



Trumansburg Troubadour

Model UN Conference

By Berkley Sawester, Senior

On February 20th Anna Sutherland, Faith de Castro, Marie Griswold, and I participated in the 2017 Student Leadership Conference on Development at the United Nations. The conference focused on Sustainable Development Goal 3: good health and well-being; specifically domestic abuse, air quality, and self-esteem. We focused on domestic abuse and each student chose a specific angle to approach the issue from. Marie researched how education and empowerment impact instances of domestic abuse. Anna focused on domestic abuse victims' access to legal representation. My topic was domestic abuse



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Trumansburg Community Talent Show

By Lillian Covell and Weston Peake, 4th Grade



Bailey Trudell and Tori Georgiadis, 8th grade, won the People's Choice Award at the 2017 Trumansburg Community Talent Show

On Saturday, March 25, 2017, the Trumansburg High School put on its 12th annual Talent Show. The show started at 7:00 p.m. Students and adults were amazed to see the students and community members of Trumansburg display their amazing talents. Tickets could be bought at the door and only cost \$5.

Some of those talents included singing, playing instruments, and musical theater. There were even crazy yo-yo tricks performed by Miles Naylor and an amazing five-year old drummer! There was also the talented Gina Ciri dancing to Ex's and Oh's by Elle King.

The Trumansburg Talent Show is a fundraiser supporting the Trumansburg Music Boosters. They're planning to purchase instruments and

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Trumansburg Talent Show (continued)



Noemi Donnenfeld, 6th grade, sings a song by Adele at the 2017 Trumansburg Community Talent

equipment for students in need with the money they raised. They raised \$1,200!

When interviewing Mrs. Lewis, the high school chorus teacher, she said her favorite part of the talent show was seeing the wide range of talent brought to the stage each year, and hearing the crowd's support for each act that goes on stage.

Each participant was recognized for their performance. The winners of the People's Choice Award won a cash prize.

The People's Choice Award was given to Bailey Trudell and Tori

Georgiadis. The duo performed a piano and vocals mashup. We interviewed one of the winners, Tori Georgiadis. Here's what she said: **WP/LC:** How does it feel to win the talent show?

TG: It feels totally awesome! We worked really hard and it took about five months of preparation.

WP/LC: Wow! And did you expect to win the talent show?

TG: Well I thought we had a pretty decent chance.

WP/LC: And what do you think helped you the most in winning the talent show?

TG: Having Bailey or someone beside you helping you out.

WP/LC: Are you planning on performing in the talent show next year?

TG: I don't know, I'll think about it.

If you think you have talent, maybe next year you should try out for the talent show!▪

The TCSD Foundation would like to thank **Jennifer Wofford** for her six years of commitment on the board, serving as President for the past three years. Jen kept us focused on our mission as the Foundation underwent big changes in membership. With Jen's dedication and outreach, we have expanded our programs and overall funding for teacher grants and the annual student scholarship. Though Jen's term ends in June we look forward to continuing to work with her.

Thank you, Jen!

Slam Dunks, Unicorn Horns, Team Spirit, and Lots of Fun!

By Allison Latini, 6th Grade

As many people in the Trumansburg School District know, celebrated on March 3rd was the annual basketball game where staff members from the different schools in our district compete against each other in a giant basketball game. But this was a special Staff Slam. This was the tenth anniversary of Staff Slam!

There were many different things going on during the game. The sixth through twelfth grade bands played during the first game, and most of the high school band played during the second game as the pep band. Volunteers helped run a concession stand and dessert table in the cafeteria. There was also face painting as well as raffles, shoot the hoop where kids can shoot hoops, and student basketball games. Even if you weren't watching the game there was still a lot to do!

This Staff Slam was special not just because it was the tenth anniversary. It was also Mr. Hodge's birthday. He is the sports director for our school. The crowd sang Happy Birthday to him as Mrs. Latini, who

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The Elementary School Experience

By Grace Olney and Bailey Baier, 4th Grade

As our teachers prepare us to go to the middle school, we have been thinking about our phenomenal years spent here at the elementary school. There have been challenges, but our teachers have helped us overcome them. In addition to our classroom work, we had fun and interesting classes and lots of special time with friends and teachers over the years.

