



# Orchard Park Central School District *Community Report*

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## *Science Classroom Addition Ready for Use*



The science classroom wing addition at the High School is now complete. Construction crews have finalized work on the three-story addition, having just recently finalized the installation of flooring, cabinets and equipment. The addition is part of the District's \$24 million capital improvement project which was approved by community members in May 2007, and focuses on improving building health, safety and security throughout the District.

To view photos of work on the capital project, including late summer construction photos, please turn to page 10.



## *Schools Recognize Fire Prevention Week*

South Davis Elementary students receive assistance exiting a smoke house from Orchard Park Fire Department volunteers. The house simulates how quickly a room can fill with smoke after a fire breaks out. Firefighters also reinforced fire safety tips as part of National Fire Prevention Week.

# Superintendent's Column

For the past several months, the possibility of school closing has focused on H1N1 flu. Recently Erie 1 BOCES Superintendent of Schools Don Ogilvie stated, "I want to emphasize the interdependency of roles (schools, health department, parents, etc.) to prevent, track and respond to H1N1. You need to know that the school districts in Western New York are doing everything possible to keep the school environment as 'clear' as possible. The decision to close as a result of H1N1 will be based upon a review of data and patterns of incidence and only after consultation with the county health commissioner. It appears that while each district may act independently, there is much communication and coordination between all agencies." I thought this line of thinking might be helpful.

As we move from fall to winter, the viability of closing for weather becomes an even greater possibility. Therefore a quick review of the procedures for the Orchard Park Central School District may be helpful.

Just as with H1N1, the decision to close/delay schools is not an easy one to make. As early as 4:00 a.m., calls begin to come to myself and our



Joan Thomas

transportation department from the Orchard Park Police Department, the Orchard Park Highway Department, Boston Highway Department, and the East Concord County Highway Department. Calls also come from the Erie County Sheriff, the New York State Highway Department and the Erie County Highway Department. Whew! While the phones are ringing, Tom Blidy, the District's Transportation Director, is out personally driving and surveying key roads. After the determination of the road conditions has been made, Mr. Blidy then calls me and advises me as to whether to delay/close or not. Once the decision is made to delay or close, I then call the radio and television stations. I try to do all of this by 5:30 a.m.

Note that the district is over 50 square miles, and much of the area is hilly terrain shaped in a narrow band that stretches south.

Because of the land formation, it is common to have varying weather at different ends of the district. So, even though school may not be closed, your decision to keep your child home is quite appropriate if the weather around your home is not good. We know and believe that our top priority is safety first for our children.

If weather turns bad during the school day, students will remain at school until the weather is clear enough to travel.

Typical practice is to begin the dismissal process early, which allows the extra travel time needed in bad weather to get home close to the regular time. To increase the potential for older siblings to be home when the younger ones arrive, the dismissal sequence starts with High School students. Middle School dismissal follows, and Elementary students are dismissed last. If parents or older siblings cannot be home for the returning youngsters, please make sure your child knows of an alternate place to go, like a specific friend or neighbor.

This is a great deal of information that I hope has been helpful. The radio and television broadcasts will be the most reliable sources of information when inclement weather occurs.

Thank you for your continued support.

## Snow Day Information

The decision to close school because of adverse weather conditions is not made lightly or easily. It involves many consultations with the weather bureau, highway supervisors and police in the six towns which compose the district.

Once the decision to close has been made by the Superintendent, area radio stations are informed, including WBEN, WNED, WUFO, WHTT and WJYE. Closing information will also be shared with the following television

stations: WGRZ, WIVB and WKBW. You may also receive alerts to your e-mail address or cellular phone through the District's "ED Alert" system (visit [www.opschools.org](http://www.opschools.org) for more information). *If the District has power, the closing will also be posted on the District's Web site at [www.opschools.org](http://www.opschools.org)*

On occasion, an emergency may necessitate the closing of one school, but not the other schools in the district. Single building closings also will be announced on the above stations.

## 2009-2010 Board of Education Goals

The Board of Education has identified the following goals for the 2009-2010 school year:

- Increase Board member knowledge of district revenue and expenditures (past, present and future) in order to adopt a fiscally responsible budget that maintains the integrity of the instructional program.
- Support and monitor long-range planning for facilities, technology, curriculum, and budget development including a transportation facility plan that addresses the health, safety, and space needs of the district.
- Continue to:
  - attend school and community events and meetings;
  - attend Town Board meetings and Planning Board meetings; and
  - publicly recognize teachers, staff and students for extraordinary achievements that positively impact the student environment and the community.



