

Board to Board

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News From the
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Exploring the World Through the 2006 Winter Olympics



MEC Intermediate Student torchbearers included (Back Row) **Timmy Bump**, Phelps-Clifton Springs; **Mariah Wheeler**, Waterloo and **Alan Eisenhauer**, Canandaigua. (Seated) **Luis Ortiz** from Geneva carried the torch during the final leg of the relay and lit the school's ceremonial Olympic "flame."

Students at Midlakes Education Center (MEC) and Newark Education Center used the 2006 Winter Olympics as a way to teach their students about the world around them.

MEC secondary students held their own version of the Olympic torch lighting ceremony today in the halls of the intermediate school to celebrate the opening ceremony and learn about the Winter Olympics. Although the students were not asked to brave the cold outdoor weather, they did carry their handmade tissue paper torch

through the halls of their school and passed it from student to student.

Functional Skills Development Teacher, Gail Loveland coordinated the Mini Olympic Opening Ceremony Celebration and said that hands-on projects like this one help her students understand world events. According to Loveland, her students were fascinated by the Winter Olympics and created Olympic trivia questions, studied the winter games on the internet and watched highlights of numerous events on TV.

NEC Functional Skills Development Classes taught by Sylvia Neill, Nancy Wright, Jennifer Felber and Dawn Rittenhouse combined forces to create a Winter Olympics Unit for middle and high school students. The students participated in a wide variety of hands-on lessons that included creating flags from different countries

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Newark Education Center Speech Pathologist, **Dawn Rittenhouse** takes a ride on the classroom Olympic Luge.



Mark Your Calendar

W-FL BOCES Board of Ed. Meeting
March 13th * 6:30 p.m.
W-FL BOCES Regional Support Center
131 Drumlin Court, Newark
phone: 315-332-7284

DS Visit to Lyons Board of Ed.
March 14th * 7 p.m.
Middle-High School Library
10 Clyde Road, Lyons
phone: 315-946-2200

W-FL BOCES Board of Ed.
Deadline for Board Nominations
March 24th * 4 p.m.
W-FL BOCES Regional Support Center
131 Drumlin Court, Newark
phone: 315-332-7284

Four County School Boards Assoc.
2005-2006 Legislative Breakfast
March 25th * 8:15 a.m.
Club 86, Geneva
315-332-7294

DS Visit to North-Rose Wolcott BOE
March 28th * 7 p.m.
High School Room 210
11631 Salter-Colvin Rd., Wolcott
phone: 315-594-3141

W-FL BOCES Annual Meeting
April 10th * 7 p.m.
Wayne Education Center
4440 Ridge Road
Williamson





Component School Highlight

Midlakes: Overall Mathalon Champs



Nine teams from the Wayne-Finger Lakes Region participated in this Math Enrichment event. Each middle school team was comprised of four students - one from 6th, 7th and 8th grade while the fourth "wild card" student could be chosen from any of the three grades.

During the competition, students were asked to work in teams to solve arithmetic problems using reasoning and communication skills. Points in this competition are awarded based on problem solving techniques, correct answers and creativity of presentation.

Congratulations to Mary Kirsch and Jackie Lutton from W-FL BOCES Staff Development who coordinated this very successful math enrichment event.

For more information about the 2006-2007 Middle School Mathalon, contact the W-FL BOCES Staff Development Department at 585-394-9300.

Congratulations to the Midlakes Middle School Mathalon Team! (Back Row) James Chase, 8th grade teacher and accelerated 8th grade math teacher; Sean Manns, accelerated 7th grade and 8th grade math teacher; Katie Baldwin 8th grade; Ben Landschoot, 8th grade; and Mary Kirsch, W-FL BOCES Enrichment Coordinator. (Front Row) Kathryn Lawson, 7th grade and Ben Baker, 6th grade.

Congratulations to Midlakes Middle School students who took home Mathalon Overall Champion honors at the Grand Finale Competition on February 8th at W-FL BOCES in Newark.

13th Annual Regional Spelling Bee



March 18, 2006
9 a.m.

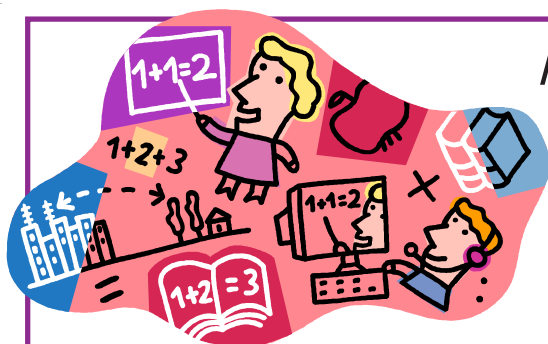
Albright Auditorium
Hobart & William Smith Colleges
Geneva, New York

Students from More Than
14 School Districts
are Scheduled to Participate
in This One-Day Event!

