

School Notebook



Personal Fitness Guru, Dance Instructor and Choreographer, Bryant "Drew" Andrew, above, of Unique Fitness, leads a physical education class through a dance lesson. Physical Education teacher Nick Millas arranged the special event to help encourage awareness of physical fitness and importance of well being of students. Mr. Andrew was kind enough to visit the school on four separate occasions to meet all of Ellenville's Middle Schoolers.

Jack Etter, center below, Ellenville Elementary School teacher, worked with Gary Rubin, Ellenville Middle School Computer teacher, on a Lego project involving building a simple machine. Students experienced both education and social success while completing this project as they were able to see the machine operating.



Anthony Meoli, seated above, and Bob Hanington, Ellenville Middle School teachers, won 1st place in the USA Powerlifting/New York State Bench Press/Dead Lift Championships, a competition of more than 60 people, held on January 8th, in Brewster, NY. Meoli won his 1st place in the 220 weight class in the novice and raw (no straps) while setting a record in the 220 raw bench of 320 pounds, achieving totals of 320 bench and 380 deadlift with a total lift of 700. Hanington won his 1st place in the 198 weight class in the novice and raw division, achieving totals of 245 bench and 400 deadlift total of 645. Both Meoli and Hanington began training in August 2004 and plan to compete again in the Penn Championships to be held April 2-3 in York, PA, and the New York State Championships May 21 -23. As coaches in Ellenville, they are planning to create a Power Lifting Travel Team of Ellenville students in grades 7-12.

On January 27th, students were inducted into the Ellenville Middle School Junior Honor Society at a special ceremony held in the **High School Cafeteria**, below. The 8th graders included Rebecca Avery, Anthony Casamento, Timothy Campbell, Sebastian Constable, Amanda Crawford, Iesha Cruz, Breanna Doolittle, Jesse Friedman-Warner, Raychel Gilles, Samantha Housman, Erin Logan, Roxanne Mason, Daniel Matthews, John McCabe, Jesse O'Bryan, Joshua Pearson, Edward Pestone III, Derick Polkoski, Samuel Pozorski, Ramon Rios, Matthew Rogers, Samantha Rosenstock, Ryan Scarzafava, Erica Stoeckeler, Rhiannon Tiger, Daniel Torres, Santos Velez, Priscilla Vargas, Krystle Vicens, and Adam Wenig. The program included speakers: Jr. Honor Society Advisor Adria Roda, School Superintendent Lisa Wiles, School Board President Carolyn Kuhlmann, and Middle School Principal Glenn Bollin. Service projects that are being considered include study groups and repairing the Middle School greenhouse and Pipehenge.

