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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

By the time you receive this writing, another holiday season will have passed and our kids will have just enjoyed a long and well-deserved recess. I hope that as we head into the winter months your holidays were restful, filled with joy and an opportunity to re-connect with family.

I wanted to write in this edition about the tremendous effort our students have been putting forth this year. We all know that Newark Valley Schools is blessed with great students, but in times of change and increased expectations, the true nature of people comes out. I am proud to say that our children have met the new academic challenges they face with confidence, determination, and focus. I have witnessed a broad level of student engagement that surpasses anything I have seen over many years in education.

Most impressive is the ability of our students to remain resilient in the face of adversity. From our youngest students to our seniors, the ability to remain strong and on track is a testament not only to them, but to the values they bring from home.

As always, I am proud to be a part of such a caring and thoughtful community. Your support of, and care for, the education of the children of this community never fails to impress me. As a public servant, and a parent of children in this school district, I remain grateful for the cooperative effort that we undertake every day.

Sincerely,
Ryan Dougherty
- Superintendent of Schools

NTH Students Participate in BSens Magic Paintbrush Project



The Binghamton Senators welcomed the kids of Newark Valley and the Magic Paintbrush Project on Monday, November 13th for their Annual "Paint with the Players" Workshop. This special workshop was held at the Broome County Veterans Memorial Arena.

Each year the Binghamton Senators spend an afternoon with individuals with special needs at The Magic Paintbrush Project and this year they chose our school. The Project brings together special needs families, professional hockey players and a community of fans to cheer them on as they combine goals and gear with inspiration. The afternoon is a very

special session, always full of giggles and goals.

This event supports Individuals with special needs as they demonstrate how they use "team-



work" to successfully navigate the daily challenges of living with a disability. The Binghamton Senators join in the fun and become a member of the individual's team.

Pictured from left to right: Riley Lavine, Jacob Benjamin with BSen's Matt Puempel, Nathan Thompson being helped by BSen's Mark Stone.



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NTH Art Students Work with Discovery Center

Students of Nathan T. Hall are learning all about honey bees this year! The Discovery Center of the Southern Tier is currently working on their newest exhibit, "What's The Buzz- A Honey of an Exhibit!" and invited Mrs. Danielle Wasielewski and her art students to collaborate. Students are creating artwork that will be shown in the museum, to help teach visiting children. Kindergarten students are making projects about hexagons and how they create the structure of a beehive. First graders' bee drawings will teach others about the true anatomy of honey bees. Second grade is creating drawings of how animals besides the honey bee, contribute to pollination. Third grade is creating drawings of honey bees pollinating so many of the crops we depend on for food. Some student work will be included in the exhibit on site while other student work will be shown locally. We would like to thank The Discovery Center for providing us with the opportunity to learn about this important species, and with the supplies needed to make these projects a reality.

At left: Lia Quick is creating a drawing of a honey bee pollinating, which will be included in the UHS Annual Children's Holiday Art Exhibit at Wilson Medical Center's Art Gallery in the Decker Center lobby this December.

Pre-K Learns Safety From EMS Visit

The Pre-Kindergarten students at Nathan T. Hall Elementary learned how to respond if there ever were an emergency with help from the Broome Volunteer Emergency Squad and Berkshire EMS. The children learned about 911 phone calls and what is considered an emergency. They had the opportunity to see the inside of an ambulance and learned a little about their equipment. They discussed bullying and what to do if someone is bullying them or a friend. Pre-K says "NO" to bullying!



NV's Ray Barrett Honored

Congratulations to High School Custodian, Ray Barrett and his wife, Linda. The Newark Valley Historical Society, held a dinner for veterans on November 11th, Veterans Day, during which he Barrett's were presented with a plaque recognizing their volunteerism. "They have done so much for veterans," Kiechel said of the Barrett's. "They never say no and they're always right on top of things."

From the left, are Jim Raftis, Linda and Ray Barrett, and NV Historical Society member Marcia Kiechle. (Photo by Rick Stilson)



NVCS Common Core Curriculum Nights

Having had our first District Curriculum Night, we are encouraged by the high level of interest regarding the Common Core Curriculum and its implications both in the classroom and at home. Many thanks to all of those who were able to attend. And, while we would love for 100% participation, we fully recognize how busy your evenings can be and so we felt it important to provide families with a Common Core Toolkit so that you may continue to support your child in their learning.

In the chart below, you will find listed many of the resources and documents shared at Curriculum Night. Please know we will continue to look for further opportunities to share more information with you as we uncover it. As always, we encourage you to contact us with any additional questions or needs you may have. Your involvement is so appreciated in this meaningful work we are doing.

