

# Walbran Newsletter

November 2023



## Message from the Principal



Dear N. A. Walbran Families,

As I sit and reflect on the month of November, I can't help but think about how thankful I am to be a part of such a wonderful community. I know I've said it before, but I'll continue to say it because it is so true and November is the perfect month to think about all that we are grateful for in our lives.

Our students got a chance to see some real life heroes to be thankful for at our annual Veteran's Day Assembly. We later discussed and recognized students for bravery, kindness, and gratitude at our monthly Positivity Project assembly. We have these assemblies to build a sense of community within the school and provide some new experiences that kids will hopefully remember throughout their lives.

This past month parents and teachers also got to connect through our parent teacher conferences. While our conferences are only formalized once a year, it is important for parents and teachers to continuously communicate and work together to create the best learning environment for our students. The district has adopted our new communication platform ParentSquare, which we hope will help us connect with families in a more efficient manner. If you have not signed up, please make sure to do that to get the most up-to-date information.

The month of December will no doubt be filled with lots of joy as well. We will have our Positivity Project (P2) assembly, the elementary winter chorus and band concert, our first grade students attending the Nutcracker at the Stanley Theatre, and our PTA is hosting a Holiday Shop. Be on the lookout for information regarding upcoming events through ParentSquare, the district website, and the PTA Facebook page.

Let the holiday season begin!

Mrs. Mucurio, Principal



# PreK



Each feather of the turkey represents something that each PreK student is thankful for this holiday season.



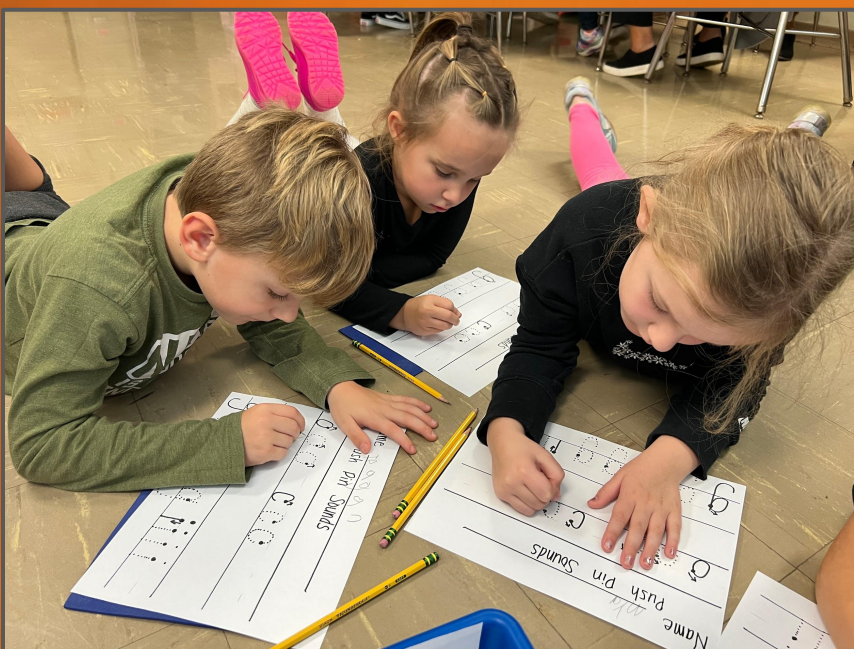
# Kindergarten Fun During November



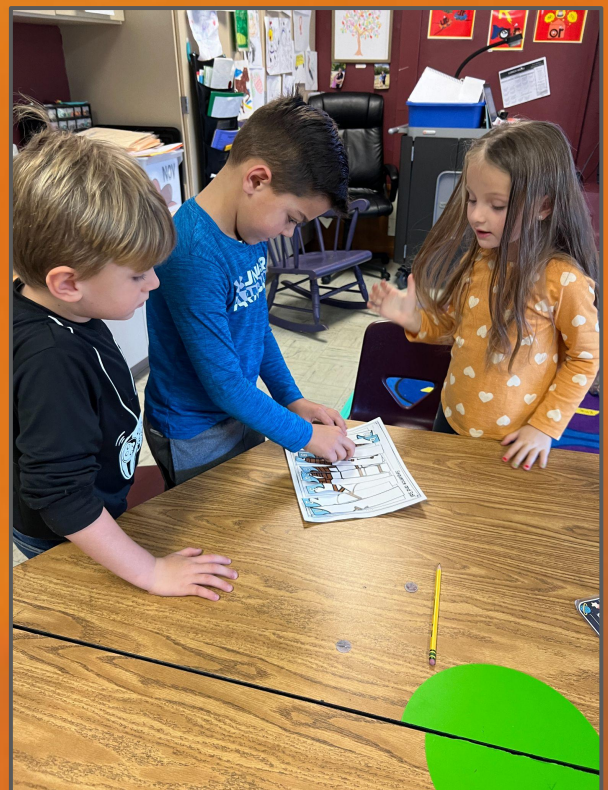
Students had fun making ornaments for the Fireman's House.



Using push pins, proper letter formation was practiced during OT/PT Speech centers.