*Members of the 2009-2010 Board of Education  
Row 1: Maria Lehman, vice-president and  
Donald Sniezak, president  
Row 2: Rachel Baksa, Alfred McClymonds,  
David Nielsen, Carla Marrazzo  
and Natalie A. Schaffer*

**\*\*The Board of Education will re-visit their Goals semi-annually at public meetings.**

## Alumni Make Generous Donation; Recognized by Board and Community



At their October 6 meeting, the Board of Education accepted a donation of \$34,250 from Orchard Park alumni Paul Hollins, Dave Hollins and Wayne Lewis. The donation was used to fund the installation of fencing for the new baseball field, and for miscellaneous baseball field work. Paul Hollins noted that “we wanted to give something back to the District - in part because of the wonderful education we received from caring and dedicated teachers and coaches, such as Bob Barrows,” who was in attendance at the meeting. The gentlemen also noted that they hoped their donation would be the beginning of alumni giving back to the District. The generous alumni are pictured here presenting their donation to the Board

of Education. Pictured from left are Dave Hollins; Jeff Petrus, assistant superintendent for business & support services; Don Sniezak, Board of Education president; Paul Hollins; Wayne Lewis and Jim Higgins, director of athletics.



# *District and Union Collaborate on Bullying and Harassment Prevention Workshop*

This past summer, the Orchard Park Central School District and the Orchard Park Teachers Association co-hosted four days of in-service training on Bullying and Sexual Harassment Prevention and Intervention. This project was coordinated through the joint efforts of the District, the Orchard Park Teachers Association, the National Education Association (NEA) and Phil Johnson, retired staff member of the Geneva School District.

Representatives from the District, including teachers, counselors, bus drivers, teacher aides, administrators and Board members, participated in the workshop alongside parents and community leaders, including DARE officers, the Community Youth Council, Boys & Girls Club, YMCA, Park Parsons and the Town Recreation Department. Together, they learned more about why children who are targets of bullying behavior suffer emotionally, as well as academically. They also learned that bullied students have a higher rate of absenteeism, have trouble concentrating in class, and as a result, are denied the basic civil right of obtaining a quality education in a threat-free learning environment.

The goals of the program included:

- Increasing awareness of the problem of bullying and harassment; and the harmful effects to the target, perpetrator and even the bystander
- Becoming familiar with prevention/intervention programs and techniques
- Learning how and actually beginning to develop a school-wide solution (via a school action plan)

What happens next? School personnel have shared what they learned with colleagues at their respective schools, and will revisit the suggested school action plans throughout the year. (See box



below for more information.)

The District and the union will continue to pursue professional development for all staff in an effort to reduce and eventually eliminate bullying and harassment. The solution lies in increasing awareness of the problem, learning about effective prevention programs and intervention techniques, and designing a comprehensive school-wide solution to mitigate the harmful effects of such behaviors. Our academic excellence as a school district can continue to thrive when learning takes place in a safe and positive environment.

## *In the Future....*

Here is a sampling of what schools are planning to combat bullying and sexual harassment:

- Ellicott Elementary is planning a Character Café, which rewards any class that demonstrates anti-bullying strategies. The Character Café promotes special guests who will eat lunch with winning classes in a specially prepared section of the small cafeteria.
- The Middle School began anti-bullying efforts last year with the sixth graders under the leadership of the guidance counselors, social worker and school psychologists. This September these individuals, along with building administration, designed a Welcome Back assembly for all students. Each grade level received information on bullying, cyber bullying and sexual harassment.
- Teachers at the High School will continue their intervention strategies whenever bullying language is used student-to-student, including, but not limited to, anti-gay remarks.

# Technology Education Classes Participate in Real World Field Trip



Technology students from Orchard Park High School participated in Western New York Construction Career Day on October 7.

Photo provided by A. Deluisio.

In early October, junior and senior students from Mr. Daluisio's, Mr. Godfrey's and Mr. Kennedy's technology education classes went on a "real world" field trip sponsored by the WNY Building Trades Council. Students visited the Operating Engineers Training facility in Lakeview, NY, where they spent the entire day being exposed to all the building-trades unions that operate in WNY. They were given the opportunity to participate in operation of heavy equipment, in addition to viewing and experiencing most of the trades first-hand. This provided them with the experience of what a day in the life of a building-trades worker can be like. Students

were also given hard hats, safety glasses, goodie bags, information on apprenticeship and journeyman programs and a great lunch. More than a few students were overheard saying "what a great opportunity it was" and "it's unbelievable the money you could make doing something that you really like." This was the fourth time that High School students have attended this function.

