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Letter from the Principal

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June has been a fun and exciting time at Dalton Elementary. We have enjoyed many celebrations. Our fifth graders celebrated their DARE graduation and their commitment to a healthy and drug free lifestyle. Kindergarten students participated in the graduation experience for the first time while the fifth grade had their final Dalton graduation. They all did a fantastic job!



We were also able to recognize many of our students' achievements at the annual awards assemblies. I am very proud of all of our students at Dalton, as I am sure you are too. I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer. I look forward to seeing everyone in September.

Ami Hunt
Elementary Principal

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A mosquito has 47 teeth

Keshequa Junior's visit Kindergarten



In June Mrs. Karen Bugman's students are required to complete an 11th grade English final project. This project involves writing a children's book based on an event from American history, which includes a literary theme from one of the works of literature read in the student's junior year. These books include The Crucible, The Count of Monte Cristo, The Great Gatsby, To Kill a Mockingbird, and several contemporary titles.

Upon the completion of the book, the soon to be seniors travel to the elementary building to share their stories and activities with various classrooms. Pictured below are Mariah Melandorf and Ryann Gardner sharing their story about racism with Mrs. Forrester's and Mrs. Macomber's class. Their follow up activity involved students frosting cookies of various colors and discussing how each cookie may look different but just like people they are all good and shouldn't be judged on how they appear.

Michele Montgomery and Ryan Forrester shared their story Collin's Mistake with the kindergartners. This story was based on traditional beliefs, followed by an activity on the kindergarten climbing wall that focused on students being honest.

Everyone enjoyed working with the "Big Kids" and learning valuable lessons!





First Grade Goes To Town

First grade has had a lot of fun during the month of June. We have had several visitors come in to share things with us. Mr. and Mrs. Elliott came in and taught us how honey is made. We even got to see part of a honey comb and try some candy filled with honey. This was a great experience. The 11th grade English students write a story and prepare an activity to do with the children. Each first grade class had 11th grade students come in to share their story and an accompanying activity. The first graders were in awe of the big kids and enjoyed the story and activities.

To support our social studies program, Mr. Cook came in dressed as Preserved Greenman, a relative of his from the late 1700's, and using the promethean board and some artifacts helped our children to better understand what life was like in Western New York about 200 years ago.

First graders go on two field trips in June: one to the Seneca Park Zoo and one down to our very own Nunda. In Nunda we visited the Nunda Lumber, the Post Office, Nunda Cleaners, Family Pharmacy, M & T Bank, the Seating Company, and the Nunda Historical Museum.

We learned how each business works and how each business depends on the other businesses. We also learned more about Nunda's history from the volunteers at the museum. We are thankful to all these people for welcoming us and teaching us so much about what goes on in our town.



Ants do not sleep

Maintenance Man Goes Fishing !

Fish Rescue

When Lacey and Alexiss from Mrs. Amrhein's class were cleaning the fish bowl for the class beta fish, it accidentally found his way into the drain of the sink in the classroom. Mr. Gene Stephens, one of our maintenance men, came to its rescue with his wrench to see if he could help. He didn't make any promises that he could find the fish. But Luckily, Nemo was found in the drain trap under the sink, unharmed. Nemo is now safe and sound back in his fish bowl! Thank you, Mr. Gene Stephens, for saving our fish!



Thank you
Mr. Stephens



Fourth Grade Checks



Science Everywhere

Fourth Grade spent a great deal of time this spring experimenting with science concepts; ranging from the density of liquids to chemical reactions. In Mrs. Amrhein's Class, Children used different liquids to test their density, cooked pancakes to observe a chemical reaction when the pancake batter's temperature increased (and of course, they were able to enjoy delicious pancakes), and inflated balloons with vinegar and baking soda. A fun and educational time was had by all!





Thousands and Thousands of Bees

Bee Keepers Extraordinaire

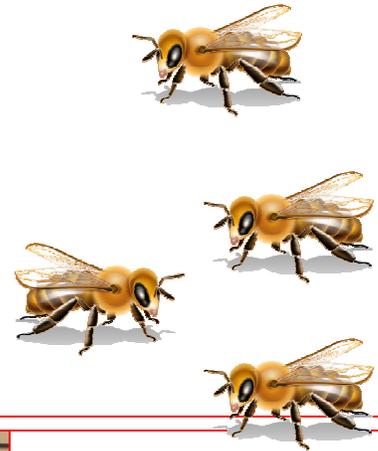
Fourth graders had the opportunity to discover new and exciting information about Honeybees when Mr. and Mrs. Elliott and their son Wil, who is in fourth grade, brought in their Honeybees. Mr. Elliott and Wil work together as beekeepers. As beekeepers, they extract the honey from the bees and rescue bees that swarm because they are looking for a nest.

During the presentation, Wil and his dad dressed in the clothing beekeepers wear. Everyone was able to try on the beekeeper's veil, try some honey, and ask intriguing questions.

