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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

I had the opportunity last week to serve as a judge for the annual Festival of Leadership and Learning at Nathan T. Hall Elementary. If you aren't aware, the Festival is a chance for our elementary students to select and research a topic of their choice and create a presentation. These presentations are set up and conducted in the gymnasium, at which time they are scored by a member of the school staff. Students are rated on their research, creativity, public speaking and organization; among other items. It is quite challenging, as all of the students do a fantastic job and demonstrate a level of knowledge and enthusiasm that is remarkable.

I relay this story because it is a point of contrast to the direction schools are being driven in in New York State. Recently, the Governor has chosen to double down the role of high-stakes testing in public education. Interestingly, this is in direct opposition to the vast majority of other states, and most educational experts, who are questioning the wisdom of this approach. To be sure, I don't think anyone in education would argue that testing should be eliminated altogether. The NYS Regents exams have, over the decades, proven to be a sound and reliable measure for high school students and teachers. Additionally, prior to No Child Left Behind, the NYS math and ELA exams administered at grades 4 and 8 served as useful assessments for diagnosing and developing strong educational strategies and programming for students as they moved into the middle and high schools.

Unfortunately, as time has gone on, policy makers have demanded that education be quantified more and more by high-stakes summative exams. The main concern of parents and educators is that this will have the effect of crowding out the very type of learning experience I described in the first paragraph. As the parent of students in 10th grade, 7th grade, and one soon to be in pre-K; I understand these concerns from both sides.

At Newark Valley Schools, we have taken great pains to ensure this doesn't happen to our students. This is not to say our faculty and staff do not take exams seriously- we do. In fact, we take every aspect of our students' education seriously. However, we have not lost sight of the value of a well-rounded education. We want our kids to have a positive educational experience in total. This goes far beyond summative exams. Kids are naturally curious and, in most cases, want to learn. Our staff, and especially our teachers, have worked extremely hard to meet both the demands of the new standards and exams as well as ensuring that we maintain those elements that all of us recognize as critical to a child's love of learning. This has been a tremendous challenge, and an extraordinary amount of hard work, but we will not subscribe to a philosophy that our kids can be reduced to a test score.

In light of proposed policy changes in Albany, this challenge will continue to grow. I want to ensure our parents that we will continue to work to find ways to make your child's education a meaningful and well-rounded experience. We owe our children this, and it is the reason we entered this profession in the first place. Additionally, we will continue to do our best to meet the demands set before us by the State- whether we agree with them or not. This is often the hardest task, but just because it is hard or unreasonable doesn't excuse us of our responsibilities.

In closing, I would like to thank all of you who partner with us in this endeavor. Our community support has been second to none. At the end of the day, what matters is that we keep our kids first. This is something that our community excels at.

Sincerely,

Ryan Dougherty
- Superintendent of Schools

Friends of Rachel Volunteers Share Valentines

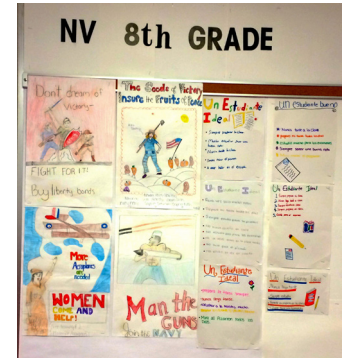
Members of Friends of Rachel wanted every student at Newark Valley High School to feel special for Valentine's Day this year. On Wednesday, February 11th, club members worked tirelessly after school designing, cutting out and hanging Valentines on every locker in the school. It was a wonderful surprise for each student on Thursday morning to see their locker decorated with a heart and a special message. Pictured are just some of the members who put in extra time and stayed late to make this happen! From left to right: Maddy Byrne, Nick Miller, Jordan Brod-fuehrer, and Kyle Martin.



New Display Board

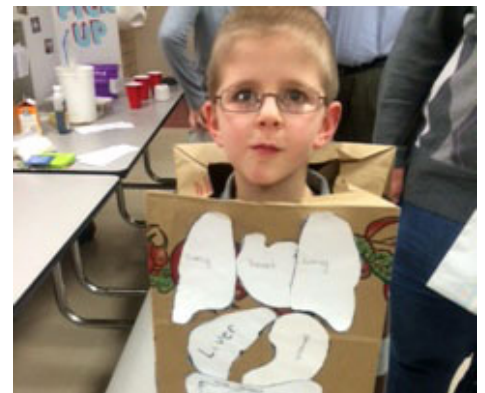
Special thanks go to Gary Hoskins and the guys from building and grounds for putting up our new bulletin board in the 8th grade hallway. Now teachers can display some of the outstanding work being done by our 8th graders.

