



# The Marauder

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## From Mr. Kissinger.....

Dear Parents,

Great news! The technology project at the Middle School is complete. During the past six weeks the staff and students have moved to alternate rooms, avoided certain hallways and listened to drills as the contractors worked quickly and efficiently. Each classroom now has a computer outlet or "drop" and both computer labs have new furniture and 24 computers each. By the start of next school year each classroom will have a computer with Internet access.

Attention parents of 6<sup>th</sup> grade students: If you are interested in enrolling your child in either accelerated English and/or accelerated math next year you must attend one of two informational meetings. The dates are May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6 P.M. and May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M. Both will be held in the middle school multipurpose room.

Spring has finally sprung and with it comes our spring sports season (say that three times real fast!). Bring a chair and come out for an invigorating afternoon cheering on our great teams. Hope to see you there.

Sincerely yours,

Russell Kissinger  
Middle School Principal

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## Miss Brownell's Classroom

Our classroom has been involved in an Investigation! Students have been investigating fractions, percents and decimals. Students discuss common uses of fractions, percents and decimals and their meanings. In pairs, they solve sets of word problems. The mathematical emphasis will be: (for this investigation)

- using fractions to describe how many in a group share a particular characteristic
- representing fractions and percents on a number line
- finding equivalent fractions and percents
- ordering fractions and percents
- interpreting common uses of percent
- illustrating and identifying percents on 10-by-10 grids
- using  $\frac{1}{2}$  and 1 as references in ordering fractions and percents
- building on knowledge of unit fractions to use fractions with numerators greater than 1

The next two investigations will be models for fractions and exploring decimals. All investigations use hands-on activities and games to reinforce concepts. It is enjoyable for all.

### Classroom Stars

James Bailey—Hard Working  
Caleb Burlee—Helpful  
Ann Ficarra—Enthusiasm  
Kelly Jones—Responsibility  
Ben Miller—Behavior  
Dan Rehor—Listening  
Melissa Turner—Cooperation  
Amanda Westfall—Homework Quality



## Mrs. Bierer's Classroom

Winding up the study of the human body systems, several students volunteered to help a plastic system pass a cracker/water mixture from start to finish! We wound up with the reproductive system, study of Aids, Sexual Abuse, and child abduction preventions. Mr. John L'Hommedieu, a drug and alcohol counselor at Park Ridge Hospital and Mr. Michael Mulberry, Williamson Allstate Insurance agent, spoke to us about causes and effects of "drugging and drinking." They very effectively opened a few eyes and ears, I'll tell you.



Best Book-It! time for March were 1882 minutes by Alex Cappon and 1369 minutes by Katie Johnson. Pizza and wings were in order for the celebration party for the six students who completed each of the six months of reading challenge: Kayla Anselmo, Roxanne Bowman, Nina Calabresi, Alex Cappon, Damiene Denner, and Tommy Godsey.

Selecting a person from a foreign country and preparing to emigrate from there to the United States in 1900 led to Immigration Day at Ellis Island. Our classroom became the checkpoint entrance for immigrants who passed from the boat (the stairway across from the classroom) to a room where their language was not understood, where they were inspected for trachoma, lice, insanity and abject poverty, where some did not pass the entrance requirements, and where a greedy inspector appropriated some of their remembrances from the homeland. This simulated feelings of frustration and despair, hope and even joy for others. Each student expressed their emotions about the ordeal as well as told about their individual situations.



# The Buzz About the Spelling Bee

By Mrs. Hussion and Ms. Prill

The regional spelling bee was held on March 16<sup>th</sup> at Hobart & William Smith College, in Geneva, NY. Williamson Middle School participants included:

Melissa DeVille, grade 8  
Kelly Kolyer, grade 7  
Claire Herbert, grade 6

Reading teacher, Ms. Prill, coordinated the Williamson Middle School bee. English 7 teacher, Mrs. Hussion, attended the regional bee in Geneva and worked the registration table.

All three contestants did well. Words spelled correctly by our students included: parish, grout, acrostic, malodorous, missile, correspond, and custard. Stumpers included: indictment, collateral, and sensory.

The winner for the third time was George Schaertl from Manchester-Shortsville. Congratulations to George who will be competing at the National Bee in Washington, D.C.!

We are proud of our Williamson Middle School contestants!

## Reading Counts! Congratulations

to  
the following students  
They have met or exceeded their goal for this  
school year.

Corey Baker	88+ Points
Chelsea Young	71+ Points
Kelly Jones	59+ Points
Bethany Redder	61+ Points

### Reading Counts! cont...

Nick Damico	57+ Points
Michael LaComba	57+ Points
Travis Burdick	51+ Points
Diana Horton	53+ Points
Steven Mallory	52+ Points



The following **Fifth Graders** have met the

### Book It

360 minute-per-month challenge.  
We are proud of you.

### Congratulations from:

Mrs. Bierer, Ms. Luke, Ms. Brownell,  
Mr. Holowka, Mr. Marshall, and Ms. Prill

<u>NAME</u>	<u>MINUTES</u>
Kayla Anselmo	365
Damiene Denner	360
Tommy Godsey	360
Katie Johnson	1,369
Alex Cappon	1,882
Roxanne Bowman	360
Darely Trejo	1,745
Jack Inman	375
Chelsea Young	380
Melissa Turner	365
Kelly Jones	1,720
Noelle White	390
Pierce Alquist	2,580
Breanna Bigelow	1,530
Tyler Eaton	450
Josh Knataitis	360
Michael LaComba	1,230
Rebecca Klejment	2,580
Chelsey Storrs	360+
Amanda Monachino	505
Mike Collins	584
Jessica Wood	1,056
Tyler Shove	947
Joey Tobin	360
Jason Buckler	13.5 hrs
Autumn Bowman	1,019
Carrie Lergner	365
Kera Smith	500



## Art Club News

*By Mrs. Wilkinson*

Art Club is very pleased to announce that we have reached our goal! We have raised \$2000 selling the Proud to Be American Note Cards. The money has now been sent to PS/IS 89 in New York City to help their school recover from 9/11. Thank you to all of you for your support.



