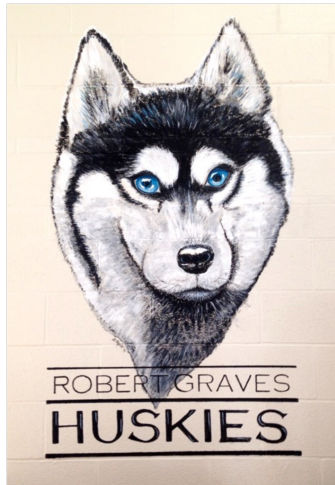


As a citizen of Robert Graves School, I pledge to all members of the Robert Graves community that I will demonstrate respect, responsibility for my actions, growth, and service to my school and community.



The R.G. Reviewer is written by some of the 4th grade students at Robert Graves Elementary in Port Ewen, New York.

R. G. Reviewer

2023 –2024 Autumn Edition

Veterans Day Celebration

Written by Eli Blanco

November 11th is Veterans Day, when we honor the brave people who have fought for our country.

On November 9, 2023, Robert Graves Elementary had a Veterans Day assembly. The ceremony started when uniformed veterans brought in the flag and then everyone stood up to say the pledge. Next, the 4th graders sang the national anthem. After that, several students read passages including the poem, "In Flanders Fields" by Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae. The students sang 2 songs for the veterans that Miss

Salerno taught them. The ceremony ended with a veteran playing "Taps" on the bugle. Some students felt emotional, proud, and sad.

Did you know that Coach Morris is a veteran? He served in the United States Navy for four years from 1985-1989. Working in the weapons department in bomb assembly, allowed him to go to many places like Egypt, Spain, France, Italy, and Turkey. He served in the Navy because he wanted to help our country and knew he'd get to travel on a ship.



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Comedy Corner

By Logan Miriello

What did the pumpkin say to its carver?

[Answer on page 6]

Meet the New Staff

Mr. Romero

Written by Scarlett Musal

Mr. Romero is one of our new teachers here at Robert Graves School. He wanted to be a teacher because of a program in high school called Teaching Science. With this program, kindergarteners would come in and they would teach them science. He loved it and this got him interested in teaching. Before working at Robert Graves, Mr. Romero worked at Arthur S. May, a school in Arlington, New York. In Mr. Romero's free time, he likes to hang out with friends and listen to music. He also enjoys playing the ukulele and guitar. Mr. Romero is also not afraid to answer the tough questions. For example, when asked, "Is a hot dog a sandwich?" He said, "Yes, because it has a bun and you can put anything on it." As you see Mr. Romero, please give him a warm welcome to Robert Graves!



Miss Perez

Written by Valentina Jeri

Miss Perez has been teaching for 3 years. She worked and substituted at Marlboro Elementary for two years and has been a kindergarten teacher in the Kingston City School District for one year. What she likes most about teaching kindergarten is when her students learn something new and they get happy. She decided to be a teacher to help kids learn.

Miss Perez is from Bronx, New York. I asked her if she speaks Spanish and she replied that she only speaks a little bit of Spanish. Her favorite book is the Magic Tree House book, *Dinosaurs Before Dark*, because she loves how it starts. Her favorite color is light blue and she has an English Bulldog. His name is Rex and he likes to get belly rubs, baths, and watch T.V. with her. That's what I learned about Miss Perez.



What amazing staff we have here at Robert Graves!

Mrs. Carpino

Written by Elise Lefkovits

This is Mrs. Carpino.

If you were confused, there are two Mrs. Carpino's!

This Mrs. Carpino teaches a kindergarten and 1st grade special education class. She has been teaching kids for 11 years. She decided to be a teacher because she really enjoyed working with children. Mrs. Carpino likes to get to know her students and their families. She loves to learn new ways to teach her students. She also loves to watch them grow and have those light bulb or "a-ha" moments when they understand a concept.



Before she worked at Robert Graves, Mrs. Carpino worked at the Center for Spectrum Services. She has been working in the Kingston School District for 3 years. She really likes Robert Graves because everyone has been very friendly and welcoming to her. Mrs. Carpino was at our school to do her student teaching placement while in college. She taught with Mrs. Delehant.

