



# PIONEER CONNECT

March 2022

PIONEER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, YORKSHIRE, NY

CLASS OF 2022

Valedictorian

Salutatorian



Zachary Holmes



Colin Hughes

## ZACHARY HOLMES IS VALEDICTORIAN, COLIN HUGHES IS SALUTATORIAN FOR CLASS OF 2022

Mark Schultz, principal of Pioneer High School, has announced Class of 2022 valedictorian is Zachary Holmes, and salutatorian is Colin Hughes.

Zachary is the son of Edward and Melissa Holmes of Delevan. Zach plans to attend Niagara University to study Biochemistry.

Colin is the son of Mark and Dawn Hughes of Bliss. Colin tentatively plans to attend SUNY Cortland to study Sports Management.

Zachary and Colin will be among the speakers at the Class of 2022 Commencement on Saturday, June 25, at 1:00 p.m.

The remainder of the top 20 students for the Class of 2022: Layla Boyer, Mindy Isaman, Kaylee Hartman, Victoria Trevett, Chloe McCutcheon, Aidan Ameis, Faith Ruppert, Jack Buncy, Abigail Heitzman, Christian Kolasny, Evan Frazier, Bradley Jones, Tyler Day, Brooke Burley, Mary George, Zachary Coppola, Erika Conhiser, and Vincent Paulsen.

# BOOK BINGO IS ARCADE'S READING CHALLENGE

On Monday, March 7, Arcade Elementary began a school-wide Book Bingo Challenge.

Each week students receive a Bingo board to complete. There are weekly prizes for reading and creating a Bingo pattern that is decided each Friday.

The reading challenge will be active for several more weeks and conclude with a chance to win a raffle basket at each grade level. Students will have a chance to earn a ticket to place in the raffle to win a basket of books.

The event is organized by the Reading Team at Arcade: Mrs. Grigsby, Mrs. Rice and Mrs. Wolski.



# ARCADE ELEMENTARY'S RUNNING CLUB IS BACK!

Arcade Elementary's Running Club is back after a two-year COVID break. We have over 70 third and fourth graders anxiously waiting to be able to "run in the halls" at school.

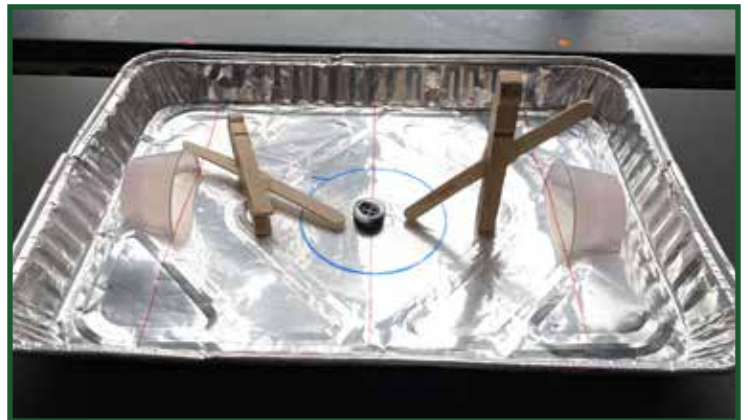
Running Club is an after-school program that provides an excellent opportunity for students to enjoy exercise and build stamina. Runners work at their own pace to run or walk towards the goal of earning a "marathon". Participants also receive incentives along the way for miles accumulated.

Running Club will run from March 28 through June 1 on Mondays and Wednesdays.



# ARCADE STUDENTS CELEBRATE THE OLYMPICS

Arcade Elementary UPK students from Mrs. Byers, Mrs. Galvin and Mr. Kehl's classes recently participated in mini-Olympic events. Mini-hockey and luge were popular, but the best event was the Team Bobsled. Each class made large cardboard bobsleds which rolled on scooters down ramps in the school halls. It was a great event for fun and sportsmanship!



# WINTERFEST SCULPTURES HAVE THROWBACK THEME

Arcade Winterfest celebrated its 50th anniversary, and several snow sculpture contest entries by Arcade Elementary students borrowed from Winterfest themes dating back through the years.



# RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS WEEK

As part of our year-long emphasis on fostering a positive school environment, Delevan Elementary celebrated Random Acts of Kindness week from February 14-18.

A random act of kindness is a simple act that brightens someone's day. It can be something significant, like donating items to charity, or something smaller, such as holding a door open for someone.

Every day of the week had a different theme. Some of the themes included Manners Monday (Use your best manners); Thank you, Tuesday (Who deserves a thank you for helping you?); What can I do to help? Wednesday (Think of ways you can help your parents or teachers); Thoughtful Thursday: Do something to make someone feel good); and Friendship Friday (Make a new friend today).

Parents can help keep the Random Acts of Kindness spirit at home. Let your child see you being kind to someone else. Encourage them to be kind to you, their siblings, and their neighbors. Point out kind acts you see others perform in real life, and in books or movies.

At school we wrote down our acts on paper hearts, then hung them on our Kindness Tree and watched it bloom as the week progressed. That way, every week can be Random Acts of Kindness Week.

Kindness is contagious--- Pass it on!



# DELEVAN'S 100TH DAY OF SCHOOL

The 100th Day of School was Monday, February 14.



