

**August-September 2010** 

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# Before and after school programs still available

The before and after school programs have been affected by changes in grant cycles and funding. The District continues to seek out additional grant funding and will announce changes when available. The following programs are in place for a September start date.

## **Elementary Level**

Morning program will continue and operates daily from 7:35 AM until the start of school for those families in need of early morning care. This is a free program and registration is not required. The program is available for PreK through 5th grade students.

The After School Program is operated by the Olean YMCA. It is available for kindergarten through 5th grade students and registration is required. This is a fee based program and you will need to contact the YMCA for costs associated with each building.

YMCA Contact: Rachel Linderman 701-1351.

#### Middle School

The YMCA will continue to operate the Advantage After School program as in the 2009/10 school year through November 2010 as the grant is expiring.

# New OMS Assistant Principal joins District

Tim Houseknecht was appointed to the position of Middle School Assistant Principal, effective August 2, 2010.

In 1999, Mr. Houseknecht began his teaching career at Portville after owning retail stores in Olean and Williamsville. While at Portville, he taught computer courses along with coaching the girls' modified basketball teams. In 2003, he was appointed as director of the Cattaraugus-Allegany Teacher Center, part of the New York State Teacher Center

professional development network. As director, Mr. Houseknecht worked with teachers and administrators in two counties to plan professional development projects and events. He also worked individually with teachers to enhance technology integration and skills.

In 1985, Mr. Houseknecht earned a Bachelor's degree in Business from SUNY Brockport and his Master's in Educational Leadership from St. Bonaventure in 2003. He holds a New York State School District Administrator certificate and is certified in business, social studies, and special educa-



Mr. Tim Houseknecht

tion. He is married to Sue Houseknecht, a second grade teacher at Portville. He has two college-age children, Sarah and Jake, and a big dog named Buddy.

"I'm delighted to be working directly with kids and teachers once again and doing so in Olean," Mr. Houseknecht stated. "I will really enjoy working with the school's students and wonderful staff."



# We hope to see you at Open House!

The Olean City School District will hold an Open House at the following schools:

OHS Wednesday, September 22, 6 p.m.
OMS Thursday, September 23, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, September 28, 6:30 p.m.

WW Wednesday, September 29, 6:30 p.m. EV Thursday, September 30, 6:30 p.m. IJN Wednesday, October 6, 6:30 p.m.

# Message from the Superintendent

# The Year of Systems Thinking

# By Dr. Colleen Taggeerty, Superintendent of Schools

The economic crisis facing all of us is not news; however, how we respond to the crisis may very well become the headlines of our future. The question I ponder is; do we respond in such a way as to direct our own future or do we wait and react to what is forced upon us? As a community, we need to embrace a proactive approach to school improvement in the face of fiscal hardship. To do so, we need a systems thinking approach.

As researcher Michael Fullan in his book "Large-Scale Reform Comes of Age" stated; "... effective system leaders these days 'listen, link and lead', and 'model, teach and learn.' They represent ... leadership through directing and steering, building widespread capacity and ownership, and being transparent about strategy and results." It is this approach that I offer to you. I want to hear your thoughts and ideas about our school and our program offerings. I want to teach you about the realities of school finances and regulations that inhibit us from making certain changes yet might open venues for creative solutions to problems. I want to join you in open and honest conversation about the educational needs of our children in the 21st Century. Their future success depends upon our collective leadership.

Reform is upon us. The ELA and Math standards are changing, the assessments are changing, financial support is dwindling, and we encounter new regulations almost daily. When change is forced upon us, it is important that we create opportunities for responsible risk taking; set the expectation that status quo is no longer an option; support efforts of others who are working to ensure continuous improvement; and work together for the betterment of our primary mission; the education of our youth.

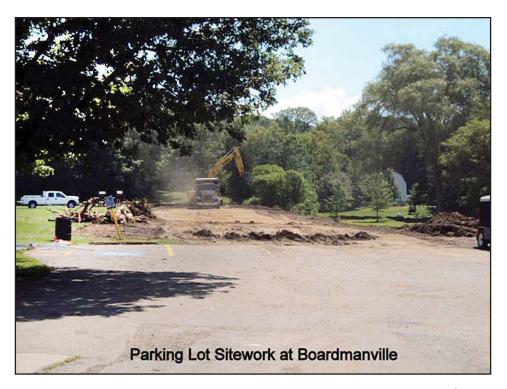
I expect the 2010-11 school year to be one of innovative thinking as we explore options available to us that will promote outstanding programming offerings while reducing our fiscal obligations. I ask that you consider joining us in this quest. Together we can make a positive difference for our learners, staff and community.

# HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING NOTES

**Construction Reminder -** At the start of Summer 2010 extensive renovations of the Olean High School have begun, and will continue into 2012. Many areas of the building will be updated to create an environment more conducive to learning. Students and parents need to be aware that several inconveniences may occur throughout the process. As contractors complete phases of the project, lockers and classrooms will need to be moved to maintain a safe environment. Please remain patient with the process and understand that all projects of this magnitude will inevitably force temporary changes in individual routines.

Evacuation Drill Planned - Parents are advised that Olean High School will conduct a building evacuation drill during the school year. Students will be relocated to off-site facilities for a period of time during the drill which is intended to be a proactive response plan in the event of an emergency situation.

The date of the drill is not announced in order to maintain the integrity of the drill and insure that it is close to portraying an actual emergency.



# Thank you, dedicated summer workers!

Our administrators, teachers, aides, secretaries, business office personnel, maintenance staff, and technology staff have been busy this summer working through and around all of the capital project activities. To each of them, I extend my sincere appreciation and gratitude as they have shown such dedication to ensuring learning continued amongst the organized chaos of; asbestos removal, HVAC work, running of cabling, ceiling tile removal, bathroom renovations, parking lot upgrades and much more. I thank you for your part in making sure our youth had quality summer school experiences and for ensuring the buildings are ready for school to open in September.



# Olean City School District 2010-2011 Calendar - BOE Approved 04-06-10

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Olean Schools Open for Students

NO SCHOOL - Columbus Day/Staff Development Day

NO SCHOOL - Veterans Day End of 1st marking period

OMS parent teacher conferences (students dismissed at 10:45) 11/22 & 11/23

Elementary parent teacher conferences (students dismissed at 11:15)

NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Recess 11/24 - 11/26

NO SCHOOL - Winter Recess Early dismissal @ 12:30

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NO SCHOOL - Presidents' Day Staff Development Day 3/11 & 14 02/21

Elementary parent teacher conferences (students dismissed at 11:15) End of 3rd marking period 3/31& 4/1 4/4-4/15 3/25

NO SCHOOL - Spring Recess NO SCHOOL - Good Friday 4/22

NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day End of 4th marking period Regents Exams 5/15-6/23 6/15 5/30

Early dismissal @ 12:30 Staff Development Day 6/23

**OHS Graduation** 

June 2011

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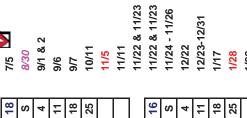
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(9/1, 9/2, 10/11, 3/11, 3/14, 6/24) 9 TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS: 186

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS:

INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS:

SCHOOL RECESS - School Closed STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS NO SCHOOL



Mrs. Judith Creeden

# District bids good luck and farewell to a great leader

# By Dr. Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent

Mrs. Creeden began her career with the Olean City School District in 1990 as a teacher of Reading. During her time as a teacher of Reading, she was viewed as a person who was child centered, professional, a "key player" within the District, and always gave 100% to her job. Jon Baker quoted: "Judy, your blending of the Chapter 1 program into our school has been responsible for improved reading with all students. You have provided excellent leadership in this area."

