

Superintendent Zipp's...

Week in Review (3/6-3/10)

Quote of the Week

"FORGIVENESS helps you let go of the past and focus on the future."

Lockdown Drills

This week staff and students participated in lock down drills, with the goal of empowering our entire staff to make a lockdown call. Our intentions were to improve response time and create realistic situations that were also challenging. Our staff and students performed well to maintain the safety and security of all.

Act One...

Cheektowaga Central students from the *Footloose* cast were invited to join Mrs. McCormack for a final dress rehearsal of *Buffalo Quickies* at the Alleyway Theatre Wednesday night. Students were the first audience ever for the evening of one-act plays, opening on March 10th. Students had a talk-back with the play's directors, Richard Satterwhite and Kate Powers, as well as a meet and greet with the Artistic Director of Alleyway Theatre, Chris Handley.



Teamwork makes the Dreamwork...

Students in the Introduction to Law Enforcement class worked with Lt. Schmidt on teamwork and communication. Students had to recreate drawings based on what their classmates saw.



Taking the Lead...

On Tuesday night Nadesha Gomez-Lopez was a guest panelist with Mrs. Hedges for the Summit on Civic Readiness. The panel was presented to teachers and educators all over the United States. Nadesha and Mrs. Hedges shared their experience in the unique program that Cheektowaga offers their students to participate in a class called Civics in Action. This class helps prepare students to be lifelong learners and leaders in our community. (pictured below are Nadesha and keynote speaker Michael Rebell professor at Columbia University and Executive Director for the Center of Educational Equality.)

