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OA Transportation Dept. details 2005-06 efficiencies

Three years ago, the Owego Apalachin school district had 40 regular bus drivers. This year, we have 36. This reduction has come mainly through attrition.

Each year we look at our "run schedule" and check to see if we can consolidate. This has caused routes to be consolidated, placing more students on each bus and putting them on the buses longer. These consolidations, and the opening of the new Owego Apalachin Middle School, have contributed to a more efficient run schedule.

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Here's the culprit

Pictured here, OA mechanic Ron Bieber installs the new pool pump that arrived on September 13. The pump, which is the large blue item pictured, was the part that kept the OFA pool out of commission for months. For more photos of the installation and the end result, see Page 9.

Orientation a Success

Now, down to business



Photos by Stephen P. Jensen



Orientation at the new Owego Apalachin Middle School on Thursday, Sept. 1, was a tremendous success, as an estimated 1,800 people visited to get their first glimpse of the new facility.

Sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders found their homerooms, then took tours of their new school, as principal Bob Devan served as host for the event.

The new school, located at 3 Sheldon Guile Boulevard, opened on time, Wednesday, September 7, and students are now beginning to settle in for the year ahead.

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OA's Betsey Bacelli puts "Farm to Table" program on media map

Over the last few weeks, Betsey Bacelli, Owego Apalachin food service director, has been spending a fair amount of time in the media.

Lauded for the district's "Farm to Table" program that's been in place for nearly a decade now,

Bacelli was featured in an August 24 New York Times article with the headline "Fresh Gets Invited to the Cool Table" by Marion Burros.

In that article, Bacelli was quoted as saying, "Sometimes it costs less, sometimes right around the

same price, but the quality is so wonderful.

"The older students really recognize the difference in quality, so we make little steps, like more cab-

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OAMS sixth-grader visit Roberson exhibits

On September 13 and 14, both teams of sixth-grade students went to the Roberson Museum in Binghamton, going through a variety of exhibits and participating in various activities.

Groups of students created a timeline of Anne Frank's life and how it corresponded to events in the world at that time. As they create their own timelines in social studies classes in September, it proved to be a valuable activity. Students also viewed a video on "The Life of Anne Frank."

A visit to the planetarium exposed the students to information about the planet Saturn, its moons and a space probe that is currently examining the planet. This tied in with science classes and studies of the solar system.

All students viewed the exhibit of "Daniel's Story" at Roberson, as well. Students were able to walk through the life of a boy who lived through the Holocaust. This particular exhibit was only available until the end of September.

Students will be working more on "Daniel's Story" and its message in English classes. This experience was provided for students through a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services called "Pieces of Peace."

New hours have been set for OFA fitness center

The following are the new hours for the Fitness Center at Owego Free Academy for this fall (September 7

through December 22):

MONDAYS: 2:30 to 5 p.m. (students, staff and teams); 5 to 7 p.m. (community, staff and students)

TUESDAYS: 2:30 to 5 p.m. (students, staff and teams); 5 to 8 p.m. (community, staff and students)

WEDNESDAYS: 2:30 to 5 p.m. (students, staff and teams); after 5 p.m. – closed

THURSDAYS: 2:30 to 5 p.m. (students, staff and teams); 5 to 8 p.m. (community, staff and students)

FRIDAYS: 2:30 to 5 p.m. (students, staff and teams); 5 to 7 p.m. (community, staff and students)

Help Dollars for Scholars work toward this year's goal

If you were asked to name one thing that was great about this community, what would your answer be?

"I could say a number of wonderful things about the Owego Apalachin community," said Fran Tirinato of Dollars for Scholars. "The most important feature I'd say would have to be the people. Their unending compassion and generosity has always had a positive effect on our students.

"There is a group of these devoted people who volunteer their time working hard to raise funds for our OFA graduates. I am proud to be part of the Owego Apalachin Dollars for Scholars.

"Did you know we are the only chapter in Tioga County? We have a goal - as lofty as it may be - which is to be able to one day financially help every

graduating senior," she said.

"Wouldn't you like to be a part of this noble cause? Take the opportunity to help us work toward this goal. Come join our group."

If you're interested in more information, write to Fran Tirinato, c/o Dollars for Scholars, P.O. Box 542, Owego, N.Y. 13827, or send her an E-mail at tirinatof@oacsd.org.

Benefit set on behalf of Dan Cronk, Kristen O'Neil

A benefit will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, October 23, at Owego Bowl for Dan Cronk and Kristen O'Neil.

Dan is the husband of Ellen Cronk, who is a teacher's assistant at Owego Elementary School.

Dan was diagnosed with cancer in early spring. A tumor was found first, then a spot on his lung and another on his brain. He has been undergoing treatment, and has been out of work.

Kristen was the daughter of Rick O'Neil, proprietor of Owego Bowl. She was killed last October in an automobile accident. She had dreams of becoming a physical education or childhood education teacher. A scholarship is set up in her name.

If anyone has a hobby or craft that they would like to share and donate to this benefit, it would be greatly appreciated. Raffle tickets will be sold prior to the event and cost \$2, or three for \$5.

