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## Meet Our New Superintendent



At its voting meeting on June 15, 2010, the Sweet Home Central School District Board of Education appointed **Anthony J. Day** to the position of

Superintendent of Schools. Day replaced Geoffrey M. Hicks who left Sweet Home to become Superintendent of Schools of Arlington School District.

Mr. Day has spent the last eight years working as Assistant Superintendent of Instruction for Sweet Home. Prior to that, Day was the principal of Edward Town Middle School in the Niagara Wheatfield School District from 1998 to 2002. He was also an assistant principal at Sweet Home High School from 1996 to 1998 and has taught social studies in Niagara Wheatfield High School from 1988 to 1996 and Iroquois Central High School from 1984 to 1985.

Day holds a bachelor's degree in history and secondary education from SUNY Buffalo and master's degree in educational foundations from Niagara University, where he completed his administration certification in 1996.

## Congratulations Class of 2010!

Their time at Sweet Home High School ended for the 289 graduates of the Class of 2010 that walked across the stage at the University of Buffalo's Center for the Arts on Friday, June 25. The 51<sup>st</sup> commencement exercises of Sweet Home Central School District showcased a class full of passion, dreams, memories and a keen sense of friendship and family.

With the help of an old friend, senior Andrew Glickman opened the ceremony by leading the pledge of allegiance. After a welcome by principal Joleen Reinholz, class representatives Karen Connolly, Kelly Balson, Collyn Christian, Katie Niblock and DeShanaro Morris addressed the audience. Each shared many memories of the Class of 2010 and all spoke of how well prepared they are for the future because of their four years at Sweet Home High School.

Following Morris, Superintendent Geoffrey M. Hicks took the stage. He thanked the seniors for making Sweet Home one of the very best school districts in Western New York and highlighted the hard work and determination as evident by the 87 percent of the graduating class that will attend a 2 or 4 year college next year and that the class earned a whopping \$4.3 million in scholarship grants. He urged the graduating class to dream big and to continue to work hard to achieve those dreams.

The highlight of the evening was when DeShanaro Morris left his wheelchair aside and walked across the stage to accept his diploma. In his speech, he urged his classmates to persevere and to never let anyone tell them they can't do something.

The graduates recessed to the music of the Sweet Home Concert Wind Ensemble under the direction of Mr. Cory Morrow to Baird Point for the traditional throwing of the caps.



*DeShanaro Morris delivers his speech at commencement ceremonies June 25*



*Superintendent of  
Schools  
Anthony J. Day*

## A Message from the Superintendent of Schools...

If you've had an opportunity to attend a Sweet Home graduation at UB's Center for the Arts, you know that it is a marvelous experience. It's my personal favorite each school year. Also known as "Commencement exercises," June 25<sup>th</sup> was the day that the Class of 2010 completed its thirteen-year journey together and began the next phase of their young lives. The student speeches that evening voiced themes of reflection on years together, pride in their accomplishments and anticipation for what life holds for them in the years ahead. As they walked across the stage to receive their diplomas, they literally and figuratively were making the transition from one phase of their life to another.

As always, graduation was an emotionally charged night for the students and their families. This year, it also served as a sort of metaphor for the District. After eight years of strong leadership, Geoff Hicks left the District to take advantage of an opportunity to lead the Arlington School District outside Poughkeepsie. Geoff's tenure was marked by a resolute desire to build a culture of high expectations and continuous improvement for students and staff alike. Many initiatives were begun that facilitated the District's growth and helped our students to learn and achieve to higher levels. As Mr. Hicks' tenure closed, I was honored by the Board of Education with my appointment last month to serve as the next Superintendent of

the Sweet Home Schools. Much like our graduates, this opportunity has prompted me to reflect upon what our District has accomplished and look forward to the challenges we face in the years ahead.

During the past seven years, I have worked closely with each school in an effort to implement the Sweet Home vision for excellence. I am very proud of what we have been able to accomplish as a District. Our students have learned more and their achievement has steadily improved. Our staff has also learned more and has shaped its practice to improve their craft. Like our graduates, I eagerly await the opportunity to help guide the District's efforts in the years ahead. We'll face several challenges-changing expectations for our students and a struggling economy that will demand us to remain fiscally responsible to our community. Like our graduates, we'll set high goals for ourselves and step forward.

At one point during the selection process, I was asked, "Why are you interested in serving as Superintendent of Sweet Home?" I responded with several important reasons. I started with the Board of Education. These seven individuals are absolutely student-centered and committed to excellence. They are a veteran team that works well together. Another important factor is the strength of our faculty and staff. They seek excellence in their students and operate within a culture of teamwork and professional learning. Additionally, the Sweet Home community has been highly supportive of our efforts throughout the years. Community members contribute to our success in many ways each day and have provided the financial support we need to obtain the resources to help our children. Most importantly, the Sweet Home students are the very best. It was our kids that endeared me most when I came to Sweet Home in 1996 and they remain the reason for my work today.

I am thankful to the Board of Education for the opportunity to continue our work and am excited to lead the next chapter of Sweet Home's history. This coming school year marks the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the District's inception. As we pass this milestone, we will look to make Sweet Home schools an even better place for kids. We'll support them in producing original work that will help them master important content. We'll ask them to apply that knowledge to solve authentic tasks that will foster thinking skills and habits of mind needed in today's dynamic world. We'll continue our efforts to make parents and the community partners in the process. We'll raise the bar of expectations so that our students will learn more and emerge from their own graduation prepared for success in college, the job market or the armed forces. Finally, we'll also raise expectations for all the adults. Certainly, one doesn't happen without the other.

Schooling and education are more important now than ever before. The knowledge and skill our kids acquire are critical in preparing them to take their place in the world into which they'll graduate. I stand ready to continue the growth of an organization committed to excellence and prepared to do whatever is necessary to meet the needs of our students, parents and community.

I am delighted to serve the Sweet Home community as its next Superintendent. Our District has a rich history with much to be proud of. As it "commences" the next phase of that history, I pledge my commitment and dedication to making Sweet Home the best it can be. Please know as we begin our work, I seek your thoughts, ideas and questions. Please feel free to call or email me should you ever have a question or concern.

## News Briefs...

### ANOTHER SAVE

We extend appreciation and recognition to Marianne Jasen, RN for stepping up and providing emergency measures to save a young boy's life. Marianne successfully intervened and initiated the Heimlich Maneuver emergency choking measures to dislodge food caught in the airway.

On Monday, April 12, 2010, Marianne Jasen was in line for lunch at Ted's Hot Dogs when she responded to a plea of "someone is choking. Can anybody help?" Marianne recognized the young boy's universal sign for choking with his hands to his neck. Marianne could see and hear he was in dire need of help and identified herself as a nurse and as someone who could help him. She directed someone to call 911 and initiated abdominal thrusts, even as the boy went unconscious, until he expelled a piece of hot dog approximately 2-3 inches long. EMS arrived and the boy was able to leave with his parents with a referral for a full exam by a health care provider. Although the incident took 15 minutes, Marianne commented "it will probably be something I will remember for many years to come, although my children see it as no big deal. Nurses are supposed to help." Marianne Jasen of Amherst, NY is Vice President of the Sweet Home Central School District Board of Education, active in PTA groups, and well respected in our community.

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation [CPR] certification classes are routinely provided in the community and include skills in resuscitation, choking and using a defibrillator. Contact the American Heart Association at 564-1100 to join a class and learn life saving skills, and to help celebrate 50 years of CPR.

## Central Registration Information...

### ***New to the district or moving within the district this summer?***

If you have recently moved into the Sweet Home district and have not yet registered your children for school, you must do this soon to make your child's transition as smooth as possible.

Please note that the Central registration office will be on a summer schedule beginning June 30<sup>th</sup>. The office will be closed from June 30-July 13<sup>th</sup> and July 26<sup>th</sup>-July 30<sup>th</sup>. Students can be registered by appointment only please call our office at 250-1600.

Please be aware of the following dates when calling to schedule an appointment:

- 6<sup>th</sup> grade Orientation/Walk Around is August 19<sup>th</sup>. Sessions are 10am and 7pm. In order to attend, students are asked to be registered prior to August 12<sup>th</sup>.
- 9<sup>th</sup> grade/New High School student Orientation/Walk Around is August 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Students are asked to be registered by August 17<sup>th</sup> to ensure a schedule will be ready.
- In order to ensure transportation for the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school, all children must be registered by August 31<sup>st</sup>. Otherwise, parent may be responsible for transportation until Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>.

