



N.A. Walbran Elementary

April 2021 Newsletter



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

From the Principal:

Dear Students and Families,

Since the writing of our last newsletter, it has been a wonderful transition to have all of our students able to attend in-person five days per week! While some students remain fully remote, on the whole, our students have returned and filled up the hallways for the first time since the onset of the pandemic in March 2020. It is a reminder for us to appreciate every moment, and to never let a day pass without being thankful for all the little things that we can sometimes take for granted.

This month is administrative professionals month where we thank the many individuals - in our district and beyond - who do the everyday things that help schools to run smoothly. To that end, we wish the very best to Mrs. Valerie Schmadel in her new endeavors, and at the same time welcome Mrs. Sara Salvatore, who has been helping out in the main office since March. Next time you call the main office or drop off that student lunch or chrome book, be sure to say 'thank you' to an administrative assistant.

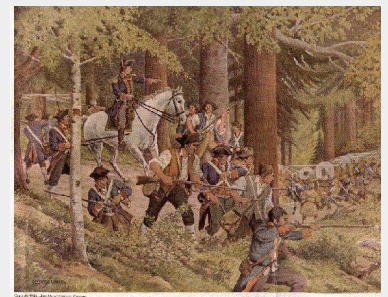
On a different note, I have been thinking lately how grateful I am to work in a district that is famous for its history. In school, my favorite subject was social studies. I signed up for every advanced class I could get my hands on. I even borrowed my older brother's AP history textbooks when he was in high school and I was in middle school in order to learn more details about the topics I so loved. When I was deciding on a major in college, I chose political science at SUNY Geneseo as a way to learn more about the practical applications of history. Fast forward a few years later to when I was teaching elementary school: I applied and was given a grant to pay for a class field trip to both Fort Stanwix National Monument and the Oriskany Battlefield State Historic Site. Never could I have imagined while walking the fields with my students and hearing about the bravery of General Nicholas Herkimer and his soldiers, that someday in the distant future - right down Route 69 - I would be principal at N.A. Walbran Elementary.

I recently was generously donated the famous image of General Herkimer by our custodians Mr. Conor Hobbes and Mr. Tim Lee, and have placed it prominently in the N.A. Walbran main office. It is a reminder to me and others that many have given 'the last full measure of devotion' so that we can come to school each day, work hard, and help to shape the next generation who will one day be the leaders of our great country.

