



The Marauder

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A Message from the Principal:

Dear Parents and Students:

Is Spring finally here? This past winter sure seemed like a very long winter but May has arrived!

A big thank you to everyone who helped with the school musical "45 Minutes From Broadway". It would be impossible to have a student activity such as a musical without parent support. In addition to parent support, two high school sophomores Katie Wright and Jennie Orbaker, gave hours of assistance with the choreography for the musical. Thanks to all.

On March 30th, 44 of our eighth grade students participated in the Wayne Finger Lakes Technical and Career Center's Middle School Skills competition. Our students competed in each of the career areas with many 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishes. Of the seven middle schools that participated, Williamson took First Place! We have a large trophy that stays with us for one year and a permanent plaque.

On March 28th, the Williamson Board of Education appointed Russell Kissinger the Middle School Principal effective July 1, 2001. Russ is currently a school administrator in the Elmira, NY school district. Russ has been a teacher or an administrator since October of 1985. On May 7th you will have the opportunity to meet with Russ at 6:30 pm in the Middle School Cafeteria.

This year we will have a number of retirements and resignations. As of this date we know of:

- Ann Bayley—8th Grade Math
- Warren Gregg—Physical Education
- Richard TenEyck—7th Grade English
- Kim Martin—5th Grade
- Karen Webster—Special Education Resource Room

We wish our retirees all the happiness in the world and our resigning teachers good luck in their new positions. (CONT.)

Mr. Skeet (cont.)

I have included another copy of the testing schedule. Please make sure that your child gets a good night sleep and a breakfast before each of their examinations. We are now officially into the testing season.

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact me at 589-9665.

Sincerely,

Douglas G. Skeet
Interim Principal



Physical Education

By Mrs. Freischlag and
Mr. Gregg

In physical education class we are playing a soccer tournament. Students have drafted teams and are responsible for helping officiate. We will start retesting for the Presidential Physical fitness test.

Mrs. Bierer's Classroom

By Mrs. Bierer

Toys of the 1800's were simple yet appealing, so we tried out quite a few to take the edge off the gloom and destruction of the Civil War. Civil War reports were wonderfully complete this year, so we enjoyed that additional information. To correct an error made last month, it was Mrs. Aileen Hurlimann who so ably embodied Dr. Mary E. Walker for us.

On then through the early 1900's immigration, personas were selected and experienced by students

passing through the rigors of Ellis Island. Mrs. Jackie Fox and Mrs. Sandy Buerman were inspectors!

The Charleston of the 1920's was in a much happier groove and reflected the relief of having WWI in the past, "the war to end all wars", they thought. Economics were in high gear, too.

Book-It! Is over for another year.

It's pizza and wings time for those who completed all five months of required reading:

Hannah Ameele, Lindsey Brothers, Allison Carnwath, Jake Coomber, Amanda Fox, Caitlin Garofoli, Kirsten Goranowski, Hayley Hannon, Diana Hunn, Mike Hurlimann, Brad Hyman, Heather Kingsbury, Zach Mogray, Matthew Smith, Zach Stohr, and Rob Verbridge.



Meet the New Middle School Principal!

Whom: Russell Kissinger

When: Monday, May 7th
6:30 pm

Where: Middle School
Cafeteria

Please join Williamson Middle School in welcoming Russell Kissinger, newly appointed Middle School Principal. Russ is joining us from Elmira City School District. Previous school districts also include Phelps-Clifton Springs, Geneva City School, Rochester City School, and Oyster Bay School Districts.

Coffee and Cookies will be provided by PTSA.

6th Grade Country Reports

Sixth grade students were very busy over the last month researching and reporting on the countries of the world. After each student selected a country for his/her topic, both Mr. Steurys' Social Studies classes and Mrs. Yackel's English classes used our own Middle School library for finding information. Note taking outlines were used by students to research their country's history, people, culture, economy, and government. A special thanks for Mrs. Verstraete and Mrs. Pierce for their hours of researching help provided.

Again, using both Social Studies and English classes, students converted their research notes to first, a rough draft, then a typed final copy. Thank you to Ms. McCain for extending the computer lab hours for students in need of a word processor.

Congratulations to the 6th graders for producing outstanding pieces of work!!



Chorus from "45 Minutes from Broadway"

Reading Counts Total Tally as of 4-10-01

By Ms. Prill

The Reading Counts! Computer Club meets weekly in Ms. Prill's room. Listen to announcements to find out the day we'll meet for the week. Students may join the club at anytime. Extra credit is given in English and/or Reading for books read. Whether you're an advanced reader, struggle with reading, or are an average "joe" or "jane", there are books for you in Reading Counts!

