

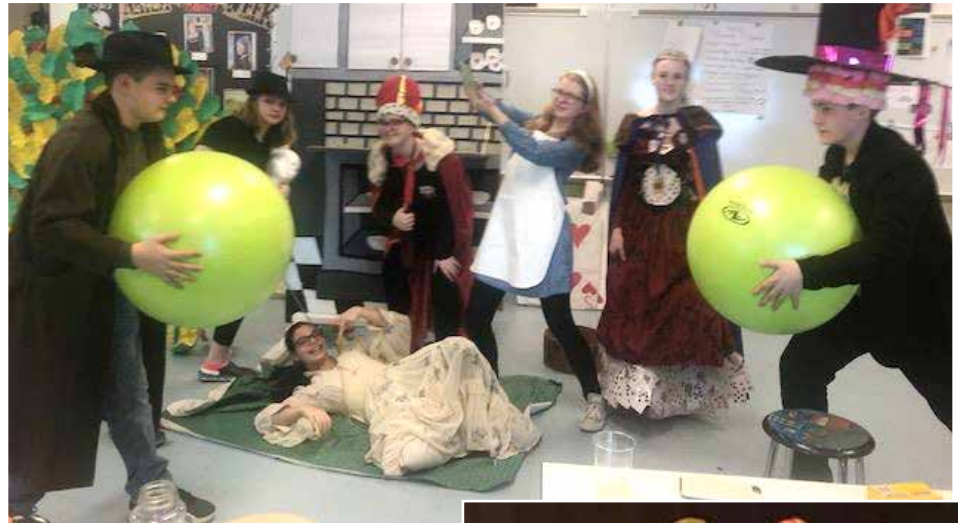


## ALCS Hosts Regional Odyssey of the Mind Tournament

Allegany Middle-High School was a busy place on Saturday, March 24th, as schools from around the area gathered for the annual Region 19 Odyssey of the Mind Tournament. Thirty-five teams from 15 different schools competed to have the privilege of advancing to the State Tournament in their problem and division. Each team has up to seven team members and one or two coaches. Along with them, there were their supporters (parent, grandparents, siblings, etc.) and the many volunteers and judges needed to staff the tournament, and the building was busy indeed!

Allegany Limestone was represented by three teams. One high school team, coached by Kim Voegelin, consisted of Lauren Schifley, Ashley Schuman, Abby Irvin, Libby Waugaman, London Parmalee, Shealynn Woods, and Mallory Voegelin. This team competed in the Classics...Mockumentary! Seriously? problem, and brought home a second place ribbon.

Kiki Young's high school team competed in A Stellar Hangout, and earned a first place. Her team, made up of Allison Youngs, Erica Volz, Ron Jakubzyk, Lilli Weise, Kim Nevin, Maura Vossler, and Jordan Youngs, will be heading to Binghamton for the State Tournament on Saturday, April 7th. They will be competing against 16 other teams who placed first at their Regional Tournaments for the privilege to represent New York State at the World Finals in May.



Also placing first and qualifying for the State Tournament was Nicole Missel's team, made up of Bradley Walton, Nathaniel Goldsmith, Allison Watkins, Halley Glover, Elizabeth Ronolder, Gia Haid, and Rachel Waddell. This middle school team also competed in the Classics...Mockumentary! Seriously? Problem. There are 18 other teams advancing to the State Tournament from their regions.

An additional honor received by the Allegany-Limestone family was an OMER's award given to Kiki Youngs. This award was designed to recognize individuals or teams who demonstrate outstanding sportsmanship, dedication, or exemplary behavior. Anyone attending an Odyssey of the Mind tournament



can nominate someone for the award. Mrs. Youngs was honored for her dedication in continuing to coach the team despite suffering back problems during the season.

Congratulations to all of the teams, and Good Luck at States!

**School Budget, Capital Project and Board Member Vote**  
May 15, 2018 • Noon to 9 pm • Middle-High School District Office Entrance



Please see the included School Budget and Board Member Election information on Page 4 and 5 of this issue!



