

April 2012

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Cougar Pride

North Rose-Wolcott Central School



Important Dates

- April 3 BOE Meeting: HS Rm. #210 7:00 PM
- April 4 NRWE Grades 3 & 4 Chorus Concert 6:30-7:30 PM
- April 6 No School - Good Friday
- April 9-13 No School - Spring Recess
- April 18 Grades K-4 Evening Parent Teacher Conferences
- April 19 & 20 Grades K-4 Early Release Day @ 11:45 AM Parent Teacher Conferences (K-4 No Lunch served)
- April 20 Middle School Dance
HS Lip Sync/Air Band Competition 6:30 PM
- April 25 BOCES Budget Vote and BOE Meeting: HS Rm. #210 7:00 pm
NRWE Poetry Café 6:30-8:30 PM
- May 7 & 8 NRWE Kindergarten Visitation 9:15-10:30 AM
- May 8 BOE Budget Presentation and BOE Meeting: HS Rm. #210 7:00 PM
- May 11 MS Dance
- May 14-18 NRWE Kindergarten Registration
- May 15 BOE Budget Vote & Election of Board Members: HS Foyer 12-9 PM
Project Phoenix Fashion Show 6:30 PM HS

From the Superintendent's desk...

'Holy snow'...what happened to winter? I have to mow my lawn already. I guess things have a way of sneaking up on us...like the change of seasons and grass growing. Before we know it, things have changed.

You might guess where I'm going with this theme...we only have 11 weeks left of school. Yikes! State Assessments [for grades 3-8] are even closer, starting in April. I'm not suggesting anyone panic, just the opposite. I'm suggesting ...be positive and thoughtful. Students...take extra time now to prepare. It really doesn't matter what grade you're in, or how much you've already learned. What really matters is what you do from here on. Here are a few gentle suggestions:



John Walker
Superintendent

- When in class...REALLY try to listen to what's being said.
- When you have a question...ask it. Don't ever be afraid or embarrassed to ask!
- If there's a worksheet or assignment...take extra time to THINK about your answers. Really take time to THINK.
- Whenever there are choices, ELIMINATE as many of the wrong [goofy] possibilities first. Narrowing down to those REAL choices...will help you select the absolute BEST answer.
- Even when it's hard to concentrate...DON'T GIVE UP.
- BELIEVE in yourself...and in becoming a little smarter every day.

OK. I know these suggestions might be hard...but try them anyway. They will help you prepare for what lies ahead. You won't be caught off guard in April or June. Remember, you deserve to be smarter and successful, but it must start with you.

One more thing, enjoy the spring season and the sunshine!

Mr. Walker

Sr. Citizen Dinner & Dress Rehearsal

of URINETOWN THE MUSICAL a Big Hit!



Ninety-seven seniors from our community enjoyed the annual Sr. Citizen Dinner & Dress Rehearsal of the High School musical on March 1st. Congratulations to Nancy Younglove, our School Lunch Manager, and our food service staff for preparing the fabulous meal! Thank you to Mrs. Hoyt, Mrs. Lasher, Mrs. Weigartz and student volunteers for their efforts in serving and cleaning up after the event.

SkillsUSA Regional Award Winners

On March 6, 2012, students from the Wayne Technical and Career Center in Williamson participated in the SkillsUSA Regional Competition held at Alfred State College.



L to R: James A.: Wayne, Mercedes L.: Newark, John D.: NR-W



John D., NR-W



Over 1,000 high school students from the Finger Lakes region competed in technical and leadership contests. Winners include: Culinary Arts: 1st Place - James A., Wayne; Cosmetology: 2nd Place - Mercedes L., Newark, Residential Wiring: 3rd Place - John D., North Rose-Wolcott.

James A. and John D. will be competing in the State SkillsUSA Competition being held at the New York State Fairgrounds in Syracuse on April 25-27th. SkillsUSA serves over 279,000 high school and college students from 54 state and territorial associations. Congratulations!