Who stole all the Thanksgiving pie?  
Using their ELA and math skills,  
students worked together to solve  
the fun Escape Room activity.



# It's been a great November in Ms. Island's 2nd Grade



1st Classroom Behavior Reward: Pajama Day Party!!

As an ending activity to the Nature of Matter Science unit, students constructed amazing boats to test buoyancy.

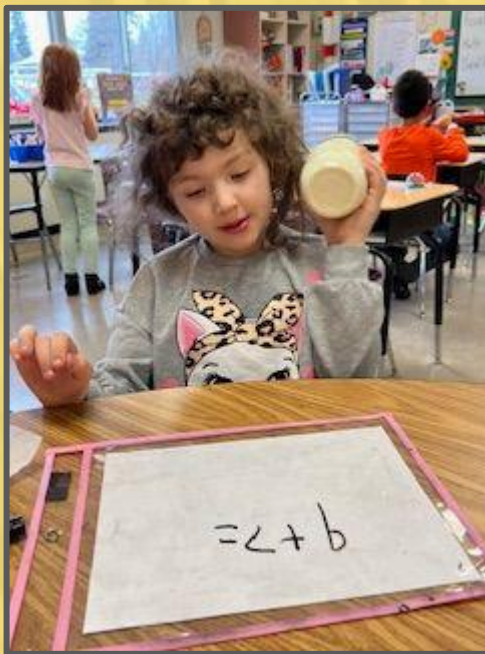


Some wonderful veterans stopped by our room after our school-wide assembly. Students even had the opportunity to test out some of the military gear.

# 1st Grade Butter Making



Since butter is such a staple at the Thanksgiving table, 1st graders learned how to make their own butter.



They enjoyed all their hard work at the end of the day!!



# Imagination and Engineering with 1st Grade Art Students

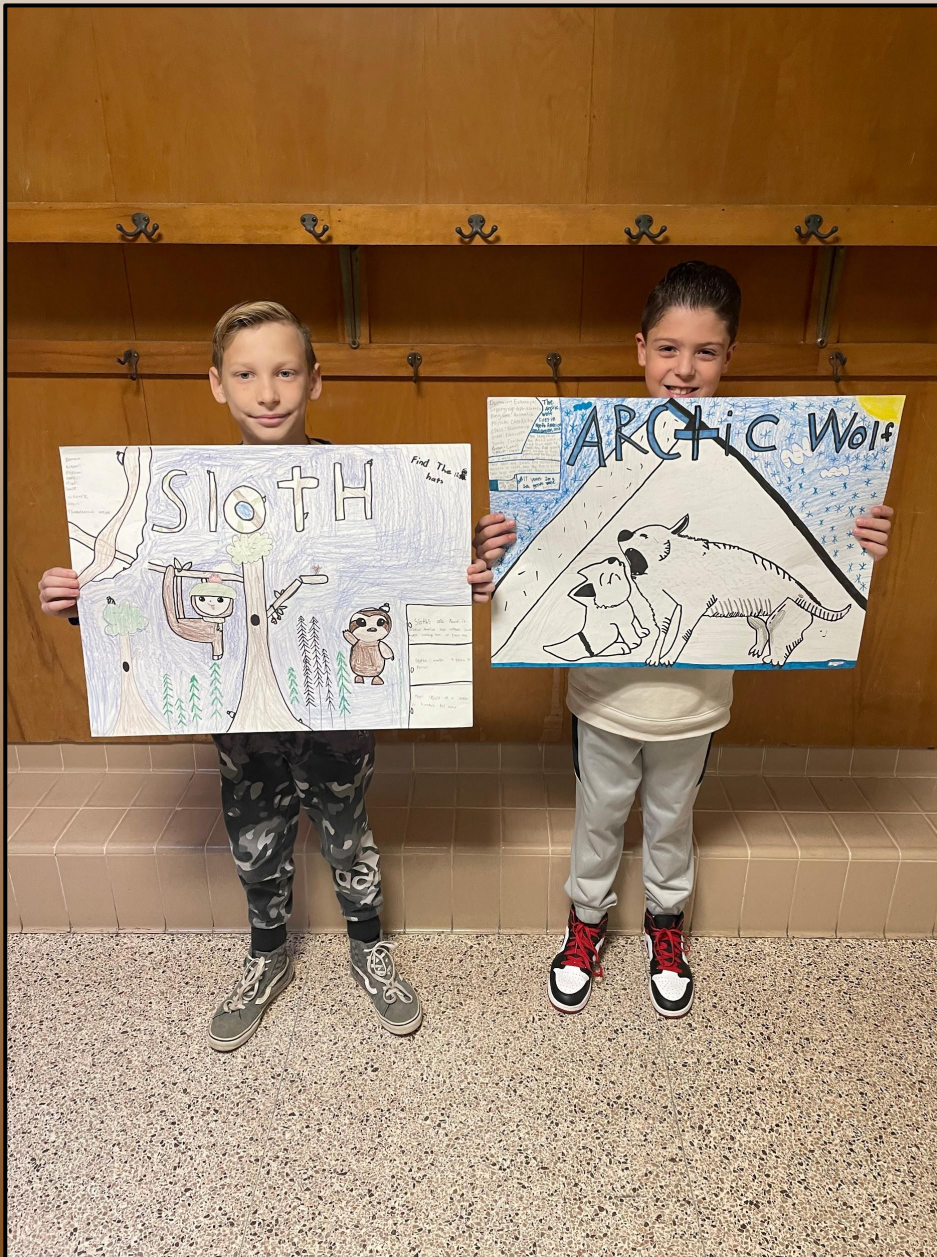


First graders have been learning about and creating with lines during Art special. They brainstormed different kinds of lines and drew them on paper strips. The paper strips became 3D lines. The ends of the paper strips were bent to create feet and stuck to the base. Students built amusement parks for the spiders!