As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

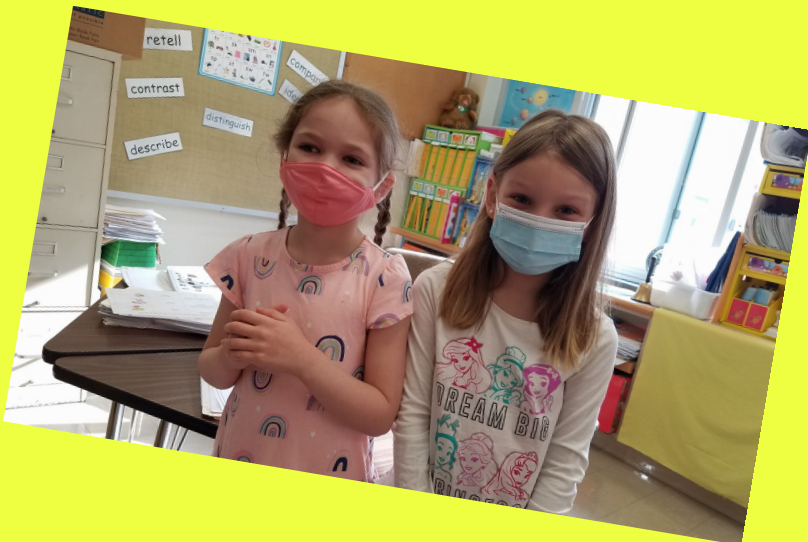
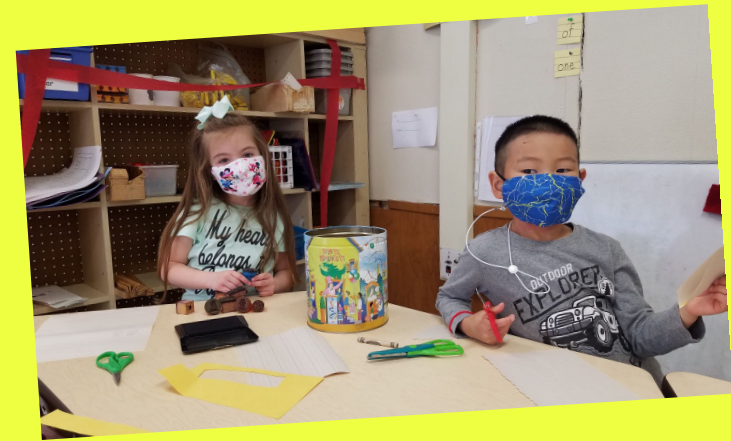
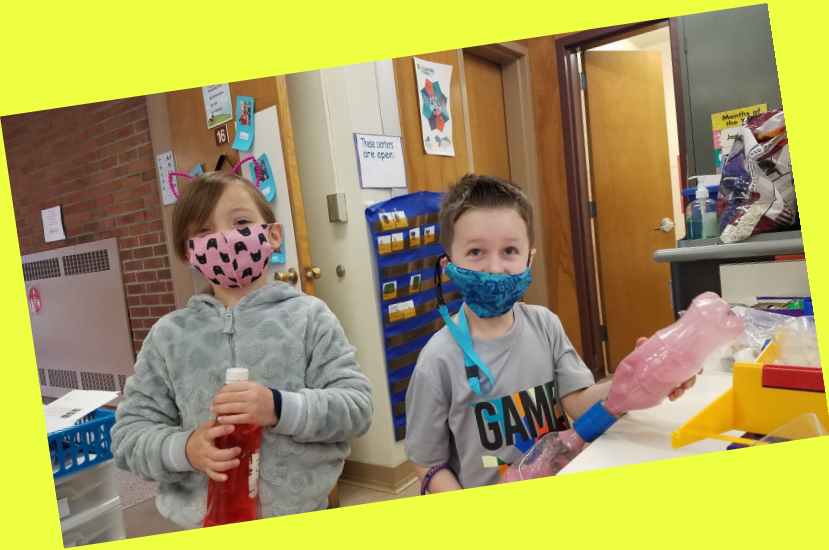
Proud to be your principal,

Mark Ranieri



What's Been Happening?

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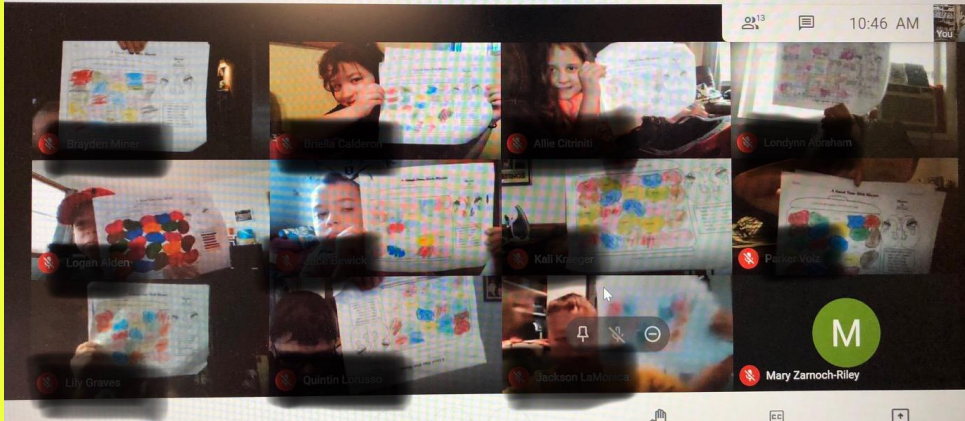


The students in Mrs. DeFabio's class were happy to come back from spring break! New areas in the classroom were opened up for free time, such as the rice table and the science center.

