

# The Marauder

January 2001

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Dear Parents and Students:

Happy Holidays to all. Holiday concerts, snow storms, festive decorations and excited students are all positive signs that the holidays are here. Working with students has many benefits but for sure being with them at holiday time certainly keeps you young.

As you know by now we had to cancel the 5/6 Holiday Concert because of the closing of all after-school activities on December 12<sup>th</sup>. This concert has been rescheduled for **7:00pm on January 3, 2001**. This is all part of the joy of living in a snow area.

We are very happy to announce that Carol McMahon was awarded a \$1,000 grant for a Civil War Strategy Unit. Carol will be using the funds to hire reenactment actors, buying supplies, and to support the teaching unit this spring. Congratulations to Carol!

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Mr. Skeet's letter cont.

Wayne County Sheriff, Richard Piscotti, visited our school on December 6<sup>th</sup> to receive a \$700 check for a new, trained bomb-sniffing dog. The current dog has an injury and has to be put out of service. During our Red Ribbon Week activities the DARE Sheriff told the students about the bomb dog injury and that produced a ground swell of interest from our students to help raise money for a new dog. The Sheriff was so impressed he wanted to come out to the school to thank the students. There was a nice Democrat and Chronicle article about this project. Congratulations go out to Diane Osborn and Carol McMahon for their work in coordinating the activities.

In closing, everyone at our Middle School wishes you a Happy Holiday time with your family and friends.

Douglas G. Skeet  
Interim Principal

## Mrs. Bierer's Classroom

Three girls take honors for reading over 1,000 minutes each for the Book-It! Program in November. Allison Carnwath, Kirsten Goranowski, and Hayley Hannon love reading!

With the colonies all established now in history, there begins to be stirrings of discomfort with the issues of independence in governing themselves. Those feisty colonists will soon be embroiled in battles that are almost "more than they can chew". We're keeping close tabs on them!

Change is happening in Science, too – of a chemical and physical nature. Experiments keep us wondering what will happen if.....

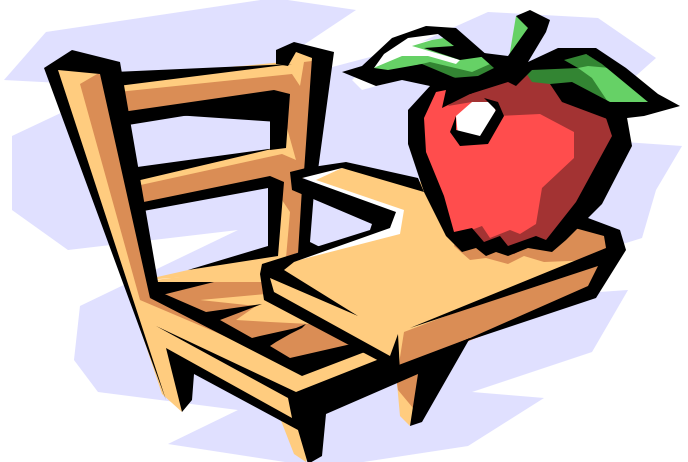
## Ms. Luke's Class

We have had many people in our class take advantage of enrichment activities offered in our school.

There was a brown-bag enrichment course on dogs, during our lunchtime. The following people participated: Abe Peters, Colby Guiliano, Colby Anthony, Colby Geraci, Brittany Bergen, Nicole DeMarree, Danielle Ottenschot, Max Barber, Joey Davis, Rachel Gnage, Alex Schuhart, Amanda Whitmore, Christian Cook.

Also we have had many people read at least 260 minutes at home, enabling them to reach the goal for "Book-It" (they receive a coupon from Pizza Hut and also extra class privileges). The following reached the Book-It goal for November: Jacob Gage, Amber Foehner, Brittany Bergen, Danielle Ottenschot, Alex Schuhart, Ashley Haskins, Rachel Gnage, Joey Davis, Colby Geraci.

There is also a poetry club and a reading club available for fifth graders, tenth period. Anyone that attends either one of these will receive extra credit in Reading or ELA. Reading Club is on Thursday (10<sup>th</sup> period) (twice a month) and Poetry Club is on Fridays. A note from you, stating you are aware they will be taking the late bus home, because of attending these clubs, is necessary.





## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Research Project

*By Mr. TenEyck*

After Christmas, seventh graders will research infectious diseases and prepare a project for English and Science credit. This project coincides with the science unit on microbiology and fulfills a unit on research skills for English class.

The research is fully outlined in a letter to parents, which was attached to the five-week English report. Many of these written projects will be displayed at the Learning Fair in March.

Mr. Ebert and Mr. TenEyck are structuring and assessing this work.

