

N.A. Walbran Newsletter

Jan/Feb 2024

Message from the Principal



Dear N. A. Walbran Families,

Our year is flying by so fast! As always, our faculty and staff continue to work diligently to provide a comprehensive educational experience at N.A. Walbran Elementary School. Currently we are meeting in grade level teams to examine student data from our winter STAR assessments in Reading and Math. Teachers are looking to see where students are performing well and where we may need to adjust our instruction.

Our Pick A Reading Partner (PARP) will begin at the beginning of March so please be on the lookout for PARP information that will be sent home. The Oriskany Central School District will be having our Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration and Orientation in March as well. If you are interested in obtaining a registration packet, please check out the district website for more information!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at school at any time.

Warm Regards,

Mrs. Mucurio

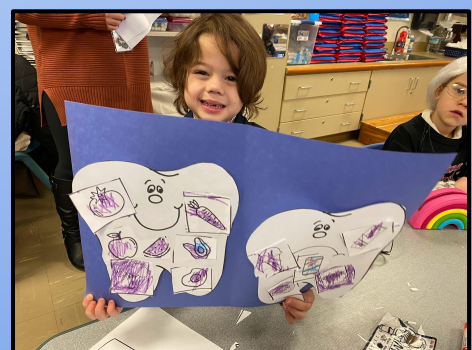
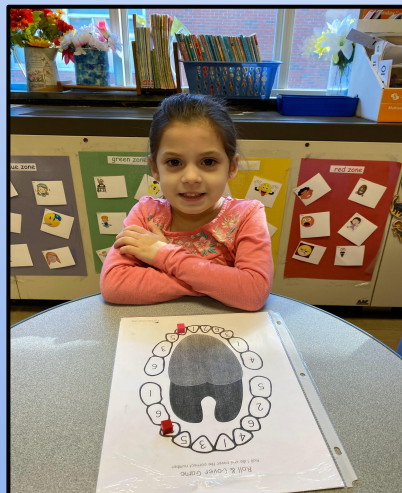
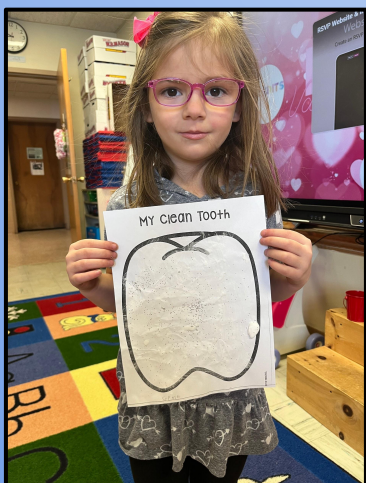
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February: Dental Health Month

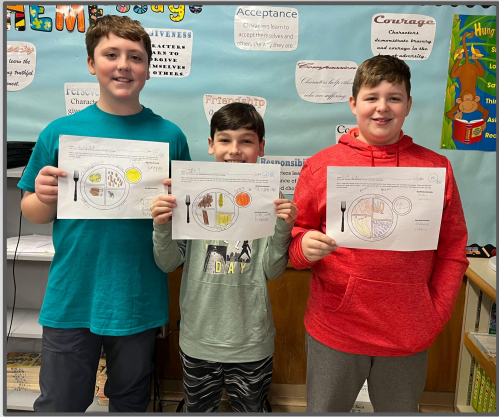
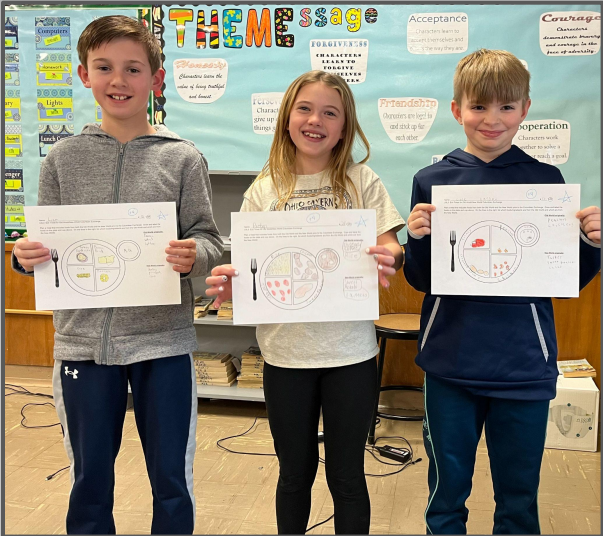
Mrs. DeFabio's PreK Class



