

Superintendent's Message



Warmer weather is finally upon us and our spring sports seasons are well under way. We have made it through one of the coldest winters on record and a contentious New York State budget season. In passing the NYS budget, Governor Cuomo was able to put in place a

number of his educational reform proposals, which included another overhaul of the teacher and principal evaluation system. The law requires that 50% of a teacher's evaluation score be determined by students' performance on standardized tests. The State Education Department and the Board of Regents are working hard to develop an evaluation system for districts to have

in place at the start of the upcoming school year. The time frame is relatively short, as districts must have Annual Professional Performance Review systems approved by the State Education Department no later than November 15, 2015 or stand to forfeit state funds.

On March 31, Sherburne-Earlville received the much-anticipated budget run from the State. In the following weeks, we finalized our 2015-16 budget of \$33,187,405. This is a 5.7% increase over the previous year, which is largely attributed to an \$848,226 increase specific to meeting the requirements for our students with disabilities. By utilizing \$1.5 million of the undesignated fund balance, we are able to support and maintain the District's programs at a tax levy of

2015 Valedictorian and Salutatorian Announced



Valedictorian Madeline DuBois

Sherburne-Earlville Central School is proud to announce Class of 2015 Valedictorian **Madeline DuBois.** Madeline is the daughter of Travis and Beth DuBois, and the older sister of Harrison and Wyatt.

Madeline has taken every one of the most challenging courses available to her in high school and has earned a cumulative grade point average of 97.43.

Madeline has received many accolades for her academic talents, including being named a National Merit Commended Scholar this past fall. Additionally, she received the Clarkson University Achievement Award and Meritorious Achievement in Artistic Direction from TANYS for her role in the creation of the *Fiddler on the Roof* set. She has also received recognition from the S-E HS faculty for her achievement in AP Calculus, AP U.S. History and Government, AP European History, English 11 Honors, English 10 Honors, Chemistry, English 9 Honors, Advanced Global I and Art 9. At Commencement, Madeline will receive the

Ferdinand and Emilie Maltzan Award as well as numerous other awards.

Madeline has pursued a variety of opportunities during her time at S-E HS. She has been a member of the National Honor Society, the Varsity Soccer Team, Varsity Track Team, Ski Club, French Club and Chemistry Club. She has also been the Art Director for the High School Musical the past two years. Outside of school, Madeline likes to be outside, going for runs in the warm weather and skiing in the winter. She tries to paint in her spare time.

Madeline plans to attend Northeastern University in the program for undeclared students. Madeline hopes to find a career where she can combine her love for art and science.



Salutatorian Terrin J. Pierce

Sherburne-Earlville Central School is proud to announce Class of 2015 Salutatorian **Terrin J. Pierce**, son of William Pierce and Jennifer Pierce, and brother to Trace Pierce

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1.60%. The allowable tax levy limit by law for the 2015-2016 school year is 1.94%. A more detailed explanation of the District's 2015-2016 proposed budget is explained in the previously mailed Budget Newsletter.

Sherburne-Earlville is a shining star in rural Central New York. Students are provided a myriad of opportunities to prepare them for college, careers and productivity in our ever-changing society. Students are graduating high school with college credits through TC3, University at Albany, and Advanced Placement courses. Many of our students learn skills and earn certifications in a wide variety of trades through vocational training at BOCES and technology courses on the S-E campus. Our Special Education programs are top notch and provide our special needs students with the instructional environment and supports to meet their needs and realize their goals. We provide numerous

Sherburne-Earlville Central School

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extracurricular opportunities that strengthen students' connection to the school community, cultivate leadership skills and hone their skills in the arts.

Thank you for you continued support in our efforts to provide our students with the educational programs and opportunities that will benefit them throughout their lives. I encourage you to come out on Tuesday, May 19 and cast your vote on the 2015-2016 school budget. As Benjamin Franklin said, "An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."

Eric A. Schnabl, Superintendent

2015 VALEDICTORIAN & SALUTATORIAN continued . . .

and Jeanine Chamberlain. Terrin has excelled in his academic courses during high school, achieving a cumulative grade point average of 96.85.