Registration packets can be obtained at our office at 1901 Sweet Home Rd, near District offices, or on line at [www.sweethomeschools.com](http://www.sweethomeschools.com). For your convenience, packets are also available in the main office of each of the four elementary schools.

### **Moving with in District?:**

Please visit the Central registration office and complete a change of address form to ensure you receive important start of school information and transportation for your child. You must bring with you two proofs of your new residence: a current lease or mortgage statement AND a current utility bill. This must be taken care of prior to the start of the school year. School district mail is not forwarded and transportation arrangements cannot be changed until the process is completed.

### **Moving out of the district?:**

Education law states that a child must live in and attend school in the district that the custodial parent/legal guardian resides. If you have moved outside of Sweet Home, you must register your child in the district in which you are now living. Once we receive notification of this, we will forward academic records to the new school.

## Project Success: Coming Together for our Children...

A presentation of the required drug and alcohol education program for parents of incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders is scheduled for **Monday, August 9** from 7-8:30pm in the Norman C. Vergils Center of Sweet Home High School. Presenters include representatives from Amherst Town Court, Amherst Police, Erie County Council for the Prevention of Alcohol and Substance Abuse and the school district. There will also be a viewing of the award winning "Now It's Your Turn" DVD, a locally produced video about the efforts of the Town of Amherst in reducing drug and alcohol use among its youth. Attendance to the program is necessary if the new 9<sup>th</sup> grade students are to attend any dances at the High School. The first dance is the Homecoming Dance which will be held on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## District Residents Approve 2010-11 Budget...

Residents of the Sweet Home Central School District **approved** the 2010-2011 district budget, Tuesday, May 18, by a vote of 884 “yes” to 506 “no”. Of the 1405 voters, 63% voted to pass the budget.

Voters also approved Proposition No. 1 to spend \$442,000 to purchase four (4) passenger buses and one (1) minivan by a vote of 828 “yes” to 547 “no”.

The \$65,452,876 budget represents an increase of 2.52% over the previous year. With a \$2.3 million reduction in State Aid, the Board of Education decided to appropriate over \$2 million in reserves to help reduce the overall tax levy.

Under this scenario, the average tax bill for an Amherst home assessed at \$100,000 with STAR exemption would increase \$68 from the current year. The increase would translate to a total annual tax bill of approximately \$878. A similar home in the Town of Tonawanda with the new town Equalization Rate of 48.50 would see a tax bill increase of \$20. The increase would translate to a total annual tax bill of \$875.

Sweet Home residents have not defeated a budget since 1977, and before that since 1964.

## New Board Members Elected; Welcome Angelina

In the school board election, Carol Nowak and Michael Morrow won election receiving 907 and 846 votes respectively. Nowak and Morrow were elected to five (5) year terms which will expire on June 30, 2015. Debbie Adams also ran for school board and received 710 votes.

The Board also welcomes All-Class Leadership Council president Angelina Bruno as its ex-officio student member for the 2010-11 school year.



*Carol A. Nowak*



*Michael F. Morrow*



*Angelina Bruno*

## Middle School Art Show & Art Alive...

The Middle School held its annual Art Show on Friday, June 4 in the school’s multi-purpose room. In addition, the Art Club presented its Art Alive exhibit that they showed at the Albright-Knox Art Gallery. Projects were voted on by faculty judges and the winners are pictured below. Congratulations to all!



*Far left picture Connor Mergler, Jennifer Hanicki, Taylor Falzone, Meagan Reger, Angelo Alessandro, Ariyonna Myers, Anna Belous; left picture Alyssa Strom and Dennis Krouchinina; right picture Dennis Krouchinina, Michael Read; far right picture David Lauer, Michelle Mitri, Madeline Bel Front:Lucas Bell, Elana Smith, Crystal Chan, Kaitlin Okun, Nicholas Kaiser*

## Board Sets 2010-2011 Meeting Dates

The Board of Education of the Sweet Home Central School District is pleased to announce its schedule of meetings for the 2010-11 school year. From September through June, the Board will hold a study session on the second Tuesday of each month and a regular voting meeting the third Tuesday of each month. The only exception is in April and May, when the meetings are scheduled differently to accommodate school break and the annual district budget vote respectively. All meetings are held in the Norman C. Vergils Community Center, 1901 Sweet Home Road in Amherst. All meetings begin at 7:00pm and the public is welcome to attend and comment to the board during the meetings' open sessions.

### The 2010-2011 Board of Education meeting schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, August 24, 2010	Study Session & Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 14, 2010	Study Session
Tuesday, September 21, 2010	Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 12, 2010	Study Session
Tuesday, October 19, 2010	Regular Meeting
Tuesday, November 9, 2010	Study Session
Tuesday, November 16, 2010	Regular Meeting
Tuesday, December 14, 2010	Study Session
Tuesday, December 21, 2010	Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 11, 2011	Study Session
Tuesday, January 18, 2011	Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 8, 2011	Study Session
Tuesday, February 15, 2011	Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 8, 2011	Study Session
Tuesday, March 15, 2011	Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 12, 2011	Study Session & Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 26, 2011	Special Voting Meeting
<b>Tuesday, May 3, 2011</b>	<b>Annual Budget Hearing</b>
	<b>"Meet the Candidates Night"</b>
	<b>Study Session</b>
Tuesday, May 10, 2011	Regular Meeting
<b>Tuesday, May 17, 2011</b>	<b>Annual District Budget Vote</b>
Tuesday, June 14, 2011	Study Session
Tuesday, June 21, 2011	Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 5, 2011	Reorganization & Special Voting Meeting

## 4,000 MILES IN THEIR SHOES

The Glendale Elementary Running Club was a club formed by physical education teacher Rich Lowe as a way to get students exercising every day. Students can come in to the gym a couple of days before school and run laps for 15 to 20 minutes. The results of this year's club were astounding.



The students accumulated 107,963 laps or 3,998.63 miles this year.

The top five runners are listed below:

**William Gross**  
6145 laps (227.6 miles)  
**Brian Lovering**  
5028 laps (186.2 miles)  
**Collin Polyachyk**  
4299 laps (159.2 miles)  
**Michael McKeehan**  
3750 laps (138.9 miles)  
**Amanda Andrews**  
3698 laps (136.0 miles)

Sixty-two students ran the equivalent of a marathon, while another 13 ran over 100 miles this year.

## Sweet Home Takes Part in Tech Wars...

Once again this year a number of Sweet Home High School technology students took part in the Erie Community College sponsored, Tech Wars. The competition took place May 20 and is an opportunity for students to display their prowess and understanding of classroom Math, Science and Technology concepts in a friendly competition.

Sweet Home High School students took part in:

### Robotic Cage Match

**Tim Gerst and Patrick Rosner** and their Roman Candle took 3rd

place, while **Lucas Bell's** Mr. Blubbersworth took 5th place.

### Robotic Soccer

**Austin Krafft and Kelsey Hindenberger** took 3rd place in this competition.

### T-Shirt Design

Jenn Green took 2nd place in the t-shirt design.

### Catapult

The following teams of students placed in the event.

**Brandon Benzo and Dan Hammound,** 2nd; **Tyler**

**Mitchum and James Moench,** 3rd; **Dylan Boone and Mike Pantera,** 5th; **Lucas Bell and Brendan Doyle,** 10th; **Charlie Lowecey and Mara Mitchell** 14th

### Static Display

**Aaron Folodare** displayed his Violin ComfoRest and **Corey Mitchum, Sara Hill and An Bahn** displayed their Snow Guard a product designed to prevent snow from falling in your car when you open the door.

Congratulations to all the students involved in Tech Wars.

## Willow Ridge Students & “Professor Garfield”

Thanks to Sweet Home Teacher Center, a number of students from Willow Ridge Elementary took part in a state-wide cartoon contest about the environment using “Professor Garfield” in May.

Professor Garfield is an on-line web resource developed by the Jim Davis Foundation and PAWS Inc. New York State Teacher Center’s Technology Committee developed a three-panel cartoon contest for grades 3, 4 and 5 in an effort to promote their newest public-private partnership. One winner for each grade level was selected to win a laptop computer.

**Nila Vo** from Mrs. Braun’s 4<sup>th</sup> grade Willow Ridge art class received honorable mention in the contest.

Sweet Home Teacher Center Director Paul Szymendera said “Professor Garfield is a great example of private industry partnering with public education to help kids express their learning with technology based tools. It is absolutely essential to develop necessary skills for both students and teachers to effectively integrate technology into our lives and classroom in a safe way. We are very proud of Nila and her classmates that participated in the contest.”

In addition to Nila’s statewide award, **Elijah Hirschfelt, Maddie Insinna and Helen Yalew** were recognized for submitting an entry into the contest.



