



A LITTLE GENERAL NEWS



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Our Seventh Month Begins



Happy Spring—According to the calendar, March 20th marks the first day of spring! As I look out the window and see 22 degrees and 40 mile an hour winds, we have a long way to go. We have seen our fair share of illness this winter so please remember to dress our loved ones with coats, hats and mittens to ensure their warmth and wellness. As the month of March warms up, we hope to have more time outside for recess. Make sure you check out our Grade 6 play on March 8th or March 9th at 7:00pm. Our students and staff have put in a great deal of time rehearsing for *Pirates Past Noon*. It should be a wonderful experience for all. Have a healthy, safe and great month of March. If you have any questions, please contact me at 518-854-9505 or pcronin@salemcasd.org
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Food Drive—“*Spring into Action*” During the week of March 18th-22nd, the Cool 2B Kind club will be sponsoring a food drive called “Spring into Action” Cool 2B Kind club members will collect items during that week and then deliver all collected items to the food pantry at the end of the week. If you are able, please consider donating non perishable items during this week. Further information will be sent home shortly.



Odyssey of the Mind - Four Odyssey of the Mind teams involving 23 students in grades K-7 have been working for the last several months on creative problem solving to be ready for their regional competition on March 9th. Our OotM teams have been coached by parent and community members Karen & John Hickland, Meghan Aubrey, Kim Erbe, Dayton Maxwell, and Jamie Calligore. The regional competition will be held at Queensbury Middle School. A big thank you to the Hicklands who also serve as our OotM coordinators and work diligently to keep this enrichment opportunity alive for our students.



PK and Kindergarten Registration—Plans are being finalized for the PK and Kindergarten Orientation program for the 2019-2020 school year. All parents of children who will be either four or five years old on or before December 1, 2019 and who will be entering PK or Kindergarten this September, should contact the elementary office and provide the school with the required information. Information packets will be mailed out in April.

Opera to Go— On Friday, March 14th at 1:00 pm, Opera Saratoga will visit us and perform *Pinocchio* for our students in grades K-6. We have had the pleasure of their performances in the past and look forward to them visiting us again this year.

Superintendent’s Conference Day—All faculty and staff will be participating in a Superintendent’s Conference Day on Friday, March 15th. School will NOT be in session for students on this day.

Open House—Our annual Open House will be held on Thursday, March 21st from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Your children are proud and excited to share this evening with you. They have been working hard and would love to have you visit and see all they have been doing. Please come and share this special evening with your child!

Library Book Fair—Elementary Librarian, Mrs. Fronhofer, will be conducting the annual library book fair from March 19th–25th. The book fair will be open this year during Open House on March 21st.

6th Grade Play— The elementary play *Pirates Past Noon* starring over 25 energetic 6th grade students will be performed at 7:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights March 8th and 9th. Our students and staff have put a great amount of effort into this production and look forward to seeing you there. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors.



Assessments—In early April, we will be administering the NYS assessment in ELA to all of our students in grades 3 –6. Students in grades 3 –5 will test on Monday and Tuesday, April 1 and 2. Students in grade 6 will test on Wednesday and Thursday, April 3 and 4. The NYS assessment in Math for grades 3 - 6 will be administered to grade 6 students on April 30 and May 1 and grades 3 - 5 students on May 2 and 3. **Please be sure that your child gets plenty of rest the nights before each of these assessments and that they are in attendance and on time for school on these days.**