Door Decorating Contest by Cali Austin

We are doing a door decorating contest! All the teachers that are participating are:

First grade: Mrs. Ulrich, Mrs. Kuczka, Mrs. Schuler, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Dockery, Mrs. Traverse, and Mrs. Bower

Second grade: Mrs. Dopp, Mrs. Palazzo, Mrs. Leising, and Miss Seitz

Third Grade: Mrs. Chatt

Fourth Grade: Mrs. Stickney, Mrs. Sheldon, Mrs. Reis, Mrs. Noon, Mrs. Simmons, and Mrs. Mahar

Special areas teachers: Mrs. Kelahan, Mrs. Flynn, Ms. VanDette, Mrs. Gaskill, Mrs. DiNardo, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Gardner

Participating teachers can do any decorations they want. The date of judging was Friday, March 28, at 12:00. Mrs. Bower, the Director of Special Education, is the judge. And the winners are…Mrs. Kuczka, Mrs. Dockery, and Mrs. Sheldon. Honorable mention – Mrs. Kurial, Mrs. Leising, and Mrs. Platt. Classrooms that win received a treat and a movie during the week of March 31st. We hope everyone had FUN!!

The Spelling Bee Buzz By Allison Zajac

The spelling bee was a blast………

There were 15 people in the spelling bee. The winners were –Jensen McGee, Danny Hunt, and MacKenzie Irwin. The spelling bee was held on March 7th. Reading off the words to the kids was Mrs. Kelahan. Making sure the words were spelled correctly was Mrs. Simmons, Mrs. Flynn and we can’t forget about…..Mrs. Shaw. We wish really good luck to the winners of the spelling bee as they participate for Newfane in the regionals, which will be held on March 29th at the Newfane Middle School. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!!!:

Congratulations to all those who qualified for the spelling bee this year.

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Band Jam by Zoe Andrews

The fourth and fifth grade band teacher is Mr. Capanyola. He has been teaching band for over 40 years. His nickname for everyone is Mr. C because his real name is too long and that is Mr. Capanyola. When Mr. C picks people for band they pick three instruments and he picks the one that they’re best at. His favorite classes are saxophones. Mr. C is a band teacher because he enjoys teaching children and playing instruments. His favorite instrument is the trumpet. He loves playing instruments, it might be his favorite thing. He really tries to be fun with all his classes. The hardest song in the whole book is “The Snake Charmer.” That is Mr. C’s job.

Song Review by Liza MacFarlane

Hi, my name is Liza MacFarlane. I spoke to kids and adults. I have talked to 33 people about this topic. I have chosen these songs because they are my favorite songs. I thought that the results were interesting because I thought that “Friday” would win, but the song “Team” WON!

You can see the results below!

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These are the artists that wrote these songs:

Happy- Pharnell Williams
Friday- Rebecca Black
Dark Horse- Katy Perry
Let it go- Demi Lovato
Team- Lorde

Just Ask Me.. By Sarah Leibring

With “Just Ask Me” we took questions from Newfane Elementary students and answered them below.

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<td>Can there be a day for free ice-cream?</td>
<td>Some days of the year the student senate sponsors free ice-cream, or the lunch ladies give out free ice cream with lunches.</td>
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<td>Can we have more fun activities in school?</td>
<td>We have a lot of fun activities at school—take a look at our calendar of upcoming events in this newsletter edition!</td>
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<td>Could there be a scrabble tournament at school?</td>
<td>It has been decided and we’re going to have a scrabble/bingo/checkers tournament. Look for information coming after break.</td>
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<td>Why did they change library to something that is not a special but just a book exchange?</td>
<td>It’s because they wanted to give kids a chance to use the computers in the IXL special.</td>
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Dress Up Days by Anabelle Farley

What dress up days have we had? How many times have we had them? I found out what dress up days that we’ve had and how many times we’ve had them. I chose to write about the dress up days because I thought it would be fun. My favorite dress up day was Pajama Day. Believe it or not it was easy for me to get the info. My Mom had a list of the dress up days. These are the names of the dress up days we have had, PJ day, tie dye day, crazy hat day, holiday shirt or ugly sweater day, Hawaiian day, wear red day, wear green day, and last but not least mismatch day. These are my results:

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We will have more dress up days in the future. Like the panther chase when we wear our Panther Chase shirt.

