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## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

### Budget Development

We remain in the midst of the 2013-2014 budget development season facing continued challenges. On Friday, March 1st, the federal government failed to reach a budget deal of their own and across the board cuts to federal programs immediately commenced. Although Newark Valley Schools receives only a relatively small amount of federal dollars, we will likely be impacted by any cuts to the programs those dollars maintain. We are continuing to work on ways to preserve the important educational services that those funds provide for.

As always, our guiding principle remains developing a budget that balances the needs of our children with the ability of our taxpayers to support those needs. We do everything in our power to protect and enhance the educational programs that will serve our students now, and in the future.

### Common Core Standards

Many of you who are parents have probably noticed an increase in the rigor of work your children are undertaking at school. With the adoption of the Common Core Learning Standards, New York State has dramatically raised the bar for what children at every grade level are expected to know and be able to do. Along with this will come new state exams that have not been, and will not be, released to schools for review prior to their administration. Additionally, New York State demands many more tests for students with the implementation of the new teacher evaluation system (APPR). All of this change can be a little overwhelming for students, particularly younger children.

We continue to do everything we can to minimize the burden (particularly the excessive testing) on our children while holding them to high expectations, but these changes certainly bring

a greater level of intensity to the classroom. If you have questions about any of the new requirements, please contact your child's teachers or the principal. We will do our best to explain all of these changes in the greatest detail possible, and offer suggestions on ways to help your child at home.

### Math Framework Initiative

In order to strengthen and align our mathematics instruction from pre-K to grade 12, Newark Valley schools has developed and is implementing a new math framework initiative. This work, led by teachers Bev Meagher, Ed Mertson and Beth Borgna, is a comprehensive restructuring of our approach to mathematics instruction that is tightly aligned with the new standards. The five year plan is research and data driven, and designed to provide a strong foundation for all of our students. It is our belief that this will provide them with the skills and knowledge they need as they progress through school and prepare for college, or competition in the global economy.

Best wishes to all of you for a wonderful spring season.

Sincerely,

**Ryan Dougherty, Superintendent of Schools**



**Madison Bigelow shares what she knows at NTH's Festival of Learning. Story on page 2**

## Festival of Leadership and Learning a Huge Success!

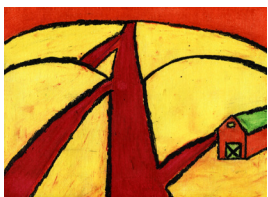
Mr. Rodgers, Nathan T. Hall's principal, had a great idea. He wanted to give elementary students an opportunity to share and celebrate what they know and what they've learned. His idea became the first ever Festival of Leadership and Learning, which took place on February 7th and 8th. The response was overwhelming with ninety-four students in Pre-Kindergarten through third grade participating!

Students chose a topic of their choice or area of interest, then created presentations, demonstrations, and experiments to showcase their learning. Nathan T. Hall's PTS provided tri-fold presentation boards, and families were encouraged to help students with research, organization, and making an eye-catching final project. On the first day of the festival, "Festival Officials" interviewed all participating students, (Pictured above: Festival Official Mrs. Burdick and Madison Bishop). Many thanks to the officials, who included teachers, counselors, principals, parents, community members, and even Mr. Dougherty, our superintendent! The students dazzled officials with their projects on solar systems, authors, animals, electricity, volcanos, and much more!

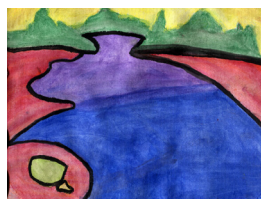
The highlight of the Festival of Leadership and Learning was an evening event that welcomed families and friends of participating students into the gymnasium. The students had an opportunity to shine as curious guests marveled at each and every project. Hundreds of people attended the event, which students and guests will not soon forget!

The festival concluded the next day when teachers brought students through the gym to admire their classmates' work, giving students a final opportunity to share their learning. Overall, the Festival of Leadership and Learning was a huge success that was made possible by families, the community, and the school working together. It will definitely be repeated next year!

