

Owasco Elementary Newsletter

October 4, 2019



NEWS



Happy Friday Owasco families!

It has been a very busy couple of weeks but we are really starting to hit our stride. Many students are participating in morning announcements and it's nice to listen as they share thoughts on kindness, friendship, and developing a growth mindset. We are all about giving students opportunities to step up and become leaders. On Friday September 27th we had our first school wide assembly. This was the culmination of our United Way coin drive, SPCA supply drive and our acknowledgement of students from every class who were recognized for exemplifying our word of the month KINDNESS. Thank you for sending us such well-rounded and conscientious young people every day!

Jeremy Moore

Owasco Elementary Principal

"We found some strange things on the playground." Asylyn (K)

"Oh really, like what?" Mr. Moore

"glasses, a dirty bandaid, and some chalk." Asylyn

"We also found a dinosaur bone!" Hunter (K)

Kindergarten—

Students are counting to 10 (pretty easily), have learned many of their letters in writing and in sign-language, and are exploring the many elements of fall! We are excited as we begin our journey with reading! We're also excited about an upcoming fieldtrip to the apple orchard!



A LOOK

Sunday Bills defeat Titans 28-13	10/6
Monday	10/7
Tuesday 5th grade to MGR Playhouse 'Loch Ness' play	10/8
Wednesday	10/9
Thursday	10/10
Friday Owasco's Best weekly recognition	10/11
Saturday	10/12

A kindergartener had to visit me in the office after losing his cool in gym. As he rejoined his class a little while later I overheard him say "I got arrested but they set me free!" :)

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1st Grade— First graders are wrapping up our first unit in Superkids, Welcome Back, which is a review of kindergarten skills. In our next unit, Adventures of the Superkids, children will read longer more complex stories about their friends, the Superkids. These stories will only contain words children have been taught to read, so your child will experience the thrill of reading a story independently and will feel like a “real” reader!

In math, first graders will continue solving addition problems within 10 by counting on rather than counting all.

You can also see we are very busy designing and building some cool things with our friends! (right)



2nd grade—We are working on all sorts of math games from addition and subtraction Bingo to Around the World. We continue to review greater than and less than and mathematical relationships.

Students are now participating in Readers Workshop where groups volunteer to read **and act out** entire pages from the Superkids books. Spelling tests are becoming a regular part of our weekly routine so feel free to ask us to spell them for you at home!

In science we learned last week about digestion...this week it 's all about the skeleton!



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3rd Grade – Delaney (below) is learning/visualizing division by grouping. Ex. 21/3. Her classmate Amaris correctly observed “you’re basically dividing when you’re dealing out cards.”



In science students have been reading more about animals and their connection with the environment; habitat, food supply, predator/prey relationships.

They are also using technology to create on-line slideshows titled Our World Journey (as they read books about life in other countries).

Right—Ms. Carbonaro reads [Those Shoes](#) to her (Mr. Kennedy’s) class. The students are moved by the powerful story that captures what it’s like to be a kid that has his heart set on something, but then realizes there are much more important things in life.

[Click to listen](#)



4th Grade—

In ELA students continue identifying elements of a story from various texts. Who are the characters? What is the theme or “gist?” What are some of the supporting details? Can you back that up with evidence?

- * Helpful Tip: Reading comprehension, focused listening, recollection of detail, and formulation of thoughts are all the skills we are working on here. Having your student SUMMARIZE stories, tv shows, movies, their weekend are great ways to work on these skills. Once your child tells you ask them to go back and provide some more descriptive words to make their summaries come alive, or ask them what clues gave them the “gist.”



Harper and Taylor know that friends and food make everything more fun!

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5rd Grade— We have been doing a close read of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) and are unpacking the concepts and their application to populations around the world. Being an advocate for others, as well as ourselves, is an important element of global citizenship. We're also being very intentional in finding ways to practice and apply those principles in our own communities (class, school, neighborhood)!

In Social Studies students have selected 1 of 195 potential countries around the world and have been tasked with creating a project that will teach peers about the geography (latitude/longitude, land features), culture, resources, and political significance of that nation.

Miss Woodworth leading a practice with several of our talented string players (right).



6th Grade—

- ELA—Students continue reading, writing, and dissecting 1st and 3rd-person narratives. They also do a lot of writing themselves on a full range of topics.
- Math—Students just completed their first unit and took the accompanying assessment. Next up RATIOS!
- In Social Studies students are undergoing a murder mystery after studying the mummified remains of Otzi the Ice Man who was found frozen in ice in the Alps! Students are writing the story of Otzi's last day. Interestingly enough Otzi is believed to be one of the first people to use copper instead of stone for weapons and other utilitarian objects. Learn more about the Copper Age by clicking **HERE!**

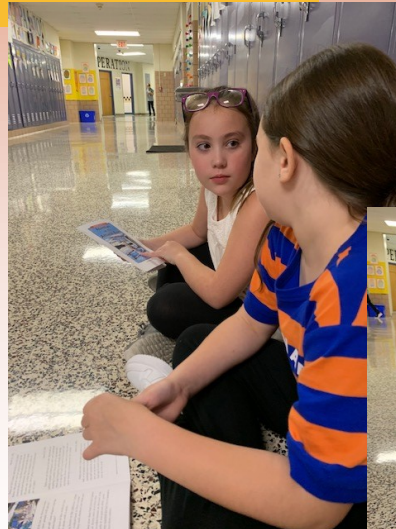
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Kindergarten friends **Leah** and **Allie** return from a trip to see the nurse. This pretty much sums it up for me <3