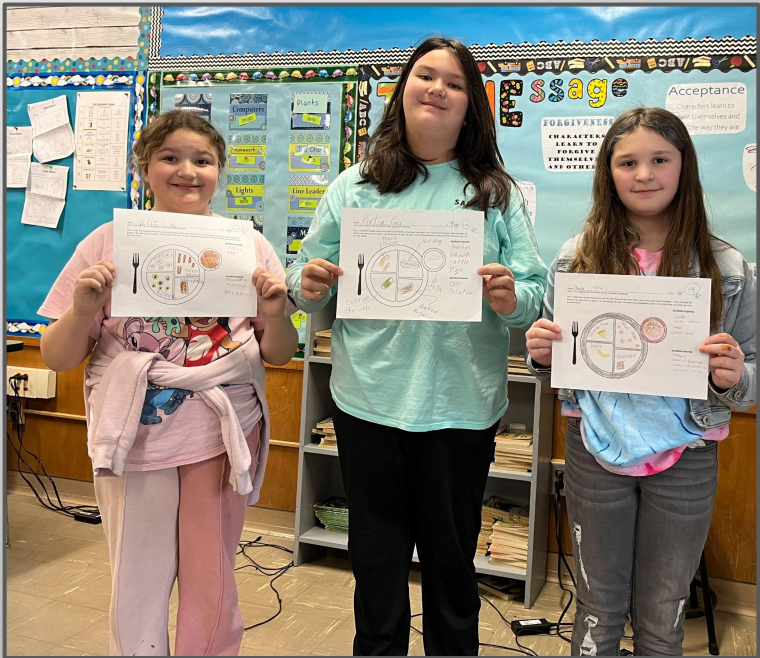
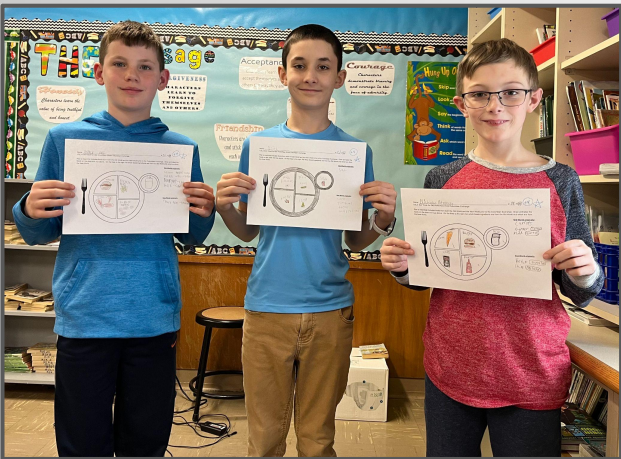
Pre-K has been busy learning about good dental health! The students enjoyed sorting foods that were both good and not so good for your teeth. Some other activities during the unit on dental health included matching pretend teeth to a given number, rolling dice and covering that number on a tooth in a mouth, cleaning teeth, and some even created mouths with marshmallows as teeth they could pretend to floss!



