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A Message from the Superintendent

I hope everyone had a very happy and healthy New Year! The beginning of a New Year always brings about renewed goals and aspirations. Our District continues to strive toward excellence in all areas. Here are a few updates of our progress as we start 2015:

- *The 2015-16 School Budget:* As we move into the winter months, the Board of Education, Cara Stevens, School District Business Leader, administrators and I will be working on creating the 2015-16 budget. As always, it is our goal to prepare a fiscally sound budget; one that provides the best possible education for each and every one of our students at a means and level that is fiscally responsible to our taxpayers. We will be sharing information about the proposed budget soon. Thank you for all of your support in advance.
- *Capital Project:* Roofing designs were submitted to the State Education Department in late October and are awaiting approval. The Facilities Interviewing Committee met and interviewed a number of prospective candidates for the Construction Manager position to oversee the Capital Project. The Board of Education approved a Construction Management Services contract at the January 13th board meeting and the position was offered to the Watchdog Building Partners. Watchdog will now oversee the Capital Project and start to put out bids to sub-contractors following the State Education Department's approval. In addition, science classroom design meetings for the JSHS have begun with our architects, King and King. The first two meetings gathered initial visioning goals and established the beginning of a design plan.

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A Message from the Superintendent Continued...

- *New Director of Instructional Technology:* We are very excited to welcome our new Director of Instructional Technology, Mr. Christopher Clancy, to Canastota Schools! He comes with a wealth of experience as a technology coordinator, educational technologist, administrator and teacher. He will be an integral part in leading our District forward by overseeing our technology initiatives and the integration of technology with curriculum. Please see his biography in this newsletter.
- *Vision Meetings:* Over the past few months I have continued to meet with various stakeholder groups to discuss our vision as a District for the next 5-10 years. I am gathering great information and ideas in regards to the following questions:
 - *What are our strengths as a District?*
 - *What are our areas of concern?*
 - *Where do you want the District to be in the next 5-10 years?*
 - *How will we get there? What realistic solutions do you suggest to address our concerns?*

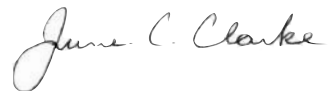
While I have met with some parents and community members through established PTO groups, I am scheduling a community forum to gain even more feedback from our parents and community members. Our "Vision Meeting" is scheduled for the following date/time:

Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 6:30 pm in Cafeteria A

Please call Tami Patane at 697-2025 to confirm your attendance so we can plan appropriately. I look forward to meeting with all of you to hear your thoughts in regards to these important questions. I truly believe that our vision sets the direction for the future!

As you can see, we have a lot happening in Canastota as we start a new year! As always, we are grateful for your continuous support and dedication to our students and District. Together we will make a difference.

Sincerely,



June C. Clarke
Superintendent of Schools

Save-the-Date! Health and Wellness Fair: A Community Celebration

The Canastota Central School District will host its annual Health and Wellness Fair: A Community Celebration on Thursday, March 19th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Vincent V. Albanese Educational Center, located at 120 Roberts Street.

There will be food, entertainment, health and wellness information and local businesses showcasing their services. Visitors will also see student projects and performances from across the school community.

Last year's Fair was a tremendous success with over 1,600 students, family and community members in attendance! Our goal is to provide a family-focused event to showcase our students' work and area businesses at no cost to our families and community members.

Come and be a part of the celebration!

For more information please contact Jason Mitchell, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, at 697-2025 or jmitchell@canastotacsd.org.



Art teacher Denise Whalen and members of the High School Yearbook Class display their holiday spirit.

Welcome to our New Staff

Christopher Clancy: Director of Instructional Technology



I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Director of Instructional Technology. I'm thrilled and honored to be a part of such a wonderful school district. I bring with me many different experiences in technology, teaching, and leadership. Most recently I was Elementary Principal for the Poland Central School District. Prior to that I was Technology Coordinator for the Lake George School District, and Educational Technologist and 5th grade teacher for the Queensbury School District. Currently, I live in Whitesboro with my wife, Amy, and children Catie and Liam. Catie is in first grade and loves to draw and Liam is in pre-k and loves to play outside.