## Middle School to Present "Snoopy" - A Show for the Kid In All of Us

Orchard Park Middle School will present the musical *Snoopy* on Friday, November 20 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, November 21 at 2 p.m. Featuring a series of vignettes created from classic Peanuts cartoons, and songs sung by your favorite Charles Schulz characters, *Snoopy* is a perfect show for kids of all ages.

The show features over 100 Middle School students, including the following as leads: Evan Stoddard as Snoopy; Ben Schafer as Charlie Brown; Lori Beth Koller as Lucy; Jillie Garrick as Peppermint Patty; Roxanna Herreid as Sally; Sean Mann as Linus; Katie Youngman as Woodstock; Jack Layer as Schroeder; Emma Freedenberg as Violet; Caroline Schettler as Frieda; Taylor Heywood as Marcie, and Mario Marrazzo as PigPen.

*Snoopy* also features a crew of over 50 students, led by Syndi Buscaglia, director/co-producer; Melissa Smith, music director/co-producer; Megan Sreniawski, choreographer, and Dan Miller, set design.

Tickets will be on sale the week of the show - beginning Monday, November 16th during all lunch periods (10:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.) in the Middle School Foyer. If tickets remain, they will also be on sale at the door prior to the performances.



Pictured here are several of the leads in *Snoopy*. Front Row (left to right): Sean Mann (Linus), Evan Stoddard (Snoopy) and Roxanna Herreid (Sally). Middle: Katie Youngmann (Woodstock). Back Row: Jack Layer (Schroeder), Taylor Heywood (Marcie) and Emma Freedenberg (Violet). Missing from the photo are Ben Schafer (Charlie Brown), Lori Beth Koller (Lucy), Jillie Garrick (Peppermint Patty) and Mario Marrazzo (PigPen).



## On the Record...

### All-American



photo by: C. Bodnar

Congratulations to Orchard Park High School Senior Eric Bodnar, who was selected to the U.S. Army All-American Marching Band for the clarinet. Eric will be performing with the U.S. Army All-American Marching Band for the 10th Anniversary of the U.S. Army All-American Bowl in San Antonio, Texas on

January 9, 2010. The U.S. Army All-American Marching Band recognizes the top 97 high school senior marching musicians from across the country and showcases their talents during the largest celebration of high school football in America, the U.S. Army All-American Bowl. Eric is pictured here with Lieutenant Colonel Baker of the U.S. Army.

### Making Strides

On Sunday, October 4, 140 staff members from the District participated in Buffalo's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk. This national event is held in over 40 cities to raise awareness and funds to fight breast cancer. The local walk began at Buffalo City Hall with a pep rally and continued with a 5k walk to the lighthouse at Erie Basin Marina. Members of the Orchard Park Teachers' Association, in conjunction with the Orchard Park Service Related Professionals' Association, raised over \$7,200 for the walk. The event, held annually, raised about \$500,000 for this worthy cause.

### National Merit



Orchard Park High School Senior Ross DiPronio has been named a National Merit Scholarship semifinalist. He is one of thirty-two Western New York high school seniors who received the honor, putting him in an elite nationwide group of 16,000 academic stars. The 2009 semifinalists were

chosen from an initial pool of 1.5 million students who took last year's PSAT/NMSQT, a qualifying test. Semifinalists remain in the hunt for 8,200 National Merit Scholarships, which are worth a total of \$36 million. A participant in the Gifted Math Program at the University at Buffalo, DiPronio is a member of the National Honor Society, French National Honor Society and Quaker Marching Band. He has been involved with the band/wind ensemble, jazz ensemble, student government, Model UN, Orchard Park High School's school newspaper, The Voice, and Masterminds (high school academic bowl).

### National Participation

This past summer Rachelle Francis, music teacher at Eggert Elementary, was selected to participate in two National Endowment for Humanities summer seminars. In June, Francis traveled to Philadelphia to participate in "A Rising People: Benjamin Franklin and the Americans." In July, she ventured to Wyoming to take part in "Women's Suffrage on the Western Frontier." Each summer, the National Endowment for the Humanities offers 'Landmarks of American History and Culture Workshops for Schoolteachers.' These workshops are designed to provide K-12 educators with intensive study of important topics in American history. Mrs. Francis, the District's K-5 social studies coordinator, has now developed lessons for the NEH website about each of these experiences and will share her learning with other teachers at Eggert Elementary.

