



SCHOHARIE ELEMENTARY

Newsletter



THE SCHOHARIE STOREROOM

By: Ashtyn Hofmann and Leah Seamster



The Schoharie Storeroom is a place for people in need to take anything they don't have for free. Students or any adult has access to the Storeroom; the students need to ask first. There are different types of clothes and items: pants, shirts, dresses, costumes, diapers, underwear, toiletries, hair brushes, hair ties, backpacks, blankets and sheets. The clothing sizes range from babies to adults. When an item is taken that item is taken off of the list. No names are needed. Anyone can donate washed or new items. The Storeroom is next to the '52 gym.



The Schoharie storeroom is important because if someone really needs something that they don't have, they can find it in there; they just have to ask.

A class of high schoolers and their teachers and assistants helped out to make this happen. They organized and labeled everything there so it's easy to find what you need. They also go through new donations.

We interviewed Beth Diamond, a 2022 Schoharie graduate who is now an assistant teacher for the 4H Program.

How did you get involved with the Storeroom?

I got involved with the Storeroom through Mrs. McGee.

How did you find out about it?

I found out about the Storeroom because it was very messy and Mrs. McGee said, "We should do something."

When did you start helping?

I started helping in Fall 2021.

How did you decide how to organize things?

We decided to organize it by size range and what type of clothing, (etc.).

How did you get other people involved?

We got other people involved by using Google Docs and it just happened.



How did your class feel about helping? Do they enjoy it?

YES! My class loves helping.

What do you think can be done overtime to improve it?

I think overtime we can get more people to help organize things.

Why do you think the storeroom is important?

The storeroom is important because if you need something you can just go and get it... prices can be high.

Do you think enough people know about it? How can we get the word out about the storeroom?

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STUDENT COUNCIL

The Future of Our School

By: Kierra Peckham

Have you ever wondered what the Student Council does? Maybe you have seen them once or twice? Well, this is all about them!

First, you are probably wondering what they do! They basically make the school and community better! For Schoharie County, they hold a food drive to get food for people in need and a pet shelter drive so that the pets are happy and the owners get to know the pets better! They hold the door when people go out at the end of the day, and they pack and unpack kindergarteners' backpacks! Did you know that the Student Council is also connected to PBIS?

The most challenging part of Student Council is planning and organizing events.

“We all here have to agree and decide what to do,” Student Council member Molly Robert said.

“It can take up to three meetings to plan and get it all together; we have to put up posters around the school,” Student Council member Mackenzie Oliver stated.

This is just some of the cool stuff that they do; you should go meet them sometime!



TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Interview with Ms. Alicia Sroczyński

By: Mackenzie Oliver and Ben Weber

We interviewed Ms. Alicia. She teaches pre-kindergarten. Her favorite animal is a giraffe.

What do you like to teach the most?

She likes to teach letters the most. She teaches letters by singing the alphabet.

What is your favorite thing that has happened this year?

Her favorite thing that has happened this year is when the kids are super excited to come to school.



What do you like to do at recess?

She said she and her class likes to play tag a lot.

What subject does your class like the most?

Her class likes play time the most. They like to make stick men out of shapes.

What are you looking forward to this school year?

She is looking forward to playing in the Gingerbread house in her classroom this school year.

Why did you want to become a teacher?

She wanted to become a teacher because she likes to be with other kids and help them learn.



One of Schoharie's Awesome Kindergarten Teachers... Mrs. Kenny!

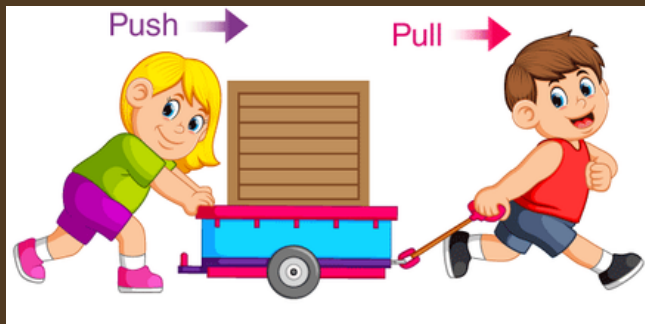
By: Annabel Abbot and Kaylee Fetter



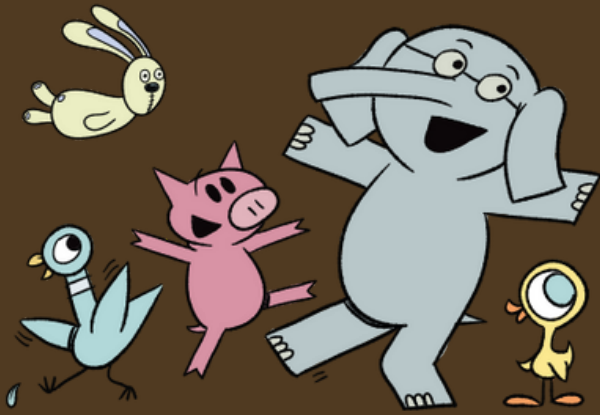
Today you will read about ONE of Schoharie's BEST teachers... Mrs. Kenny! These are some interesting things about Mrs. Kenny and her class here at Schoharie. We asked her some questions, and she gave us some answers.

We found out that Mrs. Kenny likes to teach science and writing. Something she likes to do in her class is read books to the kids. Her favorite class activity is Weather Watching Wednesday because students get to write in their science notebooks. Some future plans after retirement that she has is that she would like to travel with her husband.