We interviewed our teachers and front office staff because they are important to us and important to our school. We wanted to get their perspective on what it is like to be part of Trumansburg Elementary School. Ms. Sielaff is our wonderful secretary in the front office who gets all the work done. Her days are super busy, but she said, “the students make it all worthwhile”.

In kindergarten, we did fun crafts and show and tell and learned the alphabet. Mrs. Compton and Ms. Fontaine started our elementary years off right! Mrs. Compton’s favorite thing about Kindergarten is that her students get to learn through play. Fabulous Ms. Fontaine brought her therapy dog, Thistle, in with her everyday, which was a thrilling experience for both the students and for her. Thistle actually smiled when we gave her treats! Apparently, we got too old for kindergarten and moved on to first grade. The students are *actually* learning to read and write in first grade and are very excited about these subjects. Mrs. Wright (our first grade teacher) taught us from her heart, loves her students, and enjoys watching them grow. She had a stuffed dog named Cookie who helped students with their writing. By taking Cookie home and writing about their weekend experiences with Cookie, each student got to practice writing in a fun way. Mrs. Pavia, a retired teacher, helped us make reading come to life through acting out plays.

In second grade, we focused on math and did an interesting insect project. This project helped us understand nonfiction reading and pick out the facts. Mrs. Dennis was our fun and



organized second grade teacher. We loved going to the Cornell Orchards, where we got to learn about apples, how to grow them, and even ate some of them. We also got to go through a hay bale maze. Mrs. Dennis taught us how to learn and keep the classroom clean and organized. As we moved on to third grade, we tackled cool projects on wolves, China, and frogs, and focused on reading, writing, and math. Mrs. Durling was our great third grade teacher and this was a special year because this was her first year in third grade and she had a baby, Emma, at the beginning of the year! As a field trip we went to the Johnson Art Museum. In addition to learning about Chinese characters (Chinese writing) we got to do fun crafts like making small clay sculptures.

In our final year at the elementary school, we were lucky enough to have two wonderful teachers, Mrs. Ilgen and Mrs. Wood. Mrs. Ilgen believes that the elementary school is a special school where all of the teachers are very dedicated to their students. She was very excited to see one of her very first students, who is now in middle school, carrying a book and reading it during recess. One special thing that Mrs. Ilgen and Mrs. Wood have in common is that they both were students in Trumansburg and now they both teach here! We are sure they were as great as students as they are as teachers! We now have more independence and responsibility and thanks to our fun, funny, awesome, and wonderful teachers, we have really been

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The Power of Words

A Column by Billie Plumlee, 4th Grade

Hypocrisy

This is Agent FD569, here to report on the holes my parents make in this situation.

Imagine this scene: three kids with rosy cheeks, just in from playing out in the snow. Their snow pants, coats, hats, gloves, and boots are scattered in mangled, wet lumps on the floor. Suddenly, the door opens and a gust of the cold, whistling, kind of wind that makes your ears turn pink, blows into the room.

Standing in the doorway was a lone figure. Its attire was a faded white shawl tied under the chin, a Patagonia orange coat sagging about the middle, a chunky pair of red snow boots, and a pair of old, plaid, green and blue, very baggy pajama pants to finish it all off. And, they had a ridiculous number of holes, located mostly everywhere.

Introducing Mariah M. Plumlee, known to be outspoken, messy, opinionated, the opposite of a morning person, and very, very obsessed with Filofaxes. By the way, did I mention she is a good mom? I would know. I’m her daughter.

Mom shut the door and stomped the snow off her boots. Seeing the wet snow stuff she said, “Alrighty roo, kids. Put away your winter stuff.” Three kids got up and ambled to get the jumbled mix of outerwear to the hooks in the hall. May I point out, that those words loosely translated into: do what I say, not what I do. I can point this

out because right after she told us to put *our stuff away*, she went *right ahead and dumped her stuff right where ours was*. Believe it.