### Supporting Our Schools

Eggert Elementary has been selected as BJ's adopt-a-school program for the 2009-2010 school year! The outlet retailer will present the school with a \$500 check early this winter. They will also select one class from Eggert for an in-school Dr. Seuss birthday party in March. BJ's will supply cake, milk, and paper products for the party. Ellicott, South Davis and Windom Elementary Schools have all been selected as BJ's adopted school in the past.

### Continuous Show of Support

Thanks are extended to Buffalo Bills Kicker Rian Lindell for his generous donation to the Orchard Park Middle School. A continued supporter of the Orchard Park Central School District, Lindell once again showed his generosity by donating \$2,000 worth of Nike backpacks to students in need at the Middle School. We thank him for his continued support of our school and the students we serve!

### Holiday Gift Ideas



Looking to purchase Orchard Park Schools' merchandise while supporting a good cause? Look no further. Leaders of the Children in Need fund at the Middle School are now selling Orchard Park merchandise, with proceeds to provide for Middle School students and families in

need. To view merchandise for sale, please visit our Web site at [www.opschools.org](http://www.opschools.org), click on "Middle School," then "Parents." Please note that most items are not Middle School specific and make a great gift for any student or alum.

# K-8 State Assessment Results - ELA and Math

By Dennis Fitscher

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Pupil Services



No Child

Left Behind (NCLB) expects all students to meet the New York State Learning Standards by the year 2013-14. Student and

district performance are categorized into four levels as follows:

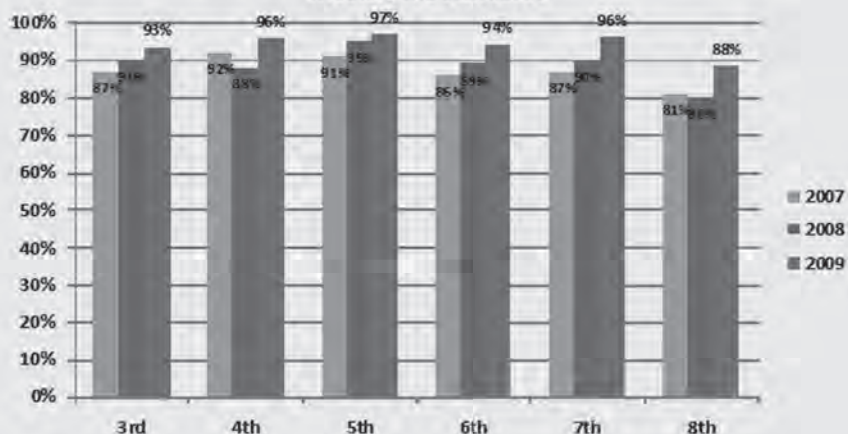
- Level 4: Meeting Learning Standards with Distinction
- Level 3: Meeting Learning Standards
- Level 2: Partially Meeting Learning Standards
- Level 1: Not Meeting Learning Standards

These levels not only measure progress in meeting the NYS Learning Standards, but they also serve as predictors of student success on future Regents examinations required for graduation. Students that score at level 3 and 4 are “on target” for meeting the learning standards and passing the “high stakes” Regents exams.

Although these results rank Orchard Park Central Schools near the top in Erie County on most assessments, the district continues to focus on ways to increase student achievement, thereby assisting all students in meeting the standards. Excellent student performance is a direct result of the Board’s continued investment in professional development to extend teacher knowledge and “best practices”, development of high quality standards-based curriculum maps, additional time on task (after school or before school programs), software to inform instruction through analysis of student performance data, and talented and dedicated staff.

Congratulations to all on such exceptional performance!

3 Year NYS ELA Assessment Results  
Meeting the Standards

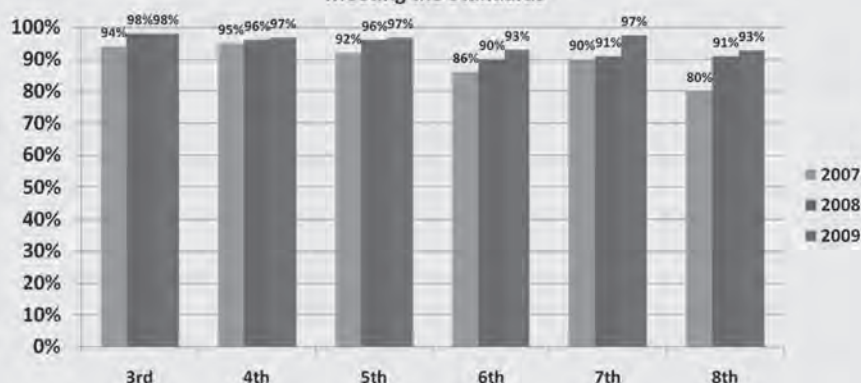


District English Language Arts results on state assessments are very impressive. Please note the positive three year trend lines in the graph above. The percentage of students meeting standards (Level 3 and 4) has steadily increased.

