

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Blue Creek

- Was recognized as a Sage College Academy of Character Education “School of Character”
- Kathy Berger received a Character in Education Leadership Award from The Sage Colleges Academy for Character
- Grade 3 students performed original songs at The Sage Colleges Academy for Character annual conference
- Senior citizens visited Blue Creek students and students visited senior citizens at The Eddy
- Over \$2000 was raised for a homeless Blue Creek family
- Blue Creek and the greater NCCSD community contributed recipes for a cookbook “Recipes of Love.” The books raised funds for the family of Ben Stowell
- Students performed at New York State School Board Association Convention and the Character Education Conference

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Boght Hills

- Success theme, “Pay it Forward”
 - Dress down days for charity
 - Pennies for Patients (childhood leukemia)
 - Collection of school supplies for students in Engeye, Uganda
 - Coins for Scholars (shipping supplies to Uganda)
 - 3rd graders donated their own money to purchase a full page ad in the BC cookbook to benefit the Ben Stowell Fund
 - Learning Enrichment Day had several opportunities for service (e.g. making blankets for orphanages, cards for elder care residences)
- Two 6th grade students attended the Anti-Defamation League Leadership conference at Siena with the principal
- Students enjoyed the “Walk the Red Carpet” PTA Spring Dance
- Nearly 200 students participated in “*TV Turn Off Week*”
- PTA purchased a large projection screen and sound system for the gymnasium
- 5th Grade students performed a concert and made cards for the elders at Carondolet Hall
- First Annual Ice Cream Social was well attended

- A 6th grade orchestra student was selected to perform with 7th & 8th grade students at the Suburban Council Concert
- Jackie Sweeney, author-in-residence, worked with students to improve their expressive writing
- Pat Schories, illustrator of the *Biscuit* children's books, visited students
- Many staff members adopted healthy lifestyles by participating in "*Fit Club*"
- June Jamboree was an amazing success

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Forts Ferry

- Candace Lobdell was recognized as "Principal of the Year" by CASDA
- "*Mix it Up Day*" was a success
- Held a "*Kids Are Runners Too*" program
- Held a "*Get Your Game On Evening*"
- Kindergartners created and shared their inventions with classmates
- Steve LaPointe, local meteorologist, visited students
- 5th grade students enjoyed a Mexican Fiesta
- 4th grade students celebrated Colonial Days and an Iroquois Festival
- Beautification project by 1st grade students on Earth Day
- Carnival was a success
- Over 50 students participated in the Science Fair
- Fort Festival resulted in the creation of a school flag and a staff lip sync concert

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Latham Ridge

- "Pay It Forward" - year-long character education theme, each grade sponsored an activity
 - Kindergarten - Hats & Mittens drive
 - 1st grade - "Toys for Tots"
 - 2nd grade - "Coats for Kids"
 - 3rd grade - Pine Bush Preservation
 - 4th grade - "Pennies for Patients" (pediatric cancers)
 - 5th grade - Heifer Project (bought llama for family in Central America)
 - 6th grade – "Juice Pouch Brigade" collected juice pouches to be recycled as handbags, pencil cases etc.

- Held a successful “Discovery Fair”
- Celebrated a “Mix It Up at Lunch” Day
- After-School Service Club beautified grounds and collected supplies for Dominican Republic
- 5th grade students communicated with a classroom in Spain via video conferencing

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Loudonville

- Was designated as a NCLB National Blue Ribbon School
- New gymnasium floor and playground equipment were installed
- Students participated in an Earth Day Waste Free Snack Challenge
- Held a “*Kids are Runners Too*” program
- Student Energy Patrol teams helped to reduce electricity use
- Teachers successfully piloted the use of Infinite Campus
- Students enjoyed field trips to Capital Rep, Camp Chingachgook, Albany Institute of History and Art, Cooperstown, Proctors, and the Troy Museum of Science and Technology