Susan Doria: Custodian

Susan is excited to be a part of the Canastota family. She has worked as a substitute cleaner in the District for 2 1/2 years. Her great grandparents and mother resided in Canastota. Sue's husband Ken is employed at Owl Wire Co.



Samantha North: Grade 7 Math Long-Term Substitute



I am so excited to be filling in for Mrs. Blenis while she is out on maternity leave. I graduated from SUNY Oneonta in May 2014 and have a bachelor's degree in both adolescent education and mathematics. I was placed in the Utica City School District for both of my student teaching experiences and worked in an Algebra 2/Trig classroom and a 7th grade classroom. I have also been a figure skating coach for the past year and a half after being a figure skater myself for 8 years. I am very grateful to become a member of the Canastota School District!

Brianna Torres: Grade 2 Long-Term Substitute

I am in a long-term subbing position for Mrs. vanLieshout's second grade classroom. Recently, I graduated from SUNY Cortland and am looking forward to furthering my experience at South Side Elementary. It was at South Side that I completed student teaching and have had the pleasure of learning from an amazing team of teachers. Helping children reach their full potential has always been a passion of mine. Previously, I spent time teaching in a Pre-K setting where I have witnessed children fall in love with learning. It is this excitement and love of learning that I will bring to the classroom.



Leah Turner: Grade 1 Long-Term Substitute



I am very excited to be joining the faculty at Peterboro Street Elementary School as a long-term substitute teacher in first grade. I earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Childhood and Early Childhood Education from SUNY Cortland. Before coming to Canastota, I was a long-term Elementary Library Media Specialist substitute and I have also taught Kindergarten as a long-term substitute in the Chittenango School District. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my 12 year old son, scrapbooking and traveling. I am grateful for the opportunity to join the Canastota School District and look forward to becoming a part of the community.

Frogs Welcomed to Third Grade

Great things are happening in third grade at South Side Elementary School! Ms. Galuski's class has welcomed three African Dwarf Frogs into the classroom. The second module of the third grade ELA curriculum is all about frogs. Students are excited to have real frogs to interact with and observe this year. Studying live frogs will support their instruction as they read a variety of texts about the amphibians.



The frog project originated last year as a student-driven initiative. Third graders persuaded their teacher and principal that they should have frogs as classroom pets. Students then researched different species of frogs to determine which one would be the best pet. African Dwarf Frogs were selected because they are active, fully aquatic and can be cared for similarly to goldfish. Funding for the frog project was provided by a grant from Pets in the Classroom, which paid for a tank and supplies along with the frogs.

In addition to supplementing their studies, students learn responsibility and compassion by caring for classroom pets. Watching the frogs is also a fun way for students to relax and relieve stress during the day. One student per week serves as the "Frog Friend", responsible for feeding the frogs and supervising their environment. The previous helper trains the new helper, instilling self-confidence and a sense of ownership and pride. All students know that the frogs are counting on them for their well-being and they are sensitive to their pets' needs.

Students Participate in All-County Music Festival



Several RSES students recently participated in the Madison County All-County Music Festival as members of the 6th Grade Select Chorus. Pictured:

Top row: Kyle Evans, Kendra Evans, Caterina Cox, Madison DeMarzio, Isabelle Hart, Darien Tompkins.

Bottom: Robert Marris, Jessica Kimball, Taylor Stevens, Jessica Evans

Three FBLA Members Successfully Complete Government Internships

This semester three FBLA members were chosen to participate in the Local Government Internship Program in Wampsville. This internship program is provided through a partnership between the Madison County Youth Bureau and Cornell Co-operative Extension.

