



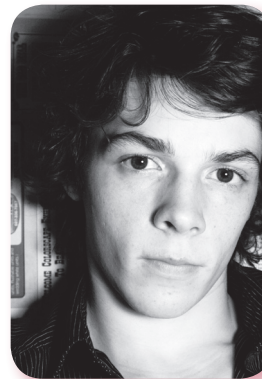
Class of 2008 Valedictorian and Salutatorian



Valedictorian

Samantha Gillette, daughter of Guy and Wendy Gillette of Sherburne, has been named the Valedictorian for the Class of 2008. Samantha has participated in cross-country, soccer, SADD, Drama Club, the Summer Reading Challenge, Outdoor Club, French Club and is a member of the National Honor Society.

She has accumulated several awards including the Bausch and Lomb Science Award and other academic awards. Samantha has participated in the Rotary Youth Leadership program and the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Conference. In addition to her other achievements, she has remained on the high honor roll. Samantha has been involved in volunteer work and completed coursework at Colgate University. After graduation, Samantha plans to attend Colgate University and major in international relations.



Salutatorian

Adrian Enscoe, son of Cindy Carter and Christopher Enscoe of Earlville, has been named the Salutatorian for the Class of 2008. Adrian is well known in the S-E community for his acting talents and has also been active in Odyssey of the

Mind®, soccer and swimming. Additional interests include piano lessons and dance. Adrian has received numerous awards including academic awards in English, history and math, along with recognition by statewide student theater organizations. He has served as swim team captain and President of the Drama Club. After graduation, Adrian plans to attend the Carnegie-Mellon University to study acting.

Summer Hours at HealthBASE

We are pleased to announce that modified school-based health center services will be offered at Sherburne-Earlville's HealthBASE this summer.

Services will be provided on Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. The summer schedule will run from July 1-August 5. Also, some mental health services will be available by appointment. As with regular SBHC services, students must be enrolled in the SBHC to receive care. Students do not need to attend summer programs to use the school-based health center.

For more information, please call the HealthBASE office at 607-674-8416.

—Barbara Marsala, School-Based Health Center

Physical Activity—Get the Benefits

Accumulating physical activity in your day, a little bit at a time, is like saving a dime here and a quarter there. After a while, it all adds up, and so do the health benefits.

- Instead of sitting and talking with friends or family, suggest going for a walk while you visit.
- Park in the space farthest from you, destination in every parking lot.
- Take your dog for a walk every day.
- Use your muscles instead of machines: wash and wax your car by hand or use a rake instead of a leaf blower to clear leaves.
- Take the stairs instead of the escalator or elevator.

For more health and wellness information, talk to the staff at HealthBASE. Call 607-674-8416, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., any day school is in session.

—Barbara Marsala, School-Based Health Center

Sherburne-Earlville Central School

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Running Club

Our club is 10 years old! The Running Club offers a positive outlet for any student in grades 5-12 to participate and enjoy a healthy activity. This year, a grand total of 76 students had taken part in the club!

Our first meeting was March 6. Each Thursday after school, students learned proper stretching techniques as well as warm-ups used by many athletic teams. We had a couple of exciting relay races and our traditional run on the school campus. We even took out the stopwatch to find some students able to complete a quarter-mile loop in under 4 minutes! We utilized the Elementary gymnasium, which saved us from cancellation due to unsafe running conditions. The kids just love playing the running game called Four Corners. Discussions were held on the various S-E programs, sports and clubs available. Ms. Yerton took photos each week. They were displayed in both the Elementary School and MS/HS School Library. Students could not wait to see their picture posted! Our last meeting was on April 24. We gave a *shout out* to the Varsity Track team as they prepared for their home meet!

We thank Ms. Yerton and our two faculty *coaches* Ms. Parsons and Ms. Purdy. We also thank our MS/HS student volunteers **Jake Parsons, Brandon Brown, Cody Webb, Jessica Terras** and **Paul Potter** for helping out with the program. We appreciate the S-E District support and also thank the Chenango Valley Optimist Club for donating individual water bottles! We encourage all to keep running—a healthy activity!

—Anne Geary

Did you know?

- There are audio clips of our school marching band and a video of our jazz band? Go to <http://hss.secsd.org/music/> to hear some of our talented kids perform!
- We have student art on our page! Go to Jackie Gimson's website at http://hss.secsd.org/teachers/ms_gimson/ to browse student artwork!

Information for parents

Parents can use the District webpage to access a variety of things such as:

- Curriculum Maps
- Power School
- Lunch Menus
- School Calendars

Up-to-date information

Our webpage prides itself in having current information that is useful to our users. Check out our main page under *What's New* to see new pages, galleries and videos. Our *What's Happening* section contains information on upcoming school and community events.

Come take a look at our webpage where information and fun is right at your fingertips! You'll be glad that you did!