*(L to R): Willow Ridge students Helen Yalew, Maddie Insinna, Nila Vo and Elijah Hirschfelt display their awards from Professor Garfield and the Jim Davis Foundation. Also pictured is Willow Ridge art teacher, Mrs. Charlotte Braun.*

## Sigurdson Wins Scholarship to Study in Germany

Congratulations to junior **Lydia Sigurdson** for winning the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Scholarship. This is a full year scholarship to study abroad in Germany. The exact school she will be attending hasn’t been determined yet and all classes will be taught in German.



*Lydia Sigurdson*

The scholarship is sponsored by both the US Congress and the German Federal Parliament (Bundestag). Only 250 are handed out across the United States. Lydia was one of four people to receive a scholarship in our area.

### **To be eligible, the student must:**

- Be a U.S. citizen, national or permanent resident
- Have a GPA of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale
- Be between the ages of 15 and 18 by the start of the program.

### **Each applicant is evaluated based on:**

- Evidence of the personal qualities essential for adjustment to another culture, such as flexibility, curiosity, open-mindedness, sense of humor and tolerance for failure
- Written and oral communication skills
- Motivation for a cross-cultural experience
- Academic merit

In addition, as a Congress-Bundestag scholar, the exchange year will include:

- Orientation programs in Washington D.C. and language instruction in Germany
- Meetings with German and American government officials
- Careful placement with a German host family
- Admission to a German high school
- Cultural and touring activities including excursions to select cities

Congratulations Lydia on your scholarship!

## Sweet Home in the Special Olympics

***“Let me win. But if I can not win, let me be brave in the attempt.”***

This is the motto for Special Olympic athletes around the world. The Erie County Special Olympics Track and Field events took place at Sweet Home High School on May 22nd.

Thank you to all the staff, students and community members who volunteered their time to help with the training and events of the day!

Congratulations to High School students Andy, Sean, Linsay, Joey Lynn, Elizabeth, Sarah, Isaiah, Eryn, Daniel, Michelle, Monika and

Middle School students Ally, Christina, Ashley and Scott!

Congratulations to David and Alex from Willow Ridge, Michael from Maplemere and Chris, Ian, Jalen and Jack from Glendale!

All of you are winners!



*The 2010 Sweet Home Special Olympic Team*

## Tenure Given to 9 Teachers, 2 Administrators



Sweet Home Central School District is pleased to announce that it has granted tenure to 9 teachers and 2 administrators. The Board of Education hosted a small reception in honor of the newly tenured staff on Tuesday, June 15, 2010. The list of tenured teachers and administrators appears below. Please congratulate them the

next time you see them on their accomplishments.

### **Timothy Cardinal**

High School Mathematics Teacher

### **Kevin Edson**

Maplemere Elementary Library Media Specialist

### **Kristin Gernatt**

Middle School Social Studies Teacher

### **Heather Kennedy**

High School English Teacher

### **Elizabeth Kinan**

Glendale Elementary School Counselor

### **Keri Lock**

Glendale Elementary Third grade Teacher

### **Robert McDow**

Director of Finance & Plant Services

### **Andrea Narduzzo**

High School Foreign Language Teacher

### **Martin Pizur**

Middle School Assistant Principal

### **James Ryan**

High School Social Studies Teacher

### **E. Brianna VanHarrison**

High School English Teacher

## Glendale Graduation

Students in Mr. Jarvis' special education class at Glendale Elementary held a graduation ceremony of their own on June 16. Entitled "We've had a Whale of a Year", the students received a number of certificates celebrating their accomplishments. Pictured here is **Christopher Poreda** along with Mrs. Jarvis and Mrs. Karen Young, speech teacher.



*Gregory Smorol(left), Middle School principal, congratulates Kristin Gernatt on receiving her tenure appointment.*

## Happy Mother's Day Mom

An idea for a class project in Mr. Smith's middle school adaptive technology class quickly developed into a Mother's Day gift for all the students in the class. The timing was perfect as a student wanted to build a planter and the class thought it be best to make the planters for their mothers. They worked hard in the months of April and May on their planter boxes.

The finishing touch was filling the planters with potting soil and beautiful petunias for mom. We hope the moms enjoyed their gifts!



*Mr. Smith's Middle School adaptive technology class along with their Mother's Day planters..*

## Me & My Mini Me

Students in Mrs. Arnesen's adaptive class were busy this year creating "mini me's" of themselves. For this project the students started with a wire body. After bending and building it up with newspapers, they then covered it up in a few layers of plaster. Once the plaster was dry the class was able to paint and add details to bring them to life. Each one shows great character of the student who made it.

Pictured in the top photo are: **Linsay Ford, Sarah DelSignore, Nicoletta Capizzi, Izaiah Johnson, Monika Haag, and Philip Jones.** Pictured in the top photo are: **Michelle Dobson, Joey Lynn Rhodes, Terilyn Sykes, Dan Hocutt, and Nick Rice.**



## School & Community Partnership Continues at Heritage Heights...

The 2009-10 school year marked another strong year of community partnerships at Heritage Heights Elementary School. Once again this year the school partnered with the Weinberg Campus' Total Aging in Place Program.

On Wednesday, June 16th Heritage art teacher Tracy Langlotz accompanied a small group of 5th grade students to Weinburg's Total Aging in Place to conduct an intergenerational art class. The adults and students learned about the French artist Henri Matisse and worked together to on a paper cut collage project.



*One of Heritage Heights' projects with Weinberg Campus was an inter-generational art class.*

## Several District Buildings Earn EPA's Energy Star®...

Five of the district's seven buildings have earned the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) prestigious ENERGY STAR, the national symbol for protecting the environment through superior energy efficiency. **All four of the district's elementary schools and the middle school earned the distinction.** The district transportation building was exempt from the study. This signifies that the buildings perform in the top 25 percent of similar facilities nationwide for energy efficiency.



"Sweet Home is pleased to accept EPA's ENERGY STAR in recognition of our energy efficiency efforts," said Keith Langlotz, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds. "Through this achievement, we have demonstrated our commitment to environmental stewardship while also lowering our energy costs."

Commercial buildings that earn the ENERGY STAR use an average of 35 percent less energy than typical buildings and also release 35 percent less carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. Sweet Home improved its energy performance by managing energy strategically across the entire organization and by making cost-effective improvements to its building(s).

EPA's ENERGY STAR energy performance scale helps organizations assess how efficiently their buildings use energy relative to similar buildings nationwide. A building that scores a 75 or higher on EPA's 1-100 scale is eligible for the ENERGY STAR. Commercial buildings that can earn the ENERGY STAR include offices, bank branches, financial centers, retail stores, courthouses, hospitals, hotels, K-12 schools, medical offices, supermarkets, dormitories, houses of worship, and warehouses.

ENERGY STAR was introduced by EPA in 1992 as a voluntary, market-based partnership to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through energy efficiency. Today, the ENERGY STAR label can be found on more than 60 different kinds of products, new homes, and commercial and industrial buildings. Products and buildings that have earned the ENERGY STAR prevent greenhouse gas emissions by meeting strict energy-efficiency specifications set by the government. Last year alone, Americans, with the help of ENERGY STAR, saved nearly \$17 billion on their energy bills while reducing the greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to those of 30 million vehicles.

For more information about ENERGY STAR visit [www.energystar.gov/buildings](http://www.energystar.gov/buildings).

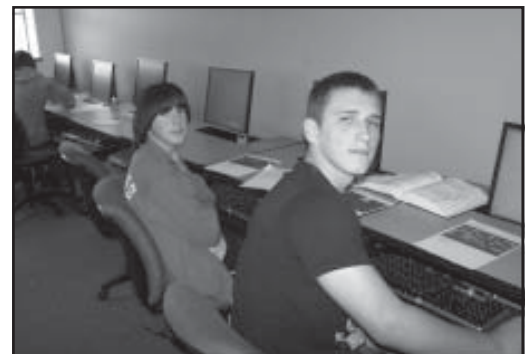
## Two High Schoolers Compete in SUNY Fredonia High School Computer Science Competition...

On May 17, two high school students from Mr. Thomas' Web Design class took part in the Seventh Annual High School Computer Science Competition at SUNY Fredonia.

**Nicholas Meloan**, grade 9, and **Ian Ford**, grade 10, competed in web design, an Internet scavenger hunt and a computer science general knowledge quiz show. This was the first time Sweet Home High School was ever represented at the competition and Nicholas and Ian did very well for themselves and Sweet Home.

The students were the fifth team to complete the web design portion of the program and also finished tied for fifth in the quiz show.