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Maplewood

- Became the seventh elementary school in the NCCSD
- Introduction of the band
- Adopted a new mascot –*The Maplewood Mustangs*
- Band marched in the Memorial Day parade
- New families were welcomed at Family Fun Night and the Spaghetti Dinner – proceeds were donated to the Ben Stowell Fund
- 5th and 6th grade students worked with eba Dance Company and performed a Russian folk dance
- 100% of the 5th grade students passed the Social Studies Assessment
- 100% of the 4th grade students passed the Science Assessment
- 95% of students passed the Math Assessment
- 89 % of students passed the ELA
- Character Education assemblies were held
- New cafeteria was designed
- Held a successful 5th and 6th grade track meet

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Southgate

- Author's Day
- Grace Lin, author/illustrator, visited with students
- Family Night at West Mountain
 - Families spent an evening having fun and keeping fit snowtubing at West Mountain
- Student was an award winner for a calendar contest sponsored by the Shaker Road - Loudonville Fire Department
- "Walk a Mile in Someone Else's Shoes"
 - Collected over 1000 pairs of shoes to be donated to the children of Lesotho, South Africa
- Students donated their loose change and raised over \$1,500 for The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
- Held a successful Family Fitness Night; families learned how to be fit and stay active while participating in activities
- Held a "*Kids are Runners Too*" program
- Held a "*Home Stretch Challenge*" in order to raise money for a local charity
- Held a Science Enrichment Day
 - Experts and educators spent the day discussing topics in their scientific field with students
- Held a Poetry Assembly
- Poems and music were performed by students to celebrate "Poetry Month" in April
- Two students were featured in the Times Union displaying their "Hopes for America" as Barack Obama entered office
- Character Education, "Pay It Forward" theme
 - displaying a quilt depicting ways students engaged in "Pay It Forward"

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District Elementary

- A successful introduction of the 5th & 6th grade Elementary Exploratory Foreign Language program
- Each elementary school performed grade level musicals
- Conducted the first Sports Information Night for 6th Grade parents
- Art Explorers toured art exhibits at the Tang Teaching Gallery at Skidmore College
- Families attended the District Art Reception at NYSUT in Latham

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Shaker Junior High School

- Four students earned Gold medals at the Russian Olympiada
- Frank Georgini, ceramic artist, and art students created a ceramic art piece highlighting New York State
- REACH program was successfully implemented
- Development of General level Math and English classes
- RTI services were implemented
- Sonya Sones, author, visited students
- Building Council executed a follow-up survey on bullying
- Musicians were awarded Gold and Platinum medals at Great East Music Festival
- Musicians were accepted into State Honor Band
- Students performed “Back to the 80’s”
- Students created digital career portfolios
- Students designed and crafted hats, scarves and blankets for children in Nepal
- Students designed and built full size cardboard boats for competition
- An RTI committee was established to develop research based intervention services
- Successful movement of the foreign language exploratory program into grades 5 and 6 allowing students to study one language for a full two years in junior high

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Shaker High School

- SHS families hosted students from Costa Rica, Germany and France through the Student Exchange Program
- Held a Transition Fair
- Held an ESL Fun Day
- Rachel’s Challenge was presented to students through the Shaker High School Wellness Committee
- Student was a National Intel Finalist; our 3rd consecutive Intel finalist placed 2nd in the world in his division at the event
- 50th Anniversary celebration
- C-Span bus visited
- Student won 3rd place in the C-Span national competition

- Robotics Club received honors in Rochester and competed nationally in Atlanta
- Author Chris Crutcher visited
- Held a DWI victims' impact program for parents and students
- Veterans Day celebration
- Hosted National Speech and Debate Competition
- Math Department held "Pi Day"
- Successful Math Club and Science Club Peer Tutoring programs were in operation
- Held a Science Symposium
- Different heritages of students were celebrated during the International Festival
- Students performed "Wonderful Town"
- A new course offering in clothing construction for students interested in fashion design
- Broadcast students provided the morning announcements
- Technology Department utilized Computer Integrating Machining equipment in many courses
- Conducted service learning activities including the Cinderella Project, the Ronald McDonald House, local food pantries and senior citizen centers
- Billy Lyons, former Shaker student, visited as a stop on his national tour
- Siena athletes visited with seniors
- Three students' poetry was published in *The Elm Tree* newsletter
- A senior represented Shaker at the regional "Shakespeare" competition
- Three students represented Shaker at the Poetry Out Loud Regional competition
- A senior represented Shaker at the Poetry Out Loud State competition
- Faculty attended the Teacher Leadership Luncheon and Seminar
- Faculty participated in the Capital District Writing Project
- English Department held a conference to share "best practices"
- Guidance counselors have been provided with individual office space
- RISE program successfully provided Response to Intervention services to students
- Senior received the Student Leadership Award for Bowling and the Albany County Executive Volunteer of the Year Award
- 85% of seniors graduating in June 2009 completed three years of foreign language study
- 47% of seniors graduating in June 2009 completed five years of foreign language study
- 99.9% of students passed the 2009 Regents exam in French, German,

