

Points of Pride



March 31, 2026



Animal Museums

First graders at Windom Elementary welcomed guests to their Animal Museum on Friday! Students researched an animal and wrote nonfiction books about them, while making 3D clay versions of their animal in art class. They also created a diorama of their animal's habitat, which they displayed at the event.



Teaching and Learning Retreat



Learning and Achievement For All

Eggert Shine Show

On Tuesday, March 24, Eggert Elementary had its first annual **Eggert Shine Show**! The Shine Show was all about celebrating the creativity, courage, and incredible talents of our amazing students. From singing and dancing to magic tricks and more, each performer worked hard to prepare their act. They had 30 students participate in 21 different Acts.



AED Mapping Project

The Orchard Park Central School District has been invited to take part in an exciting community initiative in partnership with the University at Buffalo, UB Orthopaedics, and the Buffalo Bills. This pilot AED Mapping Project aims to identify and record the locations of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) throughout our community, and potentially help build a program that could expand nationwide.



In partnership with The Buffalo Bills, The University at Buffalo, and UB Orthopaedics, Orchard Park CSD has been asked to participate in a pilot AED mapping program to help people who may have a heart emergency

How Does it Work?

- 1 Locate AED devices in the community (places like schools, libraries, gyms, parks, malls, churches, offices, and more). If you don't see them, ask!
- 2 Record your AED find on your tracking sheet. Additional tracking sheets are available in the Virtual Backpack
- 3 Submit your tracking sheet to your teacher by April 14th to receive credit for your school, your class, and you. Prizes will be awarded by the Buffalo Bills!



Family and Community Engagement

Congratulations Librarians

At the March 26, 2026 Erie County Legislative meeting, the Erie County Legislature recognized several school librarians from Erie 1 BOCES and Erie 2 BOCES. Three Orchard Park Central School District librarians were recognized. Congratulations to **Beth Yarbrough, Orchard Park High School, Paul Kloster, Orchard Park Middle School, and Jessica Godios, Orchard Park Middle School**



Excellence in Music Education

BPO/ECMEA Award for Excellence in Music Education

Brad Carson and Melissa Smith have been named recipients of the 2026 BPO/ECMEA Award for Excellence in Music Education.



Distinguished Alumni Award from the Frontier Central School District

Scott Bean has been recognized with the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Frontier Central School District. This award is meant to "honor, recognize, and celebrate the achievements of its most accomplished and distinguished alumni". Scott Bean is the Director of Bands at Orchard Park High School.

