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CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

"Home, School and Community Educating for Life"

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NOTEWORTHY MUSICIANS

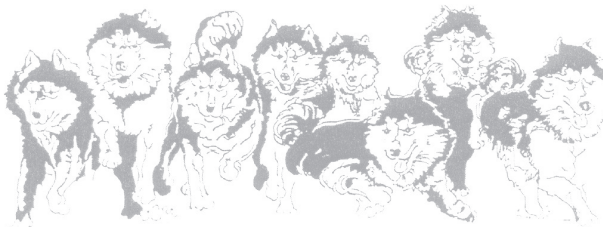
Congratulations to our outstanding OCSD musicians who have been accepted into the All-State Honors Music Ensembles! Through years of hard work, practice and perseverance, these students have qualified for the following All-State groups:

Yuki Wada String Orchestra; Quinn Forrest Mixed Chorus; Paige Smith, Treble Chorus, and Nathan-Michael Gabler Chorus Alternate.

Bravo on this high achievement!



L-R: Paige Smith, Yuki Wada, Quinn Forrest, Nathan Gabler



LOTE STUDENTS' PATH TO PROFICIENCY

The high school LOTE students began their year with a mini lesson on language proficiency. Language proficiency simply represents how well students are able to navigate language. Students completed an in-class activity to help them understand the skill-set required at each different level. Once students understood the proficiency levels, they were then able to figure out where they were on our hallway's PATH TO PROFICIENCY. The visual path gave the students a benchmark as well as a final destination goal.

Our LOTE teachers are striving for a proficiency-based classroom (with the use of authentic resources and comprehensible input), bringing a very natural feel to our classrooms. Students engage daily with music, literature, articles and videos to help increase their ability to comprehend native speakers and new cultures. It has been a wonderfully successful change from the very traditional grammar-based classrooms.

If students complete all 5 levels of language learning here at Olean High School (earning 6 college credits), they can achieve a very high proficiency level in either French or Spanish with amazing opportunities that await.



Olean City School District Capital Project: Completed On Time and Well Under Budget

The Olean City School District is happy to announce that the \$16,150,000 capital project that was approved by the voters on March 15, 2016, is being completed on time and well under budget as a result of the excellent services of Young and Wright Architectural and Campus Construction Management Group, working side by side with the Olean City School District Board of Education and the administration. The \$16,150,000 project was extremely successful. A special thank you must be extended to our Business Administrator Kathy Elser who worked closely with the financial experts at Bernard P. Donegan Incorporated to ensure the budget came in within the original voter authorization. The team was able to manage the costs so that the original estimate was less than the actual work completed. This allowed the district to complete additional work such as adding floor terrazzo, wall tile and lighting to the basement of Olean High School. As the students state, "It does not look like a basement anymore." Even with this additional work, the project was finished within budget.

Olean City Schools Superintendent Mr. Rick Moore is in his 15th year as a superintendent. Throughout the entire 15 years he has been involved in capital projects. Moore stated, "There is no better teacher than experience, and what experience teaches you is to stay calm and have faith in the end result." The project was planned prior to Moore's arrival, but Moore complemented the Board of Education and Dr. Taggerty for having a well devised plan and executing the plan extremely well.

The district also would like to thank the public, students, faculty, staff, and all who tolerated the many inconveniences during the capital project.

Savings to the Taxpayers

The \$16,150,000 capital project that totally renovated both East View Elementary School and the Olean High School could not have gone any better for the taxpayers. In summary, the district was able to fund \$4,751,840 towards the project. This saved the overall project \$3,886,623 in interest over the life of the project (15 years). By using the DASNY (the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York) for a funding source, the district was able to further reduce borrowing by another \$1,493,160. The district originally planned to borrow \$15,250,000, but only had to borrow \$9,905,000. The voters approved an overall local share of \$2,317,666; however, the result of the additional funding will show an overall local share of \$0.