Mrs. Carpino is married and she has 3 children ages 16, 5, and 3 years old. She doesn't have any pets. She enjoys crafting when she has time and making projects with her Cricut machine. If she could go anywhere, she would go to Hawaii. She has never been there, but she is sure it would be her favorite place!

Welcome to Robert Graves, Mrs. Carpino!



Crafty Corner

Game Making

Written by Arthur Fitzpatrick

Hi! My name is Arthur and I'll teach you how to make games at home with everyday items in each edition of the R.G. Reviewer this year. Each one will become a little harder, but you can do it.

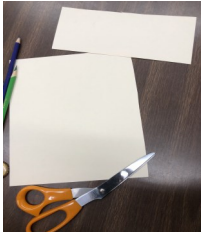
Tic Tac Toe

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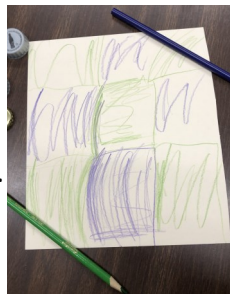
1. Gather materials. For this one, you will need a flat piece of cardboard or paper, something to color with, scissors, and something to use for the game pieces. In this case we are going to use bottle caps.



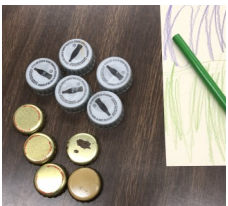
2. Cut the paper into a nice square.



3. Draw a checkered pattern with 9 squares. You can color them in neat or messy.



4. Make 5 or 6 of the game pieces. If you already have them like our bottle caps, you can skip this step.



5. ENJOY YOUR GAME!!



Fun Fact: Did you know that a square can be a rectangle, but a rectangle can't be a square?

Husky Highlights

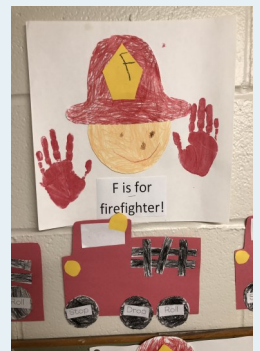
Edited by Dexter Heady

- On October 6th, we got to throw slime on Dr. Parese! The kids who did the Summer Reading Challenge got to throw slime on him. So awesome!



- On October 13th, our whole school walked down to the town building for an evacuation drill. It is important to practice this for safety. After school, we got to do Trunk or Treat. That was fun and we got so much candy!
- On October 18th, Coach Piazza awarded the first "fastest classes" awards of the year to Mrs. Fitzgerald's 2nd grade and Mr. Kay's 4th grade. Congratulations!
- On October 18th, our kindergarten, first, and 2nd grade classes saw fire prevention presentations. They used the water hose and got to extinguish fake fires.

**Thank you,
Port Ewen Fire
Department!**



From the Principal's Desk



Dear Robert Graves Community,

I am so happy with the incredible start of this year. Our opening went very well, and we have been enjoying the fall with some great events.

Our summer reading challenge was outstanding with 135 students completing reading assignments over the summer. While that was a great accomplishment, I wasn't fond of the sliming that I got! It was super cold and sticky and took me almost an hour to wash up!

We also had a great Trunk or Treat with over 300 students dressed in some very cool costumes.

Our book fair was a huge success as well. We haven't had a book fair in over 5 years, so it was great seeing both students and parents enjoy it. Besides these events, I also received our state testing scores from last year. Once again, Robert Graves scored very well with 56% of our 3rd and 4th grade students achieving at the highest levels 3 and 4. I could not be prouder of our students and staff!

Thank you for your hard work, and I am looking forward to more fun events in the future.

Sincerely,
Dr. Parese
Robert Graves Principal

Poet's Den

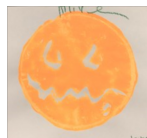
Fall - An Acrostic Poem

Written by Dexter Heady

Falling leaves dancing in the wind.