Congratulations Nicholas and Ian for doing so well at SUNY Fredonia!



(L to R): Nicholas Meloan and Ian Ford

## The 2010 Sweet Home High School Graduates...



Briana Z. Adderley  
 Elzara Akhmedov  
 Nicholas P. Alfieri  
 Abdulrahman M. Alhumaiddi  
 Andrew M. Allen  
 Nujud N. Alshenaiber  
 Shanice R. Alyster  
 Katrina A. Amoia  
 Jessica B. Andriatch  
 Kelsey M. Andriatch  
 Damian M. Annas  
 Malikah S. Armanie  
 Eleni Atherinis  
 Lauren M. Attea  
 Andrea L. Baird  
 Stephanie M. Bakowski  
 Kelly V. Balsom  
 An Q. Banh  
 Robert H. Barnes  
 Catherine E. Barr  
 Trevor J. Barrett  
 Gage S. Bateman  
 Charles J. Bellavia  
 Vasiliy I. Belous  
 Nikki J. Benzo  
 Ashley L. Bernier  
 Laura M. Bielecki  
 Kathryn A. Boeckel  
 Kaitlyn L. Boldt  
 Kristie M. Boncore  
 Hans C. Boos  
 Frank A. Bork  
 Briana D. Boyette  
 Andrew C. Boyle  
 Antonio K. Briggs  
 Raylin J. Brooks  
 Tyler P. Brosch  
 Daiquann M. Burney  
 Mark N. Buscarino  
 Stefano J. Calandrelli  
 Ranycia K. Caruthers  
 Alexander J. Castellano  
 Rebecca A. Castiglia  
 Ashley M. Cavalier  
 Marcus A. Cavarell

Collyn D. Christian  
 Timothy A. Cielinski  
 Ryan T. Clark  
 Courtney N. Cobb  
 Colleen M. Colkitt  
 Karen M. Connolly  
 Megan M. Costa  
 Kayla L. Cummings  
 Jared R. Cutler  
 Nicholas D. CuvIELlo  
 Jessica M. Czeladzinski  
 Melanie B. Dachs  
 Julie M. Daniels  
 Alex C. David  
 Katlyn M. Davis  
 Laura M. DelSignore

Alexander R. Dennis  
 Zachary M. DePoint  
 Corey P. Desiderio  
 Carmen A. DiFato  
 Paul J. DiMiceli  
 Aakash Dixit  
 Jalonie E. Dockery  
 Kelly M. Donovan  
 Anthony J. Durno  
 Garrett John Eagle  
 Marcellus P. Eccles  
 Andrew W. Eck  
 Paul W. Ehrke  
 Roxanne R. Falzone  
 Alexander D. Farnham  
 Anna L. Faulks  
 Oleg Faynshteyn  
 Trevor R. Feger  
 Aleah M. Fierle  
 Steven J. Fildes  
 Aaron M. Foladare  
 Benjamin D. Fox-Ando  
 Erika M. Frase

Andrew D. Glickman  
 Julianna M. Goetz  
 Alexander S. Gordon  
 Coty B. Granger  
 Emanuel J. Green  
 Ryan L. Greenwald  
 Stephen Grekulak  
 Katherine E. Griffin  
 Nichole M. Griffin  
 Brittany M. Grimmer  
 Nicole E. Grunzweig  
 Paige A. Gutowski  
 Shawn M. Guzdek  
 Vo-ecce J. Haygood  
 Rebecca L. Healy  
 Brady W. Hess  
 Sara C. Hill  
 Connor R. Hoffman  
 Jocelyn Y. Howard  
 Natasha M. Hudda  
 Jason R. Huebert  
 Megan M. Incorvia  
 Helena L. Ingram  
 Ashley H. Iuvino  
 Courtney S. Jakubec  
 Michael Jankovic  
 Marissa C. Johnson  
 Alyssa C. Kaiser  
 Joshua L. Kasmore  
 Joshua J. Kelly  
 Patrick J. Kennedy  
 Alina R. Khasbatova  
 Ashley R. Kilgore  
 Denzel A. Kirkland  
 Elizabeth A. Klaister  
 Kaitlyn E. Kler  
 Christopher P. Koester  
 Jamilya Koilubaeva  
 Michael J. Kozlowski

Duane F. Lavalley  
 Francisco J. Leon III  
 Casey J. Liberty  
 Morgan A. Liberty  
 Georgianna Lignos  
 Terrence M. Lock  
 Brittany E. Longo  
 Christopher J. Louis  
 Daniel E. Lundquist  
 Mackenzie G. Lynch  
 Syed O. Mahmood  
 Jonathan C. Majdanik  
 Amanda L. Maltbie  
 Jocelyn C. Mankowski  
 Leona T. Maponga  
 Aaron E.M. Martin  
 Sebastian T. Martin  
 Samantha A. Mattea  
 Stephen A. Maxwell  
 LaKeisha R. McCoy  
 Kristen L. McCuen  
 Patrick N. McMahan  
 Justin P. McNess  
 Shannon J. Memminger  
 Zachary T. Mikolajczak  
 Joseph M. Miranda  
 Justine D. Mistretta  
 Cory D. Mitchum  
 Kari M. Moley  
 Kathryn L. Monfea  
 Ricky H. Montanez  
 Richard D. Moore  
 Morgan T. Morey  
 DeShanaro D. Morris  
 Taisiya Y. Muratov  
 Tyller M. Murray  
 Jamal J. Mustapha  
 Shawn O. Nelder II  
 Kenny S. Nevins  
 Katie L. Niblock  
 Alexander G. Noltee  
 Kristofer M. O'Connor  
 Alanna C. Olear  
 Corey M. Orlando  
 Brandy C. Ortiz  
 Brian S. Palmer, Jr.  
 Nicholas G. Pangrazi  
 Glenn R. Papp, Jr.  
 Vedran Percevic  
 Joshua M. Perez  
 Larri M. Phelps  
 Kevin T. Phillips  
 Sean T. Phillips  
 Sean A. Pickering  
 Bradley D. Pinto  
 Richard L. Polley  
 Shannon M. Polvino  
 Carlis M. Pope, Jr.  
 Kristen N. Popovich  
 Alexandria R. Porter  
 Caitlin E. Powers



*The traditional tossing of the caps following the Commencement Ceremonies.*

Piane Fu  
 Zachary M. Fumerelle  
 Hannah R. Fuszara  
 Gaetano J. Galatioto  
 Matthew T. Gibbon

Bret E. Kreiss  
 John T. Krizan  
 Alexander B. Kucera  
 Matthew J. Kuntz  
 Alex F. Laettner

## Congrats to the Class of 2010...



*These seniors anxiously await their diplomas.*

Joyce M. Smith  
 Shelby L. Smith-Thompson  
 Jake T. Socha  
 Steven J. Spencer  
 Matthew C. Spong  
 Anthony M. Stahli  
 Tyler E. Stallard  
 Julie A. Starr  
 Caitlin A. Steger  
 Laura E. Stone  
 Cody J. Stonish  
 Michael T. Stroka  
 Katelynn E. Strusa  
 Kelsey L. Sullivan  
 Tricia M. Summers  
 Larissa N. Svensson  
 Jennifer M. Sweet  
 Shelby N. Tate  
 Stephanie L. Terranova  
 Janel A. Thomas  
 Andrew C. Thompson  
 Rachel A. Tolnay  
 Shannon R. Toole  
 Bradley Nguyen Truong  
 Toni M. Tucci  
 Jenaye E. Tyno  
 Katie M. VanDusen  
 Christine L. VanSuch  
 Joseph C. Vicario  
 Emily L. Victor  
 Mirko Vidovic  
 Eugene I. Vishnevetskiy  
 Pavel R. Vityk  
 Shayla S. Walker  
 Joanna M. Ward  
 Rebekah C. Warda  
 Kayla J. Washburn  
 Leah B. Weiss  
 Rebecca L. White  
 Jacob H. Whitefield  
 Jahaan E. Williams  
 Angela C. Williamson  
 Alison V. Wilson  
 Dominique L. Wilson  
 Amber N. Wollenberg  
 Nicole M. Woodward  
 Ashenafi A. Yalew  
 Shin P. Yin  
 Mariah R. Yochelson  
 Ashley M. Zawadzki  
 Lei Zhang

