

DALTON ELEMENTARY NEWS

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Letter from the Principal

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Wow! How time flies! The old adage certainly holds true for this past school year. I have truly enjoyed my first year working in the Keshequa Central School District. It has been a pleasure to get to know the students, faculty, staff and families in the district. I would like to thank everyone for being so welcoming to me.

We have made an update to our end of year schedule at Dalton Elementary. Students will be in session for a full day on Monday, June 22nd. They will be dismissed at 11:30 on Tuesday, June 23rd and Wednesday, June 24th. Wednesday will be the last day that school is in session for the school year.

Our June calendar is very busy with lots of exciting events. The 5th grade DARE graduation will be held on Friday, June 5th at 9am. Kindergarten Graduation is on Monday June 22nd at 9am. We will also have awards assemblies for Kindergarten through 2nd grades on Tuesday, June 23rd and for 3rd – 5th grades on Wednesday, June 24th.

I hope you have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Ami Hunt

Elementary Principal

May Flowers

Nine tenths of education is encouragement

Ms. Vallance's Mystery

Tadpoles to?

Students in Ms. Vallance's class have been closely watching!
 They currently have 37 tadpoles or "polliwogs" that were delivered as eggs. On May 29th they will be 5 weeks old !!
 Her class has been doing many reading and writing activities about tadpoles. The students have been keeping

track of when they change in size on a calendar. They will grow back legs first and her students are looking for them next. Ms. Vallance's class will let everyone know what happens next!
 Stop by to see them!
Room 1196



An Authors Celebration Kindergartners Share with Third Graders

Mrs. Randall's Kindergarten class invited Miss Kelly's third graders to come to an Authors Celebration. The boys and girls had each written and illustrated two books over the past month and were ready to share their published work. Each kindergartner paired up with a third grader and read the two books to very polite listeners. It was a rewarding experience to have an older child listen to and appreciate their stories. The kindergartners are sure to be motivated to continue to write stories for others to enjoy. Afterwards the children had time to visit with each other while the third graders joined them for a snack. These two classes had worked together earlier this year for a school wide Peace-builder's activity. The children look forward to getting together again when the third graders will share their own published books.



No word in the English dictionary rhymes with "MONTH".

First Grade Class Goes Back in Time

Students in Mrs. Brooker's and Mrs. Hochbrueckner's First grade classroom have been learning about the past. They spent part of an afternoon playing old fashioned games like hopscotch, marbles, checkers, a game called plum pits and writing on chalk boards with chalk. The children had a great deal of fun and learned that toys and games don't need to be electronic to be fun!



Sound travels about 4 times faster in water than in air.

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Mrs. Wood's Class Has an Appointment with the Doctor

A VISIT FROM OUR MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

On Monday we were so excited to have a visit from Dr. Jeffrey Thompson, and Mrs. Julie Hepler, RN, Mrs. Wood's brother and sister. Mr. Thompson works as an emergency physician in the Buffalo area and Mrs. Hepler is a labor and delivery nurse at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester.

Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Hepler came to teach us about the heart. We learned how to *feel* our heart by taking our pulse in our wrists or necks. After taking our pulse the first time, we did jumping jacks for 30 seconds and then took our pulse again. The second time, our pulse was higher. This showed that the heart beats faster with exercise.

We were able to *hear* our hearts beating with the use of stethoscopes. We all had a turn to listen to our own hearts.

We were also able to *see* a heart. We borrowed a preserved calf heart from Mrs. Pero, who teaches in the science department at our high school. A calf heart is similar to ours, so we were able to see the shape of the heart and the different chambers of the heart. We also watched a video of an actual human heart beating.

We certainly learned a great deal from our medical professionals and we are very thankful to them for coming in to share with us!



Nurse Hepler & Dr. Thompson



Mrs. Downey's Class Does a Systems Check

Mrs. Downey's second graders are busy learning about all the different parts of their bodies. They learned about the Respiratory System, the Muscular System, the Digestive System, and the Nervous System. The children traced one of their classmates and labeled all of the body parts that they knew. I was quite impressed. They learned about how to keep their bodies healthy as well. We know we need to exercise and eat right. We will be discussing the basic food groups too. We will look in the children's lunch pails to see who has

healthy food and how that food helps our bodies. Hopefully they will share with you what they have been learning!!!