## MS Students' Artwork in Binghamton Show



Congratulations to the following seventh grade students whose artwork has been included in the Celebration of Childhood Community Art Exhibit at the Binghamton YWCA: Susan Armstrong, Andrew Bentley, Lindsey Diego, Jordyn Doncaster (artwork below right), Farrah Fiacco, Taylor Kalpokas, Paige Klingle (artwork upper left), Hannah Molyneaux and Jacob Snapp. The students' landscapes were created in the Fauvist style (boldly colorful paintings of childlike simplicity), which related to the exhibition's theme of "Nature, A Child's Canvas". This is a family-friendly exhibit offered in support of the upcoming, nationally celebrated "Month of the Young Child" (month of April) and will be open to the public throughout the Month of March!



Above: Festival Official Mrs. Burdick and Madison Bishop.  
Right: Sarah and Erin Lewis and Mr. Rodgers  
Below: Christian Pado and friend  
Bottom: Darrah Wright and friend



### Attention Parents

Would you like to earn some extra cash while your children are in school? Follow your children's schedules, make some money, and still be home in time for the school bus. We have openings in the cafeterias for substitute food service workers. No experience necessary, we will train you. If interested contact Lorraine Trotman and the Newark Valley High School Cafeteria, 642-8606.

## Newark Valley Elementary School Receives USDA HealthierUS Award!



Nathan T. Hall Elementary School was recently awarded the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)'s HealthierUS School Challenge (HUSSC) Bronze Award. The HUSSC is a recognition award for schools who have demonstrated a commitment to excellence to both nutrition and physical education to promote a healthier school environment for children.

In February 2010, First Lady Michelle Obama introduced Let's Move, incorporating the HealthierUS School Challenge into her campaign to raise a healthier generation of kids. HUSSC awards have been given to schools in 49 states and the District of Columbia. Only 4% of schools in the nation have received this recognition. This is a wonderful accomplishment for the Newark Valley food service department, students, and school district. Nathan T. Hall Elementary School will be honored with a plaque, banner, and \$500 monetary award to recognize the schools achievement in earning this award.

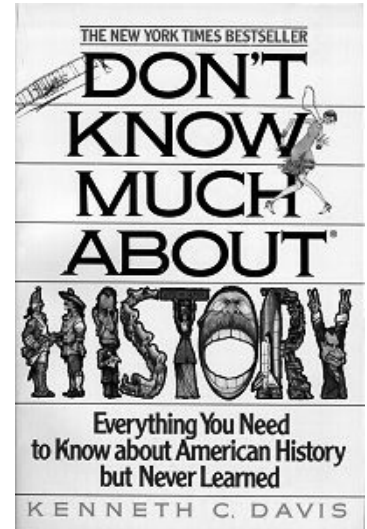
*NTH PE students enjoy time "in the brain" working on the laptops, doing cup stacking, or running outside on the track to exercise the body and muscles!*



## History Classes Skype with Best-Selling Author

*By Leanne Riegel*

Our high school Honors Social Studies classes have recently had an incredible opportunity: the creator of a renowned historical book series has talked with them "face-to-face." This author is Kenneth C. Davis, who has written *Don't Know Much About History*, *Don't Know Much About the Bible*, and *Don't Know Much About the Presidents*, among others. For the first time before the November Presidential election, then again in time for the Inauguration in January, this man astonished us with an impressive knowledge of American history, giving thoughtful, in-depth answers to questions our 10th and 11th grade students had prepared. His discussion ranged from 1860 and the crucial Civil War leadership of Lincoln, Davis' favorite President, to the chief topics of the 2012 election. We were especially interested in learning about the Inauguration, and the exceptional way events have transpired for our first black president to be sworn in on a national holiday that honors one of the greatest civil rights leaders of all time, and using that man's own Bible, as Barack Obama is sworn in on Martin Luther King, Jr., Day. Many thanks to the administration and faculty for their flexibility and support as we enjoyed this rare opportunity, and thank you Mr. Davis!