Lindsay N. Prentice  
 Kaitlyn M. Press  
 Shauna K. Presto  
 Ashley L. Princess-Hash  
 Christopher M. Prosser  
 Kaitlyn E. Putzbach  
 Corinne E. Rabold  
 Jared T. Randall  
 Andrew J. Rao  
 Elizabeth M. Rappleye  
 Olga M. Ratinskiy  
 Meshiya D. Redrick  
 Erica E. Reeb  
 John A. Reeb  
 Gary D. Reed  
 Jordan C. Reeves  
 Nicholas B. Rice  
 Chaz A. Ridge  
 Tysean L. Rogers  
 Sean M. Rosney  
 Richard D. Rost  
 Rebecca R. Rush  
 Emmalee P. Russo  
 Gina L. Russo  
 Liza Said  
 Petrina M. Scaglione  
 Thomas R. Schaefer  
 Ashley L. Schalberg  
 James A. Schmitt  
 Meagan M. Schreiner  
 Tyler L. Schrembs  
 Timothy J. Schultz  
 Christopher J. Schummer  
 Patrick R. Schwab  
 Kathryn M. Scime  
 Anthony M. Sciortino  
 Thomas V. Sciortino III  
 David R. Shelton  
 Michael D. Sheridan  
 Alex J. Sieckmann  
 Lydia S. Sigurdson  
 Shagenique M. Singleton  
 Bianca M. Smiley  
 Courtney E. Smith

## Senior Awards Night

*The following awards were presented:*

### **Principal's Spirit Awards**

Hans Boos  
 Julianna Goetz

### **Memorial Scholarships & Awards**

#### **Heidi D. Schmidtke "Rosebud" Award**

Jocelyn Mankowski

#### **Linda L. Edwards Memorial Scholarship**

Julianna Goetz  
 Matthew Kuntz  
 Justin McNess  
 Lindsay Prentice  
 Jenaye Tyno

#### **"Red" Kidman Memorial Scholarship**

Vo-ece Haygood

#### **Philip D. Russell Memorial Scholarship**

Kaitlyn Putzbach

#### **David R. Ebert Scholarship Grants**

Julianna Goetz  
 Justin McNess

#### **Kurt R. Langlotz Memorial Award**

Cody Stonish

#### **Robert Mesch Memorial Award**

Petrina Scaglione

#### **Dr. Elizabeth Summers Social Studies Achievement Award**

Steven Fildes

#### **WilliowRidge Community Scholarships**

Matthew Kuntz  
 Lindsay Prentice

#### **Judith B. Cross Memorial Scholarship**

Kelly Balsom

#### **Crystal Lee Royer Memorial Scholarship**

Rebecca Castiglia

#### **Kathleen Sherry Memorial Award**

Katie Niblock

#### **Thomas P. Cauley III Memorial Scholarship**

Corey Desiderio

#### **Business Scholarships & Awards Wegman's Scholarship Award**

Trevor Feger  
 Sara Hill  
 Patrick Kennedy  
 Matthew Kuntz  
 Justine Mistretta  
 Ashley Schalberg  
 Emily Victor

#### **Sweet Home Federal Credit Union Scholarship**

Timothy Cielinski

### **Service & Community Awards**

**District Union Local One United Food & Commercial Workers Scholarship**  
 Stephen Grekulak  
 Ashley Iuvino  
 Shannon Memminger

#### **NYS Comptroller Achievement Award**

Katie Niblock

#### **FASNY Scholarship for Volunteerism**

Gary Reed

#### **Outstanding Student of America**

Katie Niblock

#### **Bob Rasmussen Scholarship**

Raylin Brooks  
 Emmalee Russo

#### **Independent Health Community All-Star Scholarship**

Katie Niblock

#### **Kaplan Scholarship Award**

Jessica Andriatch  
 Kathryn Scime

#### **Jolly Boys Community Service Scholarship**

Katie Niblock

#### **Amherst North Rotary Clubs Community Involvement Awards**

Jessica Andriatch  
 Gage Bateman

#### **Upstate NY Transplant Services Donate Life Community Service Award**

Malikah Armanie  
 Rebecca Castiglia  
 Ashley Cavalier  
 Collyn Christian  
 Anthony Durno  
 Trevor Feger  
 Julieanne Goetz  
 Megan Incorvia  
 Kari Moley  
 Larri Phelps  
 John Reeb  
 Rebecca Rush  
 Ashley Schalberg  
 Larissa Svensson  
 Shelby Tate  
 Shannon Toole

#### **Upstate NY Transplant Services Donate Life Distinguished Service Award**

Malikah Armanie  
 Rebecca Castiglia  
 Julieanne Goetz  
 Kari Moley  
 Larri Phelps  
 Rebecca Rush  
 Ashley Schalberg  
 Larissa Svensson  
 Shelby Tate  
 Shannon Toole

# 2009 Senior Awards Night June 24, 2010

The following awards were presented:

## Educational Scholarships & Awards

**2010 Robert C. Byrd Honor Scholarship**  
Karen Connelly

**William S. Hein Wrestling Scholarship**  
Gage Bateman

## **Music Dept. Scholarship Award Grant**

Vo-ecce Haygood  
Mackenzie Lynch  
Jocelyn Mankowski  
Glenn Papp  
Kaitlyn Press  
Petrina Scaglione  
Michael Sheridan

## **Sweet Home Band Parents Organization Awards**

**John Philip Sousa Award**  
David Shelton  
**Louis Armstrong Jazz Award**  
David Shelton  
**Band Directors Award**  
Kaitlyn Press  
**Band Parents Unsung Hero Award** Ashley Bernier  
**National School Orchestra Award**  
Petrina Scaglione  
**Choral Directors Award**  
Vo-ecce Haygood

## **National Honor Society Scholarship Grants**

Shauna Presto  
Ashley Schalberg

## **Senior Honors Project Scholarships Award for Excellence in the Senior Honors Project**

Kelly Balsom  
Corey Desiderio  
Katie Niblock

## **Award for Most Outstanding Project**

Karen Connolly

## **Neal Gafter Alumni Scholarship**

Alexandria Porter

## **Pat Mergenhagen Scholarship for the child of a Sweet Home Graduate**

Kelly Balsom

## **Alumni Anthropology Scholarship**

Karen Connolly

## **Alumni Art Scholarship**

Amanda Maltbie

## **Alumni Science Scholarship**

Gage Bateman

## **All 60's Reunion Scholarship**

Timothy Cielinski

## **Sweet Home Education Association Scholarship**

Kelly Balsom  
Karen Connolly  
Kaitlyn Putzbach

## **All Class Leadership Council Scholarship Grant**

Katie Niblock

## **PTA Council Scholarship Grants**

Jessica Andriatch  
Paul Ehrke  
Vo-ecce Haygood  
Elizabeth Klaister  
Katie Niblock  
Lindsay Prentice  
Kaitlyn Putzbach  
Erica Reeb  
Gary Reed  
Emmalee Russo  
Cody Stonish  
Mariah Yochelson

## **Elementary/Middle School Scholarship Awards**

### **Maplemere Scholarship Award Grant**

### **Willow Ridge Scholarship Award Grant**

Kristen McCuen  
Lindsay Prentice  
**Hertiage Heights Scholarship Award Grant**  
Kelly Donovan  
**Richard McBride Glendale Sterling Scholarship Award**  
Richard Polley  
**Middle School Scholarship Award Grants**  
Alexandria Porter  
Jenaye Tyno

## **SHHS PTSA Educational Grant Awards**

Laura Bielecki  
Jocelyn Mankowski  
Katie Niblock  
John Reeb  
Shin Yin

## **Sweet Home Retirees Scholarship**

Jessica Andriatch  
Alexandria Porter  
Jenaye Tyno

## **Sweet Home Board of Education Scholarship**

Shanice Alyster

## **English Department Awards**

**Over-all English Award**  
Michael Sheridan  
**Outstanding Achievement in English Electives**  
Petrina Scaglione

## **Achievement Awards**

**Business Education**  
Piane Fu

## **Fine Arts**

Joshua Kelly  
**Languages-Spanish**  
Kelly Balsom  
**Languages-French**  
Karen Connolly  
**Languages-French**  
Katherine Griffin  
**Languages-German**  
Steven Fildes

## **Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange**

Lydia Sigurdson  
**Mathematics**  
Karen Connolly  
**Music**  
Michael Sheridan  
**Physical Education**  
Male - Michael Stroka  
Female - Julie Goetz

## **Science**

Anthony Sciortino  
**Social Studies**  
Kari Moley  
**Outstanding Student in Tech Ed.**  
Matthew Gibbon  
**Outstanding Student in Networking**  
Rebecca Healy  
Ricky Montanez

## **WNY Track & Field and Cross Country Officials Association**

Katie Niblock

## **Principal's Awards**

### **Principal's Perfect Attendance Award**

Kaitlyn Boldt  
Joanna Ward  
Zachary DePoint

### **Principal's Academic Award**

Jessica Andriatch  
Karen Connolly  
Justin McNess  
Lindsay Prentice  
Emmalee Russo  
Emily Victor

### **Principal's Award for Persistence**

DeShanaro Morris  
Katie Niblock  
Meshiya Redrick

### **Principal's Athletic Award**

Raylin Brooks  
Anthony Durno  
Paige Gutowski  
Patrick McMahon  
Tysean Rogers  
Courtney Smith  
Cody Stonish

## **Dollars for Scholars Awards**

Kelsey Andriatch  
Stephanie Bakowski  
Kelly Balsom  
Trevor Barrett  
Ashley Bernier  
Laura Bielecki  
Rebecca Castiglia  
Marcus Cavarello



Principal's Perfect Attendance Award winners Kaitlyn Boldt, Zachary DePoint and Joanna Ward.

