

The Marauder

March 2001

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Dear Parents and Students:

We have started mailing copies of the Marauder to the fourth grade parents. It is thought that this will give the new incoming parents a good indication of the kinds of activities that take place at the middle school. We look forward to welcoming all fourth grade students and parents to the middle school.

Middle School Honor Roll

	<u>Merit</u>	<u>Honor</u>	<u>High Honor</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Grade Level Total</u>
6 th Grade	29	23	10	62 (55.3%)	112
7 th Grade	25	26	7	58 (53.2%)	109
8 th Grade	22	25	6	53 (49.1%)	108

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It is good to see that the middle school students still have a high percentage of students on the honor rolls.

Mid Year Review: At the past Building Planning team meeting the majority of the meeting was on reviewing the middle school action plans for the 2000-2001 school year. Each action plan and each immediate action step was reviewed to see if it was still valid and/or completed. We were very happy to note that the majority of the plans and action steps were completed or on their way to completion.

Spring Test Planning: The committee for spring testing has met three times. We are in the final stages of planning for the spring test schedule. This year the eighth grade students have two more state mandated tests added to their test schedule. The social studies and science are the new additions. In many districts technology will be added to the eighth grade test schedule, but in Williamson we will be giving the test at the seventh grade because that is when the students take the course. It will be a full spring test schedule at the 5-8 levels and especially at the 8th grade. As we get closer to the test dates we will have more information available to the parents and students.

Mid-Year Math Examination: We gave an eighth grade math examination to all eighth grade students modeled after the state test. This was like a dry run for all the organization and test modifications.

Mr. Skeet (continued)

It will also give us good feedback as to the student's strengths and weak areas. It was a two-day test at an hour each day.

Happy mid-winter to all. If anyone has any questions concerning the middle school, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

Douglas G. Skeet
Interim Principal

News from Ms. Luke's Classroom



Ms. Luke's ELA/Social Studies classes (which includes Mr. Marshall's class) have been busy reading novels correlated with our social studies. We have completed reading together Dear Levi (about the Overland Trail) and Pink and Say (about the Civil War). We also completed writing assignments that had to do with our curriculum.

Soon we will be on a "Maya-Quest" through a special internet program offered to schools. This is an interactive program with many follow-up activities.

As a special treat, we sometimes have a Reading Beach Party, which is a no-talking, independent silent reading time. We can read on our beach towels, on the floor, with a book we have brought from home. A snack and drink are optional. We do this on a Friday for a 40-minute period.

Last month, the following students completed the required 360 minutes reading at home to receive a Book-It reward: Matt Guilfoil, Jacob Gage, Joey Davis, Ashley Haskins, Alex Schuhart, Abe Peters, Colby Geraci, Danielle Ottenschot, Amber Foehner, Rachael Gnage.

6th Grade Students Combine Math and Computers



By Mrs. Grandjean

Students in Mrs. Grandjean's 6th grade Math classes are becoming very proficient on the computer. For the first activity, they surveyed their classmates to see what kinds of pets they owned and created frequency tables of their data. The classes then spent time with Ms. McCain in the computer lab learning about spreadsheets and graphs. They then entered the data into a spreadsheet and created a bar graph of their statistics using the Chart Wizard.

Moving into the next phase of spreadsheets, students have been working on a Chapter project in which they become owners of a business with a product to sell. They must set the price for their product, calculate what the price would be after tax, and also calculate the price with a 10% Senior Citizen discount. To do this, they learned how to set up a spreadsheet on the computer and how to enter the formulas so that the prices would be calculated automatically.

They are now working on the last part of their project. They must create an advertisement for their "business". They have learned how to use a publishing program to make an eye-catching ad, hoping to attract new customers.

I think the students have really enjoyed being able to work in the computer lab with Ms. McCain on these projects and we can't wait to see the finished projects!

International Club

By Mrs. Osborn

International Club meets at 2:15pm in Room 13 on March 9th.