Science Fair Results by Bridget Martin

The Science Fair was a great success! Read more to hear about the judging and the results. I asked Mrs. Sheldon what she needed to look for in the students’ science fair projects that she judged. She said, “Originality, kids work, and kids explaining what they did in the project.” I asked when she was a kid if she ever did her own science project and she said “Yes”. She made a terrarium for her 6th grade science fair. She said that she made it inside a glass cookie jar with a lid. Mrs. Sheldon is hoping to make a terrarium with her class some time.

Congratulations to our science fair winners….
Newfane Elementary students swim one time a week. During the 40 minute class the students learn how to do the front and back crawl, breast stroke, and the butterfly. They practice jumping and diving into the pool, treading water, and how to float on their backs.

Thanks Mr. Ames!

Panther Chase  By Raina Serth
Do you know when the Panther Chase is? Well I do! Friday, May 16th at 9:30 A.M. “How long is the Panther Chase?” you say?.Well, each grade takes about a half hour. “Does everyone have to participate?” Yes, they can run or walk, maybe even both! Some people are wondering if Mrs. Gaskill will be the panther this year. Well… this year the high school cross country team will be the panthers again. But don’t worry, Mrs. Gaskill is still running! Some people are also wondering if Mrs. Gaskill even likes running the Panther Chase. She LOVES running the Panther Chase and this is why. She loves watching kids give it their all, and she loves all the sportsmanship that she sees. This is the fifth year of the Panther Chase! Look for more information to come home soon!

The Swim Program  By Melanie Myers
Hi, my name is Melanie and I interviewed Mr. Ames our swim teacher. The first question I asked was what do you like about swim? He said, “I like to see the smiling faces on kids.” That is true! Then I asked, “Did you come from a different school before here?” He answered, “Yes, I came from Lockport.” I asked how long have you been in the swim program? Do you know what he said? 35 years!!!! Wow, that is a lot. Do you know why the swim program started? He said, “The school wanted the program and they wanted him to teach also.”

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Varsity Sports  By Lindsey Wilson

What is a Varsity Sport? A Varsity Sport is the highest level of a high school sport. Normally it includes Junior & Seniors. Also, students from 7th grade can play. In 7th and 8th grade you have to take a special test. There are so many sports you can play. Here are some of them: football, golf, field hockey, volleyball, cross country, swim, wrestling, basketball, track & field, softball, and baseball. Some of the coaches are: Mr.Nagel (Football), Mr. Ames (golf), Mr. Heitzenrater (cross country & track and field) Miss. Faucett (volleyball), Mr. Montesanti (wrestling), Mr. Klumpp (basketball), Mr.Caveratta (swimming), Mr. Kneeland (baseball). All the sports require different equipment like: football- football, helmet, shoulder pads, mouth piece, thigh pads, tail pads, knee pads, cleats, golf-clubs, golf ball, basketball-basketball , basketball-shoes , track and field & cross country-cleats , hurdles, swimsuit, pool, softball and baseball-field, ball, masks, mitt, field hockey-stick, ball, masks, goals, wrestling-wrestling shoes, singlet, mat, gym. As an Elementary student I want to do these things. You might want to do some of these things when you go to the Middle School and High School. So go hit the gym to get ready for some of the sports if you want to try out.

Youth Wrestling  By Simon Lingle

Do you want to wrestle? It is a tough sport. I like it. I like it because I like to be strong when I grow up. I like to be with my friends and see them win. I also like it because it builds up courage for you.

We have nice coaches. Coach Lingle loves to see kids wrestle. He says that it doesn’t matter if you win or lose as long as you have fun!

The trip for states was in Syracuse. It was a long ride. When I went I lost two times and won once. In order to go to states you must go to regionals and place top four. I placed second. In states it was at Onondaga Community College.

Maybe you could join too next year. If you are interested contact Newfane Youth Wrestling I would love if you could join. See you next year!!!

Congratulations to all of our Newfane Youth Wrestling teammates!

Jokes

Q—What kind of cats like to go bowling? A—Alley cats.

Q— What has 18 legs and catches flies? A— A baseball team.

Q-Why did the golfer have an extra pair of pants?

A-In case he gets a hole in one.
Meet some of our Elementary Staff...

