



# N.A. Walbran Elementary

November 2021



## From the Principal...

Dear Oriskany families,

I would like to thank you for our successful transition to our in-person educational programs here at N. A. Walbran elementary school. While we have had some issues with COVID, for the most part we have been able to continue with our day to day program. We appreciate your understanding and assistance when we have had to deliver educational materials and activities to your children who either tested positive and/or were mandated to quarantine. As more of our students are eligible for a vaccination, it is our hope that the worst is over for your students and our elementary school.

As in past issues, please use this newsletter to review our students and our teacher's programs and upcoming events. Between our teachers, our PTA, and our school community, we have several holiday programs and activities planned, in addition to the day to day educational programs.

We would like to congratulate our own Mrs. Stacy DeFabio, our Kindergarten, teacher, who was recently honored as an outstanding educator by the Genesis group at their "Celebration of Education" program at Hart's Hill Inn.

We also are always grateful for our military personnel, both active duty and retired, who were honored at our Veterans Day celebration. Our chorus, our students, and our teachers all participated in this recognition. Again a thank you to Mrs. Marcinkowski and Mrs. Therese Hanna for their help in organizing this activity.

As part of our holiday activities, you should be receiving your child's school pictures that happened in early November. The make-up day for students who were not here for their pictures is scheduled for Wednesday, December 1.

Our PTA thanks you for your support in our recent Book Fair. Thanks to you and our students they were able to purchase several reading books to supplement our literacy efforts in our school.

The PTA is also planning a holiday shop for our students the week of December 13 - 17<sup>th</sup> for students and parents to purchase holiday gifts or materials. They are also going to sponsor our annual drop off event which will run from 5:00 to 7:00 on December 8 in which your children will be supervised for that time while parents and family members will have the opportunity to complete whatever holiday activities they may need to do.

Again many thanks to the Oriskany school community for your help and support of your children and our programs. It is an honor and a privilege to work and learn with you on a daily basis. If you have any questions or need help in any way, please stop in, call or e-mail at your convenience.

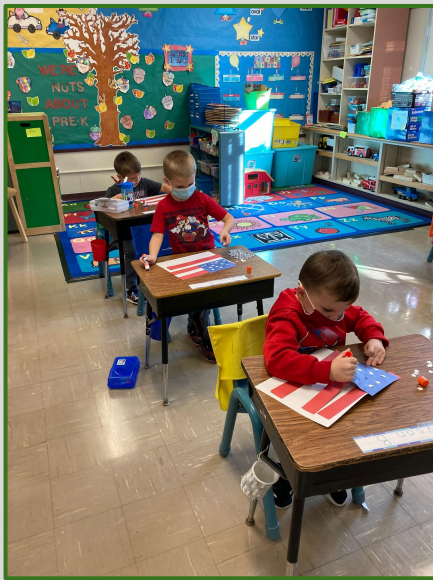
Sincerely,

Mr. VanWormer

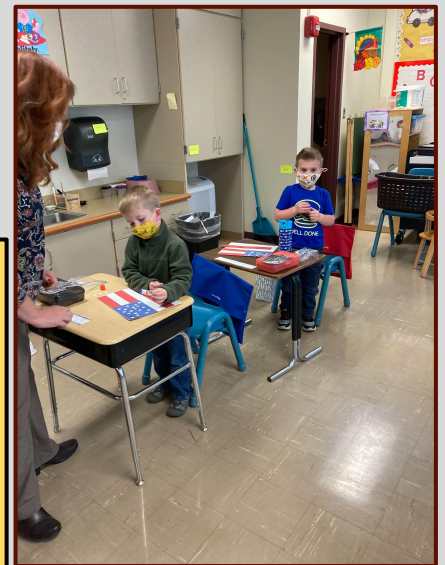
# Preschool..Mrs. Graziadei's class



Prek students enjoying their play time!



Mrs. Graziadei's class was busy making flags to honor veterans. They learned about Veterans Day and how to be appreciative toward vets who are still active or retired.



## Thanksgiving Giving Project

We donated two turkeys to Rome Rescue Mission as our giving project as we learned about being thankful and helping others in the community.





