



Dalton Elementary Celebrates Flag Day



Judges Joe Little and Ken Holly from the Nunda VFW and Ed Powers from the Nunda American Legion help teacher Sharon Cattleberry judge the Flag Day stamp and license plate design contests as well as coloring contest.

Students, faculty, staff, and community members celebrated Flag Day with the annual ceremony at Dalton Elementary June 12. Adorned in red, white, and blue, everyone gathered in the cafeteria to celebrate the American flag.

Teacher Sharon Cattleberry opened the ceremony by introducing special guests Joe Colombo, Bruce Garwood, Ken Holly, Ward Johnson, Hiram Kemp, Joe Little, Ed Powers, Ron Powers, Belinda Thompson, Don

Thompson, Robert Thompson and William Wright. Cub Scout Pack #77 then did the Presentation of Colors. Dalton Elementary Principal Ami Hunt led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

With the help of Elementary Student Council officers Christina Adams (co-treasurer), McKenzie Bennett (vice president), Holli Cotton (co-president), Colton Davis (co-treasurer), Austin Galton (co-president), and Jordan Kapelke (secretary), Mrs. Cattleberry announced the winners of the K-2 coloring contest. The winners were Yvonne Khasidis, Aidan Crittenden, and Taylor Jo Martin. Third grader Journey Boss was honored for his stamp design and fourth grader

Lacey Hillier for her license plate design that both depicted what the American flag meant to them. Fifth grader Gavin Duryea read his winning Haiku poem. All the contests were judged by Joe Little, Ken Holly, and Ed Powers. The officers also gave a brief history of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Throughout the ceremony, the Dalton Elementary Band played patriotic songs including *The Star Spangle Banner*, *My Country 'Tis of Thee*, and *America the Beautiful*. There were many musical numbers including *Yankee Doodle Dandy* led by the kindergartners and first graders, and *You're a Grand Old Flag* led by the second and third graders. Second graders Jenna Boss, Chase Ellwood, Kaitlyn Galton, Taylor Martin, Payton Powers, Kacey Rawleigh, Kristopher Rawleigh, and Rebecca Snyder along with third graders Kaleena Andress, Kali Bolton, Dixie Cordell, Liam Costello, Christie Goodenough, Savanah Vasile, Hannah Wood, and Allegra Learn led the group in *All American Me and You*.

Keeping with the annual tradition, Uncle Sam visited and led the faculty chorus in *God Bless America*. After all the flags were distributed, all the classes paraded around Dalton. The morning was a great way for everyone to honor the American flag.

Welcome Back *Marilyn Capawan, Superintendent of Schools*

The Back to School issue of the Chronicle is traditionally a time to look back with pride and ahead with anticipation, and this year is no exception. We wish our 2009 graduates every success as they follow their dreams, and we welcome our Pre-K and Kindergarten students as they begin to create dreams of their own. As we begin the New Year, I would like to share with you an overview of the District goals established by the Board of Education that will guide us in providing the best educational experience possible for our students. The first goal area is that of academic achievement. A primary focus is to reduce the dropout rate to 0% by 2012, and maximize positive exit outcomes whereby all students will complete an appropriate educational program and be prepared for the future they choose. We have reduced that rate, and increased our graduation rate over the last two years. By continuing to implement a “unified system” of services to all students through a redesigned Guidance/Pupil Services Department, we will be able to maintain a focus on each student, particularly those “at risk,” and can develop plans to help them succeed.

Another goal in this area relates to performance on the New York State English Language Arts and Math exams for Grades 3-8. By 2012, we expect that 85% of students will consistently be at or above benchmark. Results for 2009 indicate that we are well on our way to meeting that goal, and we will share that data in the next newsletter.

At the secondary level, we have worked to increase the level of rigorous coursework, and this year will be offering six Advanced Placement and eighteen Genesee Community College Advanced Studies courses. A second goal has been to create a safe and orderly school environment. Our

PeaceBuilders program at the Elementary level continues to be an effective means of character education and violence prevention, which will be emphasized at Middle School through consistent implementation of the Second Step program. The ideas learned through last year’s presentation of Rachel’s Challenge will be reinforced at the Middle and High Schools, where we will also have a half-time Dean of Students to help with discipline issues. We are also excited to announce that this year we will have the support of a School Resource Officer through the Livingston County Sheriff’s Department. Deputy Mike Didas will join our team as we work to provide a safe, positive, and supportive community for everyone at KCS.

Communication remains an important goal, as the District continues to develop and expand on a climate of effective, open and honest, two-way communication among all stakeholders including Board of Education, administration, faculty and staff, students and the entire community. We will continue to invite public participation on Board committees as appropriate, and host opportunities for community members to meet with Board members and administrators throughout the year. We will be unveiling a new and improved website during the month of September, and

we hope you have noticed the new signs at both buildings. Through those changes, along with the Chronicle and parent notification system, our goal is to keep everyone informed of school events.

Fiscal responsibility is always a District goal. With no increase in the tax levy for the 2009-2010 school year, we are able to provide a quality educational program. Our EXCEL Capital project is nearing completion, on time and well within the budget. This year we will begin planning for needed facility improvements that could not be addressed within the EXCEL project. The establishment of a capital reserve fund last spring will enable the District to improve and maintain the integrity and value of its buildings and grounds.

