



Blue Pride

Hartnett and Elementary Schools

February 2015

Hartnett

Grade 4 Colonial Wax Museum and Character Development

Fourth graders at Hartnett were able to become colonists for the day and perform different trades in front of the school. This colonial wax museum took them weeks to prepare for. There were trades such as apothecary, sheriff, baker, town crier, dressmaker, farmer, silversmith, gunsmith, tithing man, wigmaker, teacher, candle maker and cabinetmaker. They did a fantastic job!

January also brought along with it the recognition of our student citizen's of the month. Hartnett recognized one student from each grade level who demonstrates the character traits that encompass our PRIDE statement. Students who earn this award have lunch with the principal where they are treated to his company and dessert!

Elementary

Volunteers and Character Development

The elementary is truly blessed to have numerous volunteers who give their time in working with our students. Whether they work in individual classrooms or with individual students, their help is greatly appreciated and makes a positive difference in the lives of our students!

January ushered in 27 additional Student Citizen's of the Month at the Elementary School. Students this month were recognized specifically for the character trait of being respectful. Students had a special treat with the principal on Friday, January 30th before celebrating their half day of school.



1. Students in grade 3-8 participated in two rounds of the Geography Bee. Mrs. Shirley was assisted by Mrs. Nachtrieb, Mrs. McGee and Mr. DiFulvio. There were 150 students that signed up for the event. A separate event, round 1, was held for Hartnett students. We are anxiously waiting to hear the results.
2. Congratulations to Mrs. Dukee and Mrs. Redenback for being appointed Common Core Fellowships through the NYSED. Mrs. Durkee will be working to revise and improve the ELA modules while Mrs. Redenback will be working with math. We are honored to have them both as part of our staff at the Intermediate School.
3. Ms. Tarry, Ms. Mack and Mrs. Poplawski have been awarded HEF mini-grants to work with colleagues and, most importantly, students. Ms. Tarry will be working with grade 5 on Mexican Folk art to supplement the ELA instruction. Ms. Mack will be working with computer coding, Tynker program, to continue the Computer Club founded by the Barrett family. Mrs. Poplawski will be working with grades 3-5 in Hartnett and the Intermediate School to research local communities. Thank you Homer Education Foundation!
4. Thank you to parent Cynthia Sarver (Mrs. Barrett and Ms. Mack, too) for volunteering for the Hour of Code to promote computer science for the AAUW in the Intermediate School. We had 23 students attend. Two students made it all the way to level 20 in about one half hour. Thanks Ms. Sarver!!
5. Thanks to Ms. Matteson for participating in Tuba Christmas again this year with students from across the region!

**Homer Junior High School
Blue Pride Spotlight Items
2/10/15 Board of Education meeting**

Cortland Youth Bureau Spelling Bee Semi-finals

The Junior High will be hosting the CYB Spelling Bee semi-finals on Wednesday, February 11th at 9:30 a.m. in the Bonne Auditorium. Seven of the sixteen participating students are from Homer Junior High. The finals will take place later this month at Cortland Junior-Senior High School.

Science Club Trip to Raquette Lake

The Junior High Science Club recently made their annual trek to Raquette Lake Outdoor Education Center in the Adirondacks. On the way to Raquette Lake, the JH along with the BOCES New Visions program hiked Rondaxe (Bald) Mountain. While at Camp Huntington, the students took part in outdoor activities such as cross country skiing, snowshoeing, nature walks, and taking a plunge into the lake after a nice hot sauna! Additionally, the students participated in indoor educational programs focusing on environmental issues and the history surrounding the great camps of the Adirondacks.

JH Musical "High School Musical"

The Junior High musical production went off without a hitch last week with two very appreciative audiences on Thursday, February 5 and Friday, February 6th. The students performed admirably under the direction of Mr. Melvin, Mr. Brodeur and Mr. Herwood. The second production was added on Thursday afternoon to accommodate folks unable to attend on Friday and to reward the students for all of their hard work leading up to the date of presentation. The school body enjoyed a daytime production on Thursday, February 5th. Congratulations to both students and the adults responsible for the production.

High School Blue Pride Activities for February- 2015

Students Learn Coding

Fourteen Homer High Students participated in Ms. Calkins business class on coding. It was to show students how coding is used in everyday life. The students were participating in the Hour of Code, a worldwide initiative of the nonprofit group code.org to increase student participation in computer science. Ms. Calkins class really enjoyed the opportunity.

