

# Owasco Elementary Newsletter

March 8, 2020



## NEWS



## A LOOK AHEAD

Happy Sunday Owasco families!

I hope you had an outstanding weekend and were able to take advantage of the beautiful weather today. I think there is nothing we need more, on many levels, than to open up those windows and let the fresh Spring air come in. Here is to many more days like this ahead.

I would like to take a moment to thank all of the parents that attended the "Town Hall" meeting at Owasco last Thursday. We were able to discuss many topics impacting our students and our school from curriculum, to testing, to improvements we have made, and still need to make, to become the kind of school we all want for our children. We also addressed our school status as a TSI school and the need for our NYS testing participation rate to increase so the data reported to NYS is truly reflective of all the great work, and student achievement, we are fostering here. Please keep an eye out for a letter I am sending via snail mail in a day or two regarding testing to all families.

We have just come off of two outstanding weeks at Owasco in which students celebrated Dr. Seuss week, put on a Colonial Days living museum, and attended a Merry-Go-Round playhouse performance that they helped write! Very exciting stuff! The next two weeks will be just as amazing I am sure with Pi Day coming up along with our schoolwide Perseverance initiative.

Please enjoy our latest newsletter and click around as we have embedded many online links to enhance this shared experience of what is happening at Owasco.

Yours, Jeremy Moore

Owasco Elementary Principal

### NYS ELA Testing Schedule at Owasco

**Grade 3 - March 25, 26 (paper-based test)** **Grade 4 - March 25, 26 (paper-based test)**

**Grade 5 - March 26, 27 (computer-based test)** **Grade 6 - March 30, 31 (computer-based test)**

3/13—Pi Day Celebration

3/13-15—"Matilda" Musical  
AJHS (7:30pm, 2:00pm)

3/20—Staff Development No  
School

3/25- 3/31 NYS 3-8 Testing



Students in art class were recently charged with designing a postcard for Owasco's PBIS. Congratulations to the top 10

(above). From those, students then selected the fantastic postcard (right) created by 6th grader Teagan Wilbur as the winner.

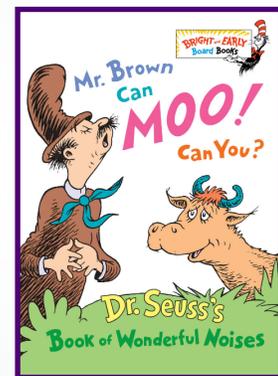
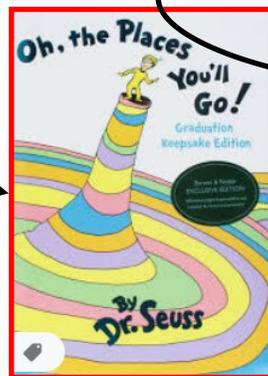
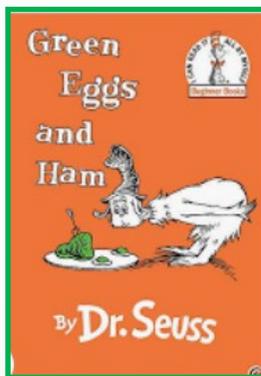


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**Kindergarten**— Hip-Hip-Hooray, kindergarteners were super excited to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday on Monday, March 2nd. They had fun rhyming and reading many of his silly stories. Their favorite was *Green Eggs and Ham*. Please continue to practice tying shoes. The 'Shoe Tying Club' takes place every Tuesday during the month of March.

In math they are working on addition number bonds. Please continue to practice writing number sentences, examples include  $5 = 3 + 2$ ,  $3 + 3 = 6$ .

Click on the books below to hear your favorite Dr. Seuss book read aloud.



**2nd Grade** Did you know in each SuperKids Unit we read both our SUPER magazine and a chapter book. Each SUPER magazine has a theme we discover through all sorts of non-fiction articles. In this unit we are discovering “what’s inside” bones, caves and the White House. This unit our Chapter book will be *Pinky and Rex and the Bully*. Each unit gives a great opportunity to explore different types of chapter books. **Please read together each night!**



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**4th Grade—** Math: We are continuing **Fraction Fun** by comparing fractions using number lines and tape diagrams. We have also learned to add and subtract fractions with common denominators!

Try this **game**: *Fraction War* (compare fractions/equivalent fractions)- Remove the face cards from a deck of cards, and deal each player a pair. The ace is one. The players use their cards to make **proper** fractions. The player with the greatest fraction wins. If two fractions are equal or equivalent, turn them in for two new cards. Go through the entire deck. The player who collects the most cards wins!

Science: We are starting our science rotations and the students will be learning about Matter, Force of Motion and Electricity/Magnetism. We are utilizing our new science program: Generation Genius. Check it out..

<https://www.generationgenius.com/>



**“Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up.” --Thomas Edison**

## 5th

**Grade: ELA** - Students continue to practice using quotes to explain relationships and support an opinion in writing, as well as, responding to open-response questions using claims, evidence and reasoning.

**Science**: Students began looking at the ecosystem kit, which involves observing the elodea plant under different conditions.



