



“Home, School and Community Educating for Life”

Welcome Mr. Kenyon!

Join the Olean City School District in welcoming Mr. Sheldon Kenyon as the new Farm to School Educator for the District.

Healthy Habits program, he will be working with low-income families that have children in the home under the age of 19, assisting them with improving the way they eat, saving money at the grocery store, increasing physical activity, and food safety.



Farm to School programs enrich student nutrition and learning by bringing local food to the lunchroom, facilitating school gardens, organizing farm field trips, and applying evidence based lessons about agriculture and food systems.

Mr. Kenyon has a bachelor's degree in business management, a second bachelor's degree in childhood education and a master's in general education. He previously served as a teacher, substitute and then found his way into human services in 2009 where he began working in the Nutrition Department at Connecting Communities in Action and later transferred to the Youth and Family Department.

Mr. Kenyon will be focusing on several different projects/programs for Olean City School District students. Through the Building

In addition, he will be working with the different school buildings to develop green houses and gardening/compost projects. One of his goals is to be able to grow food on premises that can be used in the school cafeterias.

Mr. Kenyon will also be working with district faculty and staff to plan field trips to different types of local farms as he really wants students to make the connection between gardening and curriculum they are learning in class.

Again, please join us in welcoming Mr. Sheldon Kenyon to the Olean City School District Husky Pack!



Homeless Huskies - 30th Anniversary

The Olean High School Student Activities Council would like to thank the over 170 students and countless staff volunteers who participated in Homeless Huskies this year. Together, we raised over \$15,000 for our 30th anniversary. We would also like to send out a great thank you to the wonderful community of businesses in the city of Olean. All the donations will be given to local relief organizations and greatly benefit our Olean community. With the help of everyone, we were able to set an Olean High School record!

Great Lakes Cheese



On Tuesday, November 21st, representatives from Great Lakes Cheese spoke to students from the junior and senior classes. Students learned the process of making cheese, engaged in fun activities, and were given samples of cheese to enjoy. Great Lakes Cheese also explained the employment opportunities that will be occurring soon and encouraged them to consider joining their team.



Olean Public Library Tour

Students toured the Olean Public Library to learn about services they offer and tips on getting a job. If you haven't been to the library lately, check it out. They have a teen area with comfy chairs, games, computers, and snacks!

Sheryl Soborowski led students on a tour and gave them tips for getting a job. She talked about people to use for a reference, filling out the application, and skills to work on, such as being punctual. Thank you Sheryl and Olean Public Library!





Dear School Community,

During the upcoming holiday season, when we traditionally take time to give thanks, I am sending each of you a sincere word of thanks and my warmest wishes for a happy and safe holiday celebration with your loved ones. This season offers a chance to pause and reflect. As we do so, we remind ourselves just how fortunate our school system is to serve a vibrant community that deeply values our children's learning.

On behalf of our Board of Education and district leaders, we appreciate the continued dedication of our school administrators, teachers, staff, parents, and guardians. Thank you for the continuous demonstration of time, energy, and generosity you have provided our students and the district.

As a student-centered school community, I want to encourage all of us, parents, guardians, and educators, to celebrate the students in our lives this holiday season. No matter what your holiday celebrations look like this year, please acknowledge and encourage the students in your family. Tell them you are proud of their work and rooting for their success. We are grateful for our students who come to school every day ready to learn – they remind us daily what is important and why we are here.

I am so thankful for being a part of the Husky Pack, and I look forward to working with you during the next several years. On behalf of the Olean City Schools Board of Education and district leaders, I wish you a happy holiday season. I wish you the best for a holiday break filled with family, friends, love, and laughter!

Sincerely,
Dr. Genelle Morris
Superintendent
Olean City Schools



LOOKING BACK...

2023 Grants Awarded:

Digital Art Enhancement
Camp Huskie
No One Eats Alone
Thoughtful Thursdays

WHAT'S NEXT?

