

TO: Board of Education

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RE: Annual report for the 2018 - 2019 school year Elementary Student Council

The Student Council consists of representatives from each classroom in grades 4, 5 and 6. Following classroom elections, representatives campaign for the various offices of student council. A pep rally is held in early November where each nominated representative gives a speech stating their qualifications for office. Following the rally an election is held in each fourth, fifth and sixth grade classroom.

The members of the Student Council must display certain characteristics. They must demonstrate outstanding leadership ability, exhibit responsibility, be a good school citizen and have the interests of the school and class at heart. In addition Student Council members must maintain at least a C average in all major academic areas.

The purpose of our organization is to promote a better understanding between students, faculty and administration; to provide a liaison between PTO and students; and to promote school spirit as well as leadership skills. The members also learn how a student government operates. In addition, all students will be provided with a proper forum from which to voice their school related opinions.

We have had a successful year. The children have worked hard to accomplish their goals. As advisors we feel that the students tried to accept their responsibilities as school leaders. Listed below are the activities we were involved in this year.

Community Involvement

1. Waterford Christmas Parade

- The Elementary Student Council participated in the annual holiday parade in Waterford on Saturday, November 24, 2018.

2. Sold Christmas stars for the Make-A-Wish Foundation

- Each classroom listened to a presentation by a student council member and then collected money to buy their own "classroom" stars. Once again, this year we collected approximately \$1234.

3. Food Drive

- We collected food for the Grace Church Food Pantry in November.
- Called Price Chopper for a turkey donation and collected food to donate a Thanksgiving dinner to a needy family.

4. Field Trip to the Eddy Nursing Home in Cohoes

- In conjunction with the high school Community Involvement Day the students will be taking a field trip to the Eddy Nursing Home in Cohoes on May 29, 2019. Students will be playing bingo with the residents who live there. We will be spending approximately an hour with the residents.

Fund-Raising

1. Sold Lucky Charm Grams for St. Patrick's Day

School Involvement

1. Organized School Spirit Week December 10, 2018 thru December 14, 2018.
2. Organized hot chocolate parties for the two classes that sold the most Stars. This year Mrs. Spackmann and Ms. Sorensen's Classes won.
3. Organized an Easter Egg Hunt for the Kindergarten Classes.
4. The end of the year trip to the movies on May 15, 2019.