2009 ELA Assessment Results

	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
Meeting Standards	93%	96%	97%	94%	96%	88%
Level 4	18%	10%	28%	20%	14%	5%
Level 3	75%	86%	69%	74%	82%	83%
Level 2	5%	3%	3%	6%	4%	12%

3-Year NYS Math Assessments  
Meeting the Standards



District Math results on state assessments were equally very strong. The percentage of students meeting standards (Level 3 and 4) improved at all grade levels – the third year in a row. The district team is very proud of this positive trend line as well. Math was an area targeted for improvement four years ago by the Board of Education. Please note the significant improvement of students meeting the standards at 7th grade (91% to 97%).

2009 Math Assessment Results

	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
Meeting Standards	98%	97%	97%	93%	97%	93%
Level 4	40%	50%	49%	34%	41%	23%
Level 3	58%	47%	48%	59%	57%	70%
Level 2	1%	3%	3%	5%	2%	5%
Level 1	0%	1%	0%	2%	1%	2%



## Clowning Around Pays Off Big

Who would have thought Clowning Around would ever pay off so big??? Mr. Muffaletto's 3rd grade class at Eggert Elementary was selected as the Grand Prize Winner of a contest from WIVB-TV and the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus. The contest encouraged elementary school students to have their teacher dress up like a clown and have their picture taken. Mr. Muffaletto obliged, dressing up and posing for the photo pictured to the right (top). Their photo was selected as the winner, with each student in the classroom receiving a family 4-pack of tickets to the circus! In addition, Mr. Muffaletto was invited by the circus to make a guest appearance as a "Celebrity Clown," and the entire class was invited to participate in the Pre-Show at the October 22 performance of the circus. There they were able to see performers up close and personal, and try their hands at circus stunts. To show their gratitude to Channel 4, the students got into the act by donning glasses and extending letters of thanks (pictured right, below.)



Pictured here are South Davis Spectrum Geocachers. Geocaching is a game where you can hide and seek treasures throughout the world. Often, geocaches, or "treasures," are small - just a container with a pencil and paper inside. Sometimes they are hidden boxes which contain different kinds of materials. Geocachers take something from the box and leave something for other geocachers to take. The South Davis students have hidden a geocache at South Davis. For more information on geocaching or on the South Davis geocache, visit: [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com). Pictured above are 5th graders (row 1) Victoria Sferra, Madison Broadwater, Leah Purtill, Taylor Sayoc (row 2) Michael Totaro, Riley McLaughlin and Ian Wojick.



The Orchard Park High School Biology Teachers once again hosted their annual Apple Pressing Day on Monday, October 26. Over 400 students participated in the hands-on activity connecting agriculture, the ecology of food chains, evolution by natural selection, plant reproduction, and a bit of human history, all while getting a little physical activity and some fresh air. Students brought in apples and learned how to operate a hand-crank cider press owned by the family of High School Teacher Mr. Vanderwater. After the physical labor, all were invited to quench their thirst with a cup of the "fruits of their labor."



# DIGITAL KNOW.....

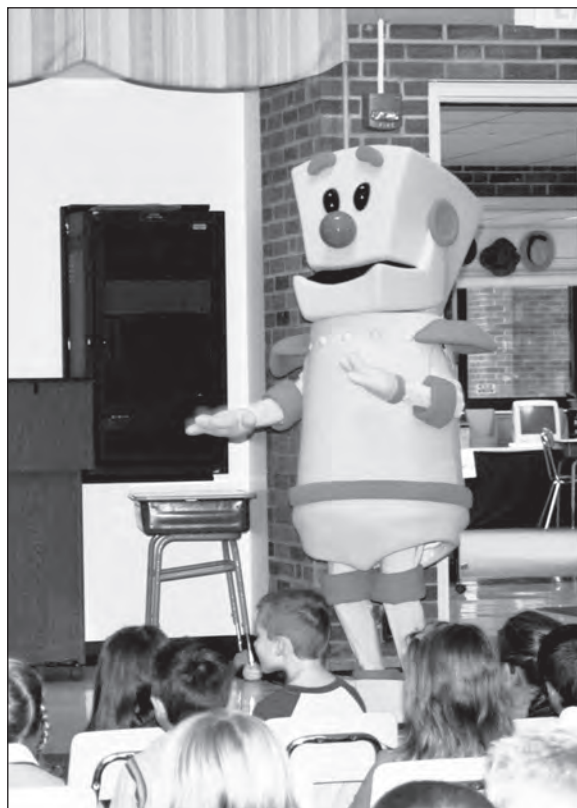
By Cathie Marriott  
Director of Technology & Information Services