## Peace Corps Volunteer Visits 7th Grade Spanish



Several Spanish 7 classes received a visit from Peace Corps Volunteer Rachel Woodward before winter recess. Mrs. Jennifer Herrera, middle school Spanish teacher, invited her friend to her classes to share about the many similarities and differences between life in the United States and life in Nicaragua. Rachel currently lives in Quezalgueque, Nicaragua while she completes her two-year service commitment with the Peace Corps. Her work in the Peace Corps includes teaching Environmental Education to students in grades 3-6 in several area elementary schools. Students prepared a variety of questions for her visit, focusing specifically on life in Nicaragua and Rachel's work there with the Peace Corps. Rachel was very impressed with their questions. Mrs. Herrera has set up communication between her Spanish 7 students and Rachel in Nicaragua. Mrs. Herrera's students are anticipating a fifth letter from Rachel.

## HIGH HONOR ROLL - 20 WEEKS

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GRADE 12  
Mikaela Brown  
Emily Costley  
Jenna Cupp  
Katia D'Arcy  
Caroline Durand  
Kedrin Eastman  
Meredith Friend  
Michaela Nelson  
Christian Richter  
Rachel Sweger

GRADE 11  
Kaitlin Coleman  
Shilo Fuller  
Amanda Gorsline  
Mackenzie Harris  
Derek Holcomb  
Savannah Howland  
Heidi Inderwies  
James Kline  
Kerra Matolka  
Gregory McMullin  
Ashley Pado  
Esther Parmelee  
Hailey Pytel  
Eleni Riechers  
Leanne Riegel  
Cassandra Robinson  
Moriah Teed

GRADE 10  
Maxwell Andersen  
Micah Gorsline  
Mikayla Heiss  
Acala Hill  
Phillip Lindhorst  
Jacqueline Maxian  
Rebecca Miles  
Rebecca Miller  
Katie Pirger  
Dylan Williams

GRADE 9  
Anna D'Arcy  
Meagan Diego  
Christopher Dutcher  
Noah McMullin  
Palmer Perkins  
Allison Riegel  
Kyle Williams

GRADE 8  
Joshua Blazey  
Aaron Gorsline  
Jody Inderwies

Kaya Luciani  
Madelyn Meagher  
Mya Milewski  
Daniel Popp  
Morgan Sherwood  
Thomas Shofkom  
Cherish Simmons  
Hannah Williams

GRADE 7  
Phillip Babey  
Melinda Byrne  
Lindsey Diego  
Farrah Fiacco  
Jordan LaBounty  
Daniel Lindhorst  
Ashlee Marsh  
Amanda McNally  
Paityn Smith

GRADE 6  
Benjamin Baker  
Amber Bean  
Hannah Clark  
Emily Holt  
William Knight  
Gabriel Perkins  
Colleen Riegel  
Brandon Rinkavage  
Madison Sherwood  
Alexis Williams  
Micah Williams

GRADE 5  
Marissa Berghorn  
Colin Creeley  
Elizabeth Ferguson  
Sarah Mertson  
Joshua Post  
Nathan Sokol  
Matthew Waterman  
Corey Young

GRADE 4  
Timothy Bishop  
John Boldis  
Felicia Fiacco  
Ragan Overstreet  
Avigail Strohmeier  
Leah Williams

GRADE 12  
Joseph Benjamin  
April Brown  
Ryan Coleman  
Ciara Davison  
Lauren Engelhard  
Devlin Farr  
Fisher Goodwin  
Gavin Howard  
Brennan Legge  
Alexandra Maxian  
Troy Meddaugh  
Rebekah Meyers  
Makayla Pirger  
Michael Sarnoski  
Derick Shrauger  
Elizabeth Sparks  
Dustin Thomas  
Alisha Thompson  
Craig Wade

