

Chazy Rural Central School



“Where The Past & The Present Shape The Future”

March / April 2008

Superintendent's Corner



As I sit down to write this newsletter article on New Year's Day 2009, the economic forecasts are not promising for our state, nation, or the world for

that matter. I question what got our state and country into this mess. The answer is simple: greed. Both lenders and borrowers got involved in financial practices that challenged all principles of sound economic policy. Such has not been the case for Chazy Central Rural School.

Governor David Paterson's proposed budget was disclosed on December 16, 2008 and has Chazy Central losing \$276,968.00, or 7.1%, in state aid for fiscal year 2009-2010. Based on the State Foundation Aid formula introduced two years ago, we were expecting an increase in state aid of at least 4% for school year 2009-2010. However, Governor Paterson's proposed cuts in state aid for education include the anticipated increase, leaving a net loss in state aid for CCRS at about 3%. Even with this anticipated loss of revenue, we hope to maintain all academic and extracurricular programs at Chazy. We certainly will not be able to introduce any new programs or expand on existing ones. Expenditures for materials and supplies will be very tight.

A recurring theme in many of my newsletter messages has been the traditions of Chazy Central Rural School. It just may be our respect for traditions that leads us through these tough economic times. It is safe to say that the traditions of CCRS have been conservatively preserved. So too, has

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Chazy Harvard Model United Nations

By Corine Giroux

Eight students from Chazy recently had a chance to intensely debate crucial global issues, meet with students from all walks of life; including kids from China to California, Turkey to Brazil, visit one of our countries most culturally diverse cities, and see the world from many different perspectives for a few days. Corine Giroux, Jennifer Lavigne, Christopher Brewster, Lindsay LaValley, Andrew LaPierre, Emily LaPierre, Christine Spaulding, and Sophie Foreman went to the Harvard Model United Nations conference in Boston as a part of the Model United Nations Club under advisor Steve Cross in December, and debated for five days.

After a taxing four-hour school bus ride to Boston on a school bus with students from Elizabethtown (no, there were no skirmishes about soccer rivalries), the eight delegates arrived at the Sheraton Hotel in Boston, and spent a day doing some sightseeing around Boston. The real event, however, was the conference.

The Harvard Model United Nations conference takes place each year at the Sheraton Hotel in Boston, and is mostly run by Harvard undergraduate students, with one day of the four days of debate taking place at Harvard University. Three thousand students from all over the world participated, including students from Bahrain, China,

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A Message From the Board of Education

The start of 2009 brings uncertain times for our country, state and community. The economic situation has made us all aware of how quickly our lives can change. We as a Board of Education are concerned with the almost daily news out of Albany lamenting the major reductions that will be required. As we begin our budget process it will be as critical as ever that we scrutinize every area of the budget. Mr. Mulligan and his staff are working extremely hard to come up with a budget that will have as little impact on our student body as possible. Making this situation more difficult is the departure of our long time Business Manager, Danielle McAfee. Mrs. McAfee has accepted a new position with another area school district. Although we are sorry to see her leave, we thank her for the many years of devoted service to our district.

Everything is not all doom and gloom. We would be remiss if we didn't take this opportunity to congratulate our girls' and boys' varsity soccer teams. Once again both teams made what seems to be an annual trip to the state final four tournaments. This year did not see them bring

home the state championships but they continued to demonstrate what makes Chazy such a great school district. To the coaches, players, and parents, thanks for keeping the tradition alive! As we have commented on several occasions in this newsletter, our teaching and support staff are truly what make the difference at Chazy and we thank them for their continued commitment. The remainder of the school year will be busy for everyone but with a continued positive attitude we can make this year a success.

CCRS Board of Education

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CLASS OF 2009 PRESENTS ...



Porridgegate
by Charlie
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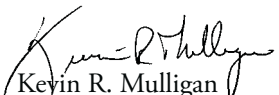
A fun-filled
fairy-tale
adventure
for the
whole family.

February 6-7,
2009
7 p.m.

Superintendent's Corner (continued)

been Chazy's spending of taxpayer dollars. Even when economic times were good, old and new program expenditures were limited and the tax rate in the last six years has been reduced from \$21.44 per \$1,000 to \$18.24 per \$1,000.