## **Dollars for Scholars Awards**

Timothy Cielinski  
Kelly Donovan  
Paul Ehrke  
Trevor Feger  
Erika Frase  
Piane Fu  
Julianna Goetz  
Katherine Griffin  
Vo-ecce Haygood  
Rebecca Healy  
Jamilya Koilubaeva  
Matthew Kuntz  
Morgan Liberty  
Mackenzie Lynch  
Justin McNess  
Richard Moore  
Katie Niblock  
Brian Palmer  
Nicholas Pangrazi  
Bradley Pinto  
Lindsay Prentice  
Kaitlyn Press  
Shauna Presto  
Ashley Princess-Hash  
Erica Reeb  
John Reeb  
Gary Reed  
Emmalee Russo  
Tyler Schrembs  
Kathryn Scime  
David Shelton  
Lydia Sigurdson  
Laura Stone  
Larissa Svensson  
Shelby Tate  
Shannon Toole  
Jenaye Tyno  
Emily Victor  
Rebekah Warda  
Alison Wilson  
Mariah Yochelson  
Lei Zhang



Principal's Persistence Award winners Katie Niblock, DeShanaro Morris and Meshiya Redrick.

# Middle & Elementary School Awards

At the end of the school year, the middle school and all four elementary schools hold awards ceremonies or “moving up days” to honor student achievement. Each school was asked to submit their awards to *Your Schools* for publication. Awards are listed on pages 13 and 14.



### Middle School Awards

#### Norman C. Vergils Award

Alix Denewiler

#### Joseph Marien Award

Madison Kather

#### Peggy Smock Award

Nayab Rizvi

#### Joan Stoll Award

Daniel Bartels

#### Crahen Award

Alexa Zak

### Glendale Elementary Awards

#### All County Elementary Music Festival Participant

Maria Abbott

Santina Boncore

Alicia Schmeichel

#### Special Olympic Awards

Christopher Poreda

Ian Gordon

Jack Weibel

#### Bluman News Award

Mackenzie Bluman

### Heritage Heights Awards

#### Project Wisdom “Golden Rule” Award

Kathryn Strekha

Tony Chukhanenko

Cassidy Naylor

Tony Puckhaber

Samson Kassey

Benjamin Corby

Katelyn Sheil

Alyssandra Monkelbaan

Connor Merrifield

Vladislav Kovalchuck

Allison Noonan

Sarah Alshunaybir

Heather Boehnke

Jenelle Ranallo

Stephen Hodges

Chereese Jones

Jessica Ratinski

Michael Goodman

Matthew Hallgren

#### Presidential Award for Educational Excellence

Scott Gangloff

Danica Eckert

Kylie Prizel

Gabrielle Russo

Brandon Hankinson  
Marriam Abdallah  
Michael Goodman  
Grey Lock  
Shannon Graziano  
Jared Chmielewski  
Praneetha Bheemarasetty  
Hailey Just

#### Presidential Award for Educational Achievement

Milena Aghabekyan

Jackson Brookens-Coleman

Matthew Hallgren

Kaila Powell

Frank Scheuer, Jr.

Danielle Brant

Sena Demirtas

Kate Phyu

Kynnedi Coleman

Rohan Ottman

Burak Kiran

Jessica Ratinski

Alex Bogart

Amanda Nguyen

#### Triple “C” Award

Pengfu Liu

Yuliya Zhilevich

#### Matthew Klaister Spirit Award

Matthew Hallgren

#### State Comptroller Achievement Award

Marriam Abdallah

#### Ellen Erdmann Triumph Award

Jalen Cooper

Jessica Ratinski

Kayla Bowers

### Maplemere Elementary Awards

#### Zoerb Award for Citizenship

Katie Kriner

#### Switzer Award for Scholarship

Anthony Pilcher

#### Crooks Award for Humanitarianism & Special Achievement

Anna Wilson

#### Joyce S. Odien Memorial Science Award

Kevin Liska

#### Triple “C” Award

Briana Robinson

#### Comptroller Award for Community Service

Lauren Neudorf

#### Citizenship Awards

Ashleigh Hildreth

Kayleigh Hildreth

Tirzah Peters



*Ryan Day collects his diploma at Glendale’s 5th Grade Moving Up Day.*

#### Presidential Award for Educational Excellence

Patrick Boyle

Zachary Burk

Jeffery Czyz

John Duffy

Lydia Hamilton

Marques Hartley

Julia Hazelet

Cooper Heck

Ashleigh Hildreth

Lindsey Hornung

Diana Hussain

Katherine Kriner

William Jared Kuc

Kevin Liska

Jacob Lorich

Gina Lunetta

Marissa Mac Peek

Jacob McGee

Lauren Neudorf

Tirzah Peters

Anthony Pilcher

Isabella Pullara

Aaron Robinson

Brainna Robinson

Sarah Routhier

Peter Ruber

Alex Tripoli

Brooke Van Slyke

Anna Wilson

#### Presidential Award for Educational Achievement

Brandon Crowley

Mariah DeVore

Ashley Dill

Lauren Dziwulski

Hasan Hamoudi

Kayleigh Hildreth

Jacob Ohman

Emily Pantera

Christina Pascoe

Courtney Phillips

Griffin Tolsma

Sydney Vernon

Darris Wence

Alexander Wright-Morales

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## Middle & Elementary School Awards Continued....

### Willow Ridge Elementary Awards

#### **Charles R. Carle Excellence in Education Award**

Charles Chimera  
Sarah Wesolowski  
Gauri Sahibzada

#### **Presidential Academic Excellence Award**

Charles Chimera  
Pierce Cochrain  
Olivia Collins  
Lauren Fadale  
Christian Falk  
Maria Frascatore  
Abigail Frost  
Steven Gullo  
Catherine Kearney  
Courtney Koch  
Jared Kubiak  
Christopher Nowak  
Dawson Rieman  
Syed Rizvi  
Nazlee Sahibzada  
James Spence  
Mitchell Thurston  
Sarah Wesolowski  
Rosa Wooley



### **McLaughlin Award Nominees**

Maria Frascatore  
Amani Billups  
Abby Frost  
Charles Chimera  
Colleen Greaves  
Joshua Eremoninkhale  
Katelyn Hammett  
Noah Keem  
Kaylee Pistner  
Joey Pandolfi  
Kaitlyn Wawrzyniak  
Mitchell Thurston

### **McLaughlin Award Winners**

Colleen Greaves  
Charles Chimera

### **Schroeder Honor Grade 5**

Gloriah Aytch  
Justin Boucher  
Lauren Fadale  
Nathan Hillard  
Samantha Himes  
Julia Krue  
Miranda Lefebvre  
Jayla Myree

### **Grade 4**

Lauren Grucello  
Dean Harris  
Julia Simonson



*Willow Ridge's Faith Abend-Meyer examines one of her awards at the school's 5th Grade Moving Up Day.*

*Heritage Heights 5th grader Praneetha Bheemarasetty says thank you the teachers, aides and staff on the last day of school.*

## German Club Visits Goethe Institute in Toronto...

The high school German Club went on its annual trip to the Goethe Institute in Toronto on April 17. The Goethe Institute is world-wide and has been set up by the German government for the promotion of the German language and culture. The Institute offers courses in German as well as resources for schools. The students were shown the various facilities like the library, where they can sign out current music CDs as well as German DVDs. After Toronto, the German students went to Hamilton, Ontario to shop at the German-style Denninger's Market. The trip concluded with dinner at the Schwarzwaldhaus Restaurant.



*The high school German Club during their visit to Toronto.*

## Family Support Center Update...

Crisis can happen in a family at anytime and almost always without warning. In our current economy, more and more people are finding themselves in situations they were unprepared for. Knowing what to do is the best way to reduce the impact of an unforeseen emergency. There are many services in the community ready to help with a variety of issues.