GRADE 11  
Claire Beck  
Luke Benjamin  
Dylan Camp  
Kassie Corey  
Miranda Craft  
Ted Deuel  
Megan Edwards  
Brooke Jordan  
Asa Kerr  
Abby Kohler  
Frances Koziol  
Teresa Kurtz  
Kayla Martin  
Sean Morrissey  
Jordan Obregon  
Tyler Peabody  
Roman Steika  
Veronica Warner

GRADE 10  
Samantha Benjamin  
Cody Cornell  
Taylor Cupp  
Joshua Felicetti  
Cole Ford  
Brittney Gradel  
Dakota Hatton  
Kaylee Oliver  
Christina Simmons  
Kayla Stewart  
Andy Tavelli

GRADE 9  
Jacob Antal  
Joshua Babey  
Kevin Basel  
Megan Botzenhart  
Jordan Brodfuehrer  
Jordan Burlingame-Ortloff  
Madeline Byrne  
Ivy Falero  
Jessica Fitzgerald  
Amy Giblin  
Alissa Goodrich  
Sully Harris  
Madison Howland  
Hanna Luszczek  
Kristen Martin  
Ryan Mathers  
Peter Ortu  
McKayla Parkin  
Griffen Pompilio  
Briana Sokol  
Bryanna Thomas  
Emma Willard

GRADE 8  
Ashley Brodie  
Maria Evans  
Kali Gray  
Ruby Kidwell  
Joanna Logerfo  
Marisa Longo  
Hannah Morse  
Makayla Nalepa-  
Cottrill  
Ashlynn Payne  
Justin Post  
Layna Pratt  
Alicia Scales  
Alyssa Sepelak  
Lauren Shrauger  
Gianno Silba  
Barak Steika  
Steven VanPatten  
Jennifer Waterman  
Hendrix Welfel  
Vivienne Westra  
Renee Wilcox  
Hannah Willard

GRADE 7  
Robert Beck  
Austin Bennett  
Ryan Crispell  
Sydney Dean  
Chandler Guiles

Hunter Hoffmier  
Taylor Kalpokas  
Shawn Key  
Paige Klingle  
Mark Morykan  
Patrick Pennay  
Kelly Perkins  
Anna Simmons  
Jacob Snapp  
Quartus Steika  
Tate Stoneking  
McKenzie Swansbrough  
Haley Tennant  
Lauren Tijerina  
Maegan Wahl  
Amber Wales

GRADE 6  
Kyle Coffin  
Daniel Cowulich  
Stephen Cowulich  
Kaitlyn Cross  
Jonathan Delles  
Alissa Franco  
Trevor Gerdus  
Emma Gregrow  
Debra Judson  
Kiley Kerns  
Kristina Knight  
Victoria Mellem  
Sophia Nash  
Tressa Nechwedowich  
Evan Powell  
Kyle Pratt  
Natalie Shofkom  
Marissa Silba  
Tyler Stevenson  
Faith Stoughton

GRADE 5  
Caden Bennett  
Abigail Donnelly  
Ronan Dougherty  
Hayden Flesher  
Cassidy Hoffmier  
Michael Kasper  
Regan Lanning  
Katelyn Maine  
Kayla Malarkey  
Riley Malone  
Jonathan Marrotta  
Courtney Maule  
Ashleigh Miller  
Andrew Obregon

**HONOR ROLL -****MERIT ROLL - 20 WEEKS****20 WEEKS**

Preston Schrader  
 April Simmons  
 Mara Skellett  
 Alexander Umiker  
 Piper Workman

**GRADE 4**

Andrew Ace  
 Emma Clark  
 Morgan Cwynar  
 Nathan Daniels  
 Shawn Deer  
 Jacob Downey  
 Rosaria Hines  
 Ashley Holt  
 Derrick Kalpokas  
 Ivy Kozerski  
 Isaac Lindridge  
 Teresa Marrotta  
 Collin McCall  
 Kaila McNally  
 Dawson Moncalieri  
 Dominick Morse  
 Kailee Payne  
 Brenton Rosenberg  
 Lindie Short  
 John Simmons  
 Allison Walker  
 Allie Wandell  
 Leeanne Georges