I would be remiss in not commending the administration, faculty, business manager, and staff in keeping their budget requests at a minimum, while still providing a high quality education program. The Board of Education needs to be recognized for their fiscal prudence, while not compromising our educational excellence


Kevin R. Mulligan
Superintendent of Schools

First Grade

Mrs. Woods

Mrs. Poupore

We have been busy learning new routines and procedures. Spending large periods of time seated and focused was a difficult adjustment. We are adapting well and learning a great deal.

Please read daily with your child and have them read to you. Ongoing practice with the sight words will aid your child in their reading fluency and comprehension. We appreciate your involvement in their quest to be outstanding readers!

We celebrated Miner Day with a trip to The Little Red Schoolhouse. While there, we

learned about school life in the 'olden days'. The differences are amazing compared to the luxuries we have today – no more outhouses!

The colder weather is here so please dress your child for the prevailing conditions. A warm jacket daily, ski pants, hats and mittens for the colder temperatures and windy days are needed.

December brought cold winds and warm thoughts of Gingerbread Houses. Parental assistance in building our masterpieces was essential. We had a "sweet" day in our classroom with our family members. We hope you had Happy Holidays!



Sixth Grade

Mrs. Gadbois

Mrs. Lambert

Sixth graders are off to a great start this year!

In ELA students finished "Walk Two Moons" by Sharon Creech and "Because of Winn Dixie" by Kate DiCamillo. In science, students are quickly becoming meteorologists with their new knowledge of the weather. In social studies students are able to navigate a map and use latitude and longitude lines. Equations, integers, and divisibility are keeping sixth graders on their toes!

We would like to thank the PTO for funding most of the cost of our trip to Pok-O-MacCready in October. We hiked Rattle Snake Mountain and participated in team building activities. All students had a great time!



Second Grade

Mrs. Langlois
Mrs. Barcomb



SECOND GRADE CAREER DAY

Elementary Computer Classes

Mrs. Rini Green
Teaching Assistant

For a project in computer class, second grade made masks! We used the "idea machine" in Kid Pix Deluxe to choose the mask we wanted and then got to "color" them in on the computer. Mrs. Green cut them out and added elastic so we can wear them. We had lots of fun showing them off!

CCRS is still recycling empty ink jet cartridges from printers and fax machines providing our

students with funds for additional programs and equipment. Although most empty cartridges are thrown in the trash, many are completely recyclable. When you replace an empty printer or fax cartridge with a new one, we are



asking you to save the empty cartridge (in its original packaging, if possible) and send it into school with your child. Our recycling program is going great! Thanks to local businesses, community members, and parents who have contributed empty cartridges! Keep them coming!

Third Grade

Mr. Duprey

Mrs. Favro

December and January turned out to be busy months in third grade. In December we had the opportunity to go caroling around the neighborhood and deliver cookies that we made in class. We had a wonderful time and the weather turned out to be very seasonal. Thank you to all the parents who were able to walk with us.

In January, we spent much of our

classroom time getting ready for the state ELA test. We are pleased to announce that all of the children worked very hard to prepare for it.

We look forward to our cross-country ski trip to Mt. Van Hoevenberg in February. Please keep your fingers crossed in hopes that the weather will not be too cold for us to go. We would like to thank the parents once again for all your help especially with the nightly reading log and helping with the multiplication facts.

Miner Day

For the past few years our children have been learning some of the many aspects of Mr. Miner's life. Once again this year, the life of Mr. Miner was looked at through many activities.

It is the school's hope that by exposing our students to the many varied activities, they will leave Chazy having an appreciation of what this man and his wife did for the school, community, and area.

MINER DAY 2008 ACTIVITIES:

Kindergarten took a trip to the Miner Farm.

The first grade visited the Little Red School House.

The second grade participated in classroom activities.

The third grade visited the cemetery where Mr. Miner is buried.

The fourth grade visited the Alice T. Miner Museum.

The fifth grade worked with the kindergarten on projects.

The sixth grade had scavenger hunt.

Winter Closings

After road and weather condition information has been gathered from the Highway Superintendent, and the Transportation Supervisor and the Superintendent have made a road check, a decision is made whether to close school for the day.