### Food Assistance

- **St. Christopher's Outreach:** Provides food and clothing assistance to needy families. Located on S. Ellicott Creek Road in the St. Edmund's School, the program is open Mondays and Thursdays 9-1pm.
- **St. Vincent De Paul:** Operated out of St. Leo's Church, 885 Sweet Home Rd. Food Pantry for Sweet Home Community. Call 835-8905.
- **Angel Food Ministries:** Amherst Church of the Nazarene 786 N. French Rd. 691-7795. Families can order low cost monthly food supply. Visit [www.angelfoodministries.com](http://www.angelfoodministries.com) for more information.

### Financial

- **Mortgage/Rent Assistance:** The American Red Cross, in conjunction with several local agencies is overseeing a program through the National Emergency Food and Shelter Board to assist families in paying one month's rent or mortgage. To see whether you are eligible for this program, you can contact Catholic Charities at 856-4494, Joan A Male Family Support Center at 822-0919, Hispanics United at 856-7110. They are three of the 8 agencies processing applications.
- **Free & Local Foreclosure Counseling:** Foreclosure Prevention Network of WNY offers counseling and legal assistance to help people avoid foreclosure. You can get more information by visiting [stopforeclosurewny.org](http://stopforeclosurewny.org) or by calling 856-8619.
- **Erie County Department of Social Services:** You can now apply for Food Stamps online and access information about public assistance options. Visit [www.erie.gov/depts/socialservices](http://www.erie.gov/depts/socialservices).

### Mental Health

- **Crisis Services:** 24 hour emergency and mental health services, will assist individuals in crisis with a variety of issues. 834-3131 or the Kids Helpline 834-7337
- **Spectrum CARES Team:** For families with a youth in crisis. Will come out to your home and provide a mental health evaluation and intervention. 882-4357
- **Haven House:** Domestic Violence Support and Hotline 884-6000 for victims who need information, support and shelter.
- **Buffalo General Hospital Psychiatric Emergency Room:** 859-7190
- **Erie County Medical Center Psychiatric Emergency Room:** 898-3465

### Parent Support

- **Joan A. Male Support Center:** Parent Helpline 892-2172, 24 hour confidential help for parents overwhelmed with the stress of parenting and need someone to talk to.

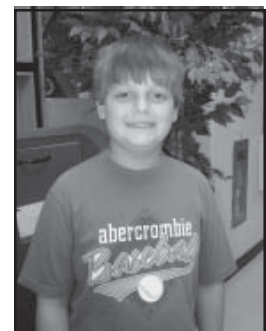
### Legal

- **Legal Aid Bureau:** 853-9555, legal assistance based on financial need.

## Heritage Heights Students Wins State PTA Recognition...

After placing first in the Western Region of the Musical Composition-Primary Division, **Heritage Heights student Luke Schriver** received an Award of Merit at the state level in the New York State PTA Reflection program. This year's Reflection theme was Beauty is... Luke composed a piece titled ***Autumn Leaves are Falling***.

Congratulations Luke on your awards.



Luke Schriver

## Health & Wellness Corner...



*Beverly Ann Shipe, SNT/P  
District Nurse  
Practitioner &  
Health Teacher  
250-1269*

### Save These Dates!

**1. September 15, 2010, 4:00 - 4:45 PM:**

#### **Adults Need Vaccines Too! [Info session only]**

Norman c. Vergils Community Center, Door #6  
Sandra Diagostino, RN, BSN, immunization Specialist  
Erie County Department of Health

- \* Adult vaccine recommendations for vaccine preventable diseases
  - \* Adolescent immunization recommendations with updates
  - \* New universal recommendations for flu vaccination
- Prior registration required for seating, call 250-1269 after September 1st.

**2. Friday, September 24, 2010, 4:00 - 6:00 PM:**

#### **Influenza Vaccine [Flu Shot] Clinic**

Norman C. Vergils Community Center, Door #6

Influenza vaccine will be administered to adults, and children only 9 and older, and pregnant women only with a Health Care Provider note/prescription.

- \* Please have insurance cards available
- \* Co-payment/deductible may apply
- \* Walk-in, no appointment required

For additional clinic locations and information, please call 716-805-1020 or toll free at 1-800-869-2496.

### Hey, Kids... Want Something to Do in Summer?

Let's Move! for the Apps for Healthy Kids competition- \$60,000 in prizes.

'The Apps for Healthy Kids competition is a part of First Lady Michelle Obama's Let's Move! campaign to end childhood obesity within a generation. Apps for Healthy Kids challenges software developers, game designers, students, and other innovators to develop fun and engaging software tools and games that drive children, especially "tweens" (ages 9-12) - directly or through their parents - to eat better and be more physically active.'

<http://www.appsforhealthykids.com>

### Sun Safety Facts

Sunrays are strongest between 10 a.m. and 4 PM and can reflect off surfaces such as buildings, water, snow, and sidewalks. Wide-brimmed hats reduce sun exposure to the face, head, ears, and neck. Clothing protects skin against UV radiation. Darker colors absorb more UV light than lighter colors. SPF clothing exists- lightweight, colorful and cool. <http://www.sunprecautions.com>

### What You Can Do:

- Avoid prolonged sun exposure in the middle of the day. Plan indoor activities at that time or look for shade to prevent sunburn.
- Use sunscreens with at least SPF 15 (sun protection factor) to help block out UVB rays- reapply
- Wear sunglasses that provide 100% protection from UVA and UVB radiation.
- Buy wrap around glasses that block nearly 100% of UV rays.
- Wear a hat [preferably one that covers the neck and ears].
- When wearing a baseball style hat, remember to apply sunscreen to the neck and ears.
- Cover the skin with a shirt AND sunscreen to avoid sunburn, unless SPF clothing worn.

<http://www.health.state.ny.us/press/releases/2008/>

[200806\\_department\\_advises\\_caution\\_in\\_hot\\_weather.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/Features/ExtremeHeat), <http://www.cdc.gov/Features/ExtremeHeat>

### Drug Watch Site

DrugWatch.com is a comprehensive Web site database featuring extensive information about thousands of different medications and drugs currently on the market or previously available worldwide.

DrugWatch.com includes up-to-date information about prescription and over-the-counter medications and includes details about associated side effects to aid in the protection of patients and consumers. <http://www.drugwatch.com/>

### What can I do to keep my child from choking?

Choking is a medical emergency when a foreign object, such as food or a toy, lodge in the airway preventing the flow of air/oxygen to the lungs. Do not leave a choking person unattended and do not drive a choking person to a hospital emergency department. Call 911 emergency medical services. First aid measures to propel the foreign body up and out of the windpipe/trachea include back blows and chest thrusts for infants, abdominal thrusts for children and adults, and for pregnant and obese persons chest thrusts. Follow CPR for unconscious victims. (continued on page 17)

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## Health & Wellness Corner...

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The universal sign for choking is hands to the throat. Also look for the following:

- Inability to talk
- Difficulty breathing or noisy/abnormal breathing
- Inability to cough forcefully
- Bluish/gray skin, lips and nails
- Loss of consciousness

Childproof your homes for infants and small children, avoid common foods associated with choking (peanuts, popcorn, hard candies, gum for infants and toddlers), and cut hot dogs and foods into thin strips instead of round 'coin-like' pieces. Contact a certified agency and sign up for a CPR/AED certification-what better way to show your family members and friends that you love and care about them.

<http://firstaid.webmd.com/choking-treatment>

<http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/first-aid-choking/fa00025>

See list of choking prevention measures at [http://www.essortment.com/all/chokingpreventi\\_rikz.htm](http://www.essortment.com/all/chokingpreventi_rikz.htm)

### **CPR Classes**

The American Heart Association [AHA] website states 'More than five million people each year receive CPR training from instructors taught by the American Heart Association. The timely application of CPR has helped save thousands of lives each year in the United States.' AHA has partnered with area training centers and medical facilities to make CPR courses accessible throughout our community. Learn Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation [CPR] and first aid choking measures, and how to use a defibrillator. Contact AHA to join a class near you at 564-1100.

### **Lyme Disease**

Increased risk from tick exposure is April to October with more activities and exposure to the outdoors, parks and campsites. Since most exposures/bites are not witnessed, children and adults should recognize skin conditions that could be tick/Lyme disease related with the hallmark bulls-eye rash.

Lyme disease patients who are diagnosed early and receive proper antibiotic treatment usually recover rapidly and completely. A key component of early diagnosis is recognition of the characteristic Lyme disease rash called erythema migrans. This rash often takes bull's-eye appearances and is observed in about 80% of Lyme disease patients.