Members attended eight sessions and shadowed many departments within our county's



governmental offices. Junior FBLA members, Autumn Mitchell, Olivia Palamara, and Jacob Smith successfully completed the eight week program that included lessons on goal setting, brainstorming, parliamentary procedure, and citizenship. Students had the opportunity to attend Madison County Department Meetings as well as public hearings through the court system. They toured county facilities including

the Madison County Jail, 911 Center, as well as the County Landfill. Internships were also provided for participating members. Our members had an opportunity to job shadow in their particular areas of interest. Autumn and Olivia shadowed with the Department of Social Services.

Jacob shadowed with the County Historian, Matthew Urtz. Their

culminating activity included running a mock board meeting and preparing resolutions for the meeting. Students from Canastota, Cazenovia, and Morrisville participated in this program. All schools had to present a final project. The Canastota members presented their project on starting a local community and art center for students and adults outside of the school setting.

CHS Alumni Visit Students to Share Experiences *Beyond CHS*

On Friday, December 19th, several recent alumni visited high school students for the 4th annual **Beyond CHS Alumni Presentations**. Alumni shared their experiences from the workplace, military and college. All were treated to a lunch following the presentations and many visited classrooms throughout the afternoon.



8th Graders Visit BOCES to Learn about Career Programs

In November, current 8th grade students were provided an opportunity to go on a field trip to Madison-Oneida BOCES to explore the different career related programs that are offered. The purpose of this field trip is to help students begin their career exploration process as well as to make them aware of the different options that are available to them while they are in high school. While at Madison-Oneida BOCES, our students chose three different programs that they were interested in learning more about. They toured the facility and classrooms, spoke with the instructors and students, and in some classes were able to participate in an activity related to that field. This field trip proves to be a very positive learning experience for all of our students who attend.



If your child has an interest in learning more about one or more of the programs that are offered at BOCES, please feel free to ask their School Counselor, Ms. Bostic, during their upcoming 4 year plan meetings. In 10th grade, students will be offered the opportunity to visit a BOCES program of interest for a half day. This will provide a better picture of whether they are truly interested in enrolling in the program in 11th grade.

Anonymous Tip Line

In an ongoing effort to promote a safe learning environment, the District will provide each of our families with a complimentary anonymous tip line magnet. This magnet is the product of collaboration between the District, the Canastota Police Department, our School Resource Officer and our Art Department. A former student, April Swanson, created the design.

The purpose of the tip line is to allow students the ability to share information anonymously regarding issues, which may put others' safety in danger. Students can report information about drugs, weapons, alcohol, violence and bullying or any threat to safety. While this can be done anonymously, the more information a student gives (including ones name), the greater the ability the District has to

do a complete investigation and resolve the situation quickly.

Please remember that this tip line DOES NOT replace 911 in cases of emergencies. It shouldn't be used in emergency situations where immediate action is needed. The tip line is a non-emergency information-gathering tool used as another means to keep our schools safe.



Please display in a place easily accessible to your children. Phone calls will be taken during the day, while phone messages will be taken after 5:00 pm.

Text messages can be sent anytime.

This is another measure to improve the safety of our school community and supervision of our students. Thank you for your continued support in helping us to provide a safe learning environment for our children.

Junior National Honor Society Inducts New Members

On January 11, 2015, 54 new members were inducted into the Canastota Junior National Honor Society. Congratulations to our new members!



James Aaserud	Kacey Cashel	Noah Gilgallon	Madalyn Milligan
Jacob Ackerman	Whitney Chaires	David Haddad	MacKenzie Mitchell
PatrickArmstrong	Kirsten Casler	Leanne Hannan	JoAnna Musacchio
Jacob Barnello	Rebecca Coates	Logan Hood	Evelyn Percival
Lucas Barnello	Kenneth Coe	Frances Kitt	Megan Pickard
Madison Bateman	Brea Curtis	Joshua Knapp	Michael Retrosi
Colbey Bixby	Jacob Debrucque	Taylor Kutzuba	Nicholas Rouse
Zachary Blanchard	Devin Denney	Nathan Leinberger	Angelique Russo
Marshall Bruggleman	Samuel DiGeorge	Jacob Malbouf	Jamie Scordo
Jenna Campanie	Jessica Emmerich	Benjamin Marshall	Isabella Sgroi
Katelyn Card	Jennifer Fiore	Matthew McDermott	Samuel Snow
MacKenzie Cardner	Raegan Fox	Makenna McDonald	Julia Vaccaro
Alissa Case	Rosa Galavotti	Meghinn Miller	James Warner
	Caleb George		Garrett Whitmeyer