5th Graders learn about the Columbian Exchange

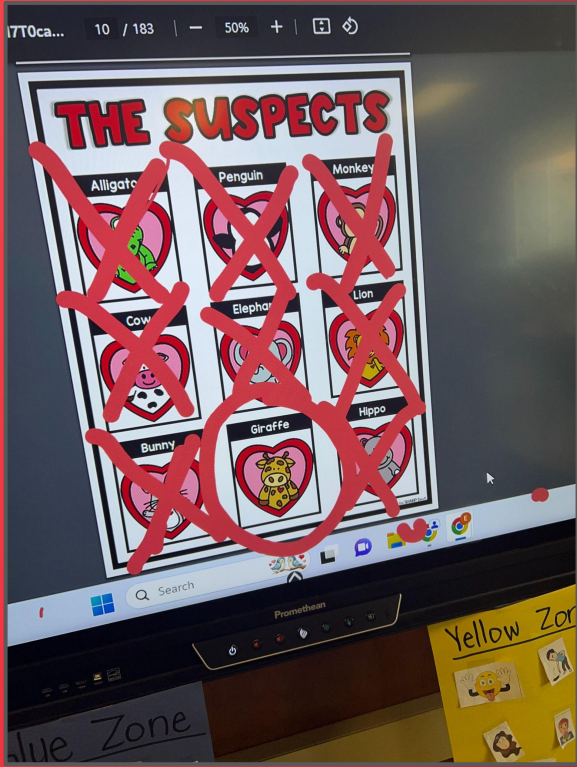


Ms. Zarnoch-Riley's students learned about the changes the Columbian Exchange brought to the New World as well as the Old World. To show what they learned, they designed a meal that would not have been possible before the exchange of ideas and food items! Meals had to include ingredients original to both the Eastern and Western Hemispheres prior to the exploration of the New World.

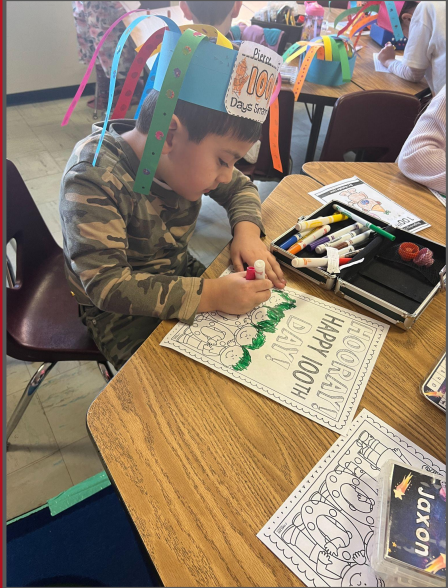


Miss Closinski's Kindergarten Class

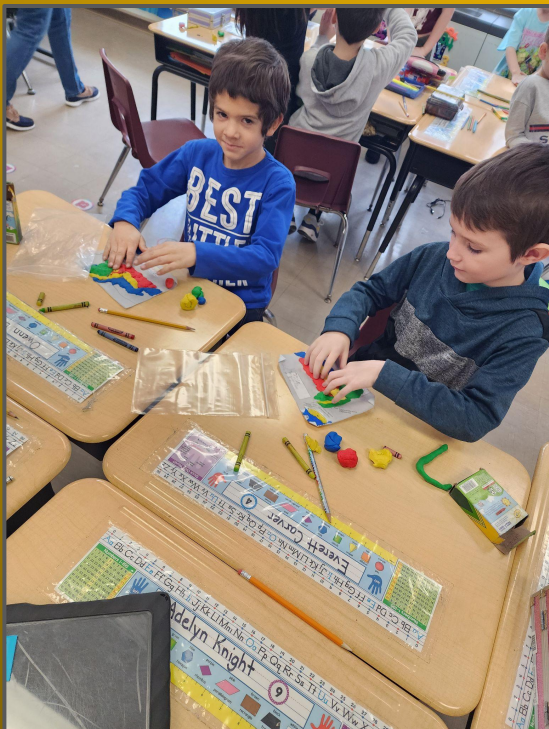
Students completed another escape room activity practicing math and ELA skills. Students worked hard and figured out it was the giraffe who had taken Cupid's Valentines.



Students had a great time participating in all the 100th Day activities.



2nd Grade Science with Ms. Island



2nd graders in Ms. Island's class learned about landforms and got to create their own by using modeling clay. They did an amazing job!

Outside fun in the snow!



Ms. Island and Mrs. Salvatore took their 2nd grade class outside to allow them to be creative and practice their snowman building skills!



Art Special

In art, students welcomed the new year with the theme "2024, Let's Glow!" Each grade created a work of art that related to light and/ or had fluorescent, neon colors. Students used black light flashlights to illuminate their work. It was a bright beginning to the new year.



