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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Let me begin this writing by wishing each and every one of you a happy New Year. I hope the holiday season was a special time for you and your loved ones, and that the year to come will be peaceful and prosperous for all.

With the start of the new year, we begin our annual budget development process here in the District. Much like the past several years, we will continue to face challenges and difficult decisions. However, the Board of Education remains committed to balancing the needs of our students with the ability of our taxpayers to support those needs.

Our capital project is progressing on schedule. Plans for phase one- which includes the replacement of several sections of roofing, the rehabilitation and preservation of Alexander Park dam, and the replacement of our tennis courts at the high school- have been submitted to the State Education Department for approval. It is our hope that these will be approved in time for us to begin work this summer. The design portion for phase two, which is primarily the new transportation facility and the redesign of the middle school cafeteria/kitchen, also continues. There is still much work to be done, and phase two groundbreaking is not

expected to commence until at least the spring of 2017, so please look for multiple updates in the future.

Finally, you may be aware that there have been several changes to the education law at the Federal level, as well as a number of recommendations for changes at the State level. The impact of these actual and potential changes remains to be seen. We are currently analyzing the new federal law and awaiting guidance from New York State on any shifts they may make. The impact that these could have on standards, testing, and local control remains unknown, although early indications are that it will be positive. As we come to a better understanding, we will keep stakeholders informed.

In closing, I would like to reiterate my thanks to our community for their continued support and commitment to the education of our students. As always, we will continue to work hard to provide our students with a balanced, high-quality education.

Sincerely,
Ryan Dougherty, Superintendent

There was stiff competition in this year's Middle School Holiday Door Decorating Contest. 2015's theme was "Alma Maters" as the students came up with creative ways to represent the high school or college a teacher attended. This was a great way for kids to learn more about their teachers and to appreciate the diverse community that makes up their school, as well as open their imaginations to future possibilities and opportunities. Fun and learning was had by all!



Newark Valley Teacher Wins VOYA Unsung Heroes Grant for Innovative Teaching Program

Since 1996, the Voya Unsung Heroes Program has awarded more than \$4.5 million to help the nation's educators turn creative teaching ideas into reality. Voya Financial, Inc., a leading provider of retirement plans for educators, announced this fall that Amanda Stanko (*below on right, with HS Principal Michelle Bombard*), a Chemistry teacher at Newark Valley High School in Newark Valley NY, has received a \$2,000 grant as part of the company's 2015 Unsung Heroes awards competition. Through the Voya Unsung Heroes program, Voya financial awards grants to K-12 educators nationwide to honor their innovative teaching methods, creative educational projects, and their ability to positively influence the children they teach.



A m a n d a Stanko's innovative teaching idea, "Fueling the Future," is focused on permanently bringing hydrogen fuel cell cars, which are powered by solar panels, into her classroom. The transparent car design allows students to see the inner mechanics of the vehicle, and includes a refueling station that produces hydrogen and oxygen from water. This project is a community effort that places emphasis on being futuristic and engaging and provides a great topical unit about alternative energy sources. The project will begin in the spring of 2016.

Selected from a group of nearly 1,000 applicants, Stanko is one of only 100 winners across the country who will receive this award to help fund and bring her program to life!

To learn more about this year's winning projects, as well as those from previous years, visit the Unsung Heroes website (unsungheroes.com). Applications for the 2016 Voya Unsung Heroes awards are currently being accepted through the website until April 30, 2016.

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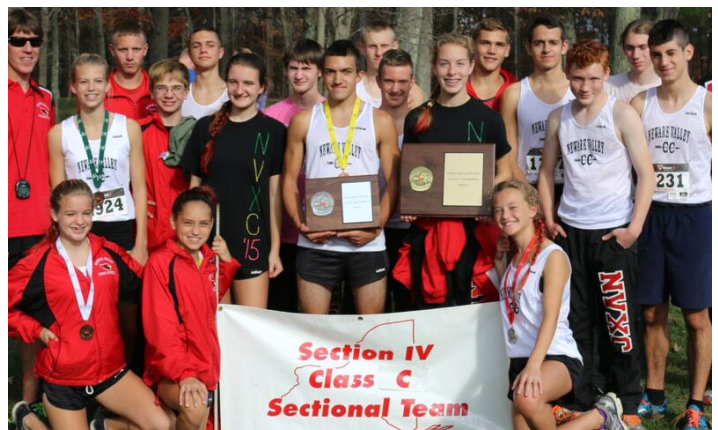
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Girls' and Boys' Cross-Country Wrap Up

