

# Walbran Newsletter

November/December 2024



During our Veterans Day Assembly students were able to show appreciation to the Veterans. Student leaders asked questions to the Veterans serving in the different branches of the military. Many of the students family members who are veterans were able to join us for the assembly as well! Thank you for your





# PreK is Thankful!

Mrs. DeFabio's and Ms. Gadbow's Pre-K classes made a Friendship Tree to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday!





# Kindergarten Korner



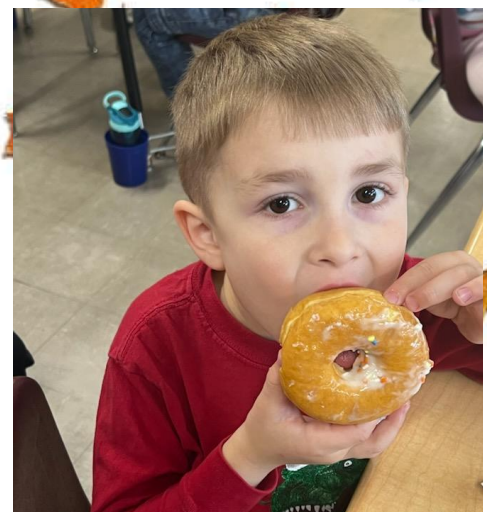
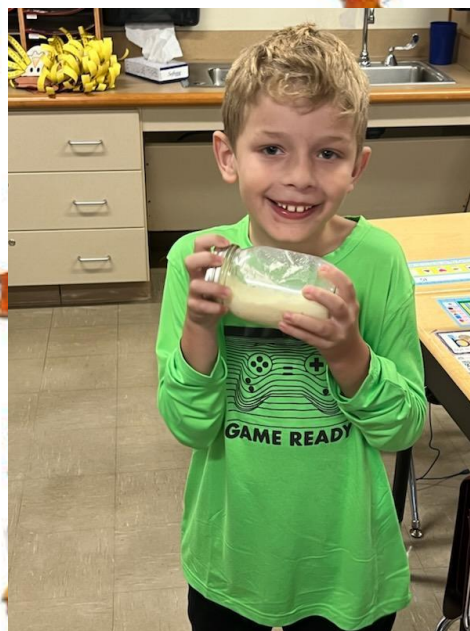
Students in kindergarten have had a very busy month with an election, turkey feather spelling and a Balloons Over Broadway project!





# Fall into First Grade!

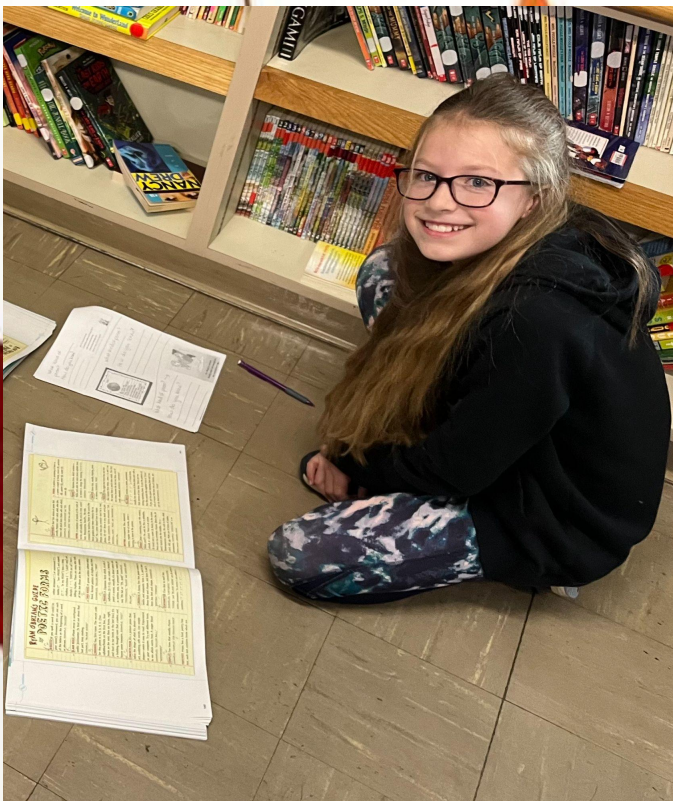
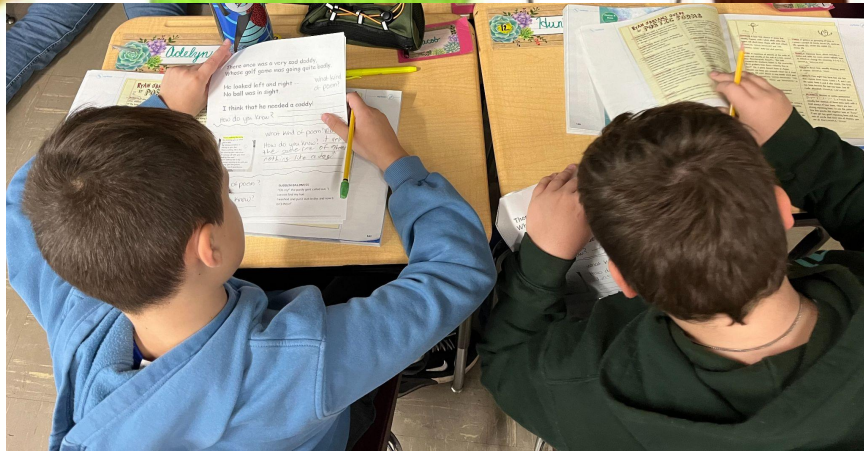
1st grade classes have had a lot of fun in November! They have earned a donut day for making great choices, made foil balloons for Balloons Over Broadway and made butter!