# A Message from the Superintendent

By Tony Giannicchi, Superintendent

## DEAR A-L FAMILIES:

My name is Tony Giannicchi and I have the privilege and honor of serving your communities as the new Superintendent of schools. For me, this is a return home. From 1995-2004 I was a Social Studies teacher and Boys Varsity Soccer coach at Allegany-Limestone. I then went to Southwestern Central School District to serve as an Assistant High School Principal for three years. For the past 11 years I have served in the roles of Middle and then High School Principal at Cattaraugus-Little Valley. My foundation and beliefs were formulated in Allegany-Limestone but I have also been fortunate enough to gain experiences working at other school districts. Many people have already asked me what changes I plan on making when I start. My answer is always the same. Talk to people first and see what is working and what is not working. Allegany-Limestone is already a top tier district. I like to believe that no one works for me, they work with me. Thanks to Mr. Ward who I am fortunate to work with as I begin, the district is sailing in the right direction. My role is to keep the district moving in a positive direction. The goal is always to make Allegany-Limestone a financially sound district that is giving students the best education in the country.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Tony Giannicchi, ALCS Superintendent



*Pictured above: Anthony Giannicchi, the new superintendent for Allegany-Limestone School District, with his wife, Tiffany and three daughters, Mia, Cara and Julianna.*

## Thank you Mr. Ward:

The Allegany-Limestone Central School District would like to thank Mr. Mark Ward, the Interim Superintendent who has served the district since November 1, 2017. We wish him well in his retirement.



## WELCOME HOME MR. GIANNICCHI!

The Allegany-Limestone Central School family is welcoming one of their own “back home” as Mr. Anthony Giannicchi returns to assume the duties as Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Giannicchi is no stranger to the District having started his career here in 1995 as a social studies teacher, soccer coach, team leader and class advisor. He remained with the district until 2004 when assumed his first administrative position as an Assistant High School Principal at Southwestern Central School District.

After spending three years in Southwestern, Mr. Giannicchi served the next six years as Middle School Principal in Cattaraugus Little Valley Central School District. In 2013, he was named Cattaraugus-Little Valley Central School High School Principal, a position he has held for the past five years.

Mr. Giannicchi earned a B.S. in Secondary Social Studies Education at SUNY College at Buffalo in 1991 and continued his education at Canisius College where he received his M. S. in Reading Education. He received his School Administration certification from St. Bonaventure University in 2004 and his School District Leader Certificate in 2008.

Mr. Giannicchi’s wife Tiffany serves as the Delevan Elementary Principal at Pioneer Central School. They are parents of three daughters Mia, Cara and Julianna.

In his first meeting with the district staff, Mr. Giannicchi shared with them the influence and personal impact so many staff members had on him as a person and on his career. His knowledge of the district and previous involvement will provide him with a sound foundation moving forward. In fact, on a personal note Mr. Giannicchi and his wife actually met in Allegany as teachers so the Allegany-Limestone community already holds a special place in their personal and professional careers.

On behalf of the Allegany-Limestone Board of Education, Dr. Joe Zimmer, Board President, expressed the excitement the Board has in the appointment of Mr. Giannicchi as Superintendent of Schools. “He is exactly what our district stakeholders and Board were looking for in our new superintendent. We are pleased that he will be leading our school district as our new Superintendent of Schools.”

For More Information...

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# 2018-19 Budget Update...2.95% Tax Levy Decrease!

We are pleased to announce that for the fifth consecutive year the District's tax levy will decrease! This is a remarkable accomplishment, at a time, when we have experienced very small increases in state aid. During this same time, the cost of health insurance, retirement, salaries, programs and technology continues to increase.

Given the variety of factors that go into the development of a budget, it is increasingly difficult to present a spending plan that continues to reduce the local tax effort. It is a collective effort that starts in the classroom and involves every department throughout the school. People are focusing on what they need to do the job, rather than what they want. This approach has put the district in great financial shape!

The overall increase in the budget is less than 1% while the consumer price index is up 2.13%. With a decrease in taxes and the ability to maintain 100% of our programs, the Board and administration believe this is a solid spending plan for 2018-19.

## BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ No reduction in programs
- ★ Establish a District-run 8-1-1 class for grades K-2
- ★ Increase in social worker support
- ★ Reinstate the indoor track program
- ★ Replace four (4) buses and four (4) vans
- ★ Three additional editions of the newsletter
- ★ Eliminate one administrative position
- ★ Replace a part-time Curriculum Coordinator with full-time literacy teacher

- ★ Expand the number of field trips
- ★ Additional secretarial support for CSE office
- ★ Replacement of four (4) retiring teachers

## SAFETY AND SECURITY UPGRADES

- ★ Full-time School Resource Officer (SRO)
- ★ Installation of four cameras on all buses
- ★ Additional surveillance cameras throughout the building
- ★ Security upgrades to school entrances
- ★ Upgrade District radios to a wide area network
- ★ Buses to be equipped with Wi-Fi and GPS tracking

## THREE COMPONENT PARTS OF THE BUDGET PROGRAM BUDGET

**Curriculum Development & In-service Training**—While this area is showing a large decrease that is a result of the elimination of a .6 FTE Curriculum Specialist hired through BOCES. In place of this position, we plan to hire a full-time Literacy Specialist to work in grades K-12.

**K-12 Regular School Instruction**—The spending in this area is about flat because of retirements and our ability to hire replacements at a lower rate of pay.

**Instruction-Special Needs**—While this area is showing a modest increase the district is generating some significant savings by developing our own district run 8-1-1 K-2 classroom. This will allow us to bring back several of our students from BOCES run programs and offer other students an opportunity to receive instruction in our school.

**Occupational Education**—These are students attending the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs offered at the Olean and Ellicottville Centers. This cost is based on a three-year average.

**Summer Education Programs**—There is little or no change in this programming cost.

**Instructional Media & Technology**—This area of the budget is showing a \$120,000 increase based on the replacement of computers and the need to upgrade servers, various equipment and software

programs. It is very important that the district keep pace with the changes and improvements that are taking place.

**Guidance, Health, Psychologist & Extracurricular**—The increase is tied to contract negotiations, sport officials increases and the reinstatement of Indoor Track for our student-athletes.

**Pupil Transportation**—Transportation is showing a decrease because of the price of fuel and we budgeted for double trips in the 2017-18 budget.

**Employee Benefits**—Employee retirement costs and health insurance continue to increase.

**Interfund Transfer**—There is a small decrease because we are reducing the amount we are budgeting to support the cafeteria fund.

## CAPITAL BUDGET

**Operations and Management:** The budget is showing a \$62,000 decrease in this area of the budget due to utility costs. It accounts for most of the 1.5% decrease the capital budget will have.

## ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET

While there are eight (8) component parts to this spending area, the total budget shows a decrease of 1% over the current budget. The elimination of an administrative position and the hiring of a new superintendent account for most of this savings.

## BUDGET REVENUES

This is where there is good news for the taxpayers. **The estimated real property tax levy will be 2.95% LESS than this year!** On top of that, we will be receiving roughly \$547,245 additional state and federal aid. There will be \$309,000 more in Foundation Aid with the rest of the increase based on the expense driven aids (transportation, BOCES, capital) based on this year's expenditure in those categories. At the time of the writing of this article, costs associated with special education have not been finalized.

A tip of the hat goes out to Mr. Mike Watson, Business Administrator, who has once again done an outstanding job managing the district resources. His experience and dedication to "making every dollar count" has put the district in excellent financial condition.



# ALLEGANY-LIMESTONE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Proposed 2018–2019 School Budget



### Voting is for the approval of one proposition:

#### PROPOSITION NUMBER 1 (Budget)

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, that the budget for the AlleganyLimestone Central School District, Cattaraugus, New York, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019, as presented by the Board of Education, is hereby approved and adopted and the required funds therefor are hereby appropriated and the necessary real property taxes required shall be raised by a tax on the taxable property in said District to be levied and collected as required by law.