—Kelly Smith, Web Designer



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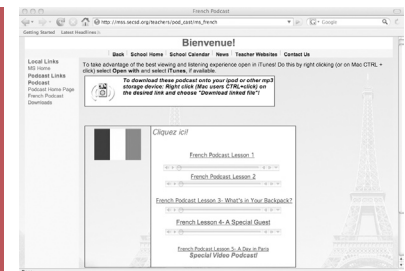
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Get the Schedules for Upcoming Sporting Events!

<http://athletics.secsd.org/>

Check out our French
Podcast Page!

http://mss.secsd.org/teachers/pod_cast/



Check out all that the S-E website has to offer!

Athletic Department News

Students must sign up to play a sport each season. In order to participate, a student must have a current physical, that is, a physical within one year. A *yellow* Health History must be turned in to the Health Office in order to be scheduled for a physical. This physical can be done at school or with the student's own doctor. A written copy of the physical and Health History must be in your health record.

If a student has an injury and seeks medical attention, and is removed from play by a doctor, **they MUST obtain a release from that doctor to return to a sport.**

Physics Class Field Trip

On May 13, forty-seven physics students had the pleasure of visiting the planetarium at Colgate University. This new, state of the art facility is housed in the Ho Science Center. The show consisted of two parts. First, we viewed the sky as we see it on different dates here in Sherburne. We learned about the history of some of the constellations. The second part of the show consisted of a multi-media presentation about the history and organization of our universe. We would like to thank Professor Galvez (Physics Department, Colgate) for taking the time to host us during our visit.

—Heather Dunshee

Rotary Youth Exchange and Host Family Opportunities

“This year more than 8,000 teens will see the world the way it is best seen—from the inside out—through the Rotary International Youth Exchange Program.” This could be your year!

Sherburne-Earlville students have an amazing opportunity available to them. The Rotary club offers qualified students the chance to spend a year in another country as an exchange student. This program has been in existence for over 75 years and has provided many of our students with an empowering experience that impacts them for the rest of their lives.

What is Rotary?

“Rotary is an organization of business and professional persons united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.”

Our local club is the Sherburne Rotary, which meets each Thursday at noon at Lewis’ Restaurant.

What is the International Youth Exchange?

As a Rotary Youth Exchange student, the teen will spend a school year living with a host family in a country other than their own. It is the opportunity of a lifetime. While acting as an ambassador for our country and community, the student will gain invaluable insight into themselves and their host country’s culture. The student will live as a member of a host family and attend high school in the host’s district.

Who may apply?

The International Youth Exchange Program is for high school students between the ages of 15-18. Individual countries specify what age is appropriate within that range. A change in the past few years has been to lower the maximum age limit in many countries. In the past many of our S-E students who have gone on exchange have done so at the end of their senior year. This is not possible for many students now that the age restrictions have been lowered. Students over 18 at the time of graduation will be very limited as to which countries will be open to them. Students who are interested must work with the Guidance Office to coordinate their graduation requirements with the Exchange . . . that means current students often will go during their junior or senior year. The ideal candidate should be academically above average, articulate, and demonstrate leadership in their community.

They should possess flexibility and willingness to try new things. A successful candidate is one who is capable of adjusting to new and sometimes challenging conditions. A student does not have to be the child of a Rotarian but must be sponsored by their local Rotary club. Their family does not have to be a host of an incoming student but this is of course very helpful. The student does not have to speak a foreign language but it does make it easier if the student has some ease in learning languages.

How much does it cost?

Costs vary depending on the country a student is accepted to. Typically, students and their parents cover the round-trip airfare, international health insurance, travel documents, emergency funds, clothing, spending money and usually pay for any ancillary travel and tours. Sharing in the costs are host families (who donate room and board), the host community (who cover school tuition and arrangements), and the host Rotary club (who will offer a small stipend of usually U.S. \$50-\$100 monthly). Recent exchange students from S-E paid roughly \$5,000 for the entire year. Compared to other exchanges available for students, this is a bargain! There are not many opportunities in a person’s life where you can live in another country for a year at that price!

What countries participate?

Our local district exchanges with the following: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Peru, Poland, Russia and Slovakia. The country list may change.

How to apply

1. **Start planning early.** The Rotary Youth Exchange program is highly selective, so start planning as soon as possible. Applications for the school year 2009-2010 will be due in early October of 2008. Once a preliminary application to the local club is made, Rotary begins an extensive selection and orientation process, which helps them identify the best candidates and prepares them well for their time as a Youth Exchange student.
2. **Contact your local Rotarian.** The local outbound coordinator is Betsy Von Mechow

who may be reached at bvmeg@frontiernet.net or 336-9160.

3. **Fill out an application.** Applications are available at the High School Guidance Office or online at www.rotary.org/programs/youth.

So, think about being a Rotary exchange student! If you have questions, please speak with your Guidance Counselor or contact Betsy Von Mechow. This could be the adventure of a lifetime!

Host Families

By hosting a Youth Exchange student in your home, you'll make a young person's dream come true and you and your family will share an unforgettable and fulfilling experience.

As a host family, you will

- Provide room and board
- Supervise the student just as you would your own children
- Involve the student in family activities and chores
- Enrich the exchange experience by including the student in family, community and cultural activities

Host families are not compensated financially. The program is run entirely by dedicated volunteers, which helps keep costs low.