Mrs. Buhr  By Kendall Knealing

Mrs. Buhr is our nurse here at Newfane Elementary School. Before Mrs. Buhr worked at the elementary school, she worked at Women and Children’s Hospital in Buffalo. Mrs. Buhr graduated from nursing school in 2009. She has been a nurse for 5 years. In a normal day sometimes only a few kids come down to her office but sometimes up to 30 kids. Isn’t it crazy? Some kids go down to her office because they have to get their eyes or ears checked, or even just to get a Band-Aid. Mrs. Buhr does like being a nurse because she gets to help people. Mrs. Buhr enjoys working with kids because they are fun and they help her remember when she was a kid. Also they teach her many things.

What’s Cooking  By Megan Beiter

Who do you think cooks your food in the cafeteria? I know her name is Georgia Nicosia. Georgia has helpers in the cafeteria. There are 2 food servers, their names are Linda Peace and Janet Enseleit. There are 2 cashiers. Their names are Lori Camarrata and Mrs. Hutchinson. Georgia gets to work at 7:00 A.M. and leaves work at 2:00 P.M. That’s seven hours. Georgia’s favorite food to make is chicken nuggets. I asked her if it is hard to make the lunch menu. Georgia told me that she does not make the lunch menu, her boss Mrs. Hugaboom makes the lunch menu. I asked Georgia how hard is it to make lunch for the whole school. Georgia said that it is not hard. I guess it depends on what’s on the menu. I also asked Georgia, what made her decide to work for the school. Georgia said, “My kids were little at the time and I enjoy feeding the kids at Newfane Elementary School.” Another thing I asked Georgia was what she likes about her job? Georgia said she likes her coworkers and she enjoys the cooking. Also I asked Georgia if there is anything she would change about your job. Georgia said, “Yes.” A lot of the food because recently the state made them change a lot of the food. I also asked Georgia if she had to go to college or further for her education for her job. Georgia said no, but she took a lot of food courses. My last question I asked Georgia was how long has she been here? Georgia said 34 years. Now that’s a long time. Well, that’s Georgia Nicosia.
1st & 2nd Grade Field Trips  By Connor Krause

This year the 1st grade is going to Brown's Berry Patch in June. They are going to get a wagon ride, pick strawberries, and maybe even get a free ice cream. The students will learn all about how a farm works. The 2nd grade is going to the Buffalo Museum of Science in May, Krull Park, and Tuscarora Park in June. At the Science Museum the students will see many exhibits and have fun with the hands on activities. At the parks the kids will have a lot of fun playing games and learning about nature.

3rd & 4th Grade Field Trips  By Regan Luce

What are the field trips that 3rd and 4th grade are going on? Well, the 3rd grade is going on 2 field trips. The 1st field trip is to the Buffalo Zoo. The 2nd field trip is to the Burt Reservoir. The 3rd grade learns about the eco -system at the reservoir and about animals and their environments at the zoo. Mrs. Leibring says that the 3rd grade has lots of fun on these trips in the past. The field trips that the 4th grades are going on are to the Vanhorn Mansion, Wilson School House, and on a boat ride along the Erie Canal. The 4th grade learns about New York State History in Social Studies so Mrs. Leibring says these trips are very educational AND fun.

School Activities  By Michael Pasquale

What are some school activities we have participated in recently? On March 14, 2014, was Blue for Ben Day. Blue for Ben is a day where we wear blue for Ben, a little boy who is battling terminal brain cancer. We try to give Ben and his family support. We have lots of other activities at Newfane Elementary School coming up including: field trips, the Art Show, band and chorus concerts and many others. Take a look at the events coming up below.

April 1 - April 3 ELA Exam Grades 3 & 4  May 9, May 13, May 14 - Grade 4 Field Trip
April 4 - Panther Pride Celebration  May 12 - PTSA Meeting 6:30 Elementary Café
April 7 - PTSA Meeting 6:30 - Elementary Café  May 15 - Grade 4 Chorus Assembly and Concert (2pm & 7pm)
April 11 - Grade 4 Poetry Day  May 16 - Panther Chase - AM (times to be announced)
April 11 - Decades Day  May 20 - Budget Vote
April 14-April 25 Spring Break  May 22 - Grade 1 Orientation
April 30-May 2 Math Exam Grades 3 & 4  May 26 - OFF Memorial Day
May 27-May 29 - Grade 4 Science Performance Exam
May 29 - What to Expect Night - Gr. 1 6:00pm, Gr. 2-4 7:00pm
Summer Reading Program
By Daniel Kelahan
The Summer Reading Program begins when the students are given the opportunity to pick out 2 books at their “good fit” level. This year we plan to do this on June 9. During the summer they can trade their books for 2 more.

