



N.A. Walbran Elementary

September 2021



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

From the Principal...

Dear Oriskany families,

Many thanks to the parents, grandparents, and extended family members who helped our N. A. Walbran family get off to a very successful IN PERSON beginning of our school year. After last year's program of virtual, hybrid, and then in person, it is such a great feeling to see our students each and every day.

We also want to thank you for your hard work in guiding your children to be the kind, respectful students they are. As a parent and grandparent, I know it requires a lot of hard work and patience. Being in the building and seeing your children from the time they get off the bus to their classes, lunch, and dismissal, is one of the most enjoyable assignments I have had the honor to be able to do.

As you review this newsletter, you will see a variety of programs and activities. Please use this communication as a way to plan you and your child's school activities.

We work as a team at N. A. Walbran and if there is ever an issue or miscommunication, please do not hesitate to contact us. My door is always open to students, parents, and the Walbran staff.

Sincerely,

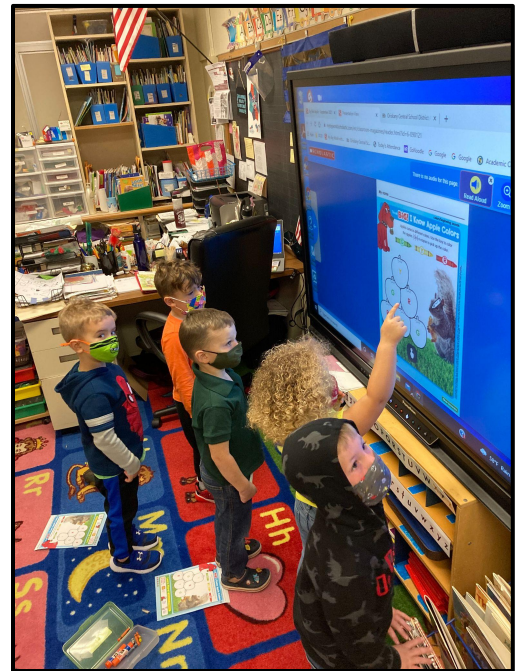
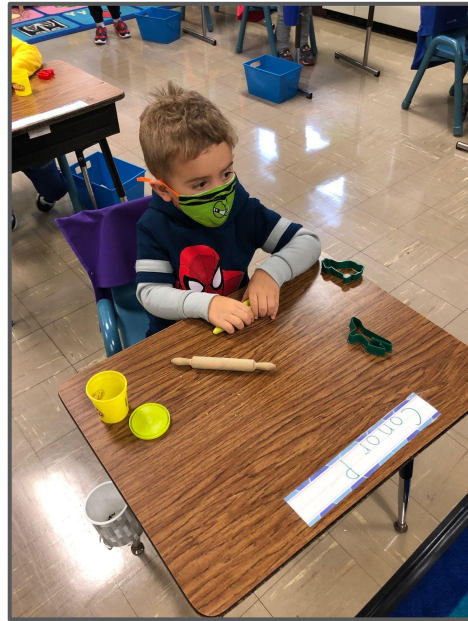
Mr. James VanWormer

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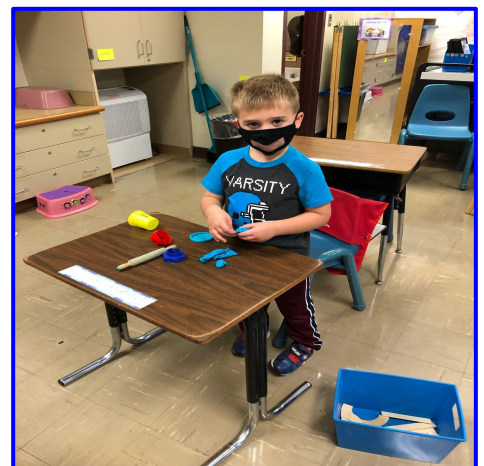
WELCOME BACK STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF!

Preschool

Mrs. Graziadei's class



Preschool students have been enjoying meeting new friends, learning how to use the Promethean board, and creating sculptures with Play-Doh.