Spanish, and Latin

- 100% of students passed the 2009 Comprehensive Examination for Regents credit in Russian
- 100% of students enrolled in the University in the High School foreign language courses earned college credit, with 514 students participating
- Each student enrolled in the “University in the High School” foreign language courses obtained up to ten hours of college credit
- Two students won a scholarship for a three week travel and study program in Russia
- 99% of students passed the 2009 Proficiency exam in French, German, Russian and Spanish
- Students’ designs were used by several community businesses, including a Lamar Billboard in Latham
- Students exhibited artwork at Union College and HVCC
- 26 of 27 Varsity teams qualified for Scholar-Athlete Recognition
- Physical Education electives and scheduling procedures were revised
- New instructional space was designed for math tutoring and a new computer lab
- Renovated the Weight Room into a Fitness Center
- Four piano students won first prize in multiple regional and national competitions
- Marching Band was chosen to perform in “Magic Music Days” at Walt Disney World in Florida
- Student was chosen as one of 25 students nationwide for an award and performed on National Public Radio
- Wind Ensemble was awarded a Gold medal at the NYSSMA Majors
- Developed two new course offerings, Business Fundamentals and Principles of Marketing
- 240 Driver Education students earned a 100% pass rate
- Shaker athletic teams won five Suburban Council Championships, three Section II Titles, and over 55 student-athletes participated in State Level competition
- Students completed health enhancing advocacy projects
- Creation of a peer tutoring program for chemistry and physics

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District

- Special web pages, online courses, and video tutorials were created for professional development

- Training on new computer strategies to use technology in the classroom
- Student data systems were enhanced
- Wireless capabilities have been installed into each school
- North Colonie was recognized as a model school in New York State regarding transition services provided to special education students
- Alternative Education program curriculum was expanded
- Sub-committees were established to streamline CSE meetings and allow for more effective delivery of service
- Extensive training was provided to special education teachers regarding best practices for instructing students with autism
- First district wide conference day for teacher aides and support staff
- 16 athletic programs performed hours of community service during the 2008-09 school year
- Revision of NCCSD Physical Fitness Assessment
- Offered a Flu Clinic for district employees
- All student immunization records and medical alert flags were entered into Infinite Campus
- School nurses were recognized by the NYS Department of Health for their assistance during the immunization record audit and were commended on their practices and procedures
- 98% of the 309 students who performed NYSSMA solos and ensembles scored in the two highest ratings
- 40 North Colonie students were selected for the Suburban Council Music Festival, more than any other district
- A grant to develop Russian Interdisciplinary Web-based Units was awarded to Bonny Einstein, and Diane Wynne, Michael Moffre, Heather Burke, and Lisa Verchereau, from the Greater Capital Region Teacher Center

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Maintenance

- Over 2900 work orders were completed with the average time of a work order being less than three days
- Accomplished over 120 budget projects throughout the 2008-09 school year
- Worked initially for four days making repairs to open school after the December 2008 Ice Storm, and then worked over a three month period to complete clean-up of district properties, in addition to regular maintenance
- Renovated the Human Resource offices at Goodrich and Custodial offices at Maplewood School Annex

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Transportation

- Bus mechanics ensured buses passed D.O.T. inspection with a 99.37% pass rate
- Funeral flag of an American veteran was flown in Iraq by an employee serving in Iraq. Upon the employee's return, the flag was flown at Shaker High School to honor those who have died in service
- Staff raised about \$1200 for the Adopt-a-Family Program
- On a Blue Creek Special Needs bus route, Kevin Henault, Driver, and Audrey Vallee, Bus Aide, showed exceptional professionalism in attending to a non-responsive child