Wear long sleeves and pants. Tuck pants into socks or boots, and shirts into pants to help keep ticks on the outer clothing. Light clothing makes ticks more visible. Check your skin when returning home and have a professional remove any tick properly from the skin.

[http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/lyme/ld\\_lymediseaserashphotos.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/lyme/ld_lymediseaserashphotos.htm) <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/lyme>

### **Partnership for a Drug Free America**

Rid Your Home Of Unneeded Or Unwanted Prescription And OTC Medicines

Short clips of how kids are accessible to drugs in homes- what is available to your children?

<http://www.drugfree.org/NotInMyHouse/?tr=y&auid=4401608>

### **Fun and Educational Websites for Kids**

Be on the 'Ask, Listen, Learn' Team

Very cool site! Stay active, do your best in academics, help out in your community! This is designed to help kids make good choices with the help of some celebs. Check out these games and read up on athletes.

<http://www.asklistenlearn.com>

### **Nicky's Nursery Rhymes**

This website provides a collection of nursery rhymes, games and songs, some traditional and some modern.

[http://www.nurseryrhymes4u.com/NURSERY\\_RHYMES/HP2.html](http://www.nurseryrhymes4u.com/NURSERY_RHYMES/HP2.html)

### **Wordle**

Wordle generates "word clouds" from text that you provide. The clouds give greater prominence to words that appear more frequently in the source text. You can tweak your clouds with different fonts, layouts, and color schemes. Use these in reports, send as a greeting or frame them <http://www.wordle.net/>

### **Tagxedo**

Tagxedo is similar to Wordle except this turns the words of famous speeches, news articles, slogans and themes, even your love letters -- into visually stunning tag clouds of the shapes such as animals, faces, objects, etc. As with Wordle, various words are highlighted and sized appropriately to highlight the frequencies of occurrence within the body of text. <http://www.tagxedo.com/>

## Sweet Home Students Rise Above...

Sweet Home High School was one of two schools in the United States asked to participate in the Rise Above tobacco prevention program. The program is part of a National Institute of Health funded research initiative being conducted by researchers at Roswell Park Cancer Institute [RPCI] and Yale University. [Sweet Home High was matched with a Connecticut High School coordinated by Yale University researchers.] The concept for the program, which was designed with the input of Sweet Home High students and staff, uses incentives to reward those who make a positive choice by rejecting using tobacco. By all accounts the program was very popular, with 67% of the student body registered in the voluntary program.



Student who joined Rise Above received a wristband, a \$3 Tim Hortons gift card, and a discount card to local businesses including Moe's Grill, Adventure Landing, Adventure Speedway, Niagara Climbing Center, Tonawanda Bowling Center, Family Video, Friendly's, Lasertron, Kenmore Lanes, and Mike's Subs. Students who joined the Rise Above 'Street Team' additionally received a Rise Above t-shirt.

Between March and May students in the program were eligible for a weekly drawing to win cash prizes (a \$25 or \$50 Boulevard Mall gift certificate). Eight names were drawn each week at random and to claim the prize the student had to be tobacco free as verified through a breathalyzer and/or saliva test. Throughout the spring, 80 students received these weekly prizes. Also, a monthly contest was offered during each of the three months that awarded three students each month as winners receiving \$100, \$75, and \$50 for first, second and third place prizes. In addition, there were special events that students could attend that awarded additional prizes for participation, such as Kick Butts Day tobacco free celebration table events sponsored by Roswell Park Cancer Institute, UB Wellness Department, UB Dental School, and UB Medical School and American Cancer Society. And most recently, the ASA California High School Tour of professional 'best in the world' athletes demonstrated half pipe BMX and skating skills while students learned about the dangers of tobacco use all sponsored by the U.S. Marines.

Feedback collected from the students has been positive with at least one former tobacco user volunteering that the program had motivated her to quit smoking. Sweet Home High School has been invited to continue the program again next school year. One other school district in the region also will be invited to join the program next year. Results of the study should be available in 2011. Contact Jen Graf, RPCI at 845-4916 or Bev Shipe at 250-1269 for further information.

## Rise Above Contest Winners...

### **March**

#### **Sweet Choice**

\$100 Dean May  
\$75 Vo-ece Haygood  
\$50 Deyanna Rivers

### **April**

#### **Tricks of the Trade**

\$100 Justin Sullivan  
\$75 Adam Flynn  
\$50 Gabriel Chen

### **May**

#### **Tell It Like It Is**

\$100 Piane Fu  
\$75 Jenai Bolden  
\$50 Eman Abdelfadeel

### **Eman Abdelfadeel**

"The Rise Above program put the repercussions of tobacco use into perspective, which will influence students like myself to stray away from it in order to lead a more productive life. I believe that this will impact our generation to not become another casualty of the tobacco industry."

### **Justin Sullivan**

"The program really encourages kids to not smoke. Also, it opens the eyes of High School kids of what happens when you smoke. The Rise Above program is a program that can be life lasting for kids everywhere. This program shows me how a majority of High School students don't smoke."

### **Gabriel Chen**

"I support this program [Rise Above] because I believe the incentives offered do make an impact on the students."



Top: Gabriel Chen;  
Bottom: Eman Abdelfadeel and Justin Sullivan

## District Music Program Shines...

The months of May and June are competition time for the many musical groups in the Sweet Home Central School District. True to form, the groups did not disappoint with several groups taking top honors at their respective competitions. The award winning groups are outlined below. Congratulations to all on a job well done.



*The Gold with Distinction Award Winning  
Middle School Boys 7-8 Chorus*

### **NYSSMA Choral Competition April 29-30**

**HS Concert Chorale** - Gold with Distinction Level 5  
**MS Boys Chorus** - Gold with Distinction Level 3  
**HS Women's Chorus** - Gold Level 4  
**MS Girls Chorus 8** - Silver Level 3

### **NYSSMA Instrumental Competition May 11-12**

**HS Symphony Orchestra** - Gold with Distinction  
**Grade 6 Band** - Bronze Level 2  
**Grade 8 Orchestra** - Bronze Level 3

### **NYSSMA Instrumental Competition May 19-20**

**HS Jazz Ensemble** - Gold with Distinction Level 5  
**EL Gold Band** - Gold Level 1  
**EL Gold Orchestra** - Gold Level 1  
**HS Concert Orchestra** - Silver Level 4

### **Dixie Classic Festivals Richmond VA**

**HS Jazz Ensemble** - Superior Rating  
**HS Wind Ensemble** - Superior Rating  
**HS Symphonic Band** - Excellent Rating

### **Fantasy Island Music Festival May 23**

**EL Gold Band** - Outstanding Rating  
**EL Gold Orchestra** - Outstanding Rating  
**Heritage Hts Chorus** - Outstanding Rating

### **Darien Lake Music Festival**

**HS Women's Chorus** - Gold with Distinction & Grand Champions of the festival on May 29  
**HS Concert Chorale** - Gold with Distinction  
**Grade 8 Band** - Superior Rating & Grand Champion in Band Division  
**Grade 8 Orchestra** - Gold with Distinction  
**Girls Chorus 8** - Superior Rating & First place in category  
**MS Jazz Big Band** - Superior Rating

## Maplemere Scouts Find New Homes for Books...

Thanks to the hard work of the Cub Scouts in Pack 444, the Maplemere Elementary welcomed some new additions. The scouts spent several meetings in the Spring cutting, sanding and staining wood for ten new bookshelves.

The scouts presented the shelves to Maplemere librarian Mr. Kevin Edson and by all indications the shelves will be put to good use in the Maplemere library.

Thanks Cub Scout Pack 444 for thinking of Maplemere Elementary School and donating the bookshelves.



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Anthony J. Day



*Thanks to a donation by the Amherst North Rotary the district planted four trees at the elementary schools in celebration of Arbor Day. Pictured here are Mrs. Bassano's class at Maplemere with Rotarian Dr. Karen Reimers.*

## Your District



*The annual Sweet Home Strongman Competition took place June 11. The events included a school bus pull pictured here.*



*The Heritage Heights 5th grade class enjoyed this graduation cake made by Mrs. Gangloff.*



*The middle school Art Club recently painted two murals in the cafeteria for the entire school to enjoy.*



*Left: The middle school learning skills class made blankets for Project Linus during the spring semester. Below: Miss Davis gets a push from Mrs. May at the 8th grade picnic and celebration on June 11.*

*Willow Ridge third grader Jamis Misseldine competes in the school's annual bike rodeo on June 10.*