Exciting Science Labs

Submitted by: Wayne Wallis and Jeremy Domena

On January 9, 2015 we had a science lab with Mr. Lubey. We performed a lab to look for glucose (sugar) and starch in foods. The things we tested were bread, apple, cereal, milk and a potato. We put Benedict's solution or Lugol iodine on each of them. When we put the Benedict solution in we had to find a change in color. If it did change, it would mean there is glucose. We will complete the tests for starch in our next lab. We think that we will learn a lot about food and this will help us later on in life. Mr. Lubey is an awesome science teacher because he makes it easy to learn what we need to learn.



Wayne Wallis (L) and Jeremy Domena (R) work in the Science Lab.



Roberts Street Elementary students have collected for Trees for Troops for the past 4 years. Each year our students contribute more and more change towards the trees. This year, Romagnoli Christmas Tree Farm contributed a total of 330 trees that are shipped through the country and overseas to various branches of the military. Of those 330 trees, twelve of them were from the contributions of the students at Roberts Street Elementary School. The school is very proud to have such generous families in our community.



Roberts Street Elementary and the Junior High hosted a speaker from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children on November 25th. The students and staff raised money to donate to the Ride for Missing Children and presented it to Wendy Fical, Project Director, of the Mohawk Valley Office.
Written by: Wayne Wallis and Jeremy Domena

Kindergarten students certainly had a great time in December. Teachers used the month to stress the importance of "giving from the heart" and our students really stepped up to the plate. They brought in lots of loose change for our "Change a Family's Holiday" drive and we were so impressed with their willingness to give. We even had some children use their tooth fairy money or their own piggy bank money as a part of their donation! Needless to say, kindergarten teachers are very proud of our students. We also had fun this month performing a Christmas concert for our families. Practice started back in November and all the hard work certainly showed in the performance. The students sang beautifully. We have developing bakery chefs in kindergarten too. All students got to decorate their own gingerbread man cookie and the results were beautiful. Of course, it was just as fun to eat the cookie as it was to decorate the cookie. Santa also made a visit to PSES and the kindergarten students were in awe of him! What a great month December was in kindergarten!

Throughout the holiday season, students and staff came together to give back to local families and organizations.

CANASTOTA CENTRAL SCHOOLS

Give Back

Kudos to Peterboro Street and South Side Elementary Students!
Once again, Peterboro Street and South Side students worked together to help others in the community through the annual "Change a Family's Holiday" service project. The service project is a way to put the monthly character education themes into action. At Peterboro Street School the theme ("Clifford's Big Idea") is: helping others and for December is: working together. At South Side the theme for November and December is: *We are a caring community.* Each classroom was given a can for collection and students brought in loose change each day from November 4th through December 4th. The money collected is donated to our local Opportunity Shop. They use the money to buy Christmas gifts for families and school supplies for students, as well as to purchase food for their food pantry.



This year the staff at PSES decided to forego Secret Santa gifts to each other. Instead, items were brought in to benefit the Opportunity Shop's Angel project and food pantry. A day was also set aside for pet items to be donated to Wanderers' Rest. We collected 85 pairs of socks, 37 gloves/mittens, 8 scarves, 19 hats, 2 boxes of toiletries, 2 boxes of pantry items, and an overflowing box of pet supplies.



In December the Sixth Grade Class held our annual food drive. As a result, several hundred canned food items were donated to the Canastota Opportunity Shop. We would like to thank all of the parents and students for contributing to the food drive. It was great for our students to participate in such a worthy cause during the holiday season. Giving back to our community is a great lesson for our students to learn.

