

Blue Pride at Hartnett Elementary

June 11, 2013

- Hartnett's production of "Acadymie Manieres et L'Etiquette" delighted a packed auditorium of parents, grandparents, guardians, community members and teachers. The singing was superlative, the spirit and tone light and affirming and all present gave the actors, actresses, crew and directors a big Bravo! Brava!
- Students in fourth grade presented an amazing assembly in character on Colonial America through a skit.
- The all school talent show reflected imagination and courage. Thanks to Student Council for organizing and sponsoring the event.
- The 6th grade rocket launch was thrilling to watch.
- Our annual all school picnic at Hope Lake was met with great anticipation by all and was a huge success.
- The SCA and our staff combined efforts for a successful field day and ice cream social.
- The 6th grade graduation was a grand celebration. All of which bring our school year to a successful end.

HES Blue Pride

Character Education

HES celebrated the end of the school year in grand fashion with a Character Education Assembly focused on the Rachel's Challenge message of "Kindness". From April to June, all members of HES's School Community created paper chain links for every recorded act of "Kindness". Prior to the assembly, the entire school lined the main hallway to put together 1004 "Kindness" links. The chain stretched the entire hallway and out on to the playground. What a start to a terrific program.

Second to Third Grade Transition

Second Grade Students were provided the opportunity to visit the Third Grade Classrooms three times this spring in preparation for next year's transition. On one of the visits, both grade levels worked on buddy projects and received a free book from the Reading is Fundamental Program sponsored by the Elementary School PTO.

Contest Winner

Lulu Effinger, a Second Grade Student at HES, was the recipient of a First Place Award from Cortland County's Soil and Water Department's "Ronny the Raindrop" contest. She was picked from a pool of students from throughout Cortland County.

Homer Intermediate School
Blue Pride Spotlights
6/25/13



1. Team 4B visited Main Street Farms to learn more about organic farming. Students learned about the processes that are used and how their Green Team efforts help our earth.
2. Grade 5 celebrated their end of the year with a picnic at Little York. There was an on-line voting opportunity for students and families- the picnic was chosen by 76% of voters. Thanks to the SCA, teachers and families for a quick turnaround in planning!
3. Grade 6 graduation was a great success. Students, teachers and families celebrated their HIS experiences with laughter and tears. The auditorium was packed with people to support our students to start their secondary school experience. Thank you to the grade 5 parents for hosting an outstanding reception after the ceremony.
4. Our last pep rally celebrated self-control. We also said fare-well to our retirees, teachers moving to other areas of the district and the students moving to the JH. This year as a substitute for moving up day, we introduced the teachers in each grade level and students shared their successes and summary of the school year.
5. Each year the students in Ms. Sumners' class plant flowers to sell to Homer staff. The money we raise is then donated to CNYSNAP. This year, we raised \$70.00! Mrs. Marcin, who works at CNYSNAP came to thank our students for raising money for CNYSNAP (Central NY Spay and Neuter Program) and brought with her one of the cats that was saved with the money we raised this year.
6. Our HIS Student Counsel helped to coordinate donations for the Jones- Crandall family (who lost their home to fire earlier this year). We were able to deliver several loads of clothing and coordinate the donation of furniture and other household supplies. Our monetary donations were very generous- we were able to purchase a \$600 gift card to Aldi's and gave cash for other incidentals for the family. Thank you to the community for their support!
7. Author Gail Jarrow visited the HIS 3rd and 4th graders thanks to the SCA and Mrs. Nachtrieb. Ms. Jarrow spoke to students about her new non-fiction book and demonstrated some magic tricks, too. We are proud to report that she commented in a note that our students were "excellent listeners that asked good questions."

Homer Junior High School
Blue Pride Spotlight Items
6/25/13 Board of Education meeting

End of Year Barbeque

The Junior High staff, in conjunction with the School Community Association (SCA), conducted the sixth annual end of year barbeque on Tuesday, June 18th. The event is designed to end the school year on a positive note and to thank students for helping to make the Junior High a great place to learn and grow. A band comprised of Junior High students and a number of individual students performed for the student body.

Additionally, a professional band with student's parents performed. Games, food, music and fun were the featured attractions for the afternoon.

End of year Awards Ceremonies

Grade seven and eight award ceremonies were held Tuesday, June 18th in the Bonné Auditorium. Individuals were recognized for outstanding accomplishments in the areas of leadership, effort, citizenship, good character, reading, English, math, science, social studies, art, and physical education. Junior High staff prepared remarks that highlighted the unique characteristics of each student winner and honorable mention. Parents of award winners were invited to attend.

Homer Senior High School
 Blue Pride for May June 2013

1. NYS Graduation Data Release shows 3 year trend of increased graduation rate for Homer CSD and for Homer Senior High School.

	<i>2006 cohort 4 year + August</i>	<i>2007 cohort 4 year + August</i>	<i>2008 cohort 4 year + August</i>
Homer SHS	81.3% (6 yr)	86.6% (5yr)	90.9%
Homer CSD	79.3%	85.6%	88.5%
OCM BOCES	85.3%	87.4%	87.8%
NYS	76.1%	76.8%	76.7%

2. 159 graduates received diplomas on June 22, 2013
 - 10 Local Diplomas
 - 60 Regents Diplomas
 - 50 Regents Diplomas with Advanced Designation
 - 2 Regents Diplomas with Advanced Designation in Math
 - 4 Regents Diplomas with Advanced Designation in Science
 - 1 Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation in Math & Science
 - 4 Regents Diplomas with Advanced Designation and Honors
 - 5 Regents Diplomas with Advanced Designation and Honors in Math
 - 9 Regents Diplomas with Advanced Designation and Honors in Science
 - 9 Regents Diplomas with Advanced Designation and Honors in Math& Science
3. June 3rd Honors and Awards Ceremony recognized over 120 students 9-12
4. Annual HS Art Expo on June 10 displayed student works in art and technology for students across district grade levels, with a focus on students 9-12
5. Jacob Williams and Dylan Cochran graduated from OCM BOCES Turning Point on June 14. Dylan received several honors.
6. Michael Hapgood completed high school diploma requirements and graduated from OCM BOCES Cortland Alternative School on June 19, 2013
7. 53 Homer High School staff members submitted evidence portfolios during the chaos of state exam week (and a half). Staff members were thoughtful and each participated in a conference with the principal leading to a thoughtful and reflective dialog of the year past and the year ahead.

8. Counselors continue to work with other district staff on the schooltool implementation. We will miss Mrs. Eves continues to provide the same behind the scenes effort to this project as she has to many in her distinguished career. We wish her much happiness in her retirement!