

Sandy Creek

Central School
District
Newsletter



Graduation 2017

The Comet's Tale



Wall of Distinction Honoree Inducted



2017 Sandy Creek Central School District Wall of Distinction Inductee, James Cheney, left with his son during the ceremony held at the school.

James Cheney, a graduate of Sandy Creek High School's class of 1963, was inducted recently into the Wall of Distinction in a ceremony held at the school. Cheney was nominated for the award because of his high level of professionalism, distinction and moral character which represents a positive role model to students in the school district.

Cheney's many accomplishments include military service, a career in teaching, volunteerism, a second career as a hall of fame insurance agent, councilman, and environmentalist.



Congratulations Class of 2017

Eric J. Alberry
Breanna Lee Allen
Dallas Logan Blair §✱
Zackerie A. Bower
Stephanie M. Brown §
Casey J. Christian
Drew W.G. Coady
Adrianna Mackenzie Comins °
Jesse L. Cornell III §✱
Christina R. Dobson
Lacey Jo Donahue
Alyssa Fiegl
Michael Anthony Garvin
Lindsey R. Goodnough §°✱
Samuel Grafton
Matthew R. Guarasce §
Elizabeth Anne Hall §
Taila L. Hatch ✱
JJ Carter Hays

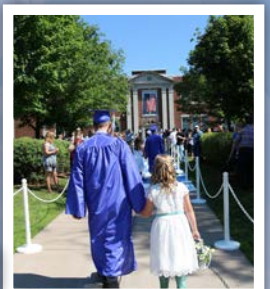
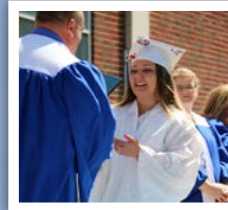
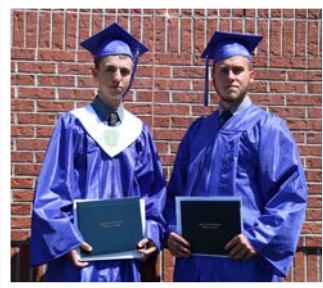
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Autumn Rosemarie Irwin
Jakob Kuehl
Alexis Marie Ladd §✱
Jessica Anne Leppien §
Gage MacDuffie-Dingman
Skyler A. Marshall
John E. McGrew II §°✱
Maison D. McNitt
Mekaila Lynn Meyers
Chase Alexander Pappa §
Alexander D. Paschall
Dillon H. Patterson
Hannah Grace Sawchuck °
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Lainey Rebecca Smith
William C. Stone
Kyle Michael Valley

Conner J. Waggoner
Sophie Marie Walter §
Tryston B. Welch
Abigail May Widrig §
Jasmyn Marie Williams ✱
Ryan J. Wills
Adam Luke Yerden §
Thomas J. Yerdon
§ Advanced Regents Diploma
° Honor Student
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✱ National Technical Honor Society
✱ Math Endorsement
✱ Science Endorsement

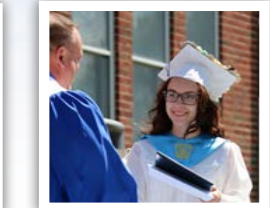
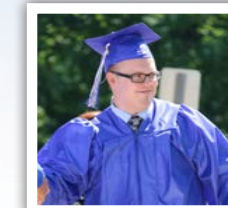
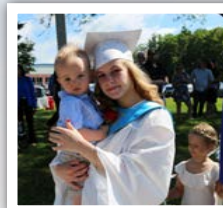
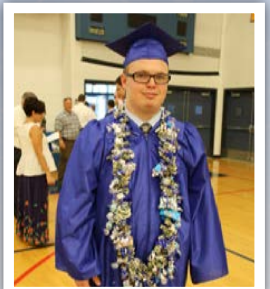
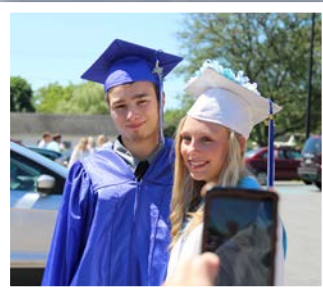
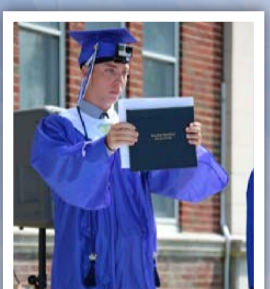
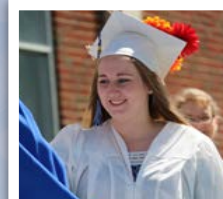
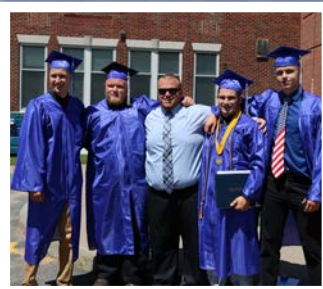