# 5th Grade Science

Mr. Tuttle's science class created posters after researching an animal of their choice. The students had to look up the scientific classification of the animal and its scientific name.



The students drew their animal in their natural habitat and looked up interesting facts about their animal.



Students did a great job!!



# Veterans Day Assembly, November 9



The elementary chorus sang "Thank You, Soldiers" under the direction of music teacher Mr. Shipp.



Superintendent Cuthbertson shared the special meaning of the setting of the white table. The white table is a symbol for a remembrance to the service members fallen, missing, or held captive in the line of duty. Sixth grade Student Council members Tanner True and Landon Christopher set the table as Mr. Cuthbertson spoke.



# Veterans Day Assembly, November 9



**Student Council members provided breakfast for the veterans and had an opportunity to talk with them before the assembly.**

# Positivity Project Assembly, November 17



Officer Jeff Blovat distributes the positivity certificates to the recognized students each month.

Students and Special Area classes recognized for demonstrating the following characteristic traits:

- Bravery
- Gratitude
- Thankfulness

## Special Area

## Homeroom Recognized

Art Special:

Mrs. Zarnoch-Riley

Library Special:

Ms. Closinski

Music Special:

Mrs. DeFabio

Physical Ed. Special:

Mrs. Kraeger

Technology Special:

Mrs. Commisso

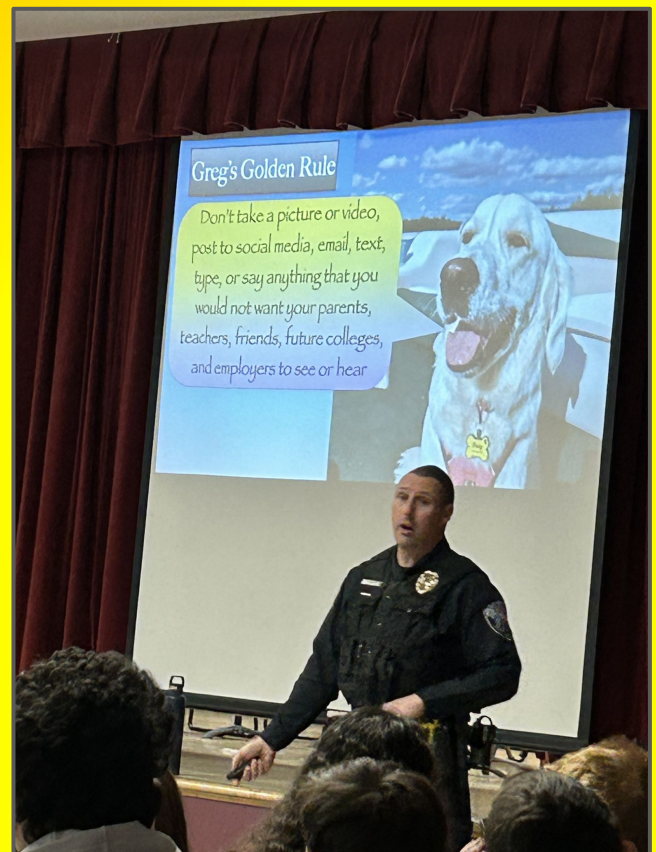


# Cybersafety Internet Assembly

On Nov. 1, 2023 N. A. Walbran 5th + 6th graders participated in a cybersafety internet assembly presented by the Oriskany Police Department. District-wide guidance counselor Brandi Bostic was present and tied this important topic into her bi-weekly social-emotional learning (SEL) lessons.

The presenter's Technology Golden Rule is important for students and adults of all ages.

*Don't take a picture or video, post to social media, email, text, type, or say anything that you would not want your parents, teachers, friends, future colleagues, or employers to see or hear.*



# Thank You, PTA!!

The PTA generously donated many toys, games, and crafts for students to use during inside recess days. We are all very grateful.



When the temperature falls below 20 degrees (including wind chill), students will have fun and be engaged with all the new additions to the inside recess collection.



# Congratulations Mrs. Gray



Our first grade teacher, Mrs. Gray, was recognized as an Outstanding Educator at the Genesis Group's 17th Annual Celebration of Education at Hart's Hill Inn on Nov. 16.

## Upcoming Events and Reminders

December 14: Elem Chorus and 5th/6th Grade Band Concert, Jr./Sr. HS Aud, 7:00 pm

December 22: Winter Recess Begins

December 25: Merry Christmas!