

Iroquois BULLETIN

Iroquois Middle School Monthly Newsletter
May 2015

Niskayuna School District

PTO Points

Hello Friends,

Another school year is quickly coming to an end. Believe it or not, it's time to start planning for next year. Please consider becoming more involved in the Iroquois PTO by running for office or coordinating an event. For more information, please call Joyce Charland (joycecharland@hotmail.com) or Lisa Weber at lisaweber@yahoo.com.

Stay connected,
The Iroquois PTO



BEST BUDDIES SHINE

Schools from across New York State celebrated friendships at the 2015 Best Buddies Walk at Crossgates Mall on April 19. Best Buddies is quite alive in NY as participants raised almost double the amount of money in 2014 and included an increase of enthusiastic walkers. Students, staff and families from the Best Buddies clubs at Iroquois and Van Antwerp Middle Schools participated. This club gives disabled students the opportunity to develop friendships with other with middle school students through positive experiences that will last a lifetime. The club at Iroquois has grown over the years and even had a middle school graduate return to represent Iroquois at the walk. Iroquois Best Buddies was awarded the team with the most school spirit and was the top fundraiser for the middle schools group. The best reward of the day were the smiles and laughter of students and their families throughout the event. Let us all join in to celebrate students' spirit, joy and commitment to friendship and the Best Buddies program.

It truly was a wonderful experience for all!

April and May Words to Live By

"No one can help everyone, but everyone can help someone."

submitted by: Josie Hartig, 6th grade

"Believe you can and you're half way there." ~ by Teddy Roosevelt

submitted by: Corrina Blood, 6th grade

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- May 16** - NiskaDay!
- May 18** - N-Cap mtg. (7 PM at Iroquois)
- May 19** - Board & Budget Vote
- May 20** - Iroquois Staff Appreciation Lunch
- May 21** - Middle School Concert
- May 25** - Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL
- May 26** - Board of Education mtg. (7 PM)



Two weeks ago, Iroquois students and staff put on Java Jive to celebrate our incredibly creative students and raise money for the Best Buddies program at the same time. All the students who performed did an amazing job of sharing their talents and hard work with the audience and everyone watching celebrated their friends with enthusiastic cheering and applause. It was really a wonderful evening!

AN EDUCATION FROM VETERANS

"Greatest Generation" members, World War II veterans, returns to Iroquois Middle School

On Thursday, April 30, five World War II veterans visited Iroquois Middle School, an annual event at which the members of the Greatest Generation talk to students about their experiences at war and how it shaped their lives over the next six-plus decades. The veterans also touch on what it was like to leave their families for war and the support they felt from the homefront that helped them through it. This Iroquois school tradition provides an opportunity for students to learn firsthand from those who lived history.

Concluding the program, the 7th-8th Grade Choir sang a beautiful melody for the special guests.

The month of May is
National Military Appreciation Month.
Say "Thank You"
to a military person in your life.