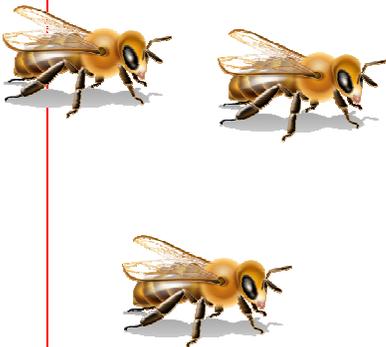
Children were also able to see live bees that they brought in that were sealed in a protective case.

Children and adults learned very interesting facts spending time with the Elliotts. Many did not know that if bees realize there isn't a queen for their nest, they make a queen bee by feeding the bee larvae a substance called *Royal Jelly*. Wil dressed in white and when asked why, Wil replied, "Beekeepers wear white so the bee doesn't think they are a flower." Wil and his dad said there are approximately 60,000 to 100,000 bees in one hive!

A special thank you to the Elliotts for our terrific time learning about bees! Fourth Graders had a buzzing good time!



Bee Keepers Extraordinaire



Field Days At Dalton Elementary



A special "Thank you" to:

Marilyn Capawan, Elementary Student Council, and the KPTSA for their donations towards the inflatable's.



Veterans Visit Dalton Elementary On Flag Day

On Wednesday, June 10, three Veterans came to Dalton to help judge the entries for Flag Day. For Pre Kindergarten through Second Grade, the students colored an American Flag theme picture. In Third Grade students designed a stamp, in Fourth Grade students designed a license plate, and in Fifth Grade students wrote Haikus, a type of poem.

The judging Veterans were Joe Little and Ken Holly from the Nunda VFW and Ed Powers from The Nunda American Legion. As they judged, they were very impressed with how much the students understood about being an American.



The winners were in Pre K and K- Yvonne Khasidis, 1st Aidan Crittenden, 2nd Taylor Martin, 3rd Journey Boss, 4th Lacey Hillier, and 5th Gavin Duryea.





June News from the Art Room...

Art Classes have finished working with our Keshequa Bus Drivers on the Art Poster for Bus Safety Contest. On the next page you will see a representative sample of images that were submitted to our drivers for judging. The posters were judged in four organizations or levels, and approximately \$410.00 in prize money was given to Keshequa Elementary art students who had winning entries for the first two levels of judging. Sincere congratulations goes out to all of my art students who did such excellent work with the beautiful craftsmanship that created the winning entries! The judging levels are as follows: the Keshequa School Bus Drivers Association; the Rochester Bus Safety Road-eo Association; the Rochester Area Transportation Supervisor Association (RATSA); and the National Bus Safety Poster Contest from the New York Association for Pupil Transportation (NYAPT), where the winning posters have now moved on to the state and then national levels for judging. We'll hear of winners in those areas early in the new school year. Everyone, keep your fingers crossed as we had a previous state winner in 2005-06!

At the first level of judging, the winners of the art poster contest for the Keshequa Central School Bus Drivers Association are listed below, and each student received a cash award of \$10.00 at our award ceremony:

1st Grade: Emily Weaver and Aidan Crittenden; 2nd Grade: Jocelyn Parthemer and Nathanael Bean; 3rd Grade: Allison Brickwood and Cheyenne James; 4th Grade: Samantha Quinn and Garrett Lucas; 5th Grade: Holli Cotton and Kristle Willey; and Special Education: Dalton Cupicha.

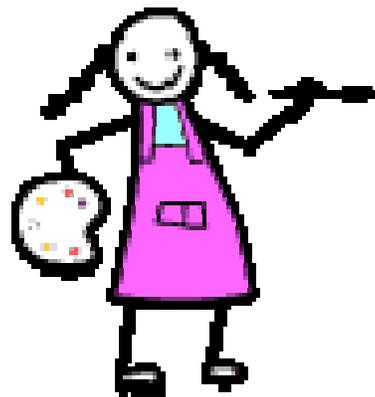
At the second level of judging, the winners of the Rochester Safety Road-eo Association are listed below, and each first place entry received \$25.00, each second place entry received \$10.00, and each third place entry received \$10.00 at our award ceremony!

Division 1 Grade 1: 1st place - Emily Weaver *, 2nd - Ashley Barkley, and 3rd - Aidan Crittenden; **Division 1 Grade 2:** 1st -place Nathanael Bean *, 2nd - Jocelyn Parthemer, and 3rd - Hudson Vasilie; **Division 2 Grade 3:** 1st place - Allison Brickwood *, 2nd - Ariel Duryea, and 3rd - Cheyenne James; **Division 2 Grade 4:** 1st place - Garrett Lucas *, 2nd - Hayley Smith, and 3rd - Samantha Quinn; **Division 2 Grade 5:** 1st place- William Rich *, 2nd - Kelsey Holly, and 3rd - Kristle Willey; **Special Ed. Division 1 & 2, Grade 1 & 5:** 1st place- Dalton Cupicha *, 2nd - Hannah Ostrander, and 3rd - Joshua Barnhardt. Again sincere congratulations to all of these art students for their hard work!