CTE Business Program

The new CTE business program is off to a great start!! Students are loving the courses and asking about recommendations and future offerings. The Entrepreneurship class has a lot of exciting things currently going on! Students were required to select a non-fiction entrepreneurial related book, read it and write a book review. While there was the normal moaning and groaning in the beginning, their reflections and reviews on the assignment were great! One student wrote in his review "While I do not read too many books that consist entirely of non-fiction, I can say that this book, enveloped in its quotations and facts, has given me more enthusiasm and ideas to use in my personal life than any other book or article I've ever read." Words cannot describe how this sentence, other reviews, and even comments from students about enjoying their books and the connections they are making to the curriculum and their own lives has given Ms. Calkins pride for her students and their work.

Students in Entrepreneurship are also in the process of completing their job shadows with their mentors. Those who have already completed them have been reporting back with excitement on their experience and openly sharing stories with others. Three students have even been offered summer employment by their mentors!

Area All-State Choir

The Festival was held at Ithaca College Friday, January 30th and Saturday, January 31st. Student groups were comprised of the top music students from 50 area school districts in NYSSMA Zone 3 which comprises the middle slice of Central New York from Binghamton up to Fulton. Students rehearsed from 12:00-7:30 on Friday and 9:30 until the concerts on Saturday afternoon. The students selected from Homer include:

Mixed Chorus: Zach Sovocool, Will Loiselle, Hanna Whalen and Elaine Anderson

Women's Chorus: Nate Ulrich, Julia Brazo, Ana Shore and Erin Stafford

Bowling Success

Congratulations to the boys bowling team who are Section 3 Class B Champions.

A Congratulations also goes out Ryan Aylesworth who qualified for States.

Homer Girls Indoor Track and Field

Four members of the Homer Girls Indoor Track and Field Team earned right to be called Sectional Champions. Alsasce Lorraine Sanders, Carolyne Yonta, Lucy Connery, and Rachael Church broke the school record in the 4 x 200 winning the Class A Sectional Championship. Alsasce also won the Class A Sectional Championship in the 55m dash.

Success at the Scholastic Art Awards

The following students have been recognized for their writing in the annual Scholastic Art and Writing awards. They have been selected from tens of thousands of entries at the State level. Those who were awarded Gold Key status move automatically to the national competition. This year's honorees are:

<i>Student</i>	<i>Special Awards</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Award</i>
<i>Erica Stevens</i>		<i>Drawing & Illustration</i>	<i>Gold Key</i>
<i>Brent McNeil</i>		<i>Drawing & Illustration</i>	<i>Gold Key</i>
<i>Monique Sheldon</i>		<i>Art Portfolio</i>	<i>Gold Key</i>
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<i>Erica Stevens</i>		<i>Drawing & Illustration</i>	<i>Gold Key</i>
<i>Meleah Hartnett</i>		<i>Photography</i>	<i>Gold Key</i>
<i>Kristen Rahner</i>		<i>Photography</i>	<i>Gold Key</i>
<i>Victoria Shevchuk</i>		<i>Drawing & Illustration</i>	<i>Honorable Mention</i>
<i>Victoria Shevchuk</i>		<i>Painting</i>	<i>Honorable Mention</i>
<i>Rachael Church</i>		<i>Painting</i>	<i>Honorable Mention</i>
<i>Alex Cottrell</i>		<i>Drawing & Illustration</i>	<i>Honorable Mention</i>
<i>Marleah Dentes</i>		<i>Drawing & Illustration</i>	<i>Honorable Mention</i>
<i>Kennedy George</i>		<i>Drawing & Illustration</i>	<i>Honorable Mention</i>
<i>Abby Gray</i>		<i>Drawing & Illustration</i>	<i>Honorable Mention</i>
<i>Cody Johnson</i>		<i>Drawing & Illustration</i>	<i>Honorable Mention</i>
<i>Kala Johnson</i>		<i>Drawing & Illustration</i>	<i>Honorable Mention</i>
<i>Bradley Keith</i>		<i>Art Portfolio</i>	<i>Honorable Mention</i>
<i>Rachael Osterhoudt</i>		<i>Drawing & Illustration</i>	<i>Honorable Mention</i>
<i>Kristen Rahner</i>		<i>Drawing & Illustration</i>	<i>Honorable Mention</i>
<i>Meghan Rahner</i>		<i>Art Portfolio</i>	<i>Honorable Mention</i>
<i>Meghan Rahner</i>		<i>Sculpture</i>	<i>Honorable Mention</i>
<i>Dean Riley</i>		<i>Drawing & Illustration</i>	<i>Honorable Mention</i>
<i>Monique Sheldon</i>		<i>Drawing & Illustration</i>	<i>Honorable Mention</i>
<i>Monique Sheldon</i>		<i>Drawing & Illustration</i>	<i>Honorable Mention</i>
<i>Autumn Stevens</i>		<i>Photography</i>	<i>Honorable Mention</i>
<i>Mason Sunderland</i>		<i>Photography</i>	<i>Honorable Mention</i>
<i>Jack Bancroft</i>		<i>Drawing & Illustration</i>	<i>Honorable Mention</i>
<i>Tianna Brown</i>		<i>Drawing & Illustration</i>	<i>Honorable Mention</i>
<i>Isabelle Hart</i>		<i>Drawing & Illustration</i>	<i>Honorable Mention</i>
<i>Bradley Keith</i>		<i>Art Portfolio</i>	<i>Honorable Mention</i>
<i>Kristen Rahner</i>		<i>Photography</i>	<i>Honorable Mention</i>
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<i>Dean Riley</i>		<i>Drawing & Illustration</i>	<i>Photography</i>
<i>Monique Sheldon</i>		<i>Photography</i>	<i>Silver Key</i>

