



N.A Walbran Elementary

February 2022 Newsletter



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

From the Principal:

Dear Oriskany Families,

February was such a wonderful month for us here at N.A Walbran. It was filled with celebrations, learning, and loads of fun. It has been a wonderful opportunity to see all the amazing things our community is capable of. I am, as our district hashtag says, #OriskanyProud.

February had a large focus on love, care, and helping others. This past month our students celebrated Valentine's Day by helping their local community in many ways. The students participated in the "Valentine's for Veterans" campaign through Assemblywoman Buttenschon's office and created Valentine's Day cards for Mohawk Valley Veterans. In addition, the Student Council created our "Spread the Love" initiative and the classrooms created Valentine's Day cards for local residents at the nearby Eastern Star Home.

After we spread our love to the local community, students were able to spread their love to their very own school. With the help of our school counseling team, faculty and staff, we were able to share out 100+ Reasons We Love Our School and display in the form a mural. An impressive sight to see all the love our school community has for each other. Why 100 reasons you ask? Well...we also celebrated the 100th Day of School! Teachers and students alike, took to dressing like they were 100 years old or wearing 100 of something. In addition, our Pre-K and Kindergarten team worked together to collect 100 cans of soup to be donated to the Rescue Mission.

Lastly, we had a successful day of sledding and outdoor snow activities on our Winter Fun Day! We had an absolutely perfect day. Students built structures, utilized snowshoes, and went sledding. Lots of smiles all around. Superintendent Gaffney, Principal Ranieri and myself even snuck in a couple of rounds of sledding.

Overall, it was a wonderful month of celebration with the conclusion being a much needed Mid-Winter Recess for our hardworking students and staff. I hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing break.

Thank you for your continued support and efforts in making our school the best it can be!

Mrs. Catherine Mucurio
Principal

PreK...Mrs. Graziadei's Class



PreK students shared some exciting activities this month. Students wore the color of love on Valentine's Day and exchanged valentines. They also celebrated the 100th Day of School by counting up to 100 items in a collection, doing 100 exercises, and earning 100 points for completing 10 laps in the hallway.

Mrs. Kraeger's Kindergarten Class



- Groundhog's Day
- Valentine's Day
- 100th Day Celebration
- Winter Fun Day

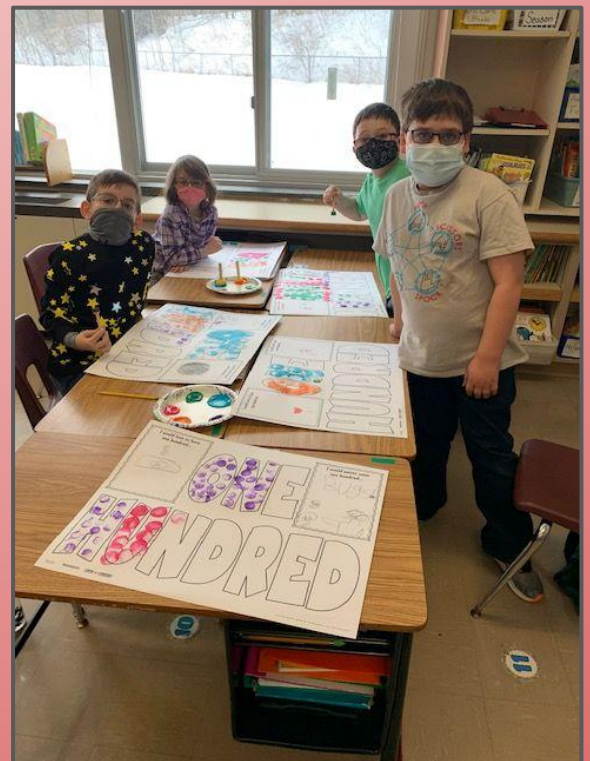


A month of fun!



2nd Grade...Ms. Island's Class

Students in Ms. Island's class had fun making 100 day posters. They created drawings of items that they would and would not want 100 of and even added 100 paint dots.