This summer, our new exchange student is coming to us from Mexico. She is 15-years-old and speaks Spanish better than she speaks English. If you are interested in hosting her in your home, please call Dave Bensley, 315-691-9105.

Special Programs Prom



The Special Programs Prom was held on Friday, May 16 in the S-E MS/HS Cafeteria. This was the third year for this very special event. *A Magical Night* was the theme. Ms. Burns

donated the backdrop for our castle and carriage, along with lit trees and other goodies.

Thirty-six students attended from the following classrooms: Mrs. Dando (S-E), Mr. Osborne (S-E), Mrs. Parks (S-E), Miss Gunther (S-E), Mrs. Zieno (BOCES) and Ms. Manwarren (BOCES). As the students entered through the Middle School tunnel they immediately had their photos taken by Nova Friar.

Special thank you to our local community businesses that donated. Big M, Skip's, Budget Cuts, Norwich Burger King, Burgess & Tedesco, Chenango Valley Pets, China King, Hamilton Movie Theatre, Hamilton Orthopedics, Ives, The Kurtz Family, Charlotte Manwarren, McDonald's®, Cat's Meow, Chi Chi's, Little Off the Top, Gilligan's, Joe's Pizzeria, Sherburne Quickway, Texas Roadhouse, Card's Auto, The Gate, Floral Fantasy, Top Variety, Sherburne Video, D&D Diner, Service Pharmacy, James Taylor, Bagnall Electric, Mr. Mirabito and Leigh Baldwin. The gifts donated put smiles on the kid's faces and added to the evening's excitement.

The support from administration was overwhelming. It meant a lot to staff and students attending to see their administrators at their prom. Ms. Hellert, Mr. Reed, Mr. Woodward, Ms. Schuler and Ms. Gallaher (BOCES Special Education Director) all attended the event.

The evening ended with the crowning of two courts. S-E court included **Katie Campbell, Sarina Hill, Paul Potter, and Tony Dye**. The King was **Brad Rush** and Queen was **Kim Young**. BOCES court included **Eva McFarland, Susan Fuller and Michael Rapheal**. The King was **Shawn Foulds** and the Queen, **Desi Cole**.

The evening was magical, mystifying and things that memories are made of. If for a moment, time stood still and could be captured into a bottle, all the attendees would have a keepsake of their own to hold on to. A night filled with smiles, laughs and all inhibitions thrown to the wayside. Thank you to all of you that helped, donated, attended and made this night so special for so many.

—Dawn Dando



Junior Prom



The Junior Prom was spectacular this year! The Promenade and crowning ceremony were beautifully classy, and the Prom itself was unconditionally fun! The Prom Goers had an amazing time dancing, eating, and laughing for hours before retiring to a wildly awesome After Prom Party! Please check out secsd.org to see a gallery of pictures from the phenomenally epic event!

—Jonathan Sherry

Robotics Team Win Pennsylvania Tournament

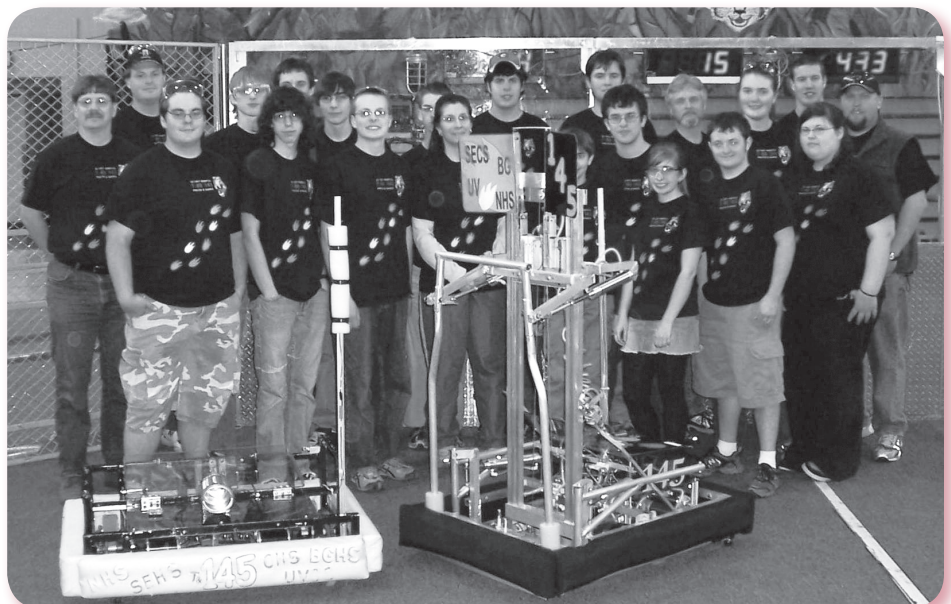
Tunkhannock, PA: Local FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) robotics team 145 competed Saturday May 10, at the 12th annual PARC (Pennsylvania Area Robotics Competition) tournament. This year, the annual event attracted teams from Delaware, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Team 145 played two robots in the tournament, their 2008 competition robot and a robot from a previous season modified for the tournament's game FIRST Overdrive.

