During the week of September 14-23, Portville Central School unified with Olean, Franklinville, Allegany-Limestone, and Hinsdale Districts to raise money for hurricane Katrina victims. The fundraiser was entitled “Kids Walking For Kids” and all money raised during the ten-day span would be donated to the Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund and directed to kids and education. The fundraiser was set up for students and staff to collect donations from their family, friends and neighbors.

Finally as a culmination activity on September 23, 7-12 students and staff did a victims awareness walk from school to Pioneer Park and back. The K-6 students also did an awareness walk around school grounds. Many of the elementary students made banners and signs that they carried during their walk. The Portville students and staff went over and above the call of duty working very hard collecting donations. The total amount raised in grades 7-12 was $1,909.70 and in grades PreK - 6 was $2,598.33, for a grand Portville Central School total of $4,508.03! After adding up all five districts, the total amount collected was $33,036! PCS teacher Tim McArdle was the fundraiser coordinator for the district.
A Message from the Superintendent
by Mr. Peter Tigh

Admiring the Scarecrows

The Kindergarten students are probably unaware that on Friday, October 7, they participated in a contemporary folk art tradition. All they know is that they dressed up as scarecrows! (I’m sure as parents were involved in dressing up their students, they were unaware also.) No two were alike; they displayed an endless variety of artful invention. They made the old flannel, straw hat and worn-out boots come alive again!

The art they created is ephemeral, however. It lasts only a short time and is gone; much like the cycle of students through our school. It seems as if yesterday’s kindergarteners are today’s seniors. They are with us such a brief time...but aren’t they lovely while they’re here?!

In our fast-paced society filled with computers, instant global communication, and jet planes, it’s nice to slow down and think about the age-old tradition of scarecrows. And just think, right around the corner we’ll get a peek at the other ephemeral folk figure....the snowman!

Parent Conferences

Parent conferences for students in grades 7 and 8 will be held in the High School Library on Thursday, November 10, 2005. Parents will be able to pick up first quarter report cards as well as meet with teachers. A letter explaining the program and the process for signing up was sent home with progress reports for all 7th and 8th graders in October. This is a great opportunity to increase parent/teacher communication and boost student success! Please contact the High School Guidance Office at 933-6760 with questions.
Hi, we are Bridget and Caitlin, two students at St. Bonaventure University. We are part of the Journey Project, a program that provides undergraduates internships with local non-profit organizations to help students gain career experience and discover their vocation.

This semester we will be working with the Portville School District to take a census of the community and to help promote the free and reduced meal plan. We are planning to come door-to-door during the months of November and December to complete this census. Expect to see us on select Saturdays between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. These Saturdays include Nov. 5, 12, 19 and Dec. 3.

We plan to use the information we obtain about the Portville community to analyze current student enrollment trends and predict future trends. We also plan to use this information to enhance the students’ overall educational experience. We look forward to working with the Portville community and plan on helping you utilize benefits that are already available.

Mrs. Simon’s, Mrs. Sprague’s, Mrs. Clark’s, and Mrs. Lott’s kindergarten classes went for a walk to see the community. The kindergarteners have been learning about their community. During the walk pictures were taken of important community buildings- library, bank, post office, and more. Each class wrote a class book about what is seen in their community. What a fun lesson!
Apples Abound!

Apples... Apples... Applesauce!
With the help of parents, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Clark's Kindergarten Class made applesauce.
Thanks! What a yummy treat!

Mrs. Wray, a parent volunteer, helped the students in Mrs. Lott's kindergarten class make some delicious applesauce. The students were completing a unit on apples. They served the applesauce to their parents at Meet the Teacher Night. Everyone loved it!

The Kindergarten classes celebrated Johnny Appleseed's birthday in September. They all sang songs at morning program. The picture is Mrs. Sprague's class with their Johnny appleseed "hats" on.

Mrs. Smith's class began the month of October with a trip to the Cider Mill. They learned how to sort, wash, chop, and press apples. Their favorite part was enjoying a cup of cider and a doughnut back at school. Thank you Cider Mill.

Portville Teachers Take a Big Step Up to Writing
By Jennifer Sorochin, Curriculum Coordinator

As the new school year begins, Kindergarten through 12th grade teachers at Portville Central School are “Stepping Up” their writing strategies for students. Over the summer and during their staff development days, all K-12 core content teachers received training in Step Up to Writing through BOCES.

Step Up to Writing is a useful writing system that teaches students how to structure their writing to increase achievement. The strategies focus primarily on the structure of expository, or informational, text, such as trade books, text books, and content based reading materials. By helping the students understand the structure of expository text, it will also help them better comprehend when reading these materials. Teachers have incorporated the strategies of Step Up to Writing into their curriculum maps, and are actively utilizing these writing strategies in their classrooms.

Phys. Ed. Changes to Numeric Grades

The Physical Education Department will continue the grading implementation plan approved by the Board of Education several years ago by providing numeric grades for this year’s ninth graders. In the past, students received a pass/fail. The plan calls for a continued implementation of numeric grades as follows: 2006-7 grade 10, 2007-8 grade 11, 2008-9 grade 12.

The Physical Education grade will become a part of the student’s cumulative average. For information on the Physical Education curriculum please contact Mr. Curran, High School Principal.
Welcome back! After a glorious summer, it’s great to be back to school. Here are some of the things happening in the library media centers.