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Class of **2017**



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Fifth Grade Moving Up Ceremony at the Elementary School

Fifth graders at Sandy Creek Elementary School held a special moving up ceremony to commemorate their successful completion of elementary school and moving up to the middle school and sixth grade next year.

Bonnie Finnerty, principal at the school spoke to the students, family and friends gathered for the ceremony about the importance of leadership and shared some of the many characteristics of a good leader including: good character, charisma, commitment, courage, focus, generosity, good listening, compassion, positive, responsible and self-disciplined to name a few. "These students have these skills, and our students are also kind, funny, hard-working and creative," she said. "It has been an absolute pleasure being their principal this year."

Principal Finnerty and Superintendent of Schools Kyle Faulkner presented academic excellence, leadership and perfect attendance awards to the fifth graders. **Perfect attendance** was awarded to Skylar Clark and Benjamin Erickson.

Receiving academic awards for **highest overall average in Social Studies** by homeroom were: Alex Caufield, Ben Erickson, Maddox Palmer and Perle Convey. **Science** academic award recipients were: Alex Caufield, Trevor McDougal and Maddox Palmer. **Math** academic awards were presented to: Alex Caufield, Cameron Hathway and Maddox Palmer. **ELA** highest overall average academic awards went to: Hannah White, Skylar Clark and Maddox Palmer.

A special **Valedictorian** award was presented to Maddox Palmer for having the highest overall average for the 5th grade class.

The students performed several songs to commemorate the event that tied in with their character, perseverance and willingness to branch out and try new things.

Following the ceremony in the auditorium, a special reception and photo booth was held in the commons area outside of their classrooms.

Valedictorian for the fifth grade class was Maddox Palmer who had the highest overall grade point average for the school year. Palmer is pictured with Superintendent of Schools Kyle Faulkner, right, as Principal Finnerty looks on from the left.



Graduation Has Royal Theme

Hear ye, hear ye, hear ye, by order of the king and queen, a Royal Ball was held to mark the graduation of the kindergarten classes at Sandy Creek Elementary School. The royal-themed celebration was complete with a castle, king and queen, knights and dragon, ladies-in-waiting, crowns, royal sashes and of course, diplomas and lots and lots of smiles.

A full house of family and friends were on hand for the program which also included songs along the same theme with: "Old King Cole," that featured some guest fiddlers, "Sing a Song of Sixpence," "I Am a Knight in Armor," and "Come to the Castle." Following the presentation of diplomas by the classroom teachers, the students participated in a poem reading of "Prince and Princess." Then the dancing began with a royal waltz before breaking out into free dance with "Can't Stop the Feeling." The graduates then paraded through the crowd circling the room several times before heading back to their classrooms to continue the celebration.

Student Leaders Prep Fifth Graders for Middle School

Fifth graders learned from their peers in sixth grade what to expect as they prepare to enter Middle School in the coming school year. Moving up day, traditionally



led by staff and administration was instead in the hands of sixth grade student leaders and the reception by incoming students was very positive. The student leaders were eager to allay the fears of the younger students and they in turn were quick to ask questions about issues they were reticent about. An added bonus is the familiar faces the students will have on the first days of school as they take the next steps to the Middle School. Carolyn Shirley, principal at the Middle School, encouraged the students to develop their presentation based on concerns they believed the students might have using their own personal experience from the previous year.



Cassidy Blodgett is all smiles as she clutches her diploma from the graduation ceremony held for the Kindergarten students as they advance to first grade.



Board Recognizes Individuals at End-of-the-year Ceremony



The Sandy Creek Board of Education recognized several individuals prior to a recent meeting. Lindsey Goodnough and John McGrew, class of 2017 Valedictorian and Salutatorian were honored and presented with special plaques commemorating this outstanding academic honor.