**GRADE 12**

Craig Basel  
 Kirsten Chase  
 Deven Conrad  
 Adam Corey  
 Lindsay Corson  
 Evan Cucci  
 Katherine Ellis  
 Dan Geisenhof  
 Hunter Goodwin  
 Sabrina Gregrow  
 Kaitlyn Gunther  
 Barbara Jordan  
 Angela Kamrowski  
 Alexander Knapp  
 Karrah Kunsman  
 Andrew Luszczek  
 James Raab  
 Brandon Rupert  
 John Severi  
 Timothy Smith  
 Taylor Spoonhower  
 Tetiana Steika  
 Brittany Taylor  
 Donald Thomas  
 Sommer Tobey  
 Travis Walter  
 Joshua Way  
 Kristina Whittemore  
 Megan Wright

**GRADE 11**

Kacie Coffin  
 Jade Doty  
 Meagan Ferguson  
 Chad Goodrich  
 Trevor Hoffmier  
 Emma Horton  
 Larry Kasmarcik  
 Brielle Mann  
 Taylor McNeil  
 Randy Miller  
 Jay Polhamus  
 Samantha Short  
 Samantha Swansbrough  
 Cassandra Willard

**GRADE 10**

Henry Armstrong  
 Tara Birkmeyer  
 Bethany Brown  
 Kalei Fenn  
 Travis Ford  
 Dexter Hamilton  
 Haley Hill

Nathan Holt  
 Michael Hyde  
 Devan Kalpokas  
 Kyle Martin  
 Jade Myrick  
 Hunter Osborn  
 Ansu Overstreet  
 Michael Persons  
 Victoria Raupers  
 Molly Rogers  
 Jasmine Rosenberger  
 Cassidy Tobey  
 Damion Wilcox  
 Christina Zurzuski

**GRADE 9**

Sean Bigelow  
 Devon Cardone  
 Connor Coleman  
 William Costley  
 Paul Evenson  
 Nicholas Getzke  
 Cassie Hollenbeck  
 Thomas James  
 Katie Jobson  
 Catherine Lyke  
 Nicholas Miller  
 Madison Obregon  
 Amber Smith  
 Cassidy Tompkins  
 Alex Wilcox  
 Quiashawn Williams

**GRADE 8**

Jacob Andersen  
 Katelin Brown  
 Andrew Coleman  
 Cody Coombs  
 Hannah Crowningshield  
 Evan Engelhard  
 Dakota Frank  
 Kyla French  
 Sidney Hunt  
 Kiera Malarkey  
 Robert Marshall  
 Kaitlin Martin  
 Tyler Maule  
 Courtney McNeil  
 Shane Moshier  
 Jacob Payne  
 Holly Pianosi  
 Richard Powell  
 Anna Raymond  
 Chad Wright

**GRADE 7**

Susan Armstrong  
 Molly Baker  
 Tyler Beebe  
 Christian Caskey  
 Jordyn Doncaster  
 Ciarra Gee  
 Taylor Gregrow  
 Collen Hills  
 Jaysen Jester  
 Paxton Jobson  
 Sean McCann  
 Nicole McNeal  
 Lily Morgan  
 Alexis Mounts  
 Elizabeth Persons  
 Rebecca Repsher-Crandall  
 Logan Sweet  
 Morgan Tompkins  
 Joshua Updike  
 Micheal Walburn  
 Autumn Wales  
 Darin Walker