Work Accomplished

East View



- All Classrooms Enclosed from 'Open Concept' - A total reconstruction from the open classroom concept to individual classrooms with security and safety being the main priority



- New Main Office and Secured Main Entrance



- Roof Restoration & Replacement
- Heated Concrete Entrance and Landscaping
- Building-Wide HVAC Upgrades



•New Computer Lab



•New Classroom Counter, Storage, and Sink



- Refurbished Activity Center and Cafeteria.
- New Generator
- Special Patrol Officer Station (This wasn't specified under the original CIP scope, but was added during the construction process)

Washington West

- Roof Restoration
- Gymnasium Window Replacement
- New Generator
- Skylight Replacement
- Resurface of Gymnasium Floor and Stage Floor*
- *Money came from the General Fund

OIMS



- Roof Restoration & Replacement
- New Parking Lot and Bus Loop
- Pool Dehumidification Unit Replacement

High School

- Roof Restoration & Replacement
- Classroom Door Replacement
- Basement, 2nd, and 3rd Floor Renovations



•New Terrazzo Flooring



•New Lighting and Ceilings



•New Wall Tile



•ADA Toilet Room Renovations (All Floors)
•New All Single Occupancy Toilet Rooms (Basement)



*All the work was done with the intent to maintain the historical integrity of the 1930s architecture and design of the elegant and historic Olean High School building.



•We used money from our general fund to refurbish the High School Gymnasium and the High School stage. We plan to do the other gymnasiums in 2020-2021.

Next Project - Spring of 2020

The next capital project vote is planned for this Spring and will feature: Artificial Turf fields with lighting, renovation of the high school auditorium maintaining the historical integrity of this beautiful space, and a facelift to the interior of Washington West to make it a shiny and new environment for our faculty and staff to teach and for our students to learn in. Additionally, as we did with East View Elementary, we will create a new entrance at Washington West Elementary to enhance safety, create a more inviting entrance, and to make the school aesthetically pleasing. At OIMS we hope to create the largest school STEAM/ Recreation area space for students in Western New York. The district's intention is to not impact residents' tax rate as the Olean City School District has created a very healthy capital improvement reserve combined with state building aid. As with this present project, the district's intention is to fund the project at no additional cost to the local tax share.

The District appreciates your continued support.

"It takes all the Huskies to pull the sled!"

Sincerely,
Olean City School District



It Takes All the Huskies to Pull the Sled!

Giving Tuesday: December 3, 2019

Be Part of the Excitement; help Olean Schools Foundation win, AGAIN!

Giving Tuesday is around the corner; the time has come to hold our place as the leader in this wonderful community event! Mark your calendars and take part in this exciting 24-hour on-line campaign, December 3rd! Help us achieve the most donors again this year; more importantly, help us raise dollars to benefit our students. EVERY GIFT COUNTS towards grants for all grade levels! Help us spread the word and look for updates as Giving Day gets closer!

<https://www.cattaraugusgives.org/organizations/olean-city-school-district-foundation>

Cattaraugus Gives is a 24-hour online fundraising event, bringing together community nonprofits with the shared goal of making the Cattaraugus region a stronger, more vibrant community and place to live. Participating nonprofits have the opportunity to win prizes, raise more money and more awareness of their work. Take advantage of the easy-to-use platform to help raise funds for Olean Schools this year. Let's Grow Good together during Cattaraugus Gives!



Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, presented Coordinator of Curriculum and Instruction, Jennifer Kless, a tenure certificate.



Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, presented Reading Teacher, Laura Berlinski, a retirement plaque.

Travel to Spain!



Olean High School is partnering with T&E to provide students with the opportunity to study abroad in Salamanca, Spain in the summer of 2020. The students will live with host families and attend classes and participate in various cultural activities during the program. The program is for 2 weeks and students earn 3 college credits. This is an amazing opportunity for our young people to travel, study, and grow. We are very excited to offer it to our community. Those interested in participating should reach out to SueAnn Torrey, Spanish teacher at the high school. Storrey@oleanschools.org



TO OUR NEW STAFF!