Have you seen “DIGITAL CITIZEN” bracelets on students and staff around town? They landed on the wrists of Orchard Park elementary students on October 9 when the Orchard Park Digital Citizenship Curriculum was launched.

Beginning in September 2009, school districts across New York State are expected to teach Internet Safety to all K-12 students. To meet this expectation and to insure that all students participate in an Internet safety curriculum, representatives from each building met during the summer of 2009 to align and expand current Internet Safety activities into a Digital Citizen Curriculum.

An assessment of District digital information revealed these startling facts:

- On April 6, 2009, a local evening newscast ran a story of the return of a 13-year old that had run away with a 24-year old. The next day, we discovered that an OP fifth grader had a “MySpace” account that listed her age as 17, living in NYC and looking very much like the teen in her profile from the camera angle of her photograph.
- Cyber bullying is on the rise. An Orchard Park third grader was banned from AOL for sending inappropriate messages to other AOL members.
- An elementary student assumed the identity of her teacher and set



*Clickie visits South Davis Elementary to teach students about the importance of Internet Safety and acceptable Internet behavior.*

*up an Internet “teacher page” in the teacher’s name.*

- The parent of a 5th grader sent the child to school with a flash drive to copy a program he enjoyed using in class.
- A High School student was deleting the work of fellow students from the victim’s directory.

It was apparent that the understanding of the digital world was beyond just “staying safe”. After the initial assessment, committee members reviewed what was being taught to develop digital citizens. How to be safe and how to act responsibly were top priorities,

but other areas of digital citizenship were also reviewed, including:

- Social Networking
- Digital Ethics
- Digital Research Strategies

Once the review was complete, the committee began the work on a K-12 curriculum that articulates what needs to be taught in the classroom, library and computer lab. The Digital Citizenship Curriculum launched on October 9, initially placing a focus on citizenship in the virtual world. The Orchard Park Police Department, teachers, and a representative from introduced the topics of Internet Safety, Social Networking (acceptable behavior vs. bullying) and Ethical Use of Digital Information.

October 9 is just the beginning. The Middle School plans to host a representative from in January for grades 7 and 8 and in June for grade 6. The High School is working on a “social networking” experience for all ninth graders through Freshman Boost.

For more information on the Orchard Park Digital Curriculum, please visit [www.opschools.org/webpages/dcitizenship/](http://www.opschools.org/webpages/dcitizenship/)

## *Images from Around the District*



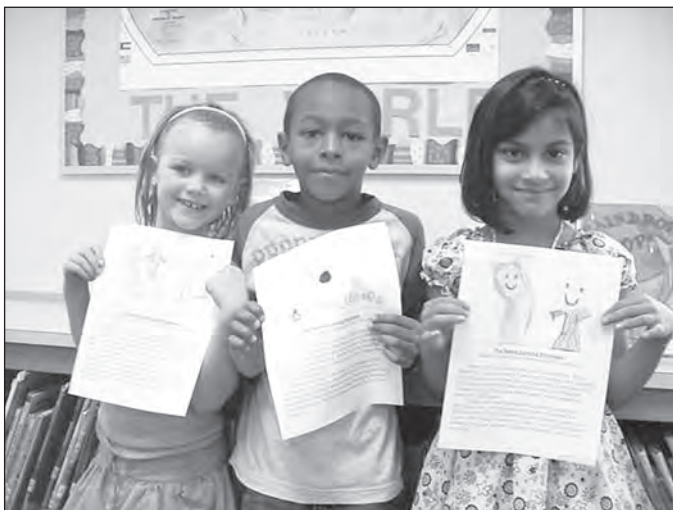
*Work continues on the Freeman Road entrance in early August.*



*The Freeman Road entrance after completion.*



*A view from the inside of the Freeman Road entrance. The new addition provides a safer entry and exit for students and visitors.*