Math Lab News

By Mr. Brown

From spreadsheets used to analyze data for running an ice cream truck to designing fantasy house floor plans math lab students have been engaged in a variety of learning activities. Furthermore the students have been using the Comprehensive School Mathematics Program (CSMP), software in the Mac Computer Lab to reinforce basic skills, and have watched videos that have shown how math is used in unique ways along with traditional math such as probability and graphs.

Ice Cream Truck is a software program that allows students to operate a business. The students are to use data that is given to them to make strategic decisions about how much ice cream to order and where to sell it. This program represents an application using note-making which is a technique from Silver and Strong Learning Styles. The students made spreadsheets which correlated with a project that sixth graders worked on in their regular math class.

The Fantasy House Floor Plans is an extension of the software program, "Tenth Planet – Fraction Operations." In the computer lab students learned to multiply fractions by looking at a house plan that was divided into fractions. The students had to make their bedrooms a size that would be a fraction of the fraction that was shown. Each student then designed his/her own floor plan on a permit application. Some of these homes include swimming pools, basketball courts, running/go kart tracks, arcades, hot tubs, and computer rooms. Currently the floor plans are on display on the bulletin board outside of the Math Lab. However, the floor plans will also be shown at the Learning Fair.

Physical Education

By Mrs. Freischlag and Mr. Gregg

We have finished our basketball contests in physical education.

The following students were winners in the "Hotshot Contest" and "Foul Shooting Contest".

HOT SHOT CONTEST

<u>8th</u> Josh Monsees Megan Sackett	<u>7th</u> Mason Verbridge Stephanie Crichton
<u>6th</u> Ryan Dixon Paige Johns	<u>5th</u> Max Barber Jawni Winters

FOUL SHOOTING CONTEST

<u>8th</u> Kara Kerschner Josh Monsees	<u>7th</u> Kendall Shultes Anthony Hollebrandt
<u>6th</u> Paige Johns Ryan Dixon	<u>5th</u> Bethany Redder Max Barber

Book-It for Fifth and Sixth Graders

By Ms. Prill



The *Book-It* reading incentive program is sponsored by Pizza Hut. Each time a student reads 360 minutes per month at home, that child receives a coupon for a free personal pan pizza from their Reading teacher. The student needs to have a parent signature on their monthly *Book-It* calendar verifying that they have read the required 6 hours for that month. So....read and feed!

“45 Minutes From Broadway”

By Mr. Amend



This year's musical “45 Minutes From Broadway” is coming along well. With the help of Jenny Orbaker and Katie Wright (from the High School) we've started choreography rehearsals in the auditorium for most of the dance numbers. The moves are lookin' good! Thanks girls!

Mark your calendars. The dates for the show are April 6th and 7th. The first weekend in April. See you there!

Reading Counts! Readers Earn Extra Credit

By Ms. Prill

The *Reading Counts!* Club meets weekly according to grade level in Ms. Prill's room. Listen to announcements for the meeting day. Students may join the club at any time. All students Grades 5-8 are welcome!

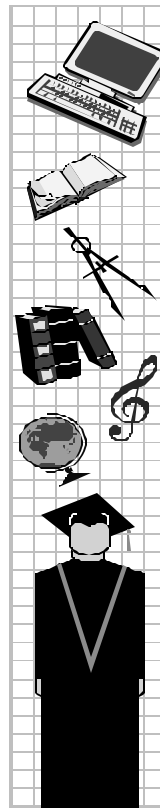
Students choose the books based on their interests and independent reading level. Extra credit for books read is given by their English or Reading teacher.



ART NEWS

By Mrs. Wilkinson

The art work of two sixth grade students, Paige Johns and Eric Scheffinger, was selected to be entered in the annual 2001 Legislative Student Art Exhibition to be held at the Legislative Office Building in Albany, May 5-11. Both students did a large black and white drawing of a castle. This exhibition is sponsored by the New York State Art Teachers Association. Congratulation to Paige and Eric!



8th Grade Parent Information Night

By Miss Smucz

An Overview of the High School Program, Graduation requirements and the new State Standards

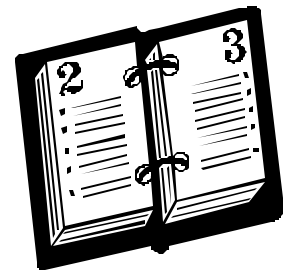
All parents of 8th graders are highly encouraged to attend!