"The Mission of the North Rose-Wolcott Central School District is to create a safe and enriching learning environment that will prepare our students to make positive and meaningful contributions to society."

Junior High All-County Chorus



(Seated) – Faith M., (standing) Ryan F., Tess R., Rachel E., Jessica G., Alexandria R., Anahelle G. and Devon B.

On January 28th, students from Leavenworth Middle School participated in the 50th Annual All County Jr. High Choir that took place at Clyde-Savannah High School. In order to participate in this event, they were selected by audition. The concert performance contained pieces of choral works from a varied repertoire of styles and composers. Mr. Fred Dunn, NR-W High School vocal music teacher was the honorary conductor of the Jr. High Chorus this year.

NR-W KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2012



The NR-W Kindergarten registration process begins with meetings for parents and orientation visits for students on May 7 and May 8. To be eligible to enter Kindergarten this fall, a child must be five years of age on or before December 1, 2012.

If you have been receiving our newsletter, "The Little Tutor", we are aware of your child's eligibility for Kindergarten this September. If you have not received the newsletter, please contact the elementary school office at 587-4005 to place your child on the registration list.

Kindergarten registration will be held May 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18. If you have any questions, please contact the elementary school office.



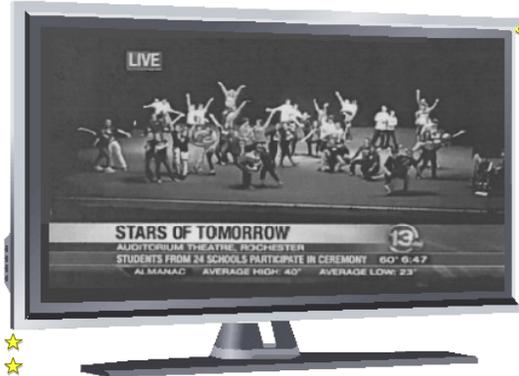
Read Across America

Kick Off at the Middle School



"Mr. Walker in-the-Hat"

The North Rose-Wolcott Middle School had a very special visitor to help them kick off Read Across America in celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday on March 2nd! Mr. Walker, appearing as Cat-in-the-Hat, was there to read a whimsical poem to all of the students in a morning assembly. Read Across America is a motivational reading program that is celebrated each year as millions of students across the United States celebrate reading!



NR-W *Urinetown* cast members Conner B. & Rheagan F. were chosen to perform with students from 23 other high schools for a *Stars of Tomorrow* event at the Auditorium Theater in Rochester on March 8, 2012. They had to wake before 3 a.m. and leave at



3:30 to be at the theater by 4:30. They learned a song and dance from the musical "Grease" from 5 until 7 a.m. and then had the opportunity to be recorded on the Channel 13 morning news.

NRWE Celebrates Kindness



On March 17th NRWE students participated in a school wide **Kindness Celebration**. Activities included: writing letters to Veterans, making Kindness Bracelets and exchanging them with a friend, watching a slideshow which demonstrated acts of kindness and playing "Feelings" Charades with their classmates. Students rotated through all activities and a great time was enjoyed by all!

Inventive Minds



Student inventors from North Rose -Wolcott and Red Creek school districts gathered for the annual *Inventive Minds* competition held on March 9th at the North Rose-Wolcott Elementary school. Of all the inventions that were submitted, 20 finalists were chosen to compete.

Congratulations to Abi Jo W. who won 1st place with her invention the "Portable J-Bar Extender 1,000." In the Top Five Honorable Mentions were Emma D. with her invention "Roller Writer" and Paige S. with the "Snow Soaker."



Abi Jo W. shares her invention

Zachary G. explains his invention

Paige S. talks with a Judge

The Inventive Minds Program gives students the opportunity to create an invention that fills a need or overcomes a problem by using problem-solving and creative-thinking ability. Students use visual and verbal presentation skills as part of this competition. The Inventive Minds program challenges students in a safe, fun, and friendly environment.