*If you have additional questions you are encouraged to contact:*

Mr. Tony Giannicchi, Superintendent –  
[tgiannicchi@alcsny.org](mailto:tgiannicchi@alcsny.org)

or

Mr. Michael Watson, School Business Executive –  
[mwatson@alcsny.org](mailto:mwatson@alcsny.org)

### Voter eligibility and Voting Locations:

- Registered voters over the age of 18 who have been residents of the district for at least 30 days are eligible to vote
- District residents vote in the Allegany-Limestone Middle/High School Gym Foyer

### The Board of Education Election:

The Board of Education Election: Matthew Kahm and Kimberly Palmer are running for two open seats on the Board of Education. **These are five year terms, July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2023.**

**Matthew Kahm**, current member of the ALCS School Board, joining in June 2013 will be running as an incumbent in the May 15th, 2018 election. As a current member of the ALCS Board of Education, Kahm currently is the chair of the Budget Committee. He is a lifelong resident of the Allegany/Olean community, graduating from St. Bonaventure University in 2003 with a B.S. in Business Administration and currently is the Vice-President of Marketing at the Shults Auto Group headquartered in Lakewood, NY. When asked about his decision to run for another term, Kahm replied "It's a wonderful area to live, work and raise a family. I feel it's our responsibility to pay it forward and work closely with the next generation. I can't see a better way then supporting the very institution that educates our children and prepares them for what lies ahead." Matt, his Wife, Lynn and his two children reside in Allegany.



**Kimberly Palmer** is a current member of the ALCS Board of Education. She began serving the District when her eldest son started Kindergarten. She was first elected to serve beginning July of 2008. She serves on the Personnel committee and has served on Budget and Curriculum in the past. Kim has been a member of the PTO, Middle School Parent Team and helps each year with Junior Interviews. Kim is the Assistant Director of the Challenger Learning Center. She holds a B.S. in Management with a concentration in Finance from St. Francis University and also has her MBA from Penn State. Asked why she is running for a third term, she said, "Education is important and serving the District through the Board of Education is my way of giving back to the community and being involved in my children's education." Palmer has lived in Allegany for over 15 years with her husband, Todd and their two boys, Dylan and Ian.

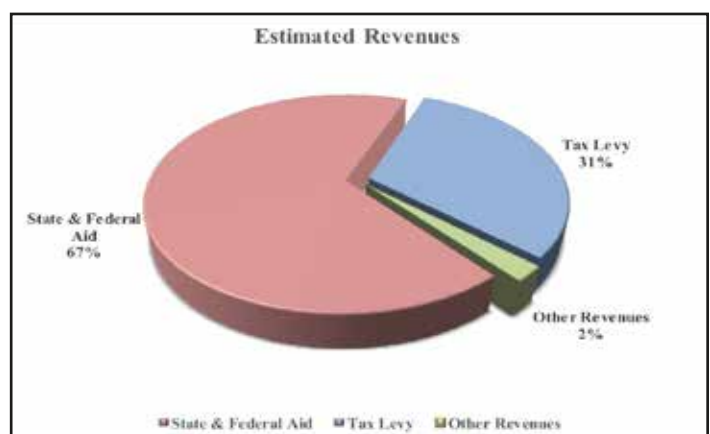
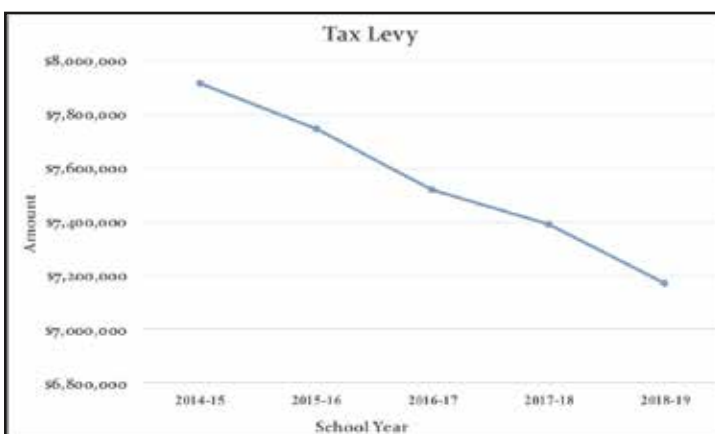