During the tournament the team was recognized for having participating 10 consecutive years in the event. At the end of competition play, Team 145 earned a final four finish with one machine and the tournament win with the other.

Comprised of students from Norwich, Sherburne Earlville, Unadilla Valley and Bainbridge-Guilford High Schools FIRST seeks to engage students in competition using science, engineering, teamwork and problem solving with limited time and resources. In addition, there are over 9 million dollars in

scholarships available for participants of the FIRST program world-wide. Locally, the team is sponsored by Procter and Gamble Pharmaceuticals, Norwich Glass, Mid-York Press, Wal★Mart, The Balloon Detail, Golden Artist Colors and the Norwich Pennysaver.

Congratulations to the S-E members, **Ross Cameron, Michelle Collins, Mike Combes and Joe Natoli**. For further information, see the team's website www.trx145.net.



Science Essay Winner



Catherine Behret accepting award from Dr. Mike Reilly, P&G representative.

Congratulations to **Catherine Behret!** She won third place in the Annual Science Essay Contest sponsored by the local American Chemical Society Chapter located at Proctor & Gamble in Norwich. The contest is open to all high school students in Chenango County. This year, there were 43 entries. Catherine's essay was about the effects of acupuncture on the nervous system. She hopes

to become a pharmacist and acupuncturist after graduating from Sherburne-Earlville. She was awarded a \$75 prize and was honored at a dinner on May 5, at the Canasawacta Country Club in Norwich.

—Heather Dunshee

Congratulations Catherine and Eric!

Chemistry Award



On May 5, the American Chemical Society held its yearly dinner to honor local students. **Eric Robertson** won the Outstanding Chemistry Student Award for 2007. He attended with his parents. Eric held a high average in Chemistry throughout the year, and often helped others study. He has continued this in 2008 by becoming an Honor Society tutor for Chemistry. Congratulations Eric!

—Anne Whiteside

Artistic Discovery

An Artistic Discovery Congressional Art Competition for high school students was held at the Munson-Williams-Proctor Art Institute School of Art Gallery in Utica. This event gave high schools throughout the 24th 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 the Chenango County Council of the Arts. The opening reception was held at the Mariea Brown Gallery located in Norwich on March 28. There were five pieces of work chosen to continue on to the Congressional Art Competition. S-E students did four of the pieces chosen. The opening reception at Munson-Williams-Proctor Art Institute was held on May 10. S-E students receiving awards and exhibiting at MWPAI were **Juliet Morin**, first place in painting and mixed media; **Julia McDermott**, honorable mention in painting; and **Paige Wissenbach**, first place in photography. **Joey Mettler** also received a second place award for his drawing at the county competition. This year S-E students have shown their work at Colorscape Chenango, Chenango County Fair, Teens Art Exhibit at the Earlville Opera House, Scholastics Art Competition at OCC, BOCES Media Festival, Artistic Discovery at the Chenango County Council of the Arts and The Munson-Williams-Proctor Art Institute. S-E students continue to be recognized for their achievements in the arts.

—Jackie Gimson and Kristian Newman



Congressman Michael Arcuri with Paige Wissenbach and her parents Joe and Catherine

Congressman Michael Arcuri with Juliet Morin



Honors for the Class of 2009

RYLA Nominees

Tiffany Ackley
Bridgette Avery
Kaitlyn Briggs
Stephen Buddenhagen
Brittany Clark
Samantha Crandall
Michael Doscher
Brenda Hoefler
Kaitlyn Korver
Francesca Magro
Max Pacilio
Chris Pike
Megan Record
Bekah Riley
Eric Robertson
Tyler Rundell
Paige Wissenbach

Girls' State Nominees

Tiffany Ackley
Amanda Babich
Kaitlyn Briggs
Nikki Cappadonia
Brittany Clark
Samantha Crandall
Alysha Harlost
Bronwen Mahardy
Morgan Reid
Emily Wagner
Bridgette Avery
Brenda Hoeflery
Megan Record
Rebekah Riley
Robin Steiner

Boys' State Nominees

Nick French
Seth Mullenax
Nate Paul
Jason Pierce
Tyler Rundell
Robert Sampson
Andrew Symonds
Luke Taylor

The Class of 2009 has received numerous honors over the past few weeks. The Sherburne Rotary club was here in March to interview 17 juniors for the Rotary Youth Leadership Award. Students selected for this award will attend a five-day youth leadership conference this summer at Hartwick College in 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 17 students (complete list included to the left of this article), 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 **Brenda Hoefler, Max Pacilio, Rebekah Riley, Tiffany Ackley, and Kaitlyn Briggs**. Alternates were **Brittany Clark, Tyler Rundell, Steven Buddenhagen, Bridgette Avery and Megan Record**.