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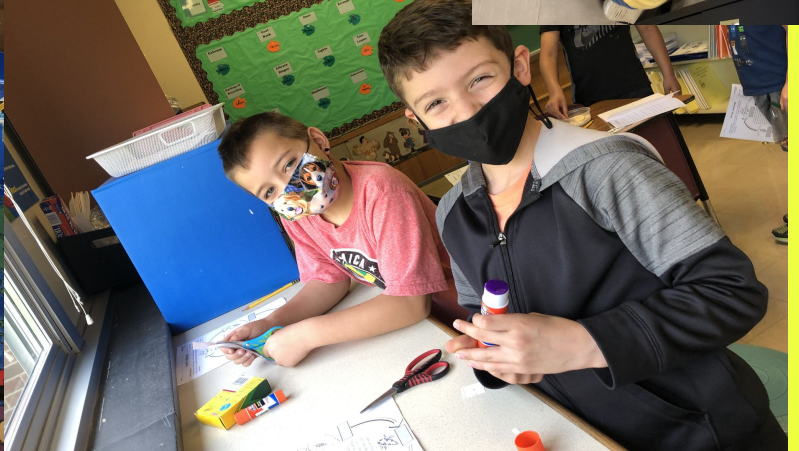
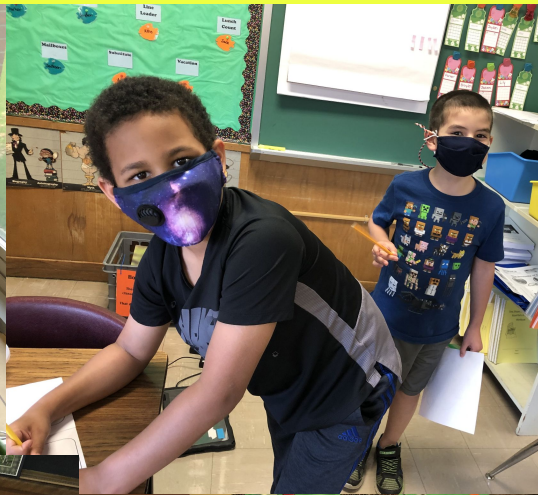
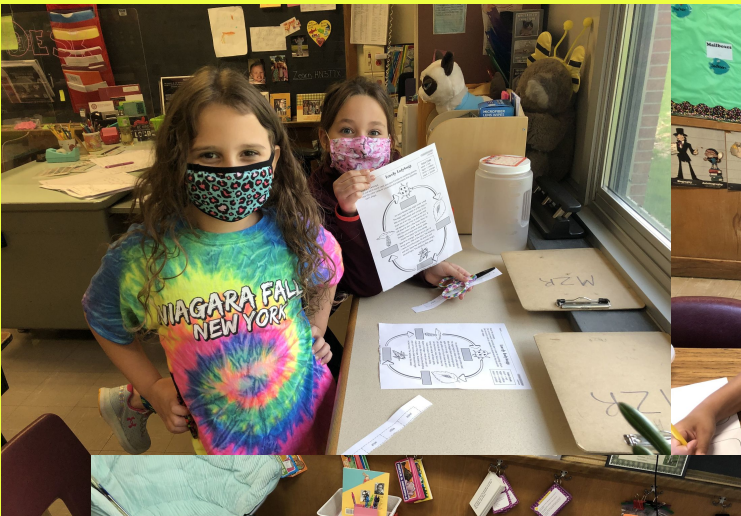
2ND GRADE

Online Fun.....BUT...



Students in Mrs. Zarnoch-Riley's 2nd grade class practiced their rhyming words and colored jelly beans to show off their skills during the last week of online learning.

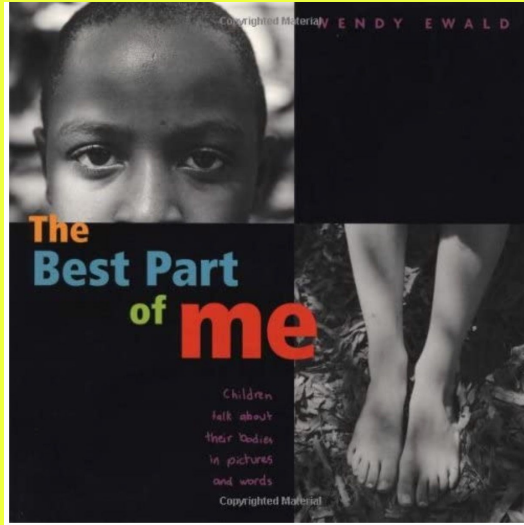
...It's great to ALL be together to learn about the life cycles of insects like ladybugs.