## 8th Grade Math

*By Mrs. Bayley*

It was such a pleasure meeting and speaking to you during parent conferences. So many of you brought your young people with you. This improves communication all around. We are finishing integers. We have had to work hard. Many students have experienced spectacular success and some need more re-teaching. 10<sup>th</sup> period is the time for me to work with students who need one-on-one coaching.

It is so important for students to be in school every day. Plenty of vitamin C and sleep will help keep school attendance and school success a positive quantity. Thanks for your support.

## From the Music Department

*By Mr. Amend*



In case you haven't heard by now, Williamson Middle School will be presenting George M. Cohan's "Forty-Five Minutes From Broadway" on Friday and Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2001.

And now for a little history of George M. Cohan. You've all heard the name before. Long before the annual Grammy awards (which honor today's pop music artists), Mr. Cohan was awarded a Congressional Medal of Honor in 1940 for the song "Over There" which he wrote as a patriotic tribute to the U.S. when we entered World War I. Besides "Over There", you may have heard such songs as "I'm A Yankee Doodle Dandy", "You're A Grand Old Flag" and "Give My Regards To Broadway" all of which will be featured in our spring show.

George M. Cohan has often been called the Father of Musical Comedy, a term loosely referring to our present day musicals. Born in 1878, he got an early start singing and performing with his parents and sister in a vaudeville act called "The Four Cohans!" As a young man he wasted no time in writing and performing in his own songs, skits, and eventually shows. His first successful musical shows were "Little Johnny Jones" (1904) and "45 Minutes From Broadway" (1906).

His life story was the subject of the movie, "Yankee Doodle Dandy" (with James Cagney – 1942) and the Broadway musical "George M!" (1968). Strange as it may seem, I've found that most middle school age children have never heard of this famous American artist or any of his work. Music! What a great way to teach history!

## Physical Education News

*By Mrs. Freischlag and Mr. Gregg*



In Physical Education we have completed the Presidential Physical fitness tests. The top performer in each grade has his/her name on the gym wall. We have started a basketball unit. Students will be working on basketball skills, rules, and participating in basketball games. We will finish the unit with a Foul Shooting/Hot Shot contest.

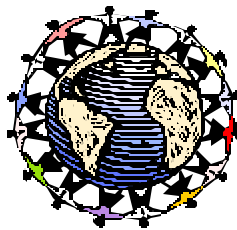
Please save "Boxtops for Education" and return to Mrs. Freischlag in the P.E. Office!



## Intramurals

*By Mrs. Freischlag and Mr. Gregg*

Intramurals started on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Grade 5 intramurals for boys and girls will be Tuesday after school and Grade 6 intramurals for boys and girls will be on Thursdays. This is a great opportunity for students to get an extra physical activity!



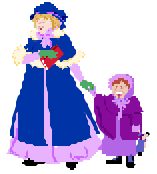
## International Club

*By Mrs. Osborn*

International Club will meet Friday, January 12 at 2:15 in Room 13.

## Reader's Club

*By Mr. TenEyck*



Reader's Club made it's annual trip to GEVA Theatre on November 30<sup>th</sup> to enjoy A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens. After meeting tenth periods to learn about Dickens, Victorian London, and the story, twenty 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders joined Mr. TenEyck and Mrs. Murnane for this festive occasion. GEVA and our students were decked out in holiday finery! The evening was a great success.....no "humbug" about it!

Currently Mr. TenEyck is arranging a Reader's Club trip to GEVA for The Secret Garden, which will be performed in June.



## Ski Club

*By Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs. Osborn*

Ski Club will go to Brantling January 5, 12, and 19. If any trips are cancelled another one will be scheduled for January 26. Remember to pick up the skiers at 9:30PM at the HIGH SCHOOL.

## 7/8 Student Association

*By Mrs. Osborn*

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Association will meet Tuesday, January 2 at 2:15 in Room 13. The members would like to remind people to bring in their Campbell soup labels. Our group is now helping with this project.

## Travel Club

*By Mrs. Osborn*

Travel Club will have its last meeting before the February 2, 3, and 4 trip to Ottawa on Thursday, January 25 at 2:15 in Room 13. Last minute instructions will be given. It is important that all members attend.

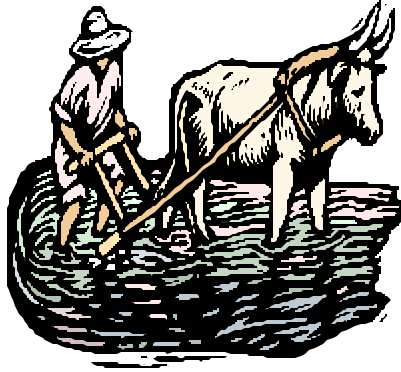


## Yorkers

By Mrs. Bierer

This month will have found us travelling to the Winter Workshops in Cooperstown at the Farmers' Museum.