The 2009-2010 year will be my last at KCS. While I have enjoyed my five years here as principal and superintendent, I have decided to pursue other opportunities in the field of education. As a community member and parent of KCS graduates, it is important to me that the positive results and goals we’ve achieved continue. I will work hard to make certain that the year ahead is student focused. We look forward to another year of working with all members of the Keshequa learning community to make wonderful things happen for our students!

2009-10 Schedule for Board of Education Business Meetings

7:00 in the Board Conference Room, Nunda Building for 2009 – 2010 School Year

September 10	January 14	May 11 Public Hearing
September 24	January 28	May 18 Annual Meeting/ Budget Vote
October 8	February 11	May 27
October 22	March 11*	June 10
November 12*	March 25	June 24
December 10	April 22	

*at Dalton Elementary Building in Media Center

Back to School Activities *by Mark Mattle, Middle/ High School Principal*

Greetings from the Middle/High School! I would like to personally welcome all of our students back to school. I'd like to extend a special welcome to our sixth graders, who will be entering Middle School for the first time, and to our ninth graders, who will be entering High School for the first time. Here are some very important dates for the beginning of the year:

- Grades 7 and 8 Orientation...
September 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the MS/HS Auditorium;
- Grades 10-12 Orientation...
September 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the MS/HS Auditorium.
- Grade 6 Orientation...September 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the MS/HS Auditorium;
- Grade 9 Orientation...September 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the MS/HS Auditorium;

The orientations for grades 6 and 9 will specifically address the unique transitional needs of students in those grades. We will hand out final schedules, assign lockers and pass out agendas. The orientations for grades 7 and 8 and 10-12 will serve as kick-off celebrations for the new school year, mainly focusing on all the new opportunities available at KCS and to give you a chance to ask any questions that you may have. Refreshments will be served at all of the orientations.

Some of the new and exciting courses available this year at KCS are:

- Intermediate Algebra – a two year Regents' level algebra course;
- Applied Geometry – a one year non-Regents geometry course;
- AP Statistics – an Advanced Placement College Board course that also doubles as a GCC college course;
- Introduction To Engineering – a local level introductory course;
- AP Micro Economics and AP Macro Economics – Advanced Placement

- College Board courses that also double as a GCC college course;
- AP 2D and 3D Studio Art – two new AP art courses that will complement our current AP art portfolio course;
- Stage Production and Music Theory – two new music elective courses that students can take to fulfill their fine arts requirement or as music electives;
- Psychology and Sociology – two new GCC college level courses that can serve as college credit or as local elective credit;
- Home Enhancement – a new course offered through our Busy Bee Program.

Some other new and exciting information for this year:

- sixth grade 90-minute ELA block in the morning for the first two periods (8:06-9:35);

- Enhanced MS Reading Lab;
- Enhanced MS/HS Math Labs;
- Full-Time District Level School Resource Officer (Livingston County Sheriff);
- Part-Time MS/HS Dean of Students.
- Middle School Second Step - Student Success Through Prevention

If you have had a change of address or phone number from last year please contact Michelle at (585) 468-2541 extension 2017.

Lastly, I would like to thank our awesome maintenance and cleaning crews who have worked incredibly hard all summer getting our school ready and in shape for our students this year, thanks!

Transitioning From Summer to School *by Ami Hunt, Elementary Principal*

The first day of school on Tuesday, September 8, is fast approaching. As a parent, I am thinking of how to get my children back on a consistent schedule after a summer of going to bed later and sleeping later in the morning. We all need to re-establish set bedtimes, as well as set some morning routine guidelines, which will make a smoother transition to the start of school. If students are well rested, they will be much better prepared to handle the expectations of the classroom.

As you are getting ready to send your child to school, I want to provide you with some important reminders. The school day begins at 8:15 a.m. If your child is walking or being dropped off at school they should not arrive before 7:55 a.m. Bus students will be dropped off at that time as well. Students who will be eating breakfast in school should be here at 7:55 a.m. in order to have enough time to eat before the day begins. Student dismissal varies between grade levels but begins about 2:20 p.m. Buses depart the school at 2:35 p.m. If you are picking your child up at school, the sign-out sheet will be in the cafeteria. All students being picked up, including pre-K students, are dismissed from the cafeteria. Please wait for your child in the cafeteria instead of the hallways.

I hope you enjoy the last few weeks of summer vacation and I look forward to seeing everyone in September!

2008-2009 Awards

Undergraduate Awards

American Legion Scholastic Award

- Thomas Coates

Clarkson Achievement Award

Bryan Kunkle

Clarkson University Leadership Award

- Terry Mann

DAR Joshua Griswold Chapter Award

- Thomas Coates

Dartmouth Club of Rochester Book Award

- Cassie Allen

Empire Boys' State

- Thomas Coates, representative; Terry Mann, alternate

KCS Music Letter Awards

- Kaylie Buckel, Thomas Coates, Zack Coffey, Ryann Gardner, Liz Gilbert, Chris Gray, Greg Hoodak, Finn Kennedy, Bryan Kunkle, Kristen Randell, Amanda Reichard, Jessica Snyder, David Syrell, Ethan Trim, and Tyler Westcott

Livingston County Teen

Recognition Awards - Amanda Gath, Shelby Hatfield, Alex Flint, Brady Jeffords, Cody Jones, Justin Kelly, Nick Snyder, and Tyler Westcott

