



LEAN

CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

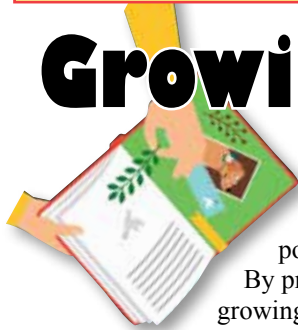
"Home, School and Community Educating for Life"

October-November 2017

Volume 14, Issue 2



Growing Readers and Thinkers



This year at OIMS, they are working hard to create a culture of reading, and a love for it as well. Research indicates that the volume of a student's reading is critical to academic success as it helps students acquire academic vocabulary, increase fluency and build word knowledge. OIMS gives students opportunities to increase their volume of reading by providing independent reading time (*see pictures above*).

By providing time for students to independently read every day, we are growing readers and thinkers!

Independent reading is the heart of any balanced literacy program, as it also provides time for students to practice literacy skills that they are learning in the classroom. Just as athletes need to practice, readers need to practice, and that is best achieved through independent reading.

The goal this year is to have each student read at least 600 steps, which equates to 150 hours of independent reading time. Help us by encouraging your child to read every night for 15-30 minutes. Your support of this life practice will benefit your child for years to come.

Another reading initiative is taking place at Washington West Elementary School. Students and teachers are thrilled to collaborate with the St. Bonaventure University Athletic Department to work on independent reading habits (*see pictures at right*). Student athletes from the men's and women's basketball teams visit every week to assist with implementation of Independent Reading Level Assessments (IRLA). Students from PK-3 have had the opportunity to read with our "buddies" and realize the true power of books.





OHS Graduate Returns to Share Steps to Success

Olean High School 2012 Graduate Zanaid Marra (pictured center above) shared his thoughts and expertise with the Sports & Entertainment Marketing classes. He had positive conversations with students, and shared how to be marketable and successful in the business world.

Zanaid is a 2016 graduate of Niagara University and was enrolled as a Hospitality and Tourism student. After college, Zanaid was a summer intern with the Buffalo Bills. Due to this internship experience, Zanaid reminded all students to enroll in as many internships as possible to gain knowledge and eventually build a valuable resume.

Zanaid certainly was a great advertisement for our Olean DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America). DECA is not only an extra-curricular activity here at Olean High School, but it is co-curricular as it is integrated in the business education subjects. Zanaid feels that DECA was an important component of his success in business. DECA and the business classes were important as they allowed him and other business students to discover their strengths and passions which could lead to their future career.

Zanaid lastly shared the improvements that he wished he would have made while he was in high school; the valuable lessons from his years at Niagara University; and his new career expectations and experiences as a Regional Development Specialist of the Buffalo Region at VentureForth.

His last words of wisdom for the class were to "Be Mindful." This is a practice that he has learned to personally and professionally follow.

From the Superintendent

Board of Education Adopts 'Aspiring Goals' for District

By Rick T. Moore, Superintendent

On Tuesday, October 3, 2017, the Board of Education adopted the following "Aspiring Goal" and objectives. It is a lofty goal, but that is why we set goals – to aspire towards excellence. In our discussions, the word "Aspiring" appeared to adhere to and resonate with our Board of Education almost immediately. Finding a unifying word with ten or more people in a room usually becomes an act of settling or compromising. Not in this case; it was quick and unanimous. The word "Aspiring" hit a collective chord immediately.

Olean City School District Aspiring Goal

To provide the superintendent, administration, faculty, and staff with the resources necessary to become a federally recognized Blue Ribbon School where all graduates are college and career ready.

LONG-TERM OBJECTIVES

1. The Olean City School District will encourage all students to develop skills, abilities, and talents necessary for them to excel in vocational trades, academics, or both.
2. The Olean City School District understands that only through teamwork and cooperation with all stakeholders will the district be able to achieve objective number one.
3. The Olean City School District will manage the school district in a manner that is fiscally responsible to both the district and the community.
4. The Olean City School District encourages each student to participate in academic and extracurricular activities, understanding that our academics, sports, arts, music, and other clubs help to develop a well-rounded individual.
5. The Olean City School District welcomes community input, involvement, and support in order to achieve the district's objectives and aspiring goal.

SHORT-TERM OBJECTIVE

1. The Olean City School District encourages the use of media resources to promote and highlight academic and extracurricular achievements.

Observing the district over the past two months, it is evident the district has assembled a team capable of accomplishing any goal. The Olean City School District is already great! Now is the time to tell our story of why we are one of the most successful schools in the country. To begin the work to qualify as a Federal Blue Ribbon School is to inspire and aspire to tell our story.