**THE DISTRICT VOTE TAKES PLACE ON  
MAY 15, 2018 FROM NOON TO 9:00 PM**

# ALLEGANY-LIMESTONE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Proposed 2018-2019 School Budget

<b>Program Budget</b>		<b>2017-2018</b>	<b>2018-2019</b>	<b>%</b>
A2000	Curriculum Development & Inservice Training	211,460	144,860	
A2110	Instruction - Regular School	5,692,930	5,665,480	
A2250	Instruction - Special Needs	2,722,840	2,793,420	
A2280	Occupational Education	556,700	608,240	
A2300	Summer Education Programs	25,400	25,920	
A2600	Instructional Media & Technology	1,001,640	1,121,160	
A2800	Guidance, Health, Psychologist & Extra Curricular	948,990	1,008,960	
A5500	Pupil Transportation	1,105,650	1,058,610	
A9000	Employee Benefits	3,179,840	3,307,930	
A9900	Interfund Transfers (Special Aid and Cafeteria)	141,400	129,400	
<b>Total</b>		<b>15,586,850</b>	<b>15,863,980</b>	<b>1.78%</b>
<b>Capital Budget</b>				
A1600	Operation and Maintenance	1,392,900	1,330,830	
A1900	Refund of Real Prop. Tax, BOCES Capital Exp.	214,400	211,500	
A9000	Employee Benefits	311,840	312,130	
A9700	Transfer to Debt Service	2,501,000	2,505,000	
A9900	Transfer to Capital Fund (Including Bus Purchase)	548,000	534,200	
<b>Total</b>		<b>4,968,140</b>	<b>4,893,660</b>	<b>-1.50%</b>
<b>Administrative Budget</b>				
A1000	Board of Education	13,450	15,200	
A1200	Central Administration	217,230	195,300	
A1300	Finance	302,160	302,410	
A1400	Legal, Personnel & Public Information	319,450	335,790	
A1600	Operation and Maintenance	350,900	361,820	
A1900	Liability & Student Insurance, BOCES Adm., Dues	247,410	243,500	
A2000	Curriculum Development, Supervision, & Technology	657,190	625,850	
A9000	Employee Benefits	434,450	437,120	
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,542,240</b>	<b>2,516,990</b>	<b>-0.99%</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>23,097,230</b>	<b>23,274,630</b>	<b>0.77%</b>
<b>Estimated Receipts</b>				
	Estimated Real Property Tax (Including STAR)	7,391,839	7,173,584	<b>-2.95%</b>
	Other Tax Items	167,525	174,735	
	Other Local Sources	79,600	85,800	
	State and Federal Aid	15,028,266	15,575,511	
	Appropriated Surplus	430,000	265,000	
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>23,097,230</b>	<b>23,274,630</b>	<b>0.77%</b>





## Catt. County HOF Inductee

**Congratulations to Coach Mike Wilber** who was inducted into the Cattaraugus County Sports Hall Of Fame on April 7 at the Little Valley Legion.



## Skills USA Winner

Raelyn Clark placed 3rd at the SkillsUSA Regional Competition held at Alfred State on Tuesday, March 6. SkillsUSA is a career and technical organization serving more than 36,000 high school and college students. It prepares students for leadership in the world of work and emphasizes technical excellence, character and community service.



Raelyn competed in the Early Childhood Development competition. She attends the Ellicottville Career and Technical Center CABOCES.

# Upcoming Concerts & Other Music Events

**April 26th: 6th Grade  
Band & Chorus Concert 7PM**

**May 9th: 5th Grade  
Band & Chorus Concert 7PM**

**May 15th: 7th—12th Grade  
Band Concert 7PM**

**May 24th : 7th—12th Grade  
Chorus Concert 7PM**

**May 28th: 9th-12th Grade Band  
Memorial Day Parade 9AM**

**June 6th: 4th Grade  
Recorder Concert at ALES @ 6:30PM**

**June 14th: ALES Flag Day Ceremony  
at ALES 9:15AM**



Congratulations to the ALCS Lady Gators on becoming the New York State Girls Basketball Class C Far West Regional Champions!