Louis Armstrong Jazz Award

Michaela Hillier

New York State Assembly Hispanic Youth Leadership Certificate

Flora Fabre

Nunda Rotary Club Awards

- Alicia Calcote, geometry; Andrew Hark, trigonometry; Justin Coates, algebra

Perfect Attendance Awards

- Alicia Calcote, Justin Coates, Tim Cassidy, Gabby DiAngelo, Katelyn Gelser, Valerie McAllister, James Nickerson, Clinton Seiwel, and Melissa Seiwel, 1 year; Thomas Coates, 6 years

RIT Computing Medal Award

Bryan Kunkle

RIT Innovation and Creativity Award

- Christine Tallman

The 2009 Peacemaker Award

Tyler Westcott

Xerox Award for Information Technology

- Greg Hoodak

Frederick Douglas and Susan B. Anthony Award

- Ryann Gardner

George Eastman Young Leaders Award

- Catherine Mucha

Bausch and Lomb Science Award

- Christopher Gray

Senior Awards

American Legion Post No. 333

Seager-Werner Awards - Thomas Miller, David Murray, Johnathan Peritore, and Albert Schmitter

Andrew Fraser Scholarship

- Kurt Fraser

Army ROTC Scholarship

- Albert Schmitter

The Baldwin Family Award

- Megan Brooker

Bernie Simpson Music Memorial

Award - Sarah Gray and Lindsay Gunn

Bobbi Jo Brown Memorial Award

- Ariel Piper

Cooley Memorial Prize Award

- Bert Provorse

Community Scholarship Fund

Award - Sydney Sullivan

Culinary Arts Scholarship

- Patrick Mattle

Dalton Gang Sportsman Club

Award - Victoria Underwood

Dana Bugman and Allyn Bugman

Memorial Scholarship - Chrysta Giles

Delta Kappa Gamma Society

- Lindsay Gunn

Francis "Pete" DiAngelo Athletic

Scholarship - Charise Gelser

Fred L. Dake Estate Memorial

Award - Brittany Barnhardt

Gary Ayers Memorial Scholarship

- Brian Gordinier

Genesee Advanced Studies

Scholars Awards - Brian Gordinier, Sarah Gray, and Jeff Steidle

George Osgoodby Memorial Honor Award

- Sarah Gray

Dr. Wilcox and Mrs. Wilcox Health Care Profession Scholarship

- Kayla Beardsley

Jack Holmes Scholarship Award

- Kayla Beardsley

Jack Mann Memorial Service Award

- Ashley Hark

Joseph Barone Memorial

Scholarship - Erin Pattridge

Katelyn Brewer Memorial Award

- Courtney Curry

Kathy Ritter Memorial Award

- Kayla Beardsley

KCS Outstanding Accompanist

Award - Lindsay Gunn

KCS Music Department Letter

Awards - Angela Colombo, Chrysta Giles, Sarah Gray, Lindsay Gunn, and Erin Pattridge

KCS Outstanding Vocal Music

Award - Lindsay Gunn

KCS Music Department

Instructional Award - Sarah Gray

Keshequa Central School Alumni

Association Awards:

M. Alice Doyle Prize Fund - Matt Moran and Albert Schmitter

Keshequa Alumni Scholarships - Brian Gordinier and Sarah Gray

Keshequa Central School Bus Drivers' Association Scholarship

- Ashley Hark

Keshequa Central School

Teachers' Association

Outstanding Senior Student

Awards - Charise Gelser, business/home and careers; Brian Gordinier, English, physical education; Jeffrey Steidle, math, science; Albert Schmitter, foreign language; Nicole Delano, teacher's choice; Erin Pattridge, social studies, fine arts

**Keshequa Central School
Teachers' Association**

Scholarships – Sarah Gray, Lindsay Gunn, Ashley Hark, Erin Pattridge, and Adele Zeh

Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship
– Lindsay Gunn

Leo Powell Memorial Award –
Breanna Yaw

**Livingston County Teen
Recognition Awards** – Megan
Brooker, Kurt Fraser, Ashley
McWilliams, Shannen Oulton, Taylor
Perham, Tori Underwood, Dominic
Vasile, and Brittany Willey

**Livingston County American
Legion Award** – Thomas Miller

**M & T Bank Computer Science/
Business Award** – Brian Gordinier

**Maria Joy Thompson Amador
Memorial Scholarship Award** –
Ashley McWilliams

National Honor Society Awards

**Senior Non-Member Showing the
Most Improvement Over Four
Years** – Shannen Oulton

**NHS Gary Ayers Memorial
Scholarship** – Ashley Hark

NHS Most Outstanding Senior –
Ashley Hark

**New York State Correctional
Officer Scholarships** – Stephanie
Kruezer and Angela Colombo

Nunda Kiwanis Club Awards –
Evan Pirrello and Brandy Gallicchio

Nunda Rotary Club Scholarship –
Brian Gordinier

Nunda Theatre Guild, Inc. Award –
Lindsay Gunn

**Ormond Scism Memorial Science
Award** – Brandon Nickerson

**Pepsi Cola Bottling Corp of
Batavia Scholarships** – Thomas
Bailey, Roxanne Browne, Emily
Gibson, Matt Moran, Jesse Orellana,
Shannen Oulton, Adele Zeh, and
Brittany Willey

**Ruby and John Goodrich
Scholarship** – Jeffrey Steidle

**Russell R. Bonadonna Service
Award** – Chrysta Giles

**Scholarships for Academic
Excellence** – Brian Gordinier,
Brandon Nickerson, and Albert
Schmitter

Student Council Senior Award –
Matt Moran

Tomkins Agency, Inc. Award –
Jeffrey Steidle

**William Smith Jr. Memorial
Award** – Patrick Mattle

**W. Forrest Watkins Memorial
Scholarship Award** – Brandon
Nickerson

Students Honored for Poetry

Two seventh graders from Stephanie Gehrig's English class received the honor of being selected winners in the fourth annual Genesee Valley Peace Poetry Contest sponsored by SUNY Geneseo. Amber Cartwright and Cooper Galton were invited to read their poems at SUNY Geneseo this spring. Both students will receive a free chapbook published by the English department from Geneseo. Congratulations Amber and Cooper.