## THE MUSIC OLYMPICS

The Delevan Elementary School hosted the 2022 Music Winter Olympics from February 7th through February 18th. All students, UPK through 4th grade, came to Mrs. Hacker's music class to compete in a variety of musical Olympic events while representing a variety of countries from around the world. Some of the events included **curling** (using brooms to push notes onto the correct line or space on the musical staff), **speed skating** (a paper plate skating relay to assemble composer puzzles), **short track speed skating** (a race to sort and separate indoor sounds from outdoor sounds) and **the biathlon** (cardboard skiing a course and sorting instruments into the correct families). The students displayed excellent sportsmanship while using their musical knowledge and their grit during the games. The excitement surrounding the event was evident and Mrs. Hacker hopes it was an event the students will never forget.

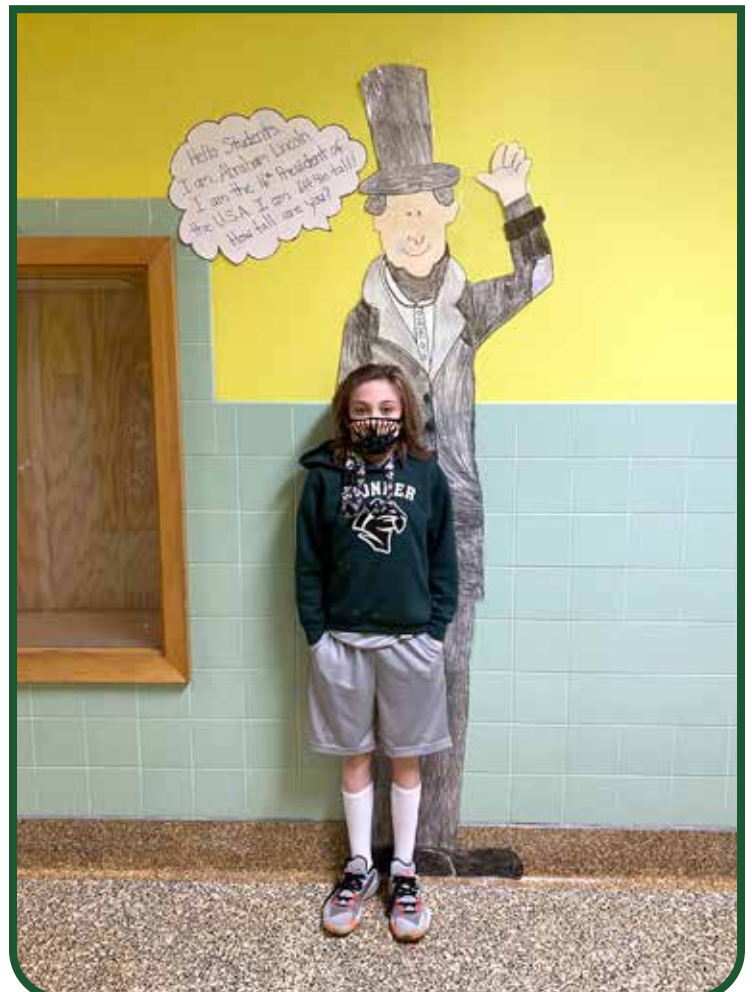


# DELEVAN'S PBIS PRIZE, PLAYING IN THE SNOW WITH THE PRINCIPAL



# CUB HOUSE HONORS THE PRESIDENTS

Delevan Elementary Cub House students worked hard before Mid-Winter Break to create a life-sized George Washington and Abraham Lincoln in honor of President's Day. The cutouts were displayed in the hall for all classrooms to come and measure their height compared to the Presidents!



# NAT'L JR HONOR SOCIETY SPONSORED FOOD DRIVE

Pioneer Middle's National Junior Honor Society sponsored a "Have A Heart" Food Drive the week of February 14th. This group strives to elevate a school's commitment to values including service and citizenship. NJHS Members made posters to publicize the drive. A kind thank you note from the P.A.C. Satellite Food Pantry was received for the Middle School's generous donations to help start up the pantry.



## MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS WONDER ABOUT THE WEATHER

Students in the Pioneer Middle School 6th grade math/science classroom of Mrs. Kristine Smith recently had a virtual one-on-one with a Buffalo TV weatherman.

Mrs. Smith said, "Our science class had a wonderful opportunity to speak with Aaron Mentkowski, chief meteorologist from Channel 7 WKBW.

The students have been learning about weather, climate and extreme weather. Our focus for the Zoom lesson was the type of extreme weather that this area is most familiar with: lake effect snow."

"My student teacher, Maddison Soth, emailed Aaron and asked if he would be able to speak with the students about his knowledge of lake effect

snow. Both of our science classes spoke with him for about 30 minutes. They had the opportunity to ask questions and see him do a live broadcast for the WKBW website," Mrs. Smith continued.

"It was a great memorable experience for the students. They were so excited!" she added.



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Dear Families:

Students in Grades 3-8 across New York State will soon be taking the Common Core New York State English Language Arts and Math Assessments.

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS**

**Session 1: Tuesday, March 29, 2022**

**Session 2: Wednesday, March 30, 2022**

**MATHEMATICS:**

**Session 1: Tuesday, April 26, 2022**

**Session 2: Wednesday, April 27, 2022**



You can help your child do his/her best on the test in the following ways:

- ✓ Provide a good night's sleep.
- ✓ Have your child to school on time– testing begins promptly at 9:30 AM.
- ✓ Only keep your child home if he/she is sick – any test session missed must be made up **March 31<sup>st</sup>-April 8th for ELA, and April 28th- May 9<sup>th</sup> for Math.**

Sincerely,  
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## WRESTLER DANIEL KIRSCH IS 4TH AT STATES

Congratulations to senior Daniel Kirsch, who capped his wrestling career with a 4th place finish at the NYSPHSAA tournament in Albany Feb. 25-26.

