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Letter from the Principal

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A Note to Parents and Guardians

The placement of your child in the appropriate classroom for the following school year is an important educational decision. We, at Dalton, use a specific process that takes into account many factors; educational, social and emotional that we have learned about your child to create a well balanced, educationally sound classroom that fulfills all State Regulations. This will provide the best learning environment for all our students.

We are always working on developing the best strategies for gathering information used in making successful student placement decisions. Again this year, we are asking parents not to request a specific teacher for the upcoming school year. We have found that student placement based on parent requests can lead to unbalanced classes and sometimes results in placements that do not take all our data into consideration. Even though we are not asking for parent requests that name a specific teacher, your thoughts as a parent are very important. You may have a specific concern or circumstance about your

child that you would like considered as class placements are being made. We welcome you to share any information that you feel would be helpful in the placement of your child. You can do this in several ways:

By letter, hand delivered or sent by mail, to me at Keshequa Central School Attn: Ami Hunt, P.O. Box 517 , Nunda, NY 14517

By appointment, Call the Dalton Office at, 476-2234, contact Mrs. Weaver at Extension 1132 and make an appointment to meet with me personally.

I need to receive your information either by letter or personal appointment by Thursday, May 21, 2009 in order for it to be used in making a class placement decision for the 2009-2010 school year. Class lists will be finalized in June: notification of class placements for next year will be included with the final report card.

As Always, your child's educational success is at the heart of every decision we make.

Thank you for your support.