Last year, Terrin received the University of Rochester Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award for his excellence in mathematics and science. He has also received recognition from the faculty for excellence in Intro to Calculus, Physics, U.S. History and Government, and Global History I. Terrin will receive the Ferdinand and Emilie Maltzan Award at Commencement, in addition to other awards.

During his time at S-E HS, Terrin has been involved in Ski Club, Chemistry Club and Varsity Wrestling. When he is not at school, Terrin enjoys spending time with family and friends and riding BMX.

Terrin plans on attending the Doctor of Pharmacy program at Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences and hopes to one day open his own pharmacy.



21st Annual

Sheriff's Summer Camp

An opportunity for children to interact with law enforcement personnel in a positive manner, learning respect, caring, honesty and responsibility.

FREE to area youth ages 9-12. Camp runs Monday-Thursday, July 6-30. Applications are available at the Sheriff's Office or online, at www.chenangosheriff.us.

Wall of Fame Induction

Many S-E community members will gather for the seventh annual induction ceremony for the Sherburne-Earlville Wall of Fame on Thursday, May 21, 2015 in the high school auditorium. The life and accomplishments of each honoree were celebrated, and plaques honoring each person will hang in the front lobby of the high school.

David Bensley

Dave Bensley has devoted his life to helping thousands of students, both in the Sherburne-Earlville community and around the world. A 1963 graduate of Sherburne Central School, Dave taught junior high and high school social studies at his alma mater before becoming the high school principal. While teaching, Dave also served as a coach, advisor, exam writer for the State Education Department, and District Coordinator for the Center for Civic Education. Dave is a former president of Sherburne Rotary Club and coordinated the club's Youth Exchange Program, welcoming many foreign students to the S-E community and helping to send many S-E students abroad. Dave was also Firefighter of the Year for both Earlville and Chenango County and has served on a variety of community boards.

Nancy Heck

Many of Nancy Heck's former students remember her as the "best teacher in the world." But according to Nancy, her many students were "perfect" and the "best kids in the world." Nancy taught kindergarten, first, and second grades at S-E for 26 years until her retirement. Known as the *glitter queen*, Nancy kept track of her many students from their first days in her kindergarten class until graduation, showering them with glitter and mementos from their time together 18 years earlier. Showing her genuine love for her students, Nancy hosted regular dinners for her pupils and their families at her home in Hamilton.

Joe Martinelli

A native of Pennsylvania, Joe devoted over 30 years of service to the Sherburne-Earlville School District, serving as English teacher, high school principal, assistant superintendent, and superintendent of schools. Joe was instrumental in supporting S-E's agriculture, special education, remediation, and talented/gifted programs. Joe was also responsible for numerous grants that benefited the district, setting a standard for excellence that has lasted to this day. On his retirement in 1990, Joe was sorely missed by his colleagues, teachers, and students.

Bette Mayne

A member of the 1963 class of Sherburne Central School, Bette Mayne is widely known for service to her community. A volunteer leader in Sherburne Girl Scouts for over 40 years, Bette has helped raise countless girls in Chenango County. Bette is also an active member of the Faith Baptist Tabernacle and has sponsored at least two children each summer at Camp BaYouCa. Bette also volunteers in the kitchen at her church and helps organize a monthly dinner for senior citizens of any faith. In the words of her daughter, Lenny Sue French, Bette "continues to invest in young women and their families in the S-E community, the place she loves, the place she calls home."

Rick Schroder

Rick is a corporate diversity leader who has organized diversity and inclusion trainings at Fortune 500 companies for over 16 years. A 1978 graduate of S-E, Rick currently works as a Manager of Inclusion and Diversity at GlaxoSmithKline in Philadelphia. He has also worked as a hydrogeologist, consultant, diversity manager, and director of sustainable development for such corporations as the Campbell Soup Company, the Shell Oil Company, and Schroder and Associates. Rick is also the author of *Finding the Energy: Coming Out in Corporate America*. In the words of Jan Marcy, former S-E high school librarian, his teachers could tell that he was "destined for great things."

Located in the main entrance to the high school, the Wall of Fame is designed to honor S-E graduates and staff who have made significant contributions to humanity, improved the quality of life, or achieved noteworthy recognition in their career or education. The Wall of Fame committee greatly appreciates nominations from the S-E community for future honorees.