What does aspiring look like? Listed in the thesaurus for aspiring are words such as: ambitious, go-getter, hard driving, determined, diligent, impassioned, scrappy, competitive, venturesome, gung ho; just to name a few. All are very appropriate for our undertaking of aspiring and striving to become a Blue Ribbon School.

Even more important, how do we get there from here? The Board of Education has established a road map. Take some time and determine how each of us can contribute towards the Olean City School District's "Aspiring Goal."

To help the district reach its "Aspiring Goal", please take a few minutes and complete the Olean City School District's survey, which is found at <http://www.oleanschools.org/domain/9>. The survey will give us valuable stakeholder information, which will help the district achieve its goal.

Once again, thank you for all your support in helping us create a great school district.

Meet Our Newest OCSD Members



Susan Barrera

Melissa Dahlman

Aaron Meyers

Rebecca Ahearn

Susan Barrera was hired as a full-time LOTE teacher in October 2017. Ms. Barrera earned a B.S. in Education from St. Bonaventure University and a M.S. in Education from the State University of New York at Buffalo. In 1994 Susan earned a Ph.D. from the University of Iowa. Prior to joining the district, Ms. Barrera taught at the Iowa City Community School District from 1991 through 2017.



Tammy Barr

Jennifer Conlan

Diane Frentz

Joan Haynes

Melissa Dahlman was recently appointed to the position of School Counselor. Ms. Dahlman received her M.S. in Education from St. Bonaventure University in 2006 and her B.A. in Psychology from the University at Buffalo in 2002. Melissa was previously employed by Catawba County Schools in NC from 2009-2014.



Majorie Hall

Lynn Ivey

David Jackson

Dorothy Kelly

Aaron Meyers is the Olean Intermediate Middle School's Library Media Specialist. Mr. Meyers received a B.S. in History from Alfred University in 2006 and a Masters of Library Information Studies from the University at Buffalo in 2017. He worked for the Salamanca City School District, the Walden Grove High School in AZ, and Pioneer High School.



Daisy Matya

Heather Oldenburg

Darcey Parker

Destiney Portlow

Other new employees include:

Rebecca Ahearn – Teacher Aide

Tammy Barr – Teacher Aide

Jennifer Conlan – Teacher Aide

Diane Frentz – Teacher Aide

Joan Haynes – Teacher Aide

Majorie Hall – Teacher Aide

Lynn Ivey – Technology Coordinator

David Jackson – Cleaner

Dorothy Kelly – Teacher Aide

Daisy Matya – Teacher Aide

Heather Oldenburg – Teacher Aide

Darcey Parker – Teacher Aide

Destiney Portlow – Teacher Aide

Tyler Richmond – Teacher Aide

Kristen Simon – School Nurse

Shannon Yonker – Teacher Aide



Tyler Richmond

Kristen Simon

Shannon Yonker

Fall Adventures in Physical Education

A physical education adventure is planned each month for OHS students to enjoy.

In September, students kayaked down the Allegany River from Olean to Allegany. Hiking at Pfeiffer Nature Center and the high ropes course at Portville took place in October.

In November, students will have a chance to do the indoor ropes course at Portville, and in December, to go to Sky Zone in Buffalo. Space is limited so get your permission slip in the gym ASAP.

In addition to these adventure activities at OHS, the weight room is open every day after school for student use. These events would not be possible if it weren't for the support of our District.



Olean City School District Hiring Substitutes

Currently, we have a particular need for teacher aide and cafeteria substitutes and are always seeking teacher substitutes.

The application for these positions is available on our website. Please download and fill out the Civil Service application found at the following web address: <http://www.oleanschools.org/Page/227>.

Please contact the Human Resources Office with any questions at (716) 375-8032. Thanks for your interest, and thank you for serving the students in Olean City Schools.



Heister Scores 100th Career Goal

Congratulations to the OHS soccer team, specifically Calista Heister who has scored her 100th goal of her career. Calista scored it against Fredonia on October 3rd. This is her fourth year on the varsity team. Calista also plays for the Flash Soccer Club in Buffalo and has signed with the University of Pittsburgh to play soccer when she graduates. Calista is pictured above holding the 100th ball, surrounded by her teammates. It takes all the Huskies to pull the sled!



Gaining Career Planning Advice

Students in Mrs. Frentz' Career and Financial Management class are creating their résumé and preparing to fill out job applications. Officer McGraw came in and spoke to the students about the importance of staying out of trouble and the effect bad decisions can have when applying for a job.