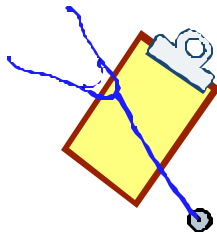
Experiences will have been in groups of five or ten in The American Paper Staining Manufactory (chaperoned by Mrs. Fox), A Stitch in Time (chaperoned by Mrs. Verbridge), At the Tavern (chaperoned by Mrs. Ast), The Blacksmith's Apprentice (chaperoned by Mr. Webber), and Life on the Farm (chaperoned by Mrs. Hannon). A Student report will be in the February newsletter.



## Appointments During The School Day

By Mrs. Starr

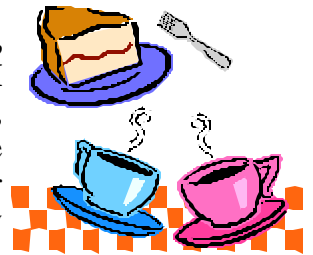
Parents are asked to send written notes to school when their child needs to leave school early for a medical or dental appointment. The note should state the child's name, the type of appointment, the time the child needs to leave and the name of the person who will be picking them up at the Health Office. Students are asked to drop their notes off at the Health Office before homeroom. They are then given a pre-signed pass to report to the Health Office at the designated time. This system helps us to minimize classroom interruptions. Thank you for your cooperation.



## Enrichment News

By Carol McMahon

The 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Coffeehouse will be held on **Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM** featuring poet Todd Beers, "Plum" and our 6<sup>th</sup> grade students! Mark your calendars for a lively evening "beatnik" style!



An informational meeting about the upcoming **Storytelling Festival** will be held on **Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM**. Letters have been sent home with students through English classes. Any questions can be answered by Mrs. McMahon or Mrs. Verstraete at the Middle School, 589-9665.

An assembly in honor of the **Martin Luther King Jr.** holiday will be held on **Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>** for all grade levels. **Valarie Holmes** from Williamsburg, Virginia will be here to dramatically portray the life of a slave in the southern colonies.

**\$1000.00 Grant Awarded** from the Teacher Resource Center to **Grade 7** for the implementation of a **Civil War** project which will encompass Social Studies, English and Physical Education through a unit utilizing literature, historical battle strategy, map use and orienteering skills. The unit will culminate with a Civil War re-enactment in the spring.



## Slight Schedule Change

Starting after the Holidays, on 1/2/01, we will be opening the school at 7:30am instead of 7:35am. With this change and other internal schedule changes we will gain 12 instructional minutes per day.

Some buses may have to pick up the students 5-10 minutes earlier to avoid the high school traffic jam. Please have your child ready in case the bus will be a little earlier at your stop.

Thank you for your cooperation





**1st Quarter—High Honor Roll****6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Ashley McCaslin, Allison Shultes, Chad Burlee, Alyssa Hermetet, Danielle Davey, Jamie Deline, Jamie Bruce, Kelsey Gelina, Clayton DeFisher, Briana Madison, Vanessa Haskins, Cari Dickinson, Erin Akins, Brittany Flanders, Heather Albert, Hallie Ankrom, Elizabeth Cormier, Melissa Guilfoil

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Leah Cox, Ryan Noble, Mason Verbridge, Elizabeth Pope-Collins

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Jamie Allman, Audrey Wackerman, Lucia Adams, Rachael Reiber, Tiffany Skerrett, Courtney Yaskow, Jacob Ameele, Stephanie Gowan, Jordan Bean, Alexandra Allman

**1st Quarter—Honor Roll****6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Ashley Champagne, Kelly Kolyer, John Bonke, Amanda Schuhart, Sarah Dildine, Ryan Dixon, Luke Ameele, Emily Bixby, Katelyn Verbridge, Tyler Webber, Eric Scheffinger, Kristi Russell, Eric LaVare, Abram Moll, Mallory Rynders, Bailea Scheib, Steven Shay, Zachary Musclow, Nicolas Markham, Alicia Schaeffer, Lauren Cantwell, Paige Johns, Christopher Cuvelier, Andrea Funk, Elora Supersad, Elisabeth Malchoff, Casey Marino, Kristen Jones, Zachary Scheib, Stephanie Wright, Morgan Gardinier, Rachel Peck

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Kendall Shultes, Ami Kush, Lauren Forget, Stephanie Crichton, Kyle O'Dell, Mackenzie Tuchrelo, Allison Smith, Adam Fiegl, Kearston Lancy, Justin Cuvelier, Michelle Ginett, Jennifer Hoffman, Leela Shields, Anthony Hollebrandt, Christopher Koudelka, Colby Stohrs, Samantha Knataitis, Jessica East, Scott Hackett, Cody Stevens, Joshua Ganskop, Derek Wood, Emily Gimbel, Marie Montondo, Heather Wackerman, Geoffrey Haywood, Joseph Slater, Jessica Hepler, Kaitlyn DeRue, Megan Shay, Alexandra Maroselli, Renee Ast, Tyler Palmer, Rachel Pilato