Ami Hunt, Elementary Principal

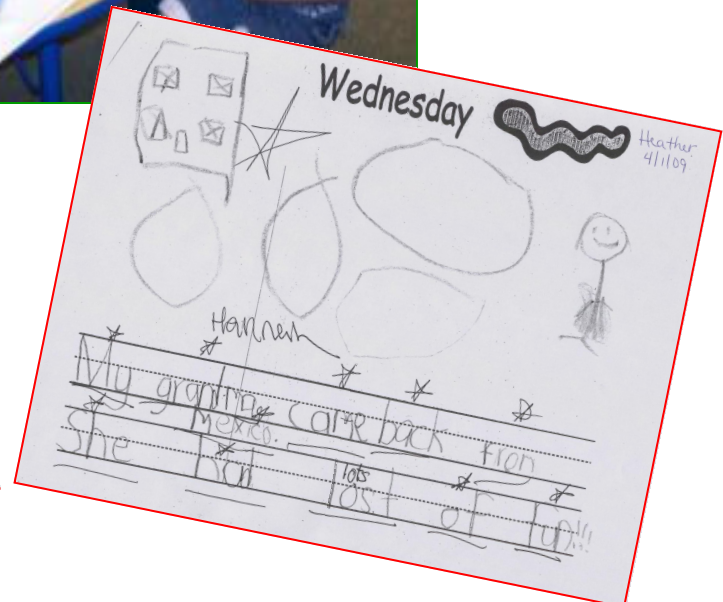
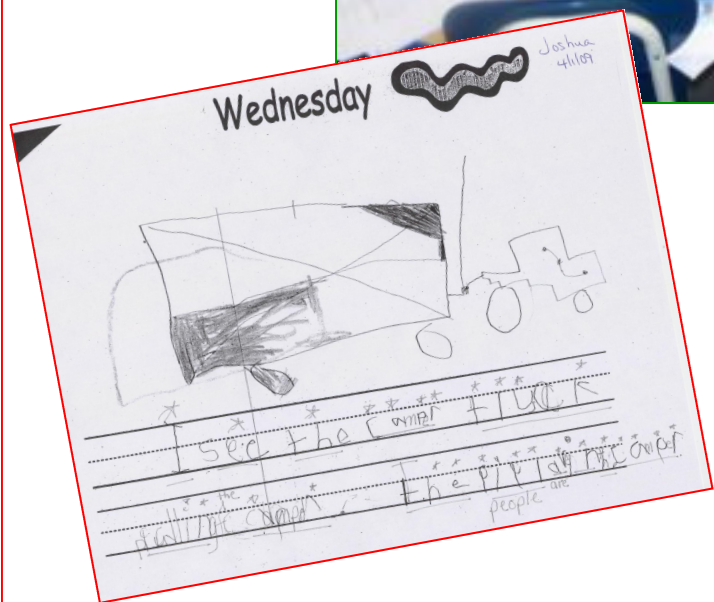
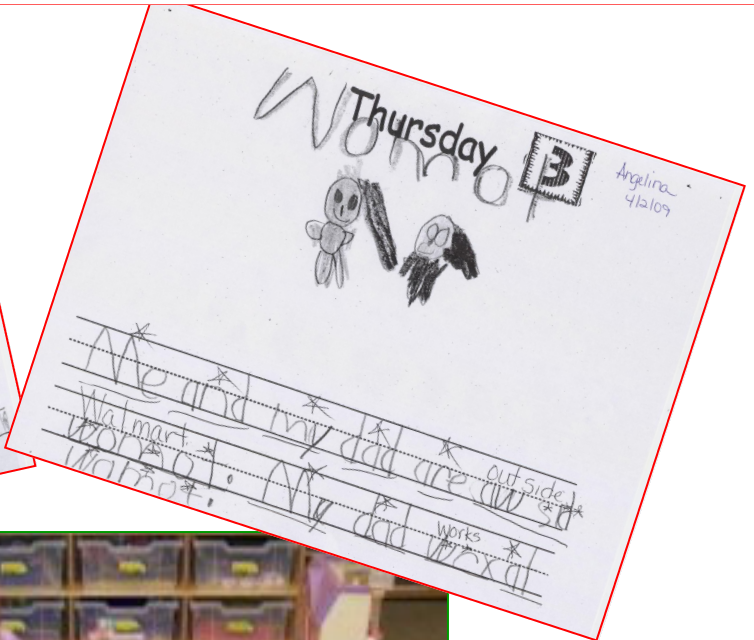
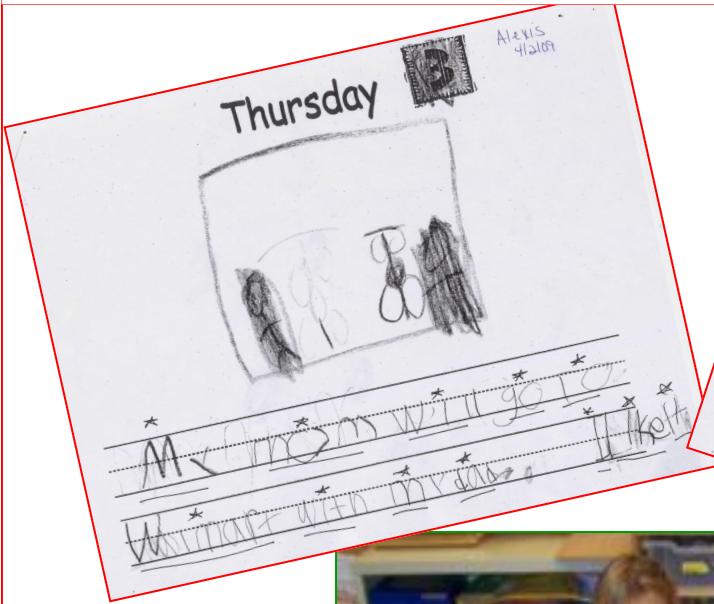
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Keep company with those who make you better.—English saying

Kindergarten Journalists

Mrs. Snyder's students enjoy writing in their journals.