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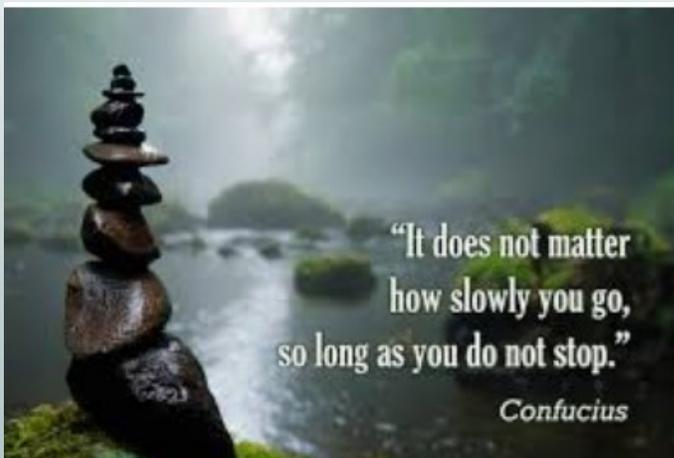
**6th Grade**— Students attended the Merry-Go-Round performance called ECHOES this week. This performance showcased student writing pieces in grade 6-8 from across Central New York. All of our Sixth grade students submitted a piece and were acknowledged for their participation.



Honorable mention awards were given to: **Casey Keegan, Megan Laderer, Aaliyah DeBottis, Chase Abdelaziz, Colby Wagner, Emma Corey, Kyleen Brady, Ella Piscioti, Abby Carbonaro, Marlee Walawender, Lauren Sincebaugh, Mia Bachman, Modesty Seranno-Cooper, Dominick Cuddeback, Caden Brucato, Mia Muntz, Josalynn Bodo, and Emma Mahunik (left).**

Three Sixth graders (right) were “Showcase Authors”, meaning that their piece was chosen by the actors to be performed on stage. Our Showcase Authors were: **Teagan Wilbur, Andrew Bennett and Myles McBride.**

We are very proud of the continued hard work our Sixth grade students are putting into their writing!



“It does not matter  
how slowly you go,  
so long as you do not stop.”

*Confucius*

**WOM—Perseverance**

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## OWASCO'S BEST

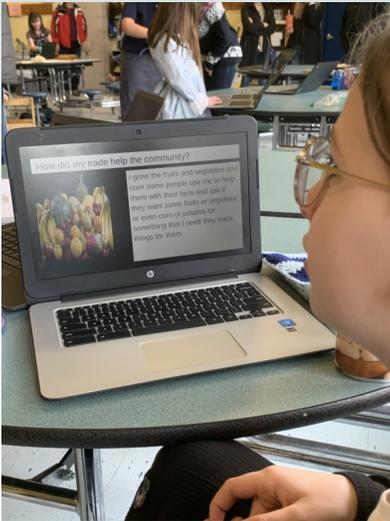


**Congratulations to the following students:** Sophia Keogan, Aubrey Bodner, Saige Wojnar, Abigail Derouin, Claire Reynics, Kara Sova, Nick LoPiccolo, Myles McBride, Chase Abdelaziz, Owen Bennett, Martina Mitchell, Mya Guido, Alexa Durant, Madden Sennett, **Congratulations to the following staff:** Mrs. Reynics, Mrs. Barbuto, Mrs. Townsend, Ms. Jones, Mrs. Hostetter, Mrs. Rooker, Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Roberts, Mr. Malenick



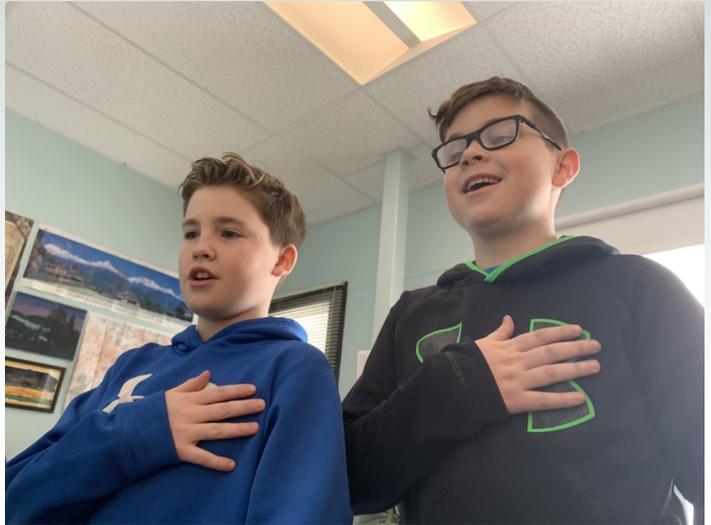
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The 4th Grade Colonial Day exhibit was as informative as it was enjoyable.



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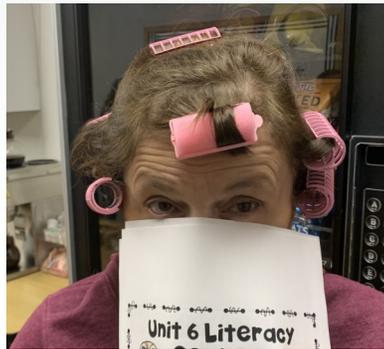


## Morning Announcers



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**Crazy  
Hair Day!**



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**Flight of the Bubblebee**

We are taking steps to increase our students awareness and appreciation of instruments and live music. Here are some clips of wonderful performances. Feel free to share a moment with your child and discuss how music can add to our lives!



**La La Land Piano**



**Muppet Drum Battle**



**(S.Jung) Maroon 5 Payphone**



**Star Wars Trombone Choir**



**Louis & Friends - Saints**



**Tuba Skinny—Jubilee Stomp**

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## RESOURCES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

It is that time of year again for SQUARE1ART!!! After February break students will receive their custom catalog featuring their artwork and order form.

Help your child feel like an accomplished artist by purchasing keepsakes for the whole family containing their masterpiece! The school earns profit from every order. And as a thank you for participating, we provide each child with a sheet of stickers imprinted with their artwork for free!

Watch out for more details about order deadlines.

