

Walbran Newsletter

October 2023

Message from the Principal



Dear N.A. Walbran Community,

It has been wonderful getting to know Oriskany students, staff, and families. It takes home and school working together in order to provide the best possible educational experience for our children.

Student dismissal is running smoothly, and we thank you for your support with parent pick-up, walker and bus procedures. Our PTA continues to support our school community in many ways. During October, PTA held a Scholastic Book Fair, and every child received a bookmark. PTA sponsored a Halloween Fun Night, which served as a safe platform for our students to celebrate. November 9th will be our annual Veterans Day celebration. This important event honors those who are presently serving, and/or have previously served in our armed forces. Thank you to all Veterans for protecting our freedoms.

Finally, our teachers are looking forward to seeing you at parent/teacher conferences on Wednesday, November 15 - Friday, November 17. A friendly reminder that parent-teacher conference days are half days with early dismissal at 11:30 a.m. Breakfast will be served on half days. Parent/teacher conferences serve as a wonderful opportunity for you and your child's teacher to communicate on progress made during the first months of school and discuss learning goals. As the first 10 weeks of school come to a close, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support. It has been a privilege serving the Oriskany community, and together we can continue to accomplish great things for our children. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 315-768-2149 or email me at kmiller@oriskanycsd.org.

Sincerely,

Karen L. Miller
Interim Principal



PreK



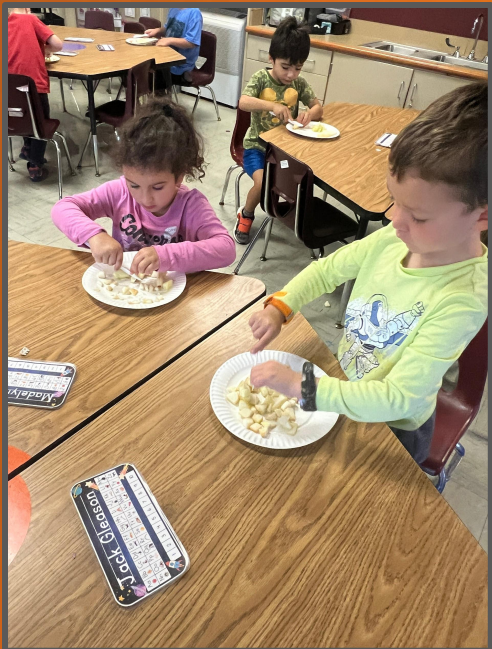
The Pre-K students have begun their newest adventure; SCHOOL! They have been busy learning the school rules, making friends, and going to their special classes! They have even been working on material such as math and reading! So far they have been practicing counting up to 3, matching things that are alike, and singing their ABC's! They are LOVING it so far!



Kindergarten Fun!



We had a great time visiting the fire station and learning all about fire safety during the month of October. Now we are getting ready for activities to celebrate the Fall season and Halloween! We are so excited to talk about Halloween and wear our costumes in the school parade. Our teachers are also so proud of how hard we have been working on our numbers, letters and identifying our High Frequency Words! Can you believe we have been in Kindergarten for over 30 days?





Music with Mr. Shipp



Kindergarten students learned about rhythm with a fun Halloween song and drum playing.



5th Grade students in Mr. Tuttle's class practiced their African rhythms they composed on different types of instruments.

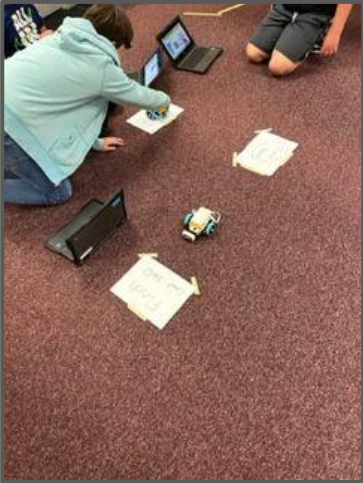


45 students in 4th - 6th grade participate in chorus from 8:00-8:45 on the following days:

Schedule:
5th/6th Grade: B Days
4th Grade: D Days
Ensemble: E Days



Robotics After-School Club



The first task after students built their cars was to program it to make a sound when the motor turned on. Then, students had to program the car to follow the given path to the finish line. Students had to problem solve to fix their "bugs" when the car didn't go far enough or turn in the correct direction.