Two CHS Teachers Selected as Microsoft Innovative Educator Experts

Special Education teacher Robert Stokes and Business teacher Patricia Ragan have been selected by Microsoft as Microsoft Innovative Educator Experts (MIE Experts) for 2015 for their excellence in using technology to help students learn and achieve more – and ultimately succeed in a mobile-first, cloud-first world.



Currently in Mr. Stokes’ Common Core Algebra class, students are using probability and linear relationships to evaluate evidence and to determine if a Bigfoot could be found in Canastota. The students have collaborated with outside experts on the topic and will be using that information to supplement the data that they have collected. The students will be using Minecraft to create virtual Bigfoot search expeditions and will be sharing their overall findings via Youtube.com.

Business Teacher, Patricia Ragan (right) and her students Skype with students around the country and world to discuss 21st Century Skills and ethical hacking



“Being selected as a MIE Expert is an amazing honor,” said Robert Stokes. “I look forward to continue finding innovative ways to equip students with the proper tools needed to succeed in the new world of work.”

The learning activity Mrs. Ragan designed is called *Globalizing 21st Century careers via Skype*. For the project students were required to research a 21st century career, such as ethical hacking, and determine the history of the career, current conditions of the career and forecast the future for the career. As a capstone, students communicated with students in Sweden regarding trends and opportunities created by technology.

“I am honored to be selected as a MIE Expert and look forward to representing Canastota globally,” said Ragan. “I look forward to continuing to find innovative ways to prepare students for 21st century careers through designing learning activities.”

Each year, Microsoft selects MIE Experts to be part of an exclusive global community that is paving the way for their peers to share ideas, try new approaches and learn from each other. This year, Microsoft selected more than 800 thought leaders in innovative learning who possess technology and desire to amplify their reach and voice.



Special Education teacher, Robert Stokes (left) uses Minecraft gaming software to teach math (screenshot above)

MIE Experts work closely with Microsoft to lead innovation in education, build educator capacity for using technology to improve student learning and advocate and share their experiences in how technology improves teaching and learning.

Canastota Football News

Scholar Athletes

The following varsity football players had a 90% average or above during the football season: Owen Albanese, Cameron Bellino, Tyler Doane, Zach Funari, Ben Marshall, Kyle McGovern, Aaron Quaglia, Kris Rutherford, Doug Simmons, Anthony Sorci, Nate Walker, and Mike Zupan.

NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Fall 2014; Boys Varsity Soccer: Carter Gustin

***Carter's name was inadvertently left off the November/December Newsletter. Congratulations, Carter!*

John Acaro Senior Game:

The following football players were selected to Senior Game: Jordan Miller (LB), Jake Phillips (DL), John Poppo (QB), EJ Sampo (DL), and Nate Walker (DB).

All League Selections:

The following players were selected to 1st Team All-League: Owen Albanese (OL), Cameron Bellino (LB), Jordan Miller (LB), EJ Sampo (DL), Nate Walker (WR), and Ryan Zophy (RB)

The following players were selected to 2nd Team All-League: Tyler Doane (OL), Dewane Jayson III (DL), Jake Phillips (DL), John Poppo (QB), and Mike Zupan (DB)

Junior Varsity Team Award:

Doug Simmons received the Leadership Award.

Varsity Team Awards:

Most Spunky: EJ Sampo

Most Improved: Jake Phillips

Sportsmanship: Jamie Cellamare

Leadership: John Poppo

Most Dedicated: Mike Zupan

Best Soph/Jr Running Back: Cameron Bellino

Best Blocker: Nate Walker

Most Outstanding Offensive Lineman: Owen Albanese

Most Outstanding Player: Ryan Zophy



Off Season Workouts:

Off season workouts have begun. The workouts are Monday – Thursday, from 3:00 – 4:00 pm in the Canastota Fitness Center. During the 3:00 – 4:00 timeslot a football coach will work on the players lifting form and technique. The workouts will be tailored for those who participate in winter and spring sports. These workouts will help improve performance in all sports. The training will continue until the football season starts in August.