****Monday, March 12, 2001****
High School Library at 7:30pm

Presenters:

Kristen Smucz—MS Counselor
Lori Grenolds—HS Counselor
Sue Merritt—HS Counselor

Other Important Dates for 8th Graders!



March 15th High School Course Selections:
Eighth grade students will be filling out their course selection forms for 9th grade. Students will be instructed to review these forms with parents.

March 30th Due Date for High School Course Selection Forms:
Course selection forms should be signed by parents and returned to the Guidance Office. Failure to return these sheets on time will result in selection of courses based upon availability.

Lost and Found

By Mrs. Ferguson

Many clothing items, change purses, watches and other jewelry are put in lost and found each week. The clothing is washed and sent to the Come-Unity Center periodically. Jewelry is sent in June. If your student or organization has lost items, please check the rack outside the cafeteria for clothing and RWR for other items.

7/8 Student Association

By Mrs. Osborn

7th and 8th grade student association meets at 2:15 pm in Room 13. We will be finalizing plans for the dance to be held Thursday, March 15th.

France Trip Meeting

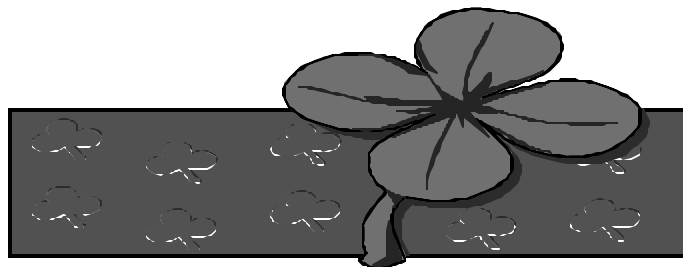
By Mrs. Osborn



Participants for the France Trip 2001 will meet Tuesday, March 14th at 7:00 pm in Room 13 at the Middle School. This is the last chance to register for the \$200 discount on the trip. We also will be making plans for the March 31 fundraiser dinner at the High School and discussing sites we will be seeing.

Foreign Language Fair

Saturday, March 17th at Red Jacket Middle School. The bus leaves at 7:45 am from the Middle School and will return at 1:45 pm. The students will attend a French Canadian singer's concert and take part in language and cultural activities.



St. Patrick's Day Dance

Thursday, March 15th.

Tickets are \$2.00

(on sale March 12—15 lunch periods)

5/6 Dance 6:00—7:30 pm

7/8 Dance 8:00-10:00 pm

Music in Our Schools Vocal Concert

This district wide vocal music concert will be at the High School on Tuesday, March 13th at 7:00 pm. The vocal music will be from the elementary, middle and high school vocal groups. See you there!

READER'S, Inc.

By The Williamson Public Library



An after-school club for kids in grades 4-6 at the WILLIAMSON PUBLIC LIBRARY. It will be held on the first Wednesday of each month for the remainder of the school year from 3:30-4:30 pm.

What happens at a READERS, Inc. meeting? First of all, all our activities are designed to promote reading. It's the reason the library is here — to help everyone use the most valuable tool available—the ability to read for information and pleasure. So, we'll read neat stories, talk about new books, see what is being published and try some fun-related activities. Since snacks certainly help us to concentrate, there will always be a goodie or two for discussion time. READERS, Inc. is limited to 20 kids! So, sign up soon!