For more information, E-mail Janet Tiffany at tiffanyj@oacsd.org.

OA's Devan, Kotula picked for Leadership Tioga

Two members of the Owego Apalachin staff have been selected to participate in the 2005-2006 Leadership Tioga. They are Bob Devan, Owego Apalachin Middle School principal, and Heather Kotula, Owego Free Academy guidance counselor.

"This is a tremendous commitment by Bob and Heather," said Dr. Mychael Willon, OA superintendent of schools, "and we're very proud that they are willing to represent our district and give of themselves within our community this way.

"It's this type of commitment that makes it easy for the district, as a whole, to support such professional and personal development," added Willon.

OA parent group meeting set for Wednesday, Oct. 19

The Owego Elementary Parent-Teacher Organization has scheduled its October meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19 in the OES library.

The meeting's topic will be "Keeping your school safe: An overview of school security."

For more info: E-mail Allison Hall at lcrep.elem.ah@verizon.net.

Volunteer host families sought by LIFE House

Do you have room in your home? LIFE House is searching for volunteer host families to provide safe, temporary shelter for runaway and homeless youth in your community.

For more information please contact Steve or Cathy at 772-3040 or at the organization's 24-hour toll-free number, 1-866-HELP-130.



Pictured here reading to Mrs. Pritchard's class is Mrs. Farr, also known as "Maleah's Mom."

Celebrity readers visiting at AES

Celebrity story time is a program that is held once a week in Mrs. Pritchard's second grade classroom at Apalachin Elementary School.

It's a chance for parents, grandparents or special friends to come into the classroom and share a favorite age-appropriate book. Throughout September, parents of students in Pritchard's class visited with their stories.

After the reader is finished with a story, students ask questions to find out about the celebrity reader's interests.

Questions include who people will choose books, their likes and dislikes, and their memories of childhood reading.

Soon to appear in Pritchard's classroom as celebrity readers are Dr. Mychael Willon, OA superintendent of schools, Bill Riddleberger, president of the OA Board of Education, and John Crosby, long-time BOE member.



OA's new teachers

Above, OA's new teachers pose during their day of orientation. At right, Robin Sobiech introduces herself to the rest of the group.

Below, Bill Riddleberger, OA Board of Education president, welcomes the new crew during orientation. Below, right, Chris Corlett, OFA teacher and OA teacher's association president, greets them with words of advice.



Above, new teacher Robyn Wood says hello to her colleagues during orientation, while Amy Devendorf does the same just prior to the start of the 2005-06 school year.



Photos by Stephen P. Jensen

What will your lasting legacy be?

Superintendent's Message

On Tuesday, September 6, I welcomed back our faculty and staff, as I usually do, with a few words about the upcoming school year.

In keeping with past opening sessions, many of you may already know that our theme for this year is "I've Got The Power." Throughout the year, meetings, messages and activities will often revolve around that simple idea.

But toward the end of my talk, I emphasized not only why I believe it's critical to realize, each day, that we, as educators, have power to guide children in positive directions, but that we also make those impressions while we're not even intending to.

In short, they're always watching, listening and absorbing, even if we're not intentionally sending messages. Still, they receive.

And this is our legacy.

The week prior to opening day of this school year, all new teachers in the district had an orientation session, at which we learned a little and shared a lot. One of the activities in which we all engaged was to write down a teacher's name they remembered from when they were in school or college, and describe the impression that person left.

More times than not, those influences were not about "The Three R's," but instead centered on a feeling that instructor left with these people. Some responses dealt with encouragement in a particular career choice. Others were as succinct as one phrase a teacher had shared. But the message was indelibly set.

It's my belief that we are all connected in some way. Who among us hasn't heard or muttered the phrase, "It's a small world?"

But Albert Einstein surmised that not only was the world a microcosmic place, but that there were strong connections throughout.

Today, we're learning, he was far ahead of his time. More than half a century later, his dream of a unified theory (commonly referred to now as "string theory") has become the Holy Grail of modern physics. And a sizeable part of the physics and mathematics community is becoming increasingly convinced that string theory may provide the answer.

From one principle - that everything at its most microscopic level consists of combinations of vibrating strands - string theory provides a single explanatory framework capable of encompassing all forces and all matter.

Pretty heavy stuff, to be sure. But what it boils down to for us is that all of what we do, each day, matters. It leaves impacts. Things we say and touch change the course of events. And the lives of children.

In 28 years as an educator, and having worked alongside hundreds of exemplary teachers and having met and worked with even more parents, I'd offer this observation: That your power is skillfully on display each day you walk through the door to your classroom. For parents, there really is no beginning or end to your influence.

So today, as you start your day - from whatever walk of life you travel - know that you really do have the power.

How you put it to use - now, that will be your lasting legacy.

**Siempre,
Mychael**

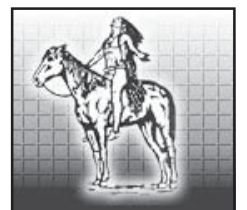
Dr. Mychael C. Willon is OA superintendent of schools. He can be reached by phone at 687-6224 or by E-mail at willonm@oacsd.org.

