

# Walbran Newsletter

April 2023

## Message from the Principal

Dear N.A. Walbran Families and members of the OCSD community,

As we begin to finalize our end of the school year events, I can not help but reflect on how thankful I am to be surrounded by such wonderful people. The month of May was full of appreciation. We celebrated Teacher Appreciation Day as well as Nurse and Teacher Assistant Appreciation. Our staff here at N.A. Walbran is made up of individuals who provide a level of experience and compassion that makes them difficult to compare. We are grateful for the time and effort they put into each and every day with our students. Thank you again to all our remarkable teachers and staff here at N.A. Walbran! A special thank you to our PTA who always showers our staff with appreciation as well.

Our teachers have continued to build their knowledge of the Science of Reading by participating in professional developments provided by The Reading League and working closely with a literacy coach. These trainings continue to build knowledge of phonics, phonemic awareness and provide resources to our staff and students to ensure we have quality reading instruction across all grade levels. We have also started to plan for the adoption and roll out of our new math curriculum, enVisions. Over the course of the next few months teachers will learn the essentials of our new program for the upcoming school year and be provided training to assist in their learning process.

This past month students participated in our monthly Positivity Project or P2 Assembly, we had our district art show, band concert and some much needed outside time with the warmer weather! As we finish out the month of May our 6th graders are preparing for the transition to the Jr./Sr. High School, and had an opportunity to participate in Shadow Day. Our 6th grade students partnered for a day with a 7th or 8th grade student and followed their schedule, attending classes, specials, lunch and even riding the bus to and from school. This experience provides some insight for the 6th graders into the expectations of the Jr./Sr. High School as well as calm some nerves they might be experiencing when thinking about the transition. They now have some familiar faces of teachers and students to welcome them in the fall!

We hope you had a happy and relaxing Memorial Day weekend and took some time to honor those who have served our country. Upcoming June events include PE Day, our 3rd and 4th grade musical concert and PreK and 6th Grade Moving Up Ceremonies.

Thank you for your continued support and efforts in making our school community a better place!

Principal Mucurio



# 1st Grade with Mrs. Caruso



Mrs. Caruso's class enjoyed learning about planting a flower while creating a beautiful Mother's Day gift.



# Art Special and Art Show



In anticipation of summer, second graders imagined what it might be like to swim underwater. They drew, colored, painted, and used printmaking to create their artwork.



Artist trading cards were created by each elementary student.



# Physical Education Special + Intramurals



3rd graders enjoyed being on the track and practicing their sprinting skills!



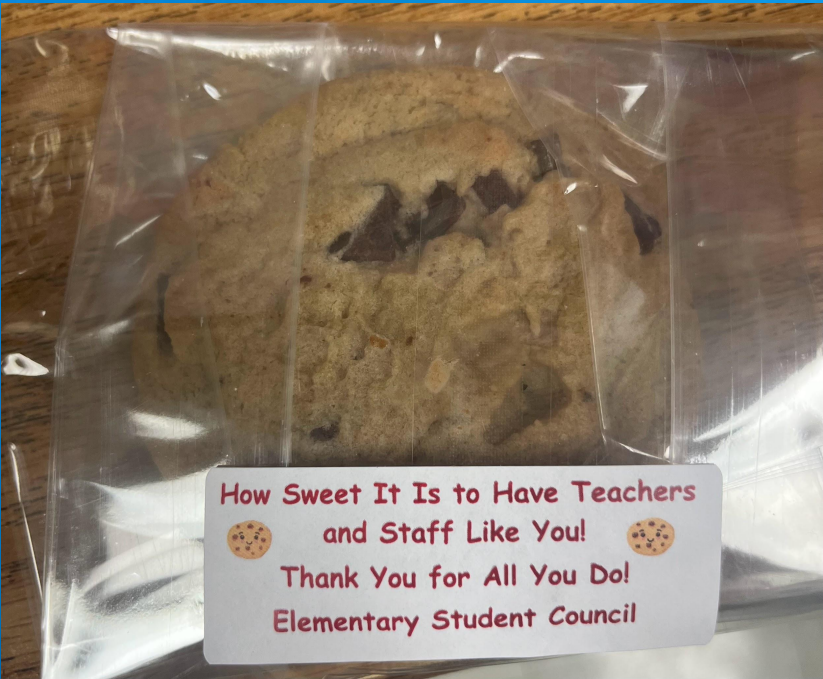
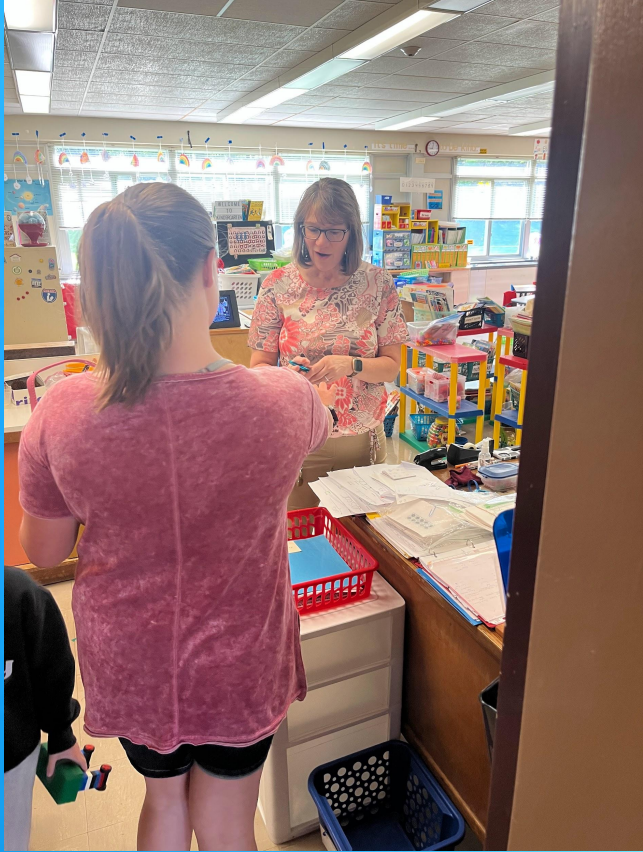
The PreK - 2nd grade classes always have so much fun when the parachute comes out during physical education class with Mr. Enos and Mrs. Brown.



