

# Owasco Elementary Newsletter

November 8, 2019



## NEWS



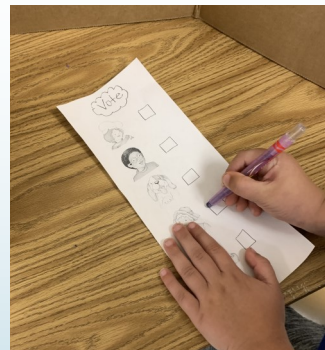
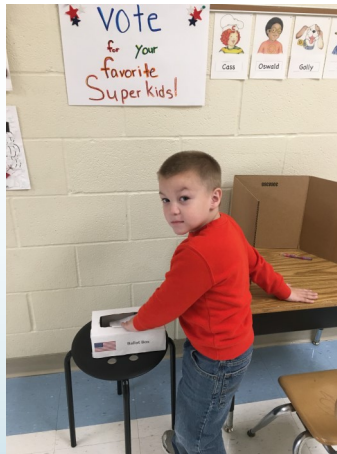
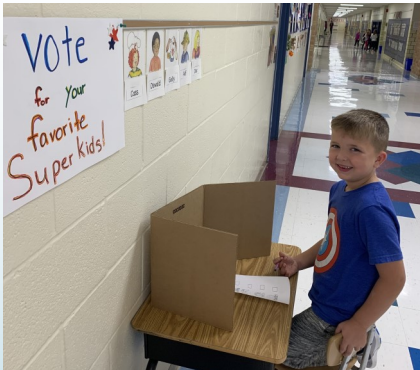
Happy Friday Owasco families!

And just like that it seems someone has hit the switch that transitions us out of Autumn faster than we hoped or expected. Oh well! Luckily inside we are still harvesting the fruits of our labors when it comes to the progress of our children. Parent Teacher Conferences held last week were full of rich dialogue and we appreciated your participation and continued commitment to our school-home partnerships.


This week saw a lot of preparation for Friday's Veteran's Day Ceremony, which was again a beautiful meaningful opportunity for our students to honor our Veterans and be inspired by their sacrifice and dedication. Through extensive student-led fundraising efforts Owasco was able to present the Cayuga County Veterans' Service Agency with a check for over \$600. We are all very humbled and grateful for our servicemen and women and for our lovely children that are learning how to live with their heart as much as their mind.

Jeremy Moore

Owasco Elementary Principal



## A LOOK AHEAD

<b>Sunday</b> <b>Bills defeat Browns 27—10</b>  <b>Owasco VFD Pancake Breakfast</b> 	<b>11/10</b>  <b>8am-12pm</b>
<b>Monday</b> <b>Veteran's Day</b> <b>No school</b> 	<b>11/11</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>11/12</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11/13</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11/14</b>
<b>Friday</b> <b>Owasco's Best!</b>	<b>11/15</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>11/16</b>

**Kindergarten—** Kindergarten students talked this week about the process and importance of voting. On Tuesday we set up a voting station and they were allowed to vote for their favorite Super Kid. The winner? Our newest Superkids friend Doc!

We also worked this week on categorizing words by their beginning letter sounds. We are kind of like experts at three letter words so go ahead and ask us to read some!

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1st Grade— First graders toss rings (right) on the “witch’s hat” during PE last week.

Math: First graders have been exploring the meaning of subtraction as it relates to addition. Students have been working hard to solve a subtraction problem efficiently by either counting on or counting back on the number path. For example, to solve  $9 - 8$  it may be more efficient to think  $8 + ? = 9$  and count on from 8 than it is to count back from 9.

HOW YOU CAN HELP AT HOME: Play “X-Ray Vision”: Place nine counters (e.g., pennies or beans) on the floor or table next to an opaque container. Ask your child to close his eyes while you place one counter in the container. Tell your child to open his eyes. Ask, “Can you use your x-ray vision to tell how many counters are inside the container? Now say the number sentence that combines the counters inside and outside the container.” For example, “One plus eight equals nine!” Continue the game, placing counters in the container in random order (e.g., 3, 5, 2, 6, 4), until you have shown all the partners to 9.



The moment every primary teacher waits for..... “I know how to read now! I’m doing really good at reading. I read the Superkids all by myself today!” Maddie —grade 2

2nd grade— Talk about creativity and collaboration....buddy classes from 5th grade came and helped 2nd graders create their own haunted houses!

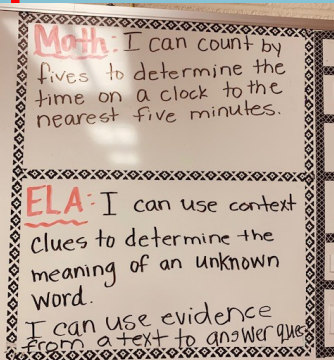


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**3rd Grade — Math:** Students are working on multiplication and division math facts, number bonds, distribution methods, arrays and more to begin solving more complex multiplication & division problems. They're also learning how to read an analog clock (left).

**These young gentlemen (upper right) just felt like creating a mural together titled "The Last Great Fishing**



**Trip." (Bottom right) These ladies are planning a big sale this weekend to help raise money for the homeless. They're making signs to sell "slim(e)" "food" and I think the last one says "brother." Delaney!**



Hmmmm.....do you think it's true love or is Emma just trying to butter up her teacher for a little EXTRA RECESS?