Intramurals: Boys and Girls

The boys were given the opportunity to practice their hockey and volleyball skills during the January and February intramural sessions with Mr. Enos. Always a fun time and a great turnout!



Mrs. Brown hosted volleyball intramurals for the girls, which is always met with enthusiasm for the sport!

100th Day of School

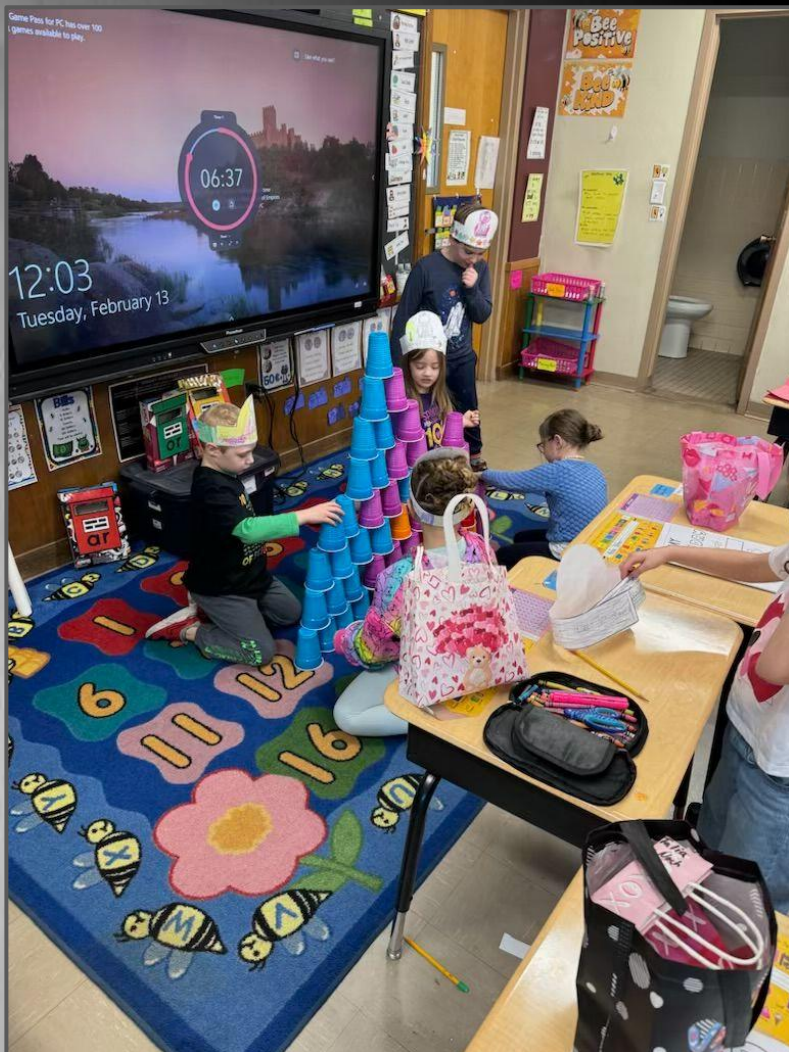


One of the many fun activities was the school-wide search for the 100 Oriskany "0"s that were scattered throughout the building. As excited students found the numbered "0"s, they taped them to the chart on display in the hall. As you may notice, we still haven't found #97!



100th Day of School

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P2 ASSEMBLY

A team from ICan came to visit N.A. Walbran and participate in our monthly P2 Assembly. ICan is a community organization that provides individualized, coordinated, and family-driven care to meet the complex needs of children and families in our community.



ICan came to help us learn about some of the character traits we've been targeting over the past few months. The students participated in a school-wide game and were presented information on the character traits.



Reminders:

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| March 10: | Daylight Saving Time Begins
PARP Begins |
| March 15: | Superintendent's Conference Day
No School |
| March 18: | PreK/Kindergarten Registration and
Orientation |
| March 19: | First Day of Spring |
| March 29: | Good Friday: No School |
| March 31: | Easter |