STUDENT OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY

Student	Grade	Teacher	Reason
Ben Barnes	5	Mr. Holowka	Exceptional Effort
Sierra Bernard	5	Ms. Luke	Always Doing an Excellent Job with Her Writing Skills
Jacob Coomber	5	Mrs. Bierer	Exceptional Effort
Scott Cuthbert	5	Mrs. Bianchi	Exceptional Helper, Class Participation
Joseph Davis	5	Ms. Luke	Has Worked Very Hard at Improving His Writing Skills
Kevin DeRue	5	Mr. Holowka	Constructive Attitude
Jacob Gage	5	Miss Brownell	Exceptional Effort in Reading
Michael Hurliman	5	Mrs. Bierer	Relationships with Others
Devyn Merritt	5	Mrs. Bianchi	Exceptional Effort, Class Participation
Jessica Pfaff	5	Mr. Marshall	Exceptional Effort
Bethany Redder	5	Mr. Holowka	Constructive Attitude
Shawn Schaeffer	5	Mr. Marshall	Constructive Attitude
Chris Stedje	5	Ms. Luke	Homework is Improving
Steven Talamas	5	Ms. Prill	Great Teacher to Sergio
Heather Albert	6	6th Grade Team	Outstanding Effort in 6th Grade
Kelsey Gelina	6	6th Grade Team	Outstanding Effort in 6th Grade
Melissa Guilfoil	6	6th Grade Team	Outstanding Effort in 6th Grade
Alyssa Hermenet	6	Mr. Plyter	Outstanding Performance at County Solo Festival
Kelly Kolyer	6	6th Grade Team	Outstanding Effort in 6th Grade
Rafeal Laurent	6	Mrs. Sylvester, Mrs. Brey	Exceptional Effort at Homework Reading
Laura L'Hommedieu	6	Mrs. Yackel	Improved Effort and Responsibility in English
Maurice Motley	6	6th Grade Team	Outstanding Effort in 6th Grade
Justin Cuvelier	7	7th Grade Team	Effort, Interest, Behavior, Attitude
Amanda Gage	7	Miss Nellany	Helpfulness
Amanda Gage	7	7th Grade Team	Effort, Interest, Behavior
Chris Koudelka	7	Mrs. Perez	Relationships with Others, Constructive Attitude
Mark Miller	7	Miss Nellany	Helpfulness
Megan Shay	7	7th Grade Team	Attitude, Effort
Cody Stevens	7	7th Grade Team	Effort
Brandy Campbell	8	Mr. Brown	Constructive Attitude
Gary DeLyser	8	8th Grade Team	Improvement
Jess Dennie	8	8th Grade Team	Citizenship
Honor Eaton	8	8th Grade Team	Effort
Kara Kerschner	8	8th Grade Team	Attitude
Ashley Michaelsen	8	Mr. Brown	Constructive Attitude
Lindsey Peck	8	Mrs. Perez	Exceptional Effort
Tiffany Skerrett	8	Mr. Plyter	Outstanding Performance at County Solo Festival
Mark Tobin	8	8th Grade Team	Effort
Hediberto Trejo	8	Ms. Prill	Constructive Attitude, Class Participation