Chazy Central Rural School has implemented an Enhanced Messaging Application (EMA) system that will be used for school closures such as snow days and emergency closings; other school events will be posted when

possible. These messages will be sent by telephone. On Friday, October 31 at 5:00 p.m., there was a test message sent out to all CCRS families. There is no need to respond to the phone message unless you have any questions. Notification of school closures will continue to be announced on television and radio stations as well.

The school website may also be checked for a school closing announcement at www.chazy.org.

KEEPING WITH TRADITION

Part of the unique character of Chazy Central Rural School is our adherence to many long-standing traditions. One such tradition is the removal of hats while in the building. Another is silence while students are proceeding into the auditorium for an assembly. We respectfully request that you help us maintain these traditions. Please refrain from talking while the students are entering for any assembly.

CITIZENS OF THE MONTH

October

Primary	Trent Blake
Intermediate	Zachary Wentworth

November

Primary	Heath Lucas
Intermediate	Cassandra Moore

December

Primary	Riley Hansen
Intermediate	Kayleigh Bell

January

Primary	Emmy Moak
Intermediate	Allison Tatros

ELEMENTARY LIBRARY

Thank you to Chazy Hardware for donating paint sticks to the Elementary Library. The children had fun decorating them in art class, and now use them as shelf markers in the library.

REMINDER

**Please keep in mind that
NO FOOD OR DRINKS
are allowed in the
auditorium at any time.**

Music Department Notes

2008-2009 SCHEDULE OF MUSICAL EVENTS

Friday & Saturday February 6 & 7
**CCMEA CLINTON COUNTY
ALL-COUNTY MUSIC FESTIVAL**
@ Plattsburgh

Wednesday, March 4
**MUSIC DEPARTMENT
PRISM CONCERT**
@ 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 27
**CHAZY COMMUNITY
VARIETY SHOW @ 7:00 p.m.**

Saturday, April 4
****CCMEA P.E.A.K. FESTIVAL**
@ Plattsburgh

Friday & Saturday, May 1 & 2
***NYSSMA SOLO AND SMALL
ENSEMBLE EVALUATION FESTIVAL**
@ Plattsburgh

Monday, May 13
SPRING CONCERT @ 7:00 p.m.

Friday, May 15
***NYSSMA MAJOR ORGANIZATION
EVALUATION FESTIVAL**
@ Plattsburgh

Sunday, May 24
CHAZY MEMORIAL DAY PARADE
@ 12:00 p.m.



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EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION*

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Frank Langr Dennis Frisbie PRISM CONCERT

The Music Department will present Chazy Central Rural School's annual Prism Concert on Wednesday, March 4 at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium. The Elementary Chorus, Junior High Chorus, Senior High Chorus, Elementary Band, Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, and Jazz Ensemble will be featured along with several soloists, duets, and small ensembles.

2009 NYSSMA AREA ALL-STATE MUSIC FESTIVAL

Six CCRS students were selected for Area All-State choruses. They sang a challenging unaccompanied four-part audition piece from memory. This took three intensive weeks of practicing. Mikayla LaPorte and Katherine Tookey were selected for the Women's Chorus. Elizabeth Favreau, Sophie Foreman, Emily LaPierre, and Christine Spaulding were selected for the Mixed Chorus.

These student musicians prepared their music at Chazy, and traveled to Saranac Central School to join talented students from other schools for intensive rehearsals on November 21 culminating with a concert on Saturday, November 22. Mr. Frisbie accompanied the Women's Chorus. These students have worked hard over the years to get to this point. Congratulations to them for their effort and achievement.

CHAZY COMMUNITY VARIETY SHOW

The Chazy Wind Ensemble will present a Chazy Community Variety Show on Friday, March 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the CCRS auditorium. Tickets (\$3) will be available from band members and at the door. Community members and

alumni are invited to play along with the band. We are also seeking individuals who would like to present an act at the Variety Show. Contact the CCRS office at 846-7135 or e-mail Frank Langr at langrf@chazy.org if you want to perform at this community music event. Funds raised at the show support the CCRS Wind Ensemble trip fund.