It was a marvelous season for the Girls' Cross-Country team. After completing an undefeated 19-0 IAC season, and victories at the Owego, NV-Bob Greene, and Marathon Invitationals, they won an exciting IAC Championship. Despite being projected to lose by 5 points, all 7 runners displayed great determination and intensity and they won by 10 points, marking the program's 7th league title in the last 9 seasons.



The following Thursday, the girls won the Section IV Class C Championship, scoring 24 points to Waverly's 91, with freshmen Kristina Knight, Sophie Stewart, and Marissa Silba placing 2, 3, 4, 8th-grader Courtney Maule 5th, freshman Colleen Riegel 11th, junior Anna Raymond 13th, and sophomore Anna Simmons 42nd in a race of 64 runners. Their victory, the program's 9th in the last 11 years, qualified them for the N.Y. State Championship meet. Kristina, Sophie, Marissa, and Courtney earned 1st Team Section IV Class C All-Star status, while Colleen and Anna Raymond secured 2nd Team All-Star honors. This is the 2nd time in team history that 4 girls were 1st Team, but the 1st time that 6 girls were 1st or 2nd Team All-Stars.



At States, with 25-mph winds creating a wind-chill of 28 degrees, the running Lady Cardinals entered the meet as the #6 seed (of 11) based on Sectional championship performances, but were projected to place 4th based the program's history of performing well at

States. But the girls ran an inspired race, overcame the weather conditions, and became a top 3 team in the state. Their individual finishes were something to behold that day. This is the 3rd time that a Newark Valley Girls team has placed 3rd at States.

This young team's accomplishments were realized despite a season-long battle with growing pains, literally, which prevented the full complement of training from happening. Though they spent many training days unhappily riding the exercise bike or using the elliptical machine to save their knees and bone joints, the girls maintained the kind of focus and go-get-'em mental orientation that defines successful teams. Their hard work throughout the summer and fall, their team-first orientation, and their camaraderie resulted in this team, with no seniors but superb leadership from our two Anna's, becoming one of the most successful teams in NV's Cross-Country program history.

On the boys' side, the team recorded another stellar season going 17-2, placing 1st at the Bob Greene Invitational and 2nd at the IAC league and section IV class C championships. This year's team was led by an experienced group of runners who guided the team to its 12th straight year of placing in the top 2 at both the league and sectional championships.

Leading the boys' team throughout the season was junior Josh Blazey. Josh was a 1st team IAC and Section 4 Class C All-Star runner, and by placing 4th overall in the sectionals, he qualified for the NYS Championships in Woodbury NY. At the state meet, Josh would have another outstanding performance placing 25th in class C. With his performance Josh qualified for the NYS Federation championships in Wappinger Falls. Once again Josh was severely tested, and turned in another great race. Josh would end his season by running at the Northeast Footlocker Championships, placing 5th in the junior's race.

Also playing huge roles in the teams' success this year were Seniors Chris Dutcher (2nd team IAC All-Star), Kevin Basel, Nick Miller, and Ryan Mathers. These seniors have been a part of one of the most successful cross country programs in NYS and were great ambassadors for Newark Valley throughout the year. Along with the seniors, the team also had Juniors Zach Miller (2nd team IAC All-Star), Collin Wing, Tyler Maule, Gianni Silba and Cody Coombs, and Sophomores Robbie Beck, Jesse Kline and Aiden Cressman.

Thank you to our highly supportive parents, athletic director Ed Mertson, the administration, the Cardinal Booster Club, and the Building & Grounds Department for assisting us this season. Congratulations to both teams on another stellar season and thank you for representing Newark Valley Central Schools so well!