Jenna Hendricks is the new Science teacher at the Olean High School. Mrs. Hendricks received a M.S. Differentiated Instruction from St. Bonaventure University in 2019, a post Baccalaureate Certification in Secondary Education from SUNY Oneonta in May 2014, and an ACS Certified B.A. in Chemistry from Alfred University in December 2003. Jenna was a grade 8 Science teacher at Allegany-Limestone Middle-High School from 2015 to August 2019 and a Chemistry Technician at Alfred University from 2013 to 2015.

Deanna Civilette is the newly appointed Music teacher at the Intermediate Middle School. Ms. Civilette received a Bachelor of Music from SUNY at Fredonia in May 2017. Prior to joining the district, Deanna was the Choral Director/Music Teacher at Portville Central School from August 2017 to June 2019.



Corrie Burdick was recently appointed to a Visual Arts teaching position at Washington West Elementary School. Ms. Burdick received a B.F.A in Art Education in 1991, a M.S. in Art Education in 1995, and her Ph.D. in Teaching and Curriculum, Art Education in 2011 from Syracuse University. Dr. Burdick was an Assistant Professor of Art Education at Alfred University from 2008 to August 2019. From 2003 to 2008, Corrie was a Graduate Assistant at Syracuse University.

Marisa Burrows is teaching grade 5 at the Intermediate Middle School. Ms. Burrows graduated from St. Bonaventure University in December 2016 with a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood and Elementary Education with a concentration in Social Studies. Marisa taught Second Grade for two years at Franklinville Elementary School and was a substitute teacher for the Olean City School District from February 2017 through August 2017. Ms. Burrows has also been a football and basketball cheerleading coach for the district since 2015.



New Support Staff:



Marianne McCarthy –
Teacher Aide



John Eaton –
Athletic Trainer



Loraine Fahnestock –
Teacher Aide



Angela Fox –
Teacher Aide



Pamela Foster –
Teacher Aide



Julie Cogswell –
Teacher Aide



Brooke Bushnell –
Teacher Aide



Stacy Penird –
Teacher Aide



More Support Staff:



Mark Hayman –
Cook Manager



Teri Kahle –
Teacher Aide



Penny Calhoun –
Teacher Aide



Colleen Stayer –
Teacher Aide



Kaleigh Anastasia –
Teacher Aide



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OTA News



The Olean Teachers' Association would like to recognize Olean Intermediate Middle School teacher Patti Metler who is celebrating 30 years in public education. Mrs. Metler started her career at Franklinville Central School for one year and was then hired by Olean City School District in 1990. Mrs. Metler has held many roles as a special education teacher including resource room teacher, behavior classroom teacher, consultant teacher for integration, and Wilson reading instructor at various schools including East View, Ivers J. Norton, Boardmanville, Olean Middle School and Olean High School.

Mrs. Metler received her Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Fredonia State University and her Master degree in Reading and Special Education from Alfred University. She is currently a resource room teacher for grades 6/7 at OIMS. Congratulations to Mrs. Metler for her dedication and service to her students and the Olean City School District.

The Olean Teachers' Association would like to recognize Olean Intermediate Middle School art teacher Laura Cawley who is celebrating 10 years in education. Ms. Cawley started her career at Lynbrook Elementary in Springfield, VA, teaching art for six years. In this role, she designed the school logo/newsletter, designed murals, coordinated school-wide projects, taught STEAM classes, and was featured in two juried faculty art shows. She then worked at York Middle School in York, SC, for two years where she was the chairman for the National Junior Art Honor Society.

Ms. Cawley received her Bachelor of Art degree from Adams State College in Alamosa, CO, and her Master of Science degree from Wilkes University in Wilkes-Barre, PA. Ms. Cawley, in her role at OIMS, teaches grades 6/7 and has brightened up the first floor halls with her wonderful murals. Congratulations to Ms. Cawley for her dedication and service to her students and the Olean City School District.



The Olean Teachers' Association would like to recognize East View Elementary physical education teacher Leslie Morey who is celebrating 15 years in education. Ms. Morey started her career at Belfast Central School for one year and was then hired by Olean City School District in 2006 to teach at Ivers J. Norton Elementary school. Ms. Morey has coached the JCC men's basketball team for eight years, the Olean Cross Country team, and is currently the coach for the modified track and field team and the varsity indoor track and field team.