Retirees from the district were also recognized including: Denise Elkin, Leslie Langenegger, Claudia Hurne, Donna Jones, Barb Pratt, and Hugh Sheridan. Each was presented with a special plaque in appreciation for their years of service to SCCSD.

Two retiring Board of Education members were also recognized by the Board and the Central New York School Boards Association (CNYSBA). Brenda Yerdon and Tammy Miller, each chose not to seek re-election this term, and retired at the end of their term on June 30th. Donna Blake presented the two members with a special thank you for their service to the students in the Sandy Creek Central School District on behalf of the CNYSBA organization.

Students Honor Flag Day

Second graders at Sandy Creek Elementary School held their annual Flag Day celebration honoring the flag of our nation. The program included songs and performances, information and history of the flag and lots of patriotism and love of country. Pictured at right are: Abigail Jones who portrayed Betsy Ross in the program and Logan Webb one of the flag bearers on stage for the performance.



Pesticide Notice

Dear Parent, Guardian, and School Staff:

New York State Education Law Section 409-H, effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year.

The following pesticide applications took place in the Sandy Creek Central School from February 16, 2017 to June 30, 2017:

❖ *There have been no pesticide applications during the above stated period.*

As a reminder, the Sandy Creek Central School District is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. The following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

- A school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72-hours following an application;
- Anti-microbial products;
- Nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- Nonvolatile insecticidal baits in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- Silica gels and other nonvolatile ready-to-use pastes, foams, or gels in areas inaccessible to children;
- Boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate;
- The application of EPA designated biopesticides;
- The application of EPA designated exempt materials under 40CFR152.25;
- The use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps, and hornets.

In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification list.

If you have not yet registered to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in your school, please complete the form below and return it to Shelley H. Fitzpatrick, Sandy Creek Central School District Business Administrator at:

**PO Box 248
Sandy Creek, NY 13145
Phone: 315-387-3445 x1510
Fax: 315-387-2196**

Sandy Creek Central School District

Request for Pesticide Application Notification (Please Print)

_____ School Building

Name: _____

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Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Please feel free to contact Andy Ridgeway, the Sandy Creek Central School District pesticide representative at: PO Box 248, Sandy Creek, NY 13145, Phone: 315-387-3445 x1510, Fax: 315-387-2196 for further information on these requirements, including information on the products that have been applied in this school.

Sincerely,

Shelley H. Fitzpatrick
Business Administrator

Pre-K Sail-a-bration Marks End of the Year for Students



Zander McCarty, Leah Bristol, Averie Thomas, and Blake Stock during the Pre-K Sail-A-Bratation celebration at Sandy Creek Elementary School to mark the end of the year. The morning performance before family and friends showcased some of what the students learned over the course of the school year and how excited they were to be moving up to kindergarten in the coming year.

Sandy Creek Pre-Kindergarten students held their annual end-of-the-year celebration, or Sail-a-bration, at the school on their final day of classes. The program included several songs, complete with lots of action and energy that gave an overview of the learning that took place during the school year in the program. As each student name was announced they came forward to accept their portfolio which held examples of their work from throughout the school year. A reception for family and friends was held following the ceremony.

Elementary Science Fair



Brodey Orr holds one of the ducklings from his science project at the annual Elementary Science Fair. Students and classes presented on a wide variety of science topics including, botany, animal science, chemistry, astronomy and much more. The annual event is open to the public



Afternoon Pre-K students held their own Pre-K Sail-a-bration to celebrate the successful completion of the year. Pictured left to right are: Benjamin Radley, Helen Harris, Grayson Erhardt, McKenzie McGrath, Hunter Dingman, Kerrigan McNeely, Callen Montieth, Harper Fahnestock, and Kameron Bellinger.

At Right: Cameron Pool is congratulated by his teacher, Julie McNitt before receiving his portfolio with samples of work from throughout the school year.



Top 8th Graders Celebrated



The top 15 academic eighth grade students were honored in a special luncheon by Middle School Principal Carolyn Shirley. The top students were determined by overall grade point average for their entire middle school career, grades six to eight. Pictured left to right are: Hailey Miller, Emily Ward, Cati-Ann Blodgett, Emily Yousey, Zachary Paternoster, Elsa Graf, Deanna Hathway, Madeleine Palmer, Michaela Kastler, Sydney Burguey, Terry Eggleston, Annie Chen and Emma McDougal. Missing from the photo were Olivia Pappa and Sarah Balcom.