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 **Brittany Clark** as their delegate and **Alysha Harlost** as the alternate. Earlville chose **Megan Record** as their delegate and **Robin Steiner** as an alternate. A complete list of all girls nominated is listed to the left.

Finally, the Earlville American Legion 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 both **Tyler Rundell** and **Jason Pierce** as their delegates to attend Boys' State.

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

—Candice Poyer

Drama Club

On Sunday, March 30, the Drama Club took part in the *Michael Harms Theater Festival* at the Civic Center in Syracuse. They performed three one act plays from their fall show, including *Sure Thing* which featured **Ellen Fagan** and **Joe Mettler**; *Cards*, which was written and directed by **Joe Mettler**, featured **Brenda Hoefler** and **Taylor Morris**; and *Playwrighting 101: The Rooftop Lesson*, featuring **Adrian Enscoe**, **Joe Mettler** and **Tyler Rundell**. Several students were recognized with awards and scholarships for their abilities. Individual Commendation Awards were given to **Adrian Enscoe** for his performance in *Playwrighting*; to **Ellen Fagan** for her performance in *Sure Thing*. **Jake vonMechow** was recognized for his *juggling ability* as he handled both the lighting and sound for the shows. **Eric Robertson** and **Adrian Enscoe** also received recognition for their adept maneuvering of a bed through an obstacle course of students from another school!

The big winner of the weekend was **Joe Mettler**, who received the \$1,500 Michael Harms Scholarship for writing and directing of *Cards* and his comedic acting in *Sure Thing* and *Playwrighting*. One adjudicator was quoted as saying, "Joe is a talented writer besides being an extremely natural actor and insightful director." Other comments given were, "Ellen (Fagan) and Joe (Mettler) had perfect comic chemistry," and "Brenda Hoefler and Taylor Morris gave sensitive, realistic performances," and "Tyler Rundell played the classic straight man and Adrian Enscoe gave a flawlessly neurotic performance."

Director, Colleen Law-Tefft said, "This is the first year I've had a student win the Michael Harms

Scholarship. I am very happy for Joe! This is a very talented group of students who work incredibly well together." Law-Tefft also pointed out that this was a busy weekend for most of her students since the majority of them had competed on Saturday (the day before) at the Odyssey of the Mind® State Competition in Binghamton, where they won and will be going on to World Competition. "All of these students, regardless of being recognized, are incredibly creative and seem to rise to any challenge they are given!"

Students who attended were **Joe Mettler**, **Adrian Enscoe**, **Ellen Fagan**, **Brenda Hoefler**, **Taylor Morris**, **Tyler Rundell**, **Jake vonMechow**, **Alison Bensley**, **Eric Robertson**, **Rachel Walters**, **Dana Gorton** and **Baillie Miller**.

—Colleen Law-Tefft



front: Jake vonMechow, Taylor Morris, Eric Robertson, Rachel Walters, Lauren Mettler; back: Tyler Rundell, Joe Mettler, Ellen Fagan, Adrian Enscoe, Dana Gorton, Baillie Miller and Alison Bensley

Middle School Candy Club—Year End Report

The Middle School Candy Club finished another successful year in 2007-08. The club members are **Alfie Weymouth**, **Josh Potter**, **Macie Lowe**, **Cody Conkling**, **Justin Verry**, **Jeanette Milbert**, **Max Horton**, **Donovan Gale**, **Wayne Hubbard** and **Ron Dye**. On May 30, the club will travel to Norwich to go out to eat and shop at Wal★Mart. The top worker this year was Ron Dye. Team #1 consisting of Alfie, Josh, Macie and Cody held the top spot for sales all year. At one point during the year, they held the top three sales spots.

The club plans to visit and donate \$50 to the Chenango County SPCA to help care for the animals in the shelter. Congratulations on another fine year!

—Peter Regan, Club Advisor

Magazine Mania

For a second year, a group of Middle School students have accomplished something special during their lunch period.

Magazine Mania is a volunteer group of students interested in creating a magazine. Each Tuesday and Thursday, the group meets in the library. Members received picture identification badges—special thanks go out to Ms. Frair in our Audiovisual Department. These badges are used as their in-school passes for *special assignments*, such as faculty or student interviews. A special thanks goes to junior, Stephanie Crandall, a photography student, who brought her talents and assistance to our group.

Our spring edition was entitled, *The Environment*. We had a two-part inspirational training by Ms. Laura Carey, Environmental Educator from the Rogers Center of Sherburne. She brought each of the members their own writing journal. Our focus was to use Nature as our theme for our writing. This creativity took the form of poems, pictures and puzzles. A special thanks to Ms. Carey for giving us new *tools* for our writing. We also plan to submit our completed magazine into the upcoming DCMO BOCES Media Festival.

Hats off to all our members!