Are you interested in serving on the BAC?

Are you interested in helping shape the direction of our school district? Do you have ideas on how the Owego Apalachin school district could address strains on the current year's budget (for example, rising fuel costs, etc.), and next year's as well?

If so, Dr. Mychael Willon, superintendent of schools, and members of the OA Board of Education would like to invite you to participate in the district's Budget Advisory Committee.

If you're interested, or would like to learn more, please contact Marcy Hill, clerk of the board, by phone at 687-6215 or by E-mail at hillm@oacsd.org.



Spotlight: On Transportation



Randy Murray, shown above and in several other before, during and after photos on this page, is an OA mechanic and was the chief designer and fabricator of the district's new Safe Bus.

OA's Monster Garage

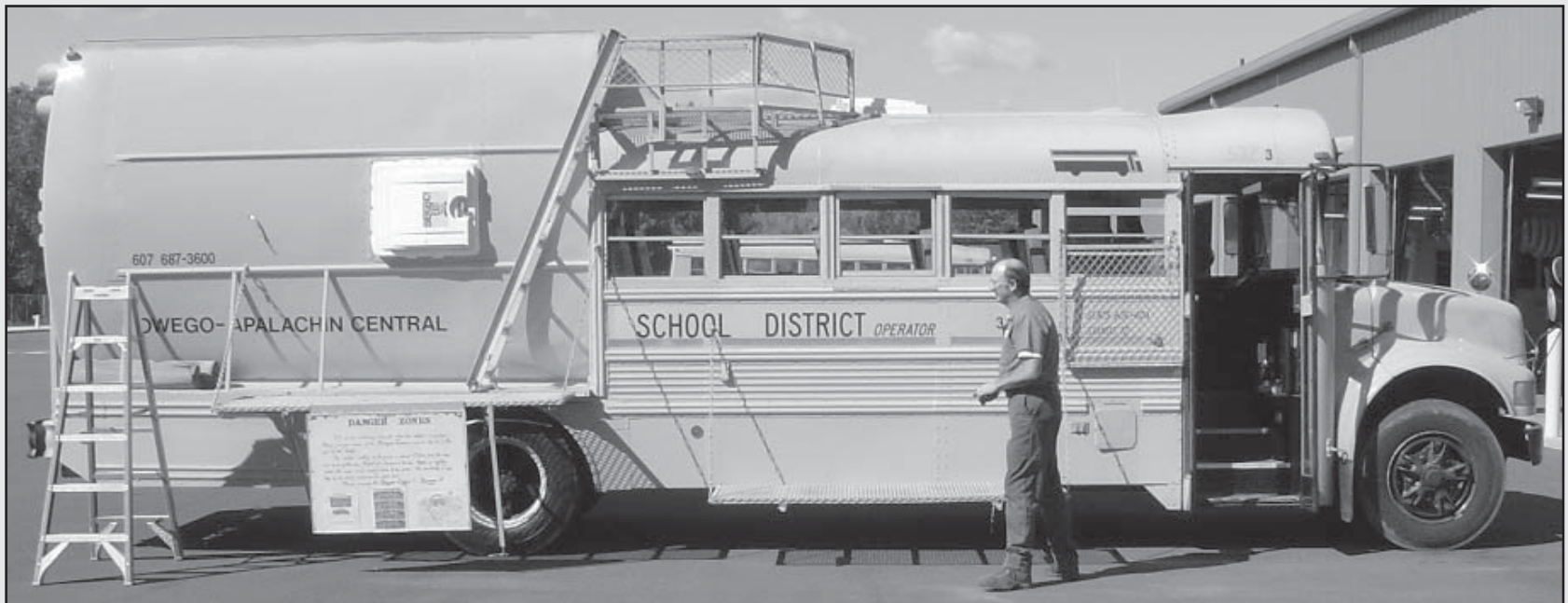
Randy Murray's creation is scary ... but it's safe

The Owego Apalachin school district's Transportation Department presented the latest edition of the "Safe Bus" to the OA Board of Education at its regular meeting Thursday, September 15. Last week, the monstrous learning tool went into play for students of our district, hosting safety classes, said Tony Quaranta, transportation supervisor.

The bus, which in its original form, was donated to the OA district, also did not cost the taxpayers, according to Randy Murray, OA mechanic and chief designer and builder of the Safe Bus.

Murray, an OA employee for nearly 29 years, said this is the district's third Safe Bus, and his second. The vehicle is used to train school children about how to properly exit a bus in the event of a rollover accident.

"We hope we never have to worry about anything ever happening," he said, "but we want our children to be prepared for a worst-case scenario. This may be the only Safe Bus of its kind in the country," he added, laughing. "We may be the only ones crazy enough to build it."



