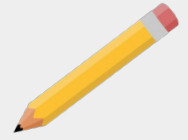


NA Walbran Newsletter

March 2023

Message from the Principal



Dear NA Walbran Families:

March, as always, has been a very busy and fun month, and I am so happy I returned to work just in time for all the fun! I want to send a special thank you to Mrs. Gray for stepping in earlier than anticipated to assist our Walbran community in the fall. We are grateful for the time she spent here in Oriskany and all the support she provided.

Our biggest focus in March is our Pick a Reading Partner initiative. We started with our PARP kickoff! This year's theme is "Books Make Me Feel..." to mirror our overall school theme. The students started the kickoff assembly with our monthly Positivity Project or P2 character trait awards and transitioned into meeting our guest author, Kathleen Blasi. We had our annual Read-In as well where students stayed after school to cuddle up and read a good book! I cannot wait to see if we meet our reading goal...if we do we have another fun Principal's Challenge planned for April!

Other notable events from the month include: our Student Council initiated Spirit Day week and our Staff Development Day in which we continued our journey to learn more about the science of reading with the support of The Reading League organization. Students also participated in our annual Winter Fun Day! Thankfully March turned out to have some more snow. Lastly, who can forget our first faculty basketball game! Although we might not have had the most points, we certainly had the most fans and the most fun! It was one of the highlights of the school year, and I can not wait for next year.

Upcoming events in April include our final PARP event which is our Principal's Challenge. April will also have Spring Break, NYS ELA Assessments, our chorus concert, and hopefully some warmer weather!

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs. Catherine Mucurio
NA Walbran Principal



PreK with Mrs. Graziadei and Ms. Franz

Students had fun walking around the school searching for the coins the leprechaun left on St. Patrick's Day.



Students were very enthusiastic counting all the coins that were found and dividing them up. Each student was able to take home 12 coins!



Kindergarten News

We have had a very busy month of learning and play! We were finally able to have our Winter Fun Day, and we had a fabulous time out on the hill. We celebrated St. Patrick's Day and participated in our PARP program. We also made Easter cards for the residents of the Fireman's home in Hudson, NY.



Mr. Tom Rothdiener, a retired Oriskany fireman, came to talk to the students.



Students made 100 cards to send to the residents.



Winter Fun Day



We finally were able to have winter and enough snow to get outside for Winter Fun Day on March 7. A great day to sled, play in the snow, and have fun with classmates!



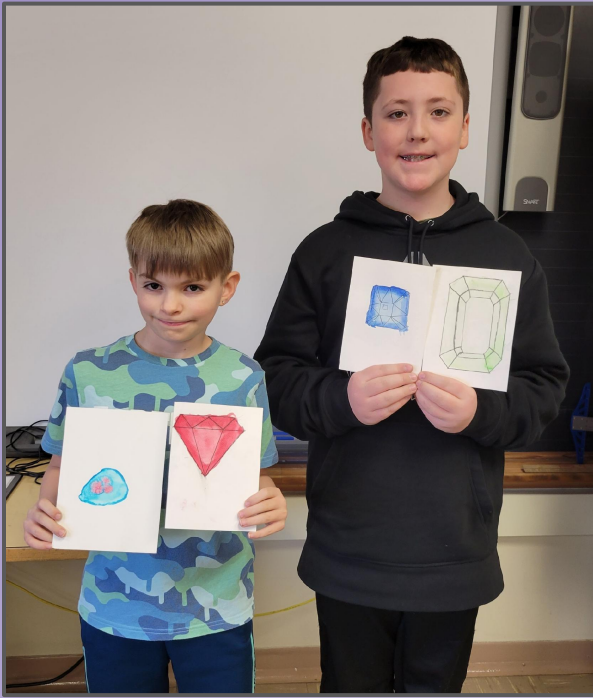
Winter Fun Day-continued



Winter Fun Day...a day of many laughs, smiles, and fun!

Art Special

4th graders have been working on a watercolor unit in art class. They have drawn and painted agate slices, cut gems, and amethyst crystals.



Robotics Club

Students in Mrs. Daskiewich's after school Robotics Club built a smart bike. After the bike was built, they created the code to record the motor's power consumption and the angle of the slope.





Boys and Girls Intramurals



The 20 girls had fun practicing and learning soccer skills and drills.



During March, both girls and boys in grades 5 and 6 were able to participate in after-school intramurals with Mrs. Brown and Mr. Enos.



The boys participated in hockey.



Spirit Week



Students, faculty, and staff participated in N.A. Walbran Student Council theme days to encourage school unity during the week of March 20.



Monday
3/20

Tuesday
3/21

Wednesday
3/22

Thursday
3/23

Friday
3/24

March Madness Monday
(Wear a basketball jersey/shirt or your favorite sports team)

Tie-Dye Tuesday
(Wear something Tie-Dye or a bright color)

PARP Wear What Makes You Feel Your Best
(Wear Your Favorite Outfit)

Time to Shine Thursday
(Wear your favorite sunglasses)

TGIF Pajama Day
(Wear your favorite pajamas)

Upcoming Dates and Reminders



April 1: Elementary All County at Rome

April 7-14: No School
Spring Break

April 19-21: NYS Grades 3-8 ELA test

**Have a wonderful
Spring Break!**

