



N.A. Walbran Elementary

March Newsletter



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

From the Principal:

Dear N.A. Walbran Students and Families,

This has truly been the year that defines what it means to be #OriskanyProud. All of us have had to search deep within to cope with the health pandemic and show the resilience necessary in order to overcome it. I am proud each day of the young scholars that fill our school and work very hard in such a responsible manner.

This month, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the national theme of Women's History Month in March. I am proud to have been influenced in my life by several strong women, and I am particularly grateful for the role my mother, sister, and grandmothers have played in my life. My mom, Pat, always taught me that "when people make you feel hurt, remember the way that felt, and resolve to never treat others in the same manner." My sister, Marcia, is the oldest in our family and set the bar high for hard work; we both are alumni of SUNY Geneseo. My grandma Helen used to bring me around and "show me off" to her friends - as so many grandparents do - and I would listen with rapt attention as they laughed together and told me stories. My grandma Sue epitomized the word 'patience' and I fondly recall the many card games she taught me at the kitchen table, as well as her amazing Italian cooking. Grandma Sue and Grandma Helen each contributed to the home front during World War II while waiting for my grandfathers to return from war, and the black and white photos they showed me of this time made me admire them all the more. While both my grandmothers have passed on, their memory burns brightly in my life, and I hope to have lived my life in a way that would make them proud.

Perhaps you can relate to one or more of these examples in your own life. Together, let us all pause and reflect and give thanks to the many women in our lives who have made us better as human beings.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Proud to be your principal,
Mark Ranieri

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NEED TECH HELP?!

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What's Been Happening?

ART SPECIAL:



Upcycle = creative reuse;
the process of transforming
unwanted products into new
materials or products
perceived to be of greater
quality

Students in PreK got a chance to upcycle in art class. Creamer bottles were given new life with double sided tape and a few embellishments. Special thanks to retirees, Sue Romeo and Cathy Townsend who donated materials.

What's Been Happening?

2ND GRADE

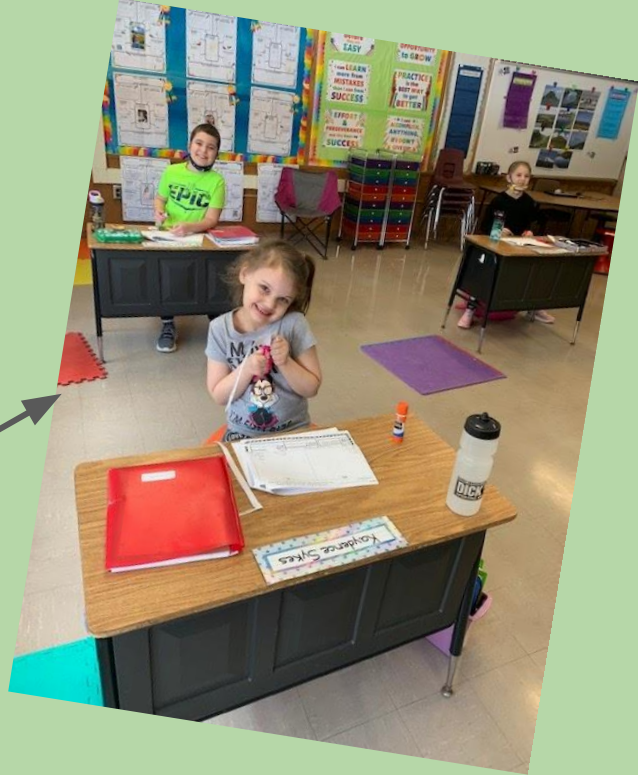


Brain break in Mrs. Zarnoch Riley's class. Students enjoying "Jump" by Kriss Kross using GoNoodle.

Ms. Island's class enjoying their silly word sorts!



Look at those smiles!



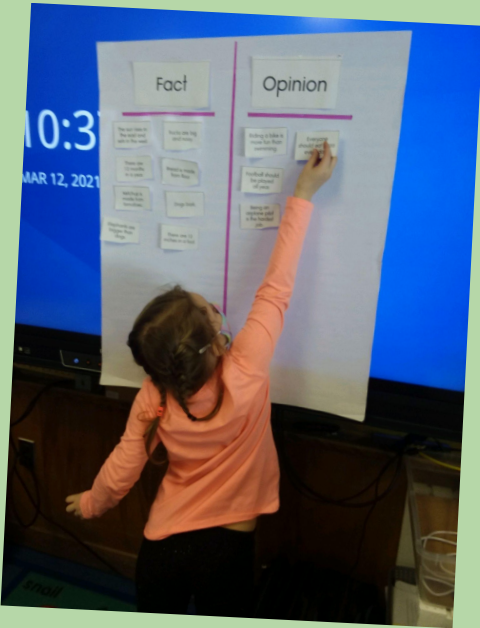
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Students in Mrs. Waskiewicz's class enjoying a fact and opinion basketball game.