Kindergarten News

Merry -Go -Round Playhouse Performs with Kindergarten

Actors from The Merry -Go -Round Playhouse Children's Theatre from Auburn, NY met with each Kindergarten class before their performance of *The Happy Circus* on April 23. The actors talked about what we might see at a real circus and then explained that there were only three actors today so children would have to help. Children were divided into groups and taught how to perform like elephants, ponies, seals, tigers, and acrobats. When it was time for the show, each group of children did its part wonderfully. The actors also did some magic tricks that were quite amazing! After the show some of the children wrote down questions to ask the actors. Many of the children wanted to know how they did the magic tricks.

We will mail the questions and look forward to the response from the Merry-Go-Round-Playhouse!

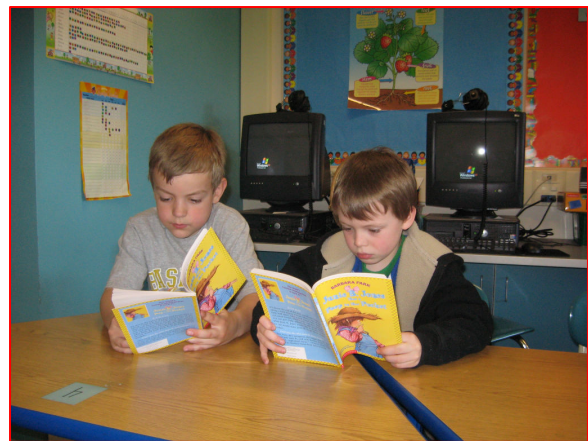


"We must teach our children to dream with their eyes open." ~~ Harry Edwards (1893—1976)

Kiwanis Book Give-Away

The Kiwanis Club of Nunda is a service organization; always doing something for others. On April 9th, the club continued their kind ways by giving books to all the first graders at Dalton Elementary School, through their Reading Around the World Program. Two Kiwanians, Marie and Irv Schoenacker, along with two Key Club members, Ashley Hark and Cassie Allen, read the books that Kiwanis gave to all the first graders. The children had fun listening to the stories and even had time to read with a partner. This is an example of one of the many things that Kiwanis does for the youth in our community.

Thank you, Kiwanis!

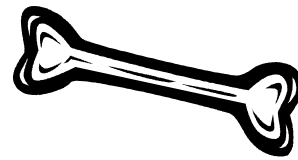


30 years ago: The computer mouse was invented



Second Graders Dig Dinosaurs

The second graders enjoyed a Dinosaur Dig this month. It was quite a treat. They got to see many dinosaur fossils and learned many interesting facts. Please ask them about Mr. Nixon and Elvis. Some of the children played a game to show us what they knew about dinosaurs. They did a great job!! The children even got to dig for fossils just like a paleontologist. They found actual dinosaur fossils as well as other fossils of creatures that were around at the time of the dinosaurs. They all received a fossil to bring home. This was a great experience for everyone.



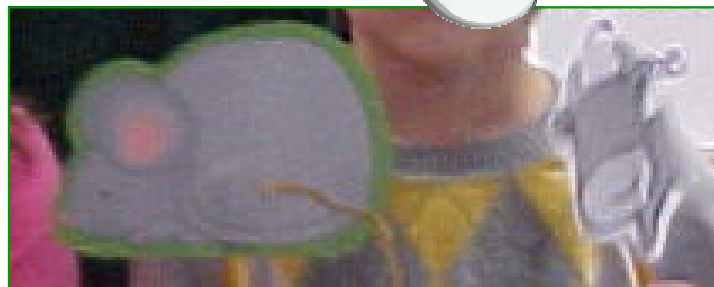
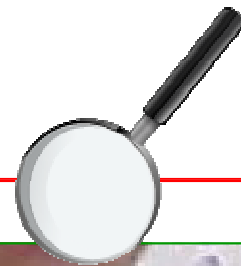
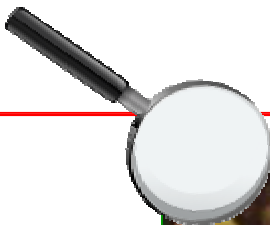
Mrs. Downey's Second Graders Put On Show

