



HIGH SCHOOL BLUE PRIDE ACTIVITIES FOR MAY - 2016

National Technical Honor Society

The National Technical Honor Society Induction Ceremony was held Thursday, March 17th at OCM BOCES McEvoy Campus. The goal of National Technical Honor Society is to recognize deserving students who have chosen technical education pathways to a successful future. The Homer High School students that were honored included:

Automotive

Trenton Allbright
Naomi Wright

Automotive Technology

Jack Bancroft

Computer Technology

Darrick Baldwin
Joshua Frenia

Cosmetology

Victoria Anderson
Rebecca Hartquist

Culinary Arts

Shannon Cole

New Visions Environmental Science

Madeline Jennings
Jacob Jensen
Kenian Ulrich

New Visions Medical

Emily Lawrence
Kathryn Ryan
Karlee Vanwagenen

Physical Therapy Professions

Brianna Hawks
Olivia Porter
Anna Young

Welding

Ross Brown
Jeremiah Bush
Isaac Cline
Austin Stone

Cortland Free Library

Friday, May 6th Brandon Mowry, Senior, was the Cortland Free Library 2016 poetry contest winner for the teen division. Brandon was chosen out of approximately 20 participants. He received a certificate, \$10 Amazon card and \$5 Hoopla gift card. His poem "untitled" has been framed and displayed in the library. .

Prom and All Night Party

The Prom and All Night Party were held on May 7, 2016. The Prom was held at Tinelli's Hathaway House, Solon, NY and great night was had by all. This year's Queen and King were; Sophia Pizzola and David Perfetti.

The All Night Party was held at J.M. McDonald Sports Complex and was also a great evening with everyone having a lot of fun. Thank you parents, community members and staff for organizing this event.

National Honor Society Induction

The National Honor Society held their induction ceremony Monday, May 9, 2016, 7:00 p.m. at the Homer Junior High in the Bonne' Auditorium. The new inductees include:

James Robert Belton	Maura MacNeil
Rachel Brady	Kuersten Markley
Karalyn Buhl	Jenna McMullin
Kelly Case	Brent McNeil
Morgan Clayman	Emily McNeill
Rachel Crompton	Katherine Mercer
Cameron Cronk	Annabell Mooney
Erin Currie	Carmella Mooney
James Denkenberger	Allison Osterhoudt
Marleah Dentes	Rachael Osterhoudt
Krysandra Dewey	Matthew Pelowski
Rachel Egan	Evan Perry
Mikaela Elkins	Samual Pullman
Joseph Esposito Jr.	Kristen Rahner
Mollie Ferrito	Samantha Robbins
Jenna Galeotti	Christine Rolfe
Cullen Gallagher	Lindsay Sovocool
Elena Gustafson	Autumn Stevens
Andrew Gustafson	Stone Tanner
Olivia Harrington	Cary Trierweiler
Meleah Hartnett	Adam Walling
Stephen Hyde	Matthew Walling
Sarah Jensen	Brooke Williams
Lauren Kiley	Dylan Williams-Bachman
Noah Kilmer	Aliza Willsey
Neil Malakar	

Cortland County Envirothon

On Friday, May 13th, five students from Homer High School (Joe Settineri, Evan Ulrich, Julia Fouts, Kennedy George and Tighe Gugerty) placed first at the Cortland County Envirothon. The Envirothon is a 1-day event where students from all over the county compete in six different categories related to the environment. This year, "The Kids" from Homer placed first out of eight Cortland County teams and placed first in all six categories including the oral presentation.

Now the team heads to Hobart William Smith College in Geneva to compete in the New York State Envirothon.

The Importance of Being Earnest

Homer Thespians have worked over the past few months in preparation of presenting "The Importance of Being Earnest." Congratulations to the cast and crew for a successful performance. A special thanks to the Center for the Arts for hosting rehearsals and the performance.

Cortland Area Communities that Care Coalition (CACTC)

CACTC recognizes exemplary and noteworthy students annually through the Youth of the Year Awards. Their goal is to identify and recognize youth who excel, but "fly under the radar." Nominees exhibited leadership, service, resilience and significant contributions in the following areas: Community involvement, school involvement, character and personal accomplishments. The Awards Ceremony was held on Thursday, May 12th at the Cortland Repertory Theater. Congratulations to the following students on being recognized for this achievement Krysandra Dewey, Olivia Porter, Jacob Jensen and Molly Ulrich.

Upcoming Events:

- Hs Instrumental Concert, Bonne' Auditorium Thursday, 26th
- Honors and Awards Ceremony – Tuesday, May 31st
- HS Senior Banquet, Corey Union SUNY Cortland, Wednesday, June 1st
- Senior & Junior picnic/trip, Friday, June 3rd
- Cortland County Dairy Parade, Tuesday, June 7th