**GRADE 6**

Savannah Adams  
 Joshua Antal  
 Jasmine Benjamin  
 Tyriq Canfield  
 Taylor Edwards  
 Shelby Frink  
 Jason Graham  
 Devon Hack  
 Madison Hartenstein  
 Taylor Hartenstein  
 Arianna King  
 Brady Mason  
 Serina Milewski  
 Tia Quick  
 Trentyn Rupert  
 Dominique Spohn  
 Julianne Summerfield  
 Katerina Vattiato  
 Elizabeth Zimmer

**GRADE 5**

Clinton Baker  
 Ethan Bigelow  
 Gavin Blee  
 Kenneth Boyce  
 Colby Davis  
 Deeken Frost  
 Gregor Geisenhof  
 Leah Hartenstein  
 Kaili Hulbert

Jordan Johnson  
 Crysta Keller  
 Kennedy McNeil  
 Kimberlee Mertson  
 Emma Morgan  
 Michael Morse  
 Patricia-Anne Novak  
 Chetan Overstreet  
 Noah Shiel  
 Makenna Tennant  
 Jerry Thompson  
 Mitchell Underwood  
 Zachary VanOrder  
 Brice Wager  
 Shanese Wagner  
 Alison Wales  
 Gerrit Westra

**GRADE 4**

Gabriel Armstrong  
 Brianna Beebe  
 Aidan Cabrera  
 Cameron Carrier  
 Joshua Duke  
 Charlotte Dunn  
 Raidyn Ford  
 Emma Graves  
 Jillianne Hanson  
 Brook Judson  
 Adam Keller  
 Kelsey Kerns  
 Kamden McCall  
 David Mincher  
 Mackenna Nechwedowich  
 McKenzie Pado  
 Rayne Reynolds  
 Steffi Schanbacher  
 Mika Spicer  
 Connor Spoonhower  
 Tanner Tavelli  
 Stephanie Updike  
 Joseph Woodmansee  
 Chloe Yetter  
 Connor Yetter

## Scholarship Recipient Jenna Cupp



Jenna Cupp becomes the 2nd Cross-Country and Track & Field athlete in the last 4 years to earn a full Division I scholarship. Jenna, who currently holds 6 school Track records, a pair of NY State Track & Field Championship Meet 2nd place finishes in the 800 meters, and a 3-time Top 10 finisher in the NYS Cross-Country championships, along with multiple IAC and Section IV Championship titles in both Cross-Country and Track, signed her official Division I Letter of Intent on February 12th, with many friends and relatives joining her in celebrating this special day. Jenna's father - Brian Cupp, mother - Tracey D'Arcy, step-father and Coach - Eric D'Arcy, and Coach - Brian Trippany look on with pride as Jenna signs the official documents to become a student-athlete at Monmouth University in New Jersey, where she plans on studying psychology to eventually become a school psychologist. Jenna is a member of the National Honor Society, a Student Council officer, and 9-time member of the Girls' Cross-Country and Girls' Track & Field teams selections as NYS Scholar-Athlete Teams since 2008. Congratulations, Jenna!



## Announcements: Sporting Events

**Athletic Schedules:** Spring schedules can be obtained by going to the Newark Valley School District Webpage.

**Parking for Events:** Use the parking lots; do not park in the fire lanes or on grass areas.

**Spectator Sportsmanship:** Please remember when attending athletic contest that you are in a high school educational setting. There are many students in the stands that learn from your actions and words. Please keep all comments positive and model sportsmanship at all times.

***Need to bring in a treat for your child's birthday? Let the cafeteria help you out!***

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### **NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team Awards for Fall Sports**