An Artistic Discovery

Since 1982, the Congressional Art Competition, *An Artistic Discovery*, has brought the artistic abilities of high school art students throughout the country to the halls of Congress. The competition is open to high school students only. Student must reside in the 22nd Congressional District, which includes all or part of the following counties: Broome, Chenango, Cortland, Herkimer, Madison, Oneida, Oswego and Tioga.

The following students were chosen to participate this year: Kaylee Scott, Colleen Bradley, Devin Miles, Matte'a Guldy, Karlee Houck, Madeline DuBois, Kylin Nicoletti, Helen Judge, Magan Bohnert, Talon Westman, Marissa Geier, Abilgail Mullen, Elizabeth Bachman, Shayla Sullivan, Sierra Barker. Rebeka Kiss, Joshua Kwasnik, Garrison French, Hailey Hall, Sierra Gold, Kelsie Brown, Margaret Wansor, Abigail Stratton, Laura Alishauskas, Dawson Lagoe, Sierra Barker, Rebeka Kiss, Joshua Kwasnik, Garrison French, Hailey Hall, Sierra Gold, Kelsie Brown, Margaret Wansor, Abigail Stratton, Laura Alishauskas, Dawson



"Red," by Megan Rodman

Lagoe, Alley King, Marlayna Thornington, Megan Rodman, Taylor Grant, Derick Moore, Hannah O'Brien and Erica Hoke.

Students must enter and qualify in a county-wide competition in order to show their work at the Roberson Museum and Science Center in Binghamton. A panel of three judges then selected first, second, and third place winners. The winning artwork will hang in the tunnel to the Capitol for the entire year of the exhibition. The artwork is viewed by thousands of people each year as they tour the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.

In addition to the winner's work hanging in Washington, 2nd and 3rd place winners work will hang in U.S. Representative Richard Hanna's Washington, D.C. Office as well as either his Utica or Binghamton District Office. All of the winners received a cash prize donated by Congressman Hanna.

Each student chosen from the county-wide competition that continued on to the Roberson were awarded a \$600 scholarship by the Munson-Williams-Proctor Art Institute to used toward tuition in the event they attend PrattMPW College of Art and Design.

This event was held at the Roberson Museum and Science Center on Saturday, April 18. This event gave high schools throughout the 22nd Congressional District an opportunity to share their creative work with the community.

The competition began at the county level with students submitting their work for a juried show that was held at both the Chenango County Council of the Arts, *An Artistic Discovery*, and The Earlville Opera House, *Teens Arts/An Artistic*

Discovery. The opening reception in Chenango County was held at the Mariea Brown Gallery located in Norwich on Friday, March 13. The opening reception for Madison County was held at the Earlville Opera House on March 21. There were six pieces of work chosen from each county to continue on to the Congressional Art Competition at The Roberson Museum and Science Center in Binghamton.

Four students from Sherburne-Earlville were chosen to continue on to the Roberson: Helen Judge's painting, Peace in the Horizon; Lizzy Bachman's painting, Tiger; Devin Miles' drawing, Mythical Dragon; and Megan Rodman's photograph, Red.

Megan won 2nd place and her photograph will hang in Congressman Hanna's Washington, D.C. office. Devin won 3rd place and his drawing will hang in the Utica office.

This is the first time in 33 years that one school has taken more than one prize at this level. In the 22nd Congressional District there were over 600 entries displayed.

Congratulations to all of our outstanding art students who were participants in these shows.



"Mythical Dragon," by Devin Miles

Honors for the Class of 2016







The Class of 2016 has received numerous honors over the past few weeks. The Sherburne Rotary club was here in March to interview 19 juniors for the Rotary Youth Leadership Award. Students selected for this award will attend a five-day youth leadership conference this summer at SUNY Oneonta. Aimed at further developing the leadership potential of young men and women, this conference will feature many challenging activities including workshops, motivational speakers, discussions, sports and music. The 19 students (listed below), nominated by their teachers for being leaders among their peers, all interviewed well and would have made excellent candidates for the Rotary Youth Leadership Award. Unfortunately, there were only five slots to be filled. The Rotary Club had an extremely difficult time choosing these five delegates but finally decided upon Jack Buell, Hunter Hatton, Olivia Clark, Shanae Wright and Abigail Cook. The alternates were Maxwell Britton and Annie Albertina.