NAME	# of BOOKS READ/ # of WORDS READ
Kyle Alward	21/56,121
Nina Barber	13/153,870
Tricia Batz	6/8,982
Lisa Beck	8/45,850
Staci Bishop	2/9,045
Andrea Blauvelt	8/20,793
Kristine Budd	20/117,595
Melissa Budd	6/79,167
Kyle Bull	25/207,339
Tony Campisi	9/60,157
Gary DeLyser	8/21,862
Joshua DeNeef	3/31,265
Samantha DiSalvo	3/50,115
Danielle Davey	17/70,147
Tim Dostman	8/113,253
Kane Eaton	3/21,153
Amanda Gage	17/144,571
Colby Giuliano	5/14,258
Caitlin Garofoli	4/11,989
Olivia Gimbel	8/12,586
Mike Hurlimann	1/15,582
Ashley Jenkins	29/151,236
Kayla Kulijof	3/30,161
Stephanie Kush	6/10,913
Emily Markham	9/14,445
Nicole Maylin	9/77,771
Blake Mellott	4/17,476
Ashley Michaelson	9/84,073

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NAME	# of BOOKS READ/ # of WORDS READ
Stephanie Morse	8/21,404
Cynthia Otero	15/41,298
Danielle Ottenschot	10/23,279
Leah Paschke	3/ 4,066
Nicole Raymond	12/114,094
Heather Rogers	7/14,397
Alicia Schaeffer	17/70,147
Brian Shadduck	24/97,445
Samantha Stewart	5/13,549
Lindsey Stewart	20/64,602
Elora Supersad	1/25,034
Steven Talamas	13/42,014
Hediberto Trejo	3/3,359
Sergio Trejo	3/2,000
T. J. Walker	1/13,380
Bill Wilbur	2/8,830



Rachel Reiber, Sean Richmond, and Emily Covington as Monroe, Mary and Bugsy

Visit with an Author/Illustrator!

DOMINIC CATALANO

At the Williamson Public Library
Saturday, May 5 at 1:00 pm

The author of several beloved children's books visits to present a drawing and airbrush demonstration and tell how he develops a book. He'll answer questions and autograph his books.



(Copies will be available for sale)

Yorkers

By Mrs. Bierer

Mr. Chester Peters was the man of the hour as he regaled the members with the recollections of the 1940's in Williamson. Not much had escaped his notice, so there was much to tell. There were even two German spies caught in Pultneyville! He didn't reveal his age, but I mentioned how his mother must have acted to an activity of his, he disclosed the information that he was already happily married by then and didn't tell us how his wife felt about it.



Mrs. Amy Jones had prepared a wonderful talk and posters about cooking in the 1940's. Fat and eggs were prominent features the, unlike now, but she reasoned that they were "worked off" at

a better rate years back. She doesn't think Nintendo is a real fat burner! A popular feature of Mrs. Jones' presentation was a luscious bowl of cookies to sample.

May 2 will be the gala 1940's Night to showcase what we have learned this year at our programs. We will demonstrate the swing dancing, have a fashion show, and Mr. Jim Stohr will present an interactive demonstration of that decade's airplane capabilities.

Our last meeting will be a feast and games on Friday, May 4.

Rounding out the year's activities, for students who have met all obligations of membership, will be a visit to Fort Niagara on King George's birthday, June 9. There will be a guided tour and period activities for our learning pleasure.

Enrichment News

by Carol McMahon

The **Festival of Arts** will hold the opening reception on **Tuesday May 15th** between **6:30-8:30** in the evening. This exciting annual event has much to offer everyone! Please come out and see the wonderful artwork and written work of the Williamson Middle School students! There will also be a showcase in the auditorium where you will have the opportunity to listen to some **music ensembles**, watch the **Tall Tale Tournament** by grade 6, hear the poetry of **Mr. TenEyck** and experience a spectacular **sight and sound performance** by the **5/6 grade chorus**. **Refreshments** will be available through the grade 5/6 Student Association.

On April 4th two High School students, **Mike Rehor** and **“Kat” Clancy** gave presentations in the **Grade 8 Health** class of **Mr. Habecker**. Trained by the Red Cross the students were able to speak to the students, distribute handouts and answer questions about HIV and AIDS.

May is sure to be a very busy month with more than just “testing” going on! Local poet **MJ Iuppa** will visit the **5th Grade** on **May 8th** and share her love and knowledge of this art form.