What's Been Happening?

5TH GRADE ELA

Mrs. Caruso's 5th graders had fun with their writing activity that went along with the book, The Best Part of Me, written by Wendy Ewald.



All the student work is on display in the 5th/6th grade hallway.

The BEST PART of ME!

by Lauren Purlingame
I like my feet because I need them to run with my brother.
I also need my legs to run with my dog when I walk him he's happy and I'm also happy we walk him in our circle.
I need my feet to kick the ball in soccer. I play on a team with all girls.
I also need my feet to do fun on a team of girls and we do a show 1st of year!
This is why my feet are my favorite. I can do all of these activities.

The activity encourages a positive self image for students.

The BEST PART of ME!

by Colton Huey
I like my hands because I can do handstands on the water. The season I chose my hands because I can use them to swim in the deep end so I can do a paddle and push off walls. I chose my hands because I can do school work like typing and then video games. Finally why I like my hands so they allow me to do every hand thing in the world. This is why I like my hands.

The BEST PART of ME!

by Chloe
I like my legs because I love them the reason I love to run is that I can run on our big piece of land.
Also I like my legs because I can wear short dresses in Spring. I can show my legs with my favorite summer dresses.
I like my legs because I can do fun. I can play on the swing to go as high as I can.
I can show my flexibility to my friends. I can turn myself into a backwards circle by touching my toes (to feet) to my forehead.