2009 CCMEA ALL-COUNTY MUSIC FESTIVAL

Auditions for All County chorus took place in October for students in grades 6-9. Applicants sang "America the Beautiful" unaccompanied in their voice range and a CD was submitted to the vocal chairperson. Band members are accepted into the All-County Band by application. Band students in grades 6 to 9 are eligible to participate in this honors ensemble. The CCMEA All-County Festival will take place on February 6 and 7, 2009 in Plattsburgh.

Those selected for the 2009 CCMEA All-County Band were Lindsey Hack – Clarinet, Jessica Bertrand – Clarinet, Cody Toohill – Tenor Saxophone, Austin Santor – Trumpet, and Alec LaPierre – Trombone.

Selected to the 2009 CCMEA All-County Chorus were Alyssa Bordeau, Ashley Gilmore, Allie Hayes, Miranda Oshier, Tessa Miner, Mikayla LaPorte, Jori Cooper, Emily Favreau, and Maeghan McDonald.

SECOND GRADE MUSICAL

The second grade presented a Christmas musical titled "Santa's Rockin' Christmas Eve" in the school auditorium. Mr. Frisbie, Mrs. Barcomb, and Mrs. Langlois taught the students several songs, dialogue, and toe tapping choreography. The second graders began working on their show in late October in their general music classes.

REMINDER TO ELEMENTARY PARENTS

Please keep in mind that cold weather is upon us and each day your children go outdoors for 30 minutes. It is very important that they come to school dressed appropriately. Ski pants, boots, hats, and mittens are necessary for playground. Thank you for helping us keep your children warm, healthy, and happy.

Please label your child's clothing, especially sweatshirts and coats. We already have quite an assortment in our Lost and Found collection

GRADES K-12 STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child will not be in school, a parent/guardian should call the main office (846-7135) or the elementary office (846-7212) between 7:00 and 8:30 a.m. to report the absence. If homework is needed, the request should be made at this time. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. New York State Law requires that a written note be submitted to school on the day the child returns.

Fifth Grade

Mrs. Arthur

Mrs. Walsh

Our fifth graders have settled into their routine and classes. They found out quickly that their desks are not big enough for all their books so they learned to rotate between their lockers and desks. This requires some organization, which is a challenge for some.

Over the course of the year, we have teamed up with the kindergarteners for a number of projects. So far this year the kindergarten and fifth grade "buddies" have designed beautiful kites, based on books they read, which were displayed in the hall and created booklets showing the similarities and differences they share. After the kindergarten trip to the pumpkin patch, the "buddies" got together to do a science/math lesson on weighing and measuring. We also worked with them on a celebration of Miner Day. Your fifth graders are wonderful with the "little ones." They set a good example and we are very proud of them.

The Parent-Teacher Orientation was successful and it was a pleasure to meet all the parents who attended. We hope you have a better understanding of what your children do all day. As you can tell, we are very busy covering the required curriculum.

We are having a productive school year and enjoy working with your children.

The holiday time becomes very hectic for everyone, including our students. The fifth graders found themselves involved in many projects the weeks before the holidays.

One day, we were fortunate to have Mrs. Parent volunteer to come in and help the students make chocolate lollipops and chocolate-covered pretzels. Each creation was unique and delicious. The students decided to wrap their chocolate treats and give them to their Kindergarten "buddies" as a gift. The Kindergarteners, in return, gave

us hand-made cards and sang holiday songs. Many more Kindergarten-Fifth Grade buddy activities are planned for 2009.

In December, we also took a wonderful trip to the Kent DeLord House and the Press-Republican in Plattsburgh. The museum was decorated beautifully for the holiday season. The students were given the history of the building, made treats in the old fashioned kitchen and played parlor games just like children did back in the "old days."

While one class was at the Kent DeLord House, the other group was given a tour of the local newspaper. Mr. McGovern, at the Press-Republican showed us how a newspaper goes from ideas and concepts to the newsstand every day. We saw how the advertising is done on computers, individual papers are printed, and last but not least, how all the sections are assembled. The students found out that at one time there were actually two local papers that combined into one. After the tour, our students had a better understanding of what it takes to put out a daily newspaper.