Congratulations Inventors!



High School Musical photographs used in this publication are a courtesy of Mrs. Lisa Rigg.

URINETOWN THE MUSICAL DECONSTRUCTION

A work party took place on March 5th to take down the set of "Urinetown." It took about 3 hours to completely dismantle the set.



Thank you students & parents!



2012 All-County Instrumental Music Festival

Six Middle School and six High School band students participated in the 2012 All-County Instrumental Music Festival at Marion Central School on March 16th and 17th. This year marked the 50th Anniversary Celebration of All-County Music Festivals in Wayne County. Participants at this festival in the Jr. High Band were: Oboe – Anna Marie D., Clarinet – Desirie C. and Brittany C., Contra Alto Clarinet – Elizabeth B., Alto Saxophone- Jacob W., Baritone horn – Gilian H. High School participants were: Clarinet – Grace D., Bass Clarinet – Caleb M., Contra Bass Clarinet – Erin S., Percussion – Zack L., Timpani – Brett N., Mallets – Kyle W. **GREAT JOB MUSICIANS!**



Photo by David M., Student Reporter

Spring Sports Begin!



Green fields and unseasonably warm weather provided the perfect backdrop for the start of spring sports for the track team, which, in past years, has had to run in high school halls until the warm temperatures arrived. JV and varsity teams started practice March 5th, and most modified sports started March 19th. Spring sports include boys track, varsity and modified; girls track, varsity and modified; softball, varsity, JV and modified; baseball, varsity, JV and modified; golf, varsity and boys tennis, varsity and modified.



Harry Potter 'Moves In' at High School

By Devon P., Student Reporter

Harry Potter appears to have found a home at North Rose-Wolcott High School, thanks to the efforts of 10th grader Russell H. The enterprising student founded the Harry Potter Club, which meets on Tuesdays during activity period in the classroom of club sponsor Barbara Briscese. "I was talking to some of my friends, and they were really into Harry Potter and I thought it would be a good club," Russell said.



Russell H.

At the meetings, students immerse themselves in all things Harry Potter—books and movies. Students even learn about such Harry Potter lore as spells and potions. Newcomers to the club take a quiz to determine their placement in a "House" - Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw, or Slytherin, just like the books. So far, nine students have joined the club, and newcomers are always welcome. Hurry up and join the fun. Harry is waiting!



Get In Sync With Lip-Sync

By David M., Student Reporter



Have you ever tried lip-syncing?

Lip-syncing, for the uninitiated, is defined as moving your lips in synchronization with recorded speech or song.

Now is your chance to try lip syncing for yourself when NR-W High School holds a lip-sync contest at 7 p.m. April 20 in the high school auditorium. Sign up with Mrs. Peterson in room 313. The cost is \$10 a person or \$25 for a group act.

In addition to showing off your lip-syncing skills, you will be helping to raise funds for the senior camping trip. So, get in sync with the lip-sync contest!



Graduation Day!



A graduation party attended by approximately 30 guests was held on March 19th for Michelle S., left, and Josh R., who became the latest of five Alternative Learning Center students to receive their high school diplomas.

Congratulations Graduates!

To the cast, crew and pit band of Urinetown The Musical...



Congratulations!

Over nine hundred people came to see the Wayne County premiere of *Urinetown the musical*. The cast was delighted to learn that their *Stars of Tomorrow* (SOT) scores had improved in each of the five categories: acting, singing, dance, crew, and pit band. Students are excited to prepare for the SOT gala celebration at the Rochester Auditorium Theater and for the *ELENBE* awards ceremony at Newark High School.



Photo by Gabriella H. Student Reporter

Wonderland

Leavenworth Middle School put on its production of "Wonderland" March 23rd and 24th. Here, the Red Queen, Emma M., left, and the White Queen, Alexandria R., appear on stage in their roles from the production.