Elementary Student Council Awards Recognize Academic Excellence

The Sandy Creek Elementary Student Council Awards recognized students for their outstanding academic achievements in several areas including: reading, art, citizenship, library, math, music, science, accelerated reading, social studies, technology and writing.

In addition, recognition for student involvement on Climate Committee and Student Council was also made.

The following students were recognized for their achievement in Accelerated Reading: Maddox Palmer, Sophia Luce, Trevor McDougal, Dayle Ridgeway, Destiny Urquhart, Maddy Darling, Haidyn Soluri, Isabella Taplin, Jacoby Balcom and Josiah Radley.

Students were recognized for their outstanding academic achievements in the following areas:

Art: Arlo Driskell, Daltyn Landas, Hannah White, Maddox Palmer, Manarah Brown, Neva Rembowski, Parker Kohlbach, Perle Convey, Skylar Clark, Abigail Balcom, Blake Tennant, Cyprus Liszewski, Jaeden Darling, Kingston Sprague, Abbygail Peter, Alyvia Brown, Brody Pecha, Christian Kennedy, Covin Rembowski, Grant Harris, Hunter Soluri, Lola Tessier, Madelyn Coe and Simon Preston.

Citizenship: Allyson Mulpagano, Crystal Bartlett, Ryan Landphere, Colton Killam, Cyprus Liszewski, Jaeden Darling, Piper Phillips, Tyler Trumble, Alina Khan, Brody Pecha, Covin Rembowski, Katerena Bartlett and Landyn Sedler.

Library: Allyson Mulpagano, Maddox Palmer, Michael Young, Perle Convey, Skylar Clark, Sophia Luce, Caylon Zehr, Chris Bunnell, Dayle Ridgeway, Jaeden Darling, Jesiah Curry, Sara Leppien, Abbygail Peter, Ava Mosher, Brandon Fox, Brynn Dreibelbis, Emma Gibbons, Haidyn Soluri, Jayden McBroom, and Lola Tessier.

Math: Alex Caufield, Ben Erickson, Brodey Orr, Aden Bartlett, Steven Webb, William Cole, Brynn Dreibelbis, Grant Harris, Lyndi Fitzgerald, and Simon Preston.

Music: Daltyn Landas, Julia Hollister, Maddox Sprague, Neva Rembowski, Perle Convey, Skylar Clark, Brayden Metott, Elizabeth Hobbs, Kiah Bradley, Piper Phillips, William Cole, Alyvia Brown, Emma Sue Euler.



Accelerated Reader Awards were presented to the following students pictured in front, left to right are: Haidyn Soluri, Isabella Taplin, Jacoby Balcom, and Josiah Radley. Middle row, left to right are: Dayle Ridgeway, Destiny Urquhart, and Maddy Darling. Back row, left to right: Maddox Palmer, Sophia Luce and Trevor McDougal.



Science Award recipients are pictured above, in front, left to right are: Nevaah Brown, Corlee Phillips, Hudson Hunt and Josh Young. Middle row: Dakota Denny, Jaeden Darling and Elizabeth Hobbs. In back, left to right are: Alex Caufield, Jack Alford, Maddox Palmer and Parker Kohlbach.

er, Haidyn Soluri, Leia Wall, Lola Tessier, Madelyn Coe, Simon Preston, and Wyatt Guile.

Reading: Daltyn Landas, Michael Young, Perle Convey, Colton Killam, Hailey Skellington, Sophie Harris, Abbygail Peter, Alyvia Brown, Madden Soluri, and Madelyn Coe.

Science: Alex Caufield, Jack Alford, Maddox Palmer, Parker Kohlbach, Dakota Denny, Elizabeth Hobbs, Jaeden Darling, Corlee Phillips, Hudson Hunt, Josh Young, and Nevaah Brown.

Social Studies: Abigail Willson, Hannah White, Perle Convey, Aaron Grafton, Hailey Lamica, Seth LaCelle, Brayden Miick, Hunter Soluri, Krislynn Harlow, and Ray Parker.