Cardinal Mentors Support 8th Grade Students

On Friday, November 20th, the Cardinal Mentors met with their 8th grader mentees for a period of fun and games and getting to know one another. Eighth graders were grouped with their mentors and participated in two different activities. One activity was the M & M game. The 8th graders were given a spoonful of M & M's and each color represented a different topic. For example, a blue M & M represented your most memorable moment. Students went around the table, taking turns discussing different topics based on their M & M's. Of course, everyone enjoyed eating their M & M's at the end of the activity!

The second game was "Would You Rather." Each group had several cards that asked, "would you rather....." Cards ranged from the most ridiculous, "would you rather skip for the rest of your life or walk backwards?" to the most disgusting, "would you rather eat live worms or live crickets?" Students had a great time explaining why they would rather do one over the other. There were some really lively discussions!

Mentors also checked in with their mentees about report cards, classes, attendance, and school activities. The goal was for Mentors to make another connection with their group members and check in with them since meeting for the first time at Alexander Pond.

Upcoming events for the Cardinal Mentors include a day of positive messages for mentees and an end of the year ice cream social.

5th Grader Wins Poster Contest

Congratulations to 5th grader Isabella Sheil for taking 2nd place in the American Chemical Society's National Chemistry Week Poster Contest! Isabella and her classmates studied this year's theme of how "Chemistry Colors Our World" in Family & Consumer Science by examining food dye. Students read and discussed articles and debated about the potential effects of artificial food dye on child development and then (due to their skepticism of its safety) made their own natural food dye. Then, they used their homemade dye to color some of their favorite foods in the kitchen lab! After studying this food chemistry topic, students wrote poems and drew pictures about how "chemistry colors our world". These poems and pictures were sent to the American Chemical Society for judging. Isabella's winning entry earned her a gift certificate to Barnes & Noble and we all learned a bit more about chemistry, artificial food dye and child development!

HIGH HONOR ROLL - 10 WEEKS

GRADE 12
Megan Botzenhart
Jordan Brodfuehrer
Anna D'Arcy
Meagan Diego
Christopher Dutcher
Jessica Fitzgerald
Amy Giblin
Alissa Goodrich
Hannah Luszczek
Ryan Mathers
Noah McMullin
Palmer Perkins
Emma Willard
Kyle Williams

GRADE 11
Joshua Blazey
Aaron Gorsline
Jody Inderwies
Kaya Luciani
Mya Milewski
Zachary Miller
Morgan Sherwood
Thomas Shofkom
Cherish Simmons
Jennifer Waterman
Hannah Willard
Hannah Williams

GRADE 10
Phillip Babey
Melinda Byrne
Lindsey Diego
Laura Durand
Farrah Fiacco
Jordan LaBounty
Daniel Lindhorst
Ashlee Marsh
Amanda McNally
Mark Morykan
Kelly Perkins
Paityn Smith
Quartus Steika

GRADE 9
Ivan Aylesworth
Hannah Clark
Emily Holt
Kiley Kerns
William Knight
Gabriel Perkins
Colleen Riegel
Brandon Rinkavage
Madison Sherwood
Natalie Shofkom
Marissa Silba
Micah Williams

GRADE 8
Samantha Allen
Caden Bennett
Marissa Berghorn
Colin Creeley
Elizabeth Ferguson
Hayden Flesher
Cassidy Hoffmier
Michael Kasper
Katelyn Maine
Kayla Malarkey
Riley Malone
Sarah Mertson
Ashleigh Miller
Andrew Obregon
Joshua Post
Mara Skellett
Nathan Sokol
Alexander Umiker
Brice Wager
Alison Wales
Matthew Waterman
Corey Young

GRADE 7
Maris Aylesworth
Timothy Bishop
John Boldis
Felicia Fiacco
Jillianne Hanson
Kayla Hill
Isaac Lindridge
Kaila McNally
Evelyn Medina
Renee Riegel
Avigail Strohmeier
Leah Williams