The Sherburne and Earlville American Legion Auxiliaries were also busy interviewing eligible junior girls for Girls State. Girls State, which will be held at SUNY Brockport this summer, is a program where young women learn about the government process and Constitution. In one week, the Girls State Citizens will build the government of a mythical 51st state from the local level on up to the state level. They will participate in campaigns, rallies, speeches and platform committees. In addition, each participant has the opportunity to apply for and obtain three college credits upon completion of the program. Girls State offers young women an excellent opportunity to further develop their leadership qualities as well as learn about and become active members in their government. Once again interviewees reported having an extremely difficult time choosing the delegates to attend the conference. The Sherburne Auxiliary selected Lexi Bornes as their delegate and **Kierra Fairbanks** as the alternate. A complete list of all girls nominated is listed to the right.

Finally, Sherburne and Earlville American Legion also interviewed eligible boys for Boys State, which will be held at Morrisville College this summer. Boys State offers young men an excellent opportunity to further develop their leadership qualities as well as learn about and become active members in their government. Earlville selected Hunter Owen, Jack Buell, Duncan Campbell and Dale Bolinger. Sherburne selected James Moren, Tyler Coughlin and Maxwell Britton and Cole Yankowski as the alternate.

Congratulations are in order for all students selected for these honors and kudos to those nominated as well. The junior class indeed has class!

| RYLA Nominees | |
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| Abigail Cook | James Moren |
| Tyler Coughlin | Harlee Price |
| Gavin Giroux | Tyler Rodriguez |
| Nicole Gramstad | Shayla Sullivan |
| Hunter Hatton | Hailey Turner |
| Savannah Irwin | Shanae Wright |
| Caitlin Lawrence | |
| | Abigail Cook Tyler Coughlin Gavin Giroux Nicole Gramstad Hunter Hatton Savannah Irwin |

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| Janelle Ayers | Olivia Clark | Savannah Irwin |
| Meghan Bohnert | Kierra Fairbanks | Molly Karaman |
| Lexi Bornes | Lydia Howard | Harlee Price |
| Colleen Bradley | | Shanae Wright |

| Boys State Nominees | |
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| Jared Azud Maxwell Britton Hunter Ha | itton |
| Dale Bolinger Tyler Coughlin Dom Haya | vard |
| Jack Buell Ian Fleming James Mo | ren |
| Duncan Campbell Gavin Giroux Tyler Rodr | iguez |
| Hunter Owen Cole Yanko | wski |

S-E French 4 Class Visits SUNY Albany



On Wednesday, March 11, Mr. Callahan's French 4 class visited SUNY Albany for the Fête de la Francophonie. The students had the opportunity to meet and discuss with students from more than 10 different high schools from across the state of New York also participating in the same

college credit course as them. The day was filled with various activities that included a treasure hunt around the campus, folk dancing from France and Québec, a dessert contest and the opportunity to speak to adults and students from around the French-speaking world. All of the activities were done entirely in French, and the students were fully immersed in the language. The participating students included, Brianna Adsit, Janelle Ayers, Jared Azud, Max Britton, Kierra Fairbanks, Gavin Giroux, Nicole Gramstad, Taylor Hallberg, Molly Karaman, Hunter Owen, Megan Rodman, Cordelia Roth, Karah Smith and

Shayla Sullivan. Mr. Callahan and all of the students would also like to thank Mrs. Lewis for all of her help that day as well. The experience helped students to use their language skills in real-life settings and communicate with a diverse population from across the state in Albany.









Claudia's Closet

We would like to thank everyone who has donated to Claudia's Closet this year either with gently used donations or financially. We were able to supply over 85 students with winter wear, sneakers, and/or necessary clothing.

As you may already know, Claudia's Closet is a fund S-E set up in honor of Claudia Bigelow who was a nurse in our elementary school. She was killed in a car accident in March 2003. During the school year Claudia would supply students with warm clothing, boots, sneakers, etc. We continue to do this in her memory.