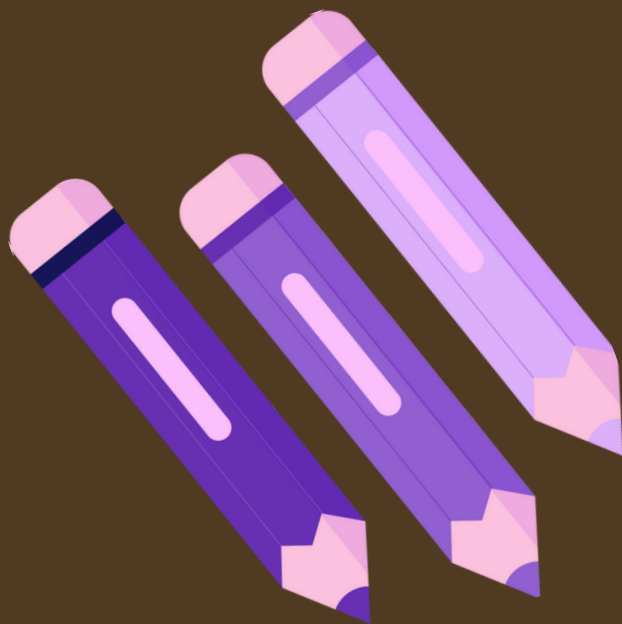




Mrs. Kenny is doing teen numbers, for example, 13-19 in math. Some future class activities will be starting to do a 9 Science unit on Push and Pull. Mrs. Kenny's most challenging years were when she moved from New Hampshire to New York and was not able to teach for two years.



Mrs. Kenny's favorite part of every day is morning meeting because the kids can share how they feel and what they like. Her class picks class parties. One week they had a gum day where she brought all types of gum, and everyone chewed gum for the day. This year she is looking forward to watching kids read. Her favorite books are Mo Willems books.



Here are some other fun facts about Mrs. Kenny. She likes (homemade) rice crispy treats, and her favorite ice cream is black raspberry. She has 3 kids who are in 6th, 9th, and 11th grades. Her favorite color is purple.

Those are some interesting things about Mrs. Kenny and her class here at Schoharie.

Interview with the one and only Mrs. Oakes

By: Mackenzie Oliver and Leah Seamster

We interviewed Mrs. Oakes. We had some questions, and these were her answers.

What is something you like to do in your class?

I like to read aloud with my students; I also read picture books. I like to read rhyming books.

What do you like to teach the most?

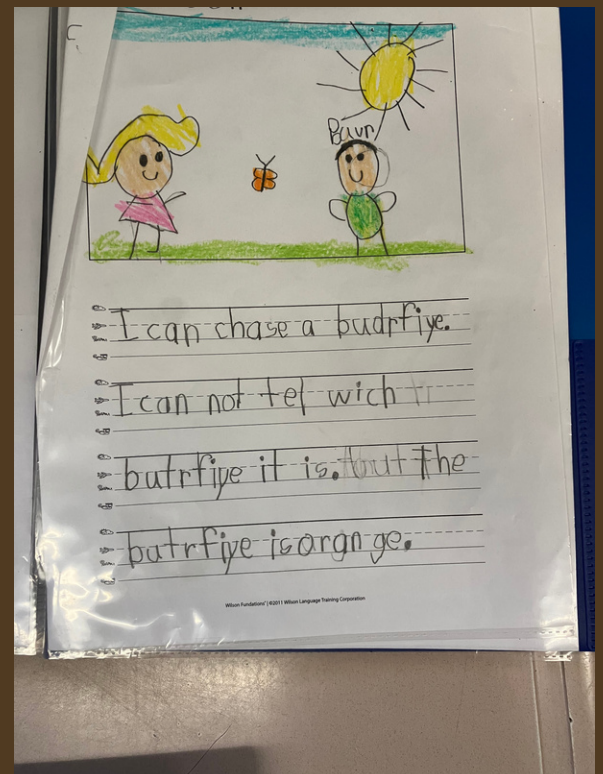
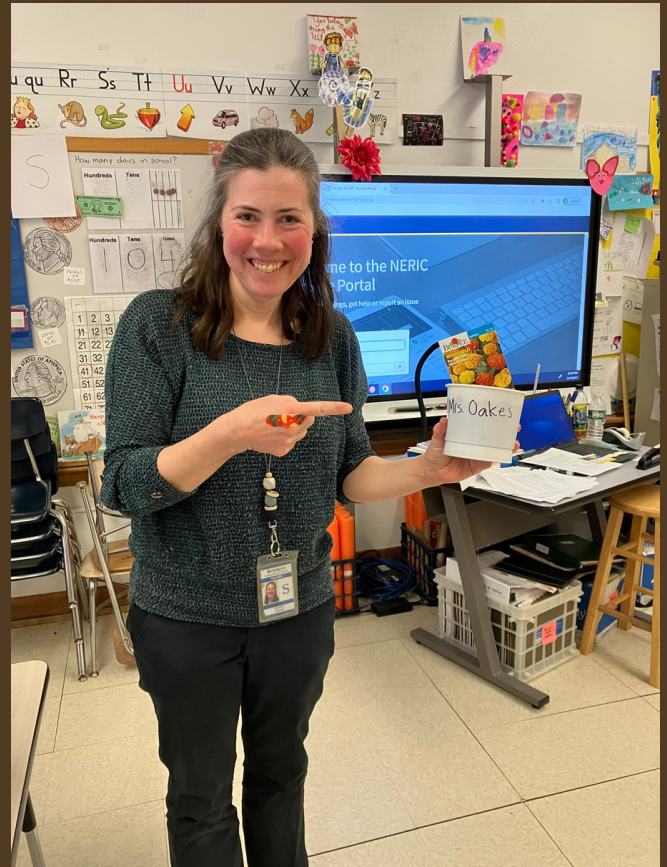
I like to teach writing because when new students come in they don't really know how to write yet. Some of their pieces are funny.

What subject does your class like the most?

They like writing the most because I try to make it as fun as possible.

What is your favorite class activity?

I enjoy morning meetings because I feel like so many friendships have been made and have been able to grow through it. I also feel like I have also been able to learn about my students through this time.



What are you looking forward to this year?

Read For The Ronald McDonald House.

What is your favorite thing that's happened so far this year?

We did something called Pet Day. It's where the students have their parents or guardians bring a pet in and tell the class about them.



What is your favorite thing to do in the winter?

We normally like to go sledding, but this year we got barely any snow, so my students and I built a snow fort in the snow!

What games does your class play?

One of the kiddos' favorites is the cookie jar game, where we chant...

Whole class: Who stole the cookie from the cookie jar? (name) stole the cookie from the cookie jar!

(name) Who me?

Whole class: Yes, you!

(name) Couldn't be!