## St. Bonaventure Art Show Participants

Four high school art students were accepted into the Annual St. Bonaventure High School Art Show in March. Senior Michelle Wohlers was awarded, "Best in Painting" for her oil painting "Fern Field." The other students chosen were: Meghan Brink for her oil painting "Star Gazer," Molly Wolfgang for her oil painting, "Zeus," and Sadie VanGuilder for her pottery piece, "Happy Cat."

## ALCS Music Department News



Elementary Chorus

The following students were selected to participate in this year's All-County Music festival, which was scheduled to take place at Olean High School on March 2nd and 3rd. Jenna Billings, Robert Casey, Lilly Coulter, Katie Crawford, Olivia Graham, Tullah Hasselburg, Xavier Hilmey, Sughosh Kondur, Joshua Nolder, and Galvin Nugent were selected for the Elementary All-County Chorus. Gialine Haid, Halley Glover, Nathaniel Goldsmith, Kevin Voegelin, Allison Watkins, Alex Arabatzis, Matt Volz, Caitlyn Hurd, Elizabeth Ronolder, Dominic Wright were selected for the Junior High All-County Band. Mackenzie Aderman, Olivia Feightner, Daveen Horton, Madison McClelland, Kimberly Nevin, London Parmelee, Ashlyn Schuman, Sydney Sider, Shilpa Thandla, Jillian Ullman, Erica Volz, Maura Vossler, Aline Wintermantel, Allyson Youngs, and Jordanne Youngs were selected for the Senior High All-County Chorus. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen weather and electrical outages throughout the area, the event was canceled. Even



Elementary Band



Junior High Chorus



Junior High Band



Senior High Band

Twenty-eight of our ALCS music students participated in CCMTA's second March All-County Music Festival. These students traveled to Salamanca on March 9th and 10th, and were able to perform with other top musicians from across Cattaraugus County. Lilly Coulter, Olivia Graham, Gracie Amore, Thaddeus Snowberger, Robert Casey, Jesse Decker, Alexis Smith, Connor Ellison, Michael Frederick and Dennis Johnson were selected for the Elementary All-County Band. John Charles, Jocelyn Decker, EmaLee Dedrick, Nathaniel Goldsmith, Joshua Graham, Violet Nolder, Jack Peterson, Abaigeal Riley, Alec Silluzio, and Kate Yaworsky were selected for the Junior. High All-County Chorus. Carolyn Krenzler, Anna Seamon, Liberty Rodgers, Emily Rhors, Ryan Wisniewski, Sara Miller, Emmy Li, Kim Nevin and Zack Krenzler were selected for the Senior High All-County Band. Bravo to their fine accomplishment!



Senior High Chorus



## ALCS Science Fair

Congratulations to the following students who placed in the 2nd Annual ALCS Science Fair.

### High School

**1st: Fiona Drake & Libby Waugaman**  
"End water poverty"

**2nd: Sullivan O' Dell**  
"Do neomagnets reduce g-force"

**3rd: Ellie Waugaman & Kristen McMullen**  
"Tide pods don't clean everything"

**HM: Liberty Rodgers & Emmy Li**  
"Greener and cleaner. Are bioplastics the way to go?"

**HM: Shilpa Thandla**  
"Viscositys atrocity"

### Middle School

**1st: Alicia Crimmins and Lauren Ralston**  
"Perceiving optical illusions"

**2nd: Colton Schuman**  
"Electromotor speeds"

**3rd: Lucas O'Dell**  
"Electromagnets"

**HM: Madison Callen and Bella Baldwin**  
"Is yawning contagious?"

**HM: Gia Haid and Sydney McClelland**  
"The effect of video games on the body"

We would also like to say a special thank you to all of our judges: Matthew Schmidt, Adam Houser, Chris Napoleon, Amber Diefenderfer, Dave Taylor, Suzi VanDeCar, Jeffery Dehtrick, Jeff Cooke and Aaron Wise.



## ALCS Science Fair Winners Compete at SBU

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Twin Tiers Regional Science Fair at St. Bonaventure University on Thursday March 22nd. Students competed against more than 40 other students from 6 regional school districts. Keynote speaker James Pawelczyk spoke to the students about his time as a NASA astronaut. A special recognition to Fiona Drake, Elizabeth Waugaman, Emmy Li, and Liberty Rodgers for winning the Friscis and Emma Ernstsons Affirmation Award. ALCS also won the Terra School Teacher Award for \$1,000 for having the most students participate in this year's Twin Tiers Regional Science Fair.