On the bus

Pictured here are, left to right, Tony Quaranta, OA transportation supervisor, Allison Strife, representative of Best Buy's Nichols Warehouse, and Pam Bird, co-chair of the SAFE Committee for OA. Best Buy presented the TV/VCR/DVD combination for use in the district's new Safe Bus. Today, the TV is mounted toward the front of the bus for classes, now under way.



Photos by the OA Transportation Department and Stephen P. Jensen

October 16-22 is "National School Bus Safety Week"

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Another point of savings has come from the adjustment of the start times for the 27 drivers clocking into work in the afternoon. Last year, those drivers clocked in at 1:40 p.m. to start their afternoon routes. This year, they clock in at 2:05 p.m. This amounts to a 25-minute savings per driver, per day.

Over the course of the school year - 180 days - the district should save approximately \$25,000.

Since last year, OA has complied with New York state anti-idling procedures. We have trained our drivers on the importance and benefits of anti-idling and have been monitoring and, as necessary, enforcing it. Buses idle for no more than five minutes when "pre-tripping" or "post-tripping," and they are shut off entirely when staging at the schools.

Additionally, the computers on the buses have been set so that they will automatically shut off after five minutes of idling.

Along with this, our mechanics no longer come in early in the winter to start buses for the drivers. The

driver is now responsible for getting his or her bus started and cleaned off in the winter.

The district invested in "winter fronts" for all regular route buses, so the block heaters work more effectively, thus allowing the engine to stay warmer when it is shut off. The engine will also warm up more quickly when driving.

Our mechanics perform regular preventive maintenance on all our vehicles to keep them running at maximum efficiency and performance. This includes regular filter changes, tune-ups and adjusting valves which have a direct effect on fuel mileage.

Tire wear and air pressure is closely monitored and recorded for maximum fuel economy. New technologies and tread patterns on tires are being tested and monitored on a continuing basis.

The fuel bill from Scott Smith is studied monthly to monitor any decreases in miles per gallon, and if there is such a drop, the mechanics look for reasons why, then make appropriate corrections.

The district has also found a vendor that will pay the district for taking away our used oil.

Purchasing new buses every year means we are getting the benefits of new, more efficient technologies which saves on fuel, maintenance and repairs. It also allows us to not have to spend time fixing and repairing older, less efficient vehicles to meet the rigorous New York State Department of Transportation standards.

Purchasing new buses also allows us to give maintenance to our older buses for their continued use, and of course, allowing for the disposal of our oldest vehicles. These vehicles generally are costly to repair and are less fuel efficient. This practice cuts down on breakdowns and expensive/extensive repairs.

And all the while, we're continuing to educate our mechanics so they are better able to diagnose and repair these vehicles without us having to send them back to the dealer in Syracuse, or the closest repair station in Binghamton.

OA prepares for "Operation Safe Stop"



District to join forces with safety officials October 6

On October 6, the Owego Apalachin Transportation Department will join forces with local law enforcement officials and area traffic safety officials during a statewide "Operation Safe Stop Day."

The goal of this special day is two-fold, according to Tony Quaranta.

"First, we use this event to help us educate the public on the dangers of illegally passing a stopped school bus with red lights flashing while loading and or unloading students," said Quaranta, the OA district's transportation supervisor.

"And two, it will increase the presence of the police and targeting of drivers who violate this law and endanger our children."

Section 1174 of the state Vehicle and Traffic Law requires motorists to come to a complete full stop when approaching a school bus that is stopped and has red lights flashing and stop arm extended, (even on school grounds).

"We estimate that some 50,000 motorists violate this law every day of the year and that in the past five years, 35 children have been struck, and two children have been killed by these motorists," Quaranta said.

The most recent incident came last school year in Stockbridge Valley, when 7-year-old Mallory Eddy was struck and killed by a motorist passing her stopped school bus as its red lights flashed.

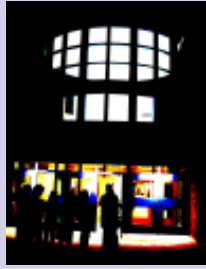
Operation Safe Stop" seeks to promote school bus safety through education and enforcement efforts.

It is a cooperative project supported by the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, the New York State Education Department, New York Association for Pupil Transportation, New York State School Bus Contractors Association, Student Transportation Industry and State, county, city and local law enforcement agencies.



The images seen here were captured on the sunny afternoon of Wednesday, September 21, as students at OFA boarded buses shortly after dismissal. The photo at right is a close-up view of the front of the district's new Safe Bus. October 16-22 is National School Bus Safety Week.