In 1998, Mrs. Creeden was appointed to the position of District Testing/Curriculum (K-5) Director and then expanded her role into the position of District Director of Curriculum/Testing and Chief Information Officer in December of 2005. In these positions, Judy carried forward her excellent leadership abilities, commitment to improving achievement levels of all learners, and her outstanding knowledge of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment.

The Olean City School District has been blessed by the quality of instruction, leadership, innovation, and passion that Mrs. Creeden has demonstrated throughout her career. She will be greatly missed.

# SAC Calendar 2010-2011

SEPTEMBER		SAC Meeting	2:45 pm
	17	Welcome back Dance	9-11:30 pm
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OCTOBER	1	Dress down day Senior Skits due to class advisor (Peters)	2.40 mm
	6 12-15	Spirit Week	2:40 pm
	12-13	Powder puff game	6-9 pm
	14	Decorate Stage	3-5 pm
	14	Senior Skit Preview	7 pm
	15	Homecoming Assembly	12:50 pm
	16	Decorate Cafeteria	10 am - Noon
	16	Parade, gather at OMS	Report 4:30/Leave 5
	16	Homecoming Game	1
		Court/float winners announced half time	
	16	Homecoming Dance	10 pm- 1 am
	18	Homeless Huskie Meeting, Auditorium	2:45 pm
	25	Beginning of Hallo-week	
	25	Classes decorate their hallway	
	27	Candy apple sale, Front lobby	2:40 pm
	28	Pumpkin Carving Contest. Aux Gym	2:40 pm
	29	Halloween Dance	9 pm-11:30 pm
NOVEMBER	2	Homeless Huskie Money Due	2:45 pm
	5	Dress Down Day	10
DECEMBED	5	Homeless Huskies	10 pm – 6 am
DECEMBER	10	Dress Down Day Huskies Got Talent, Auditorium	6.10 nm
	13-17	Days of Giving, Front Lobby	6-10 pm
	13-17	Tacky Sweater Day	
JANUARY	7	Dress Down Day	
JAN CARA	7	Night at the Movies, if no BB game, Aud	6·30-9·30 pm
	,	Snowmen Competition, Front Lawn	3 pm
	27	Night at the Movies, if no BB game, Aud	-
FEBRUARY	4	Dress Down	•
	9	Senior Skits due to advisor (Peters)	2:40 pm
	17	Skit Preview/Decorate Stage	6-8 pm
	18	Winter Assembly	12:50 pm
	19	Decorate Cafeteria for Dance	11 am-12 pm
	19	Winter Weekend Dance	9 pm-12 am
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MARCH	1-4	Jar Wars	
	4	Dress Down Day	
APRIL	25 1	Clue/Survivor Night Dress Down Day	
AIKIL	1	Kids First Day at SBU	
MAY	6	Dress Down Day	
	16-20	Spirit Week	
	20	Spring Sports Assembly	
	21	Prom	
		OMS Club Presentations	
		Awards Breakfast	
		Special Ed Prom	
		Special Olympics	
		SAC elections	
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JUNE	3	Dress Down Day	2.40
	6	SAC BBQ, Front Lawn	2:40 pm
	8	SAC BBQ (Rain Date)	2 nm
		Student-Staff Softball game	3 pm



# Olean High School Supply List 2010-11

Note: Regular Pencils & Black or Blue Pens Required!

# **Mathematics**

# All High School math courses require:

- A spiral notebook and pocket folder OR a 3-ring binder. (Note: Math 12 and Calculus Teachers prefer a 3-ring binder.)
- It is recommended that all students taking a high school math course purchase a TI 83 Plus or TI 84 graphing calculator. All students have to have one to use for the Integrated Algebra regents and beyond.

# **Physics**

- Either a spiral notebook and pocket folder OR a 3-ring binder
- Protractor
- Ruler
- Scientific or graphing calculator

# **Science**

#### **Earth Science:**

- 2-inch, 3-ring binder
- Colored pencils
- · Filler paper
- Calculator
- Book cover (extra large)
- 3-ring binder zip pouch

# **Chemistry:**

- 2-inch, 3-ring binder
- · Pocket folder

#### Health:

- 1-inch, 3-ring binder with pockets
- 1 subject Spiral Notebook

#### **Applied Biochemistry:**

- 3-ring binder
- Colored pencils
- Book cover (extra large)

# Living Environment/Biology:

- 3-ring binder
- · Colored pencils
- Book Cover (extra large)

#### **Environmental Science:**

- · Colored pencils
- Astronomy:
- 3-ring binder

## **History**

#### Global 9:

- 2-inch, 3-ring binder
- · Pocket folder
- Filler paper

#### Global 10:

- 1.5-inch, 3-ring binder
- Book Cover Jumbo

# **U.S. History:**

• 2-inch, 3-ring binder

#### **Participatory Government:**

- 1.5-inch, 3-ring binder
- Filler paper

# **Economics:**

- 1-inch, 3-ring binder
- · Binder divider tabs
- Filler Paper

# Psychology/Sociology:

1 spiral notebook for each semester

## English

## All Classes

- Binder
- · Filler Paper
- · Highlighters are useful
- Mrs. Anastasia's 9<sup>th</sup> grades require journals

#### **Business**

# **Business Communication:**

- 1.5 inch, 3-ring binder
- Binder divider tabs
- Page protectors

# Foreign Language

# Spanish II:

- 1.5-inch, 3-ring binder
- · Binder divider tabs
- · Page protectors
- · Filler paper
- Book Cover
- · Dry Erase Marker
- Highlighters

# **Spanish III:**

- 1.5-inch, 3-ring binder
- Binder divider tabs
- Page protectors
- Filler paper
- Highlighters
- Book Cover
- Dry Erase Marker

# **Spanish IV:**

- 1.5-inch, 3-ring binder
- Binder divider tabs
- Filler paper
- · Book Cover

## Spanish V:

- 1.5-inch, 3-ring binder
- Binder divider tabs
- Filler paper
- Book Cover

# French II through IV:

- 1.5-inch, 3-ring binder
- Filler paper
  - Book Cover

# Teachers will greet visitors on lawn during Open House

The date for Olean High School's Open House will be Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2010.