Mrs. Downey's puppet show by classmates. Hudson Vasile the story The Cat practiced their lines were fluent. They for the class. The it. Thank you Mrs. hard with them!!!



class got to watch a two of their very own Jocelyn Parthemer and worked very hard on and the Mouse. They over and over until they then performed the play children really enjoyed Hark for working so

Jocelyn Parthemer and Hudson Vasile



Third Grade Goes to the Dog

On March 25 Miss Cantleberry's class helped Ross the dog celebrate his 5th birthday. In order to have the celebration the students had to light 26 candles with flames (pretend flames, of course) by following the rules and working well together.

Also invited were Mrs. Proctor's class from the Middle school and Mrs. Valance's class. All the children made pupcakes, yummy chocolate concoctions that looked like a dog, and dog ear party hats. Ross couldn't have the chocolate, but he got a few treats of his own.

He also showed off some tricks. Ross thinks that this has been his best birthday so far!



Neu's News By Allison Brickwood

Hi! My name is Allison Brickwood (Ally) and I am in Miss Neu's 3rd grade. I am reporting to you some interesting events that have taken place in our classroom this month.

This month our class has been focusing on and learning about inventors/inventions. Some of my classmates including myself were assigned to make our own invention. We made things that could solve everyday problems.

I interviewed some of my classmates about this project. I interviewed Lauren M. and she invented a game called, Supper Dice. She explained that her family always has trouble deciding what to have for dinner. She created a die that could be rolled each night to help make that decision easier. I also talked to Koen W.. He made a Cloning Machine. Koen made this so you could be in two places at one time. Koen said, "It only works for 24 hours though!" I think this would really help out if you wanted to sleep in. You could send your clone to school. Someone else I talked to was Rebecca F.. She designed a vacuum toy box. She said, "I made it because

my cousin always takes all my toys out of my toy box! It will automatically clean up my room when I press the on button." Liam K. invented a device that would automatically comb your hair for you as you roll out of bed! These are just a few of the creative ideas my peers came up with.

When everyone finishes, the inventions will be displayed in our school for everyone to see.

In addition to designing an invention we learned about many inventors and wrote biographies on them including:

- Walter Hunt : safety pin
- George Crum : potato chip
- Margaret Knight: grocery bag machine
- James Smith: cough drops
- Milton Snavely Hershey: Hershey Bar

Mary Anderson: wind shield wipers



Dixi Cordell: "Mr. Super Duper Room Cleaner."

Dixi made this because she doesn't like cleaning her room at all!

What would you invent if you were given the opportunity?

Fifth Grade News

Student Council Sponsors Spring Coloring Contest



Assembling the gift baskets



Decisions, decisions...



Showing off all of our hard work.

Next step... announcing the winners!

Elementary Student Council sponsored a spring coloring contest prior to Spring Break. After receiving the entries from teachers, council members had the difficult job of deciding the winners. Also, gift baskets were assembled for each winner. Thank you to all who participated. We hope you had fun!

Congratulations to the following coloring contest winners:

PK: Collin Weber, McKenzie Gillen

K: Liza Blowers, Jacob Gibson

1st: Gage Geens, Paige Burley

2nd: Connor Galton, Jocelyn Parthemer

3rd: Dustin Zangerlee, Megan Wilson

4th: Chris Earhardt, Hayley Smith

5th: Joe Bennet, Selena Otero



Holly shares a smile

Peace Builders

MIGUEL PENA
JOURNEY BOSS
JACOB ELLIOTT
JADE HOFFMAN
JOSH FARNSWORTH
LOGAN GABY
DAMION DEATON
JOCELYN PARTHEMER
DYLAN DEATON
BRANDON CASSIDY
DALTON ENGLISH

Peacebuilder Celebration

Kindness Connects Us All

On March 31st Dalton Elementary celebrated our spring Peacebuilder day with the theme, kindness connects us all. The theme focused on how acts of kindness create a school climate that supports safety and connectedness, both which provide for a successful learning environment.