GRADE 6
Piper Davis
Phaedra Day
Hannah Ferguson
Faith Hymes
Mackenzie Lawrence
Paige Little
Molly McCloskey
Gabrielle Pettit
Jonathan Sherwood
Ashleigh Turnbull
Rachael Walker
Alisha Westfall
Hunter Williams

GRADE 5
Karli Berghorn
Katie Berghorn
Daniel Boldis

Justin Coleman
Layla Etienne
Jenna Hanson
Dellione King
Mackenzie Malone
Clara McCloskey
Virginia Mertson
Emma Miller
John Mincher
Hailey Moncalieri
Samuel Morgan
Joseph Sherwood
Isabella Shiel
Angelina Slougher
Logan Smith

GRADE 4
Mckenna Buck
Mikayla Lawrence
Erin Lewis
Fiona McMurray
Rachel Parisot
Daniel Pirger
Jamison Thompson
Joslyn Wright

HONOR ROLL - 10 WEEKS

GRADE 12
Sean Bigelow
Jordan Burlingame-Ortloff
Kyle Bussing
Madeline Byrne
Connor Coleman
Mackenzie Cron
Paul Evenson
Sullivan Harris
Madison Howland
Katie Jobson
Jamie Kamrowski
Austin Klinge
Catherine Lyke
Timothy MacDonald
Kristen Martin
Nicholas Miller
Madison Obregon
Peter Ortu
McKayla Pado
Michael Polhamus
Sierra Post
Allison Riegel
Aubrey Ruth
Nick Schermerhorn
Briana Sokol

HONOR ROLL - 10 WEEKS

Kyliray Stephens
Bryanna Thomas
Elora Weber
Quiashawn Williams

GRADE 11
Jacob Andersen
Alicia Bentley
Ashley Brodie
Corey Coombs
Jason Duke
Thomas Durand
Nathaniel Eggleston
Dakota Frank
Kali Gray
Kayla Hart-Cummings
Jenna Hilliar
Joanna Logerfo
Kiera Malarkey
Tyler Maule
Courtney McNeil
Montana Mead
Hannah Morse
Jacob Payne
Holly Pianosi
Layna Pratt
Shiley Rozelle
Alicia Scales
Alyssa Sepelak
Lauren Shrauger
Gianno Silba
Barak Steika

GRADE 10
Susan Armstrong
Robert Beck
Austin Bennett
Becca Bushong
Ryan Crispell
Chandler Guiles
Jaysen Jester
Paige Klinge
Leah Ludwig
Sean McCann
Anna Simmons
Jacob Snapp
Lauren Tjerina
Joshua Updike
Autumn Wales

GRADE 9
Amber Bean
Daniel Cowulich
Stephen Cowulich
Jonathan Delles
Taylor Edwards
Alissa Franco

Shelby Frink
Emma Gregrow
Madison Hartenstein
Hawa Hymes
Kristina Knight
Victoria Mellem
Sophia Nash
Tressa Nechwedowich
Kyle Pratt
Tyler Stevenson
Alexis Williams

GRADE 8
Ethan Bigelow
Gavin Blee
Ronan Dougherty
Deeken Frost
Gregor Geisenhof
Jordan Johnson
Regan Lanning
Jacob Ludwig
Courtney Maule
Emma Morgan
Michael Morse
Libby Northrup
Chante Scott
Noah Shiel
April Simmons
Makenna Tennant
Piper Workman

GRADE 7
Cameron Carrier
Emma Clark
Jacob Downey
Charlotte Dunn
Megan Felicetti
Emma Graves
Rosaria Hines
Ashley Holt
Derrick Kalpokas
Kelsey Kerns
Collin McCall
David Mincher
Dawson Moncalieri
Mackenna Nechwedowich
McKenzie Pado
Madison Peabody
Brenton Rosenberg
John Simmons
Connor Spoonhower
Allison Walker
Allie Wandell
Leeanne Yammine