Boys Cross Country

Girls Cross Country

Field Hockey

Football

Girls Soccer



#### **Team Trophies**

Girls Cross Country MVP: Jenna Cupp

Rookie of the Year: Kayla Stewart

#### **Boys Cross Country**

Most Valuable Runner: Zach Jacobson

Most Improved: Max Andersen

#### **Booster Club Cardinal Pride Awards**

Girls Cross Country: Leanne Riegel

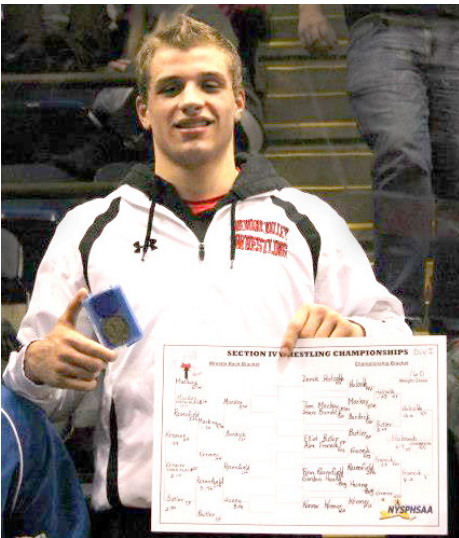
Boys Cross Country: Craig Basel

## Wrestling Team Turns in Another Outstanding Season

The 2012-13 Cardinal grapplers entered the season with high hopes of winning a 2nd IAC dual meet championship, and securing their 1st Overall league title in ten years. With a strong contingent of returning wrestlers, and several newcomers, the team opened their season with the 20th annual Larry Goodrich Memorial Tournament held here at Newark Valley. With almost 200 wrestlers entered that day, it was the largest in the history of the event. The Cardinals would fall just short and take 2nd place by one point. This close 2nd would be the motivating factor for the team for the rest of the

have been 2nd four years in a row, with two of them by less than three points. This year the team left no doubt in anyone's mind as to who would win the title. The Cardinals would have four individual league champions (Vinnie Darpino, Derek Holcomb, Larry Kasmarcik and Danny Geisenhof) and win the team title by a margin of over 50 points.

Derek Holcomb winning the 160 pound title along with being named the Most Outstanding Wrestler of the Tournament. The other two finalist sophomore Vinnie Darpino, and senior Dan Geisenhof wrestled very well, but came up just short. As of this time the three individual champions are looking forward to wrestling at the NYS Championships in Albany the weekend of February 21st-23rd.



season. The team would go on to record victories over rivals Waverly, Lansing, Watkins Glen, and Whitney Point, and against perennial IAC power Tioga before a packed house here in Newark Valley. These wins gave the team their 2nd straight IAC dual meet championship. The team then advanced to the League championships to chase the ever elusive League Tournament title, in which the Cardinals

With the conclusion of the Leagues the team had two more major events to look forward to: Sectionals, and hopefully States. At the Sectionals the team once again had several outstanding performances, which were highlighted by having five sectional finalist (a new school record), and then, for the 1st time ever, three sectional champions. The evening's highlights included championships by Sophomore Cole Ford at 120 pounds, junior Trevor Hoffmier winning his 2nd sectional title at 145, and junior

**2012-13 Individual awards:**  
 1st Team IAC: Giano Silba, Trevor Hoffmier (*above*), Vinnie Darpino, Derek Holcomb (*far left*), Larry Kasmarcik, Justin Lovejoy, Dan Geseinhof.  
 Section 4 Place winners: Giano Silba 5th, Cole Ford (*center*) 1st, Trevor Hoffmier 1st, Vinnie Darpino 2nd, Derek Holcomb 1st, Mason Shutts 6th, Justin Lovejoy 5th, Dan Gesenhof 2nd.

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### MS Family STEM Night Draws Crowd

Newark Valley Middle School hosted the district's first Family STEM Night on Thursday, January 24th. Newark Valley Pre-K through 3rd grade students were engaged in hands on activities in (STEM) Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. This included microscope exploration, creating "indicators" for testing acids and bases, building a WSKG squishy circuits and playing math games. Sixth and seventh grade students set up stations covering a variety of interests from computers to hybrid cars.



Participants were shown how germs spread with UHS and their Germ-Buster activity. Kopernik Observatory brought their telescopes, a meteor and a piece of Space Shuttle Tile. The experience was fun and exciting for approximately 200 students, parents and grandparents.