Whole class: Then who?

Then it restarts with a new person who is accused of stealing the cookie until it finally ends when there is one more person remaining, and the culprit is caught.



(There was never a cookie.)

Do you have Choice Time?

We do have choice time, but we call it something else; we call it: Earned Time. They have it in the morning and in the afternoon.

What types of brain breaks do you do?

Sometimes we put on music, while other times, we do Simon Says or skip counting.

Why did you become a teacher?

At first, I went to school to become a vet. Then I decided I wanted to become a teacher. I tutored students.

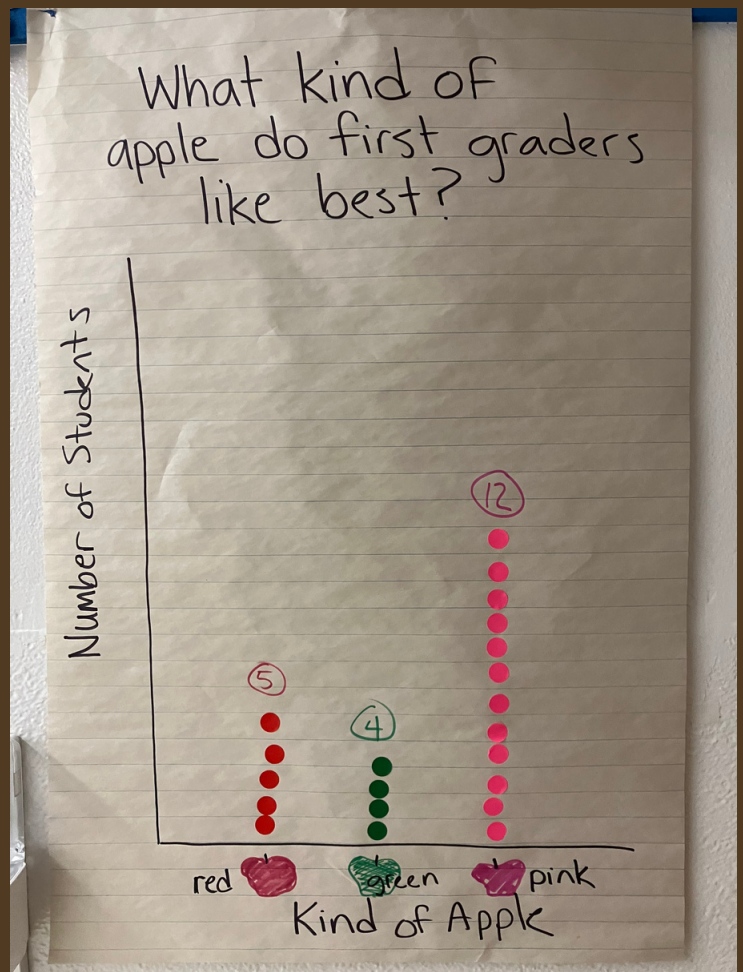
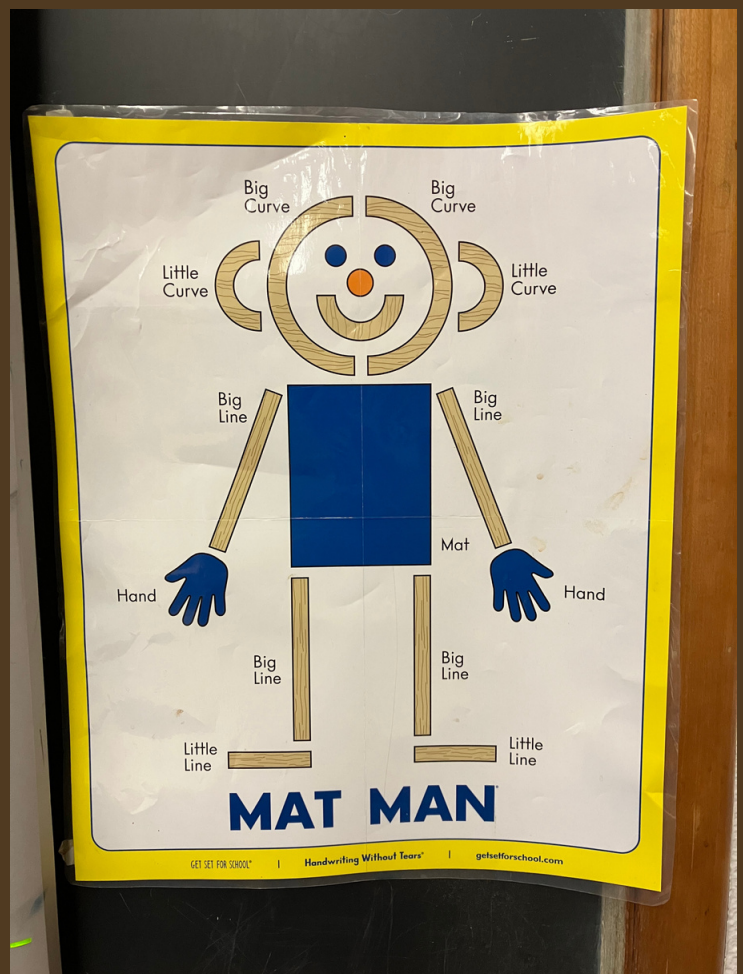
What do your students play at recess?

The students play a game called "Flood," where they play on the jungle gym trying to escape the rising "water."

How do you make learning fun?

I make learning fun by doing Food on Friday. We also do projects like making sun clocks. I also play music.

Give a huge thank you to Mrs. Oakes for letting us interview her and find out more about her and her class. It's been fun!



The interview... with Mrs. Lenart!

By: Molly Robert and Leah Seamster

Hello, Schoharie Scholars! We interviewed Mrs. Lenart. She is a 2nd grade teacher, and she is very nice. These are some questions and answers we asked her.



Molly and Leah: What is something you like to do in your class?

Mrs. Lenart: Fun and engaging things are the best, in my opinion.

Molly and Leah: What do you like to teach the most?

Mrs. Lenart: Reading is fun because I love to see how the kids grow.

Molly and Leah: What is your favorite thing that has happened so far this year?