This spring, the eighth grade students in Stephanie Gehrig's English class performed their annual drama project, "Poetry Jam III," for Middle School students and teachers. This year's focus was "Hopes and Dreams for America." Each student wrote a poem about his or her "hope and dream." The poems were then arranged and directed into a show by Patricia Lewis-Browne, artist in residence. Browne and Gehrig were both extremely proud of the students and their hard work.

The program was funded in part by the Genesee Valley Council on the Arts.

Chess Team News



Philip Wood competed against a student from SW Christian Academy this spring.

KCS student Philip Wood was selected to the All Greater Rochester second chess for the 2008/2009 school year. Philip played board one for the KCS chess team. He led league six in individual scoring and finished with a record of 16-4-2.

KCS Fourth Quarter Honor Roll

High Honor

6th Grade

Alberti, Patricia A
Allegue, Emily R
Beardsley, Tara L
Betts, Lily A
Blair, Connor J
Boss Brewer, Amy N
Brickwood, Hayden C
Buchholz, Alexis O
Callaro, Joshua P
Cartwright, Joseph II C
Clinton, Cortney N
Ellwood, Katelyn R
Ewing, Morgan A
Forrester, Taylor N
Gibson, Danae A
Gordinier, Tessa K
Gorton, Trisha L
Grant, Emily V
Herman, Montana T
Houtz, Kyle R
Learn, Latisha A
Lew, Paige M
Link, Brayden J
MacNeal, Seth C
Mann, Jack F
McCart, Courtney
Piraino, Kathryn J
Schrier, Kirk P
Sherlock, Laura A
Simmons, Skylar B
Snyder, Emma K
Snyder, Hannah M
Sullivan, Katelyn M
Swartzfager, Leigh A
Tallman, Zachary L
Tucker, Skyler
VanDorn, Jennifer A
VanDorn, Jessica M
White, Andria N
Willey, Kirsten R
Wood, Thomas A

7th Grade

Acciari, Hannah A
Axtell, Olivia E
Bugman, Madison N
Carlin, Timothy D
Costello, Katelyn T
Farrell, Jane M
Forrester, Emily E
Forrester, Kathryn S
Galton, Cooper M
Gibson, Erin R
Gillen, Chelsey M
Gordinier, Shannon K
Green, Megan
Hall, Kaytlyn E
Martin, Austin R
Mehlenbacher, Gabrielle
Moran, Megan B

Otero, Kaly L
Patchin, Dakota J
Piraino, Lindsay R
Smith, Shelby L
Sullivan, Stacey I
Thompson, Calvin
Thompson, Scott T
Wood, Ariel M
Wood, Brody J

8th Grade

Barranco, Mariah F
Coon, Victoria L
Donovan, Blaithe A
Faulkner, Kathryn A
Flint, Alexandria E
Garwood, Amanda M
Garwood, Christian J
Gelser, Katherine E
Germack, Courtney L
Hand, Michelle M
Jackson, Kristen D
James, Lia M
Kirwan, Riley A
Kiser, Atticus B
Link, Sarah Elizabeth S
Mehlenbacher, Grace L
Mehlenbacher, Zachary
Morris-Quackenbush, O.
Pritchard, Alicia A
Savastano, Chauna L
Scott, Josiah D
Simone, Alexander J
Smith, Gracey E
Smith, Ryan A
Steidle, Jessica A
Tallman, Justice L
Walker, Jeffrey R
White, Carrie A

9th Grade

Acciari, Cyrus F
Bielicki, Arielle
Calcote, Alicia S
Cassidy, Timothy J
Caton, Travis A
Coates, Justin M
DiAngelo, Gabrielle K
Forrester, Terry K
Grosse, Hunter R
Hark, Brittany A
Hillier, Michaela M
Orton, Kirstin M
Piraino, Tyler J
Swartzfager, John
Wood, Philip J

10th Grade

Axtell, Rachel M
Duttweiler, Donavan
Galton, Zachery A
Gelser, Katelyn M
Gordinier, Samuel J
Hark, Andrew

Jackson, Timothy
Karst, Kyle M
Mann, Claire
Nichols, Chelsea M
Simone, Ariel G
Smith, Jeremy T

11th Grade

Allen, Cassandra R
Coates, Thomas A
Fabre, Flora
Gardner, Ryann
Gath, Amanda
Gray, Christopher M
Hoodak, Leo G
Mahlendorf, Mariah G
Montgomery, Michelle
Mucha, Catherine
Nesbitt, David III A
Seiwell, Melissa