Part of the fifth grade curriculum includes 10 weeks of the D.A.R.E. Program. With the help and instruction from Deputy Jamie Head of the Sheriff's department, our students have learned how to cope with issues that affect them in today's society. They also had lessons in dealing with peer pressure, alcohol, and drugs. On December 18 we had the D.A.R.E. graduation in the school auditorium. Parents attended and were treated to refreshments afterwards.

Now that the holidays are over, the students are back to a regular schedule.

We would like to wish you a Happy New Year filled with good health, prosperity and peace.

December 14 Holiday Concert

The CCRS Music Department treated audiences with the annual Holiday Concert on Sunday, December 14. Elementary Chorus, Junior High Chorus, Senior Chorus, Elementary Band, Concert Band, and Wind Ensemble, and Jazz Band performed a variety of holiday music. The P.T.O. hosted a reception following the concert and Santa even made an appearance!



BAND NOTES

One hundred and twenty five students take instrumental music lessons at CCRS. The Elementary Band, which is comprised of sixth graders, had its debut at the fall concert. Concert Band members are in seventh and eighth grade and have the opportunity to play in the Jazz Ensemble. Wind Ensemble members are in grades nine through twelve and have the opportunity to play in Jazz Band. The Wind Ensemble will again be working towards its spring band trip, and will be fund-raising at the Chazy Community Variety Show to be held on Friday, March 27, 2009.

We are rehearsing for our performances at the four annual concerts and at other school and community events. We also take time during the school year to learn about music history, appreciation, and other aspects of music. Please refer to the CCRS Web page (www.chazy.org) music department section for more information on concert dates, course offerings, and music curriculum.

CHORUS NOTES

Forty of our students in grade four, five, and six sing in Elementary Chorus. They meet on Tuesday from 12:20-12:50 and give up their recess to attend. They performed a song with

parts and choreography at the recent fall concert. Junior High Chorus meets sixth period Tuesday and Thursday. They are working on part singing and preparing for upcoming concerts as well as training to be able to sing in High School Chorus.

The High School Chorus members will sing SATB music thanks to the addition of some new low voice singers. Senior High Chorus members meet three times a week on Tuesday and Thursday, 3rd period and Wednesday, 8th period. They will work on vocal production and memorization of its repertoire. Several of the chorus members will showcase their talents as soloists throughout the year. A Junior / Senior High Select Chorus will combine the talents of both groups. This is an exciting year for the vocal music department, and we're looking forward to showing off what these outstanding Chazy students can do.

The choruses sing at four annual concerts as well as other events. The CCRS Web page (www.chazy.org) music department section has more information on concert dates, course offerings, and music curriculum.

We're very excited about the increase in the number of students in grades one through six taking private piano and other instruments. Kudos to their parents for starting them so young.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS UPDATE

Winter is here and it is very cold with snow blowing all around us. Please be very careful when pulling into the parking lot this winter. We will keep the sidewalks salted and as clear as possible. Parents dropping off children in the rear parking lot – please stay as close to the curb along the sidewalk as possible and watch for other cars and students walking to class when pulling out. It is important that you not park your vehicle in the handicap ramp area, the generator enclosure, or the north exit from the gym. Dropping off students can be done, but please don't leave your car parked in any of those areas for any reason. These areas must stay clear for emergency vehicles. Reminder to parents – please remind your child to stay away from the school pond.

Chazy Model UN

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England, and many other countries, as well as students from all over the US.

Chazy represented the country of Palau, a small island nation in the Pacific, and Laos, in Southeast Asia. Chazy sent one dual delegation to the conference, Sophie Foreman and Emily LaPierre, while the other students were single delegations, debating in general assembly rooms, speaking in front of about 200

people. Some of the issues debated were terrorism, water sanitation, family planning, and small arms trade. The goal of Model United Nations is for students to effectively debate their country's point of view on an issue and successfully pass a resolution that works towards resolving the issue, as if in the real UN.

The debating schedule was intensive, with some days the students being in

debate for about 10 hours a day, leaving little time to do such frivolous activities as sleeping. By the last day, everyone was exhausted. All eight students, however, would agree that the trip was worth the long bus ride, long hours, and missing three days of school work, that it was a once in a lifetime, unique and eye opening experience that they'll never forget.