Thanks to Ms. Marino for taking the picture.



MS STEM Night Inspires, Informs and Entertains

A STEM Family Night was held at the Newark Valley Middle School on January 29, 2015 from 6 – 7:30 PM for families and students of grades Pre-K through 3rd grade. Over 200 people took part in this program. STEM Family Night was created to inspire students in science, technology, engineering and math. The night was full of cutting edge technology and hands-on demonstrations designed to bolster students' interest in STEM-related careers. UHS brought a "Germ Buster" to check for clean hands, WSKG showed a free Math support program called "Good to Know" and Kopernik joined us as well sharing an actual meteorite. Sixth, seventh, and eighth graders shared more than 30 activities. Examples included how to make ice cream, how music affect mood, and estimation.



Newark Valley High School Welcomes New Principal

On January 30, 2015, Mrs. Diane Arbes retired from her position as High School Principal at Newark Valley. Mrs. Arbes has served the students of this district for 30 years as both a teacher and principal. Additionally, Mrs. Arbes served as an administrator at Broome-Tioga BOCES for a number of years.



The Board of Education, at their meeting of January 26th, 2015, appointed Michelle Bombard (above) as the new High School Principal. Mrs. Bombard has been an employee of Newark Valley Schools for five years, serving first as the Library Media Specialist at the High School, and, most recently, as the Director of Curriculum and Information Services as well as the Director of Educational Technology. Michelle grew up in Nichols, NY and is a graduate of Tioga Central Schools. She earned her Bachelor's degree from The College of Saint Rose, and her Master's degree from Syracuse University. In addition to her administrative credentials, Michelle holds teaching certifications in Library/Media and English.

Mrs. Bombard has proven herself repeatedly to be a student-centered, service oriented educator. She has been instrumental in developing and implementing, among other things, our blended and on-line courses, as well as the development of our high school café, which will serve as the centerpiece of our entrepreneurial education program. Please join us in welcoming Mrs. Bombard in her new position, as well as wishing Mrs. Arbes the best as she embarks on the next chapter of her life.

HS Students Participate in Scholarship Challenge

For the first time in a decade, Newark Valley High School is participating in the Choice 102 Scholarship Challenge. The team of five seniors competes against other local schools in a Jeopardy-style quiz bowl for a unique and fun learning opportunity. This year's team members are Micah Gorsline, Max Andersen, Anthony Spirito, Acala Hill, and Rebecca Miles. These students also have the opportunity to apply for two separate scholarships in addition to any cash prizes they may win as a team. Newark Valley's first live match is planned to occur in the Patterson Auditorium in Sayre, Pennsylvania.

AP Scholar Awards

Four Newark Valley High School Class of 2014 graduates have earned the College Board's designation of AP Scholar in recognition of exceptional achievement on the Advanced Placement Program (AP) Exams.

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program offers students the opportunity to take challenging college-level courses while still in high school, and to receive college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the AP Exams. Almost 15 percent of the more than one million high school students in more than 14,000 secondary schools worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to merit the recognition of AP Scholar.

Mackenzie Harris has been recognized as an AP Scholar with Honor for completing four Advanced Placement Exams with scores of 3 or higher and Savannah Howland, Roman Steika and Moriah Teed have qualified as AP Scholars by completing three AP Exams with scores of 3 or higher. Mackenzie is currently a freshman at the University of Rochester, Savannah is at the University at Buffalo, Roman is at Binghamton University and Moriah is currently at Wilkes University. Congratulations on being recognized with this prestigious honor!

Newark Valley Pre-K & Kindergarten Registration

Registration for children who will be attending Pre-K & Kindergarten in the Newark Valley Central School District in September 2015 will be held the week of March 16-20 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily and on the evening of Thursday, March 19 from 6-8 pm at Nathan T. Hall Elementary School.

Children who will be five years old on or before December 1, 2015 are eligible to enter Kindergarten for the 2015-2016 school year. Children who will be four years old on or before December 1, 2015 are eligible to enter Pre-K for the 2015-2016 school year.

Parents or guardians of children listed in our current school census database will be notified by mail. Please call the Nathan T. Hall Elementary School office at 642-3340 x1 if you have not received a post card by February 27th.