Autumn breeze brings cool weather.



Lots of light glowing from jack-o-lanterns.

Little scary bats.



Special Area News



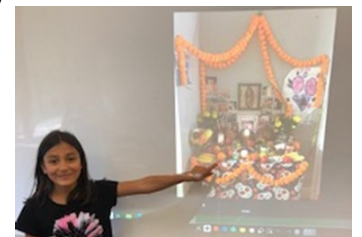
Coach Morris , Coach Piazza, Miss Salerno, Ms. Fisher, & Miss Spoth

In this column, we will highlight the happenings in a couple of special areas in each edition of the newspaper.

P.E.: Hello all, I am very pleased to be able to share with you some exciting things going on in our physical education program so far this year. In October, we did a variety of activities. The most exciting being the fastest class challenge! Each class runs for 2 minutes and gets an average score of laps per student. This allows us to talk about pacing ourselves, doing your best as well as ways to improve on our running ability and keeping our hearts and lungs healthy! Congratulations to our golden sneaker winners, Mrs. Fitzgerald's class and Mr. Kay's class! We will do this a few times this year, so there are still chances to earn the sneaker. Now, in November, we are putting a special focus on flexibility and doing planks. Planks are a great exercise to strengthen the entire body and flexibility is important to keep our bodies healthy and limber! We look forward to continuing to promote physical activity and wellness throughout the year!



Art: Robert Graves art classes have been learning about the Mexican holiday "Día de los Muertos". We had a special guest student teacher, Liliana Antonio, from Mrs. Norris' class! Lilly celebrates "Día de los Muertos" with her family and she lead the art class through a lesson on how her family celebrates it. She brought pictures from home of her ofrenda (alter) and taught a step by step drawing of a sugar skull!



Robert Reginald Graves, Sr.

Robert Graves Elementary School bears the name of the principal serving from 1953 to 1978. He began as teacher and principal of School No. 13 prior to those dates. School #13 was located where Family Dollar is today.

Robert Reginald Graves, Sr. was born on June 15, 1921 in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada to parents Robert Graves and Marion Thompson. He had three sisters, Marjorie, Norma, and Barbara.

Prior to becoming an educator, he worked in the pipe-making industry at S.M. Frank and Company.

On November 18, 1942, he enlisted in the U.S. Army. He was discharged on January 24, 1946 with a rank of "Technician 4th Grade." He became a member of American Legion Post 1298 in the Town of Esopus.



His portrait hangs in our front hallway in honor of his service to our school. Mark Longendyke remembered that a student broke the painting a long time ago. It was repaired quickly.



He married Mary Elizabeth Morgan in 1945 in London, England where she was born. She came to the school to visit on occasion long after Mr. Graves death. They had one son also named Robert R. (nickname "Digger") and a daughter, Deborah .

According to Mark Longendyke, our former custodian and past student at Robert Graves School, Mr. Graves was his father's principal at School #13. Mr. Longendyke also recalled that Mr. Graves loved sports especially soccer. According to an article in the Daily Freeman on February 8, 1978, he managed the soccer team for the Kingston Sports Club for 10 years. He was also the founder and the first president of the Port Ewen Little League.

He died on February 6, 1978 and he is buried at Wiltwyck Cemetery in Kingston, New York.

Robert Graves Elementary School honors his legacy of husband, father, soldier, and educator.

This information was obtained from several sources including ancestry.com, Daily Freeman newspaper articles, and individual reports.



Autumn Puzzle

Words by Olivia Helms, Orlando Hylton & Jordin Jones

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Find the word
in the puzzle.

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Words can
share letters as
they cross over
each other.



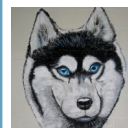
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class	classmates	colorful
corn	costume	December
decorations	fall	family
Halloween	harvest	jack-o-lantern
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[Joke answer]

Cut it out!

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Robert Graves
Elementary School

A place where people are treated
with respect and kindness.

If you're enjoying this edition of the R.G. Reviewer, visit the Robert Graves page on the district website to view this and previous editions!

Fall Gallery