NORTH COUNTRY MODEL UN

After a successful trip to Harvard Model United Nations in 2008 and the club's first spaghetti dinner, the Chazy Model UN members are back to business as usual preparing for the North Country Model UN in March. The conference is hoped to be an engaging and rewarding experience, especially for the many new members. With almost 40 members participating in the group this year, including 12 freshmen and one eighth grader, the club is one of the largest in the North Country and there are many promising newcomers.

This year, Chazy will be representing the nations of Israel, Pakistan, Indonesia, Spain, Saudi Arabia and Iran, discussing many issues that will not be easily resolved. The issues span from the situation in Somalia in Legal Committee, mail-order brides in Eco-Soc, the trial of Omar al-Bashir and Robert Mugabe in the International Court of Justice (ICJ), and the topic of states harboring terrorists in Security Council. As they research, members must learn to see the issue from the point of view of the country they represent, disregarding personal opinion. They must also master parliamentary procedure that is used in committee, learn to draft resolutions, and effectively voice their opinions in front of their peers.

This year, rather than representing their country in a committee alone, many members are part of dual-delegations, sharing the duties of preparing to argue their viewpoint. Some of these pairings are newcomers working with veterans so they can learn the ropes from the experienced members, while others consist of two newcomers or two veterans. Though there are three committees in which dual-delegations are required, those in Security Council, ICJ, UNICEF and the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) will still be working alone. All six countries are represented in Security Council, and those students will almost all be pitted against each other in committee.

As the students begin their preparations, they are mindful of the work ahead of them. However, experienced members know that all the hours of research are worth it in the end. Students will receive some practice at the one-day Beekmantown UN conference in February before facing the rest of the North Country in March. Both conferences promise to be educational and fun for Chazy students.

Thanks to All Our Sponsors

We would like to thank our Model UN sponsors. They made it possible for us to attend our first Harvard 2010 conference.

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TARGETING SCHOOLS

Target shoppers can apply and approve to receive a Target REDcard, which allows them to designate an eligible K-12 school of their choice. Target, which has 1,684 stores in 48 states nationwide, will then donate an amount equal to 1 percent of shoppers' REDcard purchases made at Target or Target.com. Target donates 0.5 percent of Target Visa credit card purchases made anywhere Visa cards are accepted. If the total accumulated donations equal less than \$25, the amount carries over to the next payment period. Donations to schools are made in March and September every year.



**Please remember--
---Passing a stopped
school bus with its red
lights flashing on a
public highway or in
the school parking lot
is illegal.**

PARENTS

We do appreciate your cooperation picking up and dropping off students in the back parking lot. This has made our SCHOOL BUS LOADING ZONE a much safer area. We do not allow any vehicles to enter the front driveway from 7:45 to 8:30 a.m. and from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Please help keep our children SAFE.

All visitors must go directly to the district office to obtain a Visitor's Pass. If you will be visiting the elementary wing, you must also stop in the elementary office.

EXXON MOBIL THANK YOU

Recently Chazy Central Rural School received a grant in the amount of \$500 from Exxon Mobil Education Alliance Program. These funds will be used for refurbishing a play station on the playground for the elementary school.

Our grateful appreciation is extended to Church Oil Company and Mr. Brad Rovers, in particular, who pursued the grant program.

New Teacher Mentoring Program

Increased student achievement is dependent upon quality professional development for teachers. With this in mind, the Chazy Central Rural School District and the Chazy Teachers' Association's Teacher Mentor Program has entered its fifth year. We now have nine master teachers who have volunteered their time and expertise to mentor those new to our district.

Mentoring is a process that requires dedication, commitment, and openness to a trusting,

ongoing relationship on the part of both the mentor and the new teacher. Our mentoring plan includes all teachers new to our district.

Monthly workshops are offered to our new teachers and their mentors. Both members of each team participate in order to have a common baseline of information. In addition, scheduled weekly conferences enhance both personal and professional growth.