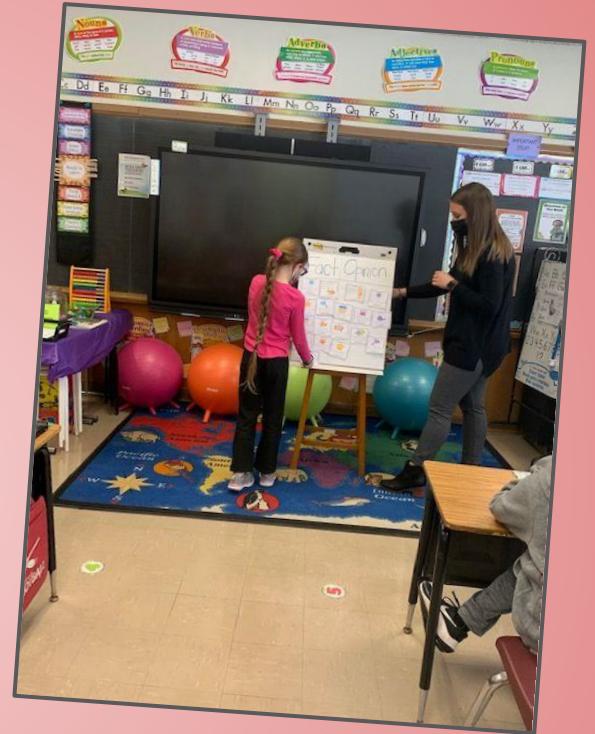


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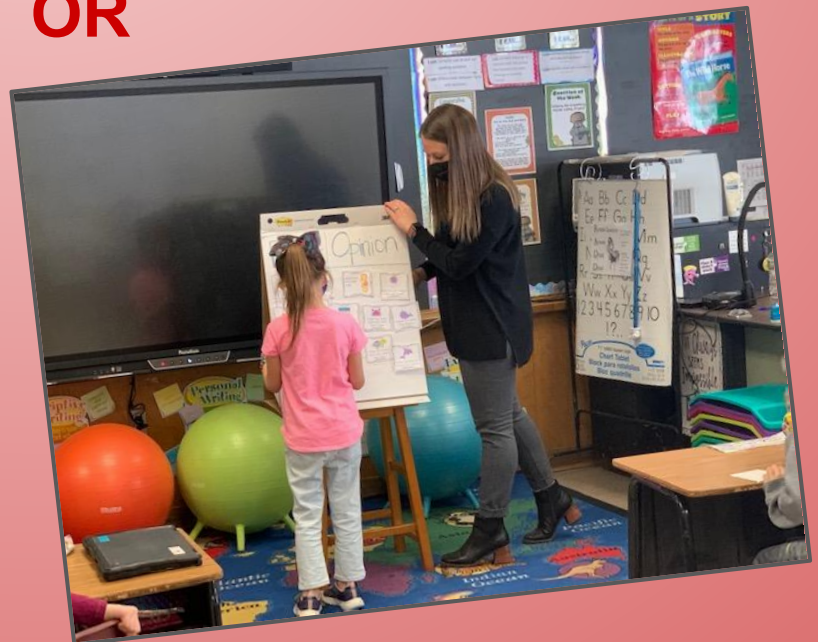
Our student teacher, Ms. O'Connor, taught an amazing lesson on fact and opinion. The students loved learning about ocean animals and making a determination if their statement was a fact or opinion about the animal they chose



FACT?



OR



OPINION?

3rd Grade: Ms. Gadbow's Class

February was a month to SPOT (Successful Positive Outcomes Together) lots of reading, writing, caring, and fun in room 12.

Things We Did:

- Created and wrote Valentine messages for veterans and senior citizens
- Wore 100 things on our shirts on the 100th day of school and enjoyed snacks brought in by a student
- Thought about what life would be like 100 years from now
- Enjoyed Winter Fun Day with classmates and teachers
- Created incredible bookmarks for PARP



Name: kali
Writing "In 100 Years"

February 15, 2021

Today we are celebrating one hundred days of school. I started to wonder how life will be the same and how it will be different.

In 100 years I think there will still be some things the same. I think the parks will be the same. I think there will always be a place for kids to go down slides and play on the monkey bars. I think there will still be tracks for people to run on. The US flag will still be a symbol of our country.

In 100 years I think these things will be different. I think desks will do your homework for you. Shoes will levitate in the air. Schools will have a pool and mermaids can teach us to swim.