# Poetry in 5th Grade

Fifth graders studied different forms of poetry when they read the main selection “The Poem That Would Not End,” by Joan Bransfield Graham. Ms. Zarnoch-Riley noticed how much the students were interested in a style of reading they aren’t exposed to very much. She created a poetry search in which students read 28 different poems with partners and determined, with help from a guide with rhyme, rhythm, and other elements of poetry, what type each poem was. They had a great time and learned a ton!

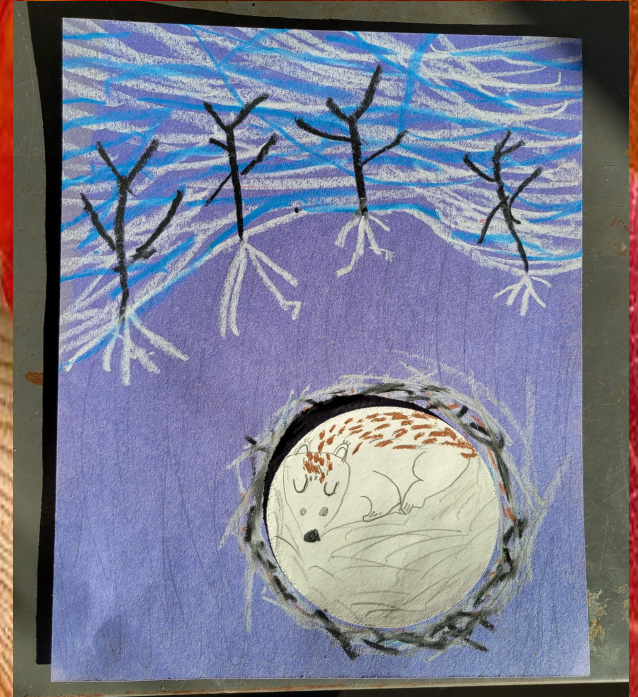




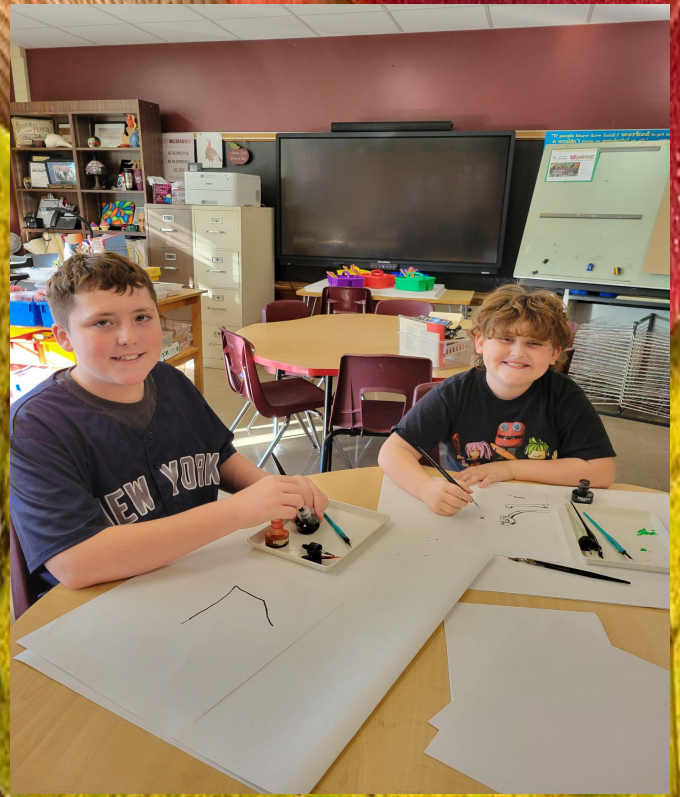