Message from the Kindergarten team...



Welcome back to school Kindergarten families! It is a pleasure to have your children in our school. We are off to a great start! We've been learning about and practicing our school rules. We have many exciting activities planned for the children this year. October is Fire Prevention month and we will be visiting the fire station real soon!

If your child is experiencing difficulty separating from Mom and Dad during the first few weeks of school, please do not be alarmed. This is very normal and common among this age group. Be assured that we will attend to your child with lots of love and patience.

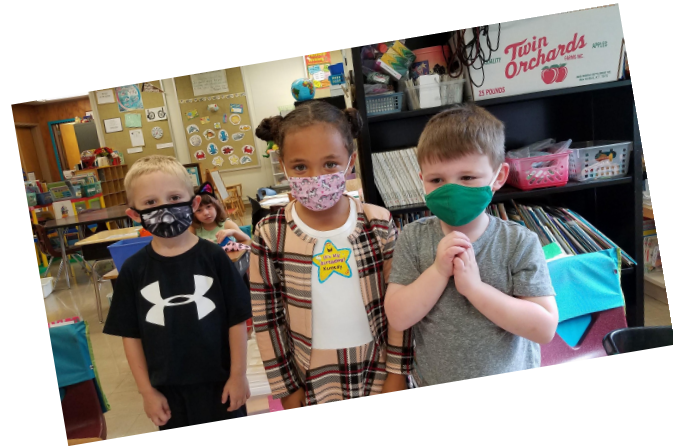
Here are some questions and topics to discuss with your child to connect school and home learning and to talk about their day:

- Who are your new friends?
- What are your "Morning Jobs"?
- What letters are in your name?
- What is your bus number? (This is important to practice!)

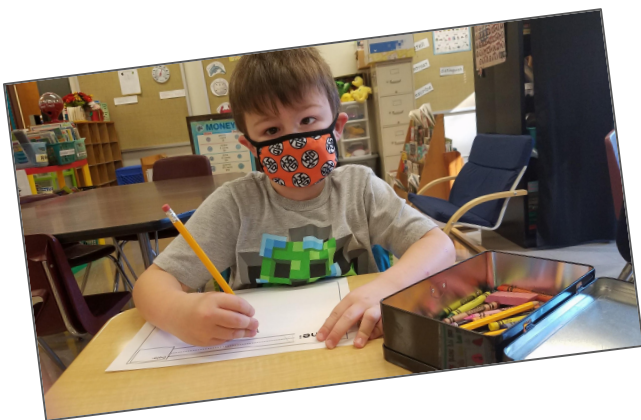
The Kindergarten Team :)



What's Been Happening in Kindergarten?



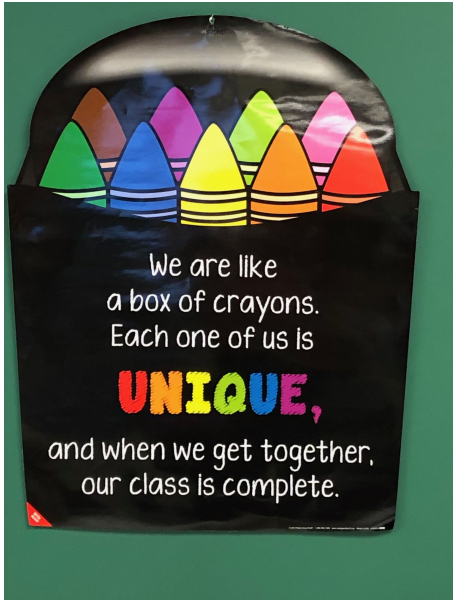
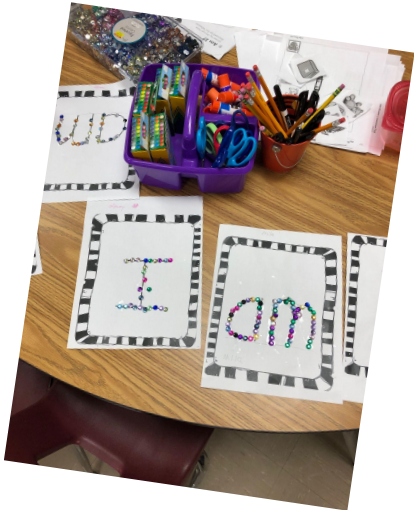
Mrs. DeFabio's Kindergarten class has been busy making new friends, playing with interesting toys, working hard at writing, and of course, playing on the playground!