More Second Grade News on page 8

By Jill Wood

3rd Grade Updates

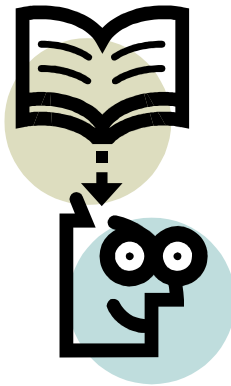
3rd Grade Authors and Illustrators



The third grade has been writing and illustrating books. The books were sent out to the publisher the first week of May! Miss Leah, a story teller, came a few times and told the third grade a few stories that have happened in her life. She helped plan and develop each student's personal stories.

Each student will receive a free copy of their grant Miss Kelly story thanks to a learned about.

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The third grade went on a field trip to Letchworth State Park on Wednesday May 20th. Students' \$2 entrance fee was paid for with a grant from Genesee Valley BOCES Enrichment on the Go Program.

Happy Birthday Mr. Letchworth!

Students traveled through stations and were introduced to some exciting topics. Topics included; Reptiles and Amphibians, Adventures in Reading, Atlatl Presentation, Flintknapping, Civil War Unit, Wool Spinning and Invasive Plants. Students even listened to Mr. Letchworth and Caroline Bishop give a little history lesson!

At the end of the day everyone enjoyed a delicious cupcake and celebrated Mr. Letchworth's birthday.



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INTERESTING FACT: Did you know that there are 118 steps going up to the Council Grounds. WOW.... That's a lot of steps!

New's News

By: Ally Brickwood

Butterflies



Miss Neu's and Mrs. Power's class both received a box in the mail with the words: **LIVE MATERIALS** written across the front. They are now raising Painted Lady Butterflies.

While they are growing they go through 4 stages. They start as eggs, then larva, next they become pupa, and then finally they become adult butterflies!!!!

The butterflies came to us in their larva stage. Once the larva turned to their pupa stage they were hung in a cage in the classroom. We waited patiently as they went through their process.

Last week, we were able to watch our butterflies transform into beautiful adult butterflies. It was amazing!

Getting Healthy While Learning Math!



Every day Miss Neu's class has been walking once around the track with a multiplication ball. Students make a single line and pass the ball back. What ever multiplication fact your thumb lands on you yell it out along with the answer. Then after you announce your number sentence with answer you pass it back to the next person.

This is a fun way to practice math facts. It also gives us a boost of energy to start our day!

May News from the Art Room...

The Dalton Elementary Fine Arts Festival was wonderful and everyone had a great time. Each year this show would not be possible without the wonderful artists and volunteers who help me to put it all in place. Our students and I thank you all from the deepest part of our hearts.

I'd like to thank Mr. Brett Pierce for his terrific demonstration of glass blowing and his display of his glass artwork. It was all just stunning and loved by adults and students alike. Likewise, I wish to thank all of the community artists that contributed their lovely artwork to display with our student work. They are as follows: Mr. John Gordinier, Mr. John Jones, Ms. Carol Nikol, Mr. Chris Norton, Mrs. Amanda Kennedy, Ms. RuthAnn Polito, Ms. Bonnie Miller, Mr. Karl Kuntz, Ms. Erin Schiano, Mrs. Becky Schiano, and Mrs. Danielle Willowglade!

I also like to thank Mrs. Hunt, and Mrs. Sandy Cox and her staff for the delicious refreshments the night of the festival, and of course, the wonderful musical performances from Mrs. Sanford and Mrs. Willowglade and their students. Everything was absolutely delightful as were all of your kind comments to me during and after the show. Thank you also to the Keshequa Elementary custodial staff for your help.

Now on to the volunteers! I wish to thank them for helping to mount artwork, and hang it up, and just the general commraderie and support they give me. I could not do this without them! Special thanks to: Ms. Meg Dean, Danielle Dean, Mrs. Bonnie Measel (my faithful cousin who loves art and comes down from Tonawanda to help our students), Mrs. Val Bugman, Mrs. Nancy Cross, Mrs. Becky Schiano, Erin Schiano, Mrs. Diane Brooks, Mrs. Elaine Cromwell, Mrs. June Brumsted (Elaine's sister from Florida-who had never hung an art show before), and Jessica and Trisha Gorton! Wonderful, wonderful people!

I am looking forward to next year's show and with working with the KPTSA to form a Fine Arts Festival committee to help plan the festivities. Please enjoy a small sample of some of the pictures I took that the night of the festival. I regret we don't have space to show them all. Also please enjoy some of the pictures of students preparing their work for the festival.

With gratitude...

Mrs. Strathearn



Mr. Brett Pierce demonstrates glass blowing at the May 18th, 2009 Dalton Fine Arts Festival.