I think it is sort of a low-functioning thing. Just something that some people do and some don’t. Actions speak louder than words. Simple. It’s not like in *The Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, where his parents have been doing reverse psychology on him since he can remember it. But, this is an urgent case. An unusual case. A case that requires very careful treatment. There’s only one problem: Mom and Dad are both about, I don’t know, 20 years older than me! Maybe 30. I don’t know... but, the point is, they have all the power around here. I’m in trouble. Plus, I’m only nine years old. Not even a decade old yet. Jeesh. What do you make of the situation? ■



5th and 6th Grade Band

By Mia DiLuzio and Ellie McLennan, 6th Grade

Joining the Trumansburg 5th and 6th grade band is a great way for students who take interest in music to really embrace this new opportunity. In the beginning of 5th grade there are times where you can test out instruments to decide which instrument you want to play. Then once you have decided, Mrs. Posegate, the 5th and 6th grade band instructor, will start to give lessons to each instrument group. This year, one day there will be a 5th grade band meeting then the 6th grade band meets the day after. Mrs. Posegate teaches lessons. Lessons are where a group of students playing the same instrument meet to practice. Within weeks of starting lessons the 5th graders are able to play more than one simple song! There are many great things about band—it’s hard to pick out just one. I spoke to Lincoln Brainard, a 5th grade band member; he was asked what he likes about band and he responded with, “I like band because we get to pick our own instruments.” (Which MANY other bands do not let you do). He was also asked what he enjoys about band. He responded with “I think band is fun because everyone gets to express their love for playing their instrument.” More than just one student feels this way! Band can be a challenge at times but when you work through it you’ll have fun. I also spoke with the 5th and 6th grade band teacher, Mrs. Posegate, and asked



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Harlem Wizards

By Ashlynn Smith, 4th Grade



Boy was that a game. The Harlem Wizards played against the Trumansburg School District on January 31st at 7 p.m. Finding out from the posters in the hallway and elementary

schools was an excitement for the kids in those buildings.

I met with a teacher in the middle school named Yoevne Sterner. She said her and her children also had the Harlem Wizards come to their school in Ithaca, New York, and told me a very similar sounding story. But the night before the game, one of the players named Swoop #000 came to the Trumansburg School and showed the elementary kids tricks, and told the kids about the game. He also called up one fourth grader from the audience named Owen Williams. Swoop gave him a basketball and asked him to do the same tricks that he was doing and he would win a prize. Owen did all the moves and tricks, so Swoop gave him two free tickets to the game and a Harlem Wizards Wiz Kid Jersey.

At the game there were souvenirs, and in the middle of a game the players for the Harlem Wizards team pulled out props and made the audience laugh while playing crazy music and more. At the end of the game you could get all your souvenirs and posters for the game signed by all the players. Swoop #000, High-Rise #20, Skye-Walker #7, Big J #31, Road Runner #3, and Sarge #30. At the end of the game you got to dance with the players, and after that everybody went home talking about the game and how good the moves were, leaving it a happy night for all.

My favorite part of the game was when Swoop #000 was sitting on a chair, put on a robe, and pretended to read a newspaper. Then High Rise threw a ball at Swoop, he slapped it, and it went in the hoop! It was so cool! ■

The Elementary School Yearbook

By Hana Gavurnik and Atreyu Hoyt, 4th Grade

Have you ever wondered what's behind the scenes of your yearbook? We interviewed Jim Mielty who works on the yearbook committee. We asked him several questions about his involvement and how the yearbook is made. When asked how long he has been working on the yearbook committee, Mr. Mielty said that it is now his third year working with Mrs. Civileto on the yearbook. Do you know that students help create the elementary school yearbook? That was not always the case; Mr. Mielty said that kids in fourth grade weren't always involved. The PTO parents used to put it together themselves. Mr. Mielty knew that kids were capable and felt they should have a voice in this project. So are you wondering who is behind this year's project? This year he receives help from Mrs. Civileto and from the following fourth grade students: Atreyu Hoyt, Jessica Cook, Hana Gavurnik and Ruby Wright. He said his favorite part is working with the students. "They have so many creative ideas to make a very different yearbook each year." The yearbook includes everyone! It helps people remember each other, and it preserves the history of the school.

My favorite part on the yearbook committee is spending time with friends from other classes. Also, in a couple of years I can look back to the yearbook and say "I helped make this!"

