Through the efforts of Senator Patrick Gallivan and collaboration with the County of Monroe and the Monroe County Sheriff’s Office, we are pleased to share that the District will have the presence of a school resource officer beginning in February through the end of the 2014-2015 school year.

Laura Michaels, Monroe County Sheriff’s Deputy, has been assigned as the School Resource Officer to the Wheatland-Chili Central School District. “I hope to have a positive impact and to continue to make Wheatland-Chili a safe school community,” said Michaels.

Michaels graduated from Penn Yan Academy and then earned a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and a Master of Science in Civil/Environmental Engineering from West Virginia University. She was employed by Eastman Kodak Company as an environmental engineer for ten years before deciding on a career change and becoming a Monroe County Sheriff’s Deputy. Michaels has served as a Deputy since July 2000. She is a Wheatland-Chili parent and District resident.

The role of the SRO is to:
• Improve student perceptions about law enforcement officers by presenting a positive role model of law enforcement, and by building positive working relationships with students, staff, and parents.
• Establish partnerships with school administrators
• Provide input for emergency/crisis planning, and maintain a presence in the school

• Help students and staff develop an awareness of personal safety
• Educate students about available resources
• Develop positive relationships with students

Senator Patrick M. Gallivan (R-C-I, Elma) says funds included in the 2014-2015 New York State budget are supporting new and existing School Resource Officer (SRO) programs in more than a dozen schools in his 59th Senate district. The program brings local schools and law enforcement agencies together to promote school safety and crime prevention.

“As a former State Trooper and Sheriff of Erie County, I have great respect for law enforcement officers and the positive impact they can have in our schools. In addition to offering security, the officers work closely with school administrators to promote positives relations and conflict resolution,” Gallivan said.

“As during these fiscally challenging times, we are extremely pleased that the District received $50,000 through the advocacy of Senator Gallivan. Our students and staff will certainly benefit through this enhanced partnership with the County of Monroe and the Monroe County Sheriff’s Office,” said Superintendent Deb Leh.

The WeatherBug Schools Program was made possible from grant money received from Assemblyman Harry Bronson’s office to support the Wheatland-Chili K-12 Science/Technology/Engineering/Math (STEM) Initiative. The program will enable students at both T. J. Connor Elementary School and the Wheatland-Chili Middle/High School to more effectively understand the science of meteorology. The District has installed the new WeatherBug weather station and lightning sensor at the North Road Campus. The students and teachers will use the information gathered from the weather station to enhance their current science, technology, and math curriculum using the WeatherBug Achieve web-based educational software tools. In addition, the District will also be notified with more advanced warning of lightning and other forms of severe weather alerts that may affect community events and safety.

As you enter each of the buildings, there is a WeatherBug monitor that displays the up-to-the-minute weather forecast for Scottsville for all students, staff, and parents to see. The District is currently seeking other grant opportunities to fund the HD Camera that will provide images live from Scottsville.

The WeatherBug forecast for Scottsville, New York is also just a click away. You can log onto the Wheatland-Chili Central School District Homepage, and click on the WeatherBug Icon for the daily, hourly, and extended forecast. There is also a free app that can be downloaded to smart phones. Look for the WeatherBug Symbol to install on your device to have the Scottsville forecast at your fingertips.
Community members who are interested in running for the Board of Education can obtain informational materials, expenditure statements, and nominating petitions by contacting Judy Cianciola, School District Clerk, at 585.889.6247 or judith_cianciola@wheatland.k12.ny.us. Qualifications for Board members are as follows: (1) citizen of the United States; (2) eighteen years of age; (3) District resident for at least one year prior to the election; and (4) an individual who is not employed by the District.

A workshop for prospective School Board members sponsored by the Monroe County School Boards Association is scheduled for Saturday, April 11, 2015, at the Airport Holiday Inn (Brooks Avenue, Rochester) from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. If you are thinking of running for the School Board and would like more information, this is a great opportunity for you. The deadline for interested candidates to submit their petitions with a minimum of 25 signatures is 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2015, at the District Office, T. J. Connor Elementary, Room 306. Two seats will be voted on at the Budget Vote, May 19, 2015.

Annual District Concert Highlights Music Program

The annual All District Concert in March drew another big crowd to the MS/HS Gym. The event provides an opportunity for all of our music students to demonstrate their skills in front of family, friends, and staff. Each ensemble has the opportunity to perform one piece before coming together to perform a combined patriotic number that features all of the Wheatland-Chili Music students in grades 4-12. Special thanks to our students and music teachers for their hard work and dedication to the program over the course of the school year. This year’s performance included pieces by Bruno Mars, Europe, Andy Grammar, and the Pentatonix. Please check our school calendar over the summer for the date and time for next year.