This year the format will be altered from the traditional visit to teachers in the classroom. Instead, teachers will be stationed by department on the front lawn, weather permitting, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. to meet parents and offer insight about their respective subjects.

# Mark your calendars: SAT/ACT Dates

## **SAT Test Dates:**

October 9, 2010 November 6, 2010 December 4, 2010

#### **ACT Test Dates:**

October 23, 2010 December 11, 2010

## **PSAT Test Date:**

October 16, 2010

# **Registration Deadline:**

September 10, 2010 October 8, 2010 November 5, 2010

#### **Registration Deadline:**

Sept. 17. 2010 November 5, 2010



# 2010 OHS/OMS Fall Sports Schedule

Varsity Football	Sept. 10	OHS Tourn. vs. Jamestown 3:30 p.m.		EAST AURORA 10 a.m.
Sept. 3 At Bradford 7 p.m.		OHS Tournament 2/4 p.m.	Oct. 5	CHAUTAUQUA LAKE 5 p.m.
Sept. 10 DUNKIRK 7:30 p.m.		At Wellsville 4:30/6:30 p.m.	Oct. 7	At Dunkirk 5 p.m.
Sept. 17 At Lackawanna 7:30 p.m.		FREDONIA 4:30 p.m.	Oct. 14	ALLEGANY-LIMESTONE 5 p.m.
Sept. 25 PIONEER 7:30 p.m.		At Allegany-Limestone 4:30 p.m.	Oct. 19	
Oct. 2 At Eden 2 p.m.		DUNKIRK 4:30 p.m.	Oct. 21	FREDONIA 5 p.m.
Oct. 8 At East Aurora 7:30 p.m.		At Southwestern 4:30 p.m.	OCU. 21	TREBOTATO P.III.
Oct. 16 SPRINGVILLE 6:30 p.m.	Oct. 1	At Falconer 4:30 p.m.	Girls' V	arsity Tennis
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JV Football	Oct. 8	ALLEGANY-LIME. 4:30 p.m.		At Dunkirk 4 p.m.
Sept. 4 BRADFORD 10 a.m.	Oct. 13	At Dunkirk 4:30 p.m.		SOUTHWESTERN 4 p.m.
Sept. 11 At Dunkirk 10 a.m.	Oct. 15	SOUTHWESTERN 4:30 p.m.		GOWANDA 4 p.m.
Sept. 18 LACKAWANNA 10 a.m.	Oct. 20	FALCONER 4:30 p.m.		At Tourney (Houghton), 10 a.m.
Sept. 24 At Pioneer 6 p.m.	Oct. 21	WELLSVILLE 4:30 p.m.		At Jamestown 4 p.m.
Oct. 1 EDEN 7 p.m.		··		At Fredonia 4 p.m.
Oct. 9 EAST AURORA 10 a.m.	Girls' M	lodified Soccer		DUNKIRK 4 p.m.
Oct. 15 At Springville 7 p.m.		At North Collins 4:30 p.m.		At Southwestern 4 p.m.
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Modified Football		JAMESTOWN 4:30 p.m.	Oct. 4	JAMESTOWN 4 p.m.
Sept. 11 PERSELL (scrimmage) 10 a.m.	Oct. 1	ELLICOTTVILLE 4:30 p.m.		CCAA Div I and II Counties
Sept. 15 DUNKIRK 4:30 p.m.	Oct. 4	At Bradford 4:30 p.m.		(Lakewood YMCA) TBA
Sept. 29 WASHINGTON 4:30 p.m.	Oct. 6	WEST VALLEY 4:30 p.m.	Oct. 14	
Oct. 7 At Falconer 4:30 p.m.	Oct. 13	At Allegany-Limestone 4:30 p.m.		(Lakewood YMCA) TBA
Oct. 14 SOUTHWESTERN 4:30 p.m.	Oct. 15	At Jamestown 4:30 p.m.	Oct. 15	CCAA Div I and II Counties
Oct. 21 At Persell 4:30 p.m.	Oct. 20	At Ellicottville 4:30 p.m.		(Lakewood YMCA) TBA
Oct. 27 At Jefferson 4:30 p.m.	Oct. 22	BRADFORD 4:30 p.m.		,
1		•	Girls' Va	arsity & JV Volleyball
Boys' Varsity/JV Soccer	Boys' &	Girls' Cross Country	Sept. 2	At Pioneer 4:30/6 p.m.
Sept. 3 At Gator Tournament 3/5 p.m.	Sept. 14	At Allegany-Limestone w C-R,	Sept. 8	At Falconer 4:30/6 p.m.
Sept. 4 At Gator Tournament 9:30/11:30 a.m.		Franklinville 4:15 p.m.	Sept. 10	At Allegany-Limestone 4:30/6 p.m.
Sept. 9 OHS Tourn. vs. Bradford 3:30 p.m.		At Long Point Invitational 9:30 a.m.	Sept. 11	At Fredonia Tournament (Var) 9 a.m.
Sept. 11 OHS Tournament 10 a.m./12 p.m.	Sept. 21	At Falconer w Silver Creek 4:15 p.m.		At Randolph Tourney (JV) 9 a.m.
Sept. 14 WELLSVILLE 4:30 p.m.		At East Aurora Invitational 10 a.m.		GOWANDA 4:30/6 p.m.
Sept. 16 At Fredonia 4:30 p.m.	Sept. 28	At Southwestern w Fredonia, Ripley		At Fredonia 4:30/6 p.m.
Sept. 21 ALLEGANY-LIME. 4:30 p.m.		4:15 p.m.		DUNKIRK 4:30/6 p.m.
Sept. 23 At Dunkirk 4:30 p.m.	Oct. 2	At McQuaid Invitational 10 a.m.	Sept. 22	At Southwestern 4:30/6 p.m.
Sept. 28 At Southwestern 4:30 p.m.	Oct. 5	At Frewesburg w Jamestown,	_	PIONEER 4:30/6 p.m.
Sept. 30 FALCONER Var. Only 4:30 p.m.		Dunkirk 4:15 a.m.		JAMESTOWN 4:30/6 p.m.
Sept. 30 N. COLLINS <b>JV Only</b> 4:30 p.m.	Oct. 9	At Southern Tier Classic (SBU)	_	FALCONER 4:30/6 p.m.
Oct. 5 FREDONIA 4:30 p.m.		10 a.m.	Oct. 1	At Portville 4:30/6 p.m.
Oct. 7 At Allegany-Limestone 4:30 p.m.	Oct. 12	*	Oct. 2	OLEAN TOURNAMENT (JV) 9 a.m.
Oct. 12 DUNKIRK 4:30 p.m.	0 . 16	4:15 p.m.	Oct. 6	At Gowanda 4:30/6 p.m.
Oct. 14 SOUTHWESTERN 4:30 p.m.	Oct. 16	At Cuba-Rushford Inv. 11 a.m.	Oct. 9	At Panama Tournament 9 a.m.
Oct. 19 At North Collins <b>JV Only</b> 4:30 p.m.	Oct. 19	MAPLE GROVE, RANDOLPH,	Oct. 13	FREDONIA 4:30/6 p.m.
Oct. 19 At Falconer Var. Only 4:30 p.m.	0-4-22	SHERMAN 4:15 p.m.	Oct. 15	At Dunkirk 4:30/6 p.m.
Oct. 21 At Wellsville 4:30/6:30 p.m.	Oct. 23	At Clarence Fall Classic (Akron Falls	Oct. 18	SOUTHWESTERN 4:30/6 p.m.
Danil Madafad Casas	Oct. 29	State Park) 10 a.m. At CCAA League Meet Long Point	Oct. 20	At J.E.C.A.N.Y. I.M.E. 4:20/6 p.m.
Boys' Modofied Soccer Sept. 21 At Allegany-Limestone 4:30 p.m.	OCt. 29	State Park 3:30 p.m.	Oct. 22	ALLEGANY-LIME. 4:30/6 p.m.
Sept. 25 BRADFORD 10 a.m.	Nov. 5	At Sec. VI Champs., Elma Meadows	Oct. 25	PORTVILLE 4:30/6 p.m.
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Sept. 28 JAMESTOWN 4:30 p.m. Sept. 30 At North Collins 4:30 p.m.	Nov. 13			PORTVILLE 4:30 p.m.
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Oct. 14 At Bradford 4:30 p.m.	Girls' V	arsity Swimming & Diving	_	ELLICOTTVILLE 4:30 p.m.
Oct. 14 At Bradfold 4.30 p.m. Oct. 16 At Jamestown 10 a.m.		At Fredonia 5 p.m.	Oct. 2	At West Valley 10 a.m.
Oct. 19 NORTH COLLINES 4:30 p.m.		At Chautauqua Lake 5 p.m.	Oct. 5	At Portville 4:30 p.m.
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Sports schedules are also available throughout the year at www.viewmyschedule.com or www.oleanschools.org