P.S. The yearbook committee sends a special thanks to the custodians for picking up that huge paper mess we left on the cafeteria floor. ■



Slam Dunks, Unicorn Horns, Team Spirit, and Lots of Fun! (continued)

was the organizer of this year's Staff Slam, presented him with a cake.

Staff Slam is a fundraiser that has been happening for ten years. The two major things that Staff Slam has fundraised for are the new (that's not new anymore) playground and the bathrooms on the track.

Staff Slam is actually kind of brilliant. It is a fundraiser that raises a lot of money for the school, but it's also a great way to bring the staff and students together. All the staff members who participate get a prize: a bowl of candy! And who doesn't love that? The teachers were also VERY good sports, meaning they deserve that candy too. The entire middle school team even let three middle school students paint unicorn horns on them! The Middle School Doigs were "The Unicorns" for the rest of the night! The event may be a competition, but that's not how most people think of it. It isn't about who wins, but about having fun with friends and watching staff members play basketball against each other. In Mrs. Latini's words, this event is important because "This is a very visible way that the school community comes together, all three buildings as well as families, to support important projects like the playground and the new bathroom facility. If you visit other local districts, you'll find that the Staff Slam is a unique event." This is a great way to bring people together.

Staff Slam is an awesome basketball game with lots of things to keep you having fun. If you haven't been to Staff Slam, check it out next year for the eleventh annual Staff Slam because you will have a great time! ■

Trumansburg Art Auction

By Allison Latini and Kiera Burton, 6th Grade

Photography by Sam McCaffrey, 4th Grade

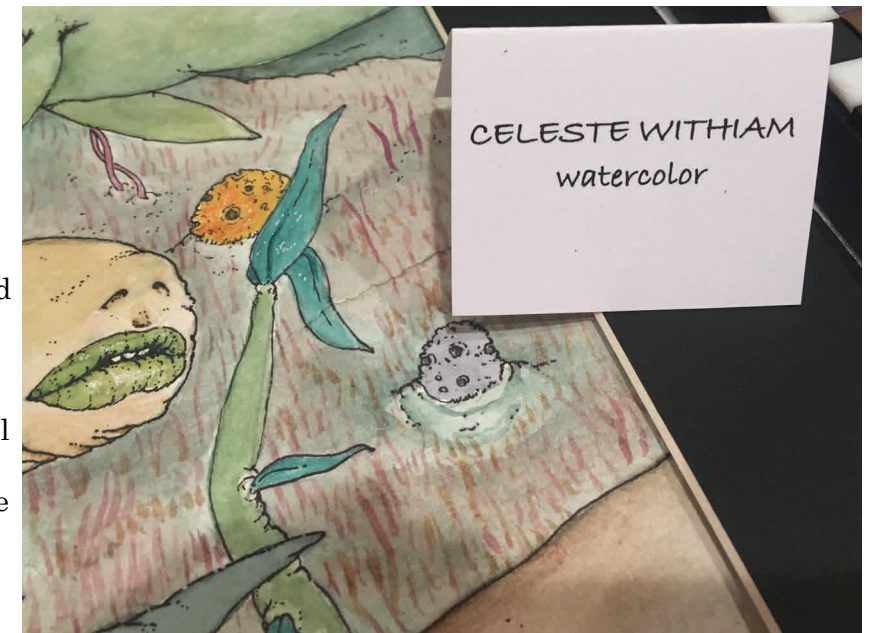
On March 31st from 7 to 9 p.m., the annual Trumansburg Community Art Auction was held at the Trumansburg Conservatory. The event was led and hosted by the TCSDF Foundation (TCSDF), which provided financial support for Student Art Month and many other educational programs in Tburg schools. Many attended, socializing with others and viewing artwork made and donated by local artists and students from Trumansburg Central School District. There were even hors d'oeuvres from Good-to-Go (a local business), and wine from Forge cellars (donors to the event from Burdett). There was also live music performed by Rosie Newton, Paul Martin, and Steve Selin.

The TCSDF hosts events like these to raise money for teacher-inspired projects, educational field trips, and other educational opportunities in the district. There was a ten-dollar entrance fee for adults, and three dollars for children. Additional money was raised by the artwork that was auctioned off at the end of the night, as well as a silent auction going through the entirety of the event. All proceeds from the admission and the auctions went to the TCSDF.

