

Principals' BOE Report for November 2018

Let's Not Meet By Accident Field Trip

The seniors visited the Gouverneur Hospital on November 1 for an experience planned by Michele James, a coordinator for St. Lawrence County Special Programs. Michele organizes many events in the county related to STOP DWI, safe driving; and she planned the High in Plain Sight training at SLU recently. This program at the hospital focuses on sharing the outcomes of a vehicle accident and what students may experience if they need medical care. A goal of the program is to cue young drivers into the dangers of driving and encourage them to make safe decisions while on the road. There were representatives from the ER department in the hospital, the Gouverneur Rescue Squad, and Tom Caringi, a Detective from St. Lawrence County Sheriff's department.

Clothing Giveaway Day

The Student Government organized a successful clothing giveaway for our community on Saturday, November 3. The advisors for the group, Linda Alford and Jessica Friot, reported that 71 people attended the event with 17 Student Government students and 16 non-members assisting with the preparations for a total of 33 students performing community service through this activity.

Move and Groove Concert

The 9th - 12th grade students enjoyed a concert through the BOCES Arts in Education program with Jon Dufore and the band KTX on November 7. A positive message was shared by the band members encouraging students to make good choices and to follow your passion.

8th Graders Edwards Historical Tour

Melanie Morgan organized a walking historical activity for the morning of November 7 with all the 8th grade students. Students toured the Edwards Town Hall and the Historical Center lead by community members sharing the rich history of Edwards. An activity at the Riverside Cemetery centered on locating the headstone of a veteran (Veteran's Day was right around the corner) and documenting specific information available from the grave site. A special hot cocoa from 164 Main Street was enjoyed by all with the culminating event a narrated bus tour around the town. The following community members helped with the event: Jan Lennox, Charlotte Dean, Dawn Mullaney, Andy Webb, and LaVerne Freeman. Next year we will begin to add our other hamlets to our tour after a successful event with Edwards as our test. This was a direct result of our summer professional development training at The Museum at Blue Mountain Lake.

AP Psych Class to SLU by Sean McGrath

The AP Psychology class toured the Psychology Department at St. Lawrence University this past Thursday, November 8. Professors from a variety of the subfields of Psychology gave presentations about their fields of study including Environmental Psychology, Sports Psychology, Psychology and the Law, Developmental Psych., and Sensation and Perception. We were also lucky enough to have a few students use their Virtual Reality lab. It was really interesting to see how broad the field of Psychology is and how many different career paths it contains.

After the tour of the Psychology Department, our students were given a tour of St. Lawrence University and given a chance to ask some college students questions about

SLU and college in general. As a thank you for visiting the campus, any of the students that went on the trip will have their application fee waived if they apply to SLU.

ERD Spaghetti Bridge at JCC by Tomorrah Averill

On Thursday, November 8, the Engineering, Research & Design class went to Jefferson Community College in Watertown to compete in the Spaghetti Bridge Building competition. The object is to build a lightweight bridge out of spaghetti & hot glue that will hold the greatest load. Our students utilize the online interactive West Point Bridge designer to create their bridge design, following the parameters set by JCC. They build and test their designs in the classroom, then improve upon those designs prior to the competition. Students also create a poster to display at their workstation. This year we were able to use the DesignJet printer to come up with some of the best quality posters at the competition.

Speed Stacking

On Thursday, November 8, thousands of participants took part in what the Guinness World Records termed the "World's Largest Sport Stacking Event." During the course of the day, students from all over the world were up-stacking and down-stacking for at least 30 minutes, including our very own E-K students! Students in Mrs. Brewer's 2nd-6th grade physical education classes took part in this record-setting event. They practiced hard, and when the day came, were excited to take part in such an exciting event!

E-K's Got Talent by Tanya Truesdell

The E-K Musical crew hosted E-K's Got Talent on Saturday, November 9 to raise funds for the spring production of Mamma Mia. Along with the talent show, there was also a concession stand and a silent auction. Many community members, businesses, and even staff members donated items to help us out. Over 200 people showed up to enjoy the show. Even our very own new superintendent judged the competition. Everyone had lots of fun; we took in roughly \$1600, leaving us with about \$1300 after taxes, and we were recommended to make this an annual event.

OCP's

Grades 4-6, including Mrs. MacDonald's class, attended a performance in Ogdensburg titled, "We The People." Most of the classes made it a full day out, stopping at local restaurants for a complimentary lunch provided by the Parents' Association. It was a great day for all!

Area All-State by Nicholas Tate

On November 17, six high school students participated in the Area All-State festival held at the Crane School of Music in Potsdam, NY. Due to inclement weather conditions on Friday the 16th, the first rehearsal was unfortunately canceled. However, with only a few hours to prepare, all ensembles put together a spectacular concert on Saturday afternoon!

Character Kids Celebration #3

November 30 marked our 3rd in-house monthly character celebration, again continuing the ongoing lessons of encouraging our students in grades PK-6 to grow and develop character traits that make their 'superpowers' stronger! During the month of November, students strove hard to demonstrate exceptional skills in self-control, with 18 students recognized at the assembly for their outstanding skills in this area. These students received certificates and green, glow-in-the-dark rubber bracelets expressing our school's

motto of "Our Character is Our Superpower." In anticipation of December's focus skill of 'kindness,' students were shown a brief video titled, "Color Your World With Kindness," and currently, our very own 'Kindness Tree' has begun to grow in the elementary hallway outside the administrative offices. In addition, 13 students were recognized at this assembly for their accomplishments in reading. New Kit Club and Cougar Club members each received certificates and small prizes, as well as congratulations from our very own E-K Cougar, truly demonstrating that "Reading is a superpower too!"

College Spirit Day

The Guidance Office prepared a local college fair and military college recruiter event for the 10th - 12th grade students on November 28 during lunch followed by a Financial Aid presentation for the seniors. In the afternoon, a rally for the 9th - 12th grade students culminated the event with prize giveaways and fun contests. The focus is on a celebration of seniors completing college applications and students achieving academic success.

Upcoming Events:

December 3 - Reality Check for 5th & 6th grade
December 4 - African Drumming field trip
December 4 - SWT Visit for Sophomores
December 4 - ASVAB for Sophomores
December 5 - Parents' Association meeting
December 7 - 12th grade Econ Projects
December 13 - Holiday Concert - grades 5-12
December 17 - Elementary Holiday Program PK-4 - 8:45 & 12:45
December 21 - Winter Olympics
December 21 - Elementary Character Ed/Cougar Club assembly & Santa Visit
December 24 - January 4 - Holiday Break - no school



Edwards-Knox Central School Grades 3-6

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