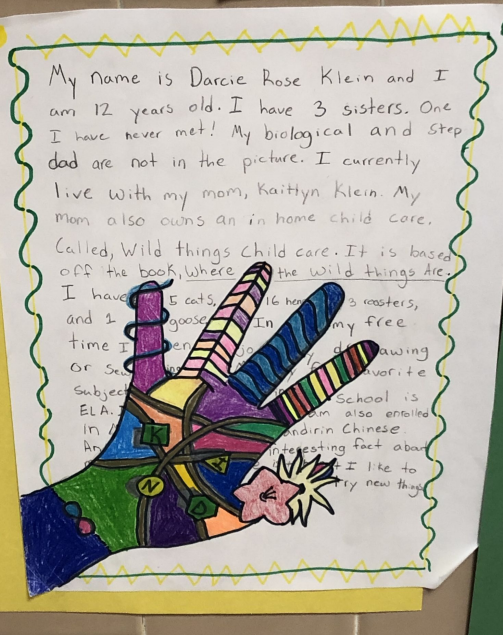
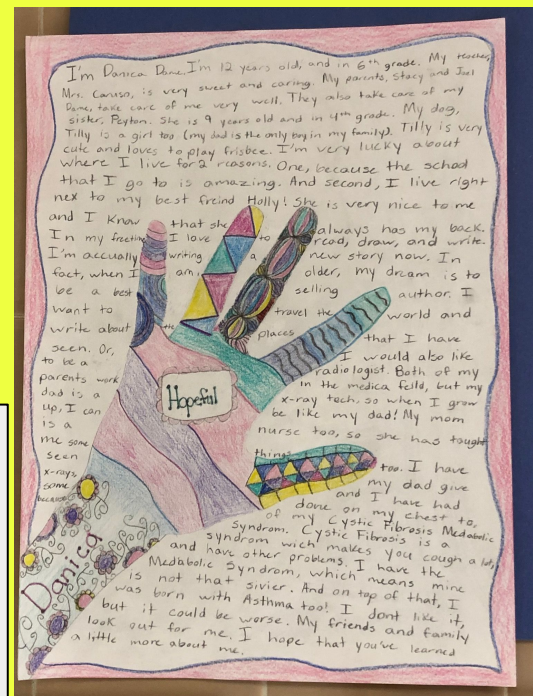
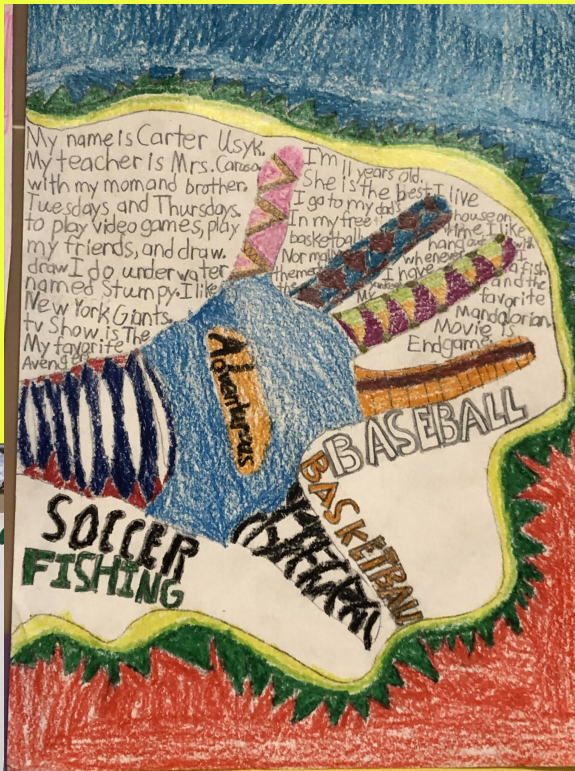
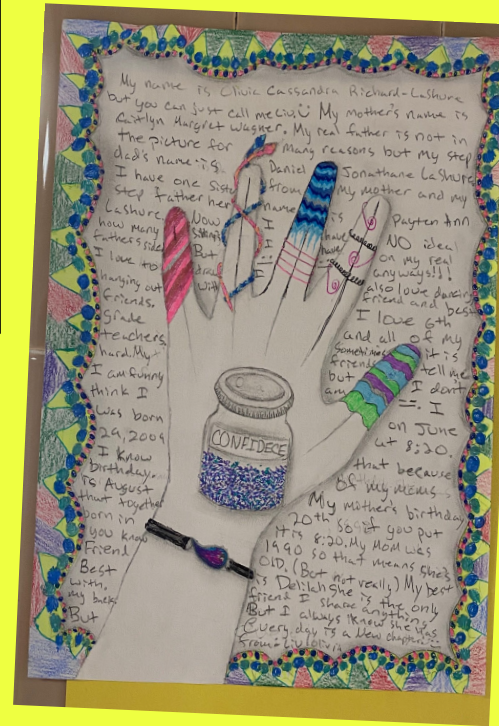
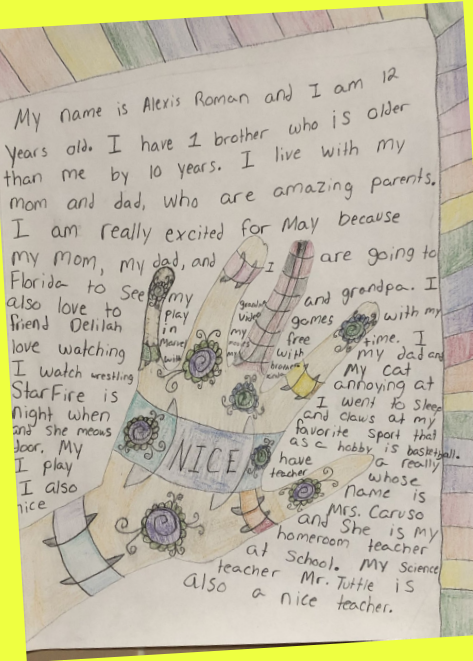
GREAT

JOB!

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6TH GRADE ELA

Students wrote a stream of consciousness story about themselves.