Forge Cellars served wine and donated 100% of the proceeds to the cause (each glass was \$5). We asked Heather Wilcox, a Foundation board member, why Forge Cellars wanted to donate to the school.

She said, "They decided to contribute to the event so that students can have more extracurricular activities." Thank you to Forge Cellars!

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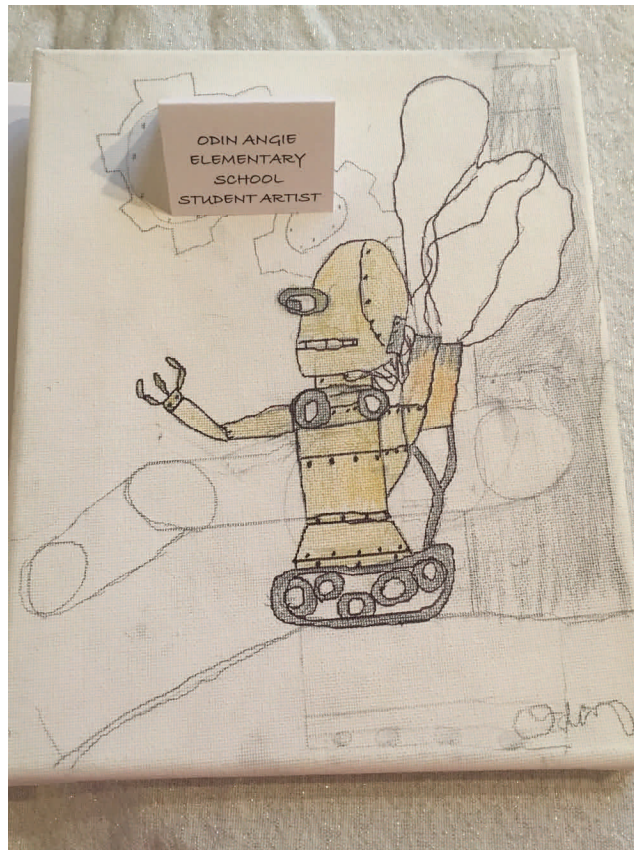
Another business that contributed to the event was Good-to-Go, a local shop in Trumansburg. Nana Monaco, the owner of the shop, was there to set up the hors d'oeuvres that she and her kitchen manager made (and to look at art). We asked her why she decided to contribute to the event, she said to support the local art scene and the school community. Aside from the beet apple cheddar puffs, there was also deviled eggs, bean patties, vegetables, and several desserts. Thank you to Good-to-Go, along with the owner, Nana Monaco!

Many members of the TCSD Foundation were present at the event. One member that went is Molly Buck, the vice-president of the TCSD Foundation. We interviewed her and asked what part she took in the event. Molly said that she collaborated with Foundation members in seeking art donations from local artists and students, coordinating responsibilities for music and food, and spreading the word about the event. She said it is a team effort every year. Molly also added that this was the 10 year anniversary of the TCSD Foundation, so they wanted to make this Art Auction a real celebration. They did that by holding it at the Conservatory—that way they could have music from local artists, and wine from Forge Cellars (this was the 3rd year of the Art Auction; it is usually held at the school in the high school cafeteria). We also asked her why she decided to be a part of the TCSD Foundation. She said because she was always impressed that all of the fundraising goes toward innovative education programs in the schools.

And finally, we interviewed Sarah Apker, the elementary school art teacher. She had art featured in the show. We asked her, in the perspective of an artist, what the event meant to her, and what the importance of it was. She said that the importance of the art auction was “Using talent to support a greater cause,” the greater cause being bringing more funds to our schools.

The Art Auction would not have been possible without generous donations from talented local artists and students, including Ian Connerty, Bucky Sandronni, Julie Turri, Rachel Kennedy, Sara Apker, Ellen Pennock, Hannah Graeper, Julie Johnson, Chad Doolittle, Brad Laforge, Julie Johnson, Celeste Withiam, Odin Angie, Julie Crosby, Jackie Puleo, Lynn Trudell, Sarah Brainard, Hillary Gifford, Lilly Brainard, Jason and Sarah Koski, Hanna Hertzler, Calea Hannen, and many more. Thank you for your talent and support!