12th Grade

Barnhardt, Brittany A
Beardsley, Kayla R
Curry, Courtney
Gelser, Charise M
Gibson, Emily E
Giles, Chrysta
Gordinier, Brian J
Gray, Sarah A
Gunn, Lindsay A
Hark, Ashley A
McWilliams, Ashley A
Moran, Matthew K
Nickerson, Brandon
Patridge, Erin A
Piper, Ariel B
Schmitter, Albert
Steidle, Jeffrey A
Sullivan, Sydney E
Yaw, Breanna

Honor Roll

6th Grade

Barranco, Joshua P
Canfield, Lucas W
Force, Johnathan D
Gath, Joshua A
Gelser, Elijah K
Hardeman, David E
Jaroszek, Jory M
Karst, Chance W
Lunn, Sean A
McNamara, Ian C
Mehlenbacher, Max
Perham, Felicia
Ressler, Travis J
Tortorice, Steven M
Walradt, Katelyn L
White, Todd A

7th Grade

Alford, Brooke A
Boehm, Shannon A
Borden, Bailee Jo
Houtz, Kierstin E
Isaman, Alyssa
Kraft, Savannah L
Layland, Kallie J
McClements, Melissa
Schiano, Erin E
Scott, Hannah J
Wilkins, Dalton R

8th Grade

Alloco, Helen C
Bailey, Brandon J
Borgus, Max T
Derrenbacher, James D
Lucas, Connor N
Lucier, Samantha G
Mattle, Daniel J
Powers, Nathan E
Schiano, Steven D
Willey, Joshua R
Wirt, Larry E

9th Grade

Alberti, Elizabeth M
Callaro, Ashlee M
Collister, Michael
Curry, Carrie M
Ethridge, Amzi L
Hatfield, Troy R
Howard, Taylor
Kirwan, Mark A
Kraft, Jordan T
Kunkle, Andrew
Lunn, Brandon A
Ressler, Brittany L
Smith, Kendra L
Thompson, Logan M

10th Grade

Allen, Sarah J
Beardsley, Chelsea D
DiAngelo, Zachary
Donovan, Lauren
Farrell, Gerald J
Gillen, Corey F
Grosse, Kyle F

Grosse, Nicole M
Hand, Sarah E
Hatfield, Shelby
Johnson, Bernard N
Laird, Andrew D
Moran, Kevin
Nickerson, James III
Seiwell, Clinton P

11th Grade

Cartwright, Ashley
Cobin, Tyler L
Coffey, Zachary W
Essler, Paige
Forrester, Ryan J
Kunkle, Bryan
Mann, Terrence
Randall, Kristen H
Reichard, Amanda
Smith, Michael J
Smith, Rischandra L
Snyder, Jessica
Strobel, Travis M
Thompson, Kristen N
Trim, Ethan
Westcott, Tyler

12th Grade

Delano, Nichole
Dudley, Daniel
Flint, Travis
Fraser, Kurt
Gibson, Duane A
Jerijaervi, Mathilde B
McCallum, Casey C
Miller, Thomas E
Moir, Matthew A
Murray, David V
Orellana, Jesse J
Provorse, Bert R
Rook, Terri
Underwood, Victoria A
Vasile, Dominick M
Zeh, Adele R

All the winning essays from the Livingston County Fire Prevention Essay Contest were submitted to Western NY for consideration in that essay writing contest. Keshequa had two winners. Jeffrey Walker received second place and Jessica Steidle won Best in Livingston County. Congratulations to both Jeffrey and Jessica. What an honor for Keshequa students!

Contest Winners Become Published Authors



Lindsay Piraino, Kate Forrester, and Arielle Bielicki

Arielle Bielicki, Kate Forrester, and Lindsay Piraino can add “published author” to their lists of accomplishments. Bielicki was the winner and Forrester and Piraino runners-up in the Second Annual Children’s Book Writing Contest at Keshequa Central.

“I never thought I’d get a book published this young and now I think maybe I can become a writer one day,” said Forrester.

Bielicki, who also won last year, wrote *Lily and the Magical Wish* which was illustrated by Rico Ruffino. Piraino and Forrester teamed up to co-write and illustrate their story *Lue and Lily Go to the Vet*. The newly published book includes both stories with illustrations. The students hosted a book signing at Cornerstone Books in Nunda on June 6. They also conducted a storyteller’s seminar at Dalton Elementary. Books are on display at the Bell Memorial Library in Nunda, the Nunda Historical Society, and in the libraries at the MS/HS and Dalton Elementary.

“It’s a lot of fun. It’s a good experience,” said Bielicki. “It’s nice to see all the people that came down to the book signing and took time out of their day.”

The book writing project was made possible through a \$700 grant from the Rochester Area Community Foundation. The grant covers the cost of publishing the books, the ISBN number, and shipping. The project was open to students in grades 6-8. Students had to work on the stories outside of school. The winners were chosen by a mixed panel of judges and all entries were judged anonymously. Winners could provide their own illustrations or have them professionally done.

Bielicki said she gets many of her story ideas from being around her family. To organize her thoughts into a story, she makes an outline of the story’s events.

Forrester and Piraino have been writing stories together for many years. Many of their stories are about their dogs, but they also like to write about other topics. They begin the writing process with Forrester sketching some drawings, they then use those drawings to generate a story.

School Bus Safety

It’s almost “Back to School” time. School buses will be back on the roads, and students will be walking along the side of the road and waiting for buses.

