any donation amount helps achieve this goal! Go to:

<https://www.nygivesday.org/organizations/olean-city-school-district-foundation>



**OIMS Hosts  
'Spooktacular'  
Literacy Night**

The OIMS Title I reading teachers are hosting a family literacy spooktacular night of reading on Monday, October 29th, from 6-7pm in the OIMS cafeteria. We encourage all students to attend with a parent or family member and spend an hour reading their favorite book. There will be prizes and surprises. Be sure to bring your reading log too. Tell your friends, and come read with us!

*- Mrs. Berlinski, Ms. Delaney,  
Ms. Dexter, and Mrs. Welch*



**Cornell Cooperative  
Extension Offers  
Healthy Cooking Class**

Olean High School students in the JOBS program, as well as their parents, were invited to attend a healthy cooking class sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension (pictured at left). Students learned about healthy eating, cooking, how to shop wisely by stretching their food dollars, and how to use available community resources. These students enjoyed this activity, especially when they were able to eat some of the yummy samples.



## CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL DOT DAY

Ms. Cawley and Mrs. Nickel's art classes started the year by participating in International Dot Day (*pictured above*), based on the book *The Dot*, by Peter Reynolds. The art classes read the book and unlocked their creative minds in the form of a variety of dots. Ms. Cawley's classes created dots using plastic cups, designed with Sharpie and melted using a heat gun. Mrs. Nickel's classes created dots using Zentangle patterns, a form of meditative doodling. All classes learned the value of making a mark and seeing where it takes us!



## ARGH! THERE BE PIRATES IN THE HALLS OF OIMS

For the past few years, the 4th grade teachers have used a pirate theme to welcome students and create an atmosphere of fun and teamwork. As part of this theme, the 4th grade teachers recognize their students / pirates (*photo at left*) weekly in a Pirate Muster to honor students who have met the pirate code (*photo at right*).

What a fun way to build strong bonds and fond memories of the 4th grade experience at OIMS!



## BENCHES ADD TO SAC

Under the guidance of advisors Sheila Yaffe and recently completed the installation of two park benches.

This is phase 3 of the Student Council's ongoing project. Phase 1 involved tilling the courtyard and planting trees. Phase 2 involved painting and installing birdhouses to welcome feathered friends. Phase 3 involves the installation of benches so staff and students can enjoy a place to sit while taking a break.

The money for this project came from profits earned from the sale of OIMS t-shirts. The Student Council took an empty patch of land and made OIMS as beautiful as they can.

Pictured above are members of the OIMS Student Council who recently purchased: (front, l-r) Nathaniel M. Todd; and (back, l-r) Lily Schena, Dylan DiRosa, and C. Gelder. Missing from photo are Dawson Mallory and



## COURTYARD PROJECT

Jean Nickel, the OIMS Student Activity Council member, is in the school's center courtyard. The OIMS Courtyard Beautification project. The first phase. For phase 2, the Student Council members have added friends to the area. With phase 3 now in place, the students are enjoying the greenery and fresh air. The project was started at SAC-sponsored dances. The objective? To make the outside as it is inside. The Student Activity Council proudly flank one of the benches. Martinelli, Heartly Phipps, Chelsea Lemmer, Lily Chance Padlo, Jezerae Fayson, Tyler Camp, Ayden and Maddox Guay.



## FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS PARTAKE IN A BOOK TASTING

Fifth Graders Audriana Clemons, Landon Hendryx, Kyle Jackson, Lailla King-Rogers, Caitlyn Lewis, Aleigha Powell and Analyse Sevinsky (*pictured above and below*) enjoyed a book tasting during a recent Reading class.

Students learned that by reading the BACK of some new books, and finding the most "delicious" sentence, they could then decide if the book was enticing enough to read. In tasting their books, many students found suspenseful sentences; others found interesting facts to pique their palettes...

Reading the backs of their books at their place setting, students thought about the author's purpose and what seemed interesting about the book. Students then used their menus to select additional fiction and non-fiction books to test taste. It was a delicious way to encourage kids to devour books of all types.





## Teams Unite In Annual 'Pink Out' Game

On Wednesday, October 3rd, the Huskies volleyball teams played Cattaraugus-Little Valley for their annual PINK OUT game. The teams raised over \$500, which will stay in the local community to help with the costs associated with patients being treated for breast cancer.

The Huskies would like to thank all those who donated to the event, including Pepsi and Sports Boosters, for their generosity. Also a huge thank you to Mrs. Jacki Falk for organizing the event.

