



NA Walbran Newsletter



June 2024

Message from the Principal

Dear N.A. Walbran Families,

As our school year comes to a close, I continue to think about how thankful I am to have become a part of the Oriskany community.

June was filled with tons of FUN! We have had musicals, field trips and outdoor activities all throughout this month and it could not have been done without the support of our dedicated team at NA Walbran. I am consistently impressed by their creative abilities and thoughtful planning they put in daily to make our students experiences both educational and fun. Our elementary musical showcase and Kindergarten concerts were a prime example of the hardwork the students and staff have put in throughout the year. They performed effortlessly in front of their peers and families and were able to show off their talents! All our students were able to participate in P.E. Day! We brought in a big bounce house and had a variety of games and activities for the students to participate in throughout the day. They had a picnic lunch and snow cones from the PTA. Along with our P.E. Day, we unveiled what the future Oriskany mascot will be, GO SKYHAWKS!

June wouldn't be June without recognizing the accomplishments of our students from the school year! We ended the year with an assembly celebrating each classroom and the character traits they displayed throughout the year, recognizing our PK students and their moving up to Kindergarten. Lastly, we celebrated our 6th grade at moving up to welcome them to the next chapter of their school journey!

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to let the community know that I will be moving into a new role in the district starting this summer. I will be moving into the Director of Special Programs and Services position, similar to what I did prior to becoming the Principal at N.A. Walbran. This will allow me to continue in a district I have come to love and respect, as well as gain additional time with my family, which is much needed after the health struggles I've gone through over the past couple of years. I am forever thankful for this community and look forward to continuing to work with many of our families just in a different way.

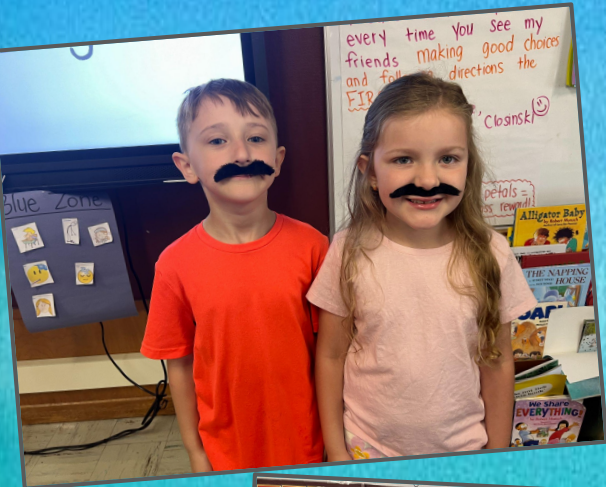
Thank you for all that you do for our students and community and we wish you a restful and fun filled summer!

Catherine Mucurio

Ms. Closinski's Kindergarten News



Lots of fun in kindergarten these last two months: Glow Day and our library walk. We also had an ABC countdown to the last day of school. Letter days included "i" for ice cream, "k" for kite, "p" for pajamas, and "m" for mustache!

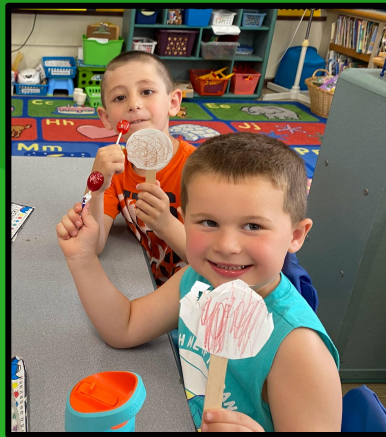


We also made our own pizza sauce using the herbs from our aerogarden from Cornell Cooperative Extension/BOCES.