We really appreciate the support that has been shown for families in our school and in our community. Special acknowledgement goes to Meeting Management Association, Knights of Columbus, The Sherburne Press, Empire Wireless, The United Council of Churches, Dollar General, Sherburne PTO, and all the individual donations that have been made this year. It is with great gratitude and pride that this fund continues to live on and serve families in our community.

—Claudia's Closet Committee:

Jacque Buddenhagen,

Amanda Collins and Teri Currie



Trout in the Classroom







habitat, fly fishing, conservation, perseverance and bullying. Each student was able to tie their own *Olive the Little Wooly Bugger*.

This fall, Trout Unlimited members delivered around 200 brook trout eggs to Mrs. Burkhart's first grade classroom. The children were eager to observe the eggs they had been anticipating. The tank was set up complete with a kid-created background to make the trout feel like they were in a stream rather than a classroom fish tank. The children researched trout habitats, predators, and behavior to create the mural. Hanging proudly in the hallway were the letters the children wrote to the trout while they patiently awaited their arrival stating how excited they were to have them coming to their classroom and how they were going to help care for them.

Since their arrival, the entire first grade has been able to observe and record what they have seen throughout the hatching process. They scurry to the tank to take a quick peek whenever they can. Once hatching was over, they watched as the alevins' egg sacs became smaller and smaller. The children were amazed when their small fry started swimming to the surface for food. Once the fry were ready to get out of their hatching basket, were swimming around, and could be fed, they were much more exciting!

We now have approximately 100 fish, with some of them measuring three inches long. The children have been pivotal in their survival by helping to ensure they have everything they need and a safe environment. Temperatures are checked throughout the day, many sets of eyes keep a close watch on every fish in the tank, the leader has the great privilege of feeding them each day, and the students are very careful to not upset the fish or endanger the tank.

In March, several members from Trout Unlimited visited Mrs. Burkhart's classroom for a couple of days for Trout Centers. The students learned the anatomy

Our trout friends are getting very big and are almost ready to go to their permanent home. We are continuing to learn about them, especially the challenges and triumphs they will face as they are set free. The entire first grade will be visiting a local stream approved by the DEC in late May/early June to release them. We will definitely miss them. A special thank you goes out to the custodians and Miss Parsons for feeding and checking in on them over weekends and vacations. We would also like to thank Sam Scafidi,

Frank Lee, and the other Trout Unlimited members who made this unforgettable and educational experience possible! All students are welcome to stop in and see our aquatic friends before we take them to their new home.



of a trout, how fish breath underwater, and everyone's favorite—fly tying! The class has been reading a children's book series by Kirk Werner about a tied fly named Olive. Olive has taught the children a lot about wild trout, the stream



Class of 2016

Senior Portrait Submission

In order to create a visually pleasing and consistent senior section in the yearbook, the *Archivon* staff would like to share the submission requirements that all seniors will follow when choosing a portrait to submit.

Prestige Portraits by Lifetouch, the official school photographer, has appointments available here at the high school auditorium during the summer. All seniors will be receiving a letter in the mail from Prestige Portraits with information on date and times. If you would like a photo taken for the yearbook only and are not interested in ordering any photos, you can have that done in September during photo days.

If you choose to have your portrait taken by a company other than Lifetouch, please make sure you share the guidelines with the photographer and request that they submit your photo on a disk, or via email.

- Submit photo on disk, or via email *yearbook@secsd.org*.
- Image specifications—300dpi, TIFF or JPEG
- Photo size—if you submit a printed photo, 5x7 is appreciated; wallet size will work
- Head size—make sure there is room all the way around (head does not meet top of photo); background preferably a solid background
 - The Archivon staff is aware that outdoor photos are very popular; however, the photos in the book are not that large and nature (branches, leaves, etc.) can be distracting to your photo. A tree trunk or the side of a barn would work best if you would like to go with an outdoor pose.
- Poses Head and shoulder poses
 - No extreme head tilts or angles, dramatic poses, double exposures or other distracting items in the photo
 - No hats
 - No hands
 - · No props or pets
- Images must be received by Friday, November 6.
 - Submitted by email or to S-E Yearbook Adviser,
 13 School Street, Sherburne, NY 13460

If you have any questions or concerns, please call 674-8424 or send them to *yearbook@secsd.org*.