Night at the Races 5/3/24
Red & Gold Scramble TBD
Wall of Honor 2024

Good News from Olean Schools Foundation

"Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do." -Pele



Have you ever wondered about the Wall of Honor located on the first floor of Olean High School? Have you asked how their accomplishments in life led to being nominated? It starts with you! Olean Schools Foundation has a committee devoted to this important endeavor to recognize people who have impacted the world because of their formative years of education. Do you know of someone deserving of this recognition? Maybe a fellow graduate or family member who went on in life with the education and experience to become someone who exhibits the values of Olean City School District. This is not just an academic Wall of Honor, this is a nomination of distinction that represents all types of successes in life. Nominations are not limited to graduates, they can also be a person who has impacted the school, such as a retired teacher. OSF is accepting nominations NOW, and ends on 12/31/23 for the 2024 Wall of Honor. The form is easy to complete. What you will need to fill out the form: nominee's name; a brief summary of why you think they've made an impact; their contact information. Our committee will take it from there!

Please visit: OleanSchools.org/domain/626 to find the nomination form. Or visit our page on Facebook

Welcome to Olean City School District!



Welcome Heather Morey!

Ms. Morey will be a district Social Worker, likes the Green Bay Packers (sorry Bills fans!), chocolate, shopping and her pets (3 dogs & a bearded dragon), and is a graduate from Port Allegany Jr./Sr. High School and University of Pittsburgh. In her spare time she spends time with her two boys and husband, travels to see friends, and outside activities such as kayaking, riding sxs, hiking, etc. She is excited to establish connections with students, their families, and staff to foster an environment where everyone feels heard and supported.



Welcome Owen Pearson!

Mr. Pearson will be teaching Physical Education at OIMS and OHS, likes the Bills now because he has to, and is a graduate from Ogdensburg Free Academy and SUNY Cortland. In his spare time he enjoys spending his time with his dog and at the gym. He is excited to meet everyone (students and staff) and help out with anything possible!



Welcome Dakota Whitesell!

Mr. Whitesell will be teaching Science 7 & Science 8 at OIMS and OHS, likes officiating sports (basketball & football), SCUBA diving, playing video games, spending time with his wife and son, and is a graduate from Andover High School, Alfred State, SUNY Geneseo, and Grand Canyon University. In his spare time he is either underwater or on the basketball court officiating. He is excited about all the opportunities that are offered at Olean and cannot wait to become a part of the Olean School community.

Support Staff:

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Keyboard Specialist:



Susan Moricca



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Cleaners:



Patricia Fratarcangelo



Layne Stoops

Medical Assisting Students



On Oct. 31st, Medical Assistant students visited Absolute Care of Allegany. The students learned about PT and caring for residents. They helped get the residents into the hallway so they were able to see the kids who came in to trick or treat. The students also did some activities with the residents.

New Student Board Of Education Members



Olean City Schools would like to welcome our new student Board of Education members, Hearty Phipps and Ava Smith.

Family Engagement News



Happy Holidays! The snow and cold are upon us, but our spirits are bright! The kids are getting ready for another short break from school (12/22/23-1/1/24), and we hope you will take this time to spend some quality family time together! Please drive carefully and have a safe and wonderful holiday season.

We have had many Family Engagement activities since our last newsletter. Back in October, we had a small group of seniors and their parents come to OHS for our in person Financial Aid Night. Now that we are back to doing this in person, we hope a lot more families will take advantage of this. We are hoping to do another session to help parents with the new FAFSA form in January. We had a successful ACCES-VR Junior/Senior & Parent Night for identified students that linked many families to this transitional service. If you are a parent of a student with a disability and were unable to attend this, it is not too late! Contact Cindi Rhoades at (716) 375-8031 to get linked up!

Washington West ran an awesome Attendance Spirit Week, hosted their Halloween Hoopla with about 150 families in attendance, and held a Halloween Parade where a little over 100 families came to see the littles all dressed up. East View hosted an incredible Halloween Ice Cream Social

which had over 200 people in attendance, held a family bike ride where about 30 families participated, and held a Halloween Parade where over 150 families came to see the littles! OIMS held a book fair in which about 50 families participated, and a family literacy night. We also had the free hair cutting clinic, in which students and families took advantage of! Thank you to the Olean BOCES Cosmetology class and our seniors that showed up on a day off from school to give haircuts! Keep watching for our next free hair cutting clinic!