**4th Grade— Fourth graders are wrapping up their unit on the Haudensaunee (Iroquois) or People of the Longhouse. We collaborated on a class mural by visualizing their life as we read a nonfiction text.**



**In math we've been multiplying all sorts of 3 and 4 digit numbers by single digits and by 10, 100, and 1000. Depending on preference we may use place value charts, or the partial product method or even the standard algorithm method. Choices....choices! Click link to learn more!**

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## 5rd Grade—

Science: Students are learning about the various ways groundwater is utilized in the community and how we can conserve and protect this vital resource.

ELA: Students are currently reading through the book [Esperanza Rising](#) . Not only does this great work tackle topics like society and class, poverty, justice, perseverance, and family values, it is also a great way for students to study the craft of writing. How does a character's thinking change throughout the story? What is the author inferring in this text? Can you find evidence to support a claim you'd like to make?

Civics: Students worked together to create a moving and meaningful Veteran's Day program.



Ms. Testa's class was in good form for the annual Halloween parade.

**6th Grade—** Science: Students have been learning all about forces and their impact on objects when applied. (acceleration, drag, friction, velocity, speed, direction, force)

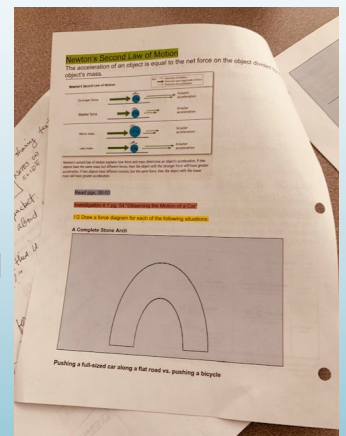
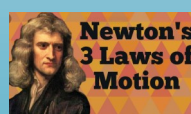
## Newton's Three Laws-

The **First Law of Motion** states, "A body at rest will remain at rest, and a body in motion will remain in motion unless it is acted upon by an external force."

The **Second Law of Motion** states, "The force acting on an object is equal to the mass of that object times its acceleration."

The **Third Law of Motion** states, "For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction."

Click here to learn more about Sir Isaac Newton





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## Word of the Month

Thankfulness

"It's a sign of mediocrity when you demonstrate gratitude with moderation." -Roberto Benigni



## scenes from 2019 Veteran's Day Ceremony



Sometimes people and occasions are so important you need to just pause, express your gratitude, and be inspired. Thank you to all our veterans that have served, and currently serve, our country. Without you we wouldn't be able to enjoy our liberty, pursue our passions, or share in the many blessings our community offers!



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## AROUND THE SCHOOL



Before taking a bite of her pb&j, Haleigh (above) offered me some. What a sweetheart! (right) Parker drops in some \$ as Jacob watches over the Hats for Heroes jar.



Ms. Reilly showed off her creativity and culinary skills on this fruit platter enjoyed by our faculty and staff!



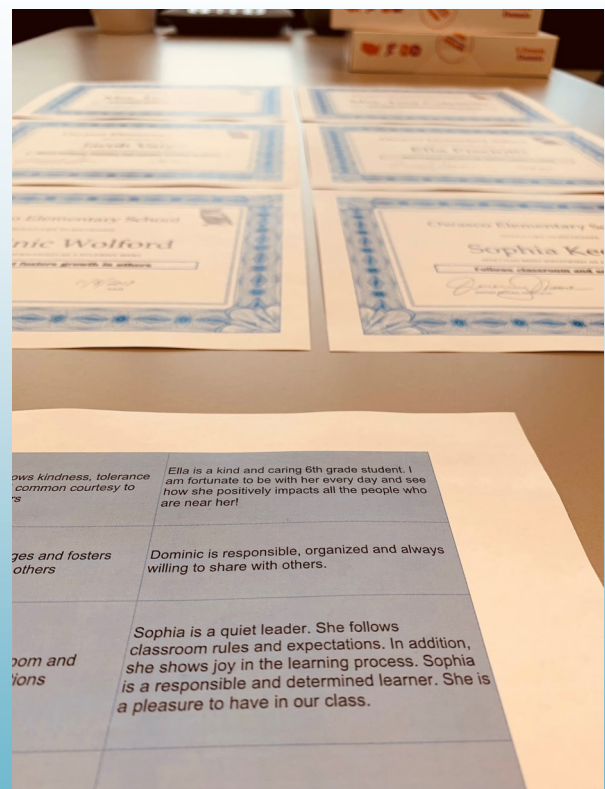
Students from Mrs. West's class played double duty this week leading the morning announcements (right) as well as mathematicians utilizing the standard algorithm method to solve multiplication problems.





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## THIS WEEKS OWASCO'S BEST



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## RESOURCE PAGE

### Owasco Parent Teacher Organization

Upcoming Book Fair November 18th-22nd!

## Arctic Adventure

**Family Night Nov 20th from 6-8pm**

Please come out and support the Owasco OPT Backpack Program at the **Owasco Fire House Pancake Breakfast** **this Sunday**, November 10th from **8am-12pm** and bring a non-perishable food item to donate! All food donations will be used to help our Backpack Program! Not to mention, the breakfast is **DELICIOUS!**



Disclaimer: pancakes not guaranteed to look exactly like the ones in this picture, or to be covered in fresh-picked locally grown fruits...it's NOVEMBER! However, we can guarantee they will be cooked, flipped and served with sincere appreciation and a smile!