HONOR ROLL - 10 WEEKS

GRADE 6
 Emmett Armbruster
 Riley Babcock
 Taylor Benjamin
 Madison Bigelow
 Matthew Bigelow
 Patrick Bishop
 Cameron Cole
 Graciella Gardner
 Hunter Gorsline
 Kathryn Rose Greene
 Aden Hollenbeck
 James Keener
 Jason Knight
 Chase LaBounty
 Logan Mann
 Noah Martin
 Christian Pado
 Amber Slavik
 Jady Vanzile
 Darrah Wright

Lorelei Cole
 Madison Davis
 Cora Denis
 Hailey Engbith
 Makana Gardner
 Skye Gorsline
 Brady Hill
 Matthew Kasper
 Matthew Keller
 Raechelle Mathewson
 Jerod Meddaugh
 Michael Medina
 Seth Northrop
 Shay Reynolds
 Kathleen Rombach
 Jared Shilliff
 Harley Switzer
 Elizabeth Waterman

MERIT ROLL - 10 WEEKS

GRADE 5
 Michelle Brooks
 John Fiacco
 Kalyna Graham
 Jared Green
 Alexis Haines
 Daniel Hall
 Mason Hulbert
 Anvil Illsley
 Tristan Jones
 Cassidy Kunze
 Kyra Maine
 Troy Middendorf
 Ashley Moncalieri
 Kasey Murphy
 Sarah Raymond
 Owen Sailus
 Kathryn Schanbacher
 Jaden Short
 Kathryn Simmons
 Austin Smith
 Corbin Swindler
 Tatiana Tarbox
 Ryli Titus
 Sandra Vaughn
 Evan Wolfer

GRADE 12
 Joshua Babey
 Kevin Basel
 Mikaela Brito
 Devon Cardone
 Jordan Crispell
 Davis Eastman
 Kaylee Goodrich
 Shianne Hall-Bickham
 Cassie Hollenbeck
 Brittany Kellogg
 Joshua Kline
 Jesse Lovejoy
 Brinson McDonough
 Griffen Pompilio
 Shawn Potter
 Shayne Spoonhower
 Andrew Yammine

GRADE 11
 Shania Armstrong
 Katelin Brown
 Caitlyn Chase
 Andrew Coleman
 Cody Coombs
 Evan Engelhard
 Kyamesha Ford
 Evan Heater
 Sidney Hunt
 Ryan Hynes
 Ruby Kidwell
 Shelby Lawrence
 Marisa Longo

GRADE 4
 Madyson Armstrong
 Kaitlyn Babcock
 Midori Barrett
 Mackenzie Benjamin
 Alyssa Brown
 Miranda Brown

MERIT ROLL - 30 WEEKS

Robert Marshall
 Kaitlin Martin
 Shane Moshier
 Nina Mounts
 Daniel Popp
 Justin Post
 Richard Powell
 Anna Raymond
 Spencer Short
 Brett Stewart
 Hendrix Welfel
 Renee Wilcox
 Chad Wright

GRADE 10
 Molly Baker
 Andrew Bentley
 Sydney Dean
 Ashlee Doncaster
 Mariah Dunnett
 Ciarra Gee
 Stefan Geisenhof
 Taylor Gregrow
 Collen Hills
 Taylor Kalpokas
 Shawn Key
 Breanna Kunik
 Lily Morgan
 Arielle Mosher
 Richard Moshier
 Alexis Mounts
 Patrick Pennay
 Elizabeth Persons
 Jonni Robinson
 McKenzie Swansbrough
 Logan Sweet
 Haley Tennant
 Morgan Tompkins
 Kyle Trescot
 Michael Walburn
 Amber Wales
 Tiffany Webster

GRADE 9
 Jazmine Chase
 Justin Demmer
 Trevor Gerdus
 Megan Gilbride
 Lauren Gwardyak
 Simon Keller
 Arianna King
 Brady Mason
 Serina Milewski
 Evan Powell
 Tia Quick
 Faith Stoughton

GRADE 8
 Clint Baker
 Jack Coleman
 Colby Davis
 Trace Davis
 Summer Elliott
 Aryana Ferguson
 Joree Gregrow
 Madison Huckle
 Crysta Keller
 Zachary Kwiatkowski
 Iris Lynch
 Kennedy McNeil
 Kimberlee Mertson
 Kendra Morris
 Patricia Novak
 Tucker Pettit
 Billi Robinson
 Timothy Rogers
 Preston Schrader
 Zachary VanOrder
 Lucas Wagner