**Homer Junior High School
Blue Pride Spotlight Items
5/24/16 Board of Education meeting**

Science Club Fieldtrip

On Friday, May 27th the JH Science club will be departing for a trip to Philadelphia. The group will be departing the JH on a Swarthout Coach bus and their first stop will be Adventure Aquarium in Camden, NJ. While at the aquarium, students will take part in a classroom learning experience about invertebrates and then explore the aquarium in chaperoned groups. The club will stay at the Wyndham Hotel in Historic Downtown Philadelphia. They will have a catered indoor BBQ style dinner at the hotel Friday evening and then depart for the “Bloodletting & Burials” guided walking tour by Historic Philadelphia, Inc. This adventure will follow the cobblestone pathways of 1760 and uncover tales about bloodletting, yellow fever, small pox and other infectious diseases that plagued the 18th century. The group will then have their own guided walking tour by Social Studies teachers and chaperones Kim Butts and Jen Greenfield where they will visit the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, Betsy Ross house, Benjamin Franklin’s grave, 1st National Bank of the US, and Franklin Square to give the students a true cross-curricular learning experience! Friday night will be topped off with some swimming in the roof top pool at the hotel. Saturday morning the club will be visiting the Franklin Institute Science Center. Students will have the opportunity to explore three floors of interactive, hands-on science exhibits. The science center also offers many live shows and demonstrations throughout the day. After lunch the group will experience the “Humpback Whales” IMAX film at the center and then depart for home!

Sexting and Social Media Use Presentations

School Resource Officer Ed Lake met recently with our sixth graders and eighth graders to discuss their social media use. Ed worked with our Health and Home and Careers teachers in the development of his messaging for his visits. His presentations centered on the permanency of the material that students post and the positive and negative consequences that can arise from it. Ed did a fantastic job using real world examples that helped students to scrutinize their use of social media and make adjustments if needed. Students responded positively to his presentation. This is part of our ongoing efforts to educate students about their digital footprint.



May 2016

1. Grade 5A decorated bags for the Homer IGA to distribute for Earth Day. The students each had a paper bag to design for donation to the store for the celebration on April 22, 2016.
2. Ms. Eddy and Mrs. Snyder, retired teachers, planned and implemented centers in Ms. Perkins room to celebrate spring. Each adult worked with students for the special event that included a special edible craft.
3. The Autism Awareness walk was held on a beautiful April afternoon. Sixth grader Ryder Winn and his mother attended on behalf of Puzzle Solvers. The Intermediate donated about \$370 to the organization in addition to the merchandise that was sold in the office. The walk was led by Ryder and ended with Popsicles donated by the SCA. Thanks to the PRIDE Council for organizing the 2nd annual event.
4. Thanks to Super Cream and the Homer PD for helping grade 5 Celebrate Success the week of April 18th with a picnic and treat.
5. Ms. Sue Marks, Director of School Based Program and ERS at Family Counseling Services, joined our May Pep rally to offer The Worry Box to the Intermediate School. There will be boxes set up around the school community for students to submit their worries. The worries will be added to a tree to let go of them. Ms. Marks will share strategies to let go of worries and when to share them with an adult.
6. Ms. Patterson and Mr. Barnes hosted the Cortland County Bike Safety educator in classes on May 3rd and 4th. Students learned about bike safety as well as how to best fit a helmet. We hope to have several rides with the educator to help with safety tips while riding off campus.
7. Grade 4 is working with Pam Cullip, Child Advocacy Center, on the Building Healthy Relationships program. The program teaches children to appreciate and respect themselves and others by helping them to build bridges to new friendships and keep them safe. Pam will be using different teaching methods; such as, art projects, games, discussions, and books, engage students of all learning styles.
8. Mr. LeFort has been busy assisting teachers in grades 3-4 with keyboarding skills. He has been helping classrooms set up the program so students may practice on their own at home or at school.
9. Mary Dykeman has been working with classroom teachers to help with girls' social issues. Ms. Perkins and Ms. Garrett hosted Mary for lunch groups to help students reduce and cope with social issues.



Homer Elementary School

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May 24, 2016

1. Mrs. Karen Keefe was awarded the Lavona Schneider Memorial Rotary Recognition Award (Rotary Teacher of the Year Award) The criteria require that a nominee must exemplify the Rotary motto "Service Above Self" and specifically show the following: demonstrated teaching excellence and commitment in the classroom; engagement in service outside the classroom, encouragement for students to be service oriented; and continuous pursuit of self-improvement. Karen exemplifies these character traits each and every day at the Elementary School. We are so very proud of Karen and this recognition that is so well deserved!
2. May 20th the Elementary School will hold its 2nd annual PTO sponsored Walk-A-Thon where students in grades k-2, along with our friends from our BOCES classrooms raised funds to help support our local SPCA. Each child and adult at the Elementary School received a t-shirt that was designed by one of our very own students and will wear it proudly as we walk for a period of ½ hour behind the Elementary School on our walking trail. Representatives from the Cortland County SPCA will be on hand to thank our students and lead us on our first lap!
3. Our librarian Margaret Little was honored at the annual OCM BOCES School Library System's awards and retiree luncheon. Many wonderful words were spoken about Margaret and her career here in Homer. She has totally transformed a traditional library setting into a true media center for our students. We are proud of our school librarian and all that she has done to make a positive impact on our students and learning!
4. Teacher appreciation week at the beginning of the month was very much appreciated by faculty and staff. Board of Education President Sonia Apker brought a great energy to

the building while handing out gifts. Our faculty and staff appreciated Sonia
“appreciating” us!