Several memorial books were donated to the elementary library in memory of special people.

Donated in memory of Mary Ann Christopher, former elementary teacher (wife of former Superintendent Gerard Christopher):

Hazel’s Amazing Mother by Rosemary Wells (donated by Joseph & Mary Eaton)

My Great Aunt Arizona by Gloria Houston (donated by Joseph & Mary Eaton)

Donated in memory of Roy Allgaier, the father of second grade teacher Susan Houseknecht.

One Big Ocean by Catherine Nichols (donated by Portville Board of Education)

St. Patrick’s Day by Gail Gibbons (donated by the Portville Faculty Association)

If You’ll Be my Valentine by Cynthia Rylant (donated by the PFA)

The Three Bears Holiday Rhyme Book by Jane Yolen (donated by the PFA)

These gifts are fitting tributes and we are proud to have them in our elementary library.

PATHS (Parents & Teachers Helping Students) made a very generous donation of books to our libraries as a result of their successful book fair. I thank them for their support and recognition of the importance of libraries and literacy to our students.

Two copies of the Barns of the Genesee Country, 1790-1915 by Daniel Fink were donated to the high school library by Mr. James Brunner.

We have also received information for our online databases this year. These resources provide access to magazines and reference materials that we could never afford to purchase individually. They are available for community use and can be used on any computer with an Internet connection. Your tax dollars, local and state, have helped provide them. We thank you for that.

Remember these sources are much more credible than what is available on the “free” web. I have organized them into general subjects.

**LIBRARY DATABASES**

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- **CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES** – Opposing Viewpoints ([http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb](http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb))
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- **ENCyclopedia** – Funk & Wagnalls New World Encyclopedia ([http://search.epnet.com/login.aspx](http://search.epnet.com/login.aspx))
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  At school: User ID: NY0323  Password: 14770
  At home: User ID: NY0323H  Password: 14770

  User ID: awg77  Password: ssny120144

- **SCIENCE** – General Science Collection ([http://search.epnet.com/login.aspx](http://search.epnet.com/login.aspx)) Includes:
  User ID: portvillecsd  Password: portvillecsd

- **ATTENTION VETERANS:**
  President Clinton signed the Veteran’s History Project into law in 2000. As a result, the Library of Congress is collecting oral histories from veterans of World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Persian Gulf War, and Afghanistan & Iraq Conflicts. In addition, those U.S. citizen civilians who were actively involved in supporting war efforts (such as war industry workers, USO workers, flight instructors, medical volunteers, etc.) are also invited to share their valuable stories.
  They are accepting personal narratives (audio & video taped interviews, narratives), correspondence (letters, postcards, v-mail, diaries), and visual material (photographs, drawings, scrapbooks). More information, including submission guidelines, can be found at [http://www.loc.gov/vets/](http://www.loc.gov/vets/). If I can assist in any way, please contact me.
Mrs. Artlip’s class conducted Matter Experiments. Drew Griffith, Colin Evans, Jordan Shoff, and Veronica Ratzel combined baking soda and vinegar in a bottle producing carbon dioxide, which blew up the balloon!

Mrs. Quattrone’s class has fun playing Math Games!

Mrs. Beyer’s students get their kicks out of soccer in physical education class with Mrs. Hadzicki!!

Mrs. Mattie’s class checking out signs of summer!

R.J. Pollock and Hannah Matthews work on their friendship paintings in Mrs. Milne’s class.

Pre-K is learning “All About Me”. This is our unit for the beginning of school to help us get to know each other.

Mrs. Bussman’s class taking part in the BABES program.

Mrs. Cole’s first grade Super Stars made a class book of things that had the short “a” sound. Here are our students with a short a in their name: Allison, Morgan, Hannah, Ethan and Ashton.

Mrs. Bussman’s class taking part in the BABES program.

The Portville Panther

November 2005
## Breakfast/Lunch Menu for November 2005

Menu subject to change without notice. All menus include 1/2 pint milk (whole, 2%, skim, lowfat chocolate) and may be prepaid by month or week. Breakfast - $0.75; Lunch - $1.25; Second Lunch - $1.50. H.S. - Pizza, Salads, Hot Soup & Nachos available daily. There is no charging Gr. 6 thru 12. Elem. - PB&J Sandwich instead of the main dish; 4th & 5th grades salads available daily. NS = No Elementary.

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Mrs. Wilson’s third grade have been working on maps and globes to help the students learn where the seven continents and four oceans are.

NHS Sponsors Food Drive

The annual Food Drive by the Portville Chapter of the National Honor Society will be starting on October 31 and running through November 21. Any nonperishable food item may be donated. Sites for collection will be throughout the school.

Every year the NHS works very hard to help provide supplies for the Portville Food Pantry located at the Presbyterian Church. Members help collect, sort, and deliver the items, and the Food Pantry distributes the supplies to those in need. According to Mrs. Stephanie Hill, the Food Pantry relies greatly on the NHS drive. It provides the supplies that truly help sustain the program. Due to the increased need that the Pantry has seen in the last year, the NHS hopes donations of food items will also increase. If anyone wishes to donate and is unable to bring the items to the school, please contact Mrs. Scott or Mrs. Winternantel at 933-6761 and someone will be glad to pick up your donations. Please help make this year’s food drive the most successful ever.