Mrs. Lenart: Morning meeting is my favorite because I feel like so many friendships have been made during this time.





Molly and Leah: What are your break activities?

Mrs. Lenart: We have quiet time for 15 minutes, and when we have a break, the kids love to do art and dance!

Molly and Leah: Do you let the kids draw?

Mrs. Lenart: Yes, all the time! We love art and everything fun!



Molly and Leah: That's amazing! Is there anything else you would like to add?

Mrs. Lenart: I love to teach, and I hope I can make school fun and try to make things fun and easy.



One of Schoharie's Awesome Teachers is Mr. Saddlemire!

By: Ashytn Hofmann and Kaylee Fetter

This is an interview with a 3rd grade teacher, Mr. Saddlemire! Mr. Saddlemire said sharing with one another during Morning Meeting and playing guitar are things he likes to do in his class. Science and social studies are his favorite subjects to teach because students get to learn about everyone more - share about their lives/experiences.

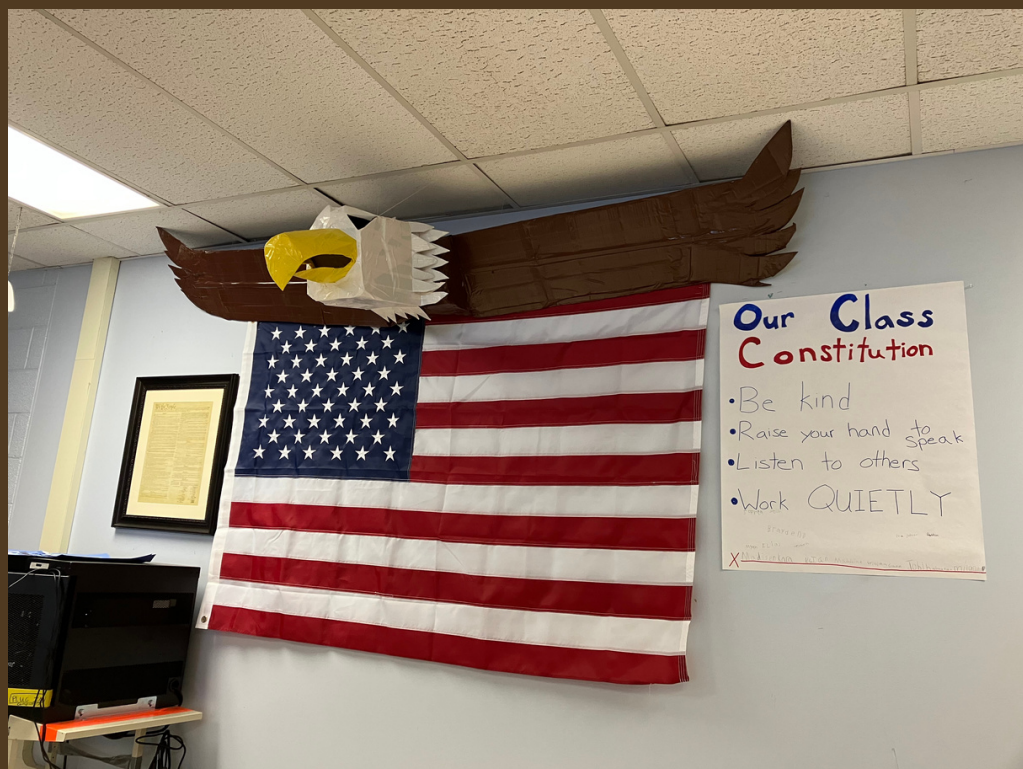
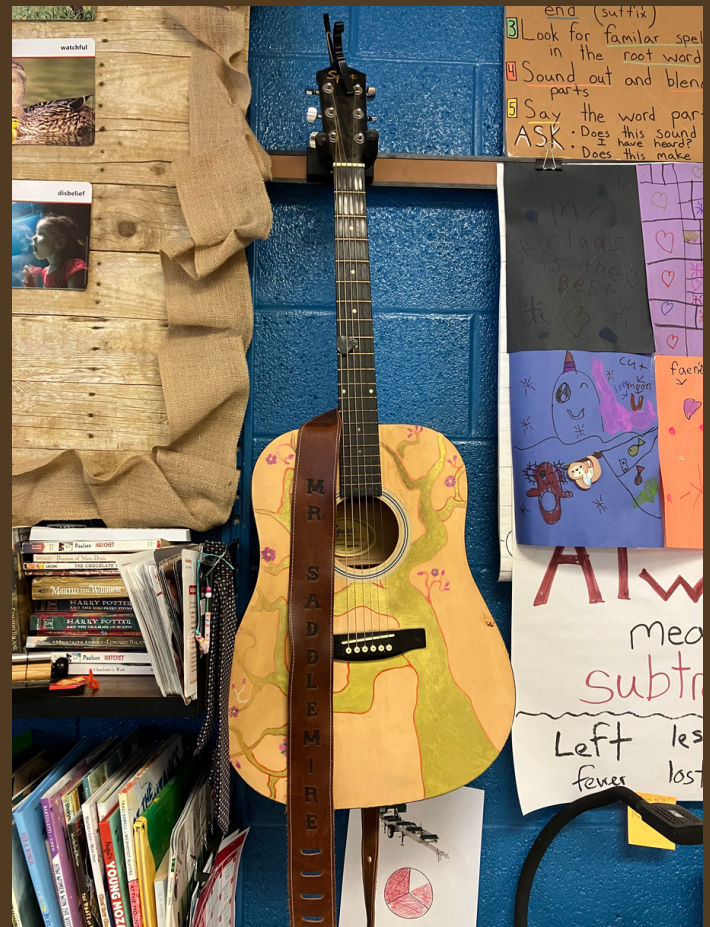
The subject his class likes the most is reading because they have a chance to switch stations and do more than one thing. They also like Morning Meeting because they learn about each other.

Mr. Saddlemire said, "My daughter comes to school with me. I get to visit her at lunch and see her after school." This is Mr Saddlemire's favorite part of the day.



