

# Middle School Messenger

Cazenovia Middle School - A Great Place To Be

February 2002

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

As I write this letter we have yet to have a snow day. Many of us old timers are trying to remember if there has ever been a year without any snow days!

Fifth graders will be taking Cognitive Abilities Tests (C.A.T.) during the first week of February. These tests are designed to offer a guide for learning potential for each student. Students with Individualized Education Plans are not required to take these tests. The results will be available for parent review sometime in April.

Report cards will be sent home with your student on February 1. We require a parent signature on the report card envelope.

The planetarium will be visiting and our 5th graders will have the opportunity to see a variety of presentations offered February 7, 8, 11, and 12. Seventh graders are going to the Landmark to see "Freedom Train" on February 7. We will have an assembly for all students on Thursday, February 14. This assembly focuses on respect for one's self and for others. Midwinter break is February 18 through the 22nd. If you are planning to take your child out of school beyond these dates please remember that class work will be available upon your child's return.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding our school, please do not hesitate to contact us at 655-1324.

Yours truly,

Jean J. Regan, Ed.D.  
Principal



*Lauren Colligan shows Mrs. Belton her appreciation.*

## A Caring Class

Imagine what school would be like without all the caring people who make our day easier and more pleasant. Safe journeys on the road, making hot meals, messages in the main office, and clean school hallways are just some examples of caring deeds done by many hard working people. These people often go unthanked.

As part of the sixth grade character education program. Mrs. McMichael's homeroom class took time to thank the people who CARE for us.

Students worked together to decorate and package holiday cookies. Then, students presented the cookies to the custodial, cafeteria, and office staff along with the bus drivers, bus garage, and school nurse. Also, students wrote announcements to heighten the awareness of the caring people in our school.

Caring for others can make you feel special. So the in the new year make it a point to be more caring. We are sure you will be thanked.

*Written by: Lauren Colligan, Kerry Dermody,  
Kelly Snyder and Katie McLean*



## DARE Graduation

Our 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be participating in DARE Graduation on Friday, February 1, 2002 at 12:30 pm in the High School Auditorium. As part of the graduation ceremony, students will perform a song under the direction of our music teacher, Mrs. Ellen Dougherty. The song reflects our students' feelings about character and attitude that are so much a part of the DARE Program. Parents are welcome to attend and are asked to sit in either the left or right side of the auditorium since our 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduates will be seated in the center section.

### My Personal Code

*by Teresa Jennings*

My code of conduct is mine to create.  
 I learn it, I live it.  
 My conduct is great.  
 It's my personal code.

Character is part of my code.  
 Principles are part of my code  
 I decide my personal code and I follow it each day.

Attitude is part of my code.  
 Excellence is part of my code.  
 I decide my personal code and I follow it each day!

My personal code.  
 The way that I live. The thoughts that I think  
 The things that I give.  
 My personal best.  
 The things that I choose. The power I have.  
 I know I can't lose! It's my personal code!

## Citizens of the Quarter



This is an honor awarded to a student who displays good manners, a positive attitude, a consideration for others, cooperative behavior and a responsibility toward self and school in an exemplary manner. The students are nominated by their teachers who use specific examples to explain why they feel their nominee has earned this honor. It emphasizes attributes that are not easily measured by grade reports. These students will be allowed to be first in line at lunch for 10 weeks. Each student will also receive a certificate as a reminder of this honor. Citizens of the Quarter for First Quarter are:

Lauren Kelsen  
 Mary Nardella  
 Judson Chase  
 Tom Eschen  
 Matt Sellwood  
 Kevin Mariano

## Upcoming News...

We are planning a family pasta dinner on Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 - 6:30 pm in the Middle School Cafeteria. Middle School Staff members will be serving up mountains of pasta, meatballs and sauce for all to enjoy. Check your child's report card envelope for further information.