

## **Principals' BOE Report for October 2018**

October 2 - College Fair - AM - Juniors & Seniors  
October 3 - Parents' Association meeting  
October 4 - Reality Check presentation for 7-12 students  
October 8 - No School - Columbus Day  
October 10 - 6th grade low ropes - 4 H Camp Overlook  
October 12 - Manufacturing Day field trip - 10th-12th grade  
October 12 - NHS Blood Drive  
October 15 - Aesop's Fables on State - grades K-4  
October 22 - Grades 1, 2, and Hance's class to OCP in Ogdensburg  
October 23 - PK, K, and 3rd grade to OCP in Gouverneur  
October 26 - Elementary 'Character Kids' Ceremony - (date changed)  
October 31 - Elementary Halloween Parade

### College Fair

On October 2, fifty 11th and 12th grade students were invited by the Guidance Office to attend a gathering of college and military representatives from around the northeast in the Ogdensburg Dome. Students had the opportunity to learn more about the college and the programs they offer while meeting admission representatives. Many students took an opportunity to purchase pizza for lunch at Little Italy restaurant which was organized by Ms. Alford. Some students opted to have a lunch packed by the school.

### Advancing Tobacco-Free Communities/Reality Check Presentation

Joey Boswell and Travis Jordan made grade-level presentations throughout the day on October 4 to each of the 7th-12th graders to discuss the truth behind vaping that big tobacco companies don't want students to know. The smaller group style lent itself to interaction between the presenters and the students. Joey and Travis also oversee the Reality Check student groups around the county and shared applications with our students. The Reality Check team will have their first meeting with the new high school group on October 31.

### Sixth Grade Low Ropes at 4-H Camp Overlook

Grade 6 students traveled to Malone to 4-H Camp Overlook on October 10 for adventures on the low-ropes courses. In order for students to complete each course, it was necessary for the groups to develop teamwork and leadership skills, leading to powerful and effective success. Students were able to participate in several of the activities, continuing positive promotion of respectful communication between students, cooperation & trust, and class cohesion.

### Manufacturing Day field trip for 10th-12th grade

10th-12th grade students on October 12 attended a field trip to the Viking-Cives, Ltd. plant in Harrisville. Sixteen students from Mr. Gault's classes, and a few other interested students, participated in a 1.5 hour tour hearing about jobs in fabrication, design, and finishing such as paint and assembly. This event was organized directly through our SLL BOCES in coordination with Jefferson-Lewis BOCES, St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES, Jefferson County Economic Development, and Jefferson-Lewis Workforce Development Board.

### Ag Field Trip

On October 9 & 10 five students from E-K traveled with 25 other students from Canton, the BOCES Agr. Program and 4-H members to Plattsburgh NY. On the way to Plattsburg, the tour bus stopped at a seed potato and leafy green farm and an egg laying farm that had 2 million birds. We spent time at the Miner Institute learning about the nutrition research and horse breeding. On the second day, we visited an organic goat dairy and an apple orchard. Each farm was diversified and all had different approaches to their marketing plan, which was quite interesting. Each visit was guided by the owners who answered a lot of questions. Everyone enjoyed the trip and returned with many positive comments.

### NHS Blood Drive

The National Honor Society hosted one of their yearly blood drives on October 12 and provided these statistics: 22 donors registered, 2 donors were deferred, and 20 units were collected. Twelve of the 22 that registered were first-time donors, and the amount of blood donated will potentially save 60 lives.

### Aesop's Fables on States

As part of the Arts for Education, October 15 marked a production for grades K-4 titled, "Aesop's Fables on States." This was a Merry-Go-Round Youth Theatre performance in which Aesop's famous fables were brought to life. Just three performers demonstrated nine different tales, such as The Milkmaid and Her Pail, The Lion and the Mouse, and The Tortoise and the Hare. All of the students were highly entertained by the actors use of rap, rhyme, and masks.

### OCP's

Grades 1, 2, and Mrs. Hance's class attended an Ogdensburg Command Performance titled, "Dragons Love Tacos & Other Stories" in Ogdensburg on October 22. The next day, October 23, prekindergarten, kindergarten, and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade headed to Gouverneur for the same show. Students were excited to watch as this musical brought themes, characters, and major plot points of a book to life on stage.

Presentation of Dictionaries On October 29, Rod Pryce, Past Exalted Ruler from Gouverneur Elk's Lodge 2035, presented each third grader with their very own dictionary to keep! He also pointed out some other helpful information that this dictionary holds (i.e. listing of presidents, maps, table of elements, etc.). E-K is very thankful to the Gouverneur Elk's for this show of thoughtfulness!

### Character Kids Celebration

Halloween morning marked the second in-house monthly character celebration which has been coined 'Our Character is Our Superpower!' encouraging students in grades PK-6 to grow and develop character traits that make their 'superpowers' stronger! This month 18 students were recognized for their demonstration of respect throughout the past month, receiving certificates and green, glow-in-the-dark rubber bracelets expressing our school's motto. In anticipation of this month's skill of 'self-control,' the PK students showed the work they have done in the classroom with their teachers, our elementary counselor Mrs. Deleel, and the Second Step curriculum, demonstrating their ability to use their skill of self-control to resist popping soap bubbles from an electric bubble machine. Their 'powers' were beyond our expectations! As a special surprise, our own E-K Cougar made a special appearance, encouraging our students to read for Cougar Club ("Reading is a superpower too!") and handed out some books and glow sticks to deserving students!

### Halloween Parade and Celebrations

The annual Halloween Parade was emceed this year for the second year in a row by Lori Brewer, announcing the elementary classrooms grade 6 to grade PK as they made their way into the high school gymnasium to strut their stuff and show off their costumes for students and admiring parents. This year, the older students were dismissed first from the gym one grade level at a time, allowing our little ones the chance to see all of the other students' costumes. The community turnout for the parade was exceptional, and everyone was very patient as the students were dismissed from the gym and allowed to clear the hallways before parents either left the building or made their way to classrooms. It was a great time for all!

### Upcoming Events:

November 1 - Let's Not Meet By Accident field trip  
November 2 - Emergency Evacuation Drill  
November 2 - 11:10 a.m. - students dismissed early  
November 3 - Clothing Give-Away Day  
November 7 - Groove and Move Concert - grades 9-12  
November 7 - 6:00 p.m. - Parents' Association meeting  
November 8 - 8:00-2:30 - AP Psych class to SLU  
November 8 - 8:00-2:30 - ERD Spaghetti Bridge at JCC  
November 14 - Grades 4-6 & MacDonald's class to OCP in Ogdensburg  
November 15 - 11:10 a.m. delayed start  
November 15 - 3:30-7:30 p.m. - Fall Conferences/Annual Title I Meeting  
November 16 - Area All-State at Crane, Potsdam  
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November 28 - College Spirit Day  
November 30 - Elementary Character Kids Ceremony (Tentative date)