Check my web site for more pictures.

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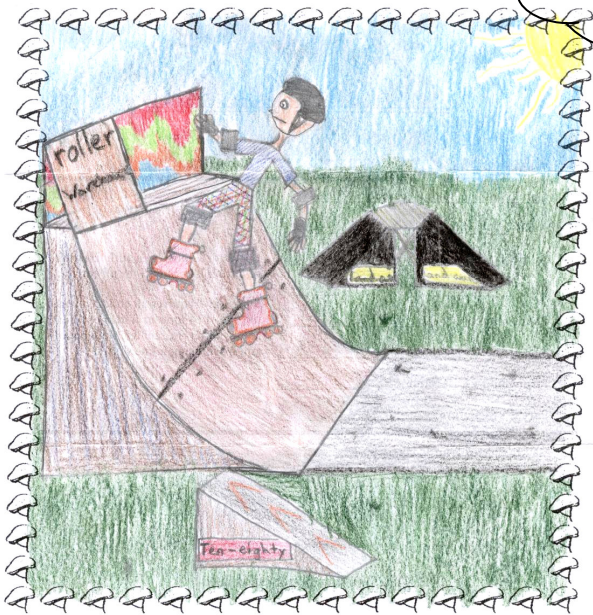
*Dalton Pages

*Mrs. Strathearn

Fourth Grader Garrett Lucas Wins County Drawing Contest

Draw and Color your own picture showing someone (choose one: riding a bicycle, scooter, skateboard, or in-line skates) safely. Make sure the rider is wearing a helmet.

NY State requires all children under age 14 to wear a helmet when riding a bicycle, scooter, skateboard, and in-line skates.



2009 Safety on Wheels Contest (4th Grade)

See in color on our web site

Garrett Lucas, in Mrs. Amrhein's 4th grade class, entered his drawing to the Livingston County Safe Kids, *Wheeled Safety Contest*. Garrett won a bicycle and helmet for his entry.

Way to Go Garrett!



Garrett with his new bike and helmet

Garrett Thompson Places First in Tournament

Our own Garrett Thompson placed First in the Elementary Chess Tournament at the Rochester Chess Center on May 16th, 2009.

Garrett is a Fifth Grader at Dalton Elementary School. He is in Mrs. Brickwood's class.

We at Keshequa are very proud of you Garrett.



GREAT JOB !



Garrett Thompson



Study those moves !

Fourth Grade Discovers New York State

Students in Mrs. Amrhein's and Mrs. Nagledinger's classes researched an explorer that was instrumental in the discovery and exploration of New York State and surrounding areas. Students were given a ball of clay to create a figure that resembled their

explorer. They had to package their explorer as an action figure that could be sold in stores; with a catchy phrase and information about their explorer. All projects were creative and well done. Students then presented their pro-

jects to the class where all learned a great deal about each explorer.



Mrs. Privitera's Class Goes to Trial

Dalton Elementary Mock Trial News!

On Friday, May 15th, the Mock Trial club from Dalton won in their court case "Clara Muffett Vs. Dale Hampshire". This year's Mock Trial club included 16 fifth graders! The group was made up of members: William Rich, Hannah Moriarty, Lillian Willett, Selena Otero, Christina Adams, Haili Sonnleitner, Samantha Galton, Mary Colombo, Kayla Yencer, Jordan Tallman, Chandell Gaddy, Amelia Borgus, Kelsey Holley, Rachael Bugman, Abigail Wood and Brooklyn Cobin. This year's students from Dalton competed against students from Geneseo Central School and Letchworth Central School, as Dalton members represented Clara Muffett as her defense team, Geneseo Central School represented Dale Hampshire as the plaintiff and Letchworth served as the jury.

Throughout the past four months members of Mock Trial have been preparing for the trial, which was held in the Livingston County Courthouse located in Geneseo, New York. Each member played an important part in preparing for the big day. Lawyers and witnesses met and prepared questions from affidavits (statements from witnesses) and spent a great deal of time fine-tuning their questions so

that witnesses for the plaintiff (Dale Hampshire) would give information that might help defend Clara Muffett. The counsel for Clara Muffett created opening and closing statements to present to the jury and in doing so, learned the value of persuasive language and the use of voice in their writing to convince others. Alternate members for Mock Trial also helped a great deal as they partnered with lawyers, witnesses and counsel members to help prepare questions, answers, statements and provide advice and guidance.