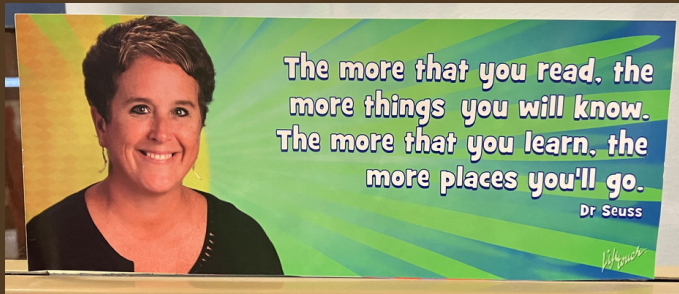
This school year, he is looking forward to all the growth of everyone, but most of all, becoming a class family and doing field day together. Most days, Mr. Saddlemire teaches his class sign language. During his break and during free time, Mr. Saddlemire runs around like a crazy person making copies and listening to the news on his phone. Mr. Saddlemire is known for his Fun Fridays, and he still has them today.

At home, Mr. Saddlemire has two dogs named Hershelle, who is a girl, and Floki, who is a boy. They are ShihPoo dogs. He has twenty six chickens with no names and one fish named Fairy. He got her at the fair. He has two crazy kids, Adaline and Bently.



Mrs. Yager, the Leader of the Star-bucks Crew

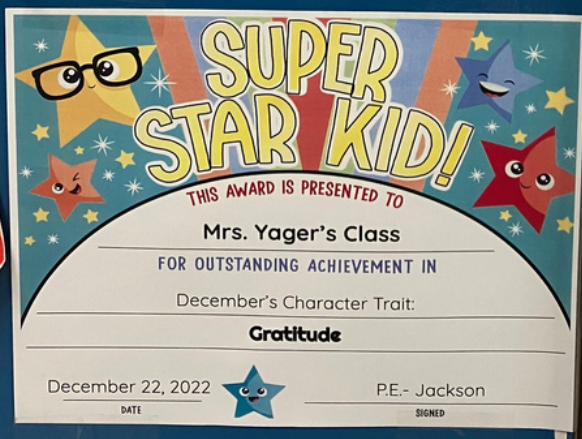
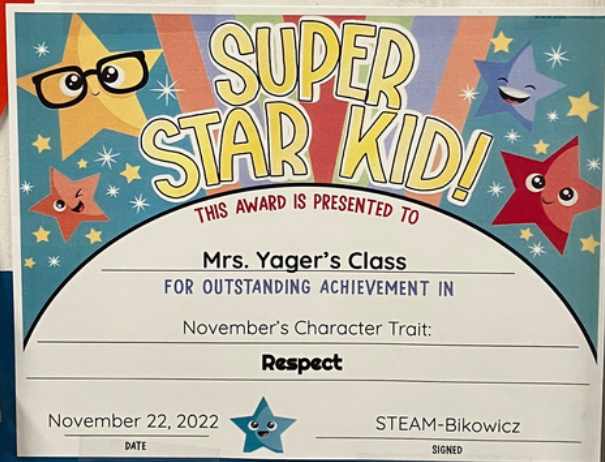
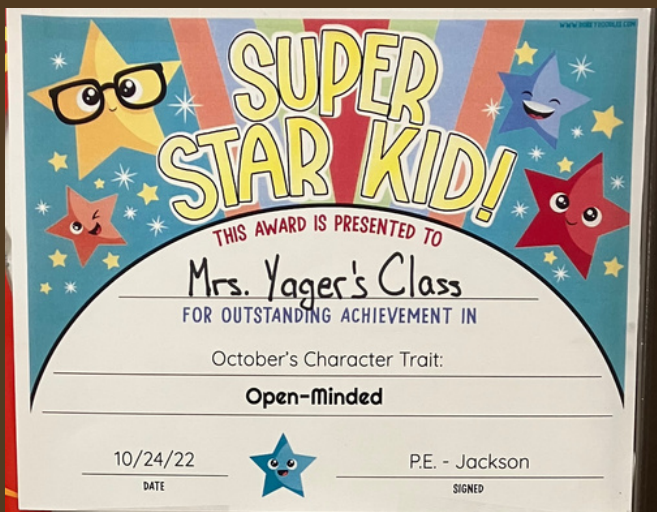
By: Michaela Burton and Joseph Robert



We interviewed Mrs. Yager. She teaches 4th Grade.

Something Mrs. Yager likes to do in her class during free time is to read out loud in funny voices. Her class is doing really well. For example, one of her kids in her class went for extra help, and within a month or two, that student did not need that extra help! Mrs. Yager was mesmerized by the news.





At the end of every day, she and her class share what was good about their day and their improvements. They also give compliments to one another. Mrs. Yager is really looking forward to her class's growth and intelligence improvements.

A fun fact about Mrs. Yager is that her favorite animal is a dog; she has two dogs of her own named Oreo and Tali. She sometimes has pictures of them on her Smartboard.



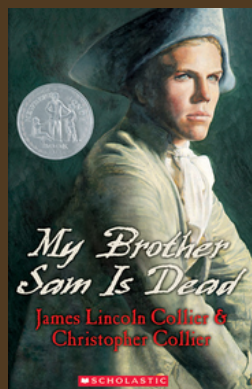
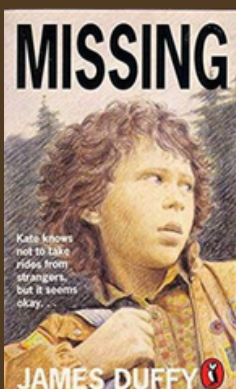
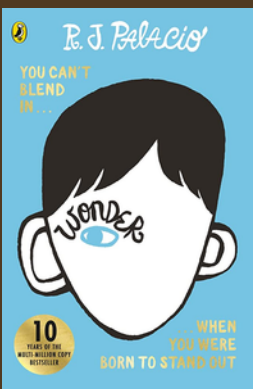
Mrs. Bates the Baseball Fan who Teaches Fifth Grade

By: Kierra Peckham and Joseph Robert

It's a normal day here at Schoharie Central School, or is it? Today at Schoharie, Mrs. Bates has plans for math and science and she has awesome activities!