*Pictured Above (Left to Right): Mrs. Lathrop, Liberty Rodgers, Emmy Li, Kristen McMullen, Gabriella Waugaman, Shilpa Thandala, Elizabeth Waugaman, Fiona Drake, Sullivan O'Dell, James Pawelczyk, and Ms. Cooke.*



## ALCS Staff vs. Catt. Co. Sherriff's Office

The class of 2018 hosted a basketball game between Allegany-Limestone Faculty and Staff vs Cattaraugus County Sheriff's Office.

The kids did a great job getting things together to make it a successful night.

Allegany- Limestone staff was the victor in the end by edging out the Cattaraugus County Sheriff's Office with a final score of 74- 72.







## Sixth Graders Create Inspirational Posters About State Tests

Some of our 6th grader that made inspirational posters (Storyboards) about State Tests to hang on lockers and throughout the hallways.

## MS Volleyball Journey

Every year the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade gym classes hold a volleyball tournament. Congratulations to the eighth grade team the Spiking Species who defeated the Blazers in a close 25-18 match. Congratulations to the 7th grade volleyball team, The Steves! With accurate serving and great teamwork they were able to pull off the win against The Nuggets. Great job! The BD day Warriors took the 6th grade volleyball championship against the AC day Servers.



**Spiking Species:** Captain Maddox DeLong, Daniel Casey, Matt Giardini, Jack Langdon, Emily Lippert, Noah Milks, Clarinda Ransom and Allison Watkins (*absent from picture*).



**The Steves:** Captain Eric Spring, Jack Conroy, Cameron Kwiatkowski, Zach Milks, Alex Redeye and Kieran Tate.



**BD day Warriors:** Tyler Slocum, Dawson Collison, Noah Dash, Michael Frederick, Ethan Jones, Zak Linza and Thad Snowberger.

## Elementary Building Brimming With Activity



By Kimberly Moore, ALES Principal

Although sadness has permeated our days with the passing of our friend, colleague, coach, and teacher, Mr. Frank Martin, the staff at ALCS has been committed to providing support for students and staff. The top-notch education of all has also continued, and we have still found a way to provide joyous occasions for our youngsters.

At the forefront of all our minds is the safety of our children while they are in school. Please know that ALES takes this responsibility to heart. After the Parkland, Florida, incident, we held a faculty meeting on Monday after school to review key safety steps. We then met two days later to review our safety plan and to update procedures. We are constantly assessing and tweaking while keeping the emotional needs of our young students in mind.

Thank you to Mrs. Sandy Tully for heading the “I mustache you to be kind” campaign. Smiles were abundant, and kindness “scattered like confetti.” (You can find an article on the “confetti” elsewhere in the Communicator.)

Our PTO sponsored its annual Mother Son Jammin’ Fun Night on the 23rd. A special thank you to Mrs. Kayla Flick for organizing this event and to the many volunteers who ensured that fun was had by both moms and sons!

It is now the beginning of the end of the school year, so state as-

sessments have begun. The data that we view once exams are scored is essential for our planning for our students’ education. Teachers meet as teams at ALES, and curriculum is reviewed, and delivery of instruction is assessed. We reflect on our practice, and professional development is individually tailored for teachers to ensure that we are providing our students with the skills they will need to be successful in high school. Any drama that has been associated with the assessments should be in the past, and I am hard-pressed to find a reason as to why a student would refuse a test this year.

An exciting time for families is Kindergarten registration! Kindergarten at ALES for 2018-2019 is available for any child who is five years old by December 1st and a resident in the district. Registration takes place during the week of May 14th. Please call our office at 375-6600, Ext. 4172, to make an appointment.

We also have new events that are being planned for May and June. In May, we join with PTO to offer another family engagement event that will offer an ice cream social, book fair, star lab, a presentation on OLWEUS (our school’s anti-bullying program), face painting, music, door prizes, and more! In June, we will be hosting an ALES event in Limestone! We welcome the Allegany-Limestone community to all of our events, and I’ll be looking for you at our outdoor Flag Day Celebration on June 14th!