This year’s Art Auction was one to remember — it was the third year of the Art Auction and the tenth anniversary of the TCSD Foundation. Next time the Annual Art Auction rolls around, come and support the Foundation, schools, local artists,, and students. You’ll have a great time!▪



The Elementary School Experience (continued)

able to get ready for the middle school this year. One new fourth grade opportunity is Student Council. As part of it, we got to run the school store, where grades 1-4 love to come and shop for cool school supplies. In fourth grade, we did a very special project with the Hangar Theater called Project Four. Actors and musicians came to our classrooms to help us write our own plays and songs that we performed at the theater.

Over the years, we have had fun classes outside of our main classroom. Our music teacher, Mrs. Frost, taught us to play the recorder and enjoy different types of music like blues and African songs. We loved the clay work in art class and creating art projects such as mosaics, flower pressing, paintings of our shoes, and drawing what we see versus from memory. In every grade, recess was a fun time with our friends, and outdoor recess was always better than indoor recess.

In PE, we loved the obstacle courses, gaga ball (a safe version of dodgeball), and birthday celebrations when Mr. Murphy, our teacher, would sing to us. Mr. Murphy said, “If the students come out happy, I’ve done my job.” We also asked Mr. Murphy if he liked being in the dunk tank at carnival, and he said, “It is the worst thing ever!” Nothing makes Ms. Brisson, our librarian, happier than seeing students find books that they absolutely love like her favorite Elephant and Piggie books. We thought it was interesting that our librarian likes a “busy, kind-of-noisy library” because she thinks this signifies a hard-working group of students sharing ideas. During library, we enjoyed doing projects with Chromebooks in the curiosity center. We used our emails for this, which is a fourth grade privilege.

Ms. DeCarlo is a special education teacher in our school, and boy, she sure is special. She loves working with kids and this is what she likes best about her work: she loves that each day of teaching is different and exciting. She likes to see kids grow and overcome

difficulties throughout the school year. Ms. DeCarlo takes a lot of pictures of her students and keeps all the cards she gets from them.

Last but not least, Mrs. Wiggins is our fun-focused and hard working principal. Her favorite thing about being principal is getting to see kids every day! She has been principal for 9 years. Mrs. Wiggins was a teacher before she became principal, and we know this gave her experience to relate to teachers and students now. One very exciting thing that happened during Mrs. Wiggins time as principal was the penny drive. For this fundraiser, the students collected pennies and gave a whole wagon-full of pennies to the person who wanted to collect pennies for a good cause. The wagon was so full and the whole school participated. She loves her work! Mrs. Wiggins said that kids often think that she lives at the school, so they tell her on Fridays to “Have a good weekend, sleep well, we’ll see you Monday!”

We also worked together as a school collecting canned food, sneakers, hats and mittens, and donations for the holiday bazaar. This is part of the ABCD’s of our school, which are guidelines for how to be a good citizen. We also grew and brought flowers to the Juniper Manor nursing home, and sang carols there at holiday time. It’s good to be kind to our community!

We hope you can see from reading this article, the elementary school is a great place to be and a great place to learn. To top it all off, there are 450 amazing students and 83 awesome staff members. Our elementary years were filled with fun, laughs, and learning adventures. We hope we have encouraged future Trumansburg students to get excited about learning here. We flew through the elementary school and now we are ready to land in the middle school.▪

The **TCSD Foundation** is able to fund educational and extra-curricular programs through donations from community members like you. Please visit <http://tcsdfoundation.org/donate/> to contribute today. Or send donations to:

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Model UN Conference (continued)

issues within the LGBTQ+ community. Faith concentrated on the correlation between substance use and domestic abuse.

Through the work of Gertrude Noden and Words into Deeds (an organization that educates students and involves them in human rights), the four of us became aware of this opportunity in December. Global Education Motivators sponsored a portion of the trip. Due to the short preparation period leading up to the conference, we had a limited amount of time to assemble our research. However, we felt confident going into our first meeting.

We arrived in New York City on Thursday. Friday morning, student leaders from around the world met. We quickly made connections with our peers. The four of us presented on domestic abuse and a holistic intervention program that could be implemented globally.