*Pictured above are students from Ellicott Elementary, who re-told and illustrated "Folk and Tall Tales" in their September library class. The stories and illustrations were presented as gifts to students in Gowanda and Silver Creek who suffered through floods this past August.*



*A sea of costumes abound at Windom Elementary, where kindergarten students perform a Halloween concert for parents and visitors. The students followed up the concert with a parade throughout the school.*



# District Phone Directory

## OFFICES

### ATHLETICS

Mr. Jim Higgins 209-6208

### BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Mr. Bill Bosinski 209-6207

### BUSINESS

Mr. Jeffrey Petrus 209-6209

CURRICULUM 209-6236

PUPIL SERVICES 209-6228

Mr. Dennis Fitscher

### COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Mr. Robert Farwell 209-6295

DISTRICT CLERK 209-6280

### GIFTED & TALENTED

(Spectrum) 209-6228

### HEALTH & PHYS. EDUCATION

Mr. Jim Higgins 209-6208

Health Offices - see individual school listings

### Parochial School Nurse:

Charlene Lawless 209-6248

### MUSIC

Mr. Chris Revett 209-6321

### PAYROLL

Teacher: 209-8192

School-Related Personnel:  
209-6221

### HUMAN RESOURCES

Dr. Cam Morton 209-6239

PHYSICALS 209-6296

### PSYCHOLOGISTS & SOCIAL

WORKERS 209-6248

### PUPIL SERVICES &

TECHNOLOGY

Ms. Suzanne J. Thomas 209-6247

## SPECIAL EDUCATION

Mrs. Lynn Czemerynski 209-6248

### STUDENT REGISTRATION El- ementary Offices

Middle School 209-6233

High School 209-6286

SPEECH Call your school office

### SUPERINTENDENT

Joan D. Thomas 209-6280

### TECHNOLOGY & INFORMATION SERVICES

Mrs. Catherine Marriott 209-6330

### THERAPISTS: PHYSICAL & OCCUPATIONAL 209-6249

### TRANSPORTATION

Mr. Thomas Blidy 209-6237

### TREASURER

Mrs. Tina Frisch 209-6292

### VOCATIONAL CLASSES

Call High School Guidance

### WORKING PAPERS

209-6217

### SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Announced on radio & TV

## DISTRICT OFFICE

3330 Baker Rd., Orchard Park

### School Information

Mrs. Lori A. Allan 209-6222

## SCHOOLS

### HIGH SCHOOL

4040 Baker Rd, Orchard Park  
209-6242

Principal: Mr. Jonathan Wolf

### House I Principal:

Mrs. Tara DiDomenico-Sorrento  
209-6213

### House II Principal:

Mr. Terence Tryon 209-6223

### House III Principal:

Mr. David Lilleck 209-6313

Nurse: AnnaMarie Hopcus, RN  
209-6296

### Guidance -

#### House I:

Mrs. Andrea Kadish 209-6257

Mr. Michael Behm 209-6256

#### House 2:

Dr. Annemarie Cervoni 209-6266

Margaret Sullivan 209-6265

#### House 3:

Mrs. Ann Linder 209-6271

Mrs. Amy See 209-6272

### Attendance

House I: 209-6212

House 2: 209-6224

House 3: 209-6270

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

60 S. Lincoln Ave., Orchard Park  
209-6220 or 209-6229

Principal: Mrs. Jennifer L. Curci

### Assistant Principals:

Mrs. Kimberly Cirillo

Attendance: Mrs. Kyle Burger,  
209-6412

Nurse: Mrs. Ellen McGravey, RN  
209-6261

Guidance: 209-6233

Gr. 6: Mrs. Sarina Scaccia

Gr. 7: Mr. Robert Rindfleisch

Gr. 8: Miss Elizabeth Nobel

### EGGERT ELEMENTARY

3580 Eggert Rd., Orchard Park  
209-6215

Principal: Mrs. Lisa Krueger

Nurse: Mrs. Anne Marie Harris, RN  
209-6216

### ELLICOTT ELEMENTARY

5180 Ellicott Rd., Orchard Park  
209-6278

Principal: Mr. Terry Spicola

Nurse: Mr. Michael Connors, RN  
209-6276

### SOUTH DAVIS ELEMENTARY

51 S. Davis St., Orchard Park  
209-6246

Principal: Ms. Christine Rassow

Nurse: Mrs. Betty Hurley, RN  
209-6219

### WINDOM ELEMENTARY

3870 Sheldon Rd., Orchard Park  
209-6279

Principal: Mrs. Wendy Gloss

Nurse: Ms. Cathy Tomani, RN  
209-6322

## BOCES

Alternative Education  
at Orchard Park 662-0135  
3330 Baker Rd., Orchard Park