Do you like many subjects or just one? Mrs. Bates' favorite subject is math! Between you, me, and her, she likes all of them! Speaking of math... her class will learn areas of fractions! If you didn't know, Mrs. Bates also loves doing activities like checkers and Race The Math Facts!

She sometimes likes to read books in funny voices to her class! Some books she reads or used to read are Wonder by RJ Palacio, Missing by James Duffy, and My Brother Sam Is Dead by Christopher Collier and James Lincoln Collier!



Something they are going to do in science is Eco-Columns at the end of this year!

Mrs. Bates thinks her hardest years were her first year and the pandemic! During the pandemic year, she taught from home.

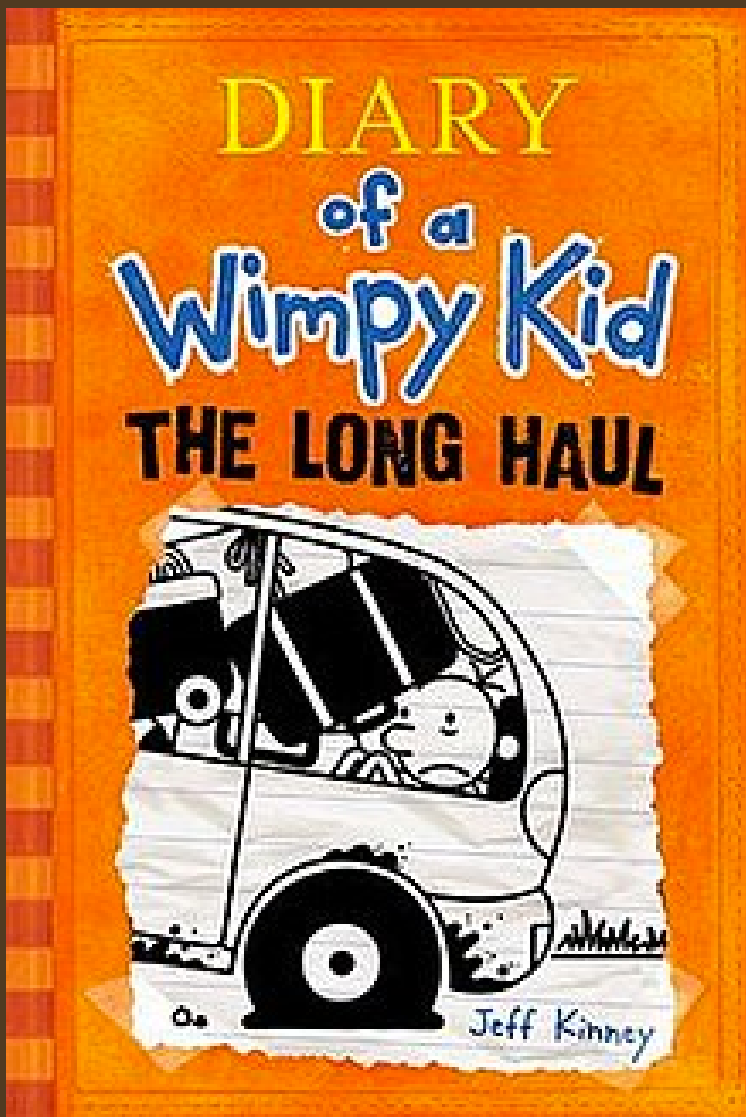
There are many fun facts about Mrs. Bates. She works part-time at the Baseball Hall Of Fame in Cooperstown! Her favorite snack is Chocolate Jumbles, and her favorite ice cream is Brew Ha-Ha. One day she wants to go to Germany, Hawaii, Texas, and Alaska!



BOOK REVIEWS

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul by Jeff Kinney

A book review by: Carolina Benninger, Michaela Burton, and Ashtyn Hofmann



Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul is a story with multiple main characters. There are the parents (Susan and Frank), the brothers (Rodrick and Manny), and the main character (Greg Heffley). These characters try to get to their grandma's house for her 90th birthday, but it doesn't really go as planned. I would recommend this book to 2nd grade and up. The reason that I like this book is because the events in the story were very interesting, and most of the things that happened in the story were very unexpected. They were sometimes funny and even very questionable. This book is available at our Schoharie school library, which we have linked below.