Our celebration started with fifth grade students delivering their “thank you for your kindness” notes to all of the school staff. Then, third, fourth, and fifth grade classes went to their partner classes and made acts of kindness posters to demonstrate peaceful activities for the cafeteria. After the team posters were finished, they were joined together into one big poster and all eleven team groups gathered in the gym to celebrate our success and connectedness. The fifth grade chorus led us all in the “School Song” and then the classroom teams shared their posters with the rest of the audience. We ended our Peacebuilder celebration with the “Random Acts of Kindness” song led by the fifth grade chorus.

All of the team posters have been hung up either near or in the cafeteria to help remind all students that we need to treat each other with kindness and respect while eating. We continue to use our Peacebuilder program as a way to create the safest and welcoming school climate that we can for all of our students.



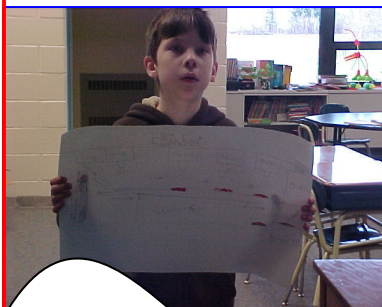
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Liam Krieger:
 “The Hair Comb
 5000.”



Great Job



Bradley Buckley: “The Assembly Line Pizza Machine.”

Want pizza? Just turn on the automatic assembly line and your dinner is ready in minutes.



Allison Brickwood:
 “The Airplane Fly Swatter.” Allison made this because her mother hates the flies that fly around the house.

Elementary PageTurners Spring Competition

By Joan Ellison

On April 22nd, the Elementary PageTurners team traveled to Wayland to attend its second competition of the year. The students had spent many months reading and preparing for this meet. They had to read as many books as they could from the official PageTurners list which included such titles as Charlotte's Web, The Last Safe House, The Glorious Flight, Sarah, Plain and Tall, Runny Rabbit, and ten others.

It was a very close competition with only a few points separating each team. In the end our team came in third place at this event.

The participants in PageTurners this year were: Allegra Learn, Lillian Willett, Danielle Dean, Savannah Vasile, Christina Adams, Liam Costello, Hannah Wood, Nicole Simone, Hannah Moriarty, Garrett Thompson, Kyrstin Rawleigh, Sylvia Thompson, Cheyenne James, Cassandra Szuluski, Julia Howell, Lauren Simmons and Tami Lovell.

Students in grades 3-5 may participate on the Elementary PageTurners team and students in grades 6-8 can join the Middle School PageTurners team. The reading lists for next year are ready now. See Mrs. Ellison in the library if you would like to join either team next year.



PARENTS

Have your 1 and
2 year olds tested
for lead poisoning.



Lead can be found
in your home, the soil,
and even your child's toys.

For more information call the Livingston
County Department of Health at 243-7299.

Visit the Livingston County Department of Health
website at [www.co.livingston.state.ny.us/doh_hot-
topics.htm](http://www.co.livingston.state.ny.us/doh_hot-topics.htm) and click on "Lead Hazard Recalls"
for a complete listing of the latest recalls, or call
the Consumer Product Safety Commission hotline
at 1-800-638-2772.



From the Art Room



It's that time of year again...

ATTENTION MEMBERS OF THE KESHEQUA COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY ARTISTS AND CRAFTERS ARE WANTED FOR THE UPCOMING KESHEQUA ELEMENTARY FINE ARTS FESTIVAL—DALTON BUILDING

MONDAY, MAY 18TH, 2009 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

If you enjoy creating some form of artwork, whether it be painting, drawing, printmaking, graphic design, photography, fiber or textile design, quilting, needlework, stained glass, tole or china painting, sculpture, ceramics, woodworking, fine craftwork, flower arrangements, etc., etc., we invite you to bring your work to our Elementary building to showcase your artwork along with our student artwork at our Elementary Fine Arts Festival on Monday, May 18th. As an adult artist in our community, your participation serves as a positive role model for our children's education in the visual arts.