Photos by Stephen P. Jensen



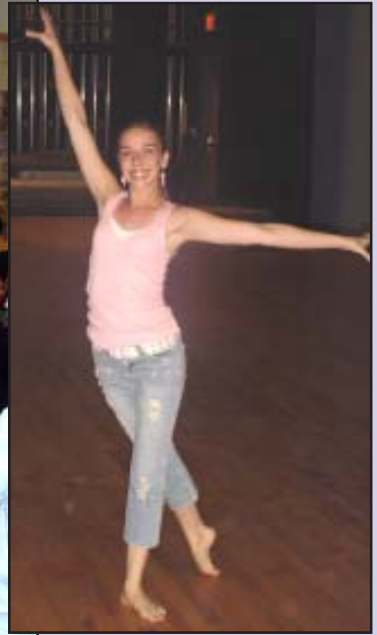
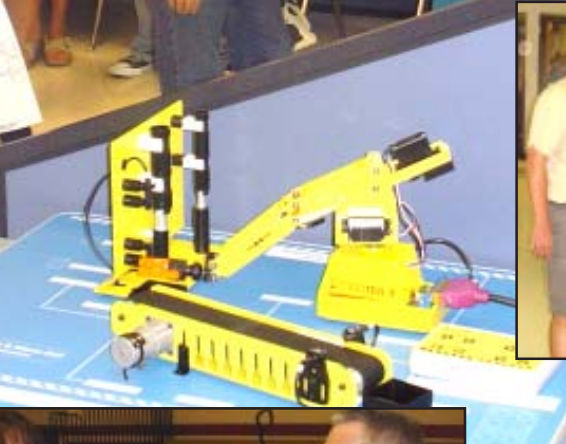
Orientation a



Photos by Stephen P. Jensen

Success

Images from September 1



OAMS Dedication and Open House

Event scheduled from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, October 16

The dedication ceremony has been scheduled at OAMS, 3 Sheldon Guilve Boulevard, for 1 p.m. Sunday, October 16. Following the ceremony will be an open house event from 2 to 4 p.m. Details are still in the works and will be published in an upcoming flier, sent out via E-mail updates called "DATELINE OA" and they'll also be distributed to area media outlets in the form of a press release.

Are you receiving E-mail updates from OA?

If you're not yet receiving Owego Apalachin's E-mail updates entitled "DATELINE OA," please either call Stephen P. Jensen at 687-7124, or write to him at jensens@oacsd.org to be added to the list and immediately get in the loop.



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bage in the soup than we used to," she added.

The article drew the attention of National Public Radio station KCRW in Los Angeles, and at 4 p.m. Friday, August 26, Bacelli was one of a handful of nutrition experts featured in a story about the eating habits of today's youth on a daily talk show called "To The Point."

Following, Bacelli and the program were featured locally in a Thursday, September 15, WBNG-TV newscast, and several subsequent newscasts later that night and into the following morning on the same channel.

The movement among administrators, nationally, to support local and regional sustainable agriculture, while helping their students eat better-tasting and better quality food, started on the East and West coasts and expanded across the country, stated the New York Times article.

But making the transition is not so easy, it said. Food costs are often higher, supplies can be hard to find and it takes more money to pay qualified cooks.

Those who have embraced the concept cite the advantages, from fighting obesity among the young to helping the local economy, said the Times piece. And while the Department of Agriculture has provided very little money for farm to cafeteria programs, it reported, individual administrators are using sustainable agriculture as part of the new federal wellness initiative, which requires school districts, in consultation with parents, students and schools, to create a comprehensive wellness program, especially nutrition guidelines.

The Times article went on to say that at OA, the program is increasing as Bacelli finds ways to use more produce, like acorn squash in cookies and muffins.

"We're hoping that with the federal government's new wellness initiative, all the districts in our area will do what we're doing and buy local fruits and vegetables," Bacelli said in the Times article. "My other dream is to get the students to eat rutabagas. I pray every night for world peace and funding."



Students at OAMS were interviewed by WBNG reporter Kiersten Mathieu, shown at far left, about the "Farm to Table" program. Other students showed that it's not just lip service - they really do eat fruits and veggies at lunch time in the school cafeteria.

Photos by Stephen P. Jensen



"The older students really recognize the difference in quality, so we make little steps, like more cabbage in the soup than we used to."

- Betsey Bacelli

Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA) Notice

The *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act* (FERPA), a Federal law, requires that Owego Apalachin School District, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records.

However, OA may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you

have advised the District to the contrary in accordance with District procedures.

The primary purpose of directory information is to allow OA schools to include this type of information from your child's education records in certain school publications.

Examples include:

- ♦ A playbill, showing your student's role in a drama production.
- ♦ The annual yearbook.

- ♦ Honor roll or other recognition lists.

- ♦ Graduation programs.
- ♦ Sports activity sheets, such as for wrestling, showing weight and height of team members.