Technology: Alex Caufield, Maddox Palmer, Michael Young, Neva Rembowski, Parker Kohlbach, Perle Convey, Baryden Metott, Cyprus Liszewski, Destiny Urquhart, Elizabeth Hobbs, Madison Darling, Piper Phillips, Alexander Howard, Brody Pecha, Covin Rembowski, Kip Yerdon, Lyndi Fitzgerald, Madelyn Coe, Maggie Wallace, and Simon Preston.

Writing: Kiana Clark, Manarah Brown, Skylar Clark, Abigail Balcom, Ava Potter, Kelsie Ridgeway, Emma Gibbons, Leia Wall, Maggie Wallace, and Phoenicia Hathway.

Good Kid awards were given to: Donald Moore, Manarah Brown, Kingston Sprague, Piper Phillips, Emma Gibbons, and Simon Preston.

Climate Committee members included: Alex Caufield, Ben Erickson, Brodey Orr, Cameron Hathway, Lilly Ramus, Maddox Palmer, Brayden Metott, Colton Killam, Destiny Urquhart, Jesiah Curry, Seth LaCelle, Sophie Harris, Alyvia Brown, Brody Pecha, Covin Rembowski, Emma Sue Euler, Hunter Soluri, Katerena Bartlett, Landyn Sedler, and Madelyn Coe.

Student Council members included: Ava Basler, Crystal Bartlett, Hannah White, Mason Ennist, Ryan Landphere, Skylar Clark, Abigail Balcom, Dayle Ridgeway, Jaeden Darling, Madison Darling, Tyler Trumble, Abbygail Peter, Emma Gibbons, Hudson Hunt, Isabella Taplin, Kip Yerdon, Phoenicia Hathway, Ray Parker, and Wyatt Guile.

Middle School Academic Awards Ceremony Held



SC Middle School Award Recipients following the recent academic awards ceremony held to recognize their outstanding academic achievement.

The Sandy Creek Middle School and High School Academic Awards Ceremony was held recently where the following awards were presented:

Academic Initiative Award: Dustin Mackey and Abby Chen.

Social Studies 7 Leaders of Tomorrow Initiative Award: Claire Dreibelbis.

Social Studies Initiative Award: Zachary Paternoster and Deanna Hathway.

Cheri Bartholomew Memorial: Rachel Griffiths.

Hamer Memorial: Emma McDougal.

James Welch Memorial: Noah Reff.

Joey Eisch Memorial: Ty Lallier.

Reading Award: 6th - Hunter Redden; 7th - Abbie Battles.

8th Grade Motivation Award: Sarah Balcom, Elsa Graf, Michaela Kastler.

Art Award: 6th - Abby Chen, 7th - Hailey McNitt; 8th - Deanna Hathway.

Middle School Music: Marissa Brennan, Abby Chen, Maiya Hathway, Reagan Macklen, Dorothy Searles, Emma Halsey, Mary Carnes, and Alayna Blount.

Perfect Attendance: Ryan Barney, Abby Chen, Ty Lallier, Dustin Mackey, Travis Montone, Hunter Redden, Nathan Alford, Hunter Aurelio, Gabriel Balcom, Landon Derby, Abigail Lantry, Tyler Mason, Hailey McNitt, Carl Petrie, Jr., Sarah Balcom, Cecelia-Jay Barney, Cati-Ann Blodgett, Gabrielle Brown, Johnathin Coe, Elsa Graf, Deanna Hathway, Olivia Pappa, and Ryan Robbins.

Middle School Principal's Award: Cody Walke, Elizabeth Glazier, Abbie Battles, Robbie Patterson, Madeleine Palmer, James Green, Johnathin Coe, and Evelyn Bice.

Coterie Club Award: Evelyn Bice.

English 7 Award: Jessica Graham.

Humanitarian Service Award: Alyssa Rudd.

Math Magician Award: Mary Carnes, Robert Patterson, and Emma Halsey.

Outlook Club Citizenship Award: Deanna Hathway.

Scholar Mathlete Award: Abbie Battles and Alayna Blount.

Mathematics Character Award: Lindsey Felio

Bright Spot Math Award: Logan Henry, Wyatt Hilton, and Avery Cornell.

Social Studies 7 Award: Jessica Graham and Matthew Trudell.

Social Studies 7 Citizenship Award: Evan Allen.