After our presentation, the student leaders broke up into the three sub-themes to work on drafting a Plan of Action. A considerable amount of our research and ideas were included in the draft plan. Trying to combine research from schools around the world into one cohesive document was a learning experience in more ways than one.

At the end of the editing period, elections were held to assign chair people, facilitators, editors, and a social media team. Marie and I were both elected to facilitator positions, Faith was an editor, and Anna was a member of the social media team.

Those who had been elected to leadership positions met again on Saturday. The chair people took over for Wayne Jakoby, the adult organizer, and began leading the conference preparation. This was when it really began to feel like a student-led event.

When the day of the conference finally arrived, we were all excited. This was the first time most of us had been inside the United Nations building. The conference was delayed about 45 minutes due to difficulties connecting with the other sites. The four of us had very different experiences during the conference and it was beneficial to reflect together afterwards.

Looking back, there were so many skills and new experiences that we gained from participating in this conference. Meeting so many inspiring people from such varying places was incredible and we have kept in touch with many of those students. Overall, we all had an amazing time and it was an experience that has changed the way each of us views the world. This is something that not many people get a chance to do and we are all incredibly grateful to the people that helped make it happen. ■

5th and 6th Grade Band (continued)

her what tips she could give to a kid trying to learn an instrument. She replied, "Practice, practice, practice, and I would say to be an instrument scientist, to try different things and see how they work. To get to know your instrument."

Mrs. Posegate even hosts band concerts for parents, family members, and even other Trumansburg Schools staff members! Both bands learn three major songs and that's what they perform. Once you join the 6th grade band the students learn more complicated songs. Sixth grade band students perform their main three songs in front of NYSSMA (New York State School Music Association) judges, who rate the band's performance. (This year the band received a gold rating!) The 6th grade band members also have a chance to perform in front of NYSSMA by themselves, or with another bandmate. If students choose to do this they will pick a piece of music to perform, three scales to memorize, and the judge will provide a few pieces of music for the performer to perform. After doing all of that the judge tells you how you did. Another thing you get to do in 6th grade is take a trip to NYC! The 6th grade band students have an option to take a day trip to Broadway and a dinner in New York City. This year there are two options of Broadway shows for the students who are going to NYC to choose to attend.

Band is super fun for all students with a musical interest, and even for those without! From performances, to practicing at home, band is great! I hope to see you there! ■

Staff Spotlight!**Colleen Civiletto, 4th Grade Teacher**

By Tiffany Clausell, 4th Grade



Tiffany Clausell: Where did you go to college?

Mrs. Civiletto: I went to two colleges. The first one was Towson, which is in Maryland, and another college is in Cortland.

TC: What got you interested in teaching?

CC: Well I worked at the Trumansburg summer camp with nine and ten year olds and I loved it.

TC: What is your favorite color?

CC: My favorite color is purple.

TC: What is your favorite subject?

CC: My favorite subject is science. Actually when I started college I wanted to be a science major.

TC: Why is science your favorite subject?

CC: I like that I can do cool experiments with my students and I like watching them build things. I also like to see them test their experiments out.

TC: Have you worked at any other schools?

CC: Well I did go to Baltimore for student teaching, but that's it.

TC: Did you ever teach other grades?

CC: No actually, I love 4th grade. ■

Anne Graham, New Middle School TASP Director

By Sam McCaffrey, 4th Grade

Anne Graham is the new director of the Trumansburg After School Program (TASP) with 3rd through 5th graders that's located in the middle school. I recently sat down with Ms. Anne and interviewed her to learn more about her and her new role. —Sam McCaffrey, 4th grader

Sam McCaffrey: Can you tell us a little about yourself?

Anne Graham: "I like to read books, hike in nature, and spend time with friends."

SM: Where are you from and what brought you to Trumansburg?

AG: "I'm from Connecticut, but have spent many years in California and Hawaii. I was drawn to Trumansburg because of the community of people and outdoor beauty."

SM: What do you like most about being the director of the M.S. TASP program?

AG: "Being with the wonderful students every day. I'm so lucky!"

SM: What are your favorite activities at TASP?

AG: "Outside time, nature walks and exploring, and cooking club."

SM: What kinds of plans do you have for TASP in the future?