Here's just wishing all of you a wonderful summer and best wishes for the upcoming school year. This has been a great year and I'd like to thank all of the students for working so hard on their artwork. Thank you to all my helpers, as well, for making the sorting and judging of artwork for award time much easier for me! You are all terrific!

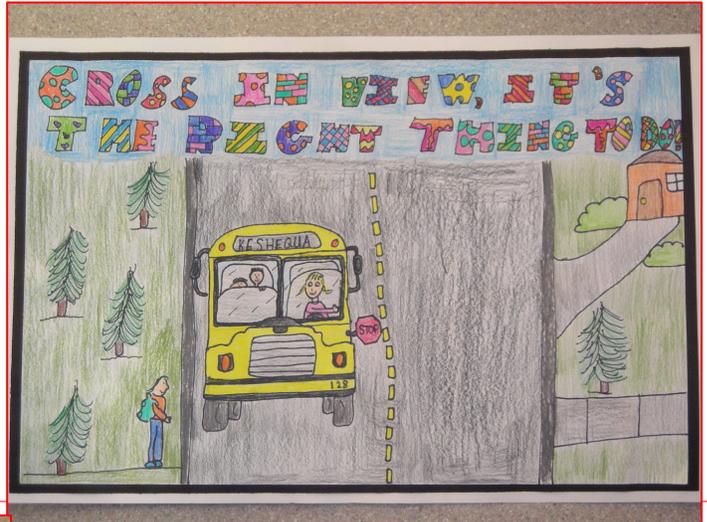
Until we meet in September ...

Sincerely, Mrs. Strathearn





Cheyenne James 3N Art Class



Samantha Quinn 4P Art Class



Hayley Smith 4P Art Class



Kristle Willey 5D Art Class

Nunda-Portage Summer Recreation Schedule



NUNDA-PORTAGE SUMMER RECREATION		KIWANIS PARK, NUNDA, NY, 9am - 12 noon	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
June 29 Sports Games Friendship pins Kramership	30 Design-a-puzzle	July 1 Spectrum Mosaics	2 Fun-in-the-Sun Visors Letchworth Swim
July 6 Wooden Paddleballs	7 Beads Fuse Letchworth Swim	8 Lacing Projects Field Trip Letchworth Pines	9 Pots Seed 1-4pm Letchworth Swim
July 13 Tropical Windkings	14 Wooden Clappers 1-4pm Letchworth Swim	15 Charcoal Carnal Field Trip 9:30am-1pm (Hemp Band Bracelets)	16 Framed Punch
July 20 Sun Catchers	21 Raffle Basket Making 1-4pm Letchworth Swim	22 Super Chains Shaped	23 Mobile 1-4pm Letchworth Swim
July 27 Wooden Toys	28 Tie Dye Shirts 1-4pm Letchworth Swim	29 Minnetonska Fun Center 10-12 Field Trip 9:30am-1pm	30 Paint-a-Fan 1-4pm Letchworth Swim
August 3 Design a Tambourine	4 Stained-Glass 1-4pm Letchworth Swim	5 Giant Paper Finches Clean-up-the-park Contest	6 9:30am TO 6pm Seabreeze
			3 Happy Independence Day! NO Recreation
			10 Dream Catcher Frame
			17 Colorful Scratch Art
			24 Play-Dough
			31 Carnival/ Wacky Olympics
			7 No Recreation Clean-up Staff Only

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Crocodiles swallow stones to help them dive deeper.



PEACE BUILDERS

BRITTNEY DUREA
 CARSON GARWOOD
 AUSTIN SCHMIDT
 TONY JEFFORDS
 JASMINE STARK
 JUSTIN BAKER
 JASMINE MERCADO
 ANTHONY ANDERSON
 JACOB PETTI
 LEVI HOWE

PEACE BUILDER 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.

JUSTIN WISE
 MRS. CLAYTON'S CLASS
 REBECCA SNYDER
 BRENT BIRD
 HANNAH OSTRANDER
 BRENDON WHITE
 BILLY JOHNSON
 JACOB JAMES
 MRS. PIRAINO'S CLASS

Spelling Bee Winners



Way
 to go
 GIRLS

1st Place Winner: Gabrielle Cartwright

3rd Place Winner: Jordan Kapelke

2nd Place Winner: Jenna Bentley

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20/20 vision means the eye can see normally at 20 feet. 20/15 is better because the eye can see at 20 feet what another eye sees at 15 feet.

Peace

To me peace means happiness, kindness, dancing and art.

Where I find peace is on the stage, When the spotlight's on me and I'm dancing away.

Peace I think can change the world; it will always start when you look inside the heart.

Amelia Borgus

Grade 5

Keshequa Elementary

Mrs. Brickwood

Amelia's poem was one of 65 entries chosen, out of 700, by the SUNY Geneseo English Department for their Peace Poetry Contest. The authors of the winning poems were invited to the college to read their poems and attend a reception in their honor. Each student also received a booklet of all of the winning poems.



**Have a fun, safe and healthy
summer.**

See you in September.

Count the bees
in this
newsletter