Regards,

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Bev Meagher, Math Coordinator
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Reference Documents

A Parent's Guide to Common Core Learning:

A general reference published by the NYS PTA and NYSUT.
http://nyspta.org/pdf/Advocacy/NYSPTA_NYSUT_Common_Core_Brochure_8.13.pdf

Parent Roadmaps to the Common Core Standards in ELA and Mathematics:

Each of these documents are specific to a grade and subject area. This is a great overview of what and how students are learning in the classroom. Useful links and suggestions for families are provided as well:
<http://www.cgcs.org/Page/328>

PK-5 Mathematics Curriculum Map:

<http://www.engageny.org/sites/default/files/resource/attachments/a-story-of-units-a-curriculum-overview-and-map-for-grades-p-5.pdf>

K-2 ELA Curriculum Plan:

<http://www.engageny.org/resource/grades-k-2-ela-curriculum-plan>

3-5 ELA Curriculum Map:

<http://www.engageny.org/sites/default/files/resource/attachments/curriculum-plan-grades-3-5.pdf>

6-8 Mathematics Curriculum Map:

<http://www.engageny.org/sites/default/files/resource/attachments/a-story-of-ratios-a-curriculum-overview-for-grades-6-8.pdf>

6-8 ELA Curriculum Map:

<http://www.engageny.org/sites/default/files/resource/attachments/ela-grades-6-8-curriculum-plan.pdf>

9-12 Mathematics Curriculum Map:

http://www.engageny.org/sites/default/files/resource/attachments/a_story_of_functions_curriculum_map_and_overview_9-12.pdf

Annotated 2013 3-8 ELA and Mathematics State Test Questions:
<http://www.engageny.org/resource/new-york-state-common-core-sample-questions>

Resource Links

EngageNY: This is the primary site for reference to Common Core standards, curriculum teaching modules, state test information, videos, etc:

<http://www.engageny.org/>

ELA and Math Curriculum Modules:

This link houses each of the published modules for Grades K – Geometry.

<http://www.engageny.org/common-core-curriculum>

Math Tutorial Resources:

Four Operation Fluency Practice:

<http://xtramath.org/>

Grades 1-Geometry Video Tutorials with Practice Sets:

<http://www.tenmarks.com/>

Grades 2-12 Video Tutorials with Practice Sets:

<http://learnzillion.com>

Grades 3 – Collegiate Math and Science Video Tutorials with Practice Sets:

<http://www.khanacademy.org/>

Videos

Recent Address by Education Commissioner John King (22:10):

<http://www.engageny.org/resource/our-feet-may-be-tired-but-our-souls-are-rested>

Teaching is the Core (7:36):

<http://www.engageny.org/resource/teaching-is-the-core>

Check Page 6 for more Math Resources for sixth and seventh grade.

HIGH HONOR ROLL - 10 WEEKS

GRADE 4
Piper Davis
Phaedra Day
Graciella Gardner
Hannah Holt
Jonathan Sherwood

GRADE 5
Timothy Bishop
John Boldis
Nathan Daniels
Shawn Deer
Felicia Fiacco
Kaila McNally
Dawson Moncalieri
Ragan Overstreet
Renee Riegel
Avigail Strohmeier
Allie Wandell
Leah Williams

GRADE 6
Marissa Berghorn
Colin Creeley
Regan Lanning
Kayla Malarkey
Riley Malone
Sarah Mertson
Emma Morgan
Joshua Post
Mara Skellett
Nathan Sokol
Alexander Umiker
Matthew Waterman

GRADE 7
Ivan Aylesworth
Benjamin Baker
Hannah Clark
Stephen Cowulich
Alissa Franco
Emily Holt
Kiley Kerns
Kristina Knight
William Knight
Kyle Pratt
Colleen Riegel
Brandon Rinkavage
Madison Sherwood
Marissa Silba
Alexis Williams

Micah Williams

GRADE 8
Phillip Babey
Robert Beck
Melinda Byrne
Lindsey Diego
Farrah Fiacco
Jordan LaBounty
Daniel Lindhorst
Ashlee Marsh
Amanda McNally
Mark Morykan
Kelly Perkins
Paityn Smith
Quartus Stieka
Lauren Tijerina

GRADE 9
Joshua Blazey
Aaron Gorsline
Jody Inderwies
Marisa Longo
Kaya Luciani
Madelyn Meagher
Daniel Popp
Alicia Scales
Morgan Sherwood
Thomas Shofkom
Jennifer Waterman
Hannah Williams