Sept. 23 At Allegany-Limestone 5 p.m.

Sept. 28 SOUTHWESTERN 5 p.m. Oct. 2 DANSVILLE, FREWSBURG,



Girls' Varsity/JV Soccer

Sept. 3 At Bradford Tourn. **Var. Only** TBA

Sept. 4 At Bradford Tourn. Var. Only TBA

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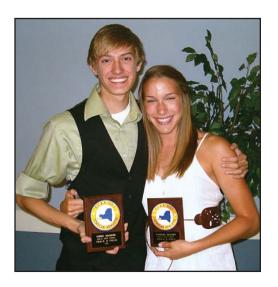
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# Athletic Department News



# Spring '10 All-Sportsmanship Team

Pictured are: Ad's Choice (Baseball) Kevin Stevens; Boys Tennis Justin App; Varsity Baseball Jaysen Baum; Varsity Softball Alicia Mikowicz; JV Baseball Jarod Knapp; JV Softball Gina Snyder; Boys Track & Field Jason Mahar; Girls Track & Field Kelly Mckeown; and Varsity Golf Logan Bowser.



# OHS Scholar Athletes for Spring Season

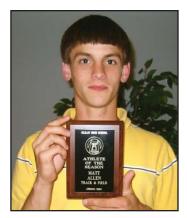
Senior Track & Field athletes Chris Mosher and Hannah Hughes (*pictured at left*) have been named as OHS Scholar-Athletes for the 2010 Spring Season. This award is given by the CCAA League and recognizes achievement in academics as well as athletics.



# Spring Athletes of the Season Named



OHS Athlete
of the Season
honors for
Spring 2010
went to Scott
Brady (at left)
- Golf and Matt
Allen (at right)
- Track & Field.



# 'Good Sports Booster Award'

Mike and Sally Nenno have been awarded the 2010 "Good Sport Booster Award". This award, which has become an annual award, is given in recognition and appreciation for dedicated support of OHS student-athletes and teams. It is given to a person(s) who is a positive role model and consistently demonstrates good sportsmanship while cheering for the "Huskies". The Nenno's are very active members and leaders of the Olean Sports Booster Club. Their positive support and tireless efforts have made a huge impact on OHS Athletics. Congratulations and thank you!







# OMS student artwork exhibited at St. Bonaventure University

Over 200 students from four different counties and twelve school districts submitted artwork for the First Annual Regional Middle Schools Art Exhibition at St. Bonaventure. Olean submitted thirty entries and thirteen were accepted. There was an opening reception on April 27th at the Regina Quick Center for the Arts. The following students exhibited artwork:

**GRADE SIX**: Jake Weber – Values Coloring (*middle right photo*); Kyra Fowler – Colorful Contour; Emily Allen - Jungle (*top right photo*)

**GRADE SEVEN**: Geoffery Broadbent – Patterns and Textures (top left photo); Brene Van Cleaf – Zebra; Jacob Gilds – Looking for Lunch (bottom left photo); Jared McLaughlin – Bison; Matt Smith - Deep Sea Fish

**GRADE 8:** Taylor Ketchner – Bird with Flowers; Lizzy Warren – Pastel Flowers (*bottom right photo with Brene Van Cleaf*); Jamie Schultz – Just Hangin' Around; Aaron Fidurko – I'm Not Fat; William Gardner- Drum; Kathryn Huselstein- Landscape









# Olean City School District Application for Free and Reduced Meals

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. The Olean City School District offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$.95 in the Elementary Schools and \$1.10 in the Middle and Senior High Schools. Lunch costs \$1.55 in the Elementary Schools and \$1.70 in the Middle and Senior High Schools. Children from households that meet federal income guidelines (outlined below) are eligible for free meals or reduced price meals. Reduced price meals cost each eligible student \$.25 for lunch and \$.25 for breakfast. To apply for free or reduced price meals, submit a Direct Certification letter from the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance OR complete the enclosed application, sign it, and return it to the Olean City School District Food Service Office, 410 West Sullivan Street, Olean, NY 14760 OR to the main office of your child's school as soon as possible.

Please refer to the guidelines contained in this letter when completing the application.

We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information.