Please watch carefully for children near school buildings, in areas where school buses are traveling or where there are signs for school zones or bus stops.

Remember that if you are approaching a school bus from either the front or behind, and it’s yellow lights are flashing, the bus is preparing to stop.

If the buses red lights are flashing, YOU MUST STOP. It’s the law! This includes school buses that are:

- On the opposite sides of divided highways
- On multiple lane roadways
- In parking lots
- On school grounds-includes bus loop

NOTE: The only exception to this law is if the bus driver or a police officer signals that you may pass the bus.

Penalties For Passing A Stopped School Bus

First Conviction:

Minimum Fine – \$250;

Maximum Fine – \$400;

Possible Imprisonment – Up to 30 days

Second Conviction:

Minimum Fine – \$600;

Maximum Fine – \$750;

Possible Imprisonment – Up to 180 days

Third Conviction:

Minimum Fine – \$750;

Maximum Fine – \$1,000;

Possible Imprisonment – Up to 180 days

News from the Elementary Art Room...

by Mrs. Strathearn

This past June, Elementary art classes finished working with KCS bus drivers on the Art Poster for Bus Safety Contest sponsored by the Rochester Area Transportation Supervisor Association (RATSA). Over the school year, many contests cross art teachers' desks. I thought this one was extremely worthwhile because it provided a wonderful venue for students to showcase their artistic abilities while addressing the social concern of School Bus Safety.

Our students competed with 18 eligible Rochester area schools, and KCS entries won at all top three levels! The posters were judged by the Keshequa School Bus Drivers' Association, the Rochester Bus Safety Road-eo Association in conjunction with the Rochester Area Transportation Supervisor Association (RATSA), and the New York Association for Pupil Transportation (NYAPT). Those winners go to the International Bus Safety Poster Contest from the New York Association for Pupil Transportation (INAPT), where the winning posters will be judged at the international levels for the United States and Canada.

Approximately \$410 in prize money was given to Keshequa Elementary art students who had winning entries for the first two levels of judging. These first place entries moved on to the state level, where judging took place over the summer. Check future Chronicles for an update on the state winners. KCS student Eleanor Kim won at the state level a few years ago! The International winner's artwork will become "Poster of the Year," which is a great honor, and will be used in many publications across the United States and Canada. I'd like to thank Mr. Ivan Beardsley and our bus drivers for their support during their portion of the art contest. I'd also like to thank Mr. Sal NiCastro and



Above Left to Right: Elementary Art Teacher Mrs. Strathearn with some of the 2009 Art Poster for Bus Safety winners: Hudson Vasile, Aidan Crittenden, Jocelyn Parthemer, Ashley Barkley, Nathanael Bean, Emily Weaver, Mrs. Dolly Spayde of RATSA, and Mr. Sal Nicastro, of RATSA (and KCS driver).

his lovely wife, Linda Jacobs, along with Mrs. Dolly Spayde and her husband Ron for their work and support with the contest at the Rochester Road-eo Association level. They were terrific to work with. Sincere congratulations go out to all of my students for their excellent artwork and beautiful craftsmanship!

So now on to our winners...

The winners of the first level of judging by the Keshequa Central School Bus Drivers' Association (receiving certificates and a cash award of \$10) were:

- Nathanael Bean
- Allison Brickwood
- Holli Cotton
- Aidan Crittenden
- Dalton Cupicha
- Cheyenne James
- Garrett Lucas
- Jocelyn Parthemer
- Samantha Quinn
- Emily Weaver
- Kristle Willey

The winners of the second level of judging by the Rochester Safety Road-eo Association (receiving a certificate, a school bus keychain, and \$25, \$15, or \$10 in cash) were:

- **1st place** – Nathanael Bean, Allison Brickwood, Dalton Cupicha, Garrett Lucas, William Rich, Emily Weaver
- **2nd place** – Ashley Barkley, Ariel Duryea, Kelsey Holly, Hannah Ostrander, Jocelyn Parthemer, Hayley Smith,
- **3rd place** – Joshua Barnhardt, Aidan Crittenden, Cheyenne James, Samantha Quinn, Hudson Vasile, Kristle Willey ▶

Again, sincere congratulations to all of these art students for their hard work and I hope you all have a wonderfully successful new school year! Be sure to watch for our 2010 entries!

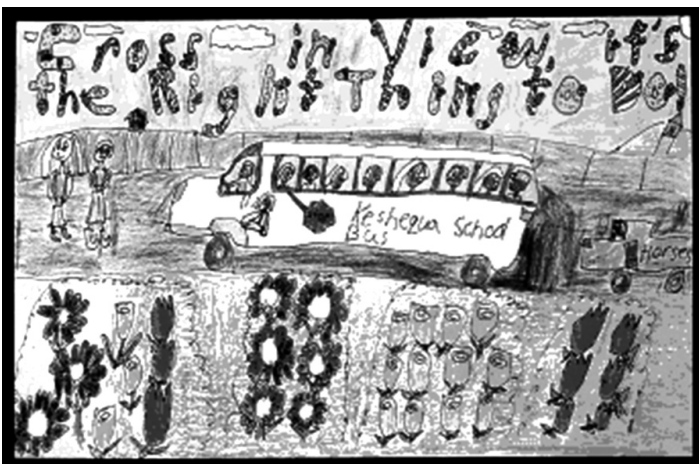
Winning Entries...



