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World Record in the Breaking!

By Eloise Redding

In the past few months a group of sixth graders has been working on breaking the world record for longest rubber band bracelet. Currently, the bracelet stretches from the nurse's room wall to the orchestra room wall with bracelet to spare. The group uses rubber bands from their homes and makes bracelets in lunch, recess, and at home. They are determined to break the record without help from anyone outside the group. The group even has a system to add to the big bracelet. The system works by the group members giving long sections of bracelet to the keeper of the big bracelet on Fridays. The keeper will then connect the pieces to the big bracelet over the weekend. The record is long but the group is determined to break it.



6th grade students pictured with the rubber band bracelet, aka Project Darryl, aka Darryl (Left to Right- Layla, Daniella, Shilo, Eloise, Riley, and of course, Darryl)

Yellow Tulip Club

Hope Garden Planting



Our Owls recently planted a Yellow Tulip Hope Garden, symbolizing hope and positivity while raising awareness for mental health. The vibrant garden, cultivated with teamwork and enthusiasm, serves as a living reminder of our collective commitment to mental well-being. As the tulips bloom, they not only beautify our surroundings but also foster a sense of optimism, promoting mental health awareness within our school community.



African Masks...



The newsletter staff caught up with Miss Favors about the African masks her students made

During Unit 1 in African American Studies, students analyzed various aspects of culture and art associated with Africa.

Why did you choose this project? I felt like the students needed to be able to visualize their learning, and painting is a very expressive art form. Students were able to showcase their creativity. Having the students research and learn about what masks represent in Africa helped them with understanding and completing their project.

Do you think the students enjoyed the project? I think the students enjoyed the project because they were able to express their creativity. They had to research what the colors meant in Africa. The colors they selected for their masks align with their theme and title. Their theme and the title of the mask had to be aligned to something that they learned during the 1st quarter.



MY SISTER'S KEEPER EMBARKS ON A HISTORIC JOURNEY: EXPLORING HARRIET TUBMAN'S LEGACY IN AUBURN, NEW YORK



On November 18 My Sister's Keeper visited Auburn, New York for a Harriet Tubman expedition! First, they visited William Seward's house. Seward was Secretary of State, he was first appointed by Abraham Lincoln in 1861 and served until 1869. The girls were even able to visit the bottom of his house which was actually part of the underground railroad!

Then, they visited Harriet Tubman's home which she lived in from 1859 all the way until her passing in 1913. On their trip, the girls learned that William Seward's wife was friends with Harriet. Harriet Tubman brought slaves through the underground railroad and gave them a place to eat and bathe.



Paws for Love



Our classrooms recently welcomed therapy dogs from the SPCA's Paws for Love program, creating an atmosphere of joy and comfort. The presence of these gentle and trained companions provided a unique form of support for students, fostering a calming and inclusive environment. The children engaged in interactive sessions with the therapy dogs, promoting social interaction and emotional well-being.

Kario Carpenter said, "Charlie was great. He had fun and played with us." Kobi Williams added, "The dog was so calm when he came into the room."

The therapeutic benefits of these visits extend beyond the classroom, emphasizing the importance of animal-assisted interventions in enhancing the educational experience for all. You can learn more about Paws for Love at <https://yoursPCA.org/what-we-do/paws-for-love/>



Owl Together Now!

Team Effort by National Honor Society and Yellow Tulip Foundation Helps Families with Food Needs

The National Honor Society and the Yellow Tulip Foundation recently teamed up to help families in our community who don't have enough food. From November 14 to 18, they collected non-perishable food items and canned goods. People in the community were super generous!

The groups wanted to make sure families and Feedmore WNY got the help they needed. Thanks to everyone who pitched in, the effort was a big success! Together, we made sure nobody in our community went hungry. Great job, everyone!

MRS. JENKINS' WOUND-PAINTING LAB: A HIT AMONG STUDENTS, COMBINING FUN AND ANATOMY

by Penelope MacKay



Our high school science teacher Mrs. Jenkins has done a very strange lab- she had her students paint wounds on their arms. She was recently interviewed about this topic and was able to answer some questions about the project itself.