Some students from **Grade 6** will be engaged in a **“Math in the Park”** project where they will learn how to measure the volume of tall, irregular cylindrical objects on our campus...trees!

Grade 7 students will be receiving a refresher course on **orienteeing** to prepare them for the work of navigating a series of routes on the campus simulating troop movement in the **Civil War**. This activity will be part of a large unit involving **Social Studies** and **English** on the Civil War. Students will also enjoy a presentation by **Gordon Shay** on the symbolism inherent in the variety of flags used during this War Between the States. The culminating activity will be a **Civil War Re-enactment** on **May 25th** with **Reynolds Battery L**. On this day students will rotate through a series of

stations where they will learn more about this time period in our country’s history.

Grade 6 will go on a series of **“Missions to Mars”** with the **Challenger Learning Center of Greater Rochester**. This yearly flight has become a favorite among students as they learn about the skills necessary to successfully launch a space mission for NASA and then simulate the event at the Rochester Challenger facility.

Field Trips: Grade 7 will attend the **Genesee Country Village and Museum** on **May 22nd**

Grade 8 will experience a team building program at **“Rock Ventures”** on **May 25th**
More information will go home regarding both these events.

Upcoming: Grade 5 Science Day on June 8th

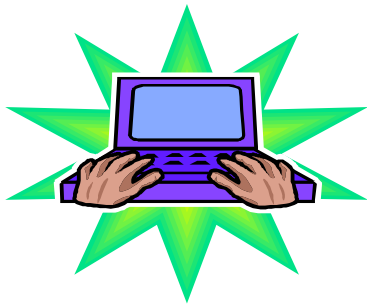
A Visit

By Ms. Prill

Excitement was high for eight of this year’s Fifth and Sixth Grade Middle Schoolers when they went to visit their old haunt--the Primary School.

Olivia Gimbel, Kayla Kulijof, Stephanie Kush, Emily Markham, Stephanie Morse assisted by Kaitlyn Roberts, Heather Rogers, and Brian Shadduck were welcomed by Mrs. Joan Miller and her Third Grade class. There the Middle Schoolers read the books they had written and illustrated to the third graders.

Rounding off the visit, students visited with past teachers. Students look forward to reading to and visiting again in the future.



Earn High School Credit in 8th Grade

7th Graders can sign up now to take high school keyboarding as an 8th grader. Successfully completing this half year course will give you one half credit toward high school graduation. The class focuses on typing speed and accuracy as well as formatting letters and reports. Other mini units include PowerPoint, Encarta research CD's and Excel. A sign up sheet is located in the Guidance Office. Limited enrollment. May 11th is the deadline.

Prerequisite: Computer Skills in either 6th or 7th grade.

Scrabble Tournament

By Mr. TenEyck



For fifteen years, the Scrabble tournament has been enjoyed by Middle School students. Each year the top players meet for a championship crown among fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth graders.

This year sixty-two (!!) students played Scrabble games in the tournament. When the final board was cleared, the Middle School champ was Dylan Intini from sixth grade. Runners-up in order were Cody Stevens (7th grade), Jordan Bean (8th grade), and Calvin Burnap (5th grade). Each finalist will receive a prize at end-of-year award ceremonies.

PTSA News:

PTSA would like to take this opportunity to thank the following volunteers for making this year a success so far!

5/6 Rollerskating - Annette Whitmore and Robin Barnes (Chairpersons)

5/6 Activity Nights—Bob/Sue Verbridge, Robin Barnes, Mike/Juli Bixby (Chairpersons), Mark Herment, Bruce Akins, Barry Whitmore, Cathy Garofoli, Debbie Ast, Lori Smith, Sally Verno, Aileen Hurlimann

7/8 Activity Nights—Claire Bouvier (Chairperson), Al Verbridge, Debbie Ast, George Dobson, Diane Montondo, Christine Barbato, Dick Batz, Dean Ganskop

A special “thank you” to Marge (Custodian) for helping us get organized for the Activity Nights; setting up ping-pong, arranging tables for refreshments, etc.

Hospitality—Thanks to the great group of bakers that have been called upon for Open House, Band/Chorus concerts. We will need you again for the following dates: Monday, May 7th for Meet the New Principal, Friday, May 11th for Teacher Appreciation Day and Tuesday, May 15th for Festival of the Arts.