# Creativity Shown in Mrs. Kane's Art Classes



These burrowing animals were given cozy homes by second graders during art class.



4th grade students pose with Veteran's Day Silhouette Projects made during art class

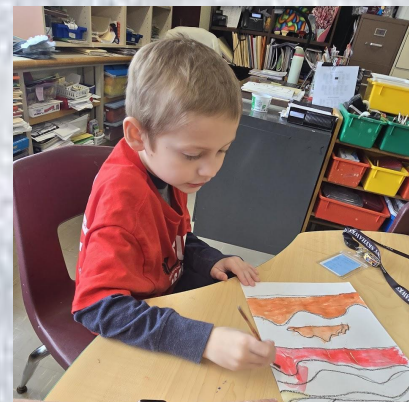


During open studio time, 6th grade students practiced pen and ink techniques and calligraphy.



# More Creating in Mrs. Kane's Art Classes

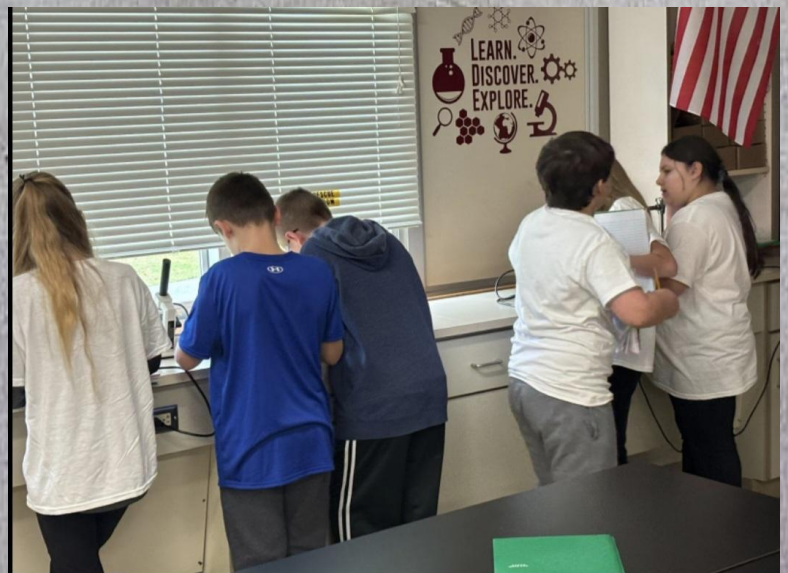
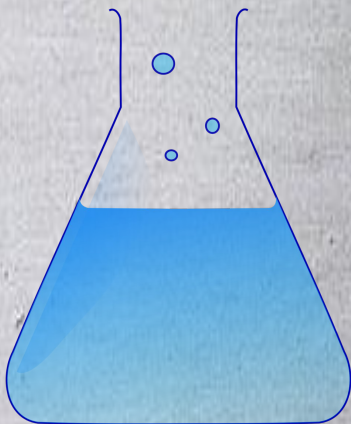
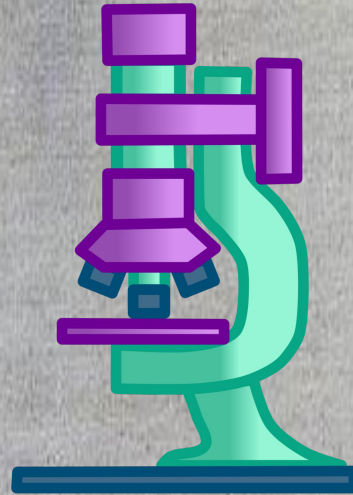
Students worked with chalk to create their own Aurora Borealis on paper and also had a chance to work with watercolor!





