

Walbran Newsletter

April 2023

Message from the Principal



Dear Members of the Oriskany CSD Community,

April! A month for fun, although a short month, it certainly was eventful. We had our relaxing spring break, followed by some not so warm weather. We are eagerly awaiting that sunshine so we can get outside more!

Our N.A. Walbran PARP Team finalized our PARP festivities by planning a wonderful Principal's Challenge, in which I was able to go head to head with some teachers in a race on the track. We used bikes called Green Machines and looked a little silly but that's what this challenge is all about! It's one of my favorite events of the year! Students in grades 3-6 participated in NYS ELA Assessments and students in grades 4-6 participated in their spring chorus concert. This concert was a bittersweet occasion and we say goodbye to our long standing music teacher, Mrs. Marcinkowski. She will be entering retirement this month and we wish her the best of luck! She will be missed.

As we move forward into May, you can expect to see some information coming out regarding our spring band concerts, NYS Math Assessments, and Career Day for grades 4-6. Our teams are also working hard to plan for numerous festivities taking place in June as well, including PE Day, and PK and 6th Moving Up Ceremonies.

Last but certainly not least, Teacher Appreciation Week is May 8th- 12th! We are so thankful for our amazing team at N.A. Walbran and all that they do for each other and our students everyday.

Thank you for your continued support!

[Catherine Mucurio](#)

Principal, NA Walbran Elementary

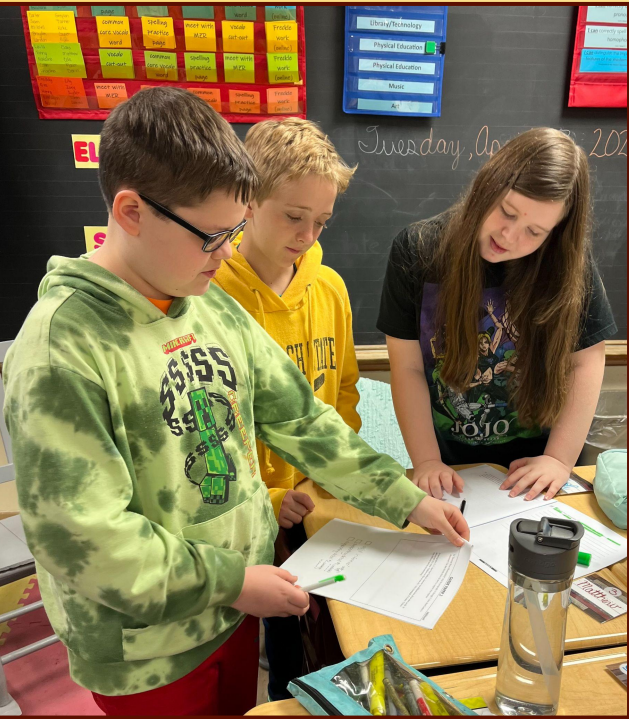


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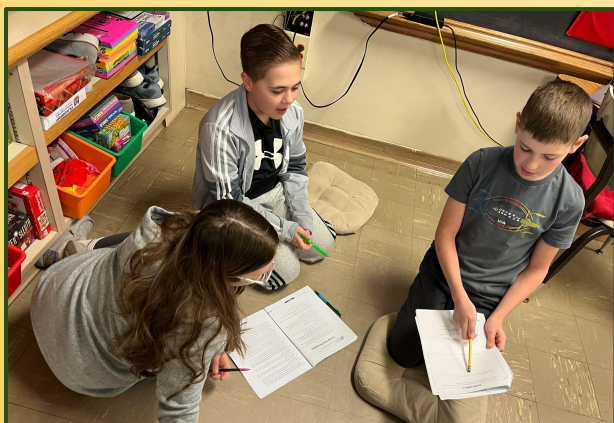
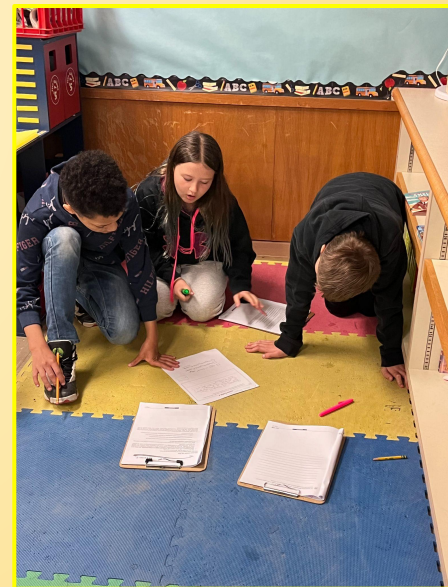
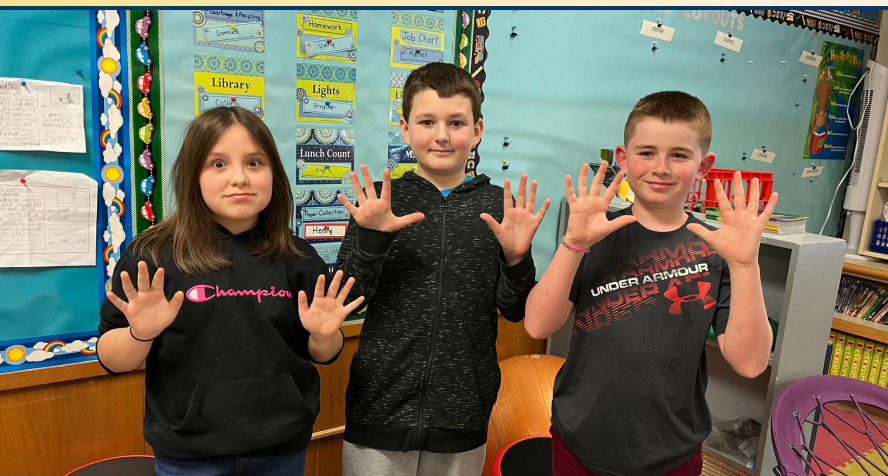
Yay for Spring! We had a fun month of activities! We are so happy to have our playground back! During the month we celebrated the end of PARP, did Easter activities, and ended the month with some super awesome Earth Day projects!