Students learn how to code their robots using word block coding.

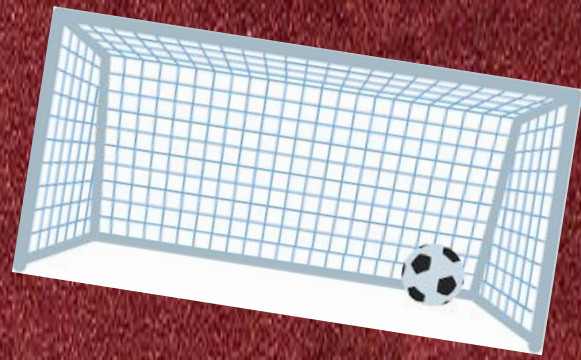


Smart bikes and break dancers were also built, in addition to some creative, fun ideas the students had including Leo the Trainer, a hopper, and a delivery cart.

Please contact Mrs. Daskiewich,
jdaskiewich@oriskanycsd.org
if interested in signing up.



Boys and Girls Intramurals



5th and 6th grade boys and girls had the opportunity to participate in soccer intramurals this month, each on different nights.



Students learned and practiced soccer skills and drills and participated in mini games. There will be more intramural opportunities in November.

USS Oriskany Assembly



N. A. Walbran students, faculty, and staff had an assembly learning about the USS Oriskany and hearing stories from four Navy veterans who served aboard the ship.

A special thank you to all those involved in providing the Walbran community with a memorable assembly.

Positivity Project Assembly



Each month N. A. Walbran has an assembly for the Positivity Project. This month Mr. Cuthbertson spoke to the students and selected five students to squeeze toothpaste out of a tube as fast they could. Then, when paired with another student, they were given a spoon and had to try to get the toothpaste back into the tube.

Students are recognized individually and as a special area class each month for following the positivity characteristic traits.



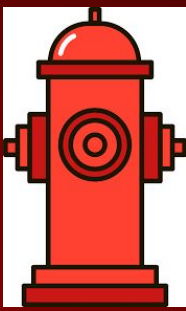
The goal of the challenge was to represent how words are easy to say, but it's not always easy to take them back once they hve been said. Even when you say sorry, words still affect people.



Bus Safety Drills



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK



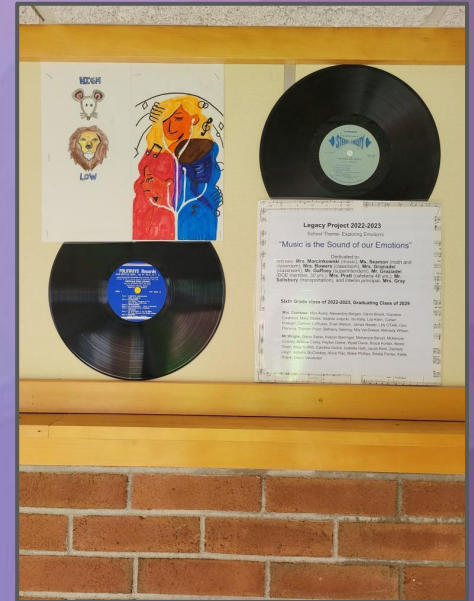
Students in PreK through 6th grade participated in various activities and demonstrations for Fire Prevention Week. Some of the activities included practicing calling 911, crawling for safety, and learning what to do if there is a stove fire.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK... Continued



Legacy Art Project (from last year's 6th graders)

“Music is the Sound of our Emotions” legacy project was created by the 6th grade class of 2022-2023, graduating class of 2029. Students created visual art to represent what they remember learning in music class each year.



The legacy project is dedicated to the wonderful people who retired last year and our interim principal. We are thankful to the sixth grade class for giving back some of their time and talent.



Class of 2029

Student Council

Student Council October theme days:

- October 25: Favorite Outfit
- October 26: Mismatch Day
- October 27: Dress in blue to support antibullying



Congratulations to the following students on being selected as this year's

Student Council

Representatives:

4th Grade: Elise Knight

Kiley Dousharm

5th Grade: Magnoleea Worn

Portia Gu

6th Grade: Tanner True

Landon Christopher

Upcoming Events and Reminders

Picture Days: November 2, November 3

No school: November 10

Parent/Teacher Conferences: November 15, 16, 17
11:30 am dismissals

Thanksgiving Recess: November 22, 23, 24