Ms. Morey received her Bachelor of Science degree in physical education from St. Bonaventure University and her Master of Science degree in Sports Management and Administration from Georgia Southern University. She is currently teaching grades Pre-K through 3. Congratulations to Ms. Morey for her dedication and service to her students and the Olean City School District.

News From OIMS



OIMS ENCHANTED FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT

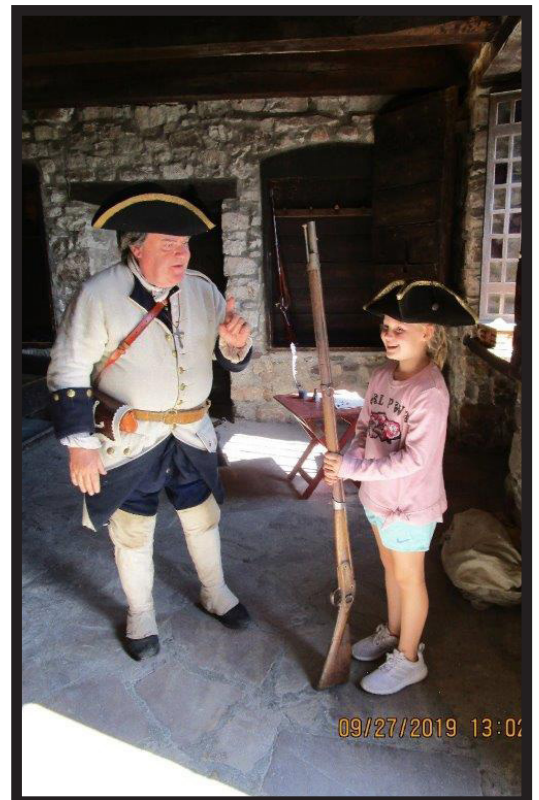
Step into an Enchanted Forest at the OIMS Scholastic Book Fair! The book fair will take place October 21st-25th in the school library. Students will have opportunities to shop during the school day, and parents can check the OIMS website for digital shopping options! In conjunction with the book fair, the Title One reading teachers will also host a family literacy Enchanted Night of Reading on Wednesday, October 23rd, from 6-7 pm in the OIMS library. We encourage all students to attend with a parent or family member to spend an hour reading their favorite book. There will be a photo booth and refreshments! Be sure to bring your reading log too! Tell your friends and come read with us!

Ms. Delaney, Ms. Dexter, Ms. Meyers, Mrs. Welch, and Mrs. Fox



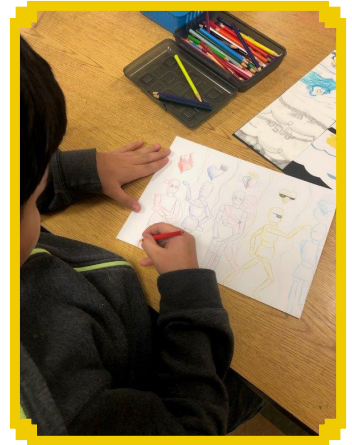
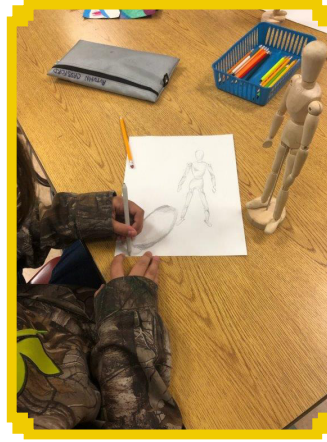
Fort Niagara Frontier Days

On September 27, the fourth grades traveled to Old Fort Niagara to participate in Frontier Days. They listened to a variety of presenters including: A representative of the Haudenosaunee Mohawk tribe, French traders, British soldiers, French soldiers, American soldiers, and a captive of the British during the War of 1812. There were reenactors presenting information about the time periods from the French settling the New World to the War of 1812. The students were able to participate as reenactors. It was a fun learning experience for all. To the right is Chloe Wilson as a sentry and below is Mrs. Charles' class making a charge during "battle".