Parents or guardians should bring their child's birth certificate, immunization record and two proofs of residency. Parents are reminded that New York State law requires written proof that all students have immunization against polio, measles, diphtheria, mumps, rubella, varicella (chicken pox) and hepatitis B or medical verification of any of the above illnesses.

— HIGH HONOR ROLL - 20 WEEKS —

GRADE 12

Maxwell Andersen
Taylor Cupp
Cole Ford
Micah Gorsline
Brittney Gradel
Acala Hill
Phillip Lindhorst
Rebecca Miles
Hunter Osborn
Katie Pirger
Anthony Spirito
Dylan Williams

GRADE 11

Meagan Diego
Christopher Dutcher
Noah McMullin
Palmer Perkins
Allison Riegel
Kyle Williams

GRADE 10

Joshua Blazey
Thomas Durand
Aaron Gorsline
Kaya Luciani
Madelyn Meagher
Zachary Miller
Alicia Scales
Morgan Sherwood
Thomas Shofkom
Jennifer Waterman
Hannah Williams

GRADE 9

Phillip Babey
Lindsey Diego
Laura Durand
Jordan LaBounty
Daniel Lindhorst
Amanda McNally
Mark Morykan
Anna Simmons

GRADE 8

Ivan Aylesworth
Benjamin Baker
Jazmine Chase
Hannah Clark
Alissa Franco
Emily Holt
Kiley Kerns
Kristina Knight
William Knight
Bethany Lindquist
Victoria Mellem
Gabriel Perkins

Brandon Rinkavage
Madison Sherwood
Natalie Shofkom
Marissa Silba
Tyler Stevenson
Alexis Williams
Micah Williams

GRADE 7

Marissa Berghorn
Colin Creeley
Hayden Flesher
Cassidy Hoffmier
Regan Lanning
Katelyn Maine
Kayla Malarkey
Riley Malone
Sarah Mertson
Ashleigh Miller
Emma Morgan
Andrew Obregon
Joshua Post
Alexander Umiker
Matthew Waterman

GRADE 6

Maris Aylesworth
Timothy Bishop
John Boldis
Felicia Fiacco
Renee Riegel
Avigail Strohmeier
Leah Williams

GRADE 5

Taylor Benjamin
Madison Bigelow
Phaedra Day
Hannah Ferguson
Graciella Gardner
James Keener
Molly McCloskey
Gabrielle Pettit
Jadyn Vanzile
Rachael Walker
Alisha Westfall

GRADE 4

Karli Berghorn
Katie Berghorn
Layla Etienne
Clara McCloskey
Emma Miller
John Mincher
Owen Sailus
Joseph Sherwood
Isabella Shiel
Logan Smith

HONOR ROLL- 20 WEEKS

GRADE 12

Henry Armstrong
Tara Birkmeyer
Lillie Caskey
Cody Cornell
Vincent Darpino
Jessica Delo
Kassondra Elliott
Joshua Felicetti
Kalei Fenn
Tyrone Ferguson
Dakota Hatton
Mikayla Heiss
Haley Hill
Ashley Kassapian
Rebecca Miller
Elizabeth Poirier
Molly Rogers
Jasmine
Rosenberger
Carlton Snapp
Kayla Stewart
Cassidy Tobey
Aryana Wing
Cassidy Yetter
Cayleen Young
Christina Zurzuski

GRADE 11

Joshua Babey
Megan Botzenhart
Jordan Brodfuehrer
Madeline Byrne
Devon Cardone
Anna D'Arcy
Jessica Fitzgerald
Amy Giblin
Alissa Goodrich
Madison Howland
Katie Jobson
Joshua Kline
Jesse Lovejoy
Hannah Luszczek
Kristen Martin
Ryan Mathers
Sierra Post
Amber Smith
Briana Sokol
Bryanna Thomas
Emma Willard
Quiashawn
Williams

GRADE 10

Katelin Brown
Heather Kaczynski
Joanna Logerfo

Marisa Longo
Kiera Malarkey
Tyler Maule
Mya Milewski
Hannah Morse
Holly Pianosi
Justin Post
Layna Pratt
Alyssa Sepelak
Gianno Silba
Cherish Simmons
Barak Steika
Hannah Willard
Collin Wing