After many meetings, the Mock Trial club was finally ready and on May 15th preceded to the Livingston County Courthouse where they met other Mock Trial teams from Geneseo and Letchworth. During the trial members met Judge Cohen and was allowed to take a tour of the courthouse to see where inmates are held during trials in which they need to testify. Witnesses from Dalton (Clara Muffett-Hannah Moriarty, Jean Lewis-Christina Adams, Dr. Lee McGuiness- William Rich) took their place in the witness stand and did their best to answer questions during direct examinations from lawyers for the defense (Brooklyn Cobin, Mary Colombo, Abigail Wood) as well as during cross-examination from lawyers from Geneseo. Lawyers from Dalton (Kelsey Holley, Lillian Willett, Amelia Borgus,

Samantha Galton) did a wonderful job cross-examining witnesses for the plaintiff Dale Hampshire (from Geneseo), and counsel (Kayla Yencer and Selena Otero) were extremely convincing within their opening and closing statements presented to the jury.

In the end after a lengthy jury deliberation, the verdict was shared with the judge and each team eagerly waiting for the decision. The hard work and dedication of the Dalton Mock Trial members had been worth it- the jury decided in favor of Clara Muffett (who as a result, was cleared of paying her former landlord Dale Hampshire owed rent!)

As each year's trial is based on fictional tales such as Jack and Jill, Clara Muffett and the Big Bad Wolf, this year's trial was extremely exciting-full of interesting turns and twists and of course big, black and *poisonous* Black Widow Spiders! Great job Dalton Mock Trial members! Your hard work and energy made it all worthwhile! You should be very proud of your accomplishment!

Pictures

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Mock Trial Continued:



Class of 2019

Second Grade Continued

Mrs. Ellis especially enjoyed this year with second graders. Though two of our little girls moved away early in the year, three new gals came to learn with us. They fit nicely into "our team," as Mr. Wiggins would say. We had many wonderful team building lessons with Mr. Wiggins that helped to prepare us for third grade and life.

As a class, our motto was "Don't Panic." It taught us to stay calm and help each other work through unexpected experiences. We became very good problem solvers!

With the persistence and dedication of Mrs. Hark and Mrs. Burt, all of the students improved their reading fluency. Mrs. Hark's earned lunch dates were great motivators. Mrs. Burt went to extra lengths for us when she demonstrated some of the cultural recipes we were reading about. What a treat!

Mrs. Brooks shared many good math activities and materials with us to build math strategies. The children loved earning rewards from her prize tub! We especially liked our trial Math Exchange Program this year. All the second graders were able to visit other second grade teachers and Mrs. Brooks each week for extra math activities to reinforce monthly goals.

Mrs. Strathearn taught us some amazing techniques in art to create projects like our Buffalo Hide Stories. We are very proud of our individual art portfolios. Mrs. Ellison was always there to help us locate special topics such as biographies or resources for animal reports, etc. She was efficient and eager to help. Mrs. Englert and Mrs. Colombo took time to help us produce final copies of our reports with their computer expertise. Mrs. Sanford was there to cheer us up with song, dance and games each week. Also, we always loved (and needed) our exciting gym times with Mr. Uveino and Mr. Isaman.

We were so pleased to earn the year end fitness trip to Letchworth State Park!

We were blessed with two terrific teaching students from SUNY Geneseo.

Ms. Paulman taught us for eight great weeks of student teaching and more recently Ms. Mullane participated for a week more than scheduled just because she was so inspired to learn and share. They were both extraordinary young teachers who offered fresh, diverse lessons. The children wished they both could stay longer.

In addition to plays, parties, a visit

to Galton's dairy farm and trip to the Rochester Science Museum and Planetarium.... all these special teachers as well as Speech, OT and PT made for a fabulous year.

Of course we owe many thanks to Gayle and other custodians who take pride in keeping our room and building the best it can be for the students. And we can't forget to thank our patient bus drivers who safely delivered our kids daily. Many thanks to our nurturing cafeteria staff and our nurse, Mrs. Sanford, who is extremely helpful at many levels every day. Also I appreciate Mrs. Weaver's coordinating communications and Mrs. Hunt's accessible direction.

I would especially like to thank all of the parents who supported "our team" with whatever we needed to be successful this year. We were very fortunate to have so many caring, cooperative people looking out for us. For sure, I will miss my second grade

Class of 2019!

Fifth Graders D.A.R.E. to make Healthy Choices!



The Fifth Grade classes have once again been participating in D.A.R.E. This program is known worldwide in giving kids the skills they need to avoid drugs, gangs, and violence. We have been fortunate to have Deputy Phyllis Applin from the Livingston County Sheriff's Department guide us through the lessons.