Remember, you do not have to order a package to have a photo in the yearbook. There are **FREE** options. Students can see Mrs. Blenis in room 117.

Running Club



The S-E Running Club was again a hit with a majority of its participants from the Elementary School 5th grade class!

The Varsity Girls' and Boys' Varsity Track team, along with other student volunteers and S-E faculty members, joined in the fun.

So, enjoy some good weather and RUN!

Law Field Trip

The business law class recently visited the Chenango County Courthouse and then on to the Chenango County Jail. Judge Revoir and District Attorney McBride answered all of the student's questions and explained several legal issues. The students saw several people being sentenced on a wide variety of crimes and misdemeanors. Afterward Officer Mullin gave us a tour of the jail where we saw the 911 center, command center and jail pods.



Students pictured with Judge Revoir,
District Attorney McBride, Bailiff Joe and Mrs. Hall:
Brett Baker, Brady Elderkin, Alex Hughes, Allison
Johnson, Delaney Kempney, Courtney Kimble,
Allie LoPresti, Ashley Palmer, Katie Stewart,
Dylan Strobel, Kyle Sutherland and Emma Wyman.

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EXAMINATION SCHEDULE: JUNE 2015

UPDATED 12/16 – This schedule supersedes any previously released schedule.

Students must verify with their schools the exact times that they are to report for their State examinations.

| June 2 TUESDAY | June 16 TUESDAY | June 17 WEDNESDAY | June 18 THURSDAY | June 19 FRIDAY | June 22 [©] MONDAY | June 23 TUESDAY | June 24 WEDNESDAY | June 25 THURSDAY |
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| 9:15 a.m. | 9:15 a.m. | 9:15 a.m. | 9:15 a.m. | 9:15 a.m. | 9:15 a.m. | 9:15 a.m. | 9:15 a.m. | |
| RE in English Language Arts (Common Core) • | RE in U.S. History & Government | RE in Global History & Geography | Integrated Algebra | Physical Setting/ Earth Science Algebra 2/ Trigonometry | RCT in Global Studies* | Physical Setting/ Chemistry RCT in Science* | RCT in Reading | RATING DAY |
| 1:15 p.m. | 1:15 p.m. | 1:15 p.m. | 1:15 p.m. | 1:15 p.m. | 1:15 p.m. | 1:15 p.m. | 1:15 p.m. | Uniform Admission |
| RE in Geometry (Common Core) • | Living Environment | Physical Setting/ Physics RE in Algebra I (Common Core) | Comprehensive English | Geometry (2005 Standard) | RCT in Writing | RCT in U.S. History & Government* | RCT in Mathematics* | Deadlines Morning Examinations 10:00 a.m. Afternoon Examinations 2:00 p.m. |

Suggested date for administering locally developed tests aligned to the Checkpoint A and Checkpoint B learning standards for languages other than English.
 Available in Restricted Form only. Each copy of a restricted test is numbered and sealed in its own envelope and must be returned, whether used or unused, to the

Department at the end of the examination period.

• Conversion Charts for these exams will be available no later than June 25, 2015.

Kids and Bicycle Safety



Bicycle riding is fun, healthy, and a great way to be independent. But it is important to remember that a bicycle is not a toy; it's a vehicle!

Be cool – follow some basic safety tips when you ride.

Safe Riding Tips

Before using your bicycle, make sure it is ready to ride. You should always inspect your bike to make sure all parts are secure and working properly.

Remember to:



Wear a Properly Fitted Bicycle Helmet. Protect your brain, save your life. For more information see the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration publication "Easy Steps to Properly Fit a Bicycle Helmet."



Adjust Your Bicycle to Fit. Stand over your bicycle. There should be 1 to 2 inches between you and the top tube (bar) if using a road bike and 3 to 4 inches if a mountain bicycle. The seat should be level front to back. The seat height should be adjusted to allow a slight bend at the knee when the leg is fully extended. The handlebar height should be at the same level with the seat.



Check Your Equipment. Before riding, inflate tires properly and check that your brakes work.