5th Grade with Mrs. Zarnoch-Riley



To get ready for NYS ELA testing, 5th graders learned what it takes to earn full credit on written responses and applied that knowledge to scoring released test questions. Ms. Zarnoch-Riley challenged groups of three to correctly score 10 responses and offered a sweet reward (ice cream) to the group in each class who got the most correct responses!



The students rolled up their sleeves and did a great job searching for valid inferences and two supporting details. One group even scored all 10 correctly! Awesome work, fifth graders!

Art Special

Kindergarten students got into their artwork while using finger paint. They were inspired by the art of adult finger painters. They made monochromatic paintings of animals in their habitats using photographic references.



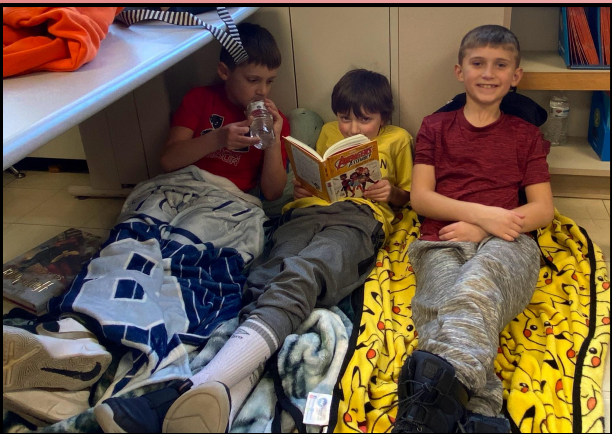
In another painting, two primary colors were mixed to create a secondary color. Students used their imaginations to paint a subject of their choice.



PARP 2023: "Books Make Me Feel..."



PARP was a huge success again this year! The goal for student reading was 850 hours. Not only was the goal crushed at 896 hours read, and our principal was challenged to a race against three other teachers, but the families seemed to have a great time at our finale, held on Thursday, March 30. About 80 students in grades 1-6 participated in the read-in held on March 15, and the theme days (read a shirt day, wear a zone color, and wear what makes you feel your best) were met with so much excitement!



Principal's Challenge: N.A. Walbran students met their reading goal for PARP!

The weekly barometer was on display throughout PARP so students could view the number of hours read each week by the student body. Students crushed the 850 hour goal of reading!



On Your Mark, Get Set, Go!!!!

Mrs. Kraeger, Ms. Seamon, and Miss Armstrong challenged Mrs. Mucurio to a 3-lap race on the track. Participants had to do jumping jacks if they went out of their lane in order to return to the race.



"And the winner is.....?"

All County Festival



Five students from NA Walbran represented Oriskany Central School District the weekend of March 31-April 1 at the annual All County Festival. The concert was hosted this year by Rome. From left to right:

Landon Christopher:	All County Band/Percussion
Ceci Piersma:	All County Chorus
Peyton Dame:	All County Chorus
Sophia Judycki:	All County Band/Flute
Caroline Gulick:	All County Chorus

Congratulations!



April 6 P2 Assembly



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

Perspective
Humor



Ms. Seamon entertained the school during the assembly with some math jokes.



Kindergarten through 6th grade students were selected to read the jokes.



Elementary 4th-6th Grade Chorus Concert



A special thank you to Mrs. Marcinkowski for 32 years of service to Oriskany Central School District. Thank you for the wonderful concerts, musicals, and memories. Happy retirement!

Upcoming Dates and Reminders

- May 2-3: Grades 3-8 NYS Math Test
- May 5: Cinco De Mayo
- May 14: Mother's Day
- May 16: School Budget Vote and BOE Election, 12:00-7:00
District Art/Technology Show, 6:30
5th/6th Grade Band Concert, 7:00 Jr/Sr High
- May 26-30: No School: Memorial Weekend
- June 1: 3rd grade recorders/4th grade band concert
7:00, Elementary School