GRADE 8

Katerena Williams

GRADE 7

Jake Blair

Alfie Weymouth

Jacob Taylor

Joseph Bartlett

Donovan Gale

GRADE 6

Miranda Williams

Megan Dushko

Sierra Ulrich

Sarah Conklin

—Anne Geary

Caught In The Middle

Congratulations to the 6th-8th grade *Caught in the Middle* award winners for the 30-week marking period at the Middle School. These students were selected by their respective grade level teachers for academic achievement and citizenship recognition. These awards are given out quarterly. Caught in the Middle Awards are sponsored by the S-E Community Schools Organization. Each student receives an award certificate and a free ice cream treat from the cafeteria. Congratulations to all of the winners!

—Valerie Bradley

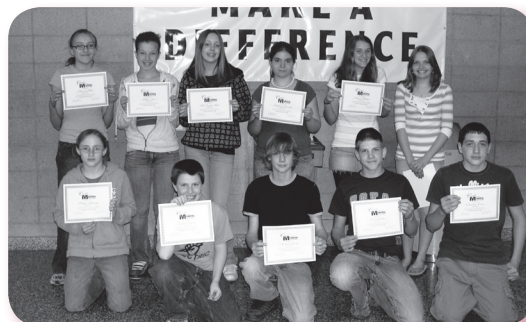


Grade 6
front: Marissa Doing, Jordan VanAlthuis, Daniel Galvez; back: Taylor Manwarren, Kendell Pike, Mary Rounds, Kyle Burgess and Jared Quackenbush

Grade 7
front: Vinny Brower, Katherine Robertson, Sarah Matott, Megan Viera, Emma Karaman, Paige Chapman, Gregory Harvey; back: Todd Sweet, John McDaniel, Carter



Cole, Dana Stapleton, Jason Palmer and Levi Lormier



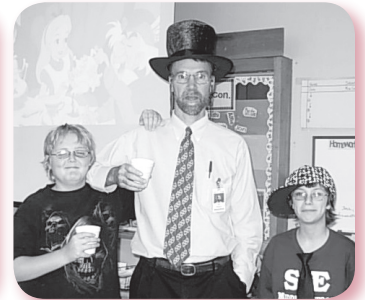
Grade 8
front: Maggie Harvey, Forrest Wynn, Mike Phelan, Cole Hodges, Branden Davis; back: Shawna Hill, Megan Lee, MaKayla Allen, Katherine Cossette, Sierra Morris and Ashley Palmiter

Tea Party Anyone?



On Wednesday, May 21, Miss Gunther's Middle School Life Skills Class held an official tea party. We have been reading and researching the story of *Alice in Wonderland*. Each student was required to pick an appropriate recipe and prepare it for the day. We were also invited to wear a *crazy hat* to the party. Many teachers and administrators with which the students interact with on a daily basis were invited to come visit, sip some tea or coffee and have a little snack. We even had a visit from the *White Rabbit*. A good time was had by all.

—Terri Doing



Trip to Corning Museum of Glass



On Friday, May 9, Miss Gunther's Middle School Life Skills Class traveled to Corning to visit the glass museum. It was a very exciting and interesting day. We started our day by observing a live *Hot Glass* show. We then went on a guided tour of the museum. The students were also



able to take part in a *Make Your Own Glass* workshop. They each chose a glass piece to work with, decorated it with stickers and then observed as a CMOG employee sandblasted it to make an original. We



also took some time to browse the gift shop and admire all the beautiful pieces. We had a blast!

—Terri Doing

Books, Books and More Books!



On Tuesday, May 20, the S-E Community School Organization hosted our annual Book Fair. *CLIFFORD, The Big Red Dog*, made a special appearance! He was very well received by both

children and adults. Many thanks to **Marissa Doing**, **Brittney Gale** and **Cade Shea** for *taking one for the team* and wearing the cumbersome suit for several hours. They did a great job. Also, a special thanks to Marissa, Mitchell and **Vanessa Doing** and **Gabriel Gale** for crafting the awesome sidewalk chalk ads leading into the fair. That was very cool. **Nate Manwarren** also helped during clean up. It's always great to have current and past student involvement in our activities.

The fair was again a huge success! We were able to meet our goal and obtain several new books and items, which we intend to donate to the District via the many wonderful programs we sponsor.

Once again, we would like to say thank you for continuing to support our most worthy program.

—Terri Doing



Literacy Bags



Literacy bags were distributed to the parents of the incoming Kindergarten students on the evening of the Kindergarten

Parent Informational night, May 7. These bags were created to enable parents to help their children develop pre-reading skills at home over the summer before entering school in the fall.

This was the second year these literacy bags have been offered to our incoming Kindergarten population. We were able to include additional learning tools in these bags due to the generous contributions of College Street Orthopedics. Their charitable donations were greatly appreciated by the Literacy Bag Committee. We also received a grant from the Chenango County Council of the Arts.

If you were unable to attend this informative parent meeting your child will receive a bag when they come for testing this summer. Enjoy this special time with your child.

—Barb Colf, Susan Dreyer, Jennifer Moore and Kathy O'Connor, Literacy Bag Committee

Outstanding!

Airport Trip

As part of our study of different countries, the third grade visited the Syracuse Airport to experience one way of worldwide travel. We enjoyed a tour of the airport, airport museum, and a visit to the fire station. It was fun and educational for all!