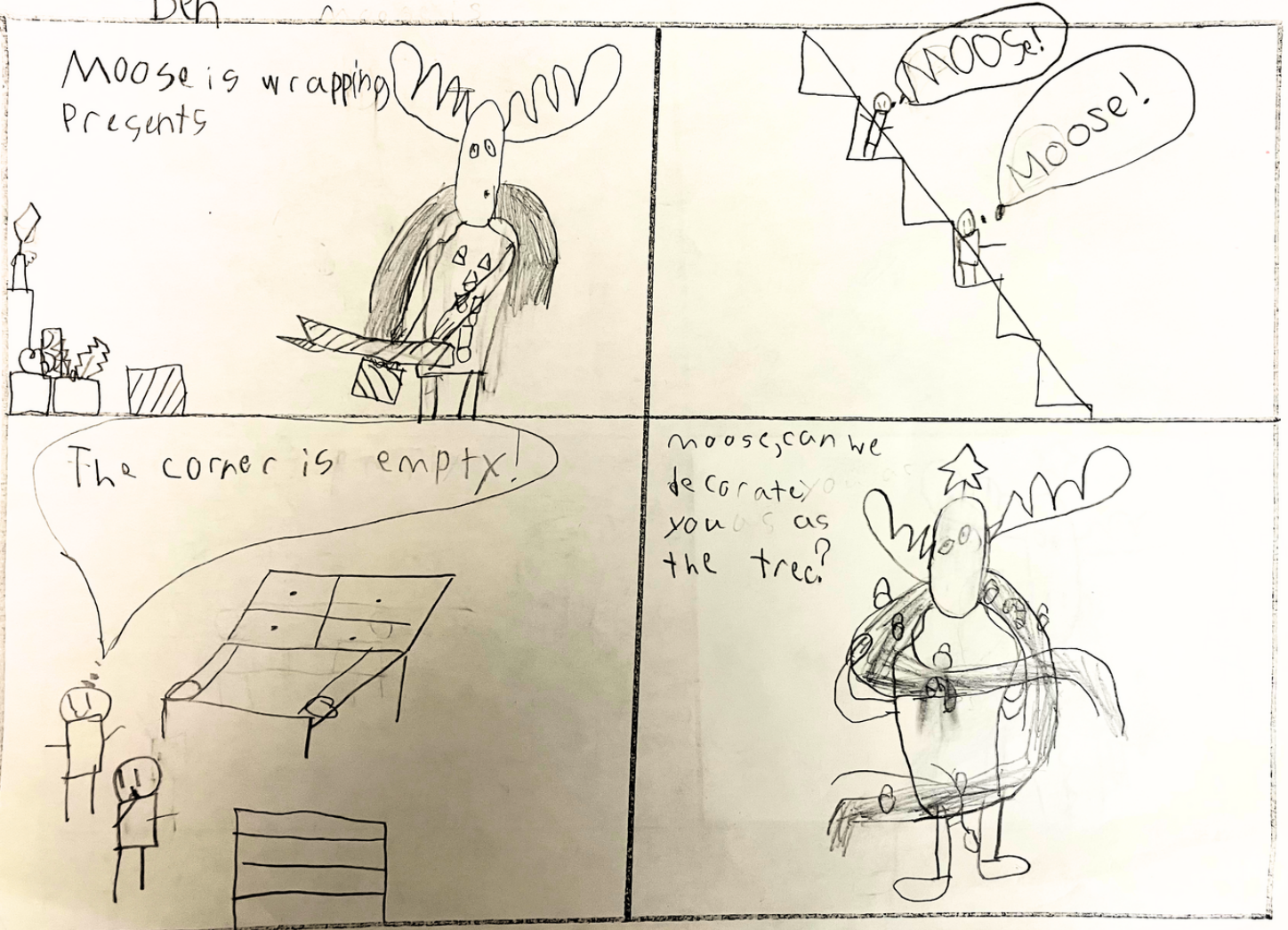
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Mooseltoe by Margie Palatini

A book review and comic by: Ben Weber

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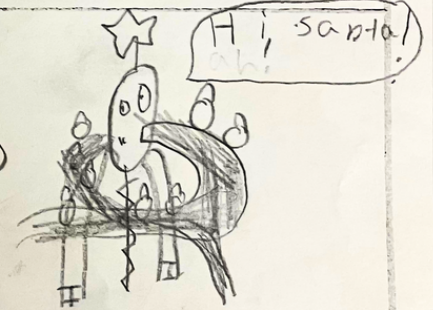
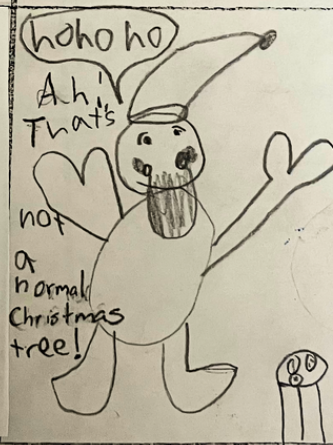
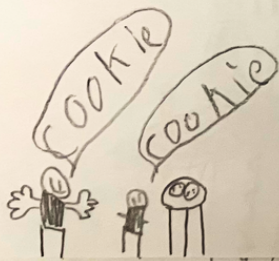




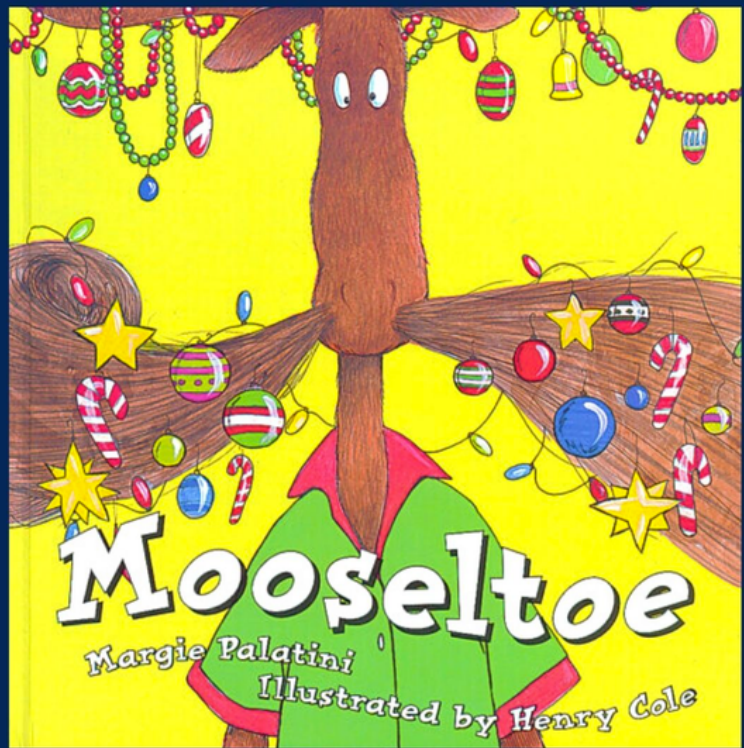
I'm tired when does Santa arrive?



cookie! It's time for bed.



Read *Moose!toe* by Margie Palatini to find out what happens next! If you like laughing and fun pictures, this is the book for you! If you like Christmas, you'll love it too!



This book is available at our Schoharie school library, linked below.

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Why do we have our 4B's?

By: Newspaper Club

Today you will hear about why we have the 4 B's and what we can do to make our school no place for hate.

Schoharie Elementary School has 4 B's that are a guide for behavior. The 4 B's are: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe, and Be a Community. The reason we have our 4 B's is because they allow you to be successful in life and in school academically, emotionally, and socially.

Be Respectful - Using kind words allows everyone to feel safe (physically and emotionally) and welcome.

Be Responsible - Being responsible includes active listening, completing work, and taking care of personal and school-wide materials. Being responsible allows you to participate and be successful.

Be Safe - Keeping hands and feet to yourself keeps everyone safe and focused on what is important in school.