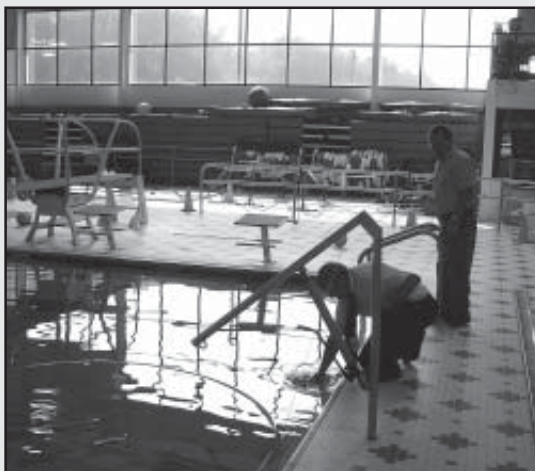
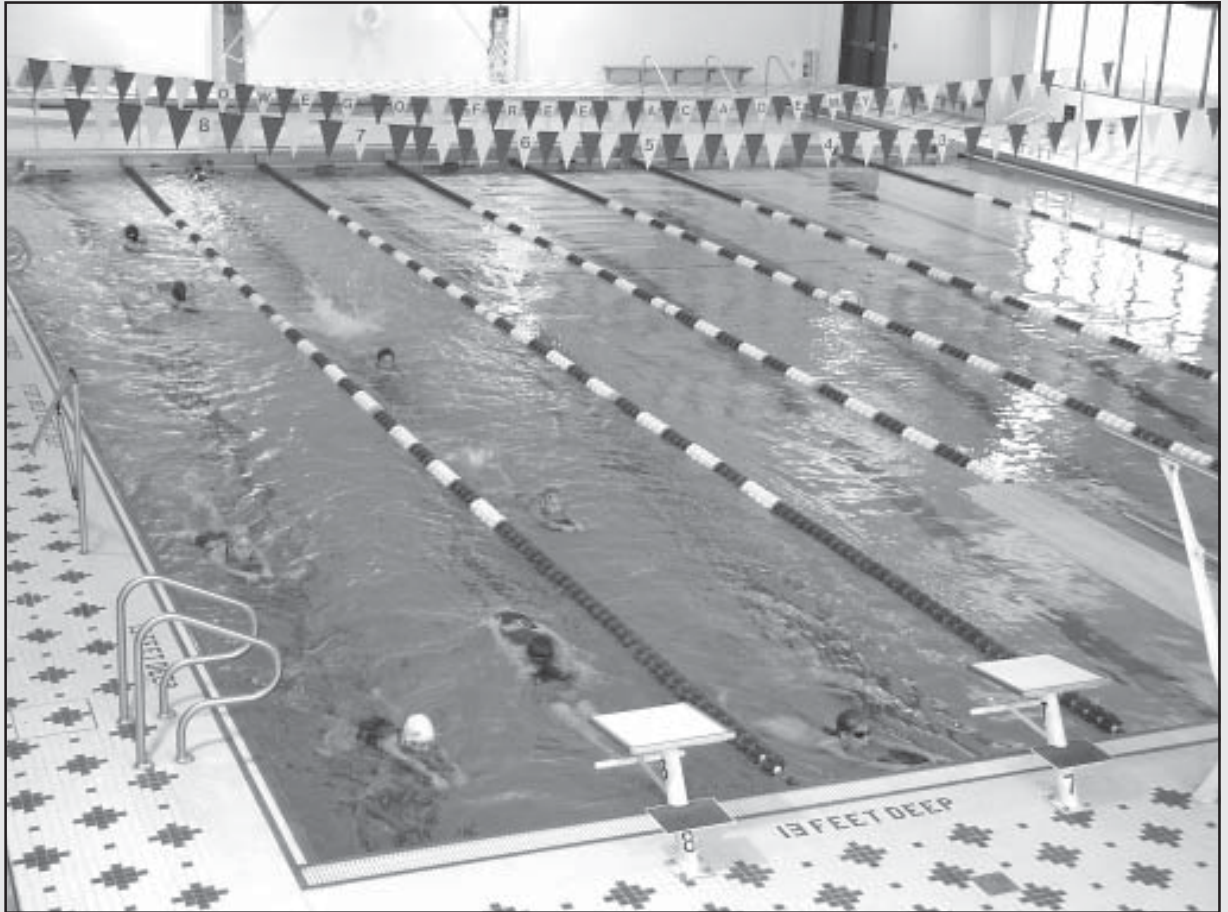
Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent.

Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks.

In addition, the New York State Education Law § 2-1 and two federal laws require school districts receiving assistance under the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965* (ESEA) to provide military recruiters, upon request, with student names, addresses and tele-

phone listings - unless parents have advised the school district that they do not want their student's information disclosed without their prior written consent.

If you do not want OA to disclose some or all directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the district in writing by October 7, 2005.



Back in the pool

Once the new pump was up and running, members of the OFA girls' swim team were first to get back into the pool on September 14. The next step is to re-open the Community Swim program, the details of which are currently being finalized. Expect an announcement the first week of October. **For more information, call Stephen P. Jensen, district public information coordinator, at 687-7124, or E-mail him at jensens@oacsd.org.**

Photos by Stephen P. Jensen

OES garden continues to grow

The Owego Elementary School's Children's Garden, started last spring, is in and it's growing right alongside our students.

Last June a full-school "Name the Garden Contest" was held, with "Our Enchanted Seeds Garden" eventually taking the top prize, cleverly incorporating the school's initials.

The After-School Garden Club members gained hands-on planting experience with donated ornamental grasses and pumpkin seedlings and Camp Ahwaga students maintained the watering schedule throughout the dry summer.