GRADE 7
 Brianna Beebe
 Andrew Ace
 Gabriel Armstrong
 Levi Arnold
 Johnathon Bruno
 Morgan Cwynar
 Joshua Duke
 Raidyn Ford
 Savannah Jordan
 Adam Keller
 Leila King
 Kamden McCall
 Dominick Morse
 Gabriel Otero
 Rayne Reynolds
 Eugene Scales
 Steffi Schanbacher
 Lindie Short
 Stephanie Updike
 Zachery Urquhart
 Emily Van Patten
 Joseph Woodmansee
 Connor Yetter

GRADE 6
 Megan Boyce
 Mark Davey
 Victoria Geisenhof
 Natilie Graham
 Kori Hall
 Haylie Hammond
 Hannah Holt
 Luke Rinkavage

Ethan Skeide
 Makayla VanOrder
 Michael Wandell
 Andrew Waterman
 Austin Weeks
 GRADE 5
 Lillian Austin
 Hayley Beebe
 Austin Brundza
 Kylee Carrier
 Jayson Chase
 Daniel Cieri
 Megan Cornell
 Daphney Craft
 Maxwell Flesher
 Jasmine Graham
 Barden Hines
 Broderick Hines
 Logan Klinge
 Gavin Mann
 Cara Milewski
 Brenna Powell
 Christa Schanbacher
 Brianna Searle
 Landon Spoonhower
 Amy Trescot
 Jonathan Umiker
 Larissa Wolfer
 Mason Woodman
 Brandon Yurko

GRADE 4
 Mathieu Bauer
 Zachery Brodfuehrer
 Tristin Daniels
 Mackenzie Day
 Malachi Grant
 Myranda Holcomb
 Levi Holt
 Eric Hunt
 Dallas Jensen
 Kaiden Pado
 Brendan Plagens
 Haley Scott
 Aiyanna Stebbins
 Brooke Swindler
 Connor Vanzile
 Jesiyah Young

MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2016

The purpose of this informational message is to inform school superintendents, principals, nurses and administrators of new meningococcal vaccine school requirements that will take effect on September 1, 2016.

On October 26, 2015, Governor Cuomo signed into law Chapter 401 of the laws of 2015 which amended New York State (NYS) Public Health Law (PHL) section 2164 to require children entering or attending seventh and twelfth grades on or after September 1, 2016 to receive an adequate dose or doses of vaccine against meningococcal disease as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). Meningococcal meningitis is a serious disease which can lead to death within hours. Survivors may be left with severe disabilities, including the loss of limbs, cognitive deficits, paralysis, deafness, or seizures. In the coming year, the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) will work with the New York State Education Department and other partners to draft regulations and establish updated immunization requirements charts and other materials to help implement this new requirement.

The ACIP recommendations for meningococcal vaccine are:

- A single dose of vaccine against meningococcal serogroups A, C, W-135, and Y (MenACWY vaccine; brand names Menactra® or Menveo®) should be administered to all adolescents at age 11 or 12 years.
- A second (booster) dose of MenACWY vaccine should be administered at age 16 years.
- The booster dose is not necessary for adolescents who receive the first dose of MenACWY at 16 years of age or older.
- The minimum interval between doses of MenACWY vaccine is 8 weeks.
- A serogroup B meningococcal vaccine series (MenB vaccine) may be administered to adolescents and young adults 16 through 23 years of age, at the discretion of the healthcare provider. The preferred age for MenB vaccine is 16 through 18 years of age.

For more information, please see the websites below:

NYSDOH Meningococcal Disease Fact Sheet http://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/meningococcal/fact_sheet.htm

NYSDOH Childhood and Adolescent Immunizations web page: http://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/childhood_and_adolescent.htm

MS STEM Night in January!