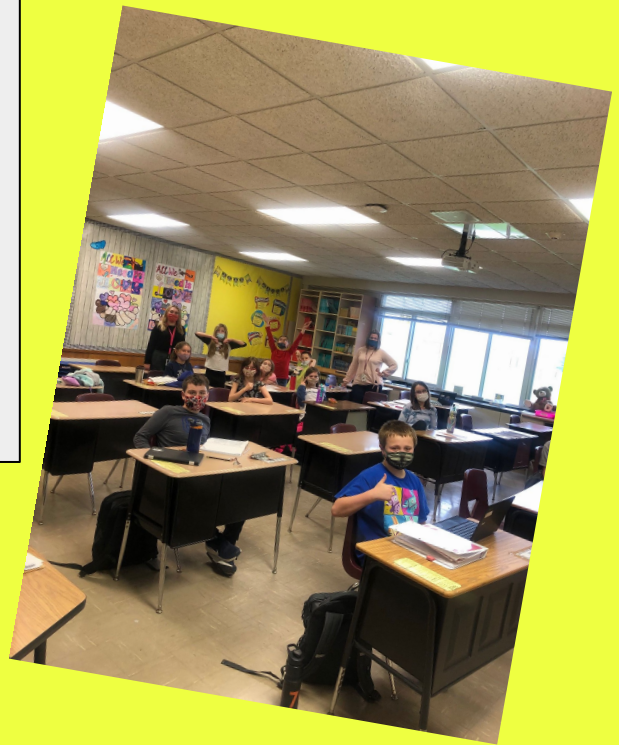
Students used their handprints to represent a core belief/value about themselves.

What's Been Happening...

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Program Goal:

Assist students academically as well as provide opportunities to connect and socialize with peers



50 students signed up!

Tues/Thurs: 3:30 - 5:00 from

April 13 - June 24

This Happened...

COINS FOR A CAUSE



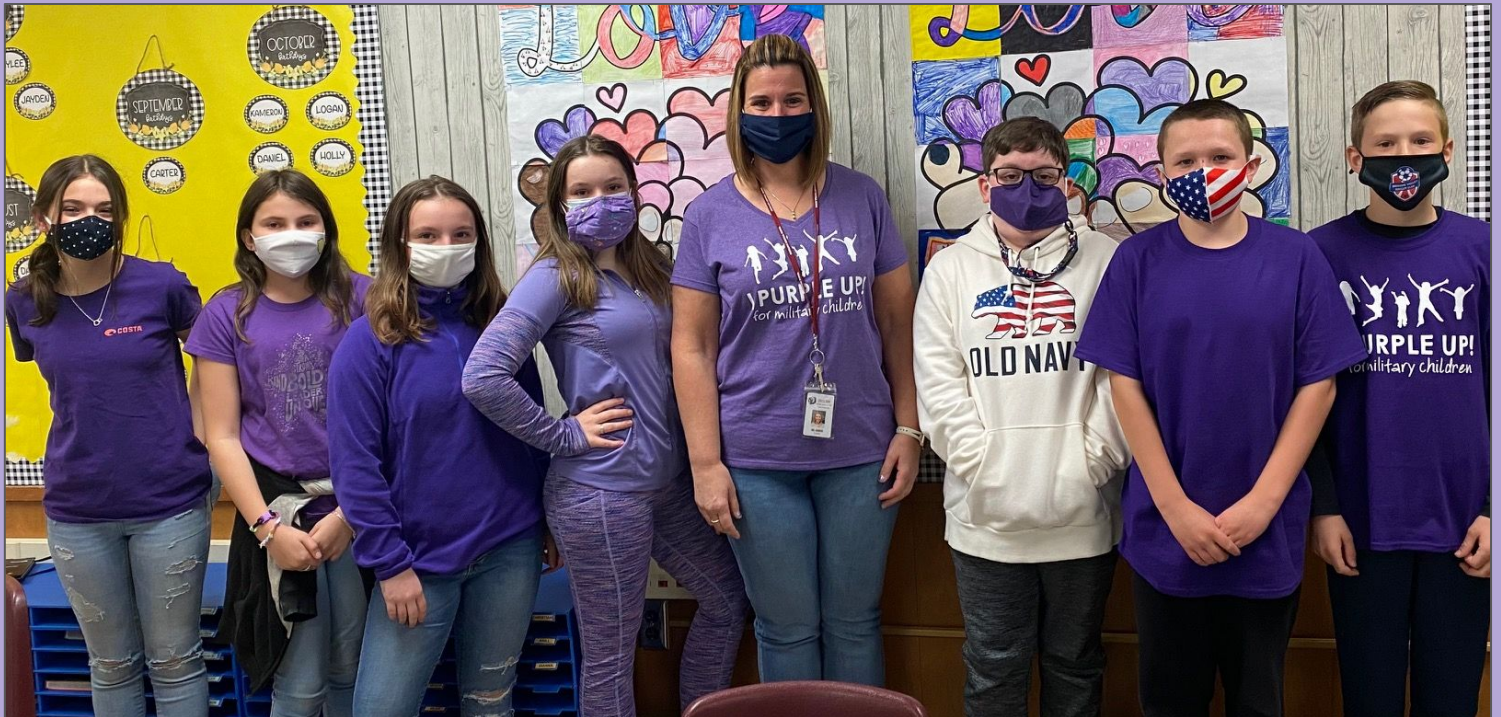
N. A. Walbran family raised over \$1,800
(exceeded our goal of \$1,000)