Other summer activities included site preparation by 10 BOCES TANF Program participants. Activities included raking, picking up rocks, forming the base for the "turtle mound," placing landscape fabric and spreading the mulch donated by



The OES After-School Garden Club members are shown here recently in the school's garden. They are, in front row, left to right, Luke O'Brien, Lauren Corey, Addy O'Rourke and Jonathan Ripic. In the second row, left to right, are Ms. Ernest, Samantha Wyrrough, Alex Gable, Karly Kastner, Codi Woodard and Mrs. Schierloh.

Halstead Lumber.

The base for our flower bed was also installed.

The garden is being underwritten through a grant from the Binghamton G.E. Volun-

teers. Eleanor Ernest, an OES retiree, is volunteering her time as the After-School Garden Club adviser, while also taking classes to be a master gardener.

AES kindergarten picnic eases kids into new routine



On August 31, the incoming kindergarteners at Apalachin Elementary School were treated to a picnic and the chance to meet their teachers.

The incoming students and their families ate plenty of goodies, including hot dogs cooked by Joe DiCosimo, AES principal. After dinner, the children and their families were invited to visit their classrooms and to talk more with their teacher.

This event is in its fourth year and is a great way for the new kindergartners to meet their teachers and to see where they will be going to school. Parents and students alike are given the time to ask questions in a relaxed and fun environment during the picnic.

Many of the first-day jitters are taken care of during the picnic, as the kindergartners meet their teachers, see their classroom, and see who is in their class.

This picnic is the culmination of a group effort by the AES kindergarten teachers, office staff, custodians the school's parent group, as well as many volunteers at AES.

After the picnic, some of the children were asked to tell about their favorite part of the kindergarten picnic:

♦Natalie Braman: "Seeing who was going to be in my class and seeing my teacher."

♦Michael Walburn: "Going into the room."

♦Nolan Tofte: "Going into the classroom and checking everything out."

♦Brinn Shaughnessy:

"Seeing my friends who are going to kindergarten."

♦Darin Brown: "Eating the hot dogs and seeing my room."

Brittney Gillispie: "Seeing my room and the kids."



Pictured in top photo are Natalie Braman and Michael Walburn; middle photo, Nolan Tofte and Brinn Shaughnessy; and, at right, Darin Brown and Brittney Gillispie.

Owego Apalachin Board of Education

The Owego Apalachin Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays each month, unless otherwise indicated. The meetings are held at the Administration Building, 36 Talcott St., Owego. For more information, call 687-6215.

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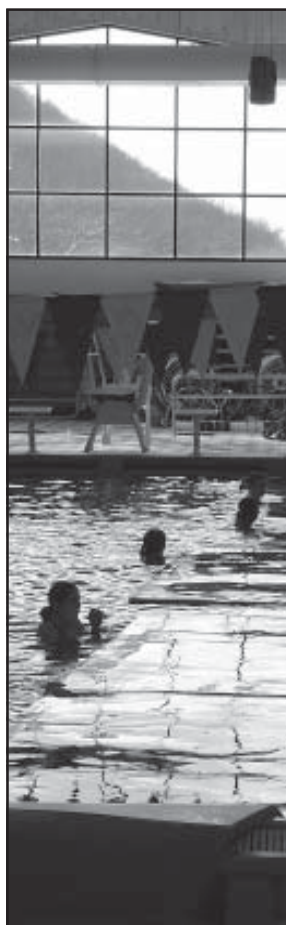
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Thank you, Tioga Central!

I, along with the Board of Education, would like to extend a huge "thank you" to the Tioga Central School District for the loan of their pool facility while ours was under repair. After many tense months, our pool is now fully operational, and we are within days of having not only our students, but our community members, once again, able to enjoy its benefits.

To everyone in the OA community, please join me in extending this sentiment to the students, faculty, staff, administrators and all the members of the Tioga Central community.

Siempre,
Dr. Mychael Willon
OA Superintendent of Schools



Important Dates On The Owego Apalachin Calendar

OCTOBER 1

Homecoming
Owego Free Academy – 1:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 5

Back to School Night - 5 p.m.

OCTOBER 7

Schools Closed
Superintendent's Conference Day

OCTOBER 10

Schools Closed – Columbus Day

OCTOBER 15

PSATs – Juniors – 7:45 a.m.

OCTOBER 16

OAMS Dedication/Open House - 1-4 p.m.
(More information on Page 8)

OCTOBER 20

Board of Education meeting
District Office – 7 p.m.

OCTOBER 21

Breakfast With Dr. Willon
8:30 a.m., Owego Treadway
(Attendees will pay for their own breakfast.)

OCTOBER 21

OA Theater Dedication Concert
Owego Middle School – 7:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 26

Early Release
District Wide

NOVEMBER 5

SATs – OFA – 7:45 a.m.

NOVEMBER 11

Schools closed – Veterans' Day

NOVEMBER 17

Board of Education meeting
District Office – 7 p.m.