In November for Family Engagement. We had our Fall Sports Banquet which was attended by about 150 families, and Veteran's Day in the Park. We were so glad to be able to bring back the Community Schools Thanksgiving Dinner where about 200 people came together to share a great meal. A big thank you to all students, staff and community members that helped make this event a huge success! And of course, we had lots of Parent Teacher Conferences at the elementary schools and OIMS.

December has started off with a bang with East View's Santa Night, and Washington West's Cookies with Santa Night. Upcoming Family Engagement events will include Washington West's Family Skate on January 21st and a family activity around Valentine's

Day and another in March. Look for information on these events soon! East View will be holding their annual Book Bingo at Raymore & Flannigan on January 23rd, and have an Ice Skating Party in March so keep an eye out for more information on these events. The Olean City Schools and Parent Networking on March 20th from 6-7:30 will be conducting an in-person parent meeting on Specially Designed Instruction (SDI) for parents of students with disabilities. More information to come on this as well. The school district is continuing to work on bringing more and more family engagement activities and encourage you all to participate!

Please remember that there are plenty of resources available on our website. Just go to oleanschools.org and under the Community Schools you will find the Family Engagement Page. Here you will find plenty of resources and we will continue to update these. There is also a calendar of events that includes both things through the school and a section for events out in the community for families to participate in! If you know of an event in the community and don't see it listed there, feel free to contact Cindi Rhoades at (716) 375-8031 or crhoades@oleanschools.org and fill her in! Again, have a wonderful holiday season!

Board Room Decor for Board Recognition Week



Students in Mrs. Bennion's class decorated the boardroom in October for Board Recognition Week. They did an amazing job.

Dream It Do It



Students of Mrs. Graves participated in Cattaraugus Allegany Dream it Do it Manufacture Month. They toured Cutco, JCC, Fitzpatrick and Weller, and Holiday Valley. Students learned about what these companies produce, and the jobs needed to do their manufacturing. It was 2 great days of learning! Thank you to these companies for taking time out of their day to talk with us and show us around.



Go Global Celebration at JCC Jamestown Campus

Our JCC 2510/2520 World Language students attended the GO GLOBAL International Education Fair on Wednesday, November 15 for a truly interactive multicultural experience. The following items were activities that students had the opportunity in which to participate:

- A performance of The Bayadere: The Past, Present, and Future by Sukanya Burman Dance. This performance of Bharatanatyam (a form of classical Indian dance) and modern dance explores the story of three generations of women in pre-colonial, colonial, and post-colonial India.
- A panel discussion and Q&A session with several international students attending JCC.

- Small group breakout sessions with international students with opportunities to learn more on topics like German fairytales, Nigerian poetry, and Italian gesturing.
- Go Global Fair, featuring displays from current international students at JCC, food samples, activities, information on study abroad opportunities, and more!

Several international lunch options were available for purchase from the Jayhawk Café such as Chicken Curry, Peanut African stew, Cuban sandwiches, and Tres Leche cake for dessert.



News From OHS



NYSSMA Zone 15 Area-All State

On the afternoon of November 17th, orchestra and band students from Olean High School headed to Elmira High School for the Zone 15 Senior High Area-All State!

To be a part of this event, students had to prepare a solo and play for an adjudicator. Hundreds of students from seven other counties auditioned for a spot in these honor ensembles, and six of our Olean students were chosen for this amazing experience! In other words, these students are some of the best players for their age and area! Riti Anumalasetty, Lily Todd, Heartly Phipps, Evan Snyder, Dickson Yang and Sam Morgan piled into the Husky van, along with their teachers, Ms. Lisa Kranz and Mx. Susan Boyle, for the NYSSMA event.

During the 2-day event, students worked with guest conductors from various parts of the Northeast including Ithaca and Pittsburg! The music each ensemble played was chosen by their guest conductors, opening them to new, engaging, and more challenging music. Since these ensembles are comprised of the best students in the area, the music is typically at a higher skill level and more demanding than what they see in their school music programs. Before going to Elmira, our students spent hours practicing at home, in their lessons or even after school to learn this music. In the end, all their hard work paid off for an outstanding performance on November 17th. What an incredible opportunity our students were given, and they crushed it!



Bartlett House

Students recently raked leaves at the Bartlett House as a community service project - they also enjoyed playing in the leaves too!