# Mr. Tuttle's 5th Grade Science Class

The 5th Graders in Mr. Tuttle's science class began learning about and working with microscopes. The students learned about the parts and functions of the microscope, and were able to observe different parts of animals under a microscope including dragonfly wings, cow hair and planarians. The students did a great job showing respect for the science equipment and working with their groups.





# Student Council Spotlight

Two students from grades 4th, 5th and 6th get to be a part of Student Council. Each grade votes and elects their class representatives. Student Council is a great opportunity for the students to take on leadership roles and be a voice for their class. Here are a few of the members!

Lucas Boyko-  
6th Grade



Olivia Tuttle-  
5th Grade



Kinzley Camerota-  
4th Grade



This is Lucas's first year on student council. Lucas hopes to be a person his classmates can go to with suggestions about the school. He hopes to be on student council when he is in 7th grade as well!

This is Olivia's first year on student council. Olivia wants a chance to help make the school a safe place where kids can learn. She enjoys being someone her classmates can go to with concerns and says she will definitely run again next year!

This is Kinzlee's first year on Student Council. She likes being able to think of ideas to better the school. Her favorite part has been making new friends. Kinzlee says being a good role model is a very important part of student council.



# Positivity Project-November

On Thursday, November 21, NA Walbran celebrated some of its very own retirees. Students and staff got to hear from some of them on how thankful they are to have had the opportunity to have worked at Oriskany and all the friends they made along the way. This tied into our theme of Gratitude!!

Students and Special Area classes recognized for demonstrating the following characteristic traits:

- Gratitude
- Bravery

## Special Area

Art:

Library:

Music:

Physical Ed.:

Technology:

## Homeroom Recognized

Ms. Gadbow (PreK)

Mrs. Myers (1st)

Mrs. Kraeger (K)

Mrs. Gray (1st)

Ms. Island (2nd)

## Future Assembly Dates:

- Thursday, December 19
- Thursday, January 23
- Thursday, February 27
- Thursday, April 17
- Thursday, May 22

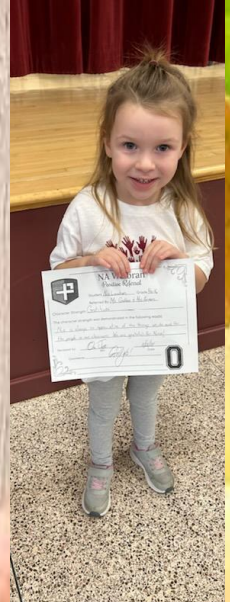
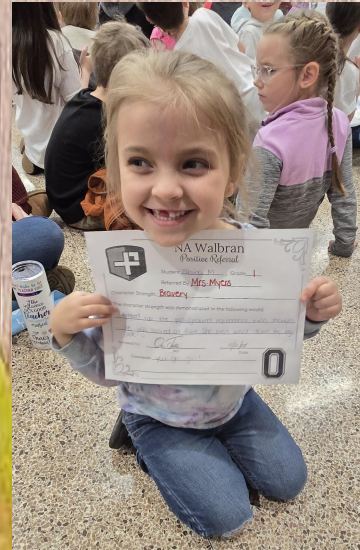
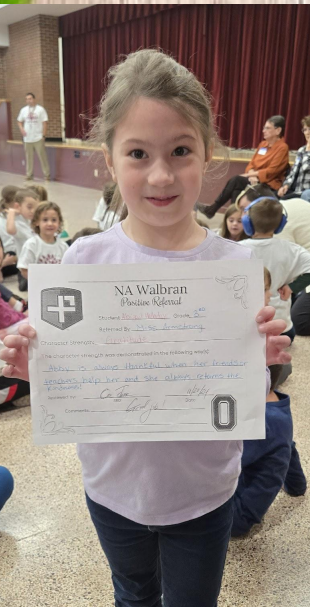
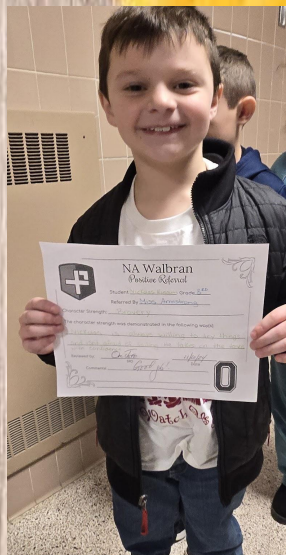
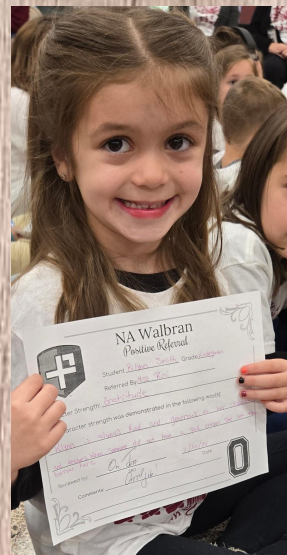