GRADE 10
Anna D'Arcy
Meagan Diego
Christopher Dutcher
Jessica Fitzgerald
Noah McMullin
Palmer Perkins
Emma Willard
Kyle Williams

GRADE 11
Maxwell Andersen
Micah Gorsline
Mikayla Heiss
Acala Hill
Philip Lindhorst
Jacqueline Maxian
Rebecca Miles
Rebecca Miller

Dylan Williams

GRADE 12
Kaitlin Coleman
Shilo Fuller
Amanda Gorsline
Mackenzie Harris
Savannah Howland
Heidi Inderwies
Frances Koziol
Kerra Matolka
Greg McMullin
Hailey Pytel
Eleni Riechers
Leanne Riegel
Cassie Robinson
Roman Steika
Moriah Teed

HONOR ROLL - 10 WEEKS

GRADE 4
Emmett Armbruster
Madison Bigelow
Patrick Bishop
James Keener
Paige Little
Molly McCloskey
Amber Slavik
Jadyn Vanzile
Rachael Walker
Alisha Westfall

GRADE 5
Andrew Ace
Maris Aylesworth
Emma Clark
Morgan Cwynar
Jacob Downey
Kayla Hill
Ashley Holt
Derrick Kalpokas
Kelsey Kerns
John Knapp
Isaac Lindridge
Kamden McCall
Kailee Payne
Brenton Rosenberg
John Simmons

HONOR ROLL - 10 WEEKS

Connor
Spoonhower
Stephanie Updike
Allison Walker
Leeanne Yammine

GRADE 6
Caden Bennett
Gavin Blee
Ronan Dougherty
Elizabeth Ferguson
Hayden Flesher
Gregor Geisenhof
Cassidy Hoffmier
Jordan Johnson
Michael Kasper
Katelyn Maine
Courtney Maule
Ashleigh Miller
Andrew Obregon
Chetan Overstreet
Brice Wager
Piper Workman

GRADE 7
Amber Bean
Jazmine Chase
Kyle Coffin
Daniel Cowulich
Kaitlyn Howarth
Trevor Gerdus
Emma Gregrow
Madison
Hartenstein
Debra Judson
Brady Mason
Victoria Mellem
Tressa
Nechwedowich
Gabriel Perkins
Evan Powell
Natalie Shofkom
Tyler Stevenson
Faith Stoughton
Elizabeth Zimmer

GRADE 8
Austin Bennett
Sydney Dean
Stefan Geisenhof
Chandler Guiles

Hunter Hoffmier
Jaysen Jester
Sean McCann
Patrick Pennay
Anna Simmons
Jacob Snapp
McKenzie
Swansbrough
Logan Sweet

GRADE 9
Ashley Brodie
Caitlyn Chase
Hannah
Crowningshield
Thomas Durand
Joanna Logerfo
Mya Milewski
Lillieonna Miller
Hannah Morse
Makayla
Nalepa-Cottrill
Emily Overstreet
Jacob Payne
Justin Post
Layna Pratt
Alyssa Sepelak
Lauren Shrauger
Gianno Silba
Cherish Simmons
Steven VanPatten
Hannah Willard

GRADE 10
Joshua Babey
Kevin Basel
Megan Botzenhart
Jordan
Burlingame-Ortloff
Madeline Byrne
Nicholas Getzke
Amy Giblin
Sullivan Harris
Madison Howland
Hannah Luszczek
Ryan Mathers
Madison Obregon
Peter Ortu
McKayla Parkin
Griffen Pompilio
Sierra Post

— **HONOR ROLL - 10 WEEKS** —

Allison Riegel
Briana Sokol
Bryanna Thomas

Ashley Pado
Esther Parmelee
Veronica Warner

GRADE 11

Samantha Benjamin
Cody Cornell
Taylor Cupp
Vincent Darpino
Kassondra Elliott
Joshua Felicetti
Kalei Fenn
Cole Ford
Brittney Gradel
Haley Hill
Ashley Kassapian
Kyle Martin
Jade Myrick
Kaylee Oliver
Jasmine Rosenberger
Karissa Umiker
Cayleen Young
Christina Zurzuski

**MERIT ROLL -
10 WEEKS**

GRADE 4

Riley Babcock
Taylor Benjamin
Matthew Bigelow
Hannah Ferguson
Kathryn Greene
Aden Hollenbeck
Jason Knight
Chase Labounty
Logan Mann
Noah Martin
Christian Pado
Gabrielle Pettit
Ashleigh Turnbull
Michael Wandell
Darrah Wright