All classrooms participated in the challenge from March 15 -
March 30 to help out a family in need in Mrs. Grey's 1st
grade classroom.

Mrs. Caruso and Mrs. Zayas
took all the change to be
counted!



This Happened...

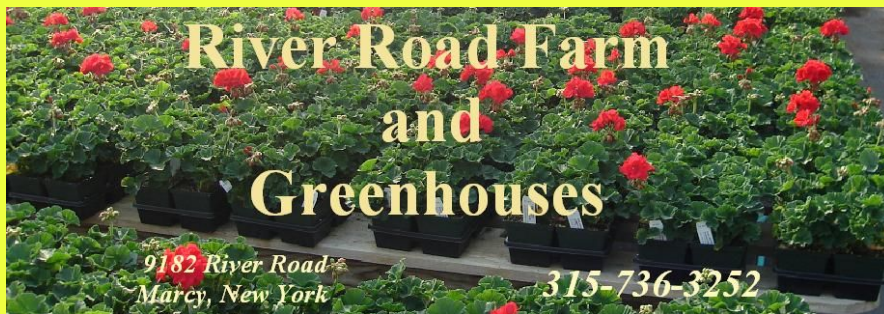


On Wednesday, April 21, the Elementary Student Council asked all students, faculty, and staff to wear purple to celebrate the important role children play while their parent is away serving our country. Thank you to all our military families!!

Coming Soon....

6TH GRADE PLANT SALE

May 1st - May 24th
Redeem Your Vouchers!



See any 6th grader, Mrs. Golden, Mrs. Caruso, or Mr. Wright for a plant sale voucher

****Customer Receipt****

2021 N.A. Walbran 6th Grade Plant Sale

Customer Name: _____

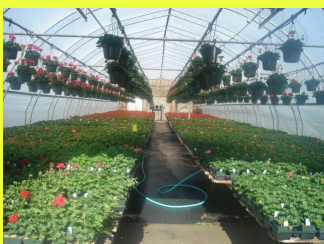
10 Inch Hanging Basket \$21.50 Qty _____

4 ½ Inch Pot Geraniums \$3.50 Qty _____

1 Gallon Perennials \$9.99 Qty _____

Total Paid (Tax Included) \$ _____

*Bring this receipt and pick up flowers between
May 1st – May 24th at River Road Farm &
Greenhouse 9128 River Rd, Marcy
Mon-Fri 7AM – 5:30PM Sat & Sun 7AM -3PM



Updates and Reminders

PTA

Officer Elections Next Meeting

Book Fair: May 17 - May 21

Next meeting: May 19 at 3:30
Elementary library (in person)

State Testing Dates

Math Grades 3-6

Tuesday, May 4 - Thursday, May 6

Grade 4 Science

Performance Test:

Tuesday, May 25 - Friday, June 4

Grade 4 Science

Written Test:

Monday, June 7

All dates subject to State Education Department guidance

DROP OFFS AND PICK UPS

PLEASE:

- Exercise patience as our parking lot was not intended to accommodate a very large number of vehicles
- Pull all the way forward to the "drop off zone" in the morning before you release your child/children
- DO NOT pull to turn away; stay in line
- Show grace and kindness to other vehicles
- Remember we are all in this together trying the best we can to make the experience as smooth as possible