***Please note that your work need not be new work, and it does not have to be mounted or framed. We encourage you to show previously shown work just as museums and art galleries do! Please tell your neighbors, family, and friends to display their work and see the show.**

Please fill out the form below, and return to the Dalton Elementary School Art Room by May 15th or as soon as possible.

If you would like further information, please contact Mrs. Strathearn at

476-2234, ext. 1140, or email lstrathearn@keshequa.org

Our students and our schools thank you for your participation in our Fine Arts Festival!

Reservations for table space will be available on a first come, first serve basis, however every attempt will be made to include all who want to participate! Thank you for showing your artwork with our students. Please check all that apply:

_____ Yes, I would like to reserve a table at the Dalton building Elementary Fine Arts Festival on Monday, May 18th.

Size of Table required:

_____ Full Table (10' x 29 1/2") **Or** _____ Half Table (5' x 29 1/2")

(Display tables may be set up anytime after 2:40 PM on Monday, May 18th. Due, to lack of permanent display space, artwork should be removed later in that same evening after the festival ends since the cafetorium will be used during the next school day for students. However, if this is difficult for you, please let Mrs. Strathearn know as we may be able to temporarily store your artwork until you are able to pick it up.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

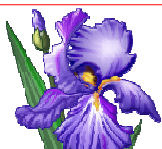
Type of Artwork: _____

Please return form to: Keshequa Elementary School Art Room, or by postal mail to: Keshequa Elementary School Art Room P.O. Box 517, Nunda, NY 14517. You may also email this information to lstrathearn@keshequa.org

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Ami Hunt—Principal

1716 Church Street

No matter its size or thickness, no piece of paper can be folded more than 7 times..

APRIL

MATH GAMES AT HOME

Oh, the weather outside is frightful! “What can I do, there’s nothing to do?” This question resounds in parents’ ears during the snowy, cold weather of January-March. During these months, many of our second graders answered their own question of what to do by playing “Math Games At Home”. Each student that signed up received their own folder with all the tools necessary to play the games. After playing a game, a feedback form was all that was sent back, and a new game went home for more fun. Games such as “Top-it,” “Pyramid,” “Snake Eyes,” “There’s No Place Like Home,” “Addition Baseball,” and “Subtract Them Low,” helped the second graders practice and practice their addition and subtraction facts. These games were either created or adapted by Mrs. Diane Brooks, who organized this project. Second graders who played all or nearly all of the games and returned their forms are: Brandon Cassidy, Hayden Strobel, Alicia Parady, Patrick Isaman, Jada Luther, Alyssa Cartwright, A.J. Batlle, Gerald White and Kayla Darden. Thank you to all the students and parents that played the games and found out the fun you can have with math!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

****Please make sure your child gets plenty of rest and eats a good breakfast on test days****

MAY

- 4th Pre-Kindergarten Informational Night at 6 pm in Cafetorium
KPTSA at 6:30 in Conference Room
- 5th Visiting Author—Rafe Martin/Luncheon
- 11th Kindergarten Screening
- 14th Elementary Spring Concert at 7:00 in Nunda
- 18th Elementary Fine Arts Festival from 6:30—8:30 pm
- 18th, 20th, 21st TerraNova Reading Test / Scholastic Book Fair
- 19th Kindergarten and 1st Grade Field Trip to Mt. Morris
2nd Grade Field Trip to Livonia
- 20th 3rd Grade Field trip to Letchworth State Park
- 22nd & 25th No School
- 29th Field Day
- 30th Chorus Field Trip to Rochester at 12 Noon
- Week of June 1st DIBELS Testing
- Week of June 8th TerraNova Math Test