GRADE 5

Gabriel Armstrong
Brianna Beebe
Aidan Cabrera
Cameron Carrier
Emma Graves
Jillianne Hanson
Rosaria Hines
Brooke Judson
Adam Keller
Collin McCall
David Mincher
Dominick Morse
Mackenna Nechwedowich
McKenzie Pado
Katelyn Perry
Eugene Scales
Steffi Schanbacher
Lindie Short
Joseph Woodmansee

GRADE 6

Clinton Baker
Ethan Bigelow

— **MERIT ROLL - 10 WEEKS** —

Dakota Clark
Brenna Fox
Deeken Frost
Joree Gregrow
Kaili Hulbert
Crysta Keller
Kennedy McNeil
Kendra Morris
Jenna Morse
Patricia-Anne Novak
Bradley Scymanski
April Simmons
Hailey Simpson
Jerry Thompson
Zachary VanOrder
Shanese Wagner
Alison Wales
Austin Wilcox

GRADE 7

Savannah Adams
Jessica Akers
Tylor Cummings
Jonathan Delles
Destiny Dunkle
Erika Dunn
Shelby Frink
Megan Gilbride
Jason Graham
Devon Hack
Mark Holland
Simon Keller
Serina Milewski
Sophia Nash
Haley Osburn
Savannah Perry
Tia Quick
Trentyn Rupert
Jared Titus

GRADE 8

Susan Armstrong
Tyler Beebe
Ryan Crispell
Ashlee Doncaster
Jordyn Doncaster
Ciarra Gee
Taylor Gregrow
Collen Hills
Paxton Jobson

Shawn Key
Paige Klingle
Breanna Kunik
Leah Ludwig
Nicole McNeal
Alexis Mounts
Elizabeth Persons
Allyah Simmons
Joshua Updike
Amber Wales
Autumn Wales

GRADE 9

Katelin Brown
Corey Coombs
Evan Engelhard
Maria Evans
Evan Heater
Jenna Hilliar
Taylor Lathrop-Young
Kiera Malarkey
Tyler Maule
Courtney McNeil
Shane Moshier
Ashlynn Payne
Anna Raymond
Shiley Rozelle
Barak Steika
Hendrix Welfel
Renee Wilcox
Chad Wright

GRADE 10

Jordan Brodfuehrer
Devon Cardone
Jordan Crispell
Davis Eastman
Paul Evenson
Ivy Falero
Alissa Goodrich
Cassie Hollenbeck
Thomas James
Katie Jobson
Brittany Kellogg
Catherine Lyke
Kristen Martin
Nicholas Miller
Aubrey Ruth
Nicholas Schermerhorn

Kylieray Stephens
Quiashawn Williams

GRADE 11

Autumn Bean
Pavla Bilkova
Tara Birkmeyer
Bethany Brown
Kristopher Card
Lillie Caskey
Tyrone Ferguson
Molly Graves
Dexter Hamilton
Dakota Hatton
Nathan Holt
Devan Kalpokas
Blake Novi
Molly Rogers
Tyler Rypkema
Brian Spicer
Anthony Spirito
Paige Steinhilber
Kayla Stewart
Andy Tavelli
Dawn Walters
Aryana Wing
Cassidy Yetter

GRADE 12

Kyle Beebe
Luke Benjamin
James Blee
John Bolson
Kassie Corey
Amber Cwynar
Thomas Dunnett
Alexis Ellis
Kegan Mikels
Shayne Parker
Tyler Peabody
Jay Polhamus
Troy Primus
Samantha Short
Christopher Standish
Samantha Swansbrough
Cassie Willard

Common Core Math Resources for Middle School Students

In the sixth and seventh grade we have created math websites as a resource for parents to use at home. With the new common core state standards, a lot of parents have expressed concerns about being able to help their children at home. Our websites include module topics, practice, and homework help. They are a work in progress, so please check back often to see what is new!

<http://schappertmath.weebly.com/>

<http://micheleamarinomath.weebly.com/>

Jessica Schappert – 6th grade math teacher

Michele Marino – 7th grade math teacher

5th Grade Award Winner!



Congratulations to fifth grader Felicia Fiacco for coming in 1st place in the annual regional American Chemical Society Poetry and Illustration Competition. The contest required students to write a poem about “Energy: Now and Forever”. Felicia won a gift certificate to Barnes & Noble and a lovely certificate to hang on her wall. Her poem will now go on to compete in the National competition! Great job!