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Matthew Lehman, Kara Kerschner, Mark Tobin, Caitlynn Cook, Cale Flora, Mary Guilfoil, Erika Young, Michael Hyman, Emily Covington, Kevin Kieper, Michelle Malchoff, Joshua Monsees, Allicia Gerken, Daniel Schilling, Heather Grube, Dustin Dalke, Joshua Scheuer, Casey Diver, Christopher Markham, Matthew Bixby, Jess Dennie, Erin Grzybek, Christina Hannon, John Allen, Lindsey Peck, Kyle Furnari, Rebecca Perry

**1st Quarter—Merit Roll****6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Amy Avery, Heidi Hoffman, Samantha Sforza, Cassandra Haak, Harrison Ronan, Nicholas Basamania, Ashley Scott, Amanda Knopp, Caitlin Gordinier, Anthony Tuchrelo, Brenden Cole, Daniel Volpe, John Scahill, Gabriel Hawthorne, Taryn Schonleber, Erich Stritzel, Danielle DiSalvo, Marissa Ange, Corbin Beck, Jacob DeMarree, Brittani Conger, Kandus Christman, Kevin Jones, Zachary Eckert

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Kaylyn Allen, Ryan Dobson, Santino Calabresi, David Pike, Shondale Jackson, Jeanine Follette, David Wood, Mark Miller, Edward Coomber, Curtis Turner, Ashley Frank, Zachary Poole, Melissa DeVille, Jari Winter, Danielle Grace, Amanda Gage, Bryan Hadley, Tracy Bilger, Mary Miller, Timoty Dostman, Emily Gentile, Kyle Griffin

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Alicia Scahill, DiMonique George, Stephanie Zona, Honor Eaton, Jesse Jopson, Jennifer Silmsen, Allie Dorn, Aubrey Odle, Hillary Delhagen, Christopher L'Hommedieu, Cory Majchrzak, Nicholas Fooks, Megan Sackett, Ariana Barbato, Ashley Michaelsen, Jacob Palmer, Nicole Miller, Jarred Savory, William Henderson, Jacob Hotchkiss, Andrew Malchoff, Jacob Williams, Patrick White, Alan Champagne

### Student of the Month for December

Student	Grade	Teacher	Reason
Ameele, Hannah	5	Mrs. Bierer	Kindness to Others
Bergen, Brittany	5	Ms. Luke	Outstanding Effort and Work
Burnap, Calvin	5	Mr. Marshall	Exceptional Effort
Carnwath, Allison	5	Mrs. Bierer	Outstanding Kindness
Gnage, Rachel	5	Ms. Luke	Consistently Doing Her Very Best
Massiak, Jessica	5	Mrs. Bianchi	Responsible, Creative Writing, Exceptional Effort
Paschke, Leah	5	Mr. Marshall	Exceptional Effort
Peters, Abe	5	Miss Brownell	Exceptional Effort
Verno, Anthony	5	Mrs. Bianchi	Excellent Attitude, Cooperative, Class Participation
Volpe, Stephanie	5	Miss Brownell	Excellent Class Participation
Wenzel, Bobby	5	Mrs. Pagano, Mrs. Greco, Miss Bechtold	Class Participation, Effort
White, Katelyn	5	Mrs. Bianchi	Cooperative, Good Relationship With Others
Whitmore, Amanda	5	Ms. Luke	Improved Effort and Improved Work
Haak, Cassie	6	Miss Nellany	Helpful and Conscientious
Intini, Dylan	6	Miss Nellany	Good Role Model
Jones, Kristen	6	Mrs. Pagano, Mrs. Greco, Miss Bechtold	Class Participation, Peer Relationships
Calabresi, Santino	7	Mrs. Perez	Class Participation
Calabresi, Santino	7	7th Grade Team	Effort, Attitude
Davis, Tabitha	7	7th Grade Team	Effort, Behavior
DeCann, Amanda	7	Mr. Plyter	Exceptional Effort
Sprague, Caitlyn	7	Mrs. Osborn	Excellent Effort, Conscientious
Stohr, Colby	7	7th Grade Team	Effort, Attitude
Wood, Derek	7	7th Grade Team	Interest, Motivation
Bean, Jordan	8	Mrs. Osborn	Well Prepared, Positive Attitude
Budd, Kristine	8	Mr. Brown	Good Role Model
Gowan, Stephanie	8	Mrs. Perez	Constructive Attitude, Class Participation
Perry, Rebecca	8	Mr. Plyter	Exceptional Effort
Sexton, Keri	8	Mr. Brown	Excellent Classroom Effort