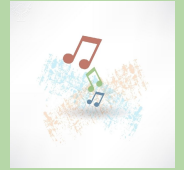
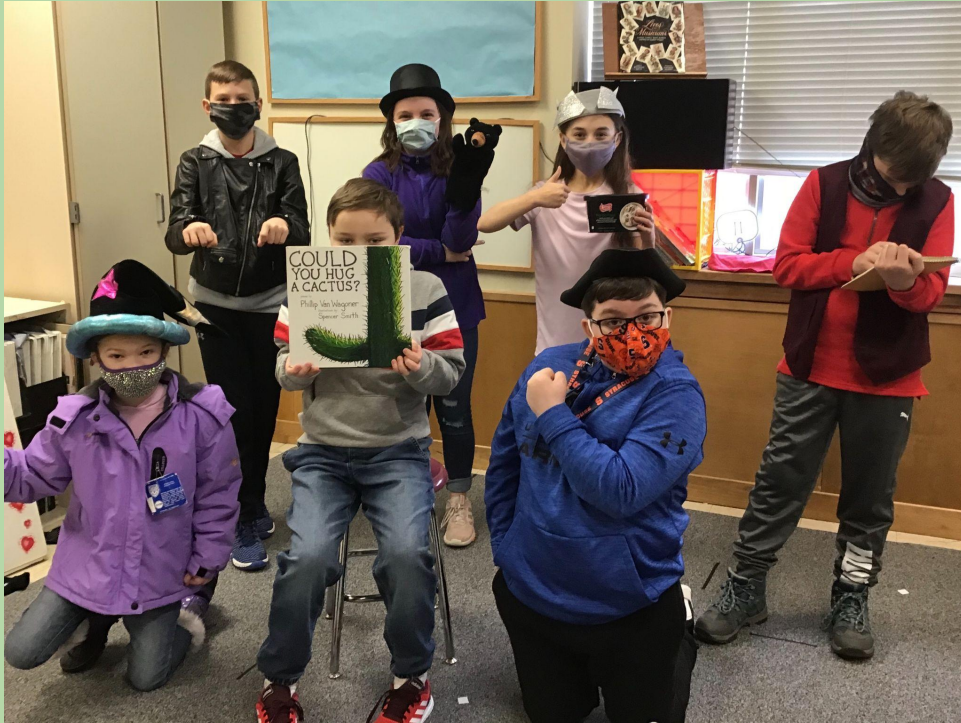
Fact or opinion? If correct, students take a shot at the basket.

Students created their own game of Battleship to play during word work.



What's Been Happening?

CHORUS



5th and 6th grade Chorus members have been busy practicing for the musical "How to Hug a Cactus." The musical will be a virtual event in late May. The show (licensed by Beat by Beat Press) is based on a collection of poems.

MUSIC SPECIAL



6th graders have been using keyboards throughout the year as part of their music class.

They are currently using their left hands to play notes in the bass clef.



PARP KICKOFF

Jared Campbell, songwriter/musician from Binghamton, NY, provided NA Walbran with a liive Virtual Assembly on February 26



All students from Prek to 6th grade enjoyed the virtual show in their classrooms.



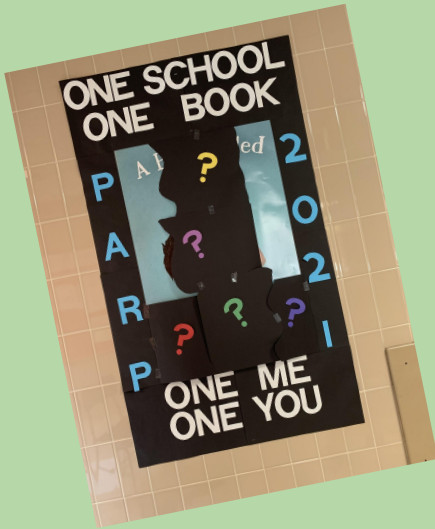
Bookmark Winners Announced:

Kindergarten:
1st Grade:
2nd Grade:
3rd Grade:
4th Grade:
5th Grade:
6th Grade:

Vanessa Alden
John Dunham
Victoria Walker
Carter Charles
Sophia Judycki
Madeline Powers
Danica Dame

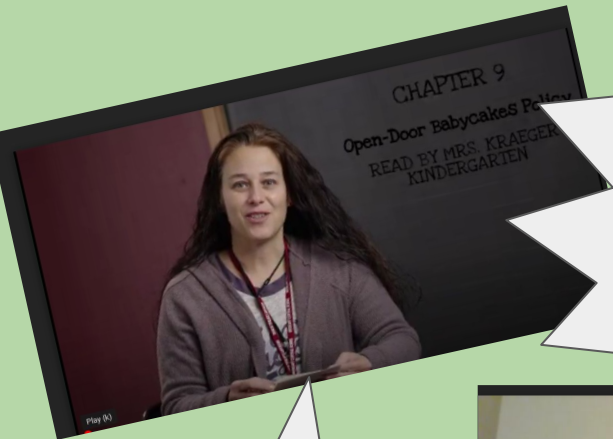


PARP...Everybody enjoying the same book!

