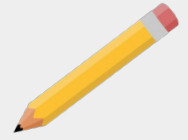


N.A. Walbran Newsletter

January 2023

Message from the Principal



Dear N.A. Walbran Families,

Monday, January 30th marks the first day of the second semester, as well as the start of Quarter 3; we are half-way through the school year! Thank you for your continued patience and cooperation with some of the tricky weather that we have experienced lately; delays and early releases are always decided upon in the best interest of getting our students to and from school safely.

Our P2 traits for January were: hope, optimism, perseverance, prudence, and social intelligence. We felt that there was no better way for our students to connect with these traits than to call upon our local Refugee Center. On January 31, our students enjoyed an informative presentation and left the assembly with a better understanding, and perhaps more compassion, for the challenges faced by refugees. They also learned the richness that these folks can bring to one's community, as well. This day was deemed an N.A. Walbran Student Council theme day, and students were encouraged to wear their PTA yellow emoji shirts to celebrate school spirit. This is one of the many ways that we seek to foster school unity for our students, faculty, and staff. Thank you, students, for participating!

February is historically known for "Winter Fun Day" at Walbran. This year's date is February 15th with a make-up date on February 16th, if necessary. The purpose of this event is for students to get outside and have some fun in the snow! Parents, please be sure to send your child with appropriate winter gear (coat, snow pants, boots, hat, and gloves). Additionally, Spirit Week will be held the last week before February break, 2/13–2/17, with break beginning on 2/18 and resuming on 2/27. More details on Spirit Week will be forthcoming.

Finally, our 4th-6th graders engaged in Career Exploration activities with our School and Business Alliance (SABA) liaison from OHM BOCES during January. These activities provide our students opportunities to think about their future interests and career options.

I'd like to take a moment to give you a "sneak peek" as to what's around the corner. Just after April break, our 3rd-6th grade students will be participating in our NYS Assessments in both Math and ELA. This year, these assessments will remain paper-based students. Next year, our 5th graders will shift to computer-based for their ELA, Math, and Science tests. Remaining grades will follow suit in the years thereafter. **Parents, please mark your calendars: NYS ELA Assessment -April 19th and 20th; NYS Math Assessment: May 2nd and 3rd.** Please know, you can best support your children by ensuring that they get a good night's sleep, a nutritious breakfast, and simply encourage them to do their absolute best!

Thank you for your continued support. Please don't ever hesitate to reach out.

It takes a village,

Mrs. Gray

What's happening in Mrs. Graziadei's Class?

PreK Teamwork:
Students had fun working together to complete puzzles.



Winter art creations were made with paper, colored pencils, laces and aluminum foil.

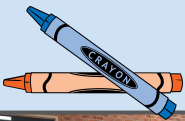
Kindergarten News



Social Emotional Learning:



Kindergarten students participated in a lesson on recognizing social cues, which are signals we send to other people about how we are feeling, through our facial expressions, body language, and tone of voice. This important life skill helps students to better understand one another and improve their interpersonal communication skills.





PE Special



Students in Physical Education classes this month have been working on their hand and eye coordination with their badminton unit.



Art Special

First graders created their own pet shops. They designed the front of the shop and created three flaps to open. Behind each flap was a different pet.



Front of the shops

What's behind the flaps?

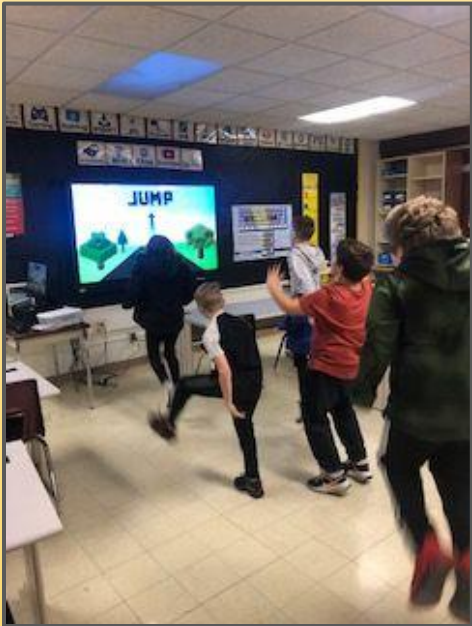


After School Enrichment Program



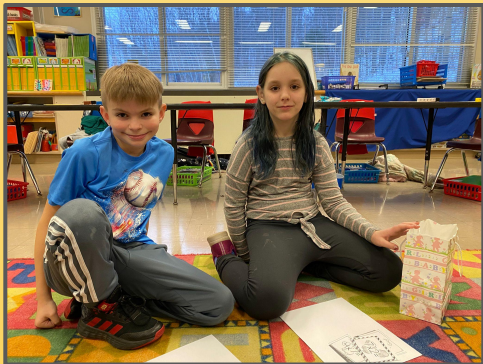
4th grade students have been working hard reviewing spelling words, practicing multiplication facts, problem solving, working collaboratively, and honing their decision making skills.

The After-School Enrichment program began in November and runs every Tuesday and Wednesday from 3:30-5:00. Forty students in grades 1-4 are signed up. A typical session consists of ELA, math, and physical education activities. The program will end in March.



Second graders in the After School Enrichment Program had fun practicing and using addition and subtraction facts to reveal a hidden mystery picture.

4th graders enjoyed completing the virtual PE Minecraft fitness run activity.



January's P2 Assembly



Presentation by the Refuge Center

- Students, faculty, and staff learned about the services provided to refugees and immigrants as they come to the United States.



Officer Jeff presented students with positive referrals.

Special Area Teachers awarded their banner to a homeroom class that demonstrated one of this month's character traits: (*optimism, prudence, perseverance, social intelligence*)

Class Winners this Month:

Art:	Mr. Janes
Music:	Mr. Hutchins
PE:	Mrs. Commisso
Tech:	Ms. Gadbow
Library:	Mrs. Caruso



COMING SOON!!!!



Oriskany Central School District

Pre-K/Kindergarten Registration

March 20th

6:00pm to 7:00pm

Location: N.A. Walbran Elementary School

Children must reside in the Oriskany school district and be 4 or 5 years of age by December 1, 2023.

Registration packets are available at N.A. Walbran Elementary or Oriskany Jr./Sr. High School, or can be printed from the district website, www.oriskanycsd.org.

Parents of current pre-k students do not need to attend registration.

Please be sure to bring the following:

Proof of Identity (Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate, etc.)

Proof of Residency (Mortgage Statement, Utility Bill, Tax Documents, etc.)

Immunization Record

Current Physical

Questions? Contact Ms. Vaughn: 315-768-2065 or tvaughn@oriskanycsd.org.



Upcoming Dates and Reminders

February 13-17:	Student Council Spirit Week
February 14:	Valentine's Day
February 15:	Walbran Winter Fun Day (Snow date: February 16)
February 17:	Early Dismissal, ES 1:00
February 20-24:	Winter Break; No School

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- PARP (Pick a Reading Partner)
 - PreK/Kindergarten Registration