Steven Shay and Ashley Michaelsen as Eddie and Betty

Student of the Month for April

Student	Grade	Teacher	Reason
Sierra Bernard	5	Mrs. Bisig	Helping Other Students
Christian Cook	5	Ms. Luke	Improved Attitude and Cooperation
Courtney Dalke	5	Mr. Marshall	Exceptional Effort
Samantha DiSalvo	5	Mr. Marshall	Exceptional Effort
Caitlin Garofoli	5	Mrs. Bierer	Helps Others in Need
Shaydon Ginther	5	Mrs. Bierer	Cheerfulness
Matthew Guilfoil	5	Ms. Luke	Improved Effort
Robert Hebing	5	Mrs. Bianchi	Exceptional Effort, Class Participation, Excellent Work and Behavior
Sergio Trejo	5	Mr. Marshall	Constructive Attitude
Sean Clancy	6	6th Grade Team	Outstanding Effort in 6th Grade
Danielle Davey	6	6th Grade Team	Outstanding Effort in 6th Grade
Ryan Dixon	6	6th Grade Team	Outstanding Effort in 6th Grade
Ashley Scott	6	6th Grade Team	Outstanding Effort in 6th Grade
Tony Tuchrelo	6	10th Grade Team	Outstanding Effort in 6th Grade
Brandon Barnes	7	Mrs. Jones	Exceptional and Conscience Effort in Reading
Andrew Cantwell	7	Mr. Brown	Constructive Attitude
Ryan Englerth	7	7th Grade Team	Conscientious Student
Adam Fiegl	7	Mr. Plyter	Outstanding Leadership in Band
Emily Gimbel	7	Miss Nellany	Cooperative and Enthusiastic
Alex Maroselli	7	7th Grade Team	Attitude, Effort
Rachel Pilato	7	Mrs. Osborn	Well Prepared, Enthusiastic
Rachel Pilato	7	7th Grade Team	Improvement
Brian Sarver	7	7th Grade Team	Improvement
Robin Scheurlein	7	Mr. Brown	Exceptional Effort
Kendall Shultes	7	Mr. Plyter	Outstanding Leadership in Band
Mackenzie Tuchrelo	7	Mrs. Perez	Constructive Attitude, Class Participation
Mackenzie Tuchrelo	7	Miss Nellany	Working Hard for the Success of the Bon Bon Company
Jamie Allman	8	8th Grade Team	Effort
Mike Alward	8	8th Grade Team	Improvement in Math and English
Jordan Bean	8	8th Grade Team	Citizenship
Brandy Campbell	8	8th Grade Team	Effort
Kevin Kieper	8	Mrs. Osborn	Well Prepared, Positive Attitude
Michelle Malchoff	8	Mrs. Bisig	Helping with Sports Study Hall
Ashley Michaelsen	8	8th Grade Team	Effort
Rachel Reiber	8	Mrs. Perez	Exceptional Effort

2001 End of Year Testing Schedule Williamson Middle School

May 8, 2001	ELA Grade 7—Local Exam ELA Grade 8—NYS Exam
May 9, 2001	ELA Grade 7—Local Exam ELA Grade 8—NYS Exam
May 10, 2001	ELA Grade 5—Local Exam ELA Grade 6—Local Exam
May 11, 2001	ELA Grade 5—Local Exam ELA Grade 6—Local Exam
May 15, 2001	Math Grade 7—Local Exam Math Grade 8—NYS Exam
May 16, 2001	Math Grade 7—Local Exam Math Grade 8—NYS Exam
May 17, 2001	Math Grade 5—Local Exam Math Grade 6—Local Exam
May 18, 2001	Math Grade 5—Local Exam Math Grade 6—Local Exam
May 24, 2001	Science Grade 8—NYS Performance Exam
May 25, 2001	Science Grade 8—NYS Performance Exam
May 30, 2001	Science Grade 7—Performance Level Exam
May 31, 2001	Science Grade 7—Performance Level Exam
June 6, 2001	Science Grade 7—Local Exam Science Grade 8—NYS Exam
June 7, 2001	Science Grade 5—Local Exam Science Grade 6—Local Exam
June 8, 2001	Technology Grade 7—NYS Exam
June 11, 2001	Social Studies Grade 5—Local Exam Social Studies Grade 6—Local Exam
June 12, 2001	Social Studies Grade 5—Local Exam Social Studies Grade 6—Local Exam
June 13, 2001	Social Studies Grade 7—Local Exam Social Studies Grade 8—NYS Exam
June 14, 2001	Social Studies Grade 7—Local Exam Social Studies Grade 8—NYS Exam
June 18, 2001	Foreign Language Proficiency—NYS Exam