If I'm still around, if this happens this will be cool. I will be 109 in 100 years and 2 months.



Mrs. Salvatore's Classes



Students had fun making sensory bags and celebrations for Valentine's Day.

Student Council

Student Council members decided to spread some love and cheer to our community this Valentine season. Students in all grades were invited to decorate a heart that would be sent to the Eastern Star residents. Attached are some pictures of how the residents used the hearts to decorate their doors and windows. Residents were very happy and appreciative to receive the beautiful hearts and messages from the students! What a wonderful way to spread love and cheer!!!



Spreading some love and cheer.....



Physical Education Classes

Students in grades Pre-K-2nd participated in stations in Physical Education centered around the Winter Olympics. Students in grades 3-6 participated in hockey, which is one of the Olympic events.

Stations included:

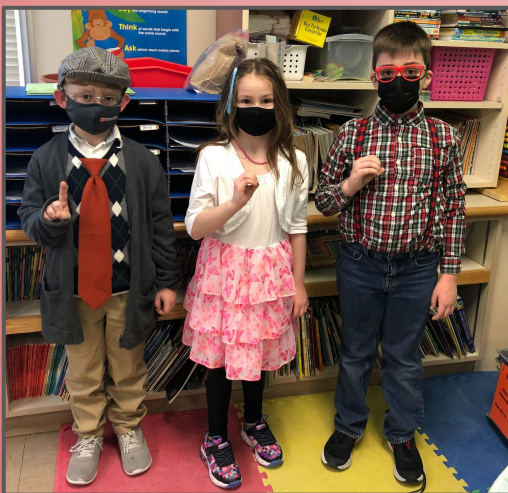
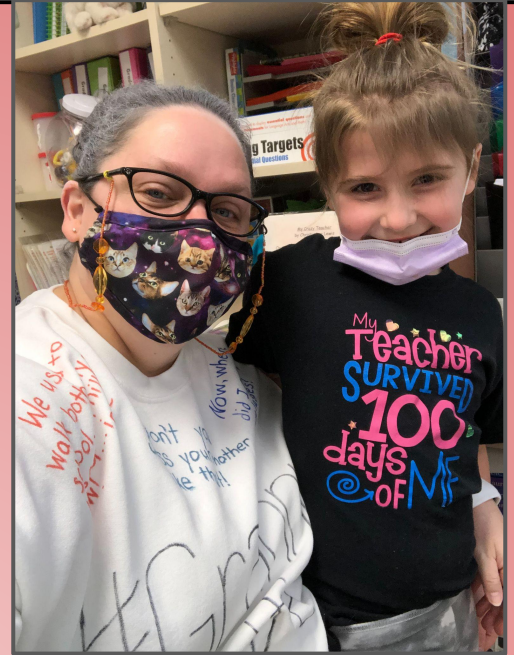
- ski jumping
- figure skating
- speed skating
- biathlon
- luge
- cross country skiing
- snowboarding
- curling
- hockey



Miss Oliver, the physical education student teacher, also shared many facts about the Olympics.



100th Day of School Pictures



February 16: Winter Fun Day



A day filled
with smiles and
laughter!



6th Graders taking a break to pose for a class picture!

February 16: Winter Fun Day..more pictures!



Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Ranieri, and Mrs. Murcurio also joined in the fun!





Oriskany Central School District

Pre-K/Kindergarten Registration

March 15th–16th 9:30am to 12:30pm

March 17th 1:30pm to 3:00pm

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, 2022.

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 Birth (Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate, etc.)

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

Immunization Record

Current Physical

Questions? Contact Mrs. Grinnell: 315-768-2065 or hgrinnell@oriskanycsd.org.



UpComing Dates and Events

****MARK YOUR CALENDARS****

March 4: PARP Kick Off

March 16: After school PARP Read-In
3:20-5:00 (more information to come)

March 17: Early dismissal:
1:00 elementary students

March 18: No School:
Superintendent's Conference Day

March 20: A graphic with the word "SPRING" in colorful, bubbly letters. The letters are blue, green, and yellow, with small flowers and grass blades at the base.

March 29-31: NYS Grades 3-8 ELA test