Cookies for Culture Supports Student Travel Abroad

The OHS French Club invites you to take part in "Cookies for Culture," an initiative to create scholarships for students to travel abroad through the sales of our delicious chocolate chip cookies.

This effort is in memory of a former French student who embraced languages and new cultures through travel. Cookies are available daily in Mrs. Napoleon's room. Interested bakers and chocolate chip cookie connoisseurs are always welcome.

This year's French Club trip is to Paris/London/Normandy and the French castles in spring 2018. Spots are still available for interested students, parents and staff. Deadline for sign-ups is Dec. 1.

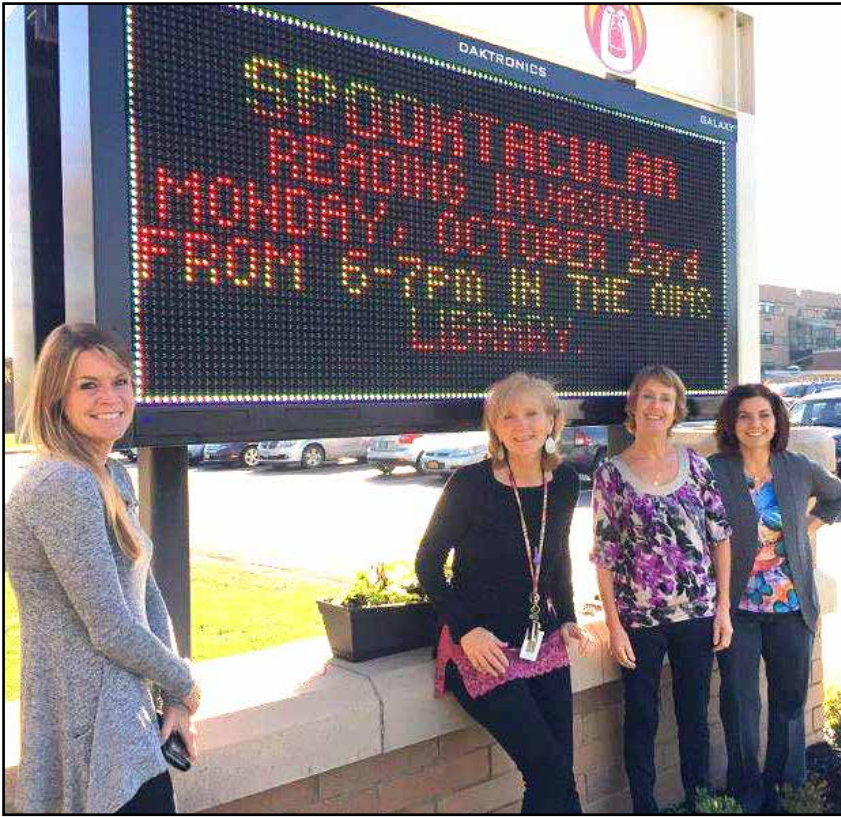
OHS Homecoming Court Honored at Dance



The Olean High School Homecoming dance was held on October 7th. The theme was "Nighttime in Greece," with the theme song "Drops of Jupiter" by Train.

Selected for the Homecoming Court were: (back, l-r) Tre Larue, Josh Miles, Homecoming King Burke Whitcomb, Eli Hendrix, Connor Metcalf, Lucas Wood; and (front, l-r) Samantha Gibbons, Mia Rogers, Homecoming Queen Taryn Nasuta, Lily Schnell, Laura Poortenga and Rieleigh Scott.

Congratulations to all!



SPOOKTACULAR READING INVASION

About 40 students and their families took part in a “Spooktacular” Reading Invasion hosted by our Title I Reading teachers, Ms. Delaney, Ms. Dexter, Mrs. Berlinski and Mrs. Welch. The Halloween-themed event offered kids and families an opportunity to relax with a good book and spend some quality time practicing their reading skills. The host teachers offered treats and prizes for the participants. Thanks, ladies, for a *howling* good time!

LEARNING ABOUT NATIVE AMERICANS IN SOCIAL STUDIES

Students in Mrs. Perry’s 7th Grade Social Studies class recently studied the culture of early Native American tribes. Each student was required to create a physical replica of a Native American home in addition to a written essay and an oral class presentation. The students did an outstanding job, and each project was creative and unique. Pictured (l-r) with their projects are Abigail Pease, Aedan Gelder, Emma Anastasia and Josh Knight.