Section 4 Quarterback of the Year



Vinnie Darpino, one of our own, was honored as the Section 4 Class C Quarterback of the Year by Channel 12. According to Channel 12 when announcing the winners: *“In Class C, we called his name all season: Newark Valley’s Vincent Darpino. Darpino was the engine that drove the NV team this year, as Newark Valley reached the section 4 semis before losing to Forks.”*

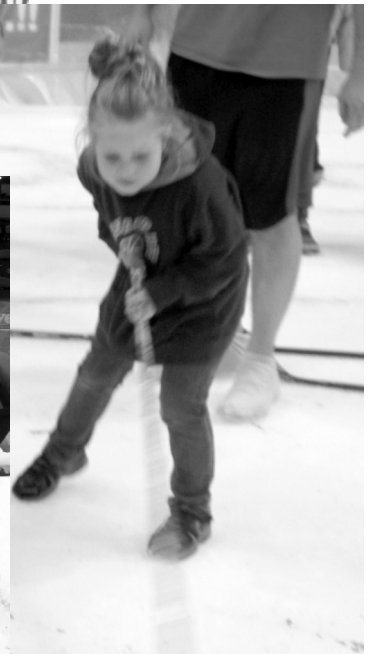
Section 4’s Class C has been a powerhouse in the state and boasts this year’s State Champion Chenango Forks. This is a great honor for Vinnie, who worked all year in the weight room and on the practice field. Next time you see him, please congratulate him for this accomplishment. Plus he is only a Junior!

NTH Visits BSens - Continued from Cover

These fun and beneficial activities included; “Z is for Zamboni” (A creative On Ice Activity) “Get In The Game” (a banner making activity) and the much anticipated “Slap Shot Art” returns to BSens home ice. These activities have been carefully developed to meet the identified goals of the individual The Magic Paintbrush Project serves, with abundant laughter and community inclusion.



Artwork created at this event will be on permanent display at The Broome County Veterans Memorial Arena as well as area businesses and community centers, and was displayed at BSens home games on December 6th & 7th.

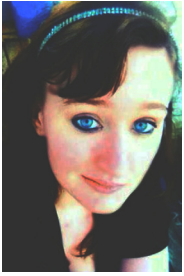


Pictured top to bottom: Maddie Laport and Senator Buddy Robinson, Rachel Yantis, Jason Tuttle being helped out by Senator Shane Prince, Janette Benting proudly shows off her artwork.



Valley Masquers Students Learn All Aspects of Theatrical Production

Students participating in Newark Valley's High School's Valley Masquers, led by Amy Knudsen, not only get a chance to learn about and experience all the performance and technical aspects of live theater, but also what it takes to direct a show. Seniors Cassandra Willard, who directed November's performance of *Frankenstein Slept Here*, and Hailey Pytel, director of *Hamlet Hears a Who*, shared their thoughts on this great experience:



Cassandra Willard

Directing the play *Frankenstein Slept Here* was an overall amazing experience and opportunity for me. I had so much fun piecing the play together as to what I envisioned. I love my cast so very much. They stayed patient with me, which I really needed. I honestly didn't think I could handle this; but Mrs. Knudsen had faith in me, which gave me strength to try.

I'm so glad I did, because I learned so much about what really needs to happen to get a play going, and I learned how much Mrs. Knudsen really does for us Masquers Kids. This was a great opportunity to have before I graduate later this year. I will hold onto these sweet and funny memories forever.



Hailey Pytel

Often times a teacher, or a club leader, only lets a student have a position as high as a president or vice-president for the club, but Mrs. Knudsen is different. In the upcoming plays for this fall students have had the opportunity to not only participate but to direct. As one of the directors, I find it as an experience I will not soon forget. Being trusted with an entire cast and to make my own decisions has really changed my outlook on how the performances at our school are put together. It's a lot of work. A director is quite honestly responsible for everything, and that gave me a new look at how hard our teachers and club leaders work on our per-

formances, be it a play, musical, or a concert. It is truly amazing how much they are able to accomplish, and now I am able to join in the fun! My play is a Seussified version of the famous play *Hamlet*, by William Shakespeare. I hope you enjoy the funky rhymes and hilarious costumes. I know I do. The best part though is working with my wonderful cast and crew. Dr. Series's once said "If I were invited to a dinner party with my characters, I wouldn't show." Thankfully I will admit I will be attending the cast party after the show. I wouldn't miss it for the world! Thank you.

Don't miss the Masquer's next production in February - see back page for more information!



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Saturday February 22, 2014
7:00pm