- 1. **Do I need to fill out an application for each child?** No. Complete the application to apply for free or reduced price meals. <u>Do not fill out more than one application for your household.</u>
- 2. Who can get free meals? Children in households getting Food Stamps or TANF and most foster children can get free meals regardless of your income. Also, your children can get free meals if your household income if within the free limits on the Federal Income Guidelines. Each foster child must be listed on a separate application, with Part 2 completed and include an adult signature.
- 3. Can homeless, runaway and migrant children get free meals? Please call Lynn Corder at 716-375-8097 to see if your child(ren) qualify, if you have not been informed that they will get free meals.
- 4. Who can get reduced price meals? Your child can get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced price limits on the Federal Income Chart, shown on this application.
- 5. Should I fill out an application if I received a letter this school year saying my children are approved for free or reduced price meals? Please read the letter you received carefully and follow the instructions. Call the Food Service Office at 716-375-8007 if you have questions.
- 6. My child's application was approved last year. Do I need to fill out another one? Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new year.
- 7. I get WIC, can my child(ren) get free meals? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please fill out an application.
- 8. Will the information I give be checked? The school may ask you at any time during the school year to verify your eligibility. You will be notified, in writing, if you have been selected for Verification. School officials may ask you to send papers showing that your child should receive free or reduced price meals at the time you applied.
- 9. If I don't qualify now, may I apply later? Yes. You may apply at any time during the school year if your household size goes up, income goes down, or if you start getting Food Stamps, TANF or other benefits. If you lose your job, your children may be able to get free or reduced price meals.
- 10. What if I disagree with the school's decision about my application? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: Kathleen Elser, Business Administrator, Olean City School District, 410 West Sullivan St., Olean, NY 14760, Phone: 716-375-8020.
- 11. May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen? Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be a U.S. Citizen to qualify for free or reduced price meals.
- 12. Who should I include as members of my household? You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends). You must include yourself and all children who live with you.
- 13. What if my income is not always the same? List the amount that you normally get. For example, if you normally get \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only got \$900, put down that you get \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but not if you get it only sometimes.
- 14. We are in the military. Do we include our housing allowance as income? If you get an off-base housing allowance, it must be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income.
- 15. My spouse is deployed to a combat zone. Is her combat pay counted as income? No, if the combat pay is received in addition to her basic pay because of her deployment and it wasn't received before she was deployed, combat pay is not counted as income. Contact your school for more information
- 16. My family needs more help. Are there other programs we might apply for? To find out how to apply for [State SNAP] or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call 800-342-3009.

<u>Income Chart</u>: The following chart lists income levels according to household size and income levels received either yearly, monthly or weekly. If your total household income is the same or less than the amounts on the Income Chart below, your children may be eligible to receive free or reduced price meals

#### REDUCED PRICE ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART Effective from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 Effective until further notice

Household Size	Annual	Month	Twice-Monthly	Every 2 Weeks	Weekly		
1	\$20,036	\$1,670	\$ 835	\$ 771	\$386		
2	26,955	2,247	1,124	1,037	519		
3	33,874	2,823	1,412	1,303	652		
4	40,793	3,400	1,700	1,569	785		
5	47,712	3,976	1,988	1,836	918		
6	54,631	4,553	2,277	2,102	1,051		
7	61,550	5,130	2,565	2,368	1,184		
8	68,469	5,706	2,853	2,634	1,317		
For each additional							
family member add	6,919	577	289	267	134		
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# Free and Reduce Meal Application, continued from page 9

How to Apply: To get free or reduced price meals for your children you may submit a Direct Certification letter received from the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, OR carefully complete one application for your household and return it to the designated office. If you now receive food stamps, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) for any children, or participate in the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), the application must include the children's names, the household food stamp, TANF or FDPIR case number and the signature of an adult household member. All children with the same case number may be listed on the same application. Separate applications are required for children with different case numbers. If you do not list a food stamp, TANF or FDPIR case number for all the children for whom you are applying, the application must include the names of everyone in the household, the amount of income from each household member, how often it is received and where it comes from. It must include the signature of an adult household member and that adult's social security number, or the word "none" if the adult does not have a social security number. An application that is not complete cannot be approved. Contact your local Department of Social Services for your food stamp or TANF case number or complete the income portion of the application.

<u>Reporting Changes</u>: The benefits that you are approved for at the time of application are effective for the entire school year. You no longer need to report changes for an in-crease in income or decrease in household size, or if you no longer receive food stamps.

<u>Income Exclusions</u>: The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care Development (Block Grant) Fund should not be considered as income for this program.

Nondiscrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly. In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. *To file a complaint of discrimination, write: USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 or (202) 720-6382 (TTY).* USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Meal Service to Children with Disabilities: Federal regulation require schools and institutions to serve meals at no extra charge to children with a disability which may restrict their diet. A student with a disability is defined in 7CFR Part 15b.3 of Federal regulations, as one who has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities. Major life activities are defined to include functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working. You must request the special meals from the school and provide the school with medical certification from a medical doctor. If you believe your child needs substitutions because of a disability, please get in touch with us for further information, as there is specific information that the medical certification must contain.

Confidentiality: The United States Department of Agriculture has approved the release of students names and eligibility status, without parent/guardian consent, to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of federal education programs such as Title I and the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), which are United States Department of Education programs used to determine areas such as the allocation of funds to schools, to evaluate socioeconomic status of the school's attendance area, and to assess educational progress. Information may also be released to State health or State education programs administered by the State agency or local education agency, provided the State or local education agency administers the program, and Federal, State or local nutrition programs similar to the National School Lunch Program. Additionally, *all* information contained in the free and reduced price applications may be released to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of programs authorized under the National School Lunch Act (NSLA) or Child Nutrition Act (CAN); including the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, the Special Milk Program, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, Summer Food Service Program and the special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants and Children (WIC); the Comptroller General of the United States for audit purposes, and Federal, State or local law enforcement officials investigating alleged violation of the programs under the NSLA or CAN.

The disclosure of eligibility information not specifically authorized by the NSLA requires a written consent statement from the parent/guardian.

We will let you know when your application is approved or denied.

# Notice to all applicants for Free and Reduced Price Meals

After receiving this information, please return Direct Certification Letters or a 2010-2011 Family Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals as soon as possible to allow time for processing.

Delays in turning in your Direct Certification Letter or Family Application could result in meal charges being applied to your child's account. In order to prevent this from occurring, please turn in the Direct Certification Letter or Family Application as soon as possible.

For families who were eligible for free and reduced meals last year, a new application must be completed and approved by the District. Your children will be allowed to receive free or reduced meals until October 1st, but we strongly encourage each family to fill out a new application prior to the start of school in order to avoid the possibility of a lapse in eligibility. Meals provided to children that are eligible for free or reduced lunch after October 1st, without a new application, must be paid for and will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

If you have any questions regarding Direct Certification Letters or Family Application, please call 716-375-8007.

# Food Stamps or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)

Dear Parent or Guardian.

If you receive food stamps or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), you may receive a letter in August from the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance that will simplify the process for your child or children to receive free meals at school.

If you take or send the letter to the Olean City School District; Food Service Office, 410 West Sullivan Street, Olean, NY 14760, or take it to the main office of the school your child attends, your children will receive free meals without your having to complete an application.

You will only receive one letter. If you lose it, it will not be replaced. If you do not return the letter to the school, you must fill out the Free and Reduced Price Meal Application in order for your children to receive free meals.

Please call 716-375-8007, if you have any questions.



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# APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for free and reduced price meals, submit a Direct Certification letter received from the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance OR complete only one application for your household using the instructions.. Sign the application and return it to

Please complete a separate application for **each** foster child. Call the school if you need help:

. Ensure that all information is provided. Failure to do so may result in denial of benefits for your child or unnecessary delay in approving your application.