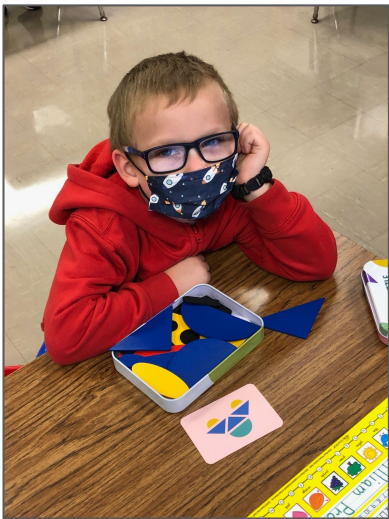
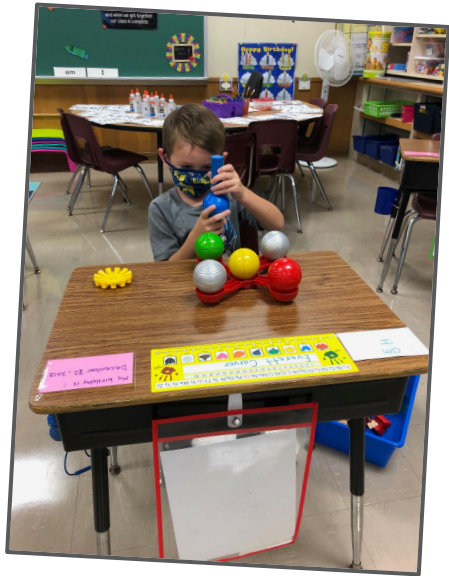
Everybody is excited for the new school year!

Kindergarten...Mrs. Bowers' Class

Learning new words is fun!



The students in Mrs. Bowers' class enjoy creating and playing with their STEM bins during their morning arrival time.



PANERA BREAD FUNDRAISING

N. A. Walbran Elementary 6th Grade Class

WHERE: 4821 Commercial Drive, New Hartford

WHEN: Monday, October 18

TIME: 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Order online at panerabread.com and enter code **PRFUND** at checkout or see any 6th grader for a flyer to show cashier if ordering at the cafe.



Flag Duty



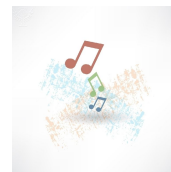
Each year Officer Jeff Blovat works with 6th grade students to train them how to properly raise, lower, and fold the American flag.



Students perform this duty every morning at the start of the school day and every afternoon upon dismissal.



CHORUS & BAND



Rehearsals have begun! All groups rehearse from 8:00-8:35.

Tuesday: 5 + 6 chorus
Wednesday: 4 chorus, 5 band
Thursday: 6 band

Please see Mrs. Marcinkowski or Mrs. Roberts if you would like to join.



PTA

Officers for the 2021-2022 School Year:

President:	Julie Hemming
Vice President:	Becky Ciotti
Secretary:	Jennifer Granato
Treasurer:	Cortney Nagle

Next meeting: October 6, 3:30
N. A. Walbran Library

Meet Miss Marissa Brown 3rd Grade Student Teacher



Miss Brown is currently a student teacher in Ms. Seamon's 3rd grade class. When she finishes her eight weeks in 3rd grade, she will join Mrs. DeFabio's kindergarten class for another eight weeks. She attends Utica College and will be certified in early childhood and childhood education when she graduates in December. In her spare time, Miss Brown loves going to her barn to ride her horse and competing in local horse shows. She loves sports, hiking and any outdoor activity. Welcome, Miss Brown!