

Principals' BOE Report for June 2019

MOAS trip to SUNY Plattsburgh - On June 2nd the MOAS class of 11 students joined by Mr. McGrath and Mrs. Morgan attended the culminating activity at SUNY Plattsburgh for the 19th Annual General Assembly of North Country High School Model Organization of American States. Students spent three days showcasing their research in formal debate proceedings, along with attending formal gatherings with the other attending school districts.

WonderWorks and Skyzone - The end-of-the-year field trips for the 7th and 8th graders included a full day visit to WonderWorks for the 8th graders and a trip to Skyzone for the 7th graders. Expectations regarding attendance, behavior and academics are put in place as criteria for students to attend; and we had full buses of excited students headed to Syracuse for a fun filled day.

NYS Science Test - Students in grades 4 and 8 completed their NYS Science testing on June 3 with the written portion of the exam. Next year will be the final year for the 4th grade exam, with this exam transitioning to the 5th grade level.

Extended Day - Students that attended the Extended Day Program experienced several great activities this year, and as a conclusion to the school year's program, traveled to the Massena Mall on June 4. The students were able to participate in a variety of activities while spending time with their extended day friends. The Extended Day program does have a summer schedule during the month of July, and incoming 3rd through incoming 8th grade students are invited to attend.

Debar Mountain Hike - A group of 52 sophomores and juniors joined by their chaperones attempted to summit the 1700 foot elevation climb of 4 miles to the top of Debar Mountain at the Meacham Lake Campground. Unfortunately, the insect population had another agenda, which drove some of the students back to the campground. For those that made it to the top, an amazing vista awaited, and again, the mosquitoes. Despite the conditions, everyone had a great time enjoying the opportunity to spend time outdoors.

Flag Day/Elementary Olympics - June 14 marked Flag Day, with well-laid plans this year to celebrate the U.S. Flag and to provide students with an opportunity to study a country of their choice and to engage in fun Olympic-style activities. There were two students in 6th grade that were still able to share U.S. Flag facts via the elementary intercom in recognition of Flag Day on this day. However, the weather was a bit finicky, resulting in a postponement of the outdoor fun.

Kindergarten Ceremony - On Saturday, June 15 at 10:00 a.m., students in the Kindergarten class of 2019 were celebrated at their end-of-the-year ceremony in the Edwards-Knox auditorium. The students eagerly performed 'ABC Ya Later' and 'ABC Farewell' for their families and enthusiastically received their certificates for completion of Kindergarten.

Whitewater Rafting - The seniors enjoyed a day on the Black River taking in the refreshingly cool water via a whitewater rafting trip and barbeque picnic. This has become an annual event for the entire senior class to spend one last school day together while experiencing something new and exhilarating before they depart from one another's company after Graduation.

Elementary End-of-Year Field Trips - Students in grades PK-6 attended their field trips to a variety of places: Boldt Castle, Higley Flow State Park, Fobare's Fruits, and 4-H Camp Wabassa, to name a few. The Parents' Association graciously pays for entrance fees, etc., associated with

these trips; and the students enjoy these closing experiences with their teachers and classmates. Many thanks to the Parents' Association!

PK Celebration - Our Prekindergarten students celebrated the completion of their first year at E-K on the evening of Monday, June 17. Students were brimming with barely-contained enthusiasm and excitement as they paraded down the aisles and across the stage!

Elementary Olympics - After postponement from June 14, the elementary school held an exciting day of games, teamwork, and comradery on June 21. Some of the games were: the 'ping pong shake, the 50-yard dash, the spoon race, the softball throw, and a bucket brigade. All students had an opportunity to participate in these events, and the day was well organized by Ms. Maguire and the Elementary Olympic Committee. It was a fantastic day of events to wrap up the year!

High School Awards Assemblies - The 7th & 8th grade Award Assembly was the first Friday in June followed by the 9th-12th grade Award Assembly the second Friday in June. Student achievements were celebrated with the awarding of certificates, pins, ribbons or gifts for the school year. Awards given range from citizenship recognitions to academic acknowledgements, with specific focus in the 9th-12th Assembly placed on the coveted college scholarship announcements. Many parents and community members were in attendance to help us celebrate our fantastic students and their achievements!

Elementary Awards Assembly - On Monday, June 24, grades K-6 gathered to celebrate student achievements, the first of which was a recognition of all of our student readers. For the year there were 34 students that reached 10 AR points (Kit Club), 48 students that reached 25 AR points (Cougar Club), 15 students that reached 50 AR points (bronze medal), 4 students reached 75 points (silver medal), and 6 students reached 100 points (gold medal). Of this final group, one student, a third grader, reached 150 Accelerated Reader points! The Cougar Club is revived and alive again this year, happily; and we look forward to surpassing those numbers next year! Following the reader recognition, students in grades 4-6 were recognized for their end-of-the-year academic successes. These well-deserved recognitions included cumulative honor/high honor/outstanding roll, Lion's Club certificates and pins to 5th and 6th graders with exceptional interest in the subject areas, and special area awards (music, NYSSMA solos, Geography Bee, etc.).

PK-5 Meet & Greet - Students in grades PK-5 'moved-up' on June 25, meeting their new classroom teachers for the 2019-2020 school year and experiencing a snapshot of their anticipated school year. This is always a great experience for the students and staff and a great ending to the last day of school!

Regents Exams - Students in grades 8-12 participated in the ten NYS regents exams during the last days of school. Most of the exams are held in the gym with some tests given in empty classrooms to allow for the staging of the gym for graduation. Teachers continue to score the exams on a rotating schedule between four districts (Clifton-Fine, Harrisville, Hermon-Dekalb, and E-K) with each discipline area completed in a district. This year math teachers from the four districts convened for two days to score the three math regents exams at E-K. Many compliments were received regarding our hospitality and delicious menu.

Commencement Ceremony - Saturday, June 29 was the 33rd Commencement Ceremony for 34 seniors and one Vietnam War veteran. The ceremony included speeches from the top four students, presentation of awards and scholarships, followed by the flower ceremony and finally, the awarding of their diplomas or credentials. The honorary recognition of Mr. Forrest Lottie,

Sr., was covered by WWNY and included a nice piece on the news featuring both he and his grandson, Royce! Thanks to all those that helped to make this day special for our students!