When asked about why she did this project, she responded that “We had been learning about skin and anatomy, and this gave students a chance to learn, and it was also fun!”

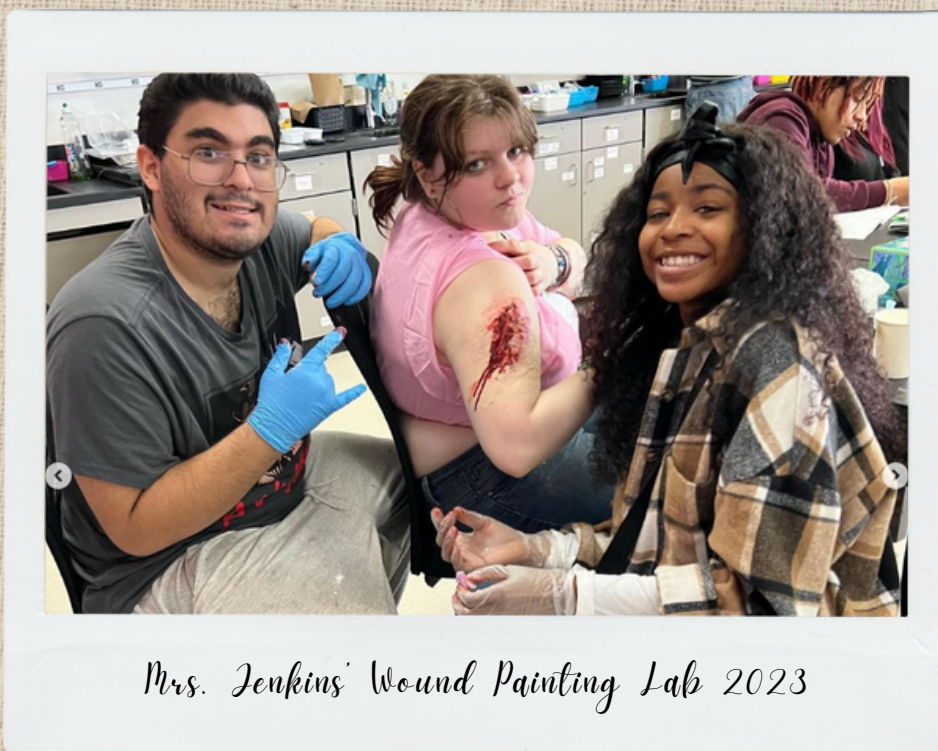
She was also asked if her students enjoyed it, and responded that “They absolutely did! They used different techniques to try to create the wound and absolutely loved it.” She also said that parents had been previously warned, so there were no repercussions towards the school in any way.

“Some of them [the wounds] were really outrageously realistic and the students texted their parents saying ‘oh my god, look what happened!’”

Mrs. Jenkins said that she would “definitely do it again,” and that it was a “really popular project.”

Thank you Mrs. Jenkins for planning such a fun and educational activity for our Owls!

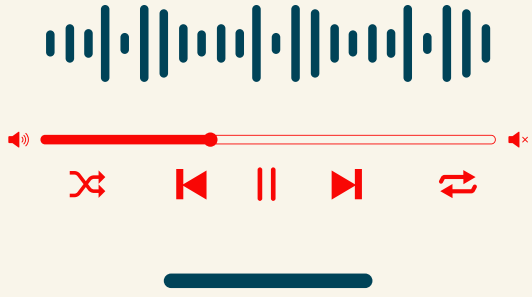





Mrs. Jenkins' Wound Painting Lab 2023

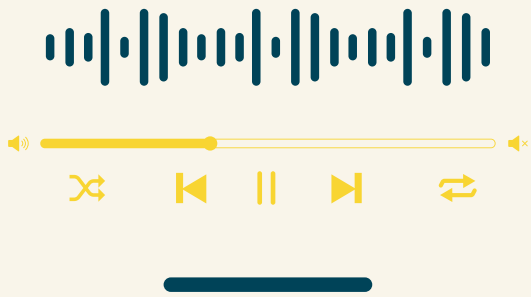



THE OLMSTED MEDIA CLUB PLAYLIST



Noa and Bia's "Songs about cities" Playlist

Every issue, our staff will put out a new Spotify playlist. Check out the "Songs about cities" playlist by **Noa Mitchell and Bia Green**. Scan the QR Code or click the images to go to the playlist.