Congratulations to the cast, crew & pit band on an outstanding performance!

Hey 5th Grade Parents did you know?...



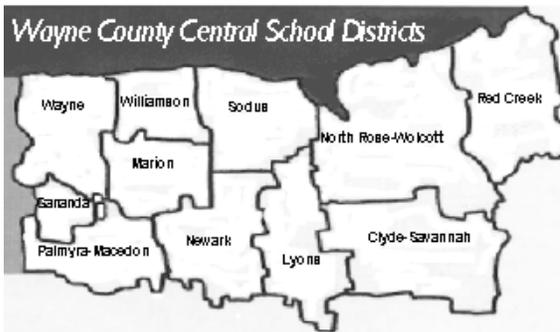
New York State public health law requires children 11 yrs. old to have booster vaccinations for diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (otherwise known as Tdap), upon entering the sixth grade or a comparable level special education program.

Proof of immunization must be forwarded to the school BEFORE the start of the new school year 2012-2013. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Humbert at 594-3119.

Immunizations can be received through your child's health care provider or at Wayne County Public Health Facility in Lyons. They can be reached at 946-5749.

If your child's 11th birthday is after the start of school, the immunization may be received at that time.

Wayne County School Districts Ban Together to Oppose Inequities In The Aid Allocation Formula To Rural Upstate New York



On Saturday February 11, 2012 Boards of Education members from all 11 Wayne County School Districts, district employees, parents and community members came together to

collectively share their concerns regarding the future of public education. Their presentation focused on Foundation Aid, funding inequities for Wayne County School Districts, their present funding realities, and most importantly a call to action for all residents and supporters of Wayne County School Districts to contact their legislators directly, asking for support and relief.

Yvonne MacTaggart, President of the Newark Board of Education; Kari Durham, President of the North Rose-Wolcott Central School District Board of Education; Phil Rose, Member of the Sodus Central School District Board of Education; Michael Collins, President of the Williamson Central School District Board of Education; and Patrick Crowe, President of the Clyde-Savannah Central School District Board of Education spoke on behalf of the 11 Wayne County School Districts in the Newark Central School Auditorium.

MacTaggart stated, "We literally can no longer afford to have our voices ignored on this critically important issue of the inequities in the aid allocation formula to rural Upstate New York districts like those in Wayne County. The very survival of our school districts is at stake."

"Simply put, Foundation Aid is state funding that was designed to provide a sound basic education," explained Durham. "With no changes in the education aid formula, an estimated 100 to 150 school districts will not have the cash reserves to sustain themselves over the next two years as they face state-created mandates, contractual obligations and pension costs," she added.

Rose further explained funding by stating, "The concept of State Aid is pretty simple. It takes a certain amount of money for a local school to deliver education. If school districts can't generate enough funds from taxes to pay for that education, then State Aid pays the difference. Schools must balance the budget, and if the money isn't coming from the state, the only options are to raise taxes or cut programs for the children which may include cutting staff, use reserve funds and sacrifice the future of our schools."

Agreeing with Rose, Collins stated, "While we remain fiscally solvent in theory, a district cannot go bankrupt, but that remains to be seen; we are facing educational insolvency! The very programs that many of us in this room have fought so hard to create are under attack. The programs that give our children a chance to be competitive may simply dissolve."

Understanding the problems facing our schools is only half of the purpose of this presentation," stated Crowe. "It is critically important that all of us here and at home advocate directly with our Legislators for support and relief. There are only weeks before the Legislature will vote to adopt next year's budget. We must use that time to get them to take action on several points. Immediate and meaningful mandate relief is needed now!"

For more information about what you can do to help your school district, go to your school website or www.wfboces.org and look for information on how to contact your local legislators.