Social Studies Finish Strong: Autumn Bartlett.

Wisdom Thinkers Award: Jessica Graham.

Mabel Laird Memorial: Alyssa Rudd.

Student Council Initiative Award: 6th - Lillian Kohlbach, 7th - Luke Yerdon and 8th - Hailey Miller.

MS Student Council Donates Chemotherapy Care Bags



Sandy Creek Middle School Student Council members collected items to assemble chemo care packages that were distributed to those undergoing chemotherapy treatments at Hematology Oncology Associates of Central New York. The students gathered items that offer comfort or distraction for patients receiving the treatment which can take hours to administer. Among the items collected were: caffeine-free tea, lip balm, icy cool towels, Biotene mouth rinse, fuzzy socks, personal-sized tissues, bottles of water, puzzle and word search books to pass the time and more. Included in each bag was a small hand-made pillow created by students in family consumer science class to cushion sensitive skin where it might be rubbed during the lengthy procedure. Approximately two dozen bags were donated to the local facility for distribution to their patients. Pictured are representatives from the Sandy Creek Middle School Student Council with some of the bags they assembled.



Sandy Creek Students Learn About the Environment at Dune Fest



Ashley Rubacha, an environmental educator with the New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Department shares information about identifying an invasive species called swallow-wort with sixth grade students from Sandy Creek. Her fellow presenters also shared information about other species of plants and insects, that should be avoided but are spreading in the area.

Sixth grade students from Sandy Creek Middle School traveled to Southwick Beach State Park recently where they learned about the fragile environment surrounding them. The Department of Environmental Conservation hosted the dune fest event where students traveled through several stations to learn about different aspects of their natural surroundings. Among the stations were: water safety, invasive species, fish species in the area, wetlands, birds and more.

The recent changes in the water levels on Lake Ontario showed the power of the waves as the beach at the park was non-existent. One of the presentations spoke about soil erosion and the efforts to maintain the ecosystem along the shoreline, while maintaining a balance of water for the marshlands and the species that inhabit that area.

Students were able to take part in the hands-on activities and

presentations including how to properly throw a life-saving device to someone in the water without risking injury to themselves by entering the water. Another presentation illustrated the life and feeding cycle of the near threatened piping plover; a shorebird who lives and feeds along the sandy beaches in North America. Invasive plants and insects were also discussed in a separate presentation and students enjoyed a display of insects found in the Central New York area that the DEC had on hand to view. Students also learned to identify birds through their call and many other distinguishing characteristics in a special ornithology presentation.

Right: Marissa Brennan takes a closer look at one of the many hands-on displays at the annual Dune Fest held at Southwick Beach State Park.

Below: Several species of birds were on display at one of the stations during Dune Fest at Southwick Beach State Park.



First Grade Tea Celebrates Reading and Literacy

Students enrolled in the first grade at Sandy Creek Elementary School invited a special guest to attend their annual First Grade Reading Tea. The celebration of reading and literacy provided an opportunity to share with their guests a favorite book and a book they wrote themselves.

Selected members of the classes spoke about some of what the students had accomplished in the class before the special reading time. And of course, what tea is complete without some delicious refreshments to enjoy as well? Sweets and beverages were available for the students and their guests to enjoy.

First grade teacher Cammie Holmes' class played a special video presentation to document many of the highlights of the school year and also sang "You Are My Sunshine" complete with props and posters to accompany the song.



Lylie Wall reads her book to mom, Nichole during the 1st Grade Reading Tea held in the first grade classrooms.



High School Academic and Athletic Awards

High School Awards were presented to the following students:

Alice Bacon Memorial Award: Hannah Sawchuck.

Hamer Choral Memorial Award: Mariah Hess.

Jeff Fravor Photography Award: Sophie Walter.

Kevin Stevens Memorial Art Award: Sullivan Worns.

Lake Ontario Chapter 124 O.E.S. Instrumental Music Award: William Stone.

Senior Art Award: Adrianna Comins.

Dartmouth Club Book Award: Cassidy Carnes.

Hamer-Widrig Memorial Award: Alexander Sawchuck.

Clarkson University Achievement Award: Alexander Sawchuck.

Clarkson School Scholars Award: Emily Kehoe.

LeMoine College Heights Award: Rebecca Miller.