In order to participate, student athletes must be academically eligible

Varsity Training Goals:

Attend 80% of workouts

Bench 225 lbs

Power Clean 185 lbs

Deadlift 405 lbs

Squat 315 lbs

Future Dates: The football team will have a Poundage Lifting Competition on March 29th.
Time TBD.

Students Earn Top Awards at Regional Art Competition

Art teachers, Mrs. Boisen and Mrs. Whalen, are very excited to announce the Canastota Art Department’s Scholastics Art Award winners this year. Seniors Rachel Bargabos, Amanda Fairfield, Shelby McGlothlin, Arianna Montefusco and Sophomore Emily Seale all received prestigious art awards this year. Scholastics is a regional art competition with well over 5,000 artworks submitted for judging annually.

Rachel Bargabos was awarded a *Gold Key* for her entire Art portfolio, which is the highest award. She also was awarded a *Silver Key* of a drawing “Grandpa”, and two *Honorable Mentions* for paintings “Bones” and “Self Portrait”. Amanda Fairfield received an *Honorable Mention* for her entire Art Portfolio. Emily Seale received an *Silver Key* for her painting titled “Phosphorescent”. Shelby McGlothlin received a *Honorable Mention* for her photo titled “Amanda” and Arianna Montefusco received a *Gold Key* for her photo titled “Distortion”.

To put this amazing feat into perspective, out of the two portfolios submitted for judging, both received awards. Eighteen individual artworks were also submitted, of which eight received awards among the 5,000 regionally works submitted. We are very proud of our amazing art students!

There will be an opening reception on January 15th at Onondaga Community College where the Gold Key recipients will be receiving their awards. The artwork will be on display at OCC until February 27th and is open to the public. This is an excellent opportunity for Canastota to have their talented student artists be recognized regionally and nationally.



Art Pieces (clockwise from top):

- Mirroring, Self-Portrait, Grandpa, & Bones,* by Rachel Bargabos
- Distortion,* by Arianna Montefusco
- Amanda,* by Shelby McGlothlin
- Pauline,* by Amanda Fairfield
- Phosphorescent,* by Emily Seale



Life Cycle Studies in Second Grade

The second grade students at South Side have begun their study of life cycles. Mr. Jack Gramlick came to present some of the unique characteristics of the life of a salmon. Second graders will be raising 75 eggs that are the size of the eraser on the end of a pencil. These eggs will be developing in a fish tank that has been placed in a refrigerator, giving the eggs a habitat that is similar to what they would have outside. The students will be able to observe their growth each week. They will be calculating the temperature units each day based on the temperature of the water. When it reaches 840 temperature units, the eggs should have developed into their next stage and they will be released into Canastota Creek. This usually happens mid-April. Please ask your child to describe the changes that they see in the Atlantic Salmon throughout this time period.



Winter Fun in Pre-K

The students in Pre-K had a very busy December! Parents, children and staff collected holiday gifts for the animals at Wanderers' Rest. A representative from the shelter was able to visit with two furry friends just before our holiday vacation. The children enjoyed a nice afternoon out in the snow and worked together to build a snowman for the backyard at PSES. Finally all of our holiday anticipation was answered by a visit from good ol' Santa Claus! He was so gracious with his time and stayed until each child had a moment or two to tell him their Christmas wishes!



Snowshoeing at PSES



It is about that time again at PSES! All Kindergarten and First Grade students get an opportunity to snowshoe during Physical Education classes. Snowshoeing provides a healthy aerobic activity for people of all

ages to participate in during a time of year when options are sometimes limited. Getting kids moving and being active during the winter months is sometimes a challenge. Giving our students this opportunity helps with this growing issue. Snowshoeing is a low impact activity that helps to build overall strength, endurance, and balance. Snowshoeing is an inexpensive healthy activity that can be done anywhere there is snow. Unfortunately, I am not able to plan a time for this unit, since weather is so unpredictable. For this reason, I would like students to be prepared to go outside every day. Students should bring snow pants, jacket, boots, hats, and gloves. If the weather permits, we will be ready to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. Thank you for your cooperation and happy winter!