<i>Stone Tanner</i>		<i>Drawing & Illustration</i>	<i>Silver Key</i>
<i>Adam Walling</i>		<i>Drawing & Illustration</i>	<i>Silver Key</i>
<i>Alexandra Baldwin</i>		<i>Drawing & Illustration</i>	<i>Silver Key</i>
<i>Lydia Brown</i>		<i>Drawing & Illustration</i>	<i>Silver Key</i>
<i>McKayla Crawford</i>		<i>Drawing & Illustration</i>	<i>Silver Key</i>
<i>Marleah Dentes</i>		<i>Drawing & Illustration</i>	<i>Silver key</i>
<i>Alex Levitskiy</i>		<i>Painting</i>	<i>Silver Key</i>
<i>Alsasce Sanders</i>		<i>Drawing & Illustration</i>	<i>Silver Key</i>
<i>Monique Sheldon</i>		<i>Jewelry</i>	<i>Silver Key</i>
<i>Monique Sheldon</i>		<i>Jewelry</i>	<i>Silver Key</i>
<i>Monique Sheldon</i>		<i>Photography</i>	<i>Silver Key</i>
<i>Mel Videto</i>		<i>Photography</i>	<i>Silver Key</i>
<i>Adam Walling</i>		<i>Drawing & Illustration</i>	<i>Silver Key</i>
<i>Lydia Brown</i>		<i>Drawing & Illustration</i>	<i>Silver Key</i>
<i>McKayla Crawford</i>		<i>Drawing & Illustration</i>	<i>Silver Key</i>
<i>Kuerstin Markley</i>		<i>Photography</i>	<i>Silver Key</i>
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<i>Kristen Rahner</i>		<i>Photography</i>	<i>Silver Key</i>
<i>Kristen Rahner</i>		<i>Photography</i>	<i>Silver Key</i>
<i>Meghan Rahner</i>		<i>Jewelry</i>	<i>Silver Key</i>

Scholastic Writing Results

Student	Special Award	Category	Award
<i>Robin Beaumeister</i>		<i>Short Story</i>	<i>Silver Key</i>
<i>Peter Hartsock</i>		<i>Short Story</i>	<i>Silver Key</i>
<i>Anthony Levitskiy</i>		<i>Short Story</i>	<i>Silver Key</i>
<i>Matt Metcalf</i>		<i>Short Story</i>	<i>Silver Key</i>
<i>Janessa Morelli</i>		<i>Short Story</i>	<i>Silver Key</i>
<i>Marissa Sackett</i>		<i>Short Story</i>	<i>Honorable Mention</i>
<i>Erica Stevens</i>		<i>Short Story</i>	<i>Honorable Mention</i>
<i>Sophie Wittington</i>		<i>Short Story</i>	<i>Honorable Mention</i>