

## A June Message from the Principal

The month of June has arrived! As usual, May was a very busy month, but it was nice to have a few extra days off around Memorial Day. We began the month with Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week, which took place the first week. Thank you to all of our teachers and staff members for all they do to help our students!

On May 8<sup>th</sup>, the students that completed their PARP assignments from the month of March were able to take part in a pie celebration. Each student was given a pie to throw at the person of their choice. Thank you to Mayor Mooney, Sergeant Mooney, Mr. Kardash, and Mr. Ferrone for joining me for the pie attack! Everyone seemed to really enjoy watching this celebration take place.

On May 17<sup>th</sup>, we had our annual SNAP Program Assembly to celebrate another successful year with the program. In all, about twenty-five classes and 600 students participated in the program! Thank you to BASF for continuing to fund this popular program and to Mrs. Goodwin for being the coordinator here at school. The students' work was displayed throughout the hallway and mezzanine area for most of the month.

Our Art Program was also on display during the month. Art pieces from each student were part of an art exhibit in the main hallway. The combination of the SNAP Program work along with the art pieces was amazing. I was so impressed by the fine work of all of the students. Thank you to Ms. Thomas and Ms. Sedlar for taking the time to put up the art exhibit!

At the end of the month, we had our annual Spelling Bee. The classes in grades 3-6 were represented with their class champions. It was exciting to watch the students compete to win for their grade level. Thank you to Mr. Endres were organizing the event again this year. The next day on May 31<sup>st</sup>, our grade 1 classes performed *Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock*. After performing for the student body, the children performed for a large group of parents and family members. Both performances were outstanding!

As the school year begins to close, there will be a number of field trips and events for our students to enjoy. Thank you for another great year!

### *Important Upcoming Dates and Events*

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| <b>June 5<sup>th</sup></b>  | Concert Performances at 8:30 a.m. & 9:15 a.m.  |
| <b>June 6<sup>th</sup></b>  | Field Day (Rain Date is June 7 <sup>th</sup> )   |
| <b>June 19<sup>th</sup></b> | <u>Character Education Assemblies – Celebrating Citizenship</u><br>Students are encouraged to wear purple to represent the trait.<br><br>Grades PK-2 Presenting Classes (9:45) - Ms. Platania, Mrs. Kerr/<br>Mrs. Hadden, Mrs. Agans/Mrs. Pekala |

Grades 3-6 Presenting Classes (1:15) – Mrs. Mooney, Mr. Hosley,  
Mrs. Zobel

**June 24<sup>th</sup>** Grades 3-6 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Awards Assembly at 1:15 in the Aud.  
A letter will be sent home with more information.

**June 25<sup>th</sup>** Pre-Kindergarten Moving Up Ceremony at 9:00 a.m. in the  
Auditorium  
**This will be the final day for the Pre-K Program. Pre-K  
Transportation will not be provided.**

**June 25<sup>th</sup>** \*Grade 6 Moving Up Ceremony at 1:00 p.m. in the Auditorium.

**This will be the final day of school for our students. All of the  
students will be dismissed at 11:15.** The students moving into  
grades 1-6 will be sent home with summer reading assignments.  
They will be due in September!

*\*There will not be school for grade 6 students on June 25<sup>th</sup>. Parents should bring their children  
to school for the moving-up ceremony.* Grade 6 teachers will send home more information.

Best regards,

Jeffrey M. Palmer  
Principal

***Our Vision:*** *Our school is a safe and caring community where students learn to think critically, grow socially, and develop a love of learning that will last a lifetime. We will be polite, work hard, and have fun as we SHOW PRIDE at Van Rensselaer Elementary School.*