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute: Oren McDougal.

Rochester Institute of Technology Computing Medal Award: Allison Burrows.

Rochester Institute of Technology Computing Medal Award: David Hennigan.

Rochester Institute of Technology Innovation and Creativity Award: Emily Kehoe and Oren McDougal.

St. Lawrence University Book Award: Cassidy Carnes.

Student Sage Scholar: Alexander Sawchuck and Joshua Balcom.

The Elmira College Key: Dustin Bryant.

University of Rochester Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award: Oren McDougal.

University of Rochester Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award in Humanities and Social Sciences: Tori Jenkins.

University of Rochester George Eastman Young Leaders Award: Machela Sullivan.

University of Rochester Xerox Award: Richard Potter.

Wells College 21st Century Leadership Award: Faith Bachar.

Art Jones Memorial Award: Tyler Trump.

Student Council Initiative Award: Marley Yerdon, Abigail Fitzpatrick, Tori Jenkins, Abigail Widrig.

Top 10 Seniors: 1) Lindsey Goodnough; 2) John McGrew II; 3) Hannah Sawchuck; 4) Dallas Blair; 5) Stephanie Brown; 6) Sophie Walter; 7) Abigail Widrig; 8) Jessica Leppien; 9) Elizabeth Hall; and 10) Adrianna Comins.

Clarkson University Leadership Award: Christopher Blount.

Wisdom Thinkers Award: Gavin Babcock.

Marine Corps Scholar Athlete: Dallas Blair and Jesse Cornell

Ryan Wills, far right, received a Physical Education Award for earning the most athletic participation awards as a senior boy. He was presented with the award by Mike Stevens, athletic coordinator for the district. Jasmyn Williams received the girl's award during the recent ceremony.



US Army Athletic Participation Award: Sophie Walter and Matthew Guarasc.

Frontier League Scholar Athlete Award: Adam Yerden

Senior Athlete Award: Alexis Ladd

Tri-Athlete Awards: Tryston Welch, Alex Paschall, Michael Garvin, Jakob Kuhl, Kyle Valley, and Skylar Marshall.

Perfect Attendance Awards: Zacherie Bower, Gavin Brown, Madison Brown, Kayla Carnes, Evan Carpenter, Sydney Cook, Tiara Copenhagen, Taila Hatch, Logan Haynes, McKenzie Kwak, Seth Lurcock, Joseph Metott, Hope Priest, Carley Stoker, Logan Stone, Taylor Webb, David Worden, and Margery Yousey.

Air Force Awards: Abigail Widrig and Chase Pappa.

Babe Ruth Sportsmanship Award: Jasmyn Williams and John McGrew.

Larry Miller Wrestling Award: Joe Benedict.

Nate Woolson Memorial Award: Levi Darling.

Physical Education Award: Jasmyn Williams and Ryan Wills.

Three Time Section III Champion in a single school year: Madison Yerdon.

Fifth and Sixth Grade Band and Chorus Concert Packs House



The Fifth and Sixth Grade Band and Chorus Spring Concert packed the auditorium for a night of music. Pictured above is the fifth grade band under the direction of Valerie Marshall who performed several songs to showcase how much they have learned over the year.

The Babe Ruth Sportsmanship Award was presented to John McGrew and Jasmyn Williams. Pictured with McGrew, right is athletic coordinator for the Sandy Creek District, Michael Stevens. The Babe Ruth award recognizes those student athletes who exemplify good sportsmanship on and off the field/court. Athletes are selected by staff and voted on members of the senior class to represent true sportsmanship for the class of 2017.





Elementary Fun Day Great End to Successful School Year

In spite of some stormy days at the end of the school year, including lots of rain, the annual Elementary Fun Day featured a beautiful sunny day. Students were all smiles as they participated in several stations coordinated by the physical education staff at the school.



Spring Chorus Concert Held



Members of the high school mixed chorus perform during their recent 7-12 Spring Chorus Concert at the school. The chorus is under the direction of Sandy Kinney. In addition to the high school chorus, performances by middle school and show choir were also held as well as a large group mixed chorus for the finale of the show. Those students who participated in All County, Solo Fest, All State and All State Conference were recognized for their achievements during the show. In addition, senior members were recognized and thanked for their participation in chorus.