Kindergarten Registration for the 2015-2016 School Year

The Canastota Central School District is preparing for Kindergarten Registration for the 2015-2016 school year. All resident students born on or before December 1, 2010, are eligible to register for Kindergarten for the 2015-2016 school year. Children must be five years old on or before December 1, 2015 to qualify.

Kindergarten Registration will be held on **March 3rd from 8:30 am - 2:30 pm and 4:30 - 7:30 pm at Peterboro Street Elementary School at 220 North Peterboro Street.** Please call Mrs. Vernadette Moyer, Peterboro Street Secretary, at 697-2027 to set up an appointment. Registration must be done in person by the resident parent or legal guardian.

Registration packets should be obtained **prior** to Kindergarten Registration. Please call our District Registrar, Colette Coppola, at 697-7026. Packets can be mailed or picked up in the Special Education Office from Mrs. Coppola.

Please register your child on **March 3rd** so we can have all paperwork processed before school begins in September. Kindergarten Screening appointments will be made at Kindergarten Registration, so please bring calendars with you. Kindergarten Screening will take place May 11th - 15th this spring.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Jennifer Carnahan, Principal, or Mrs. Melissa Stanek, Assistant Principal, at Peterboro Street Elementary School at 697-2027.

What do I need to register my child for kindergarten?

- ◆ Completed Registration Packet
- ◆ Original Birth Certificate
- ◆ Immunization Record from Doctor
- ◆ Parent Photo Identification
- ◆ Proof of Residency
 - ◆ One of the following: current telephone, cable, or electric bill, signed lease or purchase offer

Certain cases may require additional documentation. These include residency affidavits, court issued custody documents, Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) or Foster Parent Forms (DSS-2999).

Pre-Kindergarten Registration for the 2015-2016 School Year

Thursday, February 12, 2015

8:30AM - 6:30 PM

Peterboro Street Elementary School

Madison-Oneida BOCES

New York State

Half-Day Pre-Kindergarten Program

A high-quality early education program for eligible children who will be 4 years of age by December 1, 2015

Pre-K Applications are Available as follows:

- *Pickup:* Peterboro St. Elementary Office
- *Download:* www.moboces.org website
- *Call:* Madison-Oneida BOCES at 361-5903

Safety and Supervision

To increase the safety and security at the Vincent V. Albanese Complex, the doors between the RSES/JSHS and the High School will be locked after 5:00 pm when no events are taking place in the auditorium or at Roberts Street. Doors will be locked starting the week after winter break, Monday, February 23, 2015. Limiting access to this part of the complex will help with the supervision of students who attend evening events. Our community walkers are welcome to continue walking the hallways around the high school.

As a reminder, students must be supervised at all times. If students attend evening events, they are expected to be with their parents/guardians or with those who are supervising a school-sponsored event. Students may not wander the building unsupervised or they will be asked to leave by our hallway monitors. This is another measure to improve the safety of our school community and supervision of our students. Thank you for your continued support in helping us to provide a safe learning environment for our children.

SEQA Review Announcement

The New York State Education Department P-12: Office of Special Education has initiated a Special Education Quality Assurance (SEQA) Special Education Programs and Services Focused Review in Canastota Central School District during the 2014-2015 school year. The purpose of this review is to assess the district's compliance with selected federal and State laws and regulations governing the education of students with disabilities.

The review will be conducted by the SEQA Central Regional Office and will include representatives from the school district. The review process will involve a review of school records of a representative sample of students with disabilities, classroom visitations and interviews. In addition, meetings of the committee on special education will be observed. Further information may be obtained by contacting the SEQA Central Regional Office at (315) 428-4556 and/or by contacting the Director of Special Education, Ms. Carolyn Rose, at the Canastota School District at (315) 697-8805.

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