

KINDERGARTEN CELEBRATES 100 Days of School



**IS YOUR CHILD HAVING CHROMEBOOK ISSUES?
CALL THE IT HOTLINE AT 518-568-2011 EXT. 3159**

IMPORTANT DATES:

3/3: BOE Mtg - 6pm - Elem. Aud

3/5: Wolf Awards (Red Cohort)

4/5 - 4/9: Spring Recess

**PLEASE DO NOT
LEAVE VEHICLES
IDLING ON SCHOOL
PROPERTY!**

January Wolf Awards

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Kindergarten: Ava Miner, Zeke Wilson, Austin DeBell

1st Grade: Mollie Eggleston, Mason Dygert, Natalie Dillenbeck, Blake Siver

2nd Grade: Jack Connery, Tori Compton, Jaxon Lang, Alexander Johnson

3rd Grade: Lilly Green, Chase Szymanski, Jacob Colorito

4th Grade: Calvin Eakin, Trent Lathrop, Sage Clifford, Katelynn Elwood, Lindsey Egan, Preston Senatore

5th Grade: Brooke Foote, Audrina Polidori, Nathan Haversat

6th Grade: Hailey Dickson, Hannah Garren, Ryker Williams, Jackson Polidori



The Howler



OESJ Elementary

FEBRUARY 2021

6th Grade Honor & High Honor Roll

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Chase Eakin
Myles Hayes
Christopher Jacobs
Audrina McAdams
Jackson Polidori
Makena Richards
Madeline Sammons-Wilbur
Devin Schell
Henry Schoff
Danica Schwasnick
Andrea Thayer

HONOR ROLL

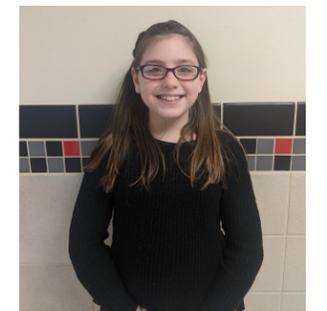
Aryana Bumbolo
Donald Cavanaugh III
Kendall Christman
Emma Countryman
Hailey Dickson
Joshua Green
Rebecca Johnson
Bailey Monroe
Avery Moore
Ahlesia Powell
Dylan VanAlstyne
Hannah Walrath
Ryker Williams
Rachel Young

Americanism Essay Contest 2021

Every year the Canajoharie-Fort Plain Elks Lodge 2621 sponsors the National Americanism Essay Contest. Students that were interested in participating this year needed to answer the question: "How Can Patriotism Be Demonstrated?" In the fifth-grade, there were six students that volunteered to participate. They brainstormed, planned, wrote and revised essays independently that shared their ideas about patriotism. Their essays were inspiring and full of American pride. They all did a great job and they should be very proud of themselves.



1st Place: Callie Gray



2nd Place: Delany Burke



Participants:

Ava Murray
Raelyn Reese
Brennan Trumble
Mallory Allen

Winter weather is here!!!!

Students will go outside for recess each day that the temperature is 20 degrees or above. Fresh air and free play are a great way to stay healthy! Your child must have the following gear in order to play in the snow: winter coat, snow pants, snow boots, hat and gloves. Any student that does not have the proper attire will be limited to the walking path.

If your child is in need of a winter coat we may be able to help. You can reach out to your child's teacher or call the school nurse, Mrs. Brown at 518-568-2014 ext. 2136.



Teachers across the district participated in a biggest loser weight loss challenge. The two winners were Jessica Nagell and TJ Jordan. The money raised was used to contribute to donations of the winners choosing. They donated \$150 each to St. Jude and American Heart Association.



What's Your Awesome of the day?

The fourth and fifth graders have been making February awesome! In order to spread optimism and a positive mindset, students have been reflecting on their days and looking for something that they felt was awesome during that day. These awesome moments have varied from a good meal, seeing a friend, doing well on an assignment and so much more! They have been given time each day to write something awesome or good from that day on a post-it note. Both in-person and at-home learners have been able to participate. The awesome notes have been displayed in the hallway on an "AWESOME" banner spreading positivity throughout the hallway.

An AWESOME or positive attitude is contagious, but don't wait to catch it from others. Be a carrier!



Prevention Corner

By Noelle Smrtic, Catholic Charities of Fulton and Montgomery Counties

MINDFULNESS

As we continue to navigate through these challenging times, it is important to take a few moments each day to practice mindfulness. Mindfulness is a type of meditation in which you become aware of what you are sensing and feeling in the moment. It is the practice of relaxing the body and the mind as a way to relieve stress and anxiety. Here are some helpful tips to help you practice mindfulness today:

- ◆ BREATHE, slowly in and out, be aware of each breath you take
- ◆ Put your phone down, devices often distract us from the small joys occurring around us each day
- ◆ Be present in each activity you do. Take a moment to step back and observe
- ◆ Don't be too hard on yourself, slow down and do one thing at a time



NOTES FROM THE....

As the weather gets warmer, students will be going outside as much as possible. Please send your child prepared to go out. At this time, boots, hats, gloves/mittens and coats are required to go outside. If your child has snow pants with them, they will be able to play in the snow.

Please remember to send in extra masks with your child to school. At times, the masks get soiled and when they come in from outside their mask needs to be changed due to getting wet if they are playing hard or in the snow.

If your child is absent from school, please call the health office at 518-568-2014 extension 2136 to let us know of the absence. You may always leave a message anytime to let us know, even if we are not in the office.

I want to thank you for keeping your child/children home when they are ill and following the protocol that is in place due to COVID. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the health office.



Trout in The Classroom

Sixth grade students participate in Trout in the Classroom every year. This year they were not able to go on the field trip to SUNY Cobleskill, but their teachers were able to pick up the baby "fry" or baby brook trout for the tank back at school. Students learn the life cycle of the brook trout, internal and external anatomy, stream ecology and human/environmental interactions concerning the brook trout. They apply all of this knowledge in a culminating science project. Students study the brookies for the rest of the school year, checking the tank's temperature, making observations, and getting ready to release them in June. This year we have over 100 healthy fry to watch grow and say goodbye to at the stream bank.



While focusing on artist and art styles, it is important to understand a little bit of color theory. Earlier in the year we learned about complimentary colors. This past month, we focused a bit

on warm and cool colors. Picasso used colors to show emotion as seen in his painting "The Old Guitarist". The same is with Edvard Munch in his famous painting "The Scream". Look them up and see what emotions you might feel the artists is trying to get you to feel. One of my favorite things to draw is a city scene. We worked on perspective with

these city drawings. Perspective is the way we see things. In these drawings we are looking up at the colorful bursting sky. Notice how the buildings are getting smaller



the taller the higher they go. Are they really taller? No, but our perspective from street level makes it seem that way. Great job on the drawings kids. You are all awesome!!