As the year winds down, our sights are also on the next school year. For our community’s planning purposes, our Open House for Fall of 2018 will be during the early evening of Tuesday, September 4th, the night before school begins for students. Students begin school on Wednesday, September 5th.

We encourage our community to send comments and suggestions our way. Your ideas do make an impact, and together, well, together we are powerful! Happy, healthy Spring!



## Bookmark Contest

ALES is proud of its numerous winners of The Friends of the Olean Public Library Bookmark Contest:

**First grade winners:** Norah Hayes, Jonah Flick, and Benjamin Alessi

**Second grade winners:** Carly Reed, Josie Hastings, Asana Clancy, and Lilley Hemphill

**Third grade winners:** Isabella Snyder, Abigail Middaugh, Lily Nolder, and Kendall Lemon

**ALES School Winner:** Molly John



## Miles of Smiles

There is so much love and joy coming from PreK this Spring. While our young students typically gravitate towards being compassionate and kind to others, it doesn't hurt to have a few reminders of the importance of being respectful and caring to others.

In honor of National Random Acts of Kindness Day, some of our tiniest students made cards for the faculty at ALES. While most of the cards were simply a picture of what the child was feeling in that moment, some practiced words they have been learning, and others made very detailed art work.

In the following days, the PreK classes read the book, "Have You Filled a Bucket Today?" By Carol McCloud. Each student was taught about how to use their positive behaviors to make other people feel happy and safe, by using the concept of an "invisible" bucket. With each kind act, our children were reminded that they were filling classmate's, teacher's, and family's buckets. They were also shown examples of how it feels to have someone take from your bucket, and many of our students were quick to relate these concepts to themselves.

As a follow up to these lessons, the PreK team designed a school wide hallway display. Each child in the Elementary building was given a circle and asked to write what they think is an act of kindness. Each grade level was given a color, and the display's theme was titled "Throw Kindness Like Confetti". Our students were amazed at the variety of answers, and how just a few small caring moments can make a big difference for others.

While it seems like such a simple concept to many, it's never too early to learn to be a polite, respectful, loving person.



## Author Donates Book

Author MaryLynne Gyster gifted ALES with her new book, *Oysters are Superheroes!* Ms. Gyster's proud aunt, Gerri Lyter, presented our principal with a copy before Spring Break.



## Irish Dancers Perform

Saint Patrick's Day at ALES was wonderfully green and festive thanks to the Olean Area Dancers.



## Third Graders Receive Dictionaries

The Olean Rotary Club once again donated dictionaries and their time to ALES's 3rd grade students.



## Building Paper Bridges

Mrs. Baxter's 3rd grade class learning about invisible forces in science. They worked together to engineer paper bridges to see how many pennies the bridges could support.

## ALLEGANY-LIMESTONE CENTRAL SCHOOL

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### ADMINISTRATION

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### Challenger Center Adventure

Kindergarten students enjoyed a day at the Challenger Learning Center. Commander Kane along with Mrs. Buckley's kindergarten class made rockets, learned about the parts of the rocket, shot their rockets, and then measured and took data on how far the rockets flew.

### Kids Escaping Drugs Visits ALCS

Kids Escaping Drugs presented to Allegany-Limestone students on March 13 and March 14. The presenters were young people in recovery who shared their personal stories of addiction to demonstrate the real life dangers and consequences of their decisions to experiment and abuse drugs and alcohol.



## ATTENTION: ALLEGANY-LIMESTONE SCHOOL DISTRICT RESIDENTS

# Kindergarten Registration

For parents of students entering Kindergarten for the 2018-2019 school year:  
**Kindergarten Registration will take place the week of May 14, 2018\*\***

Please contact our registrar, Mrs. Ann Burgess,  
for a registration appointment or with any questions at 375-6600 ext. 4172.  
**It's important to register at this time and to complete requirements-spots are limited.**

\*\*Incoming Kindergarten students must be 5 years old by December 1, 2018