#### PART 1

# ALL HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE STUDENT INFORMATION. DO NOT FILL OUT MORE THAN ONE APPLICATION FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD.

- (1) Print the names of the children for whom you are applying on one application. (For Foster Children, see Part 2)
- (2) List their grade and school.

#### PART 2

# HOUSEHOLDS WITH A FOSTER CHILD SHOULD COMPLETE THIS PART AND SIGN PART 5. A foster child is the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court. A separate application must be completed for each foster child.

- (1) List the foster child's monthly "personal use" income. ("Personal Use" income is money given by the welfare office identified by category for the child's personal use, such as an allowance, and all other money the child gets, such as money from his/her family or money from the child's employment.) Write "0" if the foster child does not get "personal use" income. SKIP PART 4. Do not list any other children, household members or income, or a social security number.
- (2) A foster parent or other official representing the child must sign the application in PART 5.

#### PART 3

# HOUSEHOLDS GETTING FOOD STAMPS, TANF OR FDPIR SHOULD COMPLETE PART 3 AND SIGN PART 5. LIST ALL CHILDREN LIVING IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD EVEN IF THEY DO NOT RECEIVE BENEFITS.

- (1) List a current Food Stamp case number, TANF or FDPIR (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations) number. Do not use the number on your benefit card. The case number is provided on your benefit letter.
- (2) An adult household member must sign the application in PART 5. SKIP PART 4. Do not list names of household members or income if you list a food stamp case number, TANF or FDPIR number.

#### PARTS 4 & 5 ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE THESE PARTS AND ALL OF PART 5.

- (1) Write the names of everyone in your household, whether or not they get income. Include yourself, the children you are applying for, all other children, your spouse, grandparents, and other related and unrelated people in your household. Use another piece of paper if you need more space.
- (2) Write the amount of current income each household member receives, before taxes or anything else is taken out, and indicate where it came from, such as earnings, welfare, pensions and other income. If the current income was more or less than usual, write that person's usual income. Specify how often this income amount is received: weekly, biweekly(every two weeks), monthly, 2 x per month. Changes in income during the school year no longer need to be reported.
- (3) The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant, TANF and At Risk Child Care Programs should **not** be considered as income for this program.
- (4) The application must include the social security number of the adult who signs **PART 5** if Part 4 is completed. If the adult does not have a social security number, write "none". If you listed a food stamp, TANF or FDPIR number, or if you are applying for a foster child, a social security number is not needed.

**OTHER BENEFITS:** Your child may be eligible for benefits such as Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). In order to determine if your child is eligible, program officials need information from your free and reduced price meal application. Your written consent is required before any information may be released. Please refer to the attached parent Disclosure Letter and Consent Statement for information about other benefits.

# PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Section 9 of the National School Lunch Act requires that unless your children's food stamp, TANF or FDPIR case number is provided, you must include the social security number of the adult household member signing the application, or indicate that the household member does not have a social security number. If a social security number is not given or an indication is not made that the signer does not have such a number, the application cannot be approved. The social security number may be used to identify the household member in carrying out efforts to verify the correctness of information stated on the application. These verification efforts may be carried out through program reviews, audits and investigations and may include contacting employers to determine income, contacting a food stamp or welfare office to determine current certification for receipt of food stamps or other benefits, contacting the State employment security office to determine the amount of benefits received and checking the documentation produced by household members to prove the amount of income received. These efforts may result in a loss or reduction of benefits, administrative claims, or legal actions if incorrect information is reported.

#### DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS

In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, gender, or disability. To file a complaint, write to USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington DC 20250-9410 or call 202-720-5964(voice and TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



# News from around the 'Middle'

# New motto kicks off school year

Husky "P.R.I.D.E." supports our desire to achieve distinction academically and remain a school that excels in providing students with the best education possible, a safe environment and many wonderful extra opportunities. Students, by focusing on "P.R.I.D.E.", you will have an enjoyable and successful year.



Challenge yourself to make a **positive** impact on people around you. Make it your responsibility to be **respectful** of others and their situations. Understand that you can be an **inspiration** to the school and community if you are **determined**. Strive to stand out, strive to be **exceptional**. Do it with Husky **PRIDE**!

# Safety reminder: No parking in OMS bus lane

This is a reminder that there is **NO PARKING** allowed in the OMS bus

lane at anytime. This includes off-school hours and weekends. It is imperative this lane is kept traffic free for buses and emergency vehicles only. All



violators will be ticketed and/or towed at their own expense. Thank you for your cooperation as we strive to make student safety our top priority.

# 2010-11 Bell Schedule

	7:46 a.m.
Homeroom	7:52-7:57 a.m.
Period 1	8:00-8:41 a.m.
Period 2	8:44-9:25 a.m.
	9:28-10:09 a.m.
Period 4	10:12-10:55 a.m.
Period 4A	10:12-10:32 a.m.
Period 4B	10:35-10:55 a.m.
Period 5	10:58-11:41 a.m.
Period 5A	10:58-11:18 a.m.
	11:21-11:41 a.m.
Period 6	11:44 a.m12:27 p.m.
Period 6A	11:44 a.m12:04 p.m.
Period 6B	12:07-12:27 p.m.
Period 7	12:30-1:11 p.m.
Period 8	1:14-1:55 p.m.
Period 9	1:58-2:39 p.m.
	2:39 p.m.

# Meet the OMS staff at Open House Sept. 23

The OMS Open House will be on Thursday, September 23, 2010, starting at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of our "Open House" is to give our parents/guardians, community members and students an opportunity to meet our faculty, staff and administration. Our program this year will be divided into two sessions. We will conduct a general informational meeting in our gymnasium from approximately 6:30-7:10 p.m. and then we will open our building up for tours and classroom visits from 7:10-8:15 p.m. Door prizes and snacks will be provided. "Hope to see everyone there!"