Middle School Merit Roll

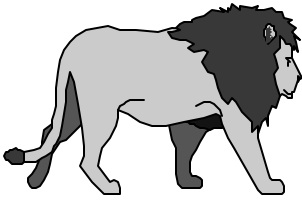
Emily Bixby	6	Merit Roll	Alexandra Maroselli	7	Merit Roll
Ashley Champagne	6	Merit Roll	Derek DeWeese	7	Merit Roll
Eric LaVare	6	Merit Roll	Amanda Gage	7	Merit Roll
Christopher Cuvelier	6	Merit Roll	Rachel Pilato	7	Merit Roll
Luke Ameele	6	Merit Roll	Emily Gentile	7	Merit Roll
Kristi Russell	6	Merit Roll	Timothy Dostman	7	Merit Roll
Heidi Hoffman	6	Merit Roll	Danielle Grace	7	Merit Roll
Tyler Webber	6	Merit Roll	Melissa DeVille	7	Merit Roll
Harrison Ronan	6	Merit Roll	Ronald Acciari	7	Merit Roll
Cari Dickinson	6	Merit Roll	Lisa Beck	7	Merit Roll
Bailea Scheib	6	Merit Roll	Heather Grube	8	Merit Roll
Nicholas Basamania	6	Merit Roll	Emily Covington	8	Merit Roll
Luke Griffin	6	Merit Roll	Michelle Malchoff	8	Merit Roll
Morgan Gardinier	6	Merit Roll	Jess Dennie	8	Merit Roll
Cassandra Haak	6	Merit Roll	Christina Hannon	8	Merit Roll
Casey Marino	6	Merit Roll	Hillary Delhagen	8	Merit Roll
Maurice Motley	6	Merit Roll	Aubrey Odle	8	Merit Roll
Seth DeNeef	6	Merit Roll	Casey Diver	8	Merit Roll
Rachel Peck	6	Merit Roll	Jacob Hotchkiss	8	Merit Roll
Elisabeth Malchoff	6	Merit Roll	Dustin Dalke	8	Merit Roll
Zachary Musclow	6	Merit Roll	Andrew Malchoff	8	Merit Roll
Marissa Ange	6	Merit Roll	Nicholas Foos	8	Merit Roll
Kristen Jones	6	Merit Roll	Matthew Bixby	8	Merit Roll
Danielle DiSalvo	6	Merit Roll	Stephanie Zona	8	Merit Roll
Mallory Rynders	6	Merit Roll	Daniel Schilling	8	Merit Roll
Gabriel Hawthorne	6	Merit Roll	John Allen	8	Merit Roll
Caitlin Gordinier	6	Merit Roll	Patrick White	8	Merit Roll
Brittani Conger	6	Merit Roll	Jessica Allen	8	Merit Roll
Laura L'Hommedieu	6	Merit Roll	Christopher L'Hommedieu	8	Merit Roll
Zachary Musclow	7	Merit Roll	Brandy Campbell	8	Merit Roll
Emily Gimbel	7	Merit Roll	Matthew Lehman	8	Merit Roll
Kaylyn Allen	7	Merit Roll	Allie Dorn	8	Merit Roll
Curtis Turner	7	Merit Roll			
Derek Wood	7	Merit Roll			
Cody Stevens	7	Merit Roll			
Joshua Gasskop	7	Merit Roll			
Ryan Dobson	7	Merit Roll			
Renee Ast	7	Merit Roll			
Bradley Morse	7	Merit Roll			
Edward Coomber	7	Merit Roll			
David Wood	7	Merit Roll			
Michael Silmser	7	Merit Roll			
Ryan Englerth	7	Merit Roll			
Joseph Slater	7	Merit Roll			

Middle School Honor Roll

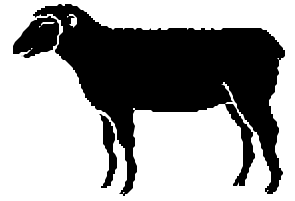
Amanda Schuhart	6	Honor Roll	Kearston Lancy	7	Honor Roll
Alyssa Hermenet	6	Honor Roll	Santino Calabresi	7	Honor Roll
Ryan Dixon	6	Honor Roll	David Pike	7	Honor Roll
Erin Akins	6	Honor Roll	Anthony Skerrett	7	Honor Roll
Danielle Davey	6	Honor Roll	Tyler Palmer	7	Honor Roll
Jamie Bruce	6	Honor Roll	Kevin Kieper	8	Honor Roll
Eric Scheffinger	6	Honor Roll	Jacob Ameele	8	Honor Roll
John Bonke	6	Honor Roll	Kara Kerschner	8	Honor Roll
Briana Madison	6	Honor Roll	Tiffany Skerrett	8	Honor Roll
Alicia Schaeffer	6	Honor Roll	Mark Tobin	8	Honor Roll
Elizabeth Cormier	6	Honor Roll	Michael Hyman	8	Honor Roll
Sarah Dildine	6	Honor Roll	Alexandra Allman	8	Honor Roll
Abram Moll	6	Honor Roll	Stephanie Gowan	8	Honor Roll
Heather Albert	6	Honor Roll	Cale Flora	8	Honor Roll
Stephanie Wright	6	Honor Roll	Joshua Monsees	8	Honor Roll
Katelyn Verbridge	6	Honor Roll	Lindsey Peck	8	Honor Roll
Elora Supersad	6	Honor Roll	Mary Guilfoil	8	Honor Roll
Steven Shay	6	Honor Roll	Allicia Gerken	8	Honor Roll
Lauren Cantwell	6	Honor Roll	Jennifer Silmser	8	Honor Roll
Paige Johns	6	Honor Roll	Erika Young	8	Honor Roll
Nicolas Markham	6	Honor Roll	Caitlynn Cook	8	Honor Roll
Ashley Scott	6	Honor Roll	Rebecca Perry	8	Honor Roll
Kelly Kolyer	6	Honor Roll	Erin Grzybek	8	Honor Roll
Mackenzie Tuchrelo	7	Honor Roll	Jesse Jopson	8	Honor Roll
Ami Kush	7	Honor Roll	Honor Eaton	8	Honor Roll
Stephanie Crichton	7	Honor Roll	Joshua Scheuer	8	Honor Roll
Adam Fiegl	7	Honor Roll	Kyle Furnari	8	Honor Roll
Leela Shields	7	Honor Roll	Alicia Scahill	8	Honor Roll
Lauren Forget	7	Honor Roll	Christopher Marlham	8	Honor Roll
Colby Stohr	7	Honor Roll	DiMonique George	8	Honor Roll
Jennifer Hoffman	7	Honor Roll			
Megan Shay	7	Honor Roll			
Christopher Koudelka	7	Honor Roll			
Heather Wackerman	7	Honor Roll			
Jessica Helper	7	Honor Roll			
Michelle Ginett	7	Honor Roll			
Scott Hackett	7	Honor Roll			
Anthony Hollebrandt	7	Honor Roll			
Justin Cuvelier	7	Honor Roll			
Samantha Knataitis	7	Honor Roll			
Marie Montondo	7	Honor Roll			
Kaitlyn DeRue	7	Honor Roll			
Geoffrey Haywood	7	Honor Roll			
Jessica East	7	Honor Roll			