# Preschool..Mrs. Myers's class



Prek students in Mrs. Myers's class had a lot of fun playing and learning at the Thanksgiving Centers. Centers included:

- Thanksgiving Themed Sensory Bin
- Color by Numbers Turkey Pictures (featuring Miss Juliea)
- Roll & Feed the Turkeys (using Pom Poms and Tweezers)



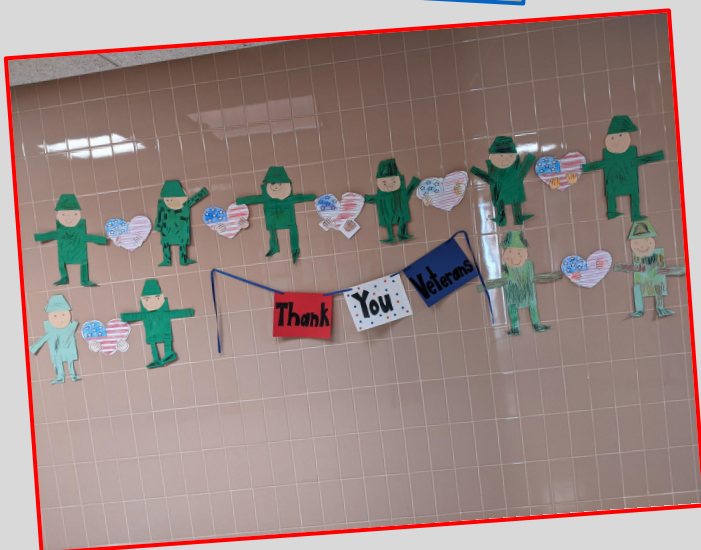
# News from Mrs. Kraeger's Kindergarten

We have surpassed 50 days of kindergarten and have just completed our first marking period! Thank you to all of my parents for meeting with me during our Parent Teacher Conferences! We had 100% participation from parents! : )  
Bravo!

During the month of November we celebrated all veterans by reading, listening to stories, and doing a few projects for Veterans Day. We also learned a very special song during music class that we sang during our Veterans Day Assembly! It was very exciting as one of our fathers was able to join us to be honored on the stage!



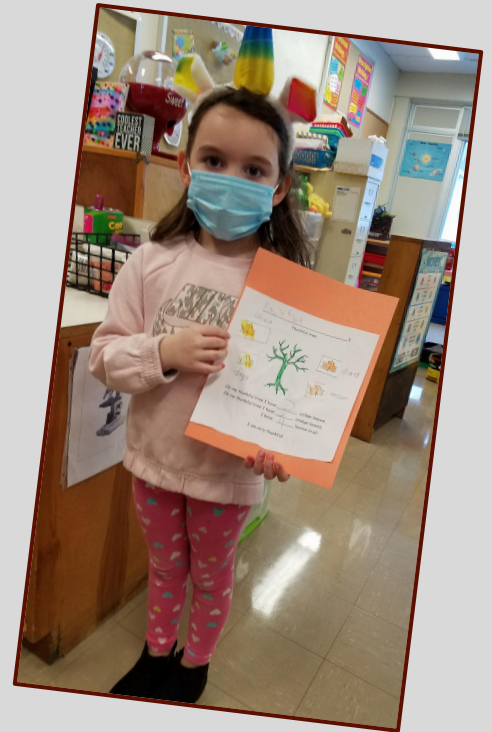
The month of November also means that one of my favorite activities is near. Each student was given a turkey to dress up for our Disguise a Turkey Family Project! They came up with some really creative ways to disguise their turkeys so that they wouldn't be eaten for Thanksgiving dinner. The students and the staff enjoy checking out our display in the hallway as they pass by!





# News from Mrs. DeFabio's Kindergarten

The Kindergarten students were very busy this fall! In October, the students colored and cut out scarecrows that then were used to decorate the wall outside the classroom. Another day the students created watercolor-ish turkeys using a coffee filter. Finally, after learning a lot about the first Thanksgiving and why we celebrate the holiday the way we do now, the students created thankful trees where each student named four things they were thankful for. The students can't wait to learn about winter, and Mrs. DeFabio is certain each and every student will continue to work hard and grow their brain!

