

## Upcoming Events

Thursday, June 13:  
Grade 6 Dance, 6-7:30pm @ AJHS

Wednesday, June 19:  
Grade 6 Moving Up Ceremony,  
6pm @ AJHS

Friday, June 21:  
Owasco Activity Day  
Report Cards Distributed

Monday, June 24:  
Kindergarten Graduation, 9:30am  
Last Day of School  
Half Day - Dismissal @ Noon

Tuesday, June 25:  
Board of Education Meeting,  
7pm @ AHS Library

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# Owasco Elementary School

June 2019



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Owasco Families,

On February 4, I had the opportunity to return to Owasco Elementary School for a second time since my retirement eight years ago. Coming back to Owasco was like an infusion of much needed energy; a challenge to the intellect, stimulation of the brain cells, and a refill of the proverbial cup. During this short journey back, I was grateful to reconnect with familiar faces and happy to meet new ones. I have had more joys than challenges, many hugs and high-fives, heard warm Buenos dias! and holas! I have heard students proudly reading; seen their fabulous artwork; seen and heard about their work in the innovation lab; listened to their concert, and joined them as they listened attentively to guest speakers.

I am grateful for the chance to be part of the Owasco community. We have much of which to be proud: outstanding staff dedicated to the success of all children; supportive parents and caregivers; great students.

I know that Owasco Elementary will continue on its path from good to great under its new principal, Mr. Jeremy Moore. Welcome to the Owasco family, Mr. Moore! You will be surrounded by outstanding teachers and an eager and committed community of learners and caring, supportive parents.

I bid you all a fond farewell and offer my sincere gratitude for welcoming me back. Thank you, and have a safe, warm, and fun-filled summer!

Sincerely,

Miguelina (Mickie) Cuevas-Post

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Have an  
awesome  
summer!

## Our Vision:

Our vision as the Owasco school community is to inspire a passion for learning. We will create a learning environment where everyone shows kindness, responsibility, and safety. Today, tomorrow, and into the future Owasco Owls will possess the knowledge and skills to become problem solvers and lifelong learners. At Owasco Elementary, we will build positive relationships between community members, parents, staff, and students.

## Tree Planting Ceremony to honor Mrs. Letizia Magats

On May 9, Owasco staff celebrated a beloved Owasco teacher, Mrs. Letizia Magats, by planting a tree in her honor. Mrs. Magats served many years educating and enriching children's lives in the Auburn School District. She was unique in loving, encouraging, and bringing out the very best in each of her students. Mrs. Magats is fondly remembered by the staff she worked with and her many former students. She was honored and humbled by the tree ceremony. Thank you to Rob Hoadley from Lakeview Nursery for the generous tree donation!



## Hawaiian Day

To coincide with our Owasco School spirit program, students and faculty celebrated Hawaiian Day on May 23 by dressing in Hawaiian attire and participating in Hawaiian activities throughout the day, which ended with a school-wide LIMBO competition in the gym.



Best Hawaiian Attire:  
Grs. K-2 & Grs. 3-6

## Owasco Happenings

### Owasco Kindergarten Registration in May



### Author Julia Finley Mosca visit!



In her book series, *Amazing Scientists*, Julia highlights the work of women who have contributed to the STEM world despite societal hardships. Very inspirational!

## Planting Trees at the Owasco Fire Department

Owasco Elementary School was fortunate to be asked to work with Mr. and Mrs. Walt and Cindy Aikman to plant trees on the grounds of the Owasco Fire Department. Grades K-6 learned about trees and conservation during a previous visit from Mr. Aikman, hearing about his experiences in Africa and the U.S. Grades 3-6 participated in the tree planting, with trees specially selected for their beauty and resistance to deer. The Town of Owasco dug the holes and provided the mulch for the project. Undoubtedly, this experience is one our students will never forget. Many thanks to the Town of Owasco and Mr. and Mrs. Aikman!



## Creativity Night

Owasco's Creativity Night was June 6. Our halls were adorned with artwork created by our students, and students and their guests participated in a variety of hands-on activities located in different areas throughout the school.



The winner of the second-grade pond ecosystem contest from Creativity Night was Joey Salvage (above).

**Congratulations!**



## Dental Program Winners

East Hill Family Medical's School-Based Dental Program recently provided the opportunity for all students at Owasco Elementary to receive dental services right here at school. In addition to providing oral health services, East Hill's school-based dental team provides education in the classroom and to every child seen. Good oral health enhances our ability to speak, smile, eat, and show our emotions through facial expressions. Preventative oral health habits developed early in life can lead to better overall oral health throughout a person's life. All students who returned their dental form, regardless of whether or not they participated in the program, were entered in a raffle for a scooter and helmet. Our two raffle winners are pictured below. **Congratulations!**



## Exploring the Schoolyard Habitat

Second-graders were looking for living and non-living things in the Owasco schoolyard habitat. They created binoculars with cardboard tubes and explored the schoolyard as ecologists.



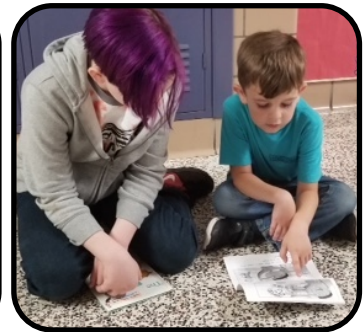
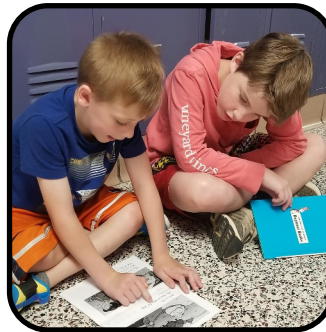
### Hatching Chicks

Mrs. Gremler's and Mrs. Gebo's kindergarten classes hatched chicks this year. The incubation process was fun to learn about and observe first-hand. On the 21st day, the students were able to watch one of the chick's hatch! They had five chicks that were able to spend some time in the classroom before going to live on a farm!



### Reading Buddies

Mr. Kennedy's fourth-grade class and Mrs. Gremler's kindergarten class were buddy classes throughout the school year. They played games, did holiday crafts, and read together. One of the year's highlights was when the kindergarten students were able to read books TO their fourth-grade buddies!



Have a fun summer!