

It's Elementary!

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Ellenville Elementary School is having another successful year! We continue to set high expectations and standards for the academic and social development of all our students. We will continue to work towards excellence in teaching and learning by exceeding state standards on the NYS Assessments. We have created an environment that fosters a true sense of pride and accomplishment in students, staff, parents, and the community. We will all walk a little taller because of our dreams and goals for the future at *Ellenville Elementary School*. Happy New Year!

Best Choices

This year we are continuing to recognize children who make good choices. Each class is invited to a "Best Choices" assembly (usually once per month) to enjoy a movie and popcorn. The popcorn is provided courtesy of the *P.T.O.* *P.T.O.* parents Linda Sherry, Kristy Irwin, and Gayle Grogan spend plenty of time making popcorn for the celebrations. Ms. Sherry and Ms. Irwin were here for our first celebration and made enough popcorn for the whole school!

School Bank

In cooperation with the *Ellenville National Bank*, our school opened its own "branch" for students. Starting in December, children were able to make weekly savings deposits at our "school bank," which is located right around the corner from our "school store." A crew of 4th graders has been "hired" to work in our bank.

Student Mapmakers

The students in Mrs. Quinn's class learned to make personal maps from Mrs. Clayton in the computer lab. Students used both the Neighborhood Map Machine software purchased by the *21st Century Program*, and the *Smarboard®*. Each student's map included streets, houses, public buildings, parks, water, and other common items that can be found in a town or village. Each map also included the compass rose, a map key, and the student's name. The children were able to print and keep the maps they created. The software offers a mystery to solve, using clues found throughout the map. Of course, Mrs. Quinn's class wasted no time solving the "Mystery of the Hidden Witch in the Park"!

Fire Safety

Volunteer firemen Tom Coniker, Brian Shug, Raymond Kinch, and George Budd, as well as several Napanoch firefighters, visited some of our first-grade and kindergarten classes on Friday, October 11th.



They showed the children some equipment, talked to them about fire safety, and brought along Freddie the Fireman (a robotic fire truck) to visit. The firemen explained how children should crawl out of a room in case of a fire, and to go to any fireman they might see so he or she can help them get out safely. ❄️



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