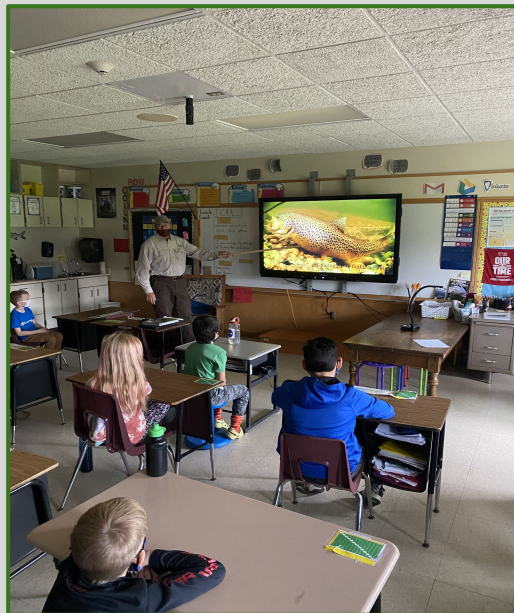
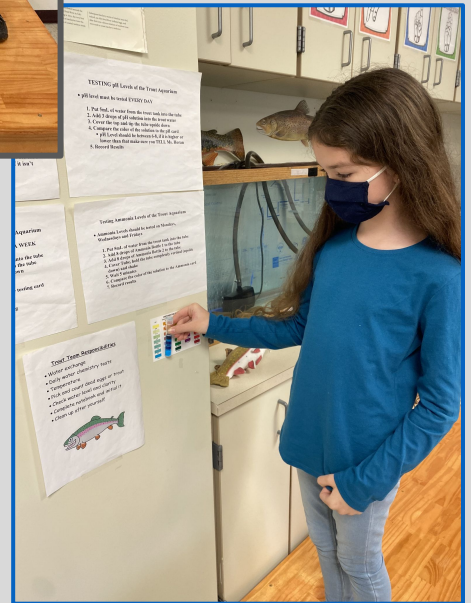
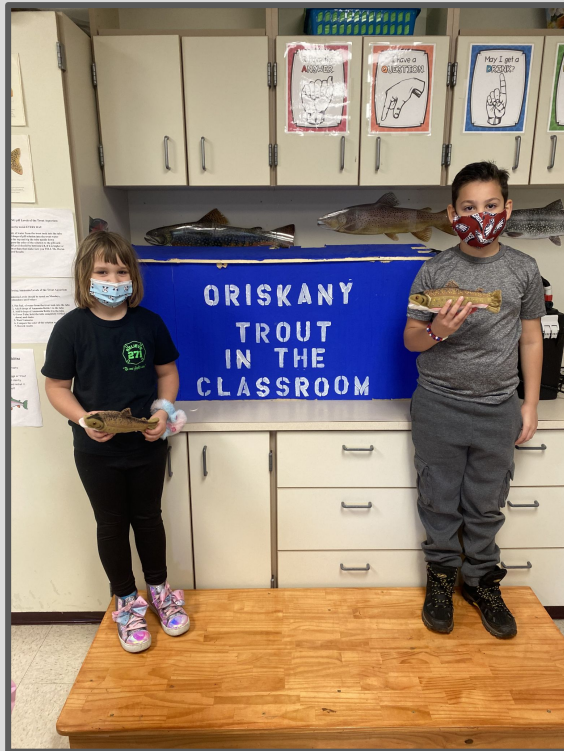




# 3rd Grade: Mr. Janes's Class...

## Trout in The Classroom is back!

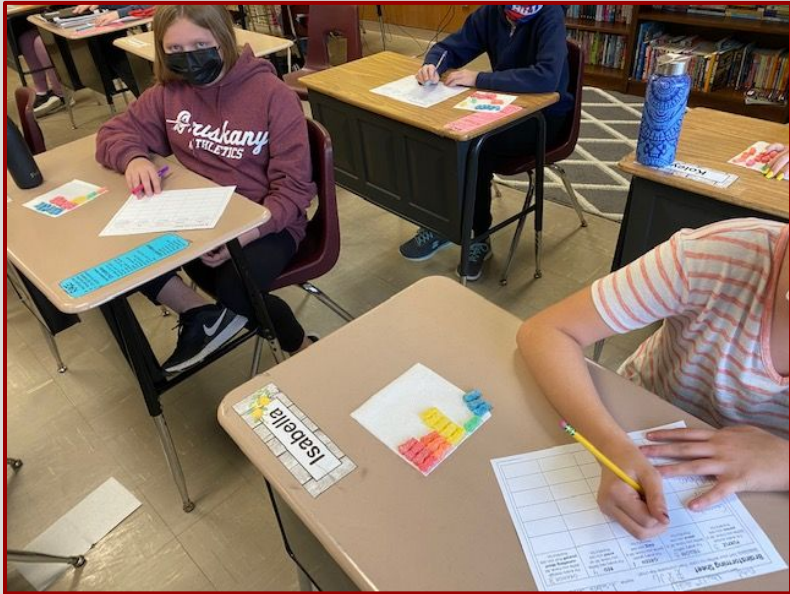
This year 3rd grade will be handling over 200 brook trout. Over the next seven months students will learn a variety of things from monitoring tank water quality, understanding ecosystem connectivity and engaging in stream habitat studies. Come June, students will have the opportunity to release the trout in Nine Mile Creek!