Upon completion, students were treated to yummy leaf shaped cookies and cocoa and even got a sneak peek at the Bartlett House's decorations for Christmas!



STUDENT-Athlete Influences

On Senior Night, the seniors for the Olean Huskies football team wanted to honor a teacher that has made a positive impact and a difference in their lives. This tradition reinforces the value of the fine teachers that we have here at Olean High and honors the tradition of being a STUDENT-athlete first. Pictured below from L-R are players Gabe Milligan, Shawn Van Brunt, Ryan Isenberg, Aaron Vincent, Alex Linderman, Shamus Baer, and Brysen Riehle. Behind the players are teachers, Alex Kruse, Katie Wolfgang, Joelle Perry, Jen Mathieson, Laura Moore, Cole Lapi, and Jodi Mallory.

Thanks again teachers for being positive role models for our student-athletes.

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Santa Claus Lane Parade

The Olean High School Band marched in the Santa Claus Lane Parade on November 24th. The band performed Up on the Housetop and received the “Jingle Bells” award for the best theatrical/music/dance performance out of over 60 units. Congratulations musicians!



Water Filtration Plant

Students of Mrs. Scordo and Mrs. Kopec recently toured the Olean Water Filtration Plant and the Olean Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Mr. Graves, Head of Maintenance at the Olean Water Filtration Plant, spoke to the students and showed them the process of pulling water from the Olean Creek and cleaning it to make it safe to drink! Students were able to perform the test to check the chlorine level at the end of the process. We learned they provide water pressure for things like fire fighting. They test water at a different place throughout the city every day.

Next we went to the other end of the water cycle! The Wastewater Treatment Plant. The students did not like the stinky end! Mr. Jeremy Meerdink, Chief Operator / Lab Director, talked about the science needed to perform his job. Now we know the process and jobs behind flushing the toilet and turning on the spigot.



Bien sûr les crêpes

Madame Napoleon's French Club started off this year with everyone's favorite treat <Les Crêpes>, a thin pancake that can be filled with just about anything. Students had a variety of things to choose from to create their own delicious masterpiece. French Club meets monthly where students have the opportunity to taste a featured food, as well as participating in fun games, crafts and good music.



Kick for the Cure

On October 16th, the varsity girls' soccer team hosted a scrimmage with the Portville soccer team. Parents and staff generously donated baskets for a cancer basket raffle. Parents worked the table and sold t-shirts, bracelets, and tickets. The purpose of the benefit was to support an Olean student that is battling liver cancer. With the generous support of the community, the team was able to raise over \$1,600.00.



News From OIMS

Oh, Là Là!!! Le français, C'est Top!



National French Week was celebrated in each OIMS French class from November 3rd through November 9th. This was a week sponsored by the AATF (American Association of Teachers of French) to commemorate all things French and to celebrate the fun experiences in learning the language. This year's motto was "La Francophonie, it's all around me!"

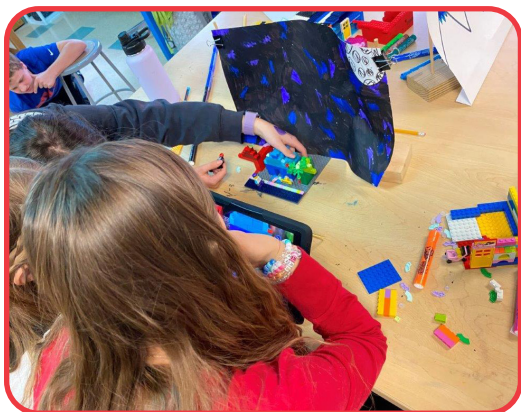
This year's celebration at OIMS entailed four daily theme days: Scarf/Beret Day, Say "Bonjour" to My Teachers Day, Très Chic Day, and, last but not least, Blue/White/Red/Party Day! Both of Mrs. Wilton's French classes dressed according to the daily theme, practiced their French listening and response skills with TPR (Total Physical Response) in the classroom, created their own replicas of French cartes d'identités (ID cards), and, of course, sampled French foods!!

Merci mille fois (many thanks) to all the students who participated, helped decorate our corridors, and read on the daily announcements...en français!