—Bonnie Buglovsky



Look Out Broadway

Several third grade Foundations classes have been presenting chorale readings and plays to further our work with fluency. In the picture is Mrs. Buglovsky's Foundations class after their presentation of *Rafunzel*. The production was attended by other third grade Foundations classes.

—Bonnie Buglovsky



Math-A-Thon

During the month of February, students in 5th grade participated in the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital fund raiser, Math-A-Thon. Those students who participated answered math questions and raised donations for the number of problems completed. This is the fourth year that 5th graders have been involved in the Math-A-Thon and have raised in total for the four years, \$7,109.51 for St. Jude's. This year's total was \$2,063.20, raised by less than half of the 5th grade. A portion of this money goes towards the care of patients from New York State.

The students who participate in the fund raiser learn to do more than just math problems; they also learn the importance of helping children who are less fortunate than themselves. It takes \$1.2 million dollars to run the hospital each day! Children are never turned away because their families can't afford treatment.

We're very proud of our students for working hard and taking the time to think of others. We would also like to thank the Sherburne-Earlville community for supporting our students.

—Karen Murray

Fun in the Sun!

Having Fun and Being Safe in the Sun

Many of us may think it's great to soak up the sun rays and work on the tan. Or maybe you just want to play outside or go for a walk. Protecting yourself from the sun may be last on your mind. Even if you are young and healthy, protecting your body from the sun's rays is very important. Harmful effects of sun exposure can build up, leading to damage of the skin, eyes, and even causing cancer.

Effects of Overexposure to Ultraviolet (UV) Rays

- Exposure to UV rays can cause skin cancer. One of every three cancers diagnosed is a skin cancer. Just a few serious sunburns during childhood increase your risk for skin cancer later in life. Skin cancer is largely preventable if people practice sun safety.
- UV rays can damage the skin and change its texture. This damage can make you look older at a younger age, and can cause you to develop wrinkles, blotchy skin, brown age spots and thick, leathery skin.
- UV rays can cause painful eye inflammation. Exposure to the sun rays can lead to cataracts later in life. Cataracts cloud vision and are the leading cause of blindness.
- Exposure to UV rays can damage your immune system which helps you fight disease. More damage to the immune system can occur with repeated overexposure.

How to Stay Safe in the Sun

- **Wear Sunscreen**—Use a sunscreen with sun protection factor (SPF) 15 or higher. Higher SPFs offer greater protection. Choose a sunscreen that blocks both UVA and UVB rays. Apply a thick amount of sunscreen 30 minutes before going outside for the best protection. Reapply sunscreen every 2 hours or after exercising or sweating. Protect your lips with a sunscreen lip balm.
- **Limit Your Time in the Midday Sun**—Try to limit your outdoor activities in the middle of the day when UV rays are most intense, usually between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Use the shade to protect yourself while outdoors, especially when UV rays are at their strongest.

- **Cover Up**—Covering up with protective clothing is a great way to protect your skin from the sun. Unlike sunscreen, clothing won't rub off.
- **Wear a Sun-Safe Hat**—Skin cancer often develops on the face, neck and ears. Wearing a sun-safe hat can shield these areas and help prevent premature aging such as wrinkles and brown spots.
- **Grab Some Shades**—Buy protective sunglasses with labels that say the glasses block 99-100% of UVA and UVB rays. Choose large-framed, wrap-around lenses to protect your eyes and skin around your eyes from every angle.
- **Know Your Medication**—Some medications, including antibiotics and acne medications, can make you more sensitive to the sun's rays. Ask your healthcare professional whether any medication you might be taking increases your sensitivity to the sun and what you should do to stay protected.

When it comes to having fun in the sun, you need to play it safe. By taking a few simple precautions you can protect your health and still enjoy your time outdoors!

Attention All Fifth Graders

There are new immunization requirements for all 5th graders going into the 6th grade. Children born on or after 1/1/94 and entering 6th grade in September must have proof of immunity to Chicken Pox (Varicella) and proof of a booster shot of Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis). Proof of varicella may be one of the following: a note signed by your health care provider stating that your child received a dose of vaccine after one year of age, a blood test report that proves your child is immune to the disease (a blood titer) or a signed note from your health care provider stating that your child had the chicken pox disease. Any questions, please call the Health Office at 363-2120.

Health Appraisals

NYSED requires an annual physical exam for new entrants, students in Grades K, 2, 4, 7 and 10. Please contact the Health Office for the Health Appraisal Form to take with your child at the time of the exam.

***SLIP! on a shirt • SLOP! on sunscreen • SLAP! on a hat
WRAP! on sunglasses and you're ready for fun in the sun!***

Teens Should Prepare for Summer Jobs with Safety

Des Plaines, IL (April 21, 2008)—Last year more than 5,700 people died and millions more suffered injuries and illnesses from on-the-job accidents, including thousands of teen workers. The American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) and its 32,000+ occupational safety, health and environmental professional members urge teens and their parents to be aware of workplace safety prevention measures before they go to work this summer, whether for a part-time job or their first full-time position.

