



# N.A. Walbran Elementary

May 2022 Newsletter



*The Walbran Way: \* Be Respectful \* Be Responsible \* Be Safe \* Be You*

## From the Principal:

Dear N.A. Walbran Families,

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 School Lunch Hero Day. 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!

In order to continue to build teacher knowledge, which in turn builds up our student experience, our teachers have been attending numerous trainings presented by The Reading League. These trainings are providing additional insight into the science of reading, building knowledge of phonics, phonemic awareness and providing additional resources to our staff and students to ensure we have quality reading instruction across all grade levels. In addition to The Reading League, we have begun training our teachers in Zones of Regulation. This is a program that promotes the increased knowledge of emotions and self-regulation. The zones are categorized by colors and students and staff will be provided a variety of tools to begin their journey in understanding more about themselves and their emotions.

Lastly, as our 6th graders prepare for the transition to the Jr./Sr. High School, we had the opportunity to reimplement Shadow Day. Our 6th grade students were 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.

We hope you have 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, multiple musical concerts 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

# News From PreSchool

Patriotic Pre K students in Mrs. Graziadei's class enjoy marching to the beat.



Students are learning "We Love Our Flag" and "Grand Ol Flag" for Flag Day and their graduation.



Math and movement:

Students loved adding and subtracting on a number mat while hopping up or down!

# News From Ms. Island's Class



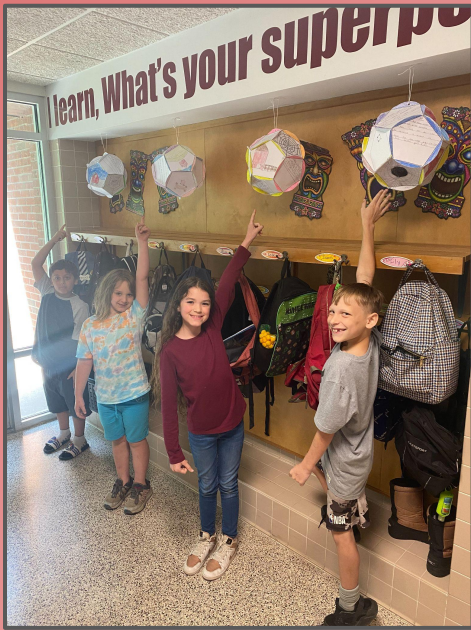
Ms. Island's 2nd grade class has started a science unit on plants. Students have planted multiple different seeds and will be keeping a Seed Observation Journal to record and chart the growth of their plants.



The students loved planting and many realized that they have a "green thumb". They are looking forward to planting their flowers at home and continuing to observe growth over the summer.



# 3rd Grade...Mr. James' Class



## Charlotte's Web Book Study

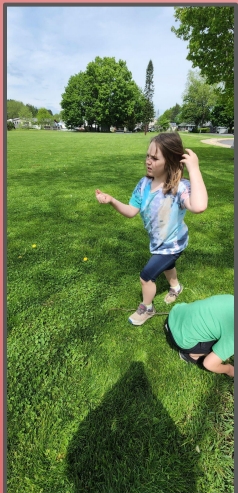
Final project: students created a Blooms Ball and made connections between the novel and the six levels of Bloom's Taxonomy, which included remembering, understanding, applying, analyzing evaluating, and creating.



Trout in the Classroom volunteer Mr. Bartell shared his morning find of stream insects. Students are learning correct transition responsibilities from tank to stream.



Over the past 8 months, students have been responsible for over 3 dozen Brook Trout.



# Art Special with Mrs. Kane



6th graders used slab, pinch pot, and coil hand building techniques to create wide-mouth frogs. Students were challenged to make their frogs unique. Some of the frogs created were studious, artistic, and athletic. There were even waffle eater frogs!



# Celebrating the Arts...



Each N. A. Walbran student had a piece of art exhibited at the District Art Show on May 17. There were 89 different projects on display from the elementary school.



Our young artists work all year to put on such an awesome show.

# 4th-6th Grade Chorus

The members of the 4-5-6 chorus are rehearsing for their revue of music from the last 100 years. *Jukebox Time Machine* will be performed on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

4<sup>th</sup> grade: Hound Dog



5<sup>th</sup> grade: She Loves You



6<sup>th</sup> grade: Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy

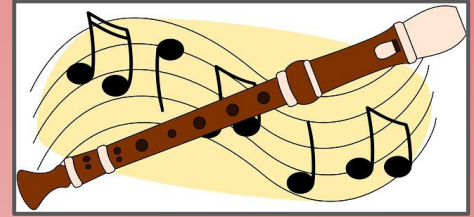


Cast: *Jukebox Time Machine*



# UpComing Dates and Events

SAVE THE DATES!



- June 2: 4th-6th Grade Chorus Musical, 7:00 at elementary school
- June 9: 6th grade Niagara Falls trip
- June 10: PE Day
- June 16: Elementary band and recorders, 6:45 at elementary school
- June 20: No School; Juneteenth
- June 22, 23, 24: ES Early Dismissal, 11:30 a.m.
- June 24: Last Day of School