Elementary All-County Music Festival

The Elementary All-County Music Festival will take place on March 2nd & 3rd in Newark. 5th Grade All-County Choir members included Abigail L., Emily M., Cassidy R., Taylor L., Katherine F., Chynna P. and Taylor M. 6th Grade All County Choir included Kathleen N., Brianna B., Kristen P., Payton L. and Joshanna C.. Elementary All-County Band members were Flute - Rylee C.; Bass Clarinet - Sarah W. and Dylan M.; Trumpet -Kelsie F.; Percussion - Cole D.

Board Highlights

Presentations/Discussions:

- Open Meetings Law discussion
- Technology Department plans
- Executive Session for discussion on sale of a parcel of property
- Overview: 2012-13 General Fund Proposed Expenditures/Revenues

Approval:

- Treasurer's Report for December 2011 and January 2012
- Department Heads Contract covering 7/1/11-6/30/12
- Baseball program activity account established
- Donation to the District: \$700 from *Scholarship America* to be used for a field trip to Buffalo and Erie County Naval Museum
- Donation of \$600 from *Garlock Sealing Technologies* to be used to benefit students
- Disposal of District property: computer equipment
- Permanent Appointments: Linda Scheid, Brandy Starczewski

Appointments:

- Kathy Seward, Long Term Substitute Teacher through 6/30/12
- Kelly Stadtmiller, JV Softball Coach
- Bradley Lehman, Spring Athletic Coordinator
- Willie Davis, Bus Driver
- Lauren Anderson, Long Term Substitute Psychologist through 6/30/12
- Volunteer Coach approval: John Budinock, Kayla Yarrow, Mike Groth, Anne Dapolito, Tara Allen, Mike Virts

Resignations:

- Claudia Hann, MS Teacher (effective 6/30/12)
- Timothy Pauldine, MS Teacher (effective 6/30/12)
- Cheryl Richwalder, NRWE Teacher (effective 6/30/12)
- Joyce Rickles, Bus Driver (effective 6/30/12)
- Crystal Davis, Bus Driver (effective 2/28/12)
- Shannan Sicienski, MS Teacher (effective 2/17/12)



New Look of School Meals



In January 2011 President Obama signed the Healthy Hunger Free Child Act regarding nutrition standards in child nutrition programs across the country. Listed below are new guidelines our Food Service Department will be implementing beginning Fall 2012.

Food Group	Current Requirements K-12	New Requirements K-12
Fruit & Vegetable	1/2-3/4 Cup Fruit & Vegetable combined/day	*3/4 -1 Cup of Vegetable <u>plus</u> *1/2-1 Cup Fruit /Day
Vegetables	No specifications as to type of vegetable sub-group	Weekly Requirement for: dark green, *red/orange, beans/peas (legumes), *starchy
Meat/Meat Alternate	1.5-2 oz. daily min.	*K-5: 1 oz. min. daily (8-10 oz./wk.) *6-8: 1 oz. min. daily (9-10 oz./wk.) *9-12: 2 oz. min. daily (10-12 oz. wk.)
Grains	8 servings per wk.	*K-5: 1 oz. min. daily (8-9 oz. wk.) *6-8: 1 oz. min. daily (8-10 oz. wk.) *9-12: 2 oz. min. daily (10-12 oz. wk.)
Whole Grains	Encouraged	*At least half of the grains must be whole grain.
Milk	1 Cup Variety of fat content allowed Flavor not restricted	*1 Cup Must be fat free flavored or *unflavored OR *1% low fat, unflavored only

* *Already part of school meals at NR-W*

For NR-W students the change will be minimal as a lot of these "new" requirements have been part of our school lunch for several years. There will be an additional offering of vegetables on a weekly basis and a change from 1% low fat to fat-free chocolate milk.

The Food Service Department wants to assure you that sound nutrition and high quality is always at the forefront of the decisions made when providing and serving meals to students. Please feel free to contact Nancy Younglove, Food Service Director at 594-1751 with questions.