Watch Next Month's Newsletter
for "Post-Bee" Information

*This competition is conducted
under the rules and guidelines
suggested by: The Scripps Howard
National Spelling Bee Office*

Call Melissa Stuart at
W-FL BOCES for More Info
315-332-7314



Middle School Mathalon * 2006 Standings

First Place
Midlakes

Second Place
Palmyra-Macedon

Third Place
Pen Yan

Fourth Place
Marcus Whitman

Congratulations to All of the Participating Districts!



2006 Regional Conference Day

“Redefining Literacy for the 21st Century”

Friday, March 17th
Midlakes High School
Clifton Springs, New York

Featuring Keynote Speaker
David Warlick

Sponsored by W-FL BOCES
Staff Development Department

David Warlick Keynote



Warlick is a 30 year educator, has been a classroom teacher, district administrator, and staff consultant with the North Carolina State Department of Public Instruction. For the past ten years, Mr. Warlick has been the director of The Landmark Project, a web development, consulting, and innovations firm in North Carolina. His web site, Landmarks for Schools, serves more than six-million visits a month. David is also the author of three books on instructional technology and 21st century literacy, and has spoken to audiences throughout the world.

Learning Through the Olympics ~ Continued from Front



Justin Aumick, Newark Education Center (NEC) Secondary Student from Geneva, takes a turn on the stationary classroom Olympic “Luge.”

and displaying them in the hallways. They held an “opening ceremony” event using their flags, studied the history of the Olympics and learned about the host-country of Italy.

Each class chose a country to support and tracked the number of medals won, prepared food from that country and studied Olympic events of interest at home for class discussion.

On the last day of the unit, student groups rotated periods to study four specific sports of the Olympic Games that included skiing, skating, the Luge and hockey. Aspects of these sports were incorporated into the classroom. For example, Dawn Rittnenhouse let students move their individual skiers down a ski slope chart when giving correct answers to questions. Students were awarded gold, silver and

bronze medals accordingly. Sylvia Neill’s class created their own indoor stationary luge giving students an idea of what it would be like to participate in that Olympic event.

All of the staff at NEC said that studying the Olympics was a great way to foster global awareness in their students.



NEC students, Kyle Pettey from Phelps-Clifton Springs and Nick Spencer from Lyons participate in an Olympic Curling event in the Newark Education Center hallway.



WTCC Seniors Pass State Certification with Flying Colors

Nine seniors in the Criminal Justice Program at the Wayne Technical and Career Center (WTCC), earned their New York State Registered Guard Certification in February. All of the students worked diligently for six months preparing for the one-day exam - and it paid off! All of the WTCC students who took the exam passed!

New York State requires all individuals working in the field of security to be licensed. By earning their certification, students have immediate career opportunities in the security field.

For more information about the W-FL BOCES Technical and Career Criminal Justice programs at WTCC and FLTCC, visit them online at www.wflboces.org/tcc.



WTCC students achieving their certifications: Amanda Camp and Khryston Kunes, Clyde-Savannah; Justin Lucia, Lyons; Erik Graham and Amber Hopseker, Palmyra-Macedon; Richard Giannetto and Breanna Hall, Sodus; and Ryan Dobson and Michael Kraft, Williamson. The WTCC Criminal Justice Program instructor is Karen Dell and teacher assistant is Tracy Kaper.

Our Technical & Career Education Video is NOW Online at

www.wflboces.org

Technical & Career Education Page



500 Area Sophomores Visit FLTCC



Charlie Mentis, Network Technician Instructor (far right) shows sophomores **Shane Baker** from Romulus and **Keith Meyers** from Waterloo a computer hard drive while discussing his hands-on program. Network Technician senior **Nick Kelly** from Dundee (far left), shares his classroom experiences with visiting sophomores.

More than 500 high school sophomores from 14 area school districts attended Finger Lakes Technical & Career Center's (FLTCC) annual Sophomore Tech & Career Information Day on Friday, March 3, 2006.

High school sophomores attended informational sessions and demonstrations of their choice, led by current FLTCC students and staff, to learn about the opportunities available to them through the W-FL BOCES Technical and Career Education Program.

Some districts like Marcus Whitman, Honeoye and Romulus sent their entire sophomore class while other districts sent only those students who have expressed an interest in tech & career courses. An informational session for interested parents was held in the afternoon.

W-FL BOCES has two Technical and Career Centers. The Finger Lakes Technical and Career Center (FLTCC) is located in Flint and The Wayne Technical and Career Center (WTCC) located in Williamson. Go to the W-FL BOCES website at www.wflboces.org for more information.