Middle School High Honor Roll

Melissa Guilfoil	6	High Honor Roll
Ashley McCaslin	6	High Honor Roll
Jamie Deline	6	High Honor Roll
Vanessa Haskins	6	High Honor Roll
Allison Shultes	6	High Honor Roll
Chad Burlee	6	High Honor Roll
Hallie Ankrom	6	High Honor Roll
Clayton DeFisher	6	High Honor Roll
Brittany Flanders	6	High Honor Roll
Kelsey Gelina	6	High Honor Roll
Leah Cox	7	High Honor Roll
Ryan Noble	7	High Honor Roll
Kyle Odell	7	High Honor Roll
Kendall Shultes	7	High Honor Roll
Elizabeth Pope-Collins	7	High Honor Roll
Allison Smith	7	High Honor Roll
Mason Verbridge	7	High Honor Roll
Audrey Wackerman	8	High Honor Roll
Rachael Reiber	8	High Honor Roll
Courtney Yaskow	8	High Honor Roll
Jordan Bean	8	High Honor Roll
Jamie Allman	8	High Honor Roll
Lucia Adams	8	High Honor Roll



March 2001



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	A	2 B 3 5/6 Activity Night 6:30-8:00
4	5 C	6 D 10th Period— 7/8 Student Assoc.	7 E  5/6 Rollerskating Party 2:15-4:00	8 F	9 A 3rd Interim Reports Per. 10 - International Club 7/8 Activity Night 6:30-8:00	10
11	12 B	13 C  Music in Our Schools Vocal Concert @ HS 7:00pm	14 D France Trip Mtg 7:00 (Room 13) Board of Education 7:30	15 E 5/6 St. Patrick's Day Dance 6-7:30 pm 7/8 St. Patrick's Day Dance 8-10:00 pm	16 <u>NO SCHOOL</u> Superintendent's Conference Day	17 Foreign Lang. Fair (7:45-1:45) St. Patrick's Day 
18	19 F	20 A PTA Meeting 7:00pm	21 B	22 C	23 D	24 <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Jr./Sr. High Instrumental All-County Festival at Pal-Mac</div>
25	26 E	27 F PTSA Candy Pick-up—(MS Multi Purpose Room) 6:00-7:30pm	28 A Board of Education 7:30	29 B	30 C	31 France 2001 sponsored Ziti Dinner 5-7pm High School