This month, girls in 5th and 6th grade participated in ultimate frisbee and team handball during intramurals.



# Student Council: Teacher Appreciation Week



# P2 Assembly



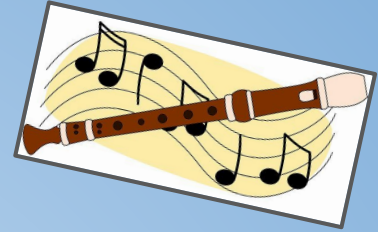
Students received certificates and were recognized for their positive referrals. This month's positivity traits were:

- Fairness
- Appreciation of beauty
- Purpose



Lagatha O'Bryan planting her tree she received from the Positivity Project.

# Welcome Mr. Shipp



Hello everyone! My name is Mr. Shipp, and I live in New York Mills. I went to Mount Markham High School, and I graduated with my Bachelor's in Music Education with a Psychology minor from SUNY at Fredonia. Most recently, I was the assistant director for the Whitesboro High School production of The Addams Family. I'm very glad to be a part of the Oriskany family!

# Important: Please Read

Elementary School Nurse Phone/Fax #: 315-768-2148/315-768-2137

And

High School Nurse Phone/Fax #: 315-768-2061/315-768-2046

Dear Parents/Guardians of our Oriskany Students,

**Health and Dental:** We will be sending out envelopes in June with important information regarding physicals needed for the 2023-2024 school year. This pertains to our students who will be moving up into pre-K, kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th and 11th grades. Also, any student who plans to participate in a fall sport. We will be mailing these forms to your provided address, but just in case you may need one, our health examination form can be found on our Oriskany homepage under nursing. The health examination form can be mailed, dropped off at the designated school or faxed to the either of the above numbers.

A copy of the health examination must be provided to the school within 30 days from when your child first starts at the school. If a copy is not given to the school within 30 days, the school will contact you. If your child has an appointment for an exam during this school year that is after the first 30 days of school, please notify the Health Office with the date.

A dental certificate that states your child has been seen by a dentist or dental hygienist is also asked for at the same time. If needed, the school will provide you with a list of dentists and registered dental hygienists who offer dental services on a free or reduced cost basis if you ask for it.

**Vaccinations:** Our 7th and 12th graders will need to have their Meningitis vaccine completed prior to entering their appropriate grade on the first day of school. In addition, our 6<sup>th</sup> graders will need to have their Tdap vaccine entering the new school year. If on the first day of school your child (ren) has not received their vaccination, we will be contacting you to request a specific date for their scheduled vaccination. If by the 14th day of school proper documentation has not been provided proving that your child did receive their vaccination, the NYS student will NOT be able to attend school on the 15th day. Students who transfer from out-of-state have up to 30 days.

Information forms will be sent home regarding which vaccinations are mandated by NYS for each grade and birth year in June. Vaccinations can be provided either by your child health care provider or by the Oneida County Department of Health. They can be reached at 315-798-5747. Appointments are necessary because certain vaccinations are only given on certain days. Co-pay may be required at the DOH.

**Medication Pick-Up:** Students who have medications located in the nurse's office will need to have a parent pick them up by 2:30 p.m. on June 20, 2023. If any medication remains in the nurse's office after this time/date, they will be properly disposed of.

Please feel free to contact Julianne Swienton, elementary school nurse at 315-768-2148 or Maryruth Stopera, Jr. /Sr. high school nurse at 315-768-2061 with any questions or concerns between the hours of 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday through June 22, 2023.

Thank you,

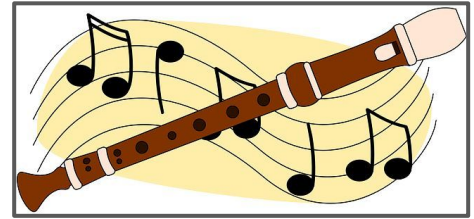
Maryruth Stopera, BA, RN  
Junior/Senior High School Nurse

Julianne Swienton, BSN, RN  
Elementary School Nurse



# Upcoming Dates and Events

SAVE THE DATES!



- June 1: ES Recruitment Concert  
3rd Grade Recorders and 4th Grade Band  
7:00 PM
- June 8: Grade 6 Class Trip to Niagara Falls
- June 9: PE Day
- June 16: ES Early Dismissal, 11:30 a.m.
- June 19: Juneteenth Day: No School
- June 22, 23: ES Early Dismissal, 11:30 a.m.
- June 22: PreK Graduation  
6th Grade Moving Up Ceremony
- June 23: Last Day of School