Many children don’t have books at home or the ability to get to the library. We hope that when we provide books to each student, they will continue to read throughout the summer. Summer is a time for fun but we usually come back to school not being able to read as well. Reading needs practice, just like soccer, swimming and riding a bike. So, if students take books home and then “swap” those books out for 2 more in the middle of summer, they are practicing their reading.

There are lots of activities that can help us with our reading and writing strategies:

1. Visit the library and join the summer reading club.
2. Read the daily newspaper – sports, comics, and news all in one.
3. Help mom and dad write the weekly shopping list by reading the grocery store ads.
4. Read labels on food boxes.
5. Write letters to friends and relatives.
6. Write in a daily journal what you did/how you feel.
7. Read to a younger sibling or an older relative.
8. Read a lot.

Gr. 4 Art Class Sculptures and Stories...

Congratulations to Max Czekaj for his awesome story that he wrote to accompany his gargoyle sculpture in art. Enjoy!

The Adventures of a Gargoyle Named Hogface—By: Max Czekaj

Once upon a time, there was a gargoyle named Hogface and he lived near a pit of lava in a big castle. One day his evil brother, Togface, tried to destroy his house with a lava proof boat or so he thought. The boat caught fire. “Darn” said Togface. “That was a rip-off. The guy from Target even said it was lava proof!” Then he sent the giant carnivorous tongues. They were lava proof for sure. But Hogface had a bottle of “Giant Carnivorous Tongue Repellent” in his pocket, so he sprayed the tongues. Finally, Togface brought out THE PENCIL OF EVIL and drew the most evil monster in the whole world and also a cat (for no apparent reason). So what did Hogface do? He threw a “Go to Sleep Dart” at the monster. It fell down and crushed Tagface and everybody was happy.
History about Newfane  By Angelina DiTullio

The town of Newfane was established in 1824 by James Van Horn. The first town meeting was held at the Van Horn mansion in Burt. Did you know the meeting was held in the mansion because James Van Horn lived there? He built the Van Horn mansion! Also did you know the town of Newfane was actually known as Charlotteville before it was named Newfane! In Olcott, there was a monument of names of soldiers who fought for the Union cause in the American Civil War. In total, 252 Union soldiers came from the town of Newfane. So, tonight you can thank the soldiers by going to the American Civil War Memorial, before you go to sleep. Finally, did you also know that the carousel in Olcott was built in 1928 and recently celebrated its 80th anniversary? Thanks for reading!

Newfane Elementary School  By Peyton Hartman

About the School:

The Newfane Elementary School was built in 1959. Also, the pool was not there from 1959 through the 1990s. The lunch room wasn’t either. Those parts of the school were built on later.

In the School:

In the school there are three main hallways; hallways A, B, and C. Hallway D is where the office, the principal, and the nurse are located. Also in the school we have rooms for gym, music, art, and swim.
Rainbow Cookies—a recipe for Easter  By Kendall Knealing

Ingredients:

1 pouch (1 lb 1.5 oz) Betty Crocker® sugar cookie mix
1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened
1/4 cup Gold Medal® all-purpose flour
1 egg
3 food colors
Granulated sugar, if desired
1/2 tub Betty Crocker® Whipped vanilla ready-to-spread frosting

Directions:

1 Heat oven to 375°F. Stir cookie mix, butter, flour and egg in medium bowl until dough forms. Divide dough evenly among 3 bowls; tint each dough by stirring in a few drops of desired food color.

2 Shape 1/3 cup of each color of dough into a rope about 5 inches long and 1 inch in diameter. Place ropes side by side and a little more than 1/4 inch apart on floured surface; roll until 1/4 inch thick. Cut with 2- to 2 1/2-inch egg-shaped cookie cutter so each cookie has 3 colors. Sprinkle with sugar. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Repeat with remaining dough. (When rerolling dough scraps, carefully lay matching colors together.)

3 Bake 7 to 9 minutes or until edges are light, golden brown. Cool 1 minute; remove from cookie sheet to wire rack. Cool completely, about 30 minutes. Spread frosting on bottoms of half the cookies. Top with remaining cookies.

Easter Fun Facts:

♦ 90 million chocolate Easter bunnies are made for Easter each year.

♦ 82% of Americans say they would prefer a chocolate or candy bunny for Easter, while only 4% say they would prefer a live bunny.

♦ The world’s largest jar of jelly beans weighted 6,050 pounds

♦ 75% of kids are willing to do extra chores for extra Easter candy.