Second graders were presented with a problem in which they had to design a cooler to prevent “popsicles” from melting. Using boxes, feathers, all forms of Styrofoam, fabric, and other materials, they designed some very creative coolers. They left their “popsicles” in their cooler for one hour to see how much they would melt. After analyzing the results, students made adjustments to their coolers and tried the experiment again.

The students are proud of their projects and look forward to their next Project Lead the Way modules. We are proud of our budding engineers.
Wheatland-Chili fifth-grade student ambassadors collected five large boxes of wish list items to donate to Camp Good Days and Special Times including first aid kits, origami papers, books, batteries, games, and costumes. The fifth graders at T. J. Connor Elementary held a one-month donation drive with Teacher Wendy Clark. The students were inspired by the book Happy Campers about a day camp for children with cancer, their siblings and parents and decided to give to Camp Good Days and Special Times. Our students and Mrs. Clark were recently highlighted as a “Bright Spot” on the WHAM Channel 13 Evening News.

T. J. Connor kicked off this year’s reading incentive program on World Read Aloud Day. The day began with an assembly to announce this year’s “T. J. Connor Reads” book, The World According to Humphrey. Over the next three weeks, families will be reading about the adventures of a hamster named Humphrey. We introduced the book to the students by having various characters from the book tell a little bit about themselves. Later in the day, everyone at T. J. stopped what they were doing to read the beginning of The World According to Humphrey. In the afternoon, students came to the library to get their family copy of the book. We hope all the T. J. families enjoy getting to know Humphrey. We would like to thank the PTA for their support of “T. J. Connor Reads.”

Work on our Capital Project began over the summer and has been progressing throughout the school year. We thank the community for supporting our students and this work in our schools.

- The two technology rooms and lab area are now ready for student and teacher use at the MS/HS. The rooms feature individual student work stations with all necessary resources easily available for student use. The students are excited to be back in the technology space.
- The fitness room located in the back hallway of the MS/HS is now ready for student and teacher use at the MS/HS. The room features mirrored walls, low impact flooring, and a variety of fitness equipment. The District is looking into grants to acquire additional equipment as needed.
- We are scheduling a Capital Project Open House at the Middle/High School, where you will be able to visit and see our progress. The date and time will be published on our website, on the marquee in front of the Middle/High School, in the Electronic Newsletter, and through flyers in the Village.

Fifth Graders Support Camp Good Days

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High School Students Volunteer at Nazareth College

A select group of 41 students, grades 10-12, went to Nazareth College last month for a day of volunteer training. These students spent the day learning about the Global Citizens Conference, roles and job responsibilities, a campus tour of where the conference will take place, meeting staff at Nazareth that coordinated the event, and the ranking and assigning of roles. The purpose of this training was to make students aware of their responsibilities during the Global Citizens Conference. They also were given an introduction to the importance of this conference and how it connects to their lives.

The Global Citizen Conference takes place once a year in the month of March. Over 350 high school students from Upstate New York attend a full-day conference on acceptance, tolerance, non-violence, creating positive dialogue, and eradicating stereotypes.

Fifth Grader Writes Winning Fire Safety Essay

In October 2014, many fifth graders entered a fire safety contest sponsored by the Monroe County Volunteer Firemen's Association. The students wrote an essay about fire prevention. This year's theme was "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives." On March 3, 2015, Firefighter Alan Way and Firefighter Mike Lapinski visited T. J. Connor to present participation certificates to the students. They also honored Scout Brandes with a plaque and monetary award for her essay. She placed eighth in a field of five hundred fifth and sixth graders in Monroe County. Her essay is proudly displayed in the fifth-grade hallway of T. J. Connor.

Way to go, Scout.

Boys’ Basketball Captures League Title

On their Senior Night, the Boys’ Basketball team captured the Genesee Region D2 League Title by defeating Batavia Notre Dame. All those in attendance reported that this was one of the most exciting games in recent memory. The game was within a three-point spread most of the time, and was not decided until the last 1.2 seconds of the game. This is the first time that the Boys’ team has won an independent league title (it was a shared title last year) since 1985. Congratulations to the boys on a great season.

Wheatland-Chili Drama Club presented
Once Upon a Mattress
This Spring