Creekers For A Cure Show Support



The entire Sandy Creek Elementary School students and staff showed their support for "Creekers for a Cure," a Sandy Creek team in the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life.

Fifth Graders Participate in Cornell Cooperative Extension of Oswego County's Safety Day



The annual fifth grade safety day was a comprehensive resource for safety measures in a wide range of topics such as electricity, animals (farm and domestic), machinery, water, medicine, food and so much more! Fifth graders from around the county participated in the hands-on interactive presentations provided through the coordination of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Oswego County. Edward Hutchinson and Scout Preston team up to select correct answers in one of the many interactive presentations.



Section III Champ Three-peat

A special award was presented to Madison Yerdon for being on three teams during the school year that each won the Section III Championship: Fall Competitive Cheer, Winter Competitive Cheer and Varsity Softball. It is unclear if this feat has ever been achieved before in the history of athletics at Sandy Creek, but was certainly worth recognizing during the recent academic/athletic awards ceremony held at the school.

Sandy Creek Varsity Softball Section III Class C Champions



The Sandy Creek Varsity Softball team became Section III Class C Champions following their 9-0 victory over Tully on May 30 at OCC.

Team members include Carley Stoker, Jasmyne Williams, Lainey Hathway, Hannah Dasno, Savannah Brown, Marley Yerdon, Olivia Pappa, Sarah Balcom, Madison Yerdon, Allison Lantry, Bella Cornell, Lexi McNitt and Riley Dowlearn with Head Coach Katie Soluri.

The team earned a bye in the first round of the Section III championship tournament and went on to defeat Sauquoit Valley 13-1; Port Byron 15-0; and Little Falls 1-0 before facing Tully in the finals.

The Sandy Creek team advanced to the state tournament but were unsuccessful in their bid.

Carley Stoker was also named All CNY Softball Player of the Year for the 2017 season for all classes in Central New York. Outstanding!

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The Sandy Creek School District presented the Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the Class of 2017 with special plaques to honor their distinction as top of their graduating class. Pictured left to right are: Superintendent of Schools Kyle Faulkner, Valedictorian Lindsey Goodnough and John McGrew, Salutatorian.

Valedictorian & Salutatorian

Valedictorian is Lindsey R. Goodnough, daughter of Brian and Heidi Goodnough. Lindsey will attend the University of Rochester following graduation and plans to pursue a career as a doctor.

In her spare time, Lindsey enjoys reading, listening to music, sleeping or hanging out with her family at home. Her advice to her fellow graduates? "I hope everyone achieves the goals they set out for themselves and are genuinely happy with the way their lives turn out," she said. In her future she hopes to help as many people as possible in as many ways as she can. While at Sandy Creek High School, Lindsey has enjoyed making memories with her friends, being able to take challenging college courses to prepare her for college and being part of the Varsity Cheerleading team at the school.

Salutatorian is John E. McGrew II. John is the son of John and Robin McGrew. He plans to attend SUNY Canton where he will study Criminal Investigation and hopes to become a New State Trooper. John has enjoyed participating in sports during his time at Sandy Creek High School and enjoys lifting weights and hunting in his spare time. His advice to fellow graduates? "Always work toward achieving your goals, no matter what they may be." He hopes in the future to have a family and have the ability to support and provide for them.

District Welcomes Two New Principals



Emily Wemmer



Timothy Filiatrault

The Sandy Creek Central School District welcomes two new principals to the staff for the 2017-18 school year.

Emily Wemmer joins the district as High School Principal and Timothy Filiatrault takes over as Elementary Principal.

Wemmer, who previously taught English in the Albion School District, also served as advisor to the Student Council and was named "Educator of the Year" in that district in 2015.

Wemmer holds a Bachelor's degree from the University of Iowa, a master's degree from Roberts Wesleyan College and a certificate of advanced students in educational administration from SUNY Brockport. She is also a leader in current research and instructional techniques and is an excellent communicator, which according to Faulkner, made her the standout candidate for the position.

Filiatrault comes to the position of Elementary Principal with an extensive background in education, particularly at the elementary level, where he has served as a classroom math teacher, AIS math teacher and instruction math coach. He has also taught math at the high school level and holds certification in K-6 and 7-12 math. He earned a Bachelor's and Master's degree from SUNY Potsdam and a CAS through SUNY Oswego.

Both assumed their new roles on July 1.