# 2010-11 DISTRICT MUSIC DEPARTMENT CALENDAR

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October 8th, Friday	OHS Talent Show 7:00	OHS Auditorium
October 16th, Saturday	Homecoming Parade (Marching Band)	OMS
October 28th, Thursday	OHS Fall Concert 7:00	OHS
November 5th and 6th, Fri Sat.	Junior High Sectional All-State	Akron, NY
November 11th, Thursday	Veterans' Day (Marching Band) 11:00am	Lincoln Park
November 19th and 20th, Fri Sat.	Senior High Sectional All-State	SUNY Fredonia
November 26th, Friday	Santa Claus Lane Parade (Marching Band) 6:00	Union St.
<b>December 2nd to 5th</b> , Thurs Sun.	NYSSMA Winter Conference	Rochester, NY
December 3rd to 5th, FriSun.	"White Christmas" 7:00	OHS Auditorium
December 6th, Monday	EV Winter Concert 7:00	EV
December 8th, Wednesday	WW Winter Concert 7:00	WW
December 13th, Monday	IJN Winter Concert 7:00	IJN
December 15th, Wednesday	OMS Winter Concert 7:00	OHS
December 20th, Monday	BV Winter Concert	BV
December 21st, Tuesday	OHS Winter Concert 7:00	OHS
January 28th and 29th, Fri Sat.	County Solo Festival	ALCS
February 11th and 12th, Fri Sat.	Junior High Band/Elementary All-County	
March 11th and 12th, Fri Sat.	OHS Musical 7:30	OHS
March 18th and 19th, Fri Sat.	Senior High All-County @ OHS	OHS
March 21st, Monday	EV Spring Concert 7:00	EV
March 23rd, Wednesday	WW Spring Concert 7:00	WW
March 28th, Monday	IJN Spring Concert 7:00	IJN
March 29th, Tuesday	BV Spring Concert 7:00	BV
March 30th, Wednesday	Elementary Instrumental Concert @ OHS 7:00	OHS
March 31st, Thursday	Bandtasia 7:00	OHS
April 27th, Wednesday	OHS Choral Spectacular 7:00	OHS
May TBA	NYSSMA Majors TBA	TBA
May 13th and 14th, Fri Sat.	NYSSMA Solo-Festival @OMS	OMS
May 18th, Wednesday	WW Primary Concert 6:00	WW
May 19th, Thursday	OMS Spring Concert 7:00	OHS
May 23rd, Monday	IJN Primary Concert 6:00	IJN
May 27th and 28th, Fri Sat.	Houghton String Festival	Houghton Coll.
May 30th, Monday	Memorial Day Parade (Marching Band) 10:00am	Union St.
June 2nd, Thursday	OHS Spring Concert 7:00	OHS
June 3rd, Friday	Recruitment Concert 1:30	OHS
June 3rd, Friday	Music Boosters Awards Banquet 6:00-8:00	Pulaski Club
June 5th, Sunday	OHS Orchestra Concert @ St. Mary's 7:00	St. Mary's
June 6th, Monday	EV Spring Concert/Musical Grades K and 1-7:00	EV
June 13th, Monday	BV Primary and Spring Concert 7:00	BV
June 25th, Saturday	Graduation 11:00 am	OHS











Building Project Update - At the time that this article is being written, progress continues on the building project at East View. In most areas of the building, the old carpet has been removed and the new carpet is being installed. In addition, the new parking lot, driveway, and sidewalks are taking shape in the back of the building, off Alder Street. Thank you to all the teachers and support staff who packed up the classrooms at the end of June and a special thanks to our maintenance team - Mr. Lampack, Mr. Vincent and Mr. Rau for all their hard work in moving the contents of the classrooms numerous times to allow for the installation of the carpet.



East View Welcomes New Staff - The East View Elementary School Family will welcome three new staff members for the 2010-2011 school year. First, Ms. Cheryl Kloc will be a new Pre Kindergarten teacher in Rm. 212. Also, Mrs. Jen Carl will be the new reading teacher who will work with students in 4th and 5th grades. Finally, Ms. Michelle Acierno will be dividing her P.E. teaching duties between East View and Washington West. In addition, Mrs. Kathy Knight will be moving from her previous teaching assignment in 3rd grade to Kindergarten. Best wishes to all for a great school year!

# East View Elementary School

East View Open House - East View Elementary School's annual "Open House" will take place Thursday, September 30, 2010, starting at 6:30 p.m. The program will begin in the lower court area with a brief meeting, a PTO presentation, and introductions of the staff. Parents will then report to their respective classrooms. This event gives parents a chance to visit the school, meet the teachers and learn any new procedures for the upcoming school year.

Parking / Safety Concerns - All parents/guardians are asked to continue to follow the parking restrictions around the school, especially the no parking signs on Spring Street and Alder Street and the crosswalk on Spring Street. These signs are placed there for the safety of our children. Cars parked on both sides of Spring Street at arrival and dismissal times create a very congested and dangerous situation. All students will be instructed to cross Spring Street and Alder Street only at the crosswalks. Please reinforce this with your children as well. In addition, be aware that there is a handicapped parking area (indicated by a sign) on Spring Street, near the crosswalk. Finally, you are reminded that the right hand lane of the driveway off of Alder Street is for school buses only. This lane is marked by a number of orange cones. Cars should not be in that lane at all and if you must park in the driveway, please park beyond the cones, or use the new parking area inside the driveway. Your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated.



#### Signs of Summer at Boardmanville -

Construction on the capital project at Board-manville was in full swing early in July. Workers have been busy running new electrical wiring, renovating the student bathrooms, and moving the office suite and occupational therapy areas.

This is how the first grade hallway (top right photo) looked in early July as crews dug through the floors to place new plumbing and worked in the ceiling to run new electrical wiring.

Outside, crews were tearing up old asphalt and digging in preparation for the improved bus loop by Hamilton Street and the expanded parking lot near Oviatt Street. Amid all the construction, the rapidly growing sunflower plants, vegetables, and herbs planted by our students in the spring (bottom photo) are welcome and encouraging signs that everything is anticipated to be ready for the opening of school.

It will certainly be an exciting new year, and we are looking forward to reuniting with our Boardmanville family to continue working, learning, and having fun together.



# Boardmanville Elementary School







# Ivers J. Norton Elementary School

**Staying Connected -** Communication between home and school is very important. There are many ways to stay connected: IJN monthly newsletter, Olean City School District newsletter, Parent/Student Handbook, Student Agenda (for grades 3-5), and our website http://oleanschools.org. This fall our classroom teachers will be updating their web pages to help keep you more informed. And as always, you can stop in the office or call 375-8941 to share your thoughts, concerns, suggestions, etc.

# **Important IJN Dates to Remember**

#### September

- 6 Labor Day No School
- 7 Opening Day of School for Students
- 9 PTO Meeting 6:00 Welcome reception

## October

- 6 Open House 6:30
- 7 PTO Meeting 6:00 All are welcome!
- 11 No School Columbus Day
- 25 Picture Day

**Annual Open House -** Please join in the fun during IJN's Open House. On Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, we'll meet in the gymnasium at 6:30. This special evening will give you an opportunity to meet our staff, visit your child's classroom, and learn about the happenings/events in the school. Tour the building and see the results of our summer construction projects. Hope to see you then!

# By Linda Nottingham, IJN Elementary Principal

Wow! What an incredible summer of change! As we welcome you to the 2010-2011 school year, the "Under Construction" theme stands out! The hustle and bustle of the last several weeks has been a real eye opener for me. To see such transformation occur before my very eyes gave way to thoughts of what we do here with our IJN community of students, families, and staff. As a whole, we are always under construction; growing and changing in every way. My hope is that we take the opportunity to focus on the changes that are occurring here at school. Our project goal is to master the curriculum at every grade level while also encouraging our students to be responsible, respectful, resourceful, and safe. We will have "Husky Pride" in our final product because we'll work hard along the way.