NV Middle School will host our district's 4th annual family STEM Night on Wednesday, January 27th, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. All students from Nathan T. Hall and their families are invited to come experience the fun of integrating science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Students and various groups from NV Middle & High Schools, Kopernik, Binghamton University and Broome Community College will have a variety of presentations and hands on activities for students in Pre-K through 3rd grade. We are also encouraging our high school students to attend this year to learn more about the STEM majors and programs offered at our local colleges. Admission to STEM night is free and there will also be snacks and giveaways.

Students Earn Highest Scout Rank

Three scouts (*pictured below right*) from Troop 30 have earned the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest advancement rank in Boy Scouting.

Thomas Durand's Eagle Scout Project was completed at Alexander Pond. His project included the replacement and construction of all the foot bridges encompassing the pond and the clearing of all the trails. The trails are used by students of NVCS and the community. He organized the work crews, scheduled work times, secured supplies and supervised the completion of the project. Thomas is a junior and the son of Reed and Julie Durand of Owego.

Tyler Maule's Eagle Scout Project was completed at the training grounds of the NV Fire Station. His project was the construction of a 20' x 30' pavilion situated by their training center. The pavilion will be mainly used as a classroom but is also used by medics if a firefighter is injured. He made drawings, obtained the proper permits, secured supplies, organized work crews, scheduled work times and supervised the completion of the pavilion. Tyler is a junior and the son of Jon and Denise Maule of Newark Valley.

Alex Umiker's Eagle Scout Project was the mapping of a section of the Berkshire Evergreen Cemetery. His project consisted of identifying each plot to find out if it is owned and/or occupied. The process consisted of cross checking deed and burial books as well as visual observations at the cemetery. Once an accurate compilation was done, an Excel spreadsheet of the data was provided to the cemetery along with a hard copy map for reference. He organized the work crews, scheduled work times and supervised the completion of the project. Alex is in 8th grade and the son of Scott and Karen Umiker of Newark Valley.

Congratulations to all three boys for their outstanding achievement in Boy Scouts!

G & H's Holiday Sweet Shop

By Daphney Craft and Mackenzie Malone

On Saturday December 12th, Mrs. Giblin's and Mrs. Hager's classes ran the G & H Kids' Sweet Shop at the Holiday Magic Festival in Newark Valley. They made

no-bake cookies, blizzard mix, reindeer treats, peppermint bark, and chocolate covered pretzels. It



was all to raise money for the Washington D.C. trip. They had some help in the kitchen from many, many, parents. And we appreciate them so much.



The kids did very well at greeting the customers. A few of our best sellers were reindeer treats and peppermint pigs which were made with the help of our 7th grader Joey Woodmansee. The 5th graders also did

all the packaging. Since the 5th graders did the holiday sweet shop, they learned the importance of community service.



Eagle Scouts Thomas Durand, Tyler Maule and Alex Umiker



6th Grade Kindness Wall

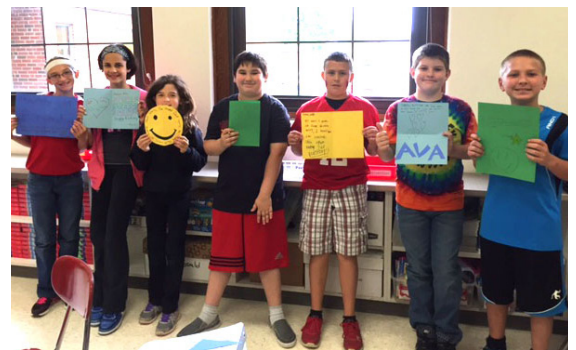
Students in Mrs. Gould's and Mrs. Sage's 6th grade ELA classes have been learning about choosing kindness as a theme in the book they are reading – **Wonder** by RJ Palacio. Students have been becoming more