GRADE 9

Susan Armstrong
Robert Beck
Austin Bennett
Julie Brown
Becca Bushong
Melinda Byrne
Farrah Fiacco
Chandler Guiles
Jaysen Jester
Ashlee Marsh
Sean McCann
Patrick Pennay
Kelly Perkins
Paityn Smith
Jacob Snapp
Quartus Steika
McKenzie
Swansbrough
Lauren Tijerina

GRADE 8

Jazmine Chase
Daniel Cowulich
Stephen Cowulich
Cayleigh Craft
Jonathan Delles
Justin Demmer
Taylor Edwards
Shelby Frink
Megan Gilbride
Emma Gregrow
Lauren Gwardyak
Arianna King
Victoria Mellem
Serina Milewski
Davis Morais
Sophia Nash
Tressa
Nechwedowich
Evan Powell
Kyle Pratt

Tyler Stevenson
Julianne
Summerfield
Micah Williams

GRADE 7

Samantha Allen
Caden Bennett
Gavin Blee
Ronan Dougherty
Elizabeth Ferguson
Crysta Keller
Courtney Maule
April Simmons
Mara Skellet
Nathan Sokol
Brice Wager
Alison Wales
Corey Young

GRADE 6

Andrew Ace
Emma Clark
Morgan Cwynar
Jacob Downey
Megan Felicetti
Jillianne Hanson
Kayla Hill
Rosaria Hines
Derrick Kalpokas
Kesley Kerns
Leila King
Isaac Lindridge
Collin McCall
Kaila McNally
David Mincher
Mackenna

Nechwedowich
Madison Peabody
Brenton Rosenberg
John Simmons
Stephanie Updike
Allison Walker
Allie Wandell
Leeanne Yammine

GRADE 5

Emmett Armbruster
Matthew Bigelow
Patrick Bishop
Piper Davis
Natilie Graham
Kathryn Greene
Haylie Hammond
Hannah Holt
Emma Kelley
Jason Knight
Chase LaBounty
Alexander Lindquist

**HONOR ROLL -
— 20 WEEKS —**

Paige Little
Chyanne Murphy
Luke Rinkavage
Jonathan Sherwood
Ashleigh Turnbull
Darrah Wright

GRADE 4

Michelle Brooks
Justin Coleman
Jasmine Graham
Mason Hulbert
Anvil Illsley
Dellione King
Logan Klinge
Kyra Maine
Mackenzie Malone
Virginia Mertson
Troy Middendorf
Ashley Moncalieri
Hailey Moncalieri
Samuel Morgan
Sarah Raymond
Kathryn Simmons
Angelina Slougher
Austin Smith
Corbin Swindler
Ryli Titus
Sandra Vaughn
Mason Woodman



GRADE 12

Riley Ayers
Autumn Bean
Samantha Benjamin
Alanna Biata
Bethany Brown
Molly Graves
Dexter Hamilton
Nathan Holt
Nicholas Holt
Michael Hyde
Devan Kalpokas
Ashley Kunik
Nathan Lawton
Kyle Martin
Jade Myrick
Blake Novi
Brandon Ogden
Kaylee Oliver
McKayla Parkin
Victoria Raupers
Sam Stewart
Andy Tavelli
Karissa Umiker
Michael VanRiper

GRADE 11

Amanda Barros
Connor Coleman
Jordan Crispell
Davis Eastman
Paul Evenson
Kaylee Goodrich
Shianne Hall-Bickham
Cassie Hollenbeck
Catherine Lyke
Madison Obregon
Peter Ortu
Michael Polhamus
Griffen Pompilio
Andrew Yammine

GRADE 10

Andrew Coleman
Hannah Crowningshield
Evan Engelhard
Kyamesha Ford
Kayla Hart-Cummings
Gabrielle Heater
Jenna Hilliar
Ruby Kidwell
Robert Marshall
Courtney McNeil

MERIT ROLL - 20 WEEKS

Montana Mead
Ilya Moroz
Shane Moshier
Nina Mounts
Caleb Osburn
Jacob Payne
Anna Raymond
Brett Stewart
Steven VanPatten
Renee Wilcox
Chad Wright

GRADE 9

Christian Caskey
Sydney Dean
Ashlee Doncaster
Jordyn Doncaster
Ciarra Gee
Taylor Kalpokas
Shawn Key
Paige Klinge
Leah Ludwig
Yana Moroz
Arielle Mosher
Alexis Mounts
Elizabeth Persons
Logan Sweet
Haley Tennant
Joshua Updike
Michael Walburn
Autumn Wales
Michael Williams