Be a Community - Being a community allows you to feel included and be your best self. We want to feel like a family and belong. We don't want anyone to feel left out!

These are our Character Trait Winners so far!

The next Schoharie Super Citizen Character Trait will be:

February - **Sportsmanship**

March - **Courage**

April - **Perseverance**

May - **Kindness**

June - **Generosity**

Character Trait Winners!

September Character Trait: Curiosity

Kenny: Sophie Campbell

Mason: Layne Diamond

Ebert: Charles Bennett

Haverly/Langan: Wyatt Brown

Calvino: Ryan Soura

Oakes: Owen Stevens

Paloski: Nathan Costello

Lenart: Emily Shrederis

Caruso/Hannan: Karter Franklin

Saddlemire: Madisen Niklas

McKenney: Jace Liebenow

Rutland: Leonardo Pezzino

Lamberg: Leah Seamster

Hammond: Kayden Palmatier

Yager: Garret Masterson

Croote/Foley: Keegan Newcomb

Bates: Max Rosenthal

Krepcio/Hileman: Arhianna Britten

Ms. Alicia: Delilah Bouck

Ms. Jess: Oliver Peck

Ms. Warner: Adalynn Hofmann

Humanities Class Winners:

Scofield: Ebert

Monescalchi: Paloski

Jackson: Oakes

Coutcher: Hammond

Bikowicz: McKenney



October Character Trait: Open-Minded



Kenny: JeDian Crandall
Mason: Daniel Throssell
Ebert: Vyana Karker
Haverly/Langan: Kendall Martin
Calvino: Evelyn Underwood
Oakes: Grace Berrian
Paloski: Toby Britten
Lenart: William Clark
Caruso/Hannon: Zoey Gonzalez
Saddlemire: Madeleine Porter
McKenny: Danielle Fernandez
Rutland: Noelle DuBoise
Lamberg: Molly Robert
Hammond: Harper Maleszweski
Yager: Natalyah Domermuth
Croote/Foley: RJ Costello
Bates: Ella Westfall
Krepcio/Hileman: Emma Waters
Ms. Alicia: Grady Clark
Ms. Jess: Frederick Underwood
Ms. Warner: Lylah Hood

Humanities Class Winners:

Scofield: Caruso
Monscalchi: Saddlemire
Jackson: Yager
Couture: Paloski
Bilkowicz: Rutland



November Character Trait: Respect

Kenny: Caliana Najdek

Mason: Chloe Keller

Ebert: Thomas Masa

Haverly/Langan: Caroline Waddell

Calvino: Oliver Chichester

Oakes: Caleb Haley

Paloski: Aislynn Cole

Lenart: Melody Armstrong

Caruso/Hannon: Brooklynn Sanganetti

Saddlemire: Jobin Frederick

McKenney: Elizabeth Vasquez

Rutland: Brooke Porter

Lamberg: Jacob Emel

Hammond: Ashtyn Hofmann

Yager: Anabelle Munday

Croote/Foley: Brooke Whiting

Bates: Joseph Sweet

Krepcio/Hileman: Adam Cote

Ms. Alicia: Elsie Gigandet

Ms. Jess: Zeph Gonzalez

Humanities Class Winners:

Scofield: McKenny

Monescalchi: Mason

Jackson: Caruso

Couture: Kenny

Bikowicz: Yager



December Character Trait: Gratitude



Kenney: Everett Gigandet
Mason: Kynlee Cole
Ebert: Henry Langan
Haverly/Langan: Ryker Stuart
Calvino: Abigail Reed
Oakes: Oliver Doyle
Paloski: Gabriella Cook
Lenart: Eliot Benninger
Caruso/Hannan: Mackenzie Cook
Saddlemire: Elias Holt
McKenney: Drew Gathen
Rutland: Addyson Fetter
Lamberg: Michaela Burton
Hammond: Madison Slater
Yager: Evan Rockwell
Croote/Foley: Joseph Robert
Bates: Emily Zuefle
Krepcio/Hileman: Gabe Buskey
Ms. Alicia: Mackenzie Cook
Ms. Jess: Emma Carr
Ms. Warner: Ella Reed



Humanities Class Winners:

Scofield - Haverly/Langan
Monescalchi - Rutland
Jackson - Yager
Couture - Caruso/Hannon
Bikowicz - Kenny

January Character Trait: Self-Control

Kenny: Gracyn Wayman-Bender

Mason: Phoenix Smith

Ebert: Charlotte Westfall

Haverly/Langan: Veronica Boss

Calvino: Alivia Chapman

Oakes: Lily Lints

Paloski: Harper Trendell

Lenart: Alexis Duncan

Caruso/Hannon: John Gorsin

Saddlemire: Nevaeh Condon

McKenney: Luha Park

Rutland: Alexandria Phillips

Lamberg: Olivia Payette-Kuschel

Hammond: Ben Weber

Yager: Shaneka Lockwood

Croote/Foley: Waylon Plank

Bates: Samuel Borst

Krepcio/Hileman: Blake Mallia

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Ms. Jess: Elspeth Doyle

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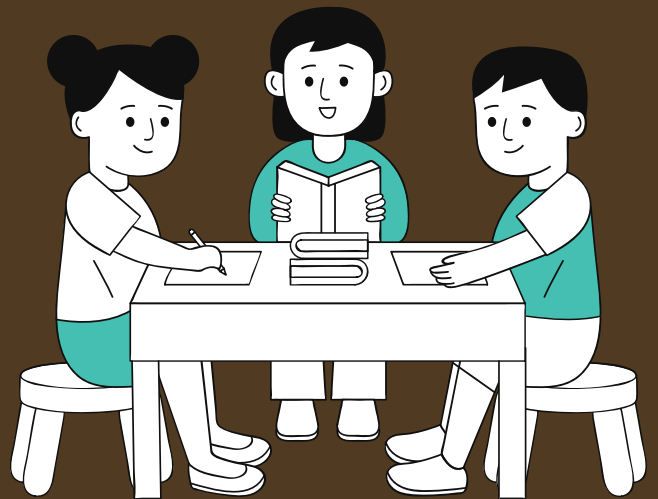
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Remember we still have four more months to go. Keep up the good work!!!