Officer Jeff Blovat distributes the positivity certificates to the recognized students each month.



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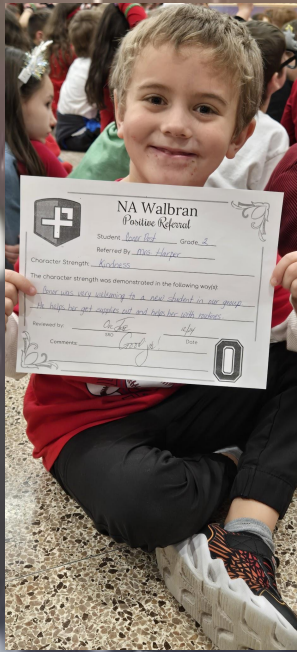
Some of the students who received awards for great bus behavior along with this month's characteristics: Gratitude + Bravery.





# Positivity Project-December

The character traits celebrated in December were kindness and self control!



Each grade level participated in a service project this month. During the assembly a student from each grade had a chance to speak about what project they were collecting items for. Some included the Rome Humane Society, Sleep in Heavenly Peace and Project Pajamas!



# Thank You, PTA!!

The PTA provided shirts to all students and staff with this year's theme "Watch Us Grow!"





# Holiday Shop



Each year the PTA brings the holiday shop to NA Walbran to give students the opportunity to purchase gifts for family and friends. Students from each grade always enjoy looking around and picking out that special gift!



# Balloons Over NA Walbran Parade



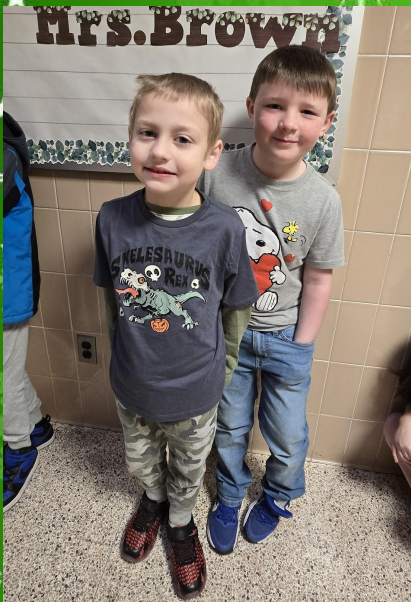
Students in Mrs. Myers, Mrs. Caruso, Mrs. Gray and Miss Armstrong's classes put on their very own Thanksgiving Day Parade for the school. The other classes stood in the hall and cheered on the students with their balloons as they passed!





# December Student Council Spirit Week

**Mixed Up Monday- Any  
Holiday but Christmas**



**Long Winter's Nap-  
PJ Day**



**Holiday Cheer-  
Holiday Shirt or  
Color**



**Candy Cane Lane-  
Stripes or Red and  
White**



**Toasty Tuesday-  
Christmas Hats,  
Socks and Headbands**





# Mentor Program

On Wednesday, December 18th the mentor program offered its first after school activity. Faculty and staff had a great opportunity to interact with students participating in games in the cafeteria and gym.



A special thank you to iCan for providing the Mobile Museum!