NOVEMBER 23-25

Schools closed – Thanksgiving Recess

Varsity Fall Sports Calendar, Includes Events Through October 29

OCTOBER 1

- ◆Girls Swimming
Diving Invitational, OFA, TBA
- ◆Football vs. Dryden
(Homecoming), 1:30 p.m.
- ◆Boys Cross Country at Unatego
(Invitational), 9:45 a.m.
- ◆Girls Cross Country at Unatego
(Invitational), 9:45 a.m.

OCTOBER 3

- ◆Girls Tennis vs. Ithaca, 4 p.m.

OCTOBER 5

- ◆Girls Soccer vs. M-E, 4:30 p.m.
- ◆Boys Golf vs. JC,
Traditions in the Glen, 4 p.m.
- ◆Field Hockey
vs. Windsor, 4:15 p.m.

OCTOBER 7

- ◆Girls Soccer at Norwich/Perry
Browne School, 4:40 p.m.
- ◆Girls Swimming
at M-E, 5:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 8

- ◆Football vs. Norwich
(Sr. Recognition), 1:30 p.m.
- ◆Boys Cross Country
vs. Conwicke-Stock,
Arnold Park, 10 a.m.
- ◆Girls Cross Country vs.
Conwicke-Stock,
Arnold Park, 10 a.m.

OCTOBER 11

- ◆Boys Soccer at JC,
Green Field, 4:30 p.m.
- ◆Boys Golf vs. M-E,
Traditions in the Glen, 4 p.m.
- ◆Field Hockey at
Whitney Point, 4:15 p.m.

OCTOBER 14

- ◆Boys Soccer vs. Oneonta
(Sr. Recognition), 4:30 p.m.
- ◆Girls Swimming vs. SV, 5:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 15

- ◆Girls Soccer
at Oneonta, Hall of Fame, 7 p.m.
- ◆Football at SV, 1:30 p.m.
- ◆Boys Cross Country
STAC Championships, TBA
- ◆Girls Cross Country
STAC Championships, TBA



Members of the Owego Apalachin modified golf team took a moment to pose before heading off to a practice round at Catatunk on September 21.

Photo by Stephen P. Jensen

OCTOBER 17

- ◆Field Hockey
at Vestal M.S., 4:15 p.m.
- ◆Boys Soccer
vs. M-E, at Homer Brink, 4:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 18

- ◆Girls Swimming
vs. CV, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆Girls Soccer
vs. JC, 4:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 19

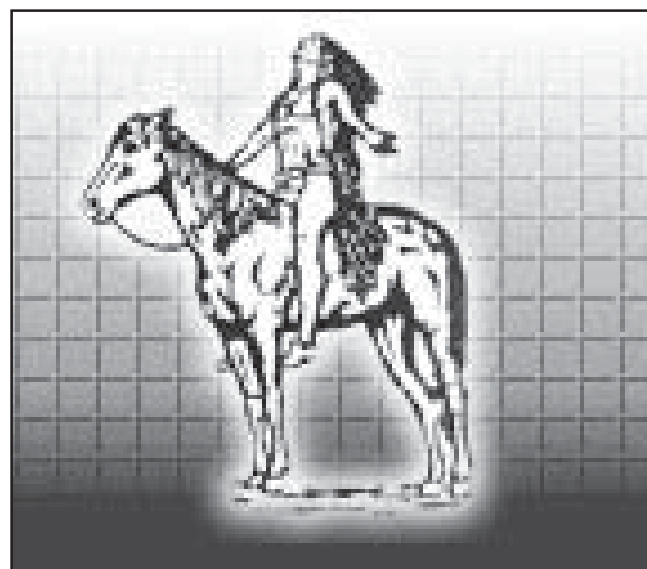
- ◆Field Hockey
vs. Greene, 4:15 p.m.

OCTOBER 21

- ◆Girls Swimming
at Chenango Forks, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆Football at Ithaca, 7 p.m.

OCTOBER 22

- ◆Girls Swimming
vs. Binghamton, 10 a.m.
- ◆Boys Cross Country
Marathon Invitational at



Applebee Elementary School, 9 a.m.
◆Girls Cross Country
Marathon Invitational at
Applebee Elementary School, 9 a.m.

OCTOBER 25

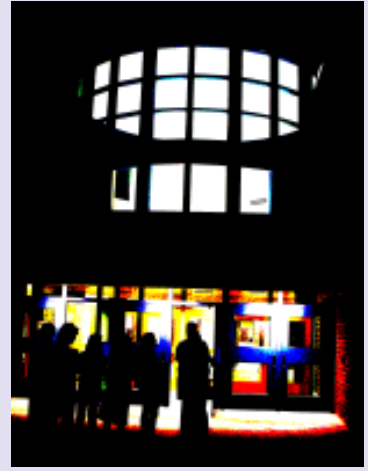
- ◆Boys Cross Country
at Newark Valley, 4 p.m.
- ◆Girls Cross Country

at Newark Valley, 4 p.m.

OCTOBER 29

- ◆Boys Cross Country
Greenman Invitational
at Ely Park, 9 a.m.
- ◆Girls Cross Country
Greenman Invitational
at Ely Park, 9 a.m.

Opening Day at OAMS



Images from September 7



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