Treats for the Olean Community Thanksgiving Dinner



The sixth grade orange team made brownies for the Olean Community Thanksgiving dinner.

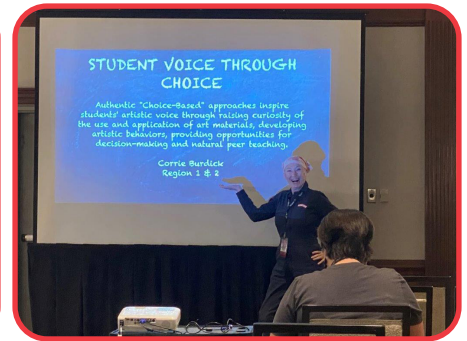


Lego Stop-Motion Animation Movies

7th graders in Ms. Cawley's art class spent several weeks creating Lego stop-motion animation movies! Students wrote their stories, built their sets, filmed, and edited their movies using Lego and an iPad.

New York State Art Teachers Association

In November, members of the Art Department attended the yearly NYSATA (New York State Art Teachers Association) Conference in Albany. We were very fortunate to have our own Corrie Burdick present a session on Choice-based Art!



Native Dwelling Projects



The 7th grade Social Studies students in Mrs. Howard and Mrs. Coulter's classes completed their Native American dwelling projects in the first quarter! They selected a type of dwelling made by Native Americans ranging from igloos, longhouses, and teepees, to wigwams, pueblos, and earth lodges. From there, they researched the dwellings as well as the tribes that built them, and created a replica and presented those to classes. Students showcased their creativity with some dwellings being made from edible items like candy, and cake, and some from materials they gathered in their front yards! We are so impressed with their research and efforts this year!

Thank You, Veterans!



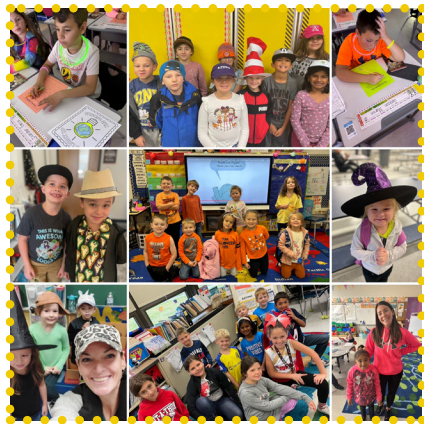
Thank you, Veterans! The 6th grade students made cards and paper poppy crafts for Veterans in our community, which were put together in baskets, filled with candy and appreciation for their service! The baskets were delivered to local agencies in the community that work with Veterans.

Washington West Elementary School



50th DAY Celebration

50 days of school have come and gone, and to get our husky pups ready to celebrate this milestone, students and staff sported their 1950s attire for a school-wide ice cream social. It was a hip and happening in the halls of WW!



Attendance Matters

Did you know that if your child misses more than two school days per month, it can make it more difficult for them to read? To promote positive school attendance, Washington West sponsored an attendance-themed spirit week. We said "hats off" to good attendance, showed how good attendance makes us BRIGHT, and committed to be here in the halls and being "spot on" with attendance. Being a part of the pack in the halls of WW - each and every day - makes our pups shine as readers and LEADERS!



Being a Buddy

The newest addition to Washington West may seem to be the fancy new facade, or the updated cafeteria, but the latest and greatest is that of the buddy bench, sitting out front of our new entryway. The bench, donated by the family of Jaenette (Jenny) Stromberg sits in memorandum of the former WW student who lost her life in a tragic car accident in '97. Jenny's family decided to purchase the buddy bench in her memory as she was a true friend to everyone. Jenny found her first friendships in the halls of Washington West; a place that helped her to become a kind, empathetic person. When you stop at WW, and find yourself sitting on the new bench, we encourage you to be like Jenny: show kindness and be a friend to everyone.



Habit Happenings

Our husky pups in the pack here at WW are LEADERS in their own lives, exhibiting attributes of the 7 Habits each and every day. These two husky pups were honored for their own "habit happenings" of being proactive and thinking win-win when it comes to kindness and care. Kudos for being LEADERS here in the halls of WW!