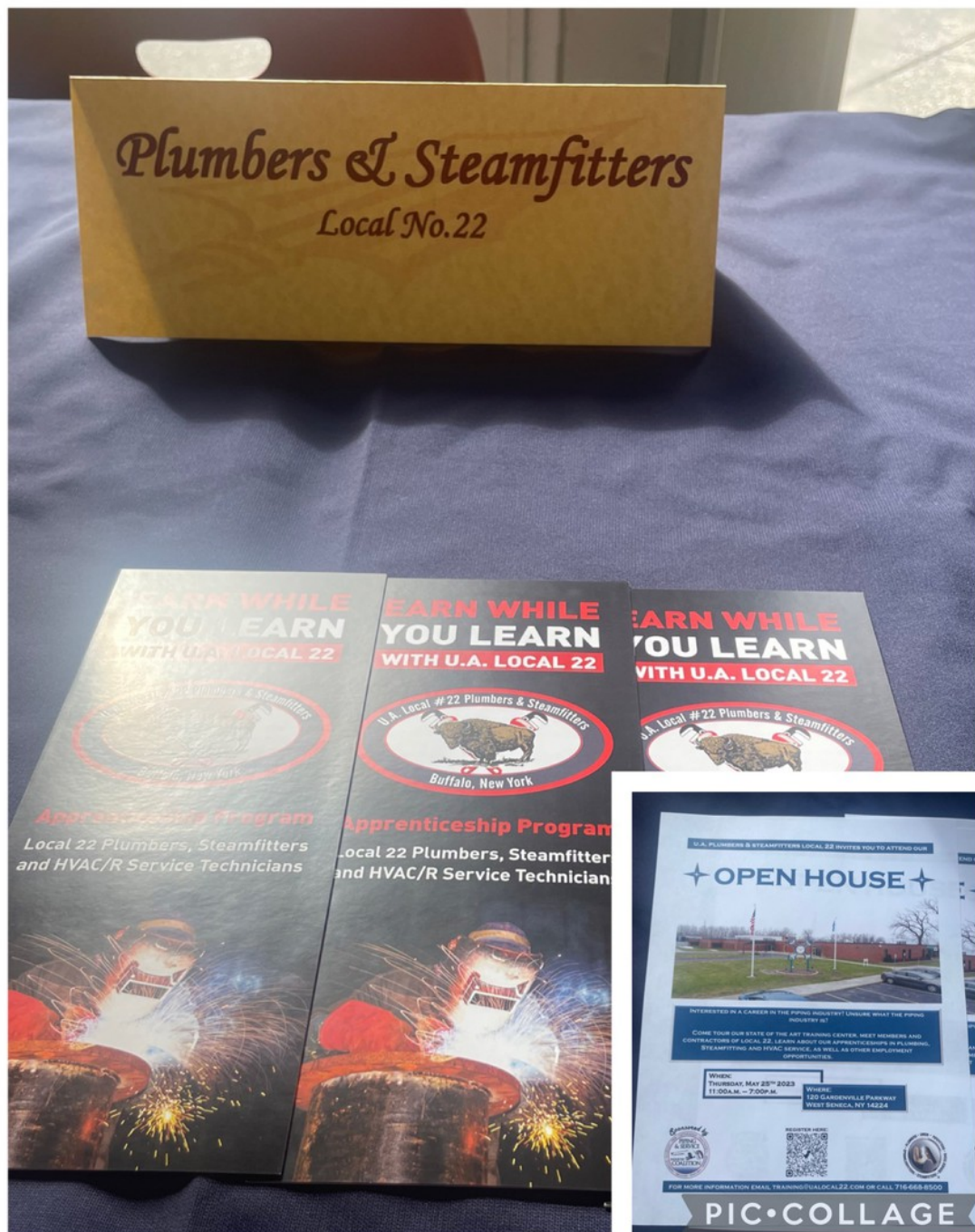


Read All About It...

Mrs. Maloney's 7th Grade readers are practicing reading short passages in small groups and answering reading comprehension questions.



Workforce Wednesday in the High School



Kick off your Sunday Shoes...

This past weekend our students showcased their talents in the production of "Footloose". The cast and crew did an incredible job! The cast had the members of the audience moving and grooving in their seats!



The Next Chapter...

During the March Board Meeting, those who announced their retirement for the end of the school year were honored. We want to thank Sunny Conrad-Leeper, Dave Guzzino, Matt Hout, Chuck Tilley, Debbie Roberts, Jackie Czaplicki, Lynne Schunk (not pictured) and Gary Feldt (not pictured) for their many years of service and dedication to our Cheektowaga students, families and community. They will truly be missed!



To B or not to B...

Students who have been following the "5 B's" trait of RESPONSIBILITY were rewarded for their hard work! (25 Dojo points for a brag tag and 50 points for a book from the book vending machine)



Choose Love...

Cheektowaga faculty and staff participated in the annual Hospice Spring Bouquet Sale that benefits the Hospice Foundation. In the High School the students of SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) took the lead in spearheading the sales. Huge shoutout to all who helped support this great cause!



Student Leaders...

Student Council is back and ready for action in the Middle School! Congratulations to those members of the executive board who will be leading the charge!



Turkey XXX...

The Cheektowaga Warriors Unified Bowling team completed the season with a 5-1 record and a 3rd place finish in the D bracket at the culminating event. The Warriors finished with the 9th best team score out of 45 teams at the culminating event that took place at Airport Lanes. Most importantly the team grew closer and made ever lasting friendships. The unified program is quickly taking off their bowling shoes and lacing up their basketball sneakers. The season starts Monday March 13th, if your son or daughter has any interest in our program please have them stop and see Coach Pane.



World Language Spirit Day in the High School!



Proud to be an American...

The 8th grade Honors ELA/Social Studies classes have been taking part in an annual project honoring local Vietnam soldiers that were killed during the war. We hold a small ceremony at the wall in DC during our 8th grade trip to honor these soldiers.

This year our goal is to honor the 149 soldiers from the City of Buffalo that are on the Wall through our annual tile project. On Friday, Commander Jim Weir from the Lancaster VFW visited our students who were making tiles and delivered an inspirational message.



Parent Information Series at Cheektowaga Central

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All presentations start at 6pm in the High School Auditorium.

March 23rd: "Being Positive for Our Kids: Promoting Social Emotional Strengths"

April 19th: "Social Media Safety Presentation"

May 18th: "Helping Your Child Manage Anxiety"

SAVE THE DATE!

►► Being Positive for Our Kids: Promoting Social Emotional Strengths

►► **March 23, 2023 at 6 p.m.**

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Interdisciplinary research from the fields of education and psychology make it clear that we should be focusing on the social emotional health of children and adolescents. Social emotional skills create a sense of accomplishment, contribute to satisfying relationships, enhance the ability to cope with stress, and promote social and academic development. The session will describe the concept of social emotional learning, the importance of strength-based approaches, and what parents can do to enhance the social emotional strengths of children and adolescents within home or educational settings.

Looking into next week...

March 15th- Grade 5-12 All Band Concert at 7:00pm in the High School Auditorium

March 16th- Teacher Record Day at **Union East ONLY** (1/2 Day for Student Attendance at **Union East ONLY**)

March 16th- UE Spring Open House at 4:30pm-6:30pm at Union East Elementary

March 17th- Staff Development Day (**No School for K-12 Students**)

Union East Open House

Thursday, March 16th
4:30-6:15

Best tour guides available - your child!

In addition to viewing your child's classroom:

- Glow in the Dark Art Show featuring student art work
- Tips on how to support your child with the upcoming NYS Assessments
- Community Resource Fair
- And More!!!



HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND! ❄️

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