

## **Hartnett Blue Pride ~ May**

- On Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, Hartnett had its Character Education assembly to honor students exhibiting acceptance and friendship. The 4<sup>th</sup> grades performed a skit about showing both acceptance and friendship. Each homeroom was able to give two awards to honor students due to having two words this month!
- The Hartnett students have been working hard on their end of the year performance, Epic! Students and teachers practice together as a school at least once a week, and the special roles practice after school. It is going to be an amazing performance!
- Teachers and students worked very hard on state assessments this year! 4<sup>th</sup> Graders participated in their science performance test on Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. The entire school should be commended for how they acted during state assessments, including grades K-2 who were very quiet and respectful during testing.

## **Elementary Blue Pride ~ May**

- The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade play titled "Dogs and Cats" was a huge success! The Bonne Auditorium was filled with parents, grandparents, siblings, and invited guests. Audience members were treated to a musical that incorporated music, dance, and speaking parts. The students did a fantastic job and worked extremely hard at practicing a ½ hour performance!
- The elementary PTO sponsored a movie night for our students on Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Students were treated to the movie "Frozen" along with popcorn and numerous snacks. We had over 75 student participate along with their parents!

Homer Intermediate School  
Blue Pride Spotlights  
5/22/14



1. "I Need a Vacation!" was performed for our school and community on 5/15-16/14. The students and staff worked hard on this great musical production. Mrs. Henry and the students incorporated our teachers and chant Reach Up, Reach Out into the presentation. Thank you to all who have supported our show!
2. On 5/22/10 the author Kevin Kurtz visited the Intermediate School as well as the Elementary and Hartnett Schools. Mr. Kurtz is a Homer graduate. Thank you to the SCA and PTO for sponsoring the visit.
3. Mrs. Durkee's TEAM group won the *NATIONAL* Achieve 3000 contest. The students have been working hard to improve their reading skills at home as well as in school.
4. The Grade 4 Albany trip was another success this year. The students had a great time and loved the trip again this year. Thank you to Mrs. Higgins for leading the committee as well as all the other grade 4 teachers and TAs, parents, and SCA for the fundraising and organization of the trip.
5. Mrs. Brown and Ms. Mack's class has been working on videos to enter into the "Everyone Has Rights" video competition. Please vote on May 21st- May 28<sup>th</sup> at <http://contests.viddler.com/nysutsttp/speak-truth-to-power-video-contest#timeline> . This contest fits right into our modules for human rights and Jackie Robinson.

Homer Junior High School  
Blue Pride Spotlight Items  
5/27/14 Board of Education meeting

**Junior High Dominates Imagination Celebration**

At this year's 9th Annual Imagination Celebration, Homer Junior High took all but four awards in the grade 7-8 judged categories of the show! This is an amazing number and our school and students should be very proud of this accomplishment.

This year's winning pieces were as follows: Kieana Adkins, 1st place sculpture, Alexandra Baldwin, 2nd place printmaking, Anna Gugerty, 1st place in both drawing and printmaking, Isabelle Hart, 2nd place in drawing and printmaking and 3rd place also in drawing, Claire Kuiken, 1st place in 2D design, Ethan Laundry, 3rd place in printmaking, Carmella Mooney, 2nd place in sculpture, Reagan O'Donnell, 3rd place 2D design, Darin Scott, 2nd place 2D design, and Autumn Stevens, 3rd place in sculpture.

**Seventh Annual Class Night**

The seventh annual Class Night was held on Friday, May 2nd at the Junior High. This SCA family event pitted students from seventh and eighth grade against each other as they competed in a variety of events to determine the 2014 Class Night champion.

Families brought in canned foods as their entrance fee to the evening. We gathered more than 267 individual food items that were donated to area food pantries. Activities included: Karaoke, Pictionary, Crossfire, Photography, and Electronic Trivia. Mr. Aagaard designed and served as gamemaster for some absolutely hilarious parent-teacher games that culminated the evening. All of the money raised will be used to fund our end of year barbeque scheduled for the afternoon of June 25<sup>th</sup>.

## Homer High School Blue Pride Activities for May - 2014

### Cortland County Youth Leadership Program Graduation and Service Day -

Thirty-eight students from schools in Cortland County and DeRuyter took to the trails of the Lime Hollow Center for Environment and Culture. They were there clearing away brush and garbage as part of the Cortland County Youth Leadership program, which they had graduated from a half hour before. Formed in 2004, the six-month course seeks to instill leadership qualities in students who, without the program, might not get a chance to stretch their leadership wings. This program is funded by a grant from the Cortland County Youth Bureau and offers students the chance to meet once a month, usually for most of the school day. A different experience is planned for each session, with students visiting the County Courthouse, SUNY Cortland and Cortland Regional Medical Center for object lessons in effective communication, problem-solving skills and good decision-making. Homer students included Vincent Fittanto, Andrew Jacobi, Joe Settineri, Hanna Whalen and Ana Shore.

### Prom and All Night Party –

The Prom and All Night Party were held on May 3, 2014. The Prom was held at Hathaway Hall in Solon and great night was had by all. This year's King and Queen were Queen Rachel McNeil, King Chase Davis, Princess Lucy Connery and Prince Drew Cottrell

The All Night Party was held at J.M. McDonald Sports Complex and was also a great evening with students having a safe and positive end of evening event. THANK YOU PARENTS AND VOLUNTEERS for making this a success.

### "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead" -

Congratulations to the entire cast, crew, musicians, volunteers and their families for an excellent performance of "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead" held May 9<sup>th</sup> and May 10<sup>th</sup> at the Homer High Auditorium.

### Alice Jenkins honored by Congress-

U.S. Representative Richard Hanna announced that Alice Jenkins, a senior at Homer High School, was the first place winner of the 2014 Congressional High School Art Competition, "An Artistic Discovery." High school students from throughout the 22<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District who placed in their countywide art competition showcased their work at the Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute in Utica. Alice was selected first place for her pastel drawing "Underwater Dance." Alice's artwork will be displayed in the tunnel to the Capitol in Washington, D.C. for the entire year and she is invited to attend the luncheon with other national winners. Rep. Hanna personally donated a cash prize to the first, second and third place winners.

### National Honor Society Inductions

On Monday, May 5, the Homer High School National Honor Society inducted its new members for the school year of 2014-2015. Juniors were selected based on their excellence in scholarship, service, character, and leadership. Inductees were welcomed into the chapter by this year's senior NHS members at the ceremony.

Congratulations are in order for the following students for being selected: Nicholas Barnard, Anthony Basile, Robin Baumeister, Julia Brazo, Lydia Brown, Lucy Connery, Drew Cottrell, Sarah Denkenberger, Nicholas Dentes, Katherine Fuller, Grace Gugerty, Bradley Keith, Stephanie Kristof, Bradley Laman, Erin Leach, Anthony Levitskiy, Hilary Luety, Stephanie McGory, Bill McLaughlin, Sara McNamara, Mara Nasiatka, Kelsey Pierson, Meghan Rahner, Dean Riley, Marissa Sackett, Shannon Spencer, Daniel Turck, Nathaniel Ulrich, Tyler Wallace, Elizabeth Walter, Emilie Whittington, and Sophie Whittington.

We congratulate these students on their achievement!