See and Be Seen. Whether daytime, dawn, dusk, foul weather, or at night, you need to be seen by others. Wearing white has not been shown to make you more visible. Rather, always wear neon, fluorescent, or other bright colors when riding day or night. Also wear something that reflects light, such as reflective tape or markings, or flashing lights. Remember, just because *you* can see a driver doesn't mean the driver can see *you*.



Control Your Bicycle. Always ride with at least one hand on the handlebars. Carry books and other items in a bicycle carrier or backpack.



Watch for and Avoid Road Hazards. Be on the lookout for hazards such as potholes, broken glass, gravel, puddles, leaves, and dogs. All these hazards can cause a crash. If you are riding with friends and you are in the lead, yell out and point to the hazard to alert the riders behind you.



Avoid Riding at Night. It is far more dangerous to ride at night than during the day because you are harder for others to see. If you have to ride at night, wear something that makes you more easily seen by others. Make sure you have reflectors on the front and rear of your bicycle (white lights on the front and red rear reflectors are required by law in many States), in addition to reflectors on your tires, so others can see you.

Kindergarten's Virtual Trip!







The kindergarten classes in the K-2 computer lab recently went on a trip to animal habitats without even leaving the classroom! They did this as a part of a project they were doing in the lab about different animals and where they live. The students used the Kid Pix drawing program to draw their animal and wrote a descriptive sentence. The project concluded with a virtual zoo field trip.

The virtual trip had them go to different websites where they had access to live animal cams. They saw giraffes, tigers, pandas and even a recently hatched baby condor! They were also able to watch videos of caregivers taking care of different animals. Some of the animals shown were brand new to our students. They had a great time discovering all of the interesting animals!

Paint the County Purple



On May 1, teachers, staff and students wore purple in celebration of Paint the County Purple day. This event is done in support of all those fighting cancer and the Relay for Life. The S-E Mad Hatters will return for their 17th year this summer. Last year they

raised \$14,108 towards the fight against cancer. The event takes place on July 18, from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 midnight at the Chenango County Fairgrounds. It is open to the public. Come join us!



LABELS FOR DEDUCATION

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Thank you to everyone who continues to send in the Campbell's Labels. We continue to collect them! Keep them coming! This year the company is offering a Visa pre-paid card as a way to give our school more flexibility to use our earnings as we see fit. Please remember that I need the UPC symbol in order for me to send it in. Thanks for your continued support.

Sincerely, *Barbara Colf*



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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Sherburne-Earlville is committed to students. By providing an environment of educational excellence which emphasizes the learning of academics and life skills, nurtures self-respect, and fosters life-long learning, we enable our students to pursue challenging individual goals and to become positive, contributing members of society.

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Sherburne Community Chorus



On April 19, members of the S-E faculty, retirees and community members participated in a concert put on by The Sherburne Community Chorus. The group, directed by Anne Caton and accompanied by Rosemary Jaytanie, sang a beautiful rendition of *Faure's Requiem*. They also performed a number of joyful songs to celebrate the arrival of spring.

The Sherburne Community Chorus is a well-known regional singing organization that was established in 1969 by Wilbur 'Red' Rayville and was under his directorship until his retirement two years ago. The chorus is a volunteer group of dedicated vocalists

from all across the Chenango Valley area.

Membership is open to anyone interested in singing and having a fun time doing it!

For more information please con-

tact Mrs. Caton at acaton550@gmail.com or call at 315-691-3504.

Bowling Team



Over the course of the last seven months these four athletes (from left to right in the photo-Dalaney Parker, Trace Kane, Josie Parker and Jacob Jenkins) have been bowling in a league at High Skor Lanes in Earlville. Throughout the season there are times when you can qualify for different tournaments. Many of the bowlers qualified for the State Scholarship Tournament, but these four made it to the finals in South Glenns Falls on April 24. Jacob competed in the Boys' 4th grade and under; Josie in the Girls' 4th grade and under; Dalaney in the Girls' 5-8th grades; and Trace in the Boys' 5-8th grades, in his second year of finals. There were over 4,000 bowlers that competed to make it to this stage. It is amazing that we have four state finalists that represented High Skor Lanes. The final standings: Josie finished 13th, Dalaney finished 11th, Trace finished 8th and Jacob is a STATE CHAMPION winning his division. These athletes need to be very proud of their accomplishments. CONGRATULATIONS!

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