I encourage you to prepare yourselves to come to the 'worksite'. Remember that proper safety gear is essential. Put on your hard hat and know that we are under construction academically. Put on your 'work boots' and take on physical challenges in our gym classes. Work with the Company (IJN) and take a team approach to completing the tasks at hand. Get to know your Project Manager (principal), Team Leaders (teachers), and Crew Chiefs (support staff) as you are lead through the 'blueprints' throughout the year. Come prepared with the 'tools' you'll need to be successful. Each day matters – and your attendance on the job is priority. I look forward to building a great year with you.



**New IJN Staff** - Please join the Ivers J. Norton community in welcoming our new staff members: Secretary – Konnie Minnard *(above)* is from Olean. Most recently, she was the Health Information Specialist at CAReS, Inc. Prior to that she was Member Services Coordinator at the Olean Family YMCA.

Sr. Food Service Helper – Penny Lamont has worked in food service for our district since September of 2003.

Early Reading First Literacy Coach – Amber Benjamin most recently taught 5th grade here at IJN. She also served as a Pre-Kindergarten teacher for many years.

Cindy Johnson is the Pre-K teacher transferring from Washington West.

Danny Brooks is the Grade 5 teacher, transferring from Olean Middle School.







# Washington West Elementary School

The OCSD 2010 Summer Program ran from Tuesday, July 6th, through Monday, August 2nd at Washington West Elementary School. Primary and intermediate teachers from around the district engaged students in a variety of projects and activities. Each week brought a new theme involving caring for friends, animals, the earth and ourselves. The PreK and Kindergarten residents of "Camp Husky Pup" enjoyed adventures in camping through related theme classrooms and activities. The program culminated with a field trip to JCC's Cutco Theater to see a musical performance of "Suessical" and an outing at Oak Hill Park, **Pictured clockwise from top left are:** 



Caring for the Earth - During the first week of the summer program, students in 1st and 2nd grade learned about Caring for the Earth. Special activities from this week included a Recycling Presentation from Ms. Matejka, as well as creating projects from recycled materials. Additionally, students showed they care for the Earth by collecting litter from the Washington West playground.

Caring for Animals - Caring for Animals was the theme of the third week of the summer program. Mr. Mark Baker, "The Hawk Guy", was a special visitor. Mr. Baker helps rehabilitate wild birds. He brought several of his special friends to show the students and

also gave them lots of great information. Students also created pinecone birdfeeders, paper plate animals, and a special Animal ABC Book.

Caring for Our Bodies - The fourth week of the summer program focused on Caring for Our Bodies. Students had the opportunity to do a Healthy Foods Taste Test. They tried three vegetables and three fruits and rated how much they liked each one. Many of the students had not tried some of the healthy snacks before and after doing so, found that they really liked them!

Caring for Our Friends - The second week of the Summer Program focused on Caring for Our Friends. During this week, students visited SubCon Industries and learned the compassionate lesson that "we are all the same on the inside." Students also created "I Care" mobiles and Friendship Buddies.





# ANNUAL BACK-TO-SCHOOL NOTICES

# Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

Notice to Parents and Eligible Students (students over 18 years of age) of Rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

You are notified that you have the following rights in relation to student records:

The right to inspect and review students' education records within a reasonable time but not more than 45 days from the day the Olean City School District receives a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The principal will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes is inaccurate or misleading or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights. Parents or eligible students may ask the Olean City School District to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights. They should write the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights. If the Olean City School District decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the District will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures

will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the District as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the School Board; a person or company with whom the District has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. Upon request, the Olean City School District discloses educational records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.

The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the Olean City School District to comply with the requirements of FERPA.

The name and address of the office that administers FERPA is: Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, Washington, DC 20202-4605

# **Child Find Notification**

The Olean City School District Child Find policy requires that all children below twenty-one (21) years of age residing within the district, who have a disability, regardless of the severity of their disability, and who are in need of special education and related services are identified, located and evaluated in accordance with all federal regulations and state standards.

Children might have deficits in behavior,

communication, cognitive abilities, physical development, sensory development, hearing, and social-emotional abilities. If you suspect that your child might have a disability, please contact Kelly Andreano, CPSE Chairperson, at 375-8989 if your child is birth through age five (5) or contact Jon Hamed, CSE Chairperson, at 375-8984 if your child is five (5) through twenty-one (21) years of age.

# **Pesticide Use Notification**

During the school year, it may be necessary for maintenance staff to use pesticides on school grounds to meet pest management goals. Any individual interested in registering to receive a written notification 48 hours prior to pesticide application, please contact Olean City Schools for an application form. If you have any questions about the integrated pest management program or pesticide use, contact David Fidurko, Superintendent of Building and Grounds, at 375-8040.

# Title IX and Sec. 504

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Olean City School District hereby advises students, parents, employees and the general public that it offers employment and educational opportunities, including vocational education opportunities without regard to sex, race, color, national origin or handicap.

The secondary vocation education opportunities available to district residents under age 21 are available upon request to the High School and Middle School Guidance Departments.

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

As required by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Olean City School District does not discriminate on the basis of sex in the educational programs or activities, which it provides including vocational programs. The district does not discriminate in employment of persons on the basis of sex, including recruitment, appointment, salary and benefits as well as on the basis of handicapping conditions in admission or access to its program and activities, including vocational education. No person shall be denied employment solely because of any physical, mental or medical impairment, which is related to the person's ability to engage in the activities involve din the job for which the application has been made. The District Official responsible for the coordination of activities relating to non-discrimination of sex, race, color, national origin or handicapped is Mr. Lynn Corder, Title IX Coordinator and Section 504 Coordinator - Phone: 716-375-8097. He can provide information about complaint procedures to any student or employee who feels that his/ her rights under Title IX or Section 504 have been violated by the District or its officials. In addition, any student or employee may make an inquiry or complaint directly to the federal office for Civil Rights.

Inquiries concerning this policy and information about complaint procedures may be referred to Mr. Lynn Corder, Section 504 Coordinator at 716-375-8097.

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# Staff presented tenure certificates

Laurie Branch (front, far right), president of the Olean City School District Board of Education, presents tenure certificates to district teachers and administrator. Tenure certificates presented to: Michelle Acierno, Amber Benjamin, Danny Brooks, Shannon Burns, Timothy Bushnell, Lynn Corder, Leslie DeGolier, Marjorie Dexter, Katheryn Estes, Jason Folland, Gregory Jackson, Cynthia Johnson, Michelle Robinson and Lauren Stuff. Missing in Photo: Amber Benjamin, Danny Brooks, and Jason Folland.



# **OLEAN CITY** SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### Mission ...

"Home, School and Community Educating for Life"

# Values ...

- Honesty/Integrity
- Learning
- **Mutual Respect**
- Resourcefulness
- Responsibility & Accountability
- Sensitivity to Diverse Needs
- **Teamwork**

#### Strategic Themes ...

- Curriculum and Instruction
- Facilities & Learning Environment

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- Finance/Resource Management
- **Building Relationships**