Drama Club Fund-raiser

Dear CCRS Families:

Drama Club is conducting a recycling fund-raiser. There's nothing to buy. We are simply asking you to help out Drama Club and the environment by donating your used cellular phones, ink jet cartridges, laptop / notebook computers, iPods, digital cameras, and/or digital video cameras. The items do not even need to be in working order to be donated! Donations can be dropped off any time during the school day in the Shakespeare Room (Room 107 in the high school).

According to EcoPhones, the company we are using to recycling the donated electronics, your used item(s) may be tax deductible and will be recycled in accordance with EPA regulations or refurbished and sold. The attached donation acknowledgment form may be helpful for tax purposes.

One hundred percent of the proceeds of this recycling program will help fund the Drama Club's productions and its related activities. We greatly appreciate your support!

Kathryn Brown, Advisor
(518) 846-7135 ext. 107

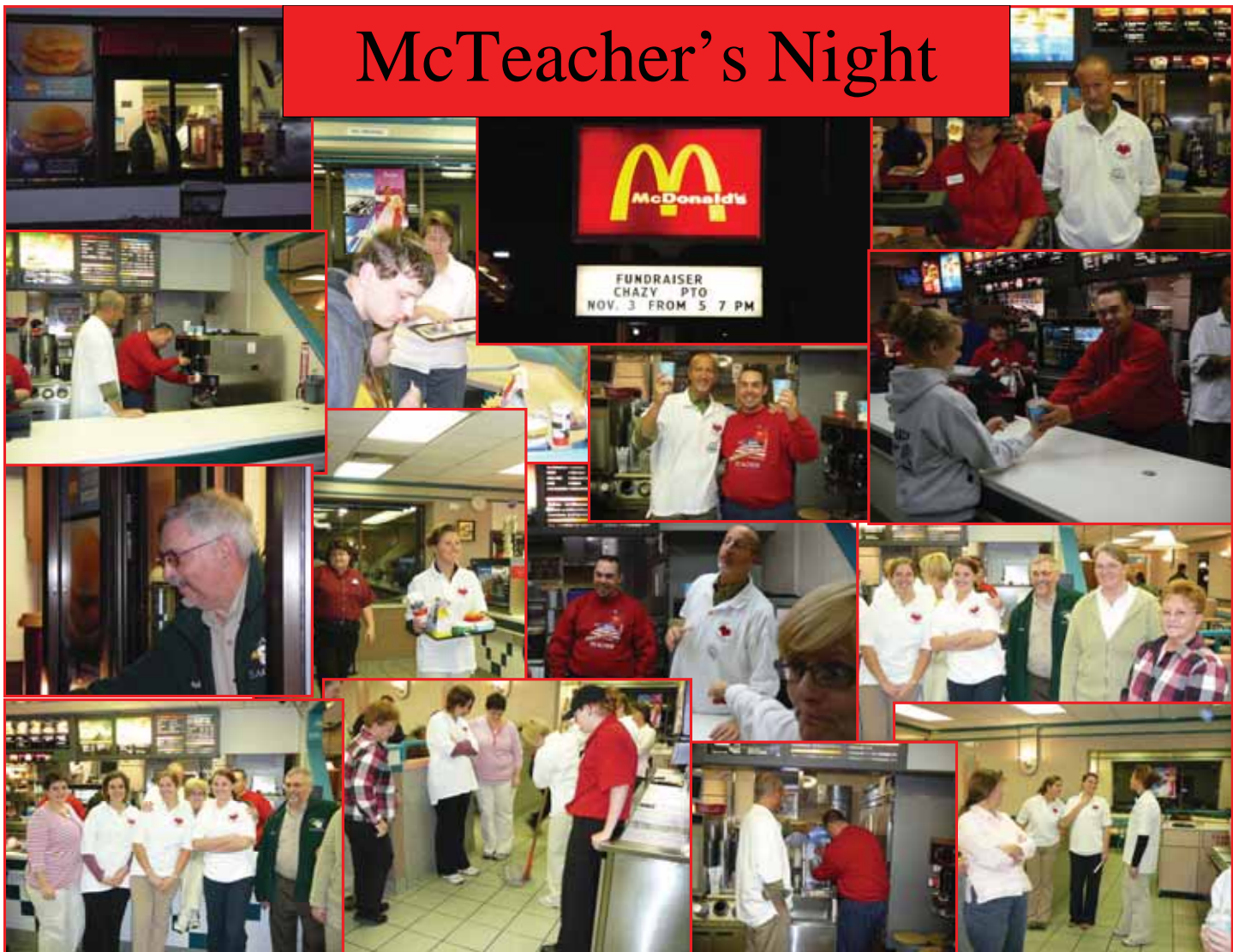
TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Thank you for donating your cellular phone(s), ink jet cartridge(s), laptop / notebook computer(s), iPod(s), digital camera(s) and digital video camera(s). We cannot make any determination as to the value of the specific item(s) you have donated to us. Generally speaking, older items will not warrant a tax deduction (but still can be recycled). You should consult your tax advisor regarding value determination for tax purposes. The IRS requires the following information for tax deductions of \$250 or less. Please fill in the information indicated below and retain this for your tax records.