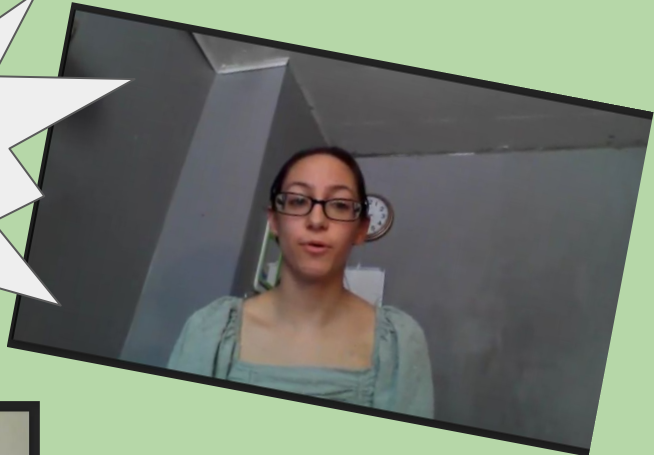


The book, A Boy Called Bat was revealed to students during the kick off.

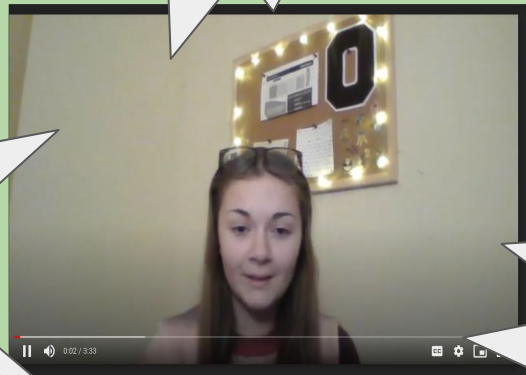
The book's message is about being unique.



Every night a chapter being read was posted on the district website



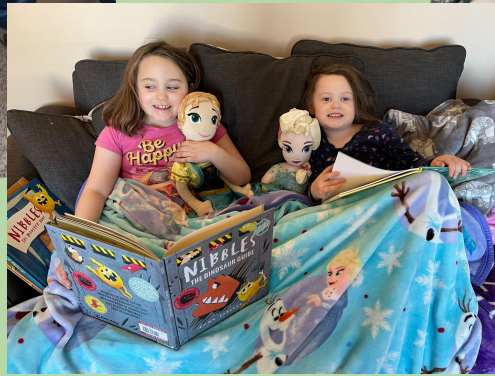
Mary N. A. Walbran faculty and staff signed up to read a chapter!



High School Honor Society members took turns reading chapters!



Family PARR Read-Ins



Families were encouraged to read together for one hour over any weekend during PARR!