SHOWING HUSKY

OIMS students, dressed up for a recent Spirit Week, are posing in front of a large, hand-painted by Mrs. Jean Nickel, Art teacher, is located at the intersection of the administrative building and the gymnasium. This is a terrific space for special photos. Thanks to M for their creative talent!



Y PUP SCHOOL SPIRIT

t Day, pose near a new Husky Pup mural designed and
and Mrs. Susan Grosso, computer lab aide. The mural
ve and library hallways on the first floor, and creates
Mrs. Nickel and Mrs. Grosso for always sharing their



6TH & 7TH GRADE STUDENTS HOLD DANCE FOR SPCA

OIMS 6th and 7th Grade students got together for a dance on Friday, October 20th, to support our local animal shelter (*see pictures above and below*). Every half hour famous D.J. Jo Dexter held a dance contest with prizes for the winners. Pizza, candy and soda were also sold, and all money raised was given to the Cattaraugus County SPCA.

Donations for the shelter, including old towels and blankets, were also accepted at the door.

To offer additional support for the shelter, all OIMS students and staff were invited to participate in a Hat Day at school on October 20th. For a donation of 50 cents, students were allowed to wear their favorite hat for the day, with all proceeds going to the SPCA.

The students enjoyed supporting this great cause for our furry friends in a fun way!!





Full 'STEAM' Ahead at East View Elementary

This year, the second grade at East View Elementary School is getting hands on with STEAM, an educational approach to learning that uses Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics. Pictured above and below are students from Mrs. Schreiber's class testing out their designs for brick and mortar walls. Several variations were tried to determine what makes the strongest mortar.



News from the Olean City School District Foundation

Olean City School District Foundation ... "Enhancing the Educational Experience"

410 W. Sullivan St. Olean, NY 14760

www.ocsdfoundation.com

ocsdfoundation@gmail.com

A 501c (3) organization that fund raises to support the Academic Enrichment Grants, as well as the Olean City School District's Academic Wall of Fame

OCSD Foundation Approves Grants for 2017-2018 School Year

- STEAM Pi Day Competition Grant
- Film Class Drone Purchase
- East View Elementary Yoga Class Enrichment

*(Grant Applications Found on
OCSD Foundation Website!)*



OLEAN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
FOUNDATION
-AN ACADEMIC BOOSTER-



OHS Commemorative Walkway – Scheduled to be installed in Spring 2018

- Taking "last minute" orders on hardcopy order forms only by Friday November 10th.
- Please see order form published in this newsletter (opposite page) or obtain order forms via OCSD Foundation website, email OCSD Foundation gmail account, or at OCSD school buildings main offices.

Seeking nominations for 2018 Academic Wall of Fame

To view procedures and criteria for nomination and to nominate an individual for consideration for induction into the Academic Wall of Fame, please go to OCSD Foundation website to complete and return the brief nomination form. Nominations are accepted until December 31, 2017 (for June 2018 Induction).

OCSD Foundation to participate in NY GIVES DAY – NOV. 28, 2017

#NYGivesDay is a 24-hour giving challenge. #NYGivesDay is a day for nonprofits to come together and collect online donations. On November 28, nonprofits across NYS will work together to raise awareness, collect donations, and continue changing the world for the better.

*"Stay tuned" for more information and a chance to help us
continue to support our Olean City School District students!*

#NYGIVESDAY



Olean City School District Foundation

COMMEMORATIVE WALKWAY

LAST CALL!
Completed
order forms
and checks...
DUE BY
11-10-17

COMMEMORATIVE OPTIONS INCLUDE:

Engraved 4x8 Brick Pavers	\$50.00
Engraved 12x12 Stones	\$200.00

- **Engraved 4x8 Brick Pavers** feature a maximum of three lines of text at 15 characters per line.

- **Engraved 12x12 Stones** feature a maximum of nine lines of text at 15 characters per line.

Bricks and stones may commemorate anything of your choosing, including individuals, families, businesses, classes or groups of people.



**ALL PROCEEDS RAISED WILL DIRECTLY BENEFIT
STUDENTS IN THE OLEAN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Mail Completed Order Form and Check to:
OCSD Foundation
c/o Olean High School
410 West Sullivan Street
Olean, New York 14760

BRICK OR STONE ORDER FORM

Only one brick or stone per order form. If you're ordering multiple bricks/stones, please fill separate forms for each.

Name _____ Email _____ Phone _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

YES! I'd like to purchase a commemorative 4x8 Brick Paver.