Mrs. DeFabio's and Mrs. Myer's PreK Classes

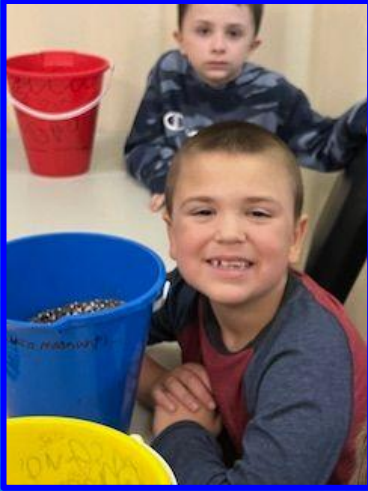


Pre-K has been enjoying the last 26 days of school! We started on May 15 with the letter A, when we wore red, white and blue for America! Throughout the next 25 days, we had fun with bubble day, hat day, popcorn day, and stuffed animal day to name a few!



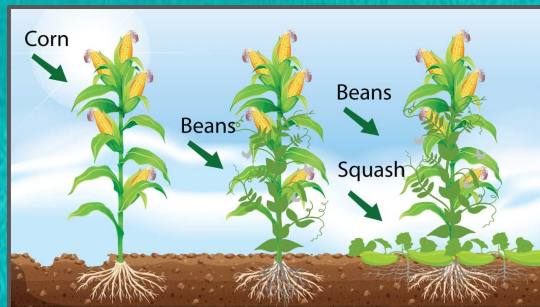


1st Grade Fun



Mrs. Caruso's and Mrs. Gray's 1st grade classes took a field trip to the Cornell Cooperative Extension. They learned about all the different animals in our area.

The students also planted the seeds from the story of the three sisters. The three sisters include corn, beans, and squash.



Mrs. Gray's 1st Grade

Mrs. Gray's students participated in an animal research project. They each got to pick an animal to research.



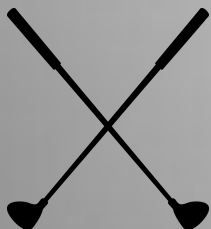
They made habitats in art class and presented their project to the class.

PE Day...June 10



Prek-6th grade students had a great day participating in the annual PE Day at N. A. Walbran. Although the weather was a little cooler than usual, some of the stations students participated in included:

- KanJam Relay
- Octopus Tag
- Homerun Derby
- Soccer Golf
- Topple Tube Relay
- Obstacle Course



1st and 2nd Grade Camping

Students in Mrs. Caruso's 1st grade class and Mrs. Waskiewicz's 2nd grade class were able to share in a special day of "camping". Students had s'mores, went fishing, and enjoyed some fun crafts and activities.



Students had fun concentrating and fishing for vowel team words.



All County Chorus and Band



Elementary All County- April 12 and 13
Our students were able to perform with over 200 students from other schools in our county at Elementary All-County at Remsen High School. Tanner True, Lily Hessler, and Brayden Anderson sang with the choir while Vito LoCaccio played saxophone and Ayden Walker played bells for the band!



Memorial Day Service, May 27

In honor of our lost soldiers, our students sang "America the Beautiful" in Trinkaus Park for our community during an honorable service run by Paul Rieben.



Flag Day



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Elementary Musical, Oz, directed by Mr. Shipp



Our students took a trip to the magical land of Oz in our wonderful production of Oz!, the musical. We followed the yellow brick road with 45 cast members, and we had our wishes granted with the help of 7 stage crew members, including 2 students from the High School Drama Club.



5th Grade Art Special with Mrs. Kane

5th Grade Steampunk Fish

Some key elements include gears and cogs. These are a nod to the machinery and industry of the Victorian era. Also, brass and copper are metals that are commonly used during the Industrial Revolution and lend a vintage feel to the art.

What is steampunk art?



Art Special with Mrs. Kane



Third graders sculpted and painted ceramic gnome homes during art class. Drawings of the interior and exterior of imaginary homes were created. Then, slab building and painting techniques were used to create ceramic models.



The students enjoyed using their imagination while learning new skills.

District Art Show



Congratulations to each and every artist for having work exhibited at the Oriskany CSD Annual Art and Technology evening. Many high school students commented on how well the elementary students could draw.

Fan favorites included:

- 2nd graders' Balloon Dog project
- 4th graders' Cave Explorer Diorama

Students have fun, and they work hard all year creating fabulous art with Mrs. Kane during art special.





Have a wonderful summer!