Shown at left are volleyball teams and coaches from Olean and Cattaraugus-Little Valley.

## East View Students Learning Power Of 'Yet'

There is power in the word "yet!" Students at East View Elementary School are learning to use this word as part of a growth mind set.

We try to teach our students that skills and talents are not fixed and that they can be developed over time. So instead of saying things like, "I'm not very good at math," students are taught to say, "I'm not good at math YET!"

Each classroom has a YET poster as a reminder to use this word often.





## Olean Sports: New & Improved!



*A new, more convenient way to register your child for Olean City School District Athletics!  
Beginning October 2018 with our Winter Sports Season,  
Family ID will take the headache out of registering for sports!*

### **FAMILY ID: ONLINE SPORTS REGISTRATION!**

We are excited to announce that beginning this winter sports season, all sports sign-ups will be done through online registration using the platform Family ID. Family ID is a secure registration format that provides you with an easy, user friendly way to sign your child up for sports, and eliminates missing or lost paperwork and repetitious forms.

Your child will still be required to have a current physical on file, and the sports forms you need will be right online for your easy access. You can sign in and check on your child's status of sports approval at any time. You will only need to register your child once a year. The information will be saved on your personal account, so you don't have to re-register to do the health update before each season if your child plays multiple sports/multiple seasons.

**A parent/guardian should register by using this link: (or go to the OCSD High School main webpage or the Athletics Webpage & click on the Family ID link!!)**

**<https://www.familyid.com/olean-city-school-district-athletics>**

**Then...follow these steps!**

1. Click on the link above & select the REGISTRATION FORM under "Programs".
2. Click on the green REGISTER NOW button. Scroll down to CREATE ACCOUNT/LOG IN.  
(If it is your 1<sup>st</sup> time you will need to create an account—if not, you can log in) Be sure to select I AGREE to the terms when you create your account!
3. To create your account, you will need your email address and to create a password.
4. You will receive an email with a link to activate your account—if you don't, be sure to check your junk or spam folder!
5. Click on your link in your activation Email, which will log you in to FamilyID.com.
6. Once in the registration form, complete the information requested—all fields with a red ( \* ) are required to have answers.
7. Click SAVE & CONTINUE when your form is complete.
8. Review your form & click SUBMIT.

You can get help any time by contacting Family ID support at: [support@familyid.com](mailto:support@familyid.com) or by calling 888-800-5583 (extension 1). Support is available 7 days a week!!



## Focused on Reading at Washington West

Look at these students focus on their reading with their silly spectacles! We've learned there are 3 ways to read a book - ask us how!



**Interested Travelers should contact:**  
**[mnapoleon@olean.wnyric.org](mailto:mnapoleon@olean.wnyric.org)**

**French Club Trip**  
**Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia Spring 2020**



**The Power of Reading:** Reading gives you power; the more you read the better you get and the smarter you become! Students at East View Elementary read books that they have self-selected independently for 30 minutes per day.



**Author Shares Knowledge:** Published author Amy Ludwig Vanderwater visited our school to share her knowledge about writing with our teachers and our students. She'll be back three more times this year.



**Science Sleuth:** Mrs. Stephens' class investigated leaves during a science lesson.

# East View Elementary School



**Cutco Character Education Lunch:** Mr. Tim Keenan from Cutco Corporation shares about being Respectful during one of our Cutco Character Education Lunches.



**Construction Update:** Construction continues at East View as part of our voter approved capital project. The main office is scheduled to move to the new addition around the holiday break.



**Interactive Learning:** Second graders had the opportunity to practice their math facts with some interactive learning outside. With hula hoops in hand, students were making groups of ten as reinforcement of their fact fluency. Keep on learning, Husky pups!



**Butterfly Beauties:** Our Pre-K students had the opportunity to observe the life cycle of a monarch butterfly! Come October, their butterflies were ready for release. What a beauty that butterfly was flying around Washington West!



# Washington West Elementary School



**Be Like Gerald:** ALL students at Washington West started off their year hearing the story of Gerald the Giraffe, who didn't give up when the other jungle animals told him he simply couldn't do something. In the story of *Giraffes Can't Dance*, Gerald learns (and teaches) a very important lesson: Never Give Up!



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## Punching Out Power Words

What better way to learn power words than to add a little movement to the mix? First graders at Washington West are “punching out” their power words, working in pairs to master their fluency and recognition of various sight words. Keep on reading!

## 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