Hayley Smith 4P



Kristle Willey 5D



Cheyenne James 3N



Samantha Quinn 4P

Busy Bees Make Charity Event Big Success!

Busy Bees Coordinator Scott Burt was the volunteer auctioneer for the *Music on the Lawn* charity event in Wellsville in June. The organization which provides free summer concerts on the lawn of the David A. Howe Library purchased 16 Adirondack chairs designed by Jim Myers and built by the Busy Bees. Local Wellsville artists spent several months painting the chairs and the finished products were displayed in downtown Wellsville. The chairs sold for an average of \$175 a piece, the most selling for \$380. The event earned the organization around \$1,500. Each chair had a plate with the name of the Busy Bees student who built it. Burt also took the opportunity to explain the Busy Bees program to the audience.



Keshequa Central School Bus Routes

Following are the morning bus routes for the start of the 2009-2010 school year. As in the past, some of the after-noon runs may be slightly different from the morning runs. This year changes to bus routes are minimal. In most cases drivers and buses will be the same and route times will be similar to last year. These routes are current as of the time they were sent to the press. Bus drivers, bus numbers and routes are subject to change as needed.

All students have been assigned to the bus that services their home unless a Childcare Transportation Request Form was submitted to the transportation office in July as required. All bus changes must be submitted to the transportation office as soon as possible on the district's Childcare Transportation Request Form. All changes to a student's transportation arrangements must be cleared through the transportation office, in advance of the change, per the district's Child-care Policy. The form is posted on the district's web site.

Please have your child at the bus stop at least ten minutes early for the first few days of school while bus routes are being adjusted. Elementary students who walk to the Nunda bus circle to ride a bus to Dalton should be at the bus circle between 7:45 and 7:50 am. If you drive your child(ren) to school please drop them off in the parent drop off areas located at each building. The school bus drop off circles must be kept clear of auto traffic during bus unloading and loading. Remember it is always unlawful to pass a stopped school bus when the red lights at the top front and rear are flashing, including school parking lots.

If you have any questions regarding transportation arrangements for your child(ren), please contact Ivan Beardsley, Transportation Supervisor, at the Keshequa Bus Garage. The telephone number at the garage is 476-5789.

Route #1

Bus #122 (Lady Bug) Driver - Lisa Sherlock

Leaves the Keshequa Bus Garage at 6:45am. Picking students up at 10117, 10023, 9908, 9903, 9881, and 9854 Hunts Hollow Rd., 1550 Rte 70, 10018 Oakland St., 10041 and 10061 State St., 1751 Church St., 9877 Rte 408, 9497, 9465, and 9461 Fuller Rd., Keating Lane, 8 S. Walnut St., 8949 Rte 408, 2030 Halstead Rd., 34 Vermont St., 42, 3 East St., 65 N. State St., and 20 West St. Dropping students off at the high school building and then at the elementary building.

Route #2

Bus #135 (Bee) Driver - ?

Leaves the Keshequa Bus Garage at 6:45am. Picking students up at 8601, 8291, 8228, 8161, 7899, and 7912 Rte 408, 2131 and 2510 Barron Rd., 8201 and 8218 Dudley Rd., 2438 and 2341 Cooperville Rd., 8792 and 8799 Kendall Rd., 2094 Pentagass Rd., 9060 and 9098 Rte 408. Dropping students off at the high school building and then at the elementary building.

Route #3

Bus #129 (Mickey Mouse) Driver - Terrie Sanford

Leaves the Keshequa Bus Garage at 6:45am. Picking students up at 1861 and 1786 Allen Rd., 9414, 9406, 9391, and 9253 Parker Rd., 1461, 1483, 1488, 1638, 1761, and 1766 Rte 436, 32 Portage Rd., 11 Buffalo St., 10 and 15

Gibbs St., 9106 and 9196 Picketline Rd., 2, 17, and 11 Melodee Lane, 8 Price St., 8 Seward St., and 3 Second St. Dropping students off at the high school building and picking elementary students up then dropping students off at the elementary building.

Route #4

Bus #115 (Zebra) Driver - Mike Gallton

Leaves the Keshequa Bus Garage at 6:45am. Picking students up at 9442, 9347, 9173, and 9092 Meyers Rd., 2417 and 2359 Bailey Rd., 9007, 9000, and 8974 Meyers Rd., 2384, 2347, and 2289 DeGroff Rd., 2130 Paige Lane, 9073 Candice Lane, 53 East St., 34 and 42 Fair St., 48, 36, and 19 N. Church St. Dropping students off at the high school and then at the elementary building.

Route #5

Bus #111 (Camel) Driver - Jackie Vogt

Leaves the Keshequa Bus Garage at 6:40am. Picking students up at 8500 Short Tract Rd., 7874 and 2195 Rte 408, 1837, 1831, 1755, and 1752 Hoagland Rd., 7604, 7672, and 7998 River Rd., 8505 and 8592 Picket Line Rd., 8725 and 8687 Rte 408, 1814 and 1740 Wildey Rd., 8754 and 8791 Short Tract Rd., 8818, 8983, and 9168 Oakland Rd. Dropping students off at the high school and then at the elementary building.