GRADE 8

Kyle Coffin
Madyson Colby
Dominick Dryer
Erika Dunn
Trevor Gerdus
Taylor Hartenstein
Aaron Hathaway
Simon Keller
Brady Mason
Nathan Medina
Trentyn Rupert
Sophie Stewart
Jared Titus
Katerina Vattiato
Storm Wilcox
Alexis Williams
Elizabeth Zimmer

GRADE 7

Clinton Baker
Ethan Bigelow
Evelinna Brich
Jack Coleman

Deeken Frost
Jordan Johnson
Michael Kasper
Zachary Kwiatkowski
Michael Morse
Tucker Pettit
Preston Schrader
Chante Scott
Noah Shiel
Makenna Tennant
Zachary VanOrder
Piper Workman

GRADE 6

Brianna Beebe
Cameron Carrier
Joshua Duke
Charlotte Dunn
Emma Graves
Ashley Holt
Brooke Judson
Adam Keller
Kamden McCall
Dawson Moncalieri
Dominick Morse
McKenzie Pado
Quentin Rathbone
Rayne Reynolds
Eugene Scales
Steffi Schanbacher
Lindie Short
Connor Spoonhower
Joseph Woodmansee
Connor Yetter
Sidney Yurko

GRADE 5

Riley Babcock
Megan Boyce
Lacey Cunningham
Mark Davey
Jules Etienne
Aden Hollenbeck
Justin Hopkins
Logan Mann
Noah Martin
Christian Pado
Jordan Roof
Amber Slavik
Makayla VanOrder
Michael Wandell
Andrew Waterman

GRADE 4

Lillian Austin
Hayley Beebe
Daniel Boldis
Austin Brundza
Kylee Carrier
Daniel Cieri
Daphney Craft
John Fiacco
Maxwell Flesher
Alexus Haines
Daniel Hall
Jenna Hanson
Tristan Jones
Kasey Murphy
Lia Quick
Madison Rudolph
Christa Schanbacher
Kathryn Schanbacher
Brianna Searle
Jaden Short
Tatiana Tarbox
Jonathan Umiker
Evan Wolfer



Cardinal Wrestlers Put together one of the greatest seasons in Newark Valley Sports History

Coming off a historic 2013-14 season that saw 5 Cardinal grapplers qualify for the state meet, and 3 place in the NYS Championships, the 2014-15 team had some huge challenges to face. The team had graduated 4 outstanding seniors, who had recorded over 500 individual wins in their careers. Not to be deterred by the task, this years grapplers not only matched last years success, but exceeded it on many fronts.

This season saw the Cardinals win the IAC Dual meet championship along with winning the overall IAC tournament, both great accomplishments, (The dual title was the 4th consecutive, while the Tourney was the teams 3rd straight) but the best was yet to come. The team went to the section 4 duals as a #3 seed, and a 13-1 record at the time. The team would string together consecutive wins over Deposit-Hancock, by 5 points, and Union-Endicott by 1 point to advance to the finals against Vestal. With an electric atmosphere, and a strong Newark Valley crowd, the Cardinals would wrestle their best match of the year beating Vestal 52-27, crowning the Cardinals as the best dual meet team in all of section 4 regardless of school size or class. It was the 1st time in 13 consecutive trips to the tourney that the team had won the overall title.

With the dual meet portion of the season completed, (The team would end the year 17-1), the boys focused on sectionals. The team would once again rise to the challenge, and wrestled an amazing tournament. 14 Cardinal grapplers would place in the section

with 6 making the finals. In the finals the Cardinals were going to have to wrestle very well to win a title. The Championships would begin with 8th grader Benny Baker winning his 2nd straight sectional title with a Technical fall over his opponent in the finals. Sophomore Gianni Silba and senior Cole Ford would lose tough hard fought matches to Johnson City opponents, setting up the last 3 matches for the Cardinals. Senior Vinnie Darpino would record a workman like win at 160 for a 2nd consecutive Sectional title. Vinnie was followed by sophomore David Crow who pulled off a stunning win at 182 pounds. Trailing 4-2 with 40 seconds left in the match David would throw his opponent to his back and record a pin, this win would secure the Cardinals title by 1 point over Vestal. At 285 senior Jon Williams would take on a very tough state ranked Johnson City wrestler, but would come up short 3-1 in overtime. For the first time in school history the team would leave the sectional tournament as team Champions. All 16 Cardinals who wrestled in the tourney contributed to the teams success.