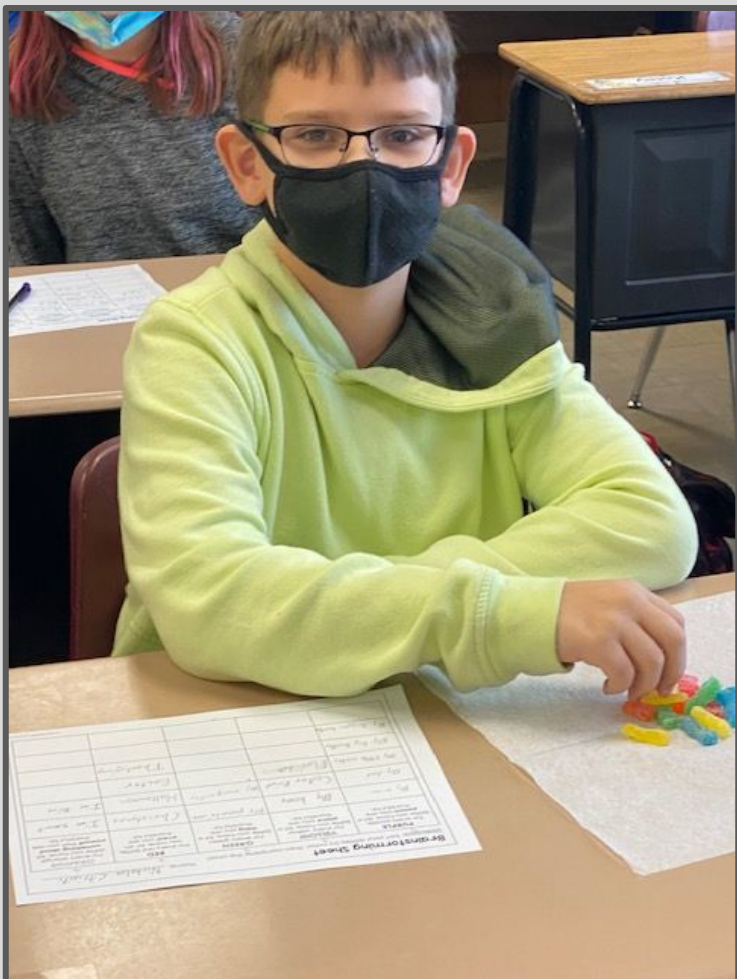
Mr. Bartell, a member of Trout Unlimited, helps out with our trout in the classroom. He also works with other local schools.



# 5th/6th Grade ELA...Mrs. Caruso's Class



Students were given colored candies. They separated the candies by color and had to list what they were thankful for based on their colors.





# Veterans Day Assembly



Students at NA Walbran had a very special Veterans Day assembly organized by Mrs. Marcinkowski and Mrs. Hanna. Members from different branches of the military spoke to students about their experiences. Students asked great questions and learned a lot from these heroes. The chorus members sang a special song for the military men and women. A special thanks to our veterans!!





# Upcoming Events and Reminders



## Mark Your Calendars



Picture Retakes:	Wednesday, December 1
Holiday Shop and Drop Off Event:	Wednesday, December 8 5:00-7:00
Winter Concert:	December 9
Holiday Penguin Patch:	December 13 - 17
NO SCHOOL:	December 23 - January 2

# Happy Holidays

From Faculty, staff, and students  
At N. A. Walbran Elementary

*Merry Christmas*



Happy Hanukkah



Have a safe, happy, and healthy holiday season!