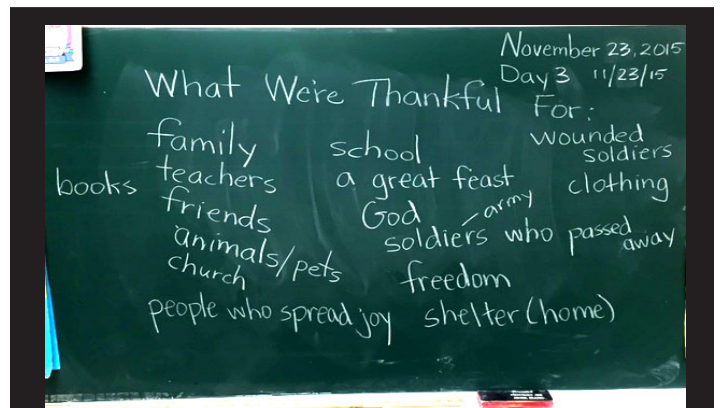
aware of the little things they can do every day for their friends, family, classmates, teachers, school staff, etc. We wanted to ex-

pand the idea of "Random Acts of Kindness" beyond Newark Valley Middle School and the people they know, so after watching a news clip about a little girl named Ava in Colorado who was born with a rare birth defect called congenital diaphragmatic hernia, or CDH, our students decided to make cards for Ava for her upcoming 3rd birthday. They had learned that the previous year, no one showed up to her birthday party. Ava's mother explained that, "People are afraid of what they

don't understand," and have treated Ava differently. Students made connections between Ava



and August, the main character in **Wonder**. Additionally, Mrs. Gould has created a "Kindness Wall" in the 6th grade hallway, where acts of kindness are displayed for all to see.



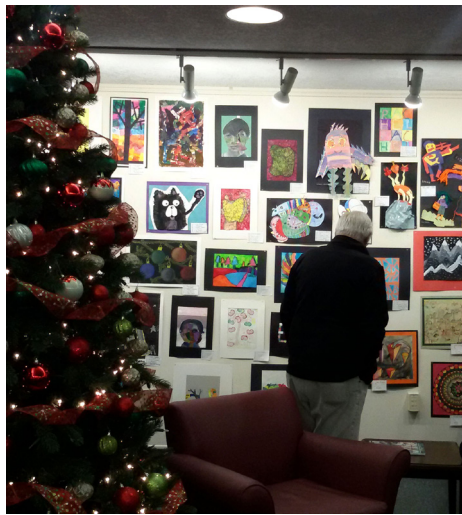
Chalk board from Theresa Asfoury's 2nd grade class when she asked them to brainstorm things they were thankful for.

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NV Students Exhibit Work at UHS Art Show

Some budding Newark Valley artists had their work displayed at the UHS Children's Holiday Art Exhibit from December 14-January 16th. Artwork by students in Lindsay Welch's NTH Elementary classes and Laura Johnson's Middle School classes from 4th - 6th grade were included in the show highlighting the creativity of kids from nearly 30 area schools. Families, teachers and local media gathered for an opening reception in the Gallery of the Wilson Medical Center on December 14th, and all were impressed by the skill and imagination on display. As the show's organizer, UE elementary art teacher Greg Bohner explains, "Art is sometimes underrepresented in the schools and this gets us into the community and shows us what the children can do. We highlight their abilities. This is just a fortunate moment for me and all of the other art teachers involved to get a chance to bring their best work and display it." Ms. Welch and Ms. Johnson were both very proud to have their students' work included in this exhibit.



The public enjoyed viewing works by NVCS D students at the Wilson Medical Center Gallery



A large crowd, including WBNG TV, WICZ TV News and the Binghamton Press attends the opening reception.

Congratulations...

... to 7th grader Madi-Lyn Goodwin!

Madi-Lyn is interested in becoming a graphic designer so, as part of her Career Academy



experience, she entered a logo design contest sponsored by the New York State Association for Career & Technical Education. The logo had to represent all the CTE disciplines (Agriculture Education, Technology & Engineering Education, Business, Family & Consumer Science, and Health Sciences) and highlight the idea that all CTE disciplines grow together.

Madi-Lyn was actually paid for her design by NYSACTE! We're very proud of her and know she has a bright future in whatever profession she chooses to pursue (although, getting paid as a graphic designer at 12 years old makes us think she might want to keep that career pathway in mind!).