Route #6

Bus #123 (Dog)

Driver - Sharon Pendleton

Leaves the Keshequa Bus Garage at 6:40am. Picking students up at 9852 and 9848 New Rd., 1116 and 893 Clark Rd., 459 Springbrook Rd., 9788, 9676, and 9886 Pennycook Rd., 607 and 732 Stilson Rd., 10176, 10506, and 10371 Short Tract Rd., 958 Valley View Rd., 10071 and 10055 Smith Hill Rd., 876 Main St., 972 Maple St., 931, 991, 1153, and 1234 Main St. Dropping students off at the high school and then at the elementary building.

Route #7

Bus #119 (Rooster)

Driver - Linda Haley

Leaves the Keshequa Bus Garage at 6:35am. Picking students up at 2505, 2651, 2714, and 2727 DeGroff Rd., 2969 and 3028 Brokaw Rd., 9084 McGinty Rd., 3044 Rte 408, 9784 and 9321 Shaw Rd., 3307 Nunda-Byersville Rd., 8871 Moore Rd., 3339 Redmond Rd., 8727 and 9144 Shaw Rd., 3206 Nunda-Byersville Rd., 9298, 9313, and 9269 Ryan Rd., 3041, 2927, 2561, 2509, and 2355 Nunda-Byersville Rd., 2146 and 2139 Rte 436, 69 and 54 Mill St. Dropping students off at the high school and then at the elementary building

Route #8

Bus #109 (Car)

Driver - Dennis Englert

Leaves the Keshequa Bus Garage at 6:40am. Picking students up at 10400 Old State Rd., 3773 Goose Hollow Rd., 11443 Wood Rd., 11183 Old State Rd., 4182 and 4312 Walbridge Rd., 10548 Doan Rd., 10460 and 10314 Baker Rd., 1301 Valley View Rd., 1665 Cheese Factory Rd., 1696 and 1702, Main St., 10054 Maple St., 10055 Fair St., 1744 and 1758 Main St., 9575 and 9450 Nunda-Dalton Rd., 9406, and 9369 Rte 408. Dropping students off at the high school and then at the elementary building

Route #9

Bus #114 (Kangaroo)

Driver - Bill Lissow

Leaves the Keshequa Bus Garage at 6:35am. Picking students up at 8537 Scipio Rd., 3090 and 2919 Wildcat Rd., 3003, 3164, 3170, and 3212 Presbyterian Rd., 8314 Veley Rd., 8064 Union Corners Rd., 8089 and 8119 Main St., 2714 and 2702 Barron Rd., 7560 and 7716 Alvord Rd., 8114, 8434, 8840, and 9065 Creek Rd., at the corner of Sanford Drive and Creek Rd., 4 Creek Rd., 56, 39, 18, and 10 Massachusetts St. Dropping students off at the high school and then at the elementary building.

Route #10

Bus #113 (Turtle)

Driver - Kathy Douglass

Leaves the Keshequa Bus Garage at 6:35am. Picking students up at 9939, 9865, 9686, and 9447 Chidsey Rd., 9768, 9845, 9941, and 9946 Barkertown Rd., 2413 and 2377 Telegraph Rd., 2380 Rte 436, 9746 and 9759 Meyers Rd., 10089 and 10134 Barkertown Rd., 9903 and 9644 Carney Rd., Rte 436 at Riley Lane, 9892 Scipio Rd., 2764 Ebert Rd., 10315 and 10574 Newville Rd., 2486 and 2514 Chautauqua Hollow Rd., 2647, 2323, 2193, 2009, and 1656 Rte 70, 9934 and 9955 Oakland St., 1742 and 1757 Mill St., 9934 State St., and 44 S. Church St. Dropping students off at the high school and then at the elementary building.

Route #11

Bus #120 (House)

Driver - Bill Benson

Leaves the Keshequa Bus Garage at 6:30am. Picking students up at 2146 Fox Hill Rd., 2106 and 2151 Snyder Rd., 11882 Allen Rd., 3362 Parker Hill Rd., 3309, 3227, and 2851 Swain Hill Rd., 10876 Parker Swain Rd., corner of Ridge Rd. and Smith Rd., 3197 Smith Rd., 10729 and 10883 County Rd. 24, 10917 and 10839 County Rd. 16, 3731 Eiseman Rd., 3704 and 3746 Bennett Rd., 11162, 11415, 11744, and 11830 County Rd. 16, 10565, 10525, and 10492 Dalton-Birdsall Rd., 1975 Snyder Rd., 10422 Dalton-Birdsall Rd., 10199, 10163, 10142, and 10096 State St. Dropping students off at the high school and then at the elementary building.

Route #12

Bus #128 (Goofy)

Driver - Mary Pike

Leaves the Keshequa Bus Garage at 6:45am. Picking students up at 131 Rte 436, at Letchworth Pines and 6975 Rte 19A, 6939 McCormick St., at the corner of McCormick St. and Church St., 6639, 6642, 6658, and 6674 Church St., at the corner of Church St. and Williams St., 6691, 6685, and 6787 Pike St., 6660, 6676, and 6700 Hamilton St., 256 Rte 436, 293, 203, and 198 Portageville Rd., 708, 865, 974, and 1522 Rte 436, 9485 Creek Rd., 9513 and 9492 Whipple Rd., 9355 Creek Rd. Dropping students off at the high school and then dropping students off at the elementary building.



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At their graduation ceremony held in June, kindergarten students showed off their skills by saying the alphabet forwards AND backwards. They entertained their many guests with Take Me Out to the Ball Game, If All the Raindrops, Kindergarten Rocks, and Love Grows.