



GOOD NEWS



From the West Irondequoit School District for April 2010

- IHS senior Mary Cushman has been named the **Rochester Press Radio Female Athlete of the Year** and will be honored at their annual banquet on May 12.
- IHS Latin students competed in the **Junior Classical League ‘Spring Thing.’** Over 170 students from all levels of Latin gathered in Pittsford on March 20th to play Latin games with students from Clarence in the west to Indian River Central Schools in the north and Franklinville in the south. The students competed in oral Certamen (a Mastermind type competition of Latin knowledge), written tests, a segment of a speech in Latin, as well as volleyball, basketball and chess. Level II students included: Nick Erbland, Rebecca Giese, Matt Miller, Sheila Mulrooney, Alexis Sammler, Megan Wurzer, and Hannah Zlotnick. The Irondequoit B team came in 2nd in oral Certamen, Megan Wurzer scored 1st in the Mythology test, and Hannah Zlotnick won the Oration contest for level II as well as 3rd in the derivative test and 1st in the Pentathlon (a series of 5 short tests).
- Timothy Walsh, 8th grader from Dake Jr. High has earned **Gold Key recognition in The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards of 2010** for his drawing "Cleats." Each year, more than 165,000 works of art and writing are submitted to the awards. Only 10,000 students earn Gold Keys as decided by leaders in the creative industries. Only 693 artworks from the Region-at-Large earned Gold Key recognition this year.
- IHS English teacher, Jeffrey Guercio, has recently been recognized in a book, ***Classroom Publishing: A Practical Guide for Teachers***, published by Ooligan's Press. The section entitled *Community Project* highlights the concept and format of the Grade 10 ELA/Global Summer Institute, an authentic learning project which every year benefits the Irondequoit community as well as the students who attend the summer class.
- Dake Junior High students completed their fundraising efforts for the hurricane victims in Haiti raising a total of \$1277 through penny wars, a quilt raffle and an art sale. The art sale, featuring student work, raised over \$200.
- Heather Genrich, Molly Enright, Natasha Dorsey, Marcie Dineen, and Dan Lenzi, seniors at Irondequoit High School, are the recipients of the **2010 DECA National Marketing Education Honor Award**. This award given annually by DECA, a national association of marketing students recognizes achievement in academic excellence, leadership skills, DECA involvement and school and community service. The award recipient must be a DECA member in his/her senior year of high school with a cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or better for each of the high school semesters. The Marketing Education instructors and advisors at Irondequoit High School are Lou DiCesare, Jeanine Lent, and LaVon Bucciarelli.

- Joey Buttino, a fifth grade student at Iroquois Middle School, wrote a review of the book *Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell that was published in the March 31st edition of the **Democrat and Chronicle**.
- The following students were selected to perform in **All-County music groups** during the month of March:

<p>Elementary Rogers MS Siobhan Plouffe--Alto Sax Samantha Raspudic - strings Ashley McDonald – strings Bridget Deveney - voice Mary Eckert- voice Eliana Limbeck- voice Aaron Cuyler- voice Nate Charles- voice Mary Harriman- voice Max Eismann- voice Anna Weldy- voice</p> <p>Iroquois MS Kate Huppe - strings Sarah Rossi - strings Bella Denysenko - strings Tyler Cutting-trumpet Isaac Gagarinas-trumpet Trevor Carney-trumpet Gina DiPaola-clarinet Justin Sale-tenor saxophone</p>	<p>Dake Junior High School Orchestra, Band, and Chorus Amato, Michael - voice Armsden, Alana - voice Arnett, Brook - voice Bacon, Maggie - bassoon D'Agostino, Grace - voice Denysynko, Zachary - strings Diaz, Nathaniel - voice Haefner, Lindsay - strings Kunkel, Grace - voice Loret, Christan - voice Marchese, Lidia - voice Mendenhall, Emma - strings Mundt, Katherine - voice Putnam, Shannon - voice Revas, Armando - voice Rosen, Daniel - voice Rossi, Julia - voice Ruhling, Peter - voice Soufleris, Elizabeth - voice Walsh, Tim – voice</p>	<p>IHS High School Jazz Harriman, Blake - voice Magee, Dan – voice Joel Carini – trumpet</p> <p>IHS High School Orchestra, Band, and Chorus Amato, Elizabeth - voice Bilodeau-Dick, Sam - voice Bovenzi, Ben - voice Burke, Kelly - voice Carini, Joel - trumpet Carini, Amanda - voice Currie, Maria - trumpet Hartmann, Jimmy - voice Hamilton, Gennie - voice Kelly, Taeko - voice King, Kevin - voice Kogler, Hannah - voice Langley, Catherine - voice Langley, Heather - voice Nickeson, Greg - voice Magee, Dan - voice Mulrooney, Shiela - voice Ruiz, Cindy - voice Walts, Alex – French horn</p>
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- Two teams from West Irondequoit traveled to SUNY Binghamton to participate in the **NYS Odyssey of the Mind Competition** on March 25 and 26. Placing first out of 16 teams, the *Discovered Treasure* team from Dake Junior High School is headed to the World Finals May 26 at Michigan State University. Team members are: Christina Horton, Hannah Magin, Kelly McMurray, Meghan O'Brien, Meghan Vadala and Clara Wagner. Coaches are Paul Horton and John Wagner.
- Siobhan Plouffe a student in Colleen Vay's grade six Core class at Rogers School wrote a poem entitled, *Enduring*. Her poem was selected to be **published in a literature anthology to celebrate Rochester's 175th birthday**. Clare Hanson, who was a student teacher in Colleen's class, worked with the students to create their entries and submitted their work.
- Sarah Morris, a fifth grade student at Rogers Middle School, wrote a review of the book *Warriors into the Wild* by Erin Hunter that was published **in the Democrat and Chronicle** on April 7.

- For the 8th consecutive year, NYSUT's officers and board of directors have selected the West Irondequoit Teachers Association (WITA) as a recipient of **NYSUT's Community Service Award**. This honor recognizes the group's sustained and collective participation in charitable events such as Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk, National Denim Day, Gilda's Club Fashion Show, Golisano Children's Hospital, Odyssey of the Mind Team, Junior and Senior Safe Parties, donations to Irondequoit Community Cupboard, and WITA scholarships.

Faculty members Marty Adams, Wendy Boomer, Bev Engel and Nancy Rank will accept the award on behalf of WITA at NYSUT's Representative Assembly (RA) in Washington, DC at the end of April."

- Listwood kindergarten student Matthew Ament won 3rd prize for the Kindergarten category of the **2010 PBS Kids Writing** contest. His work will be published online at pbskids.org.
- IHS junior Kevin King, was presented with the rank of **Eagle** at a Court of Honor on April 11. Kevin belongs to Boy Scouts of America Troop 220.

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