

The Comet's Tale



SANDY CREEK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Sandy Creek Seniors Shine on WPBS-TV's Whiz Quiz



The Sandy Creek Central School District is proud to recognize its senior Whiz Quiz team for being featured in a recent episode of Whiz Quiz on WPBS-TV. The team, made up of seniors Brody Pecha, Leia Wall, Haidyn Soluri and Simon Preston, represented Sandy Creek with enthusiasm, teamwork and academic excellence in their competition against Watertown City School District.

"This was an amazing win for Sandy Creek," said Whiz Quiz advisor Christina Hunt. "I am so proud of this group of students who worked extremely hard for this win."

Whiz Quiz, produced by WPBS-TV, highlights student teams from schools across the North Country as they showcase their knowledge and school spirit in friendly academic competition. The long-running program features high school teams answering questions on a wide range of topics including history, science, literature, mathematics, current events, and general knowledge, celebrating learning and teamwork across the region.

Sandy Creek's kindergartners explore Ontario Orchards

Sandy Creek Elementary kindergartners recently took a field trip to Ontario Orchards in Oswego, where they explored the apple orchard and learned about the harvest process.

Students walked through rows of apple trees, picking apples by hand and observing signs of the changing season. As part of the visit, they learned how apples are picked, washed and prepared for sale. Orchard staff explained each step of the process, giving students a behind-the-scenes look at how apples move from the tree to the market.

The trip supported classroom lessons on seasons, plants and local agriculture, offering a hands-on learning experience outside the classroom. Teachers and volunteers guided students through the orchard, helping them engage with each activity and observe the natural environment.



Jared Campbell Brings Music and Motivation to Sandy Creek Elementary

Sandy Creek Elementary students were recently treated to a high-energy visit from singer-songwriter Jared Campbell.

Known for his inspirational music and work with schools across central New York, Campbell led an interactive concert filled with singing, clapping and positive messages. He even performed his new song, "Legos," which uses building blocks as a metaphor for resilience, creativity and learning from mistakes. Students were encouraged to join in, making the performance both fun and meaningful.



Campbell also shared exciting news: Sandy Creek students will help create an original song for the school all about being good Comets, inspired by the school's positive behavior program.

"I had a little conversation with your principal and with Mrs. Hobbs," Campbell told the students. "We thought it would be a really cool thing if I wrote a special song just for Sandy Creek. When we do this song, we are going to need some singers on this song to sing all about what it means to be a good Comet!"

The collaborative project is expected to involve student input and participation, with plans to release the song sometime next year.

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Fire Safety Week in focus at Sandy Creek



Sandy Creek Elementary students took part in the district's annual Fire Safety Week with visits and interactive activities at four local fire departments.

Pre-K and first graders enjoyed a visit from the Lacona Fire Department at school,

where firefighters demonstrated safety equipment and shared important fire prevention tips. Second- and third-grade students traveled to the Sandy Creek Fire Department, exploring fire trucks and practicing safety skills. Fourth graders visited the Orwell Fire Department, learning about firefighting equipment through demonstrations. Fifth graders explored the Redfield Fire Department, learning about fire prevention and emergency response through interactive stations.

The program, held during Fire Prevention Month, is designed to give students practical knowledge about fire safety in a memorable, engaging way. Partnering with local fire departments, Sandy Creek schools aim to prepare students with essential skills to stay safe at home and in their communities.

Kindness Rocks at Sandy Creek

First graders at Sandy Creek Elementary School are spreading kindness throughout their school grounds as part of their efforts to "Be Good Comets."

As part of a lesson on citizenship, students discussed the importance of being kind to others and how small actions can have a big impact. To put their ideas into practice, the first graders participated in a Kindness Rocks project.

Each student painted a rock with bright colors and added a kind word or message. The rocks were then placed outside around the school, where they could be discovered by classmates, staff and visitors as cheerful reminders to be kind.



The project connects with Sandy Creek's Good Comet initiative, which encourages students to demonstrate respect, kindness and responsibility in their daily actions. By sharing positive messages in a creative way, students helped build a caring and supportive school environment.

Teachers said the project offered a meaningful way for students to express what they've learned about being thoughtful and considerate members of their school community.

Now, as people walk around the school grounds, they're greeted by colorful, hand-painted rocks carrying messages of encouragement, each one a small symbol of what it means to be a Good Comet.

Sandy Creek Students Bring the Spirit at Homecoming

Sandy Creek kicked off homecoming week with spirited pep rallies for middle and high school students, filled with competitions, performances and Comet pride.





Students Enjoy Educational Fall Trip to The Wild

Students from the middle and high school special education class kicked off the fall season with a field trip to The Wild.

Led by teacher Kimberly Schultz and aide Jessica Kimball-Soluri, the class enjoyed a day full of hands-on learning and outdoor exploration. Students had the opportunity to see and learn about a wide variety of animals, making the experience both educational and memorable.

"This trip is great for them for socialization and we learned a ton about the animals," said Kimball-Soluri. "The Wild was a great reward for all their hard work this first month of school."

Teachers and staff noted that field trips like this help bring learning to life while giving students the chance to build important social skills outside the classroom.

The class continues to provide creative and engaging opportunities that support student growth and success in every way; academically, socially and emotionally.



Stuff-a-Bus Success

The Sandy Creek Central School District held its annual Stuff-a-Bus event late this summer, providing students across the district with backpacks and supplies to start the school year prepared and ready to learn.

The event is made possible by the generosity of organizations, such as United Way, Climate Committee, the school's Student Council and additional donations, that keep the program returning. Organizations such as Help Me Grow Oswego County and Oswego County Opportunities (OCO) were also there to show support at the event by providing information about further resources accessible to members of the community. Families attended to receive backpacks filled with notebooks, pencils, crayons, binders and other essentials, helping to reduce the financial stress of back-to-school shopping.

Sandy Creek Elementary School Principal Tim Filiatrault praised the community effort.

"This is my ninth year at Sandy Creek, and I'm always so impressed with the generosity of the local community organizations that help to make sure that we have the supplies and backpacks to hold this event each year," said Filiatrault. "Our teachers and support staff are amazing and show up every year to help us get the backpacks filled and distributed to our students. It's a great event to kick off a new school year."

Teachers and support staff volunteered their time to sort and distribute supplies, ensuring every student received what they needed.

Sandy Creek Special Education Aide Misty Gibbs emphasized that Stuff-a-Bus is more than just a distribution of supplies — it's about setting a positive tone for the year ahead.

"When teachers, families and students come together, school starts with joy, support and community," said Gibbs.

Boomwhacker Beats Fill Sandy Creek Gymnasium



Fourth graders at Sandy Creek Elementary School performed a concert for parents, using boomwhackers, a brightly colored plastic tube that produces a musical note when struck. The students filled the gymnasium with rhythm and melody, showcasing skills they had

practiced throughout the Fall. Families filled the seats, clapping along as the children played. The event ended with applause from parents, celebrating the students' dedication and teamwork during the fall season.

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Welcome Back!

Sandy Creek Central School District welcomed students and families with orientation and a joyful first day of school, setting a positive tone for the year ahead.



Halloween Fun in the Creek

Sandy Creek Elementary students dressed to impress with their costumes and celebrated the day with fun activities, games and a festive parade around the school.



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