PARP Finale

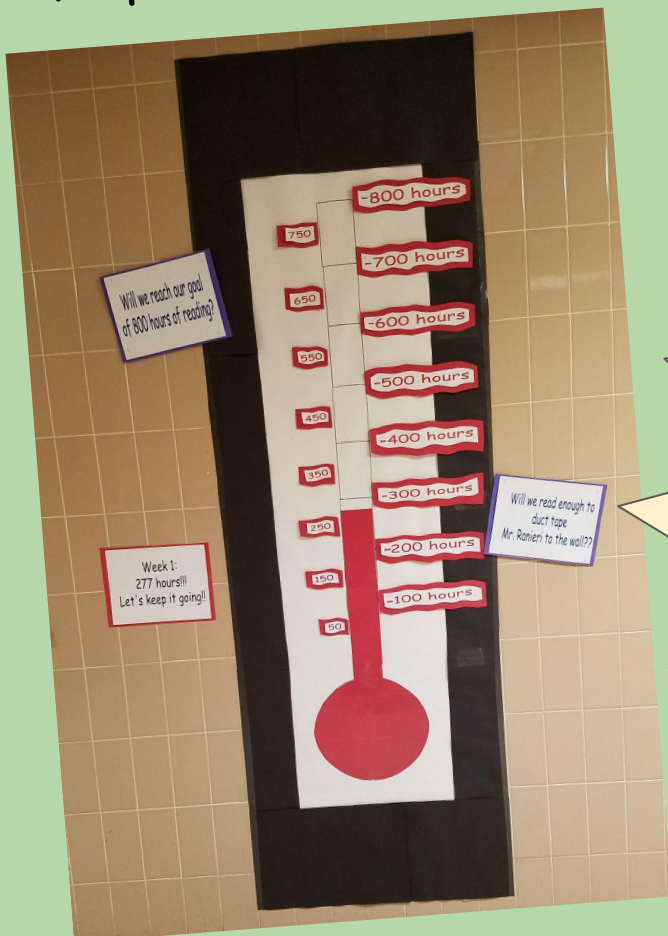
Who: All N. A. Walbran Families

What: Final activity for this year's PARP will be a 30-60 minute Nearpod experience centering around A Boy Called Bat. Keep reading!! More information will be provided.

Where: *Online:* link will be provided in upcoming days

When: 6:00 pm, Tues, March 30 - 8:00 pm Wed, March 31

Keep on Reading!!



Save the Date

Will the school meet the goal of reading for a total of 800 hours to duct tape Mr. Ranieri to the wall?

Special thanks to Mrs. DeFabio and Mrs. Franz for being this year's PARP coordinators.

Women in History Month



Every March since 1987, Congress and the US Presidents have designated March as "Women in History Month"



"We celebrate by highlighting women who have made a difference in history and it opens up that world of possibilities to young girls."

5th Graders Thoughts on Women in History....and Special Women in Their Lives

I think it's important to recognize women in history. My mother has taught me that I can do anything I want. She has gone to college, has a masters degree, and last year went back to school to become a principal. I hope to one day go to college. -Lily C

The person who inspires me is Amelia Earhart. Amelia Earhart was the first person to fly across the Atlantic Ocean. She inspires me because she was brave and fearless. -Arianna K

My hero is Katbyrd because she helps me with my essays, work, and babysits me. -RJ D

A special woman who has inspired me is my mom. She has inspired me to never give up and always try hard. -Colin O

The special woman in my life is my mom. She helps me a lot, makes sure I am happy, and always takes care of me. -Jenna T

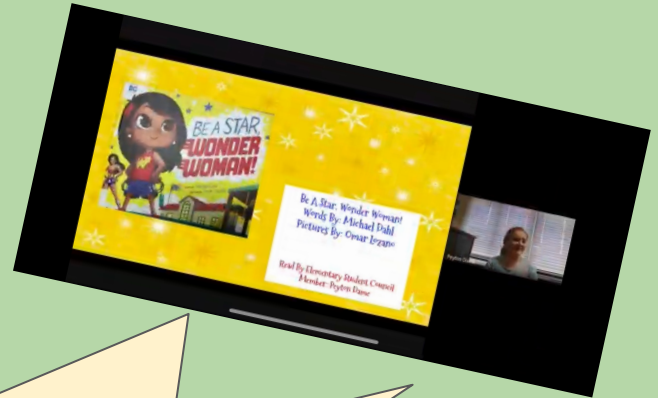
What Women's history means to me is it means that when a girl wants to change the world she will change it just like "Girls Rule the World." One person who inspired me is Rosa Parks because when she wanted to change the world, she did. -Koley V

My mom inspires me because she always believes in me and is a hard worker. No matter what, she never stops trying. -Donte W

I am interested in computers and technology, and Grace Hopper is an inspiration. -Tyler Y

updates

STUDENT COUNCIL



Student Council members Brody Anderson, Peyton Buehler, and Peyton Dame have all enjoyed taping Bedtime Stories to be shared on the district website on Sunday nights. Be sure to tune in!

PTA

Purchased recess supplies for students including DVDs and gator balls for this month.

Next meeting: March 23 at 3:30 via Zoom

Email Mr. Ranieri (mrani@oriskanycsd.org) for the link

Reminders

Spring Break: No School

April 2 - April 11

School resumes: Monday, April 12

Happy Easter,
Sunday, April 4

Mark these dates on your
calendar!

New York State Testing Dates

ELA Grades 3-6: Tuesday, April 20 - Thursday April 22

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

A Special Goodbye and Thank You...

Mrs. Schmadel joined N. A. Walbran in 2016 and will be greatly missed as she has taken a secretarial position at the Eastern Star Home and Campus.

Through the years at N. A. Walbran, she has made many wonderful memories. Her favorite memories include riding and singing on the float at the Christmas in the Place of the Nettles as well as when she dressed up as a beekeeper two years ago for trick or treating at the school. She will miss the faculty, staff, and smiling faces of the students.

Mrs. Schmadel would like to remind us all to be kind, helpful, and grateful. Make life an adventure whenever possible, and cherish the friendships you make along the way.

Thank you Mrs. Schmadel for all you did for the staff, students, families, and community through the years. We will miss you!