## A Message from Mrs. Osborn

Several students, staff and parents attended a production of Beauty and the Beast at the Auditorium Center on Thursday, April 11. It was a wonderful experience.

## Physical Education News

*By Mrs. Freischlag and Mr. Mitchell*



In physical education class we have been square/line dancing. Students have been doing a great job “doe si doe-ing” and “sashaying” around the gym.

Next, we will start getting ready for the spring physical fitness test. Over the past few years we have seen continued improvement in Williamson M.S. students scores. Our goal is to have all students improve their spring fitness scores.

We will be teaching lacrosse skills and track and field in the spring.

## International Club

There will be a meeting on Thursday, May 2nd at 2:15 in Room 13.

## 7th & 8th Grade Student Association

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, May 7th at 2:15 in Room 13.

## Physical Education News

*By Mr. Mitchell*

Thank you to all the 5th and 6th graders for a wonderful year of Intramurals. It was a quick year but we had a lot of fun. We had many students who stopped in once and a while and some who came every week. As the year winds down, I encourage all students to get outside and exercise.



## Stair Climb for Cystic Fibrosis



Congratulations to the Williamson Middle School! The staff and the students raised over \$500.00 for cystic fibrosis. Mrs. McMahon (Enrichment) and Mrs. Freischlag (Physical Education) recently competed in a stair climb to raise money for cystic fibrosis. A special thanks to the 5/6th and 7/8th grade student associations for their generous donations.

## Sheldon Institute Educational Enrichment Program July 22-August 2

The 24th annual Sheldon Institute, sponsored by the School of Education at Oswego State University and Team Sheldon, addresses the academic and cultural needs of motivated, inquisitive and creative students. Each full day during a two-week period, students who will be entering grades two through ten and who have been identified as able to benefit from this challenging program will be instructed by college professors, certified public school teachers and experienced practitioners. In addition, they will have the opportunity to interact with other students who have similar interests and abilities.

The program will operate from Monday, July 22-Friday, July 26, and Monday, July 29-Friday, August 2 on the Oswego State University campus. **Students must enroll for both weeks of the program.** A typical Sheldon day begins at 8:30 AM and ends at 3:40 PM.

Program Cost is \$250. Registration deadline is May 13th. Please Contact the Middle School guidance office for more information + an application at 589-9665.

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## Student of the Month for April

Student	Grade	Teacher	Reason
Pierce Alquist	5	J. Luke	Excellent Effort and Achievement-Extremely Helpful to Others
James Bailey	5	H. Brownell	Improved Effort
Stephanie Bowles	5	I. Bierer	Understanding and Compassion
Bret Cole	5	G. Marshall	Constructive Attitude
Tyler Eaton	5	J. Luke	Consistent Excellent Effort
Ann Ficarra	5	H. Brownell	Improved Effort
Colby Foreman	5	G. Marshall	Adjusted Well to a New Classroom
Carleigh Hotchkiss	5	I. Bierer	Helpful to Others
Phillip Kommer	5	G. Marshall	Exceptional Effort
Kevin Larson	5	G. Holowka	Outstanding Effort
Danielle Morris	5	J. Luke	Always Doing Her Very Best
Justin Russell	5	G. Holowka	Constructive Attitude
Faith Supersad	5	G. Marshall	Constructive Attitude
Amanda Westfall	5	H. Brownell	Exceptional Math Effort

## Student of the Month Cont...

Hannah Ameele	6	6th Grade Team	Outstanding Effort in Sixth Grade
Kevin DeRue	6	6th Grade Team	Outstanding Effort in Sixth Grade
Amber Foehner	6	D. Brown	Constructive Attitude
Ben Tobin	6	6th Grade Team	Outstanding Effort in Sixth Grade
Doogie Webber	6	6th Grade Team	Outstanding Effort in Sixth Grade
Emily Williams	6	6th Grade Team	Outstanding Effort in Sixth Grade
Holly Ficarro	7	D. Osborn	Improved Effort/Improved Attitude
Mallory Rynders	7	P. Perez	Exceptional Effort/Class Participation
Kristen Jones	7	D. Greco	Constructive Attitude
Jeanine Follette	8	D. Osborn	Excellent Work/Positive Participation
Devin Greaney	8	M. Wilkinson	Exceptional Effort on Van Gogh
Kyle Griffen	8	P. Perez	Exceptional Effort
Jenny Hoffman	8	8th Grade Team	Effort
Kearston Lancy	8	8th Grade Team	Attitude
Mary Lewis	8	M. Wilkinson	Exceptional Effort/Extra Assistance in the Art Room
Jon Manktelow	8	D. Brown	Exceptional Effort
Zack Poole	8	8th Grade Team	Attitude
Cory Provoost	8	D. Greco	Exceptional Effort
Brandon Stewart	8	8th Grade Team	Citizenship
Mackenzie Tuchrello	8	8th Grade Team	Attitude



# Spelling Bee Finalist



Ashley McCaslin  
(Alternate)

Kelly Kolyer (#1)

Claire Herbert (#3)

Melissa DeVille (#2)

**We Are Proud of our  
Williamson Middle School  
Contestants!**