AG: "More walking field trips based on student desire to visit certain places, maybe a gardening club?"

SM: What is/are your favorite color(s)?

AG: "Burgundy and lavender."

Thank you to Ms. Anne for taking time out of her day for this interview! ■

A Quiz for Kids

By Clara Walker, 4th Grade, and Anabella Reville, 3rd Grade

This is agent 52pizzaco1 repor-

This is agent 12glitterar3 reporting from Atlas bowl.

Ana, I mean agent, you said *I could do the opening!!!*

Fine but I get to do the closing!!!

OK, OK now as I was saying before I was *so rudely interrupted, this is agent 52pizzaco1 reporting from Atlas bowl. It is 12:45 at the first ever kids quiz bowl and the trivia will start soon.*

It's 15 minutes until the quiz, and *interview time!*

We ask one girl as she walks by, "what do you think the prize will be?"

"Candy!" she replies.

Another girl answers "A toy!"

We asked Todd Parlato, the manager of Atlas, "What inspired you to do a kid's quiz bowl?" He says, "Well, it was the TCSD Foundation, and they wanted to do a special event for students, so we decided on this."

The quiz is starting!!!

Chris Wofford will be hosting. He announces the prize—one hour of free bowling!!!!

Ready for the first question, this category is ... SCIENCE! Okay, first question, which two household items do you mix together to make a volcano eruption?" said Mr. Wofford. After talking with our group for a little while, we came to a conclusion: vinegar and baking soda. *(continued on page 12)*

The Polar Plunge

By Tiffany Clausell, 4th Grade

The Polar Plunge was great this year. It was on March 25, registrations were 11:00am to 12:00 pm, and the actual Plunge started at 1:00pm. The people who participated in the Polar Plunge this year raised money for the Special Olympics. Did you know that last year's participants raised over \$64,000 and this year participants raised \$48,430? The Special Olympics are when athletes come from different countries to compete for gold, silver, and bronze medals in a great variety of sports, while representing their country. These are two people who wrote online reviews about the Plunge. Cassandra Rucker wrote, "It is such a great event! For such a great cause, the Special Olympics." Also Thomas Davies said, "Great event for a good cause. I'd definitely do it again." The Polar Plunge was at Taughannock Falls State Park for all ages, although people 16 or younger had to be with an adult to register. You also could stay in the water for as long as you wanted. If you are interested in taking the plunge next year, you can register, create a team, join a team, or even sponsor a participant. I hope you went to the Polar Plunge and if you did then I hope you had fun. ■



A Quiz for Kids (continued)

"Ready for the next question? Besides the mouth what body part does the frog use to eat?"

None of us are positive so we just scribbled down an answer: tongues.

About 5 minutes later Chris is announcing the correct answers. The first question we got right: Vinegar and baking soda. The second one however we did not get correct. The right answer was eyeballs. We got the rest of the questions though. The second category was books and movies, and next was life in Trumansburg. The questions flew by and soon enough Chris was about to announce the winners. He stopped mid sentence and asked "What are all you kids doing up here? You want to know who won?" He began to announce how many points each team had.

"Just tell us!" I half yelled.

"52pizzaco1! I get to do this part!"

"Fine, fine I'm SORRY"

"BACK TO ME! So as Chris was saying"...

"Ok, the winners are... THE BOBS!"

"THAT'S US!" our team yelled.

It's 30 minutes until the Middle School trivia, and interview time (again). We ask Mr. Wofford, the host "How do you come up with the questions for all ages?"

He responds "I had a lot of help from my wife, daughter, and my son."

We ask another person "What brings you to quiz bowl this afternoon?"

"Well" she responds, "My son brought me here. I came to see him compete."

As the Middle School trivia starts we quickly scribble down THE LADY DOMINATORS on the signup sheet.

We ended up with 8 and a half points, after the following categories: Books and Movies, Middle School Science, and a Wild Card.

The winning team was the "Hjortshoj."

"Well fol-"

"52PIZZACO1!!!!!!!!!! YOU SAID I COULD DO THE CLOSING!!!!!!!!!!" Well folks there you have it the Kids' Quiz Bowl was a success—we will get to you next year ... AGENTS OUT!!!!!!!!!! ■



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