Art Department Awesomeness!

Ms. Cawley's art classes started the year by participating in International Dot Day, based on the book *The Dot* by Peter Reynolds. 6th and 7th graders created monochromatic dots using images that represented their personalities. 6th graders then moved on to study the Elements of Design which are the basis for all artwork. 7th graders have been doing a mannequin study, learning about figure drawing and movement. It's been a great start to the year!



Mrs. Snyder's 5th grade Orchestra students learning the Double Bass!
L-R: Kayne Kerling, Seamus Leslie, Jady Nours



Authors at work in Mrs. Sorokes' first grade. This year all of our classes are working with the Writers Workshop model of instruction.



At East View we know that reading gives you power; the more you read the better you get and the smarter you become. We thank all of our families for reading at home with your child for 15 minutes each day.

East View Elementary School



Mrs. Stephens' class is sharing their favorite part of their independent reading books.



Eating lunch outside on a warm day is the best!



Mrs. Sakala and Ms. Martin's Kindergarten class hosted Donuts for Grown Ups!



Clowning around in Kindergarten.



These three girls were having lunch with Mr. Crawford on Friday because they were selected as Super Leaders for being Safe, Responsible and Respectful.

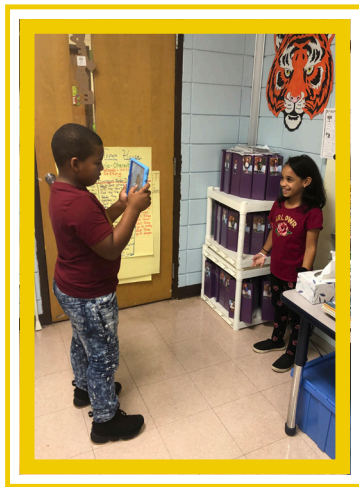
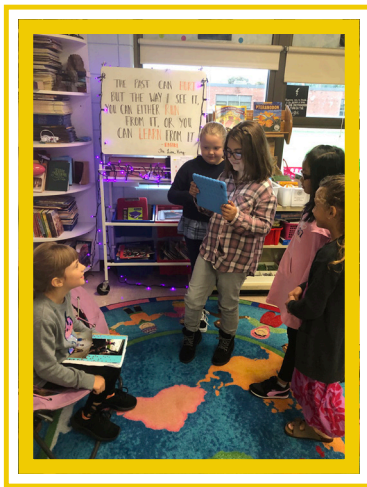


We had a great turn out for Bring a Special Person to School Day this year! This photograph was taken outside our new main office.



William and Mr. Crawford on the first day of school.

Washington West Elementary School



Writer's At Work: Third grade students began to compose their personal narratives - but first - they recorded one another telling their personal story. What a great way to work on writing!



Leader Lookout: Washington West is on the LOOKout for LEADERS! New this year, we are celebrating the leader in each and every husky pup. Those students who demonstrate attributes of a leader - responsibility, efficiency, determination, etc. - receive a letter for their LEADER board and are celebrated throughout the school for their accomplishment.



On September 17, Washington West hosted *Families Take Your Child to School Day*, where over 170 families brought their children to school to send them off on a great day of learning. Thank you to all who came out and to our community partners for helping host a great morning!

WE ARE WILD ABOUT WASHINGTON WEST!



Husky pups from both East View and Washington West participated in International Walk to School Day. Over 150 students walked to school with community partners on October 2. Thank you to the Southern Tier Health Care System and the Olean Fire and Police Departments for making this event such a success!



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Governor Cuomo declared October 21-25, 2019, as School Board Recognition Week. Each year, School Board Recognition Week is observed by more than 700 school boards in districts throughout New York State. This week is to recognize the men and women serving as members of the school boards that continually strive for improvement, excellence and progress in education.

Please join us in acknowledging the outstanding commitment, contributions and man hours of devoted service to public education.



Olean City School District Mission/Vision

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

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