The team would like to say a special thank you to their seniors who provided great leadership throughout the season. Captains Vinnie Darpino (160) (section Champion) and Cole Ford (132) (2nd in the section), 138 pounder Dylan Williams (4th in the section), 170 pounder Travis Ford (6th in the section), and 285 pounder John Williams (2nd in the section). They would also like to thank all of the parents, fans, bus garage, custodians and staff for all of their support throughout the year.

MS Student Places in Scholastic Art & Writing Competition

Congratulations to Kelsey Bean on receiving Honorable Mention in the Scholastic Art & Writing Competition for her digital art entitled, "So Many Reasons for Me Not to Run and Hide." Kelsey would like to have a career in photography when she gets older and chose to focus her time in Family & Consumer Science photographing women and girls engaged in activities that are traditionally male dominated. Kelsey then used an online photo editor called "Be Funky" to adapt the photographs she took, adding artistic stylization.

Kelsey said the title of her work was inspired by a song called "Just a Girl" by the band No Doubt. The song's lyrics are about difficulties associated with being a girl and feeling like you don't have the same rights or

privileges as boys. The singer says, "the moment that I step outside, so many reasons for me to run and hide". Kelsey wanted to show girls empowered by engaging in activities often associated with boys so she switched the lyric to communicate the opposite feeling; not running and hiding but shining and standing out instead.

In this, the 72nd year of the Museum's association with the program, 809 works were entered for adjudication. Kelsey was the only middle school student in our entire New York and Pennsylvania region to receive recognition in the category of digital art. We are very proud of her accomplishment and hope you will come see her art on exhibit at the Arnot Art Museum in Elmira. Her work will be on display beginning the first of February.

Newark Valley Cardinals 2014-15 Varsity Wrestling Team Sectional Champions

Standing: Nick Rodgers, Trevor Hoffmier, Coach Zetzsche, David Crow, Jesse Lovejoy, Jon Williams, Dylan Williams, Trenton Rupert, Hunter Hoffmier, Alex Woodmansee, Jason Duke, Coach Kitchen, Coach D'Arcy.
Kneeling: Taylor Cupp, Gianni Silba, Justin Post, Cole Ford, Vinnie Darpino, Ben Baker, Josh Post, Derek Short.
Front: Clint Baker

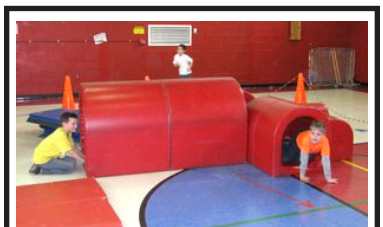


Alumni Return for Q&A Session

On Friday, January 9th, seven Newark Valley alumni who are current college students returned to the high school to meet with seniors during their Participation in Government and Economics classes. Our seniors were able to ask questions of the alum regarding their college experience and the college students shared all kinds of information and stories touching on classes, residence life, working, financial aid, food, extra-curricular activities and more. It was a great opportunity for our current students to hear from former NVCS students who are currently in college. Thank you to Katia D'Arcy – SUNY Oswego, Taylor Tobey – Binghamton University, Mike Giblin – SUNY Oswego, Ethan Smolinsky – Syracuse University, Tori Gac – Nazareth College, Casey Ford – SUNY Maritime and Nate Dean – SUNY Broome, for taking the time during their winter break to come back to NVHS!



At left: Kelsey Bean's digital artwork, "So Many Reasons for Me Not to Run and Hide" earned Honorable Mention in the Scholastic Art & Writing Competition and will be on display at the Arnot Art Museum beginning February 1st.



NTH kids enjoy learning about the pathway of blood in your circulatory system by crawling through the heart adventure course.

Current Resident or

ECRWSS
BOXHOLDER

Fourth Grade Presents Poetry Cafe

Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Tomazin, and Mrs. Kranz classes held their annual poetry café on Friday before winter break. Hard work and plenty of poetry study went into preparing all different styles

of poems including haiku, cinquain, and acrostic. Students read poems with a plethora of topics from horses and stars to Pokémon and electricity. Families enjoyed poetry, cookies

and conversation in the “café” like setting. Thanks to all who attended this year’s event!



Cardinals Go Purple

Staff and students show support for beating pancreatic cancer