Donation Organization Chazy Central Rural School Drama Club
 Donation Date _____
 Description of item(s) _____

 # of Items _____
 Value of Donation _____
 Donor's Name _____
 Donor's Address _____

McTeacher's Night



Fourth Grade

Mrs. Moser

Mr. Matott

The fourth grade has been very busy this year. We have been actively preparing for our state English Language Arts and Math assessments.

The students have not only been active in academics, but they have also been active in the community. On December 14, 2008 the students sold Make A Wish Angels in the mall. They took turns signing up for different time slots and volunteered their Sunday afternoon to come in and sell angels. In a matter of seven hours the students raised over \$1,200. Way to go fourth grade!



In cooperation with Chazy Westport Communications, CCRS received the Ethyl Grant for \$1,307.83.



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR YEARBOOK ORDER!

UPCOMING EVENTS

February

- 5 K-12 Early Dismissal – 1:00 p.m.
- 6 One Bus Run
- 6 & 7 Senior Play – 7:00 p.m.
- 6 & 7 CC All County Music Festival
- 11 PTO Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
- 12 4th Grade NAEP Assessment
- 13 3rd Grade Ski Trip
- 16-20 NO School – Winter Recess

April

- 3 One Bus Run
- 7 P/T Conference – 11:30 Dismissal
- 9 K-Gym Show – 9:00 a.m.
- 10-17 NO School – Spring Break
- 22 PTO Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
- 23 Kindergarten Registration
- 24 One Bus Run
- TBA 4th Grade NYS Science Assessment

March

- 2-6 Gr. 3, 4 & 5 NYS Math Assessment
- 4 Prism Concert – 7:00 p.m.
- 9-13 Gr. 6 NYS Math Assessment
- 18 PTO Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
- 19 K-12 Early Dismissal – 1:00 p.m.
- 27 Community Variety Show – 7:00 p.m.

MISSION STATEMENT -

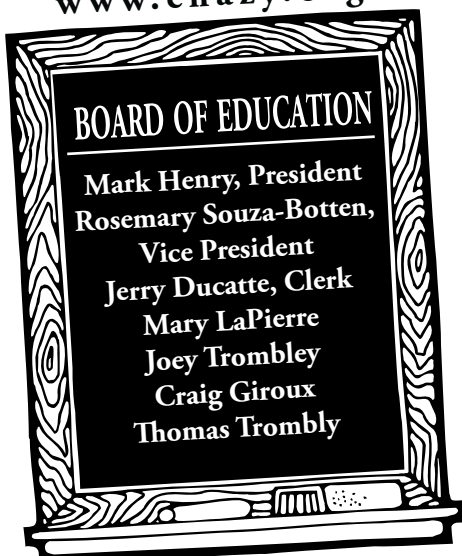
It is the mission of the Chazy Central Rural School District, in partnership with its students, their families, and the entire community, to enable all students to maximize their potential to lead productive and fulfilling lives.

FAREWELL WISHES

Mrs. Danielle McAfee has faithfully served as our Business Manager for the last 12 years. She has taken on the duties of Business Manager for the Saranac Central School District effective in mid-January. We wish her the very best in her new position and offer her our sincere appreciation for her years of admirable service to the Chazy Central Rural School District.

Snowmobiles are not allowed on school grounds. This includes passage to other fields. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

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