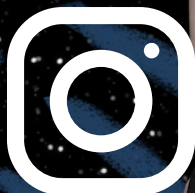
Leon's "Fall" Playlist

Every issue, our will put out a new Apple Music playlist. Check out the "Fall" playlist by **Leon Jackson**. Scan the QR Code or click the images to go to the playlist.

STARRY NIGHT!



Even though homecoming was in October, we wanted to share some pics. We clean up nicely, dont we? HOCO '23 was an event that brought our high schoolers together and has helped them continue to bond. We look forward to many more fun events like this for our Owls.



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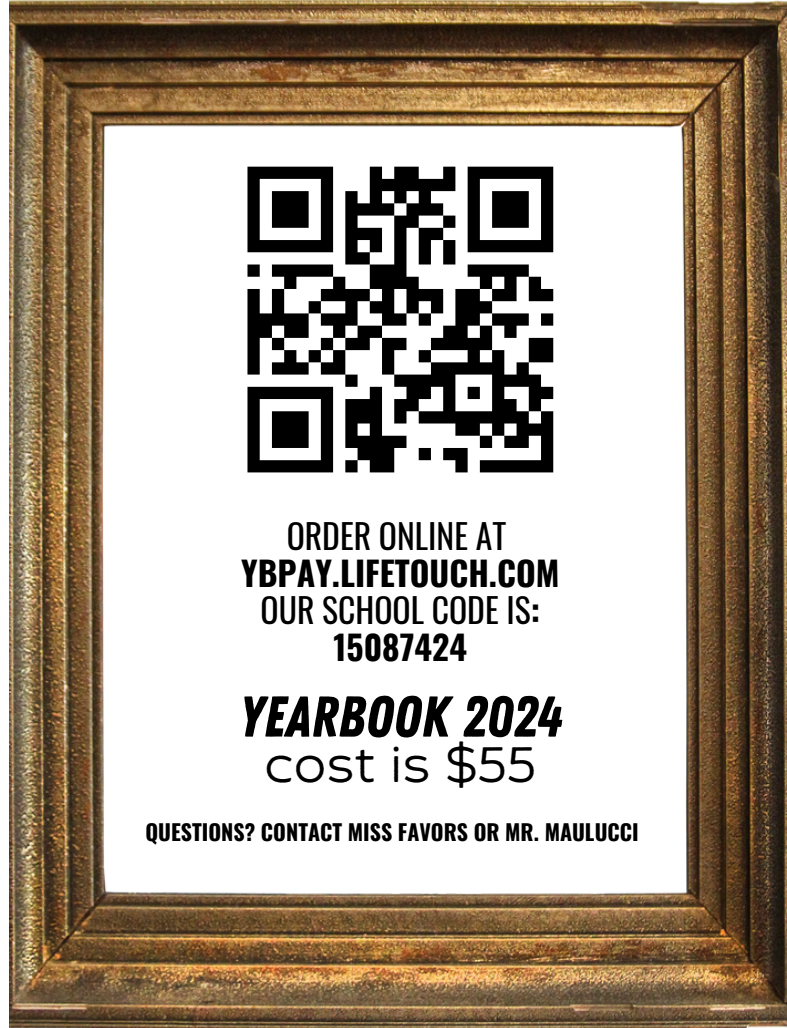


SHOPPING NIGHT BENEFITING FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED

Thursday, December 7th 6-8pm
at Ten Thousand Villages
736 Elmwood Ave, Buffalo NY 14222

Ten Thousand Villages will donate 15% of sales
between 6-8pm that night to OPTO

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