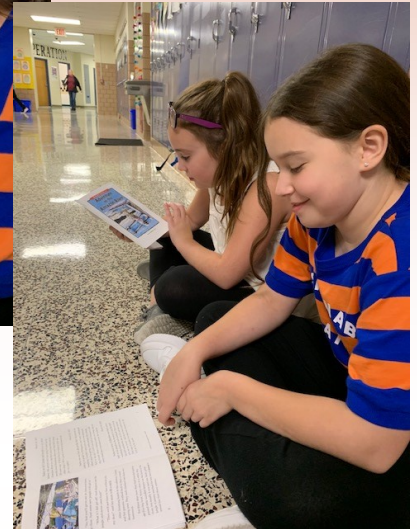


Word of the Month

Friendship



Gianna and Leona discussing a good story :)



Staff Spotlight

Teacher: Miss Brandi Bouley (Kindergarten)

Favorite Childhood Book: Oh, The Places You'll Go by Dr. Seuss



Currently Reading: Eat Pray Love by Elizabeth Gilbert

Best Advice ever given: "Stay Positive, Work Hard, Make it happen"

Hobbies: Relaxing on my porch with a good book and spending quality time with my Florida family!

What's the best thing about teaching K?

Everything!



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AROUND THE SCHOOL

On September 27th we had our first schoolwide Assembly. Mr. Sargent and Ms. Narby gave us updates on our United Way coin drive, SPCA supply drive, and each teacher selected one student who best exemplified **Kindness**, which was our Word of the Month (WOM)! See our recipients below!



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6th grade volunteers loading the SPCA van with our donations!



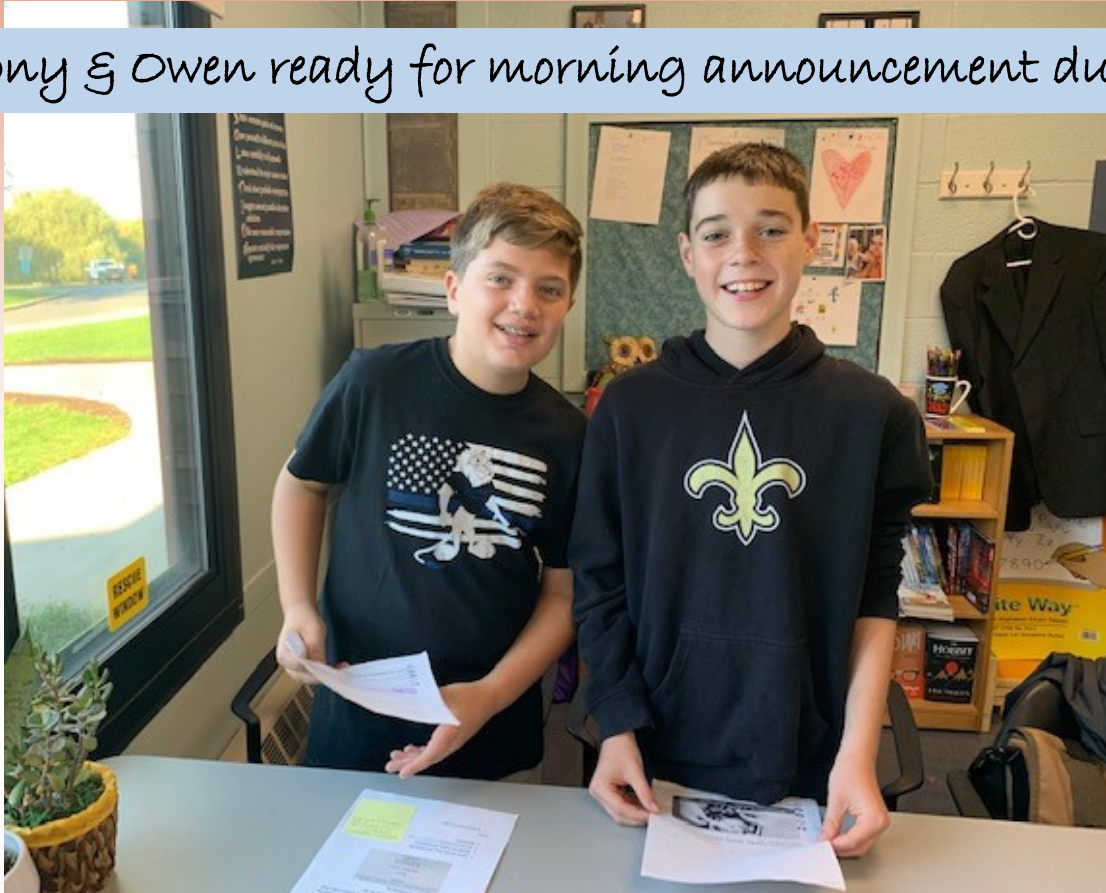
Let's get a little creative shall we?



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Anthony & Owen ready for morning announcement duty



When you start your morning off with a crew like this you know it's going to be a spectacular day!

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Miss Bouley's class got a chance to "pull marbles" for exceptional behavior as a class. Once the Oden cup is full it's party time!



Dad of the Year nominee right here!

(got to remember your trumpet Brian!)

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OWASCO'S BEST



Last week

This Week



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RESOURCE PAGE

Owasco Parent Teacher Organization

October 7th: OPT Meeting at 6:30pm. You will be entered into a drawing for attending! *Class with most OPT Meeting attendance receives a pizza party!*

October 11th: Owasco Walk-a-Thon is at 9:00. Students pack your sneakers to help raise funds for our school and don't forget your donation sheet! **All donations are due Wednesday October 9th.** The class with the most donations receive a pizza *PARTY* and the top three students receive a *PRIZE*!



OPT handing out apples and wrist-band to participants of Nat'l Walk to School Day!

Looks like we have a ham in the bunch:)