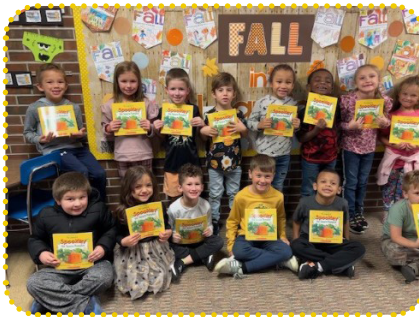
Safety at Home and at School

Throughout October, our Husky Pups had a focus on safety - namely safety in the home in the event of a fire, and safety while out celebrating Halloween. A shout out to the Olean Fire Department and our own SRO McGraw for highlighting the importance of safety - today and every day!

Follow your Husky Pups on Twitter @OleanWW

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East View Elementary School



Scholastic Book Donors

Mrs. Threehouse's 1st grade class has Scholastic Book Donors who donate money to purchase books that the students get to take home and add to their home libraries. So far this year, they each have gotten four books. This is the third year that this class has had this awesome opportunity. Last year, students got a total of 13 books to take home! We are growing readers here at East View!



Kandinsky-Style Art

2nd grade learned about the artist, Kandinsky – a painter who “sees” sounds come to life in the form of lines, shapes, and colors. Each class listened to classical music and painted along to the different sounds and tempos they heard. They then thought about feelings and emotions when they applied color.



Learning Symmetry

3rd graders have been learning about symmetry in art class. Here, they are putting what they know into practice by partner drawing. They had to “mirror” what the other was drawing to complete the symmetrical design.



STEAM Class

2nd and 3rd graders have been enjoying STEAM Class! In September, they worked in teams to create Marble Mazes or Marble Runs after discussing Force and Motion. In October, the teams

designed and created spider webs that would capture creatures – they had to predict and analyze results to determine the success of the designs. Then, in November the STEAM teams did experiments with force and motion as a way to practice recording specific data – distance and frequency.



Observation Skills

1st graders practiced their observation skills. We discussed drawing what we see as they added details to these sunflower still life drawings. We were inspired by the famous sunflower still life painted by Vincent Van Gogh.

Follow our school on twitter @OleanEastView

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Congratulations to Leah Graves

The Family Voice Advocacy (FVA) Group is an organization of people in the area, who share the energy, insights & desire to make the world a better place. Membership is open to anyone in the community. One of the great things they do is the Lotus Award. One way to receive a Lotus Award is to be a professional or provider who dedicates their time and skills to the growth of the community and its members. Leah Graves, Job Coach for students at OHS, was nominated and chosen as the FVA's October Lotus Award winner. Leah was chosen for her ongoing dedication - not just working with students and their families but engaging the students in the community. She is constantly helping students and families advocate for themselves, teaching them about the services offered in our area, and assisting them with getting started. Leah works tirelessly in her pursuit of making sure her students have everything they need before exiting school. Leah can also be found to be constantly reaching out to community services and bringing them right to the school, as well as continuing to educate herself on what is out there and how each service can help her students. We are proud of Leah's work and wish her continued success!




OLEAN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT




Mission Statement:

The Olean City School District is a student-centered community of excellence in which all members are challenged to learn, achieve, contribute, and innovate.



Vision Statement:


- The Olean City School District will support excellence by holding everyone to high standards in academics, character, extracurriculars, and service.
- Our district will uphold a culture of acceptance, inclusion, and equity for all, while embracing the diversity of our community. We will create and foster a safe and positive climate for our students, staff and families that is adaptive for the ever-changing needs of society.
- Our students will graduate future-focused, engaged, resilient, and prepared to achieve their goals.
- Our staff will be learner-centered, innovative, inquisitive, professional, and committed to student success.
- Our families will be engaged, collaborative partners in academic success for all.



Guiding Principles:

A commitment to fostering:

- A respectful, safe, and welcoming environment
- Embracing diversity
- Continuous improvement
- Academic excellence and lifelong learning
- Honesty, integrity, responsibility, and accountability
- Student potential and achievement



Strategic Plan Action Steps:

- Create and Support a Positive Culture
- Maximize Success for All
- Data-Driven Decision Making
- Progressive and Enriching Learning for All Students
- Engaging Parental and Community Involvement

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