“Teens don’t often think of safety when they step into their first job, but they should. We’re offering teens, parents and employers the resources they need to help them stay safe at work,” ASSE member Cindy Lewis, co-chair of the annual Houston Youth Rules! Rally, Job and Career Fair, said. “We work to educate this audience almost daily through city events such as the April 19 Youth Rules! rally in Houston and other cities and by providing free resources such as our free brochures, safety tips for teens handout, the teen safety web page, the safety suitcase for young children and the annual ASSE safety-on-the-job poster contest for those aged 5-14. But more needs to be done.”

To help prepare millions of young workers entering the workforce in the next few months, ASSE has resources available at <http://www.asse.org/newsroom>.

Approximately 80 percent of U.S. teens work annually at some point during their high school years, many during the summer. While they earn extra money and gain valuable work experience, the risk of serious injury or even a fatal injury is present. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that in 2004 alone more than 38,000 teen workers were injured on the job, and 134 were fatally injured. Workers aged 15 to 17 spend most of their work hours in food preparation and service jobs, handling stock or in labor jobs, farming, forestry or in fishing. Common injuries sustained among teens include sprains, strains, contusions, lacerations and fractures. Some injuries can affect a teen for their lifetime.

There are many workplace risks and laws young workers should know. For instance, the most common job-related injury for first-time workers under 18 is muscle sprain or strain; trips and falls, eye strain, and excessive noise are just some of the hazards teens face at work; by law, an employer must provide protective clothing and equipment necessary for each job, payment for medical expenses if a worker is injured at work; on-the-job safety training; and, that on a school day, a 15-year-old is only permitted to work up to three hours a day. Sixteen-year-olds are limited to the type of work they can do. For instance, out of these jobs—operating a meat slicing machine at a deli counter, driving a forklift at a warehouse, waiting tables at a restaurant or

performing demolition work at a construction site—a 16-year-old is legally only allowed to work waiting tables.

“Teens and their parents should be aware that newly hired teens miss work most often because they are suffering from on-the-job muscle sprains, strains or tears; that fatigue from trying to balance work and school may contribute to injuries among young workers; that nearly 70 percent of 14- to 16-year-olds injured on the job miss work, school and other activities for at least a day,” Lewis said. “A quarter of those injured teens are sidelined for more than a week. About a third of fatal injuries to young workers occur in family businesses, such as on a farm, according to federal officials.”

Teens are not allowed to work in mining, logging, meatpacking, roofing, excavation or demolition, according to labor laws. They cannot drive a car or forklift or work with saws, explosives, radioactive materials, or most machines. The U.S. Department of Labor has established two laws to protect the safety and health of teens—the Fair Labor Standards Act restricts the types of jobs teens under 18 can hold and the hours they can work. The 1970 Occupational Safety and Health Act requires employers to provide safe and healthful work environments for all workers. Employers must comply with occupational safety and health standards.

It is important to ask safety questions before starting a job such as: What are the physical demands of my job? What are my hours? Will I be working alone or with others? What kind of safety gear will I need to wear? What workplace hazards should I be aware of (noise, chemicals, etc.)? What safety training will I receive and when will I receive it? Where are the first-aid supplies and fire extinguishers kept? Do you have a worker safety policy and an emergency plan? Is there an occupational safety and health professional on staff?

For a free copy of the ASSE *Important Workplace Safety Guide for Young Workers* and other youth workplace safety tips contact ASSE customer service at 847-699-2929, or customerservice@asse.org, or download an electronic copy of the brochure at www.asse.org/newsroom/brochures.php. Founded in 1911, the Des Plaines, IL based ASSE is the largest and oldest professional safety organization and is committed to protecting people, property and the environment. Its more than 32,000 occupational safety, health and environmental professional members manage, supervise, research and consult on safety, health, transportation and environmental issues in all industries, government, labor and education. For more information check ASSE’s website at www.asse.org.

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CSO's Wish List Update

" . . . parting is such sweet sorrow . . . " —William Shakespeare

As another year of wish granting comes to a close, these immortal words of William Shakespeare summarize my feelings. Even though the anticipation of summer's promises are sweet, my job for the Community School Organization is a rewarding and enjoyable one, and I will definitely miss it over the summer. My name is Carmela Minckler, and I am one of the members of the Sherburne-Earlville Central School District's CSO. My job is to bring staff wishes to the CSO and grant those requests with thirty dollars or less. Over this year we have delivered a wide assortment of wishes. Each wish was special

and important in its own way. We have helped to fund Shining Character in the Elementary building. We have enhanced Elementary, Middle, and High School teachers' classrooms and content with bean bag chairs, sleds, games, craft supplies, kickball bases, cooking ingredients, writing materials, maps, swim suits, art supplies, and sundried supplies for life skills development. Sadly, our last wish giving session fast approaches as does the end of the school year. With every ending there is a new beginning right around the corner. I look forward to turning that proverbial corner in the fall.

Have a Safe and Enjoyable Summer!

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