



Student artwork brightens the Superintendent's office.



Pride in our Schools

September/October 2015



ALT first graders and ASAP teacher Mary Balkonis plant lettuce and carrots, with plans to harvest (and make a salad) during American Education Week in November.



Inspired by a short story, a garden blooms two years after the 7th graders of Myranda Shimko, Vivien Plesmid and Donna Bardy enlisted the help of Mike Gonnella of Buildings and Grounds to prepare the fertile earth for a meadow beautification project.



Kindergarteners and first graders at ALT and Central learn fire safety during Fire Prevention Week,

October 4-10.





Students of the Month September

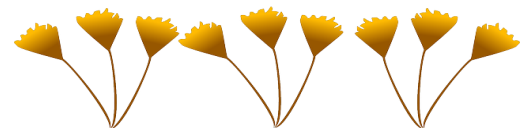
Back Row (L-R): Mary Elias, Sarah Young,
Benjamin Hatcher, Brooke Pfeiffer

Front Row (L-R): Leonard Calvo, Emma
Golkin, Daniella Green, Vincent Freijomil

Woodland Principal Jeff Heaney and fifth graders welcome Yolanda Robinson of Rachel's Challenge. Robinson encouraged students to start a chain reaction of kindness and compassion.



Principal Scott Cook kicks off a yearlong celebration of Mt. Horeb's 50th anniversary.



Welcome to our new teachers
and their mentors for
2015-2016.

Central School's Laura Lamson and Lauren Nelson are members of the Warren Township Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Each September for the past 6 years, the pair has attended disaster training, conducting staged rescues in 5 story buildings, sheltering-in drills, fire safety instruction and more. They use their training to help at community events and in times of crisis.



Mt. Horeb Bitsbox Club

Fourth and fifth graders in technology teacher Jolanta Scassera's afterschool coding club use a special website to create fun apps for computers, tablets and smart phones.

Woodland's
Tree of Good Character
sprouts leaves as teachers
reward students for making
good decisions.



ALT fifth graders dress
up as European explorers
as part of a social studies
project that included
creating a 3-D map of
each explorer's route.

Arianna Tommaso (L),
Julia deMontagnac (R)

as Samuel de Champlain



HATS OFF TO...

⇒ All of our summer curriculum writers.



⇒ The buildings and grounds staff for their tireless efforts to get our schools and landscaping ready for the start of school.

⇒ Data Manager Ashley Peterson and the IT Department — Lance Riegler, Ken Creedon, Patrick MacNamara and Jonathan Jauh — for the herculean task of getting district technology, instructional software and online resources ready for students and teachers.

⇒ 6th Grade math teacher Barbara LaSaracina who joined other National State Teachers at an August conference in Chicago to review standardized testing, including PARCC. Mrs. LaSaracina also was a consultant for the NBC News-produced Parent Tool Kit (www.parenttoolkit.com).

⇒ Middle School science teachers Kelly Brown, Ann Marie Christou and Carolyn McCloskey, who attended a weeklong institute on the Next Generation Science Standards in July. This is just one of many scheduled professional development opportunities to help our science teachers prepare for the new standards.

⇒ The Curriculum Department (Bill Kimmick, Stacey Hann-Modugno, Shannon Albrecht) and the many presenters who made the October Inservice a success.



Preschoolers at Mt. Horeb are all smiles as they show off their Halloween finery.



As part of a Spanish unit on food/ beverages and “mi plato” (my plate), Senora Slack’s classes made healthful fruit smoothies called licuados, using pineapple, mango, berries, coconut and other combinations.

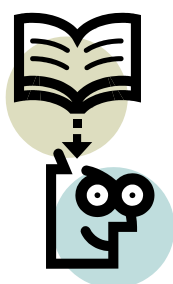
Delicioso!



Buildings and Grounds Supervisor Tyler Tribelhorn (L) receives the Safety Incentive Program Award on behalf of the district.



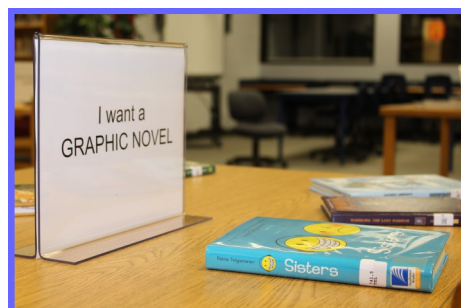
Fifth graders learn that writing and science go hand-in-hand. Woodland Grade 5 teacher Colleen Krumm invited her daughter, a scientist, to teach her students about clear, concise journal writing.

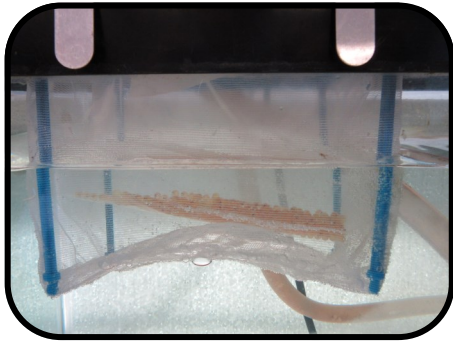


7th grade students of Lori Vigliotti and Chelsea Hill make a community-based instructional visit to Hillview Farm in Gillette.



“Read Like a Teen”
Middle School Media Specialist Cynthia Cassidy starts a monthly book club for staffers to read and recommend popular, current books to their students.





Trout in the Classroom Program
ALT Grade 5



Snapshots...



Shadows as both science and art.
6th graders note time of day
and other observations.

Central's
Field
Day



Ready for winter!
Annual Flu Clinic

Congrats to our newly
tenured teachers!



Goblins and ghouls and ghosts... oh my!
Our K-5 students step out for their annual
Halloween parades.