Please write the information exactly how you'd like it engraved on the brick in the boxes below. Each box represents a letter or space.

YES! I'd like to purchase a commemorative 12x12 Stone.

Please write the information exactly how you'd like it engraved on the stone in the boxes below. Each box represents a letter or space.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: OCSD FOUNDATION/CRCF

INSTALLATION OF WALKWAY SCHEDULED FOR SPRING OF 2018!!!



Dignity for All Students Presentation: The goal of the Dignity Act is to create a safe school where students can learn without being afraid that someone will be mean to them. Students in grades K-3 at East View Elementary School participated in a school-wide presentation with the goal of teaching the expectation that we are respectful and nice to everyone. Pictured above are Mr. Martin's students practicing "Personal Space - I Keep My Hands and Feet to Myself" as part of Mrs. Weatherell's DASA presentation.



Fire Safety Month: October is Fire Safety Month and we want to thank the Olean Fire Department for doing our safety presentations. By the way, we loved the fire truck!

East View Elementary School

Canticle Farms Field Trip: Grade 1 took a field trip to Canticle Farms in Allegany. There they planted vegetables, learned about their life cycles, sampled vegetables and engaged in stories and art projects. Mrs. DiLorenzo from Canticle farms also came to our school prior to the trip to ensure the kids would maximize their learning.



A Day for Dads: We had a fantastic turnout for Dads Take Your Child to School Day. This event was sponsored by Cattaraugus County Community Action.





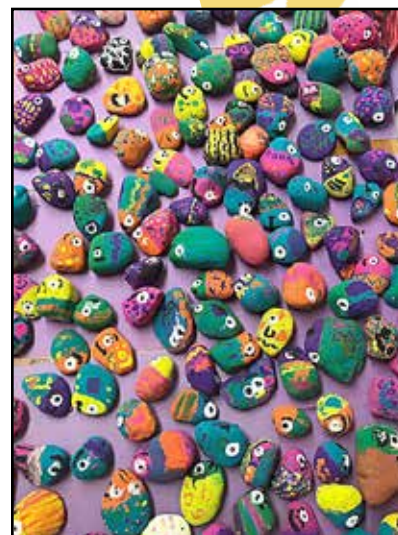
Annual Fall Festival: With the crisp winds and leaves changing, Washington West held its annual Fall Festival on October 13. Families came together to play games, get faces painted, and complete some holiday-themed crafts (see photos right, and upper and middle left). A thank you to all those that came out to celebrate and to enjoy time together as a school community. A very special thank you to all of our volunteers that make events like these possible.



Washington West Elementary School



Washington West ROCKS! Our school has recently begun a rock project with Ms. Bowen, elementary art teacher. Students, faculty and staff have been busy painting rocks that correspond with the book, “Only One You” by Linda Kranz (see photos right and left). All rocks will be displayed in our front entryway outside, reminding everyone that there is “only one you in this world ... make it a better place.”



OLEAN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

410 W. Sullivan St.
Olean, NY 14760
www.oleanschools.org

ADMINISTRATION

Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools
Kathleen Elser, Business Administrator
Jeffrey Andreano, High School Principal
Mike Martel, Assistant High School Principal
Gerald Trietley, Olean Intermediate (Gr. 6-7) Middle School Principal
Joel Witcher, Olean Intermediate (Gr. 4-5) School Principal
Brian Crawford, East View Elementary Principal
Lauren Stuff, Washington West Elementary Principal
Aaron Wolfe, Director of Human Resources
Marcella Richmond, Director of Special Education
Csobanka Woodworth, Technology Administrator
Jen Mahar, District Coordinator of State & Federal Aid Programs
Jen Kless, Coordinator of Curriculum and Instruction

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ira Katzenstein, President
John Bartimole, Vice President
Janine Fodor
Paul Hessney
Mary Hirsch-Schena
Michael Martello
Michiko McElfresh
James Padlo
Frank Steffen, Jr.

NON PROFIT
ORGANIZATION
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
Permit No. 73
Olean, NY 14760

ECRWSS

OR CURRENT RESIDENT

POSTAL PATRON LOCAL



East View Adds Golden Paw Award

This year, East View Elementary School is adding to our Super Bee Friday's with the Golden Paw Award. The Golden Paw Award is to recognize collective good behavior and positive choices. Each week, five classrooms are named the Golden Paw class of the week. They get to display a large golden and glittery poster and have a mascot husky pup in their room all week. If you can't tell by Mrs. Sorokes' class in the picture, it's kind of a big deal!

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