Teacher Center  
549-4454

LoGuidice Center 672-4371  
9520 Fredonia-Stockton Rd.,  
Fredonia

Hewes Center 763-1801  
2615 N. Maple St., Ashville

Carrier Center 549-4454  
8685 Erie Rd., Angola

Ormsby Center 652-8250  
1010 Center St., East Aurora

## School Calendar at a Glance: September - December 2009

November 26-27 - Thanksgiving Holiday - No School

December 24-January 1, 2010 - Holiday Recess - No School

January 18 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School

February 15-19 - Mid-Winter Recess - No School

March 22 - Superintendent's Conference Day - No Student Attendance

April 1 - Superintendent's Conference Day - No Student Attendance

Daily School Hours for students attending  
Orchard Park Central Schools for the  
2009-2010 school year:

High School 7:25 a.m. - 1:50 p.m.

Middle School 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Elementary Schools 9 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

## Orchard Park Central Schools Board of Education

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# Resident

## 2009-2010

EG – Eggert Elementary  
EL – Ellicott Elementary  
SD – South Davis Elementary  
WI – Windom Elementary  
MS – Middle School  
HS – High School

### NOVEMBER

16-20...SD Food Drive  
16-20...MS Book Fair  
16-20...WI Thanksgiving Food Drive  
17...SD Picture Retake Day  
18...EG PTO Meeting, 9:30 a.m.  
18...SD PTO Meeting, 9:45 a.m.  
18...MS PTO Meeting, 7 p.m.  
18-19...Grade 5 NYS Social Studies Assessment  
19... Quaker Athletic Booster Club Meeting, 7 p.m., Athletic Office  
20...MS Musical, 7 p.m.  
**20...HS Early Dismissal, K-5 Half Day, 12:45 p.m. - HS Dismissal; 11:30 a.m. - Elementary Dismissal**  
21...MS Musical, 2 p.m.  
23...WI Thanksgiving Food Drive Box Up Day, 9:15 a.m.  
24...HS Orchestra Festival Concert, 7 p.m.  
**26-27...Thanksgiving Recess - No School**  
30...HS PTO Meeting, 7 p.m.

### DECEMBER

2...WI Holiday Auction Family Night, 4-8 p.m.  
2-4...WI Holiday Auction, Bazaar & Cake Walk  
2-3...Parent Teacher Conferences  
**2-3... K-8 Half Day, 10:30 a.m. - MS Dismissal, 11:30 a.m. - Elementary Dismissal**  
3...HS BOCES Presentation/Visitation  
4...Elementary Report Cards Distributed  
4-8...SD Book Fair

4...Central Council PTO Meeting, 9:30 a.m., District Office  
4...SD Holiday House, 6:30 p.m.  
5...Wrestling Tournament, 9 a.m., HS  
5...EL Winter Wonderland, 11 a.m.  
8...Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m., District Office  
9...MS Holiday Concert I, 7 p.m.  
10...EG Holiday Fun Night, 6-8 p.m.  
10...EL Holiday Concert, 7 p.m.  
11...OP Symphony Concert, 7:30 p.m., MS  
12...MS Select Ensemble Holiday Recital, 2 p.m.  
14-18...SD Hat/Sock/Mitten Drive  
14...HS STAP-Comm Meeting, 7 p.m.  
15...EG Instrumental Holiday Concert, 7 p.m.  
16...EG PTO Meeting, 9:30 a.m.  
16...MS Holiday Concert II, 7 p.m.  
17... Quaker Athletic Booster Club Meeting, 7 p.m., Athletic Office  
17...SD/WI Holiday Concert, 7 p.m., HS  
17...EG Vocal Holiday Concert, 7 p.m.  
**24-31...Holiday Recess - No School**  
29-30...Girls Basketball Holiday Tournament, HS

### January

**1...Holiday Recess - No School**  
**4...Classes Resume**  
6...SD PTO Meeting, 9:30 a.m.  
7...EL PTO Meeting, 9:30 a.m.  
7...WI PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
7...HS Financial Aid Night, 7 p.m.  
9...Winter Driver Education Registration, 8 a.m., HS Community Ed. Office  
9...ECMEA Elementary & Jazz Auditions  
11...HS STAP-Comm Meeting, 7 p.m.  
12...Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m., District Office  
13...MS PTO Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

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