Participants had a special treat on April 8th to celebrate National D.A.R.E. Day. Deputy Chad Draper and Canine Deputy Tyson came to visit! Deputy Draper showed us how Tyson works at his side everyday. They make a wonderful team. Even Mr. Dodge got into the action by "volunteering" to wear the training bite sleeve. He certainly is not as fast as Tyson!

Fifth Graders look forward to our time with Deputy Applin and our D.A.R.E. lessons. We will complete the program with a ceremony on June 5 at 9:00 in the cafetorium. Community members, families and faculty are welcome to join us!



Fifth Grade "Squeezes the Grape"



On May 4th through 8th fifth grade students had the pleasure of working with a writer-in-residence. Ms. Diane Gallo visited each classroom an hour per day sharing writing techniques and personal experiences to help the students make their writing come "alive". The students came away with a technique called "squeezing the grape"- adding details to writing so that the audience can get a clear picture about the topic. She gave them the opportunity to practice the technique by sending them outside to make observations of everyday objects around the school. Students were sad to let Ms. Gallo go home as she provided a very nurturing environment to write and share.



Hip Hoppin' Away...



Students in Mrs. Brickwood's class enjoy using the brand new equipment they earned from the Livingston County Health Department Hip Hop Grant.



If you stretch a slinky out flat, it measures 87 feet long.

**5TH GRADE ATTENDED
CIVIL WAR DAYS
AT
LETCHWORTH PARK**



PEACE BUILDERS

JACOB COBIN TONY JEFFORDS JENNA PARSONS RILEY REASE BRADLEY BUCKLEY KATELYN SHEARING LIAM KRIEGER GAGE GEENS JESSICA PATTERSON JOE ALLEGUE BRANDON CURRY HUNTER WOOD	PEACE BUILDERS PLEDGE I am a peace builder I pledge to praise people To give up put-downs To seek wise people To notice and speak up about hurts that I have caused To right wrongs I will build peace at home at school and in my community each day.	SELENA OTERO ALLISON GALTON AUSTIN HOLLEY CHRISTINA GADDY MIKEY UVEINO EMMA THOMPSON MIKAYLA ABBEY JENNA WEIR SAMANTHA GALTON JACOB HAHN TIM HATFIELD COLBY SHARP
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Flag Day at Dalton

On Friday, June 12, 2009, we will have our annual Flag Day celebration at 8:45 AM. Please join us on the front lawn behind the students, or in the cafetorium if it is raining. Help us to celebrate our most important national symbol!

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Ami Hunt- Principal

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Hershey's Kisses are called that because the machine that makes them looks like it's kissing the conveyor belt.



Coming in June

- 6/1** Kindergarten to Strong Museum
- 6/2** 4th Grade Art Field Trip to Corning
- 6/3** P.E. Field Trip to Letchworth
5th Grade, Mr. Dodge, to Middle School
- 6/5** 5th Grade DARE Graduation @ 9am
- 6/24** Last day of school for all students



Rafe Martin Visits Dalton Elementary

By Joan Ellison

On May 5th the students and faculty of Dalton Elementary were treated to a visit by author and storyteller, Rafe Martin. Rafe lives in Rochester and came to visit for the day to thrill us with his unique style of storytelling.

To prepare for his visit the students spent a lot of time in library class hearing his stories such as [A Storyteller's Story](#), [The Rough-Face Girl](#), [The Storytelling Princess](#), [The Brave Little Parrot](#), [Foolish Rabbit's Big Mistake](#), [The Shark God](#), [Will's Mammoth](#) and [The Boy Who Loved](#) between original tales and traditional tales books. He also loves whales, gorillas and the students in their classrooms on pro-school.

At his presentations he made us think and that it is we, as individuals, who first graders heard the story [Foolish](#) ers heard [The Shark God](#) and the fourth group had a short time to ask questions chosen from a random drawing to win a still get a signed copy of one of his books



[Mammoths](#). We found out the difference between and that Mr. Martin enjoys writing both in his especially mammoths! Many teachers worked with jects to hang in the halls to welcome Rafe to our

about where our imagination and ideas are stored make stories come alive. The kindergarteners and [Rabbit's Big Mistake](#), the second and third grad- and fifth graders heard [The Monster Bear](#). Each of Rafe. A student from each grade level was free, signed copy of one of his books. You can by visiting his website at www.rafeartin.com.

The visiting author program provides a wonderful experience for all our students. We are looking forward to learn who our author will be for next year!