



K-Kids

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There's a first time for everything and while the total of submissions left something to be desired, for the first time since K-Kids 1990-creation, New York joined other districts in honoring outstanding clubs in several areas.

We invited existing clubs to encourage their students to participate in Essay, Speech, Poster and leadership categories but, none came forth. Fortunately, we had one club enter the Scrapbook Contest. While it was the sole entry, the work done by the students in the Holmes Elementary School K-Kids club sponsored by the KenTon Kiwanis Club, was an outstanding representation of young students in action. Pictures, flyers, articles and artwork showed tremendous effort. Kudos to them.

While other clubs were very active, only two clubs took the few extra minutes it takes to complete the paperwork.

Neither the Kiwanis Clubs nor its members should do anything just for credit but, when we do good work, all of us should give credit where credit is due. It is the only way to thank the students and encourage them.

Thank you one and all for your assistance this year. It sure has been fun working with the youngsters. Our work must continue next year. Let's keep our youngsters doing the great work they have been doing.

K-Kids Hooray!

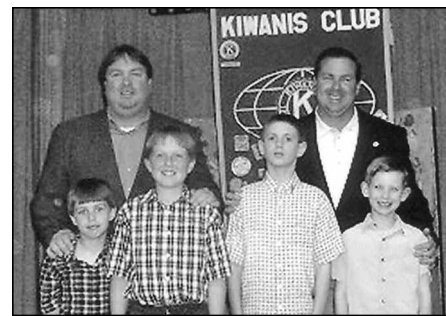
Mc Vey Gets K-Kids Charter



All members of McVey Elementary School at there special Charter Night.

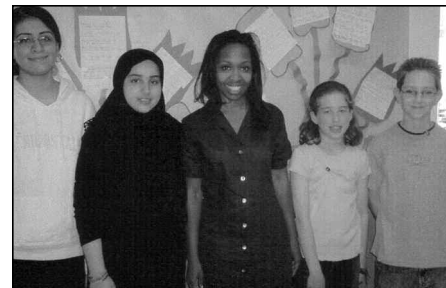


Kiwanis Advisor Carla Vultaggio, Nassau University Medical Center Kiwanis Club President Linda Walsh, NUMC Treasurer Janet St. John and Faculty Advisor JoAnn St. John pose with the new McVey K-Kids Charter Officers and their Board of Directors.



Walter and Jim Skinner, East meadow Kiwanis, and their sons, charter members of McVey Elementary K-Kids.

Covert Elementary School K-Kids



Covert Elementary School K-Kids pose for a photo with Ms. Boyd, Faculty Advisor (center) and Covert K-Kids President Joey Plata (right).



Covert Elementary School K-Kids never settle for less than their best.

Charter Day for Margetts Elementary School K-Kids

Kiwanis Club of **SPRING VALLEY**, Hudson-Tri County Division – DPLG and President of the club, Lenora McCabe presented Principal Susanna Mendoza with the Margetts Elementary K-Kids charter. On hand was PLG Patricia Caldwell who assisted in the presentation of pins and certificates to each of the young K-Kids members. Helping all of us was third grader Deja Tingling, Pat's grand-niece, who is responsible for convincing her first grade teacher, Mr. Bakke, to start the K-Kids club at Margetts.

Sounds kind of boring right? Wrong! I have never seen such excitement in the presentation of pins and certificates as was evidenced by these three first grade classes. While everybody was perfectly behaved, the little ones could not contain their pride and enthusiasm clapping as each name was read, grinning for cameras held by proud parents and the photographer from the Journal News, our local newspaper. They are only six years old, so it is possibly their first ever award. White faces, black faces, Hispanic names, Asian names, boys, girls, slightly tall and very small – all were excited knowing that everybody thought they had accomplished something special.

Indeed they had done something pretty wonderful. This year three first grade classes have been raising money, to buy a cow for a needy family under the auspices of Heiffer International and later, to do so much more.

Every Friday members of the K-Kids go around to classrooms and ask schoolmates to donate pennies, nickels and dimes.

Helped by parents, teachers, school administrators and the community, they have raised far more than anybody thought first graders could do.

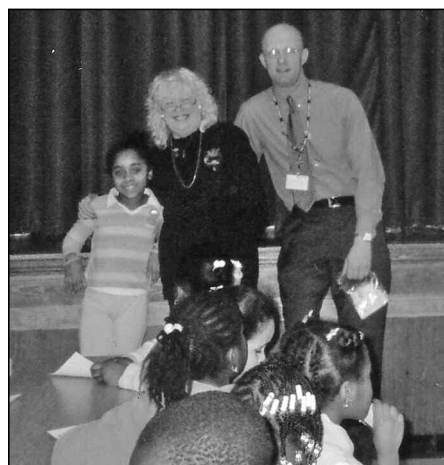
Principal Mendoza enthusiastically donated \$125 to purchase a goat all by herself. To date they have raised over \$1500. They are continuing the effort until the end of this school year. After the tsunami in Asia, they elected to have their recipient families come from countries tragically affected.

As you enter the school, you see a cow wind chime hanging right in the front. Then you see a bulletin board outside the main office full of k-kids posters, pictures of student-drawn cows, a thermometer showing how much money has been raised and finally a free standing blow up cow. Everybody at Margetts is involved in the enterprise.

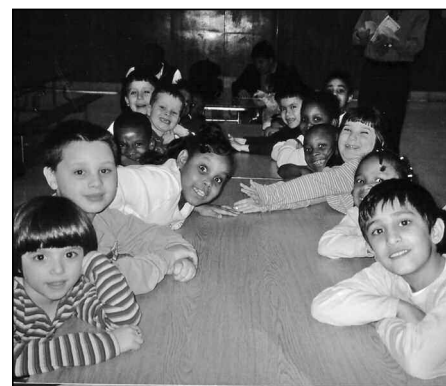
The Margetts K-Kids is the newest and youngest of Spring Valley Kiwanis' three K-Kids. The good publicity both the school and our Kiwanis Club received in the fabulous news articles was an unexpected bonus.

CHEMUNG	Start of Year	Net Changes	Month End	Missing Reports
Bath	29		29	
Cayuga	27	-2	25	
Corning	37	6	43	
Cortland	26	-1	25	Jul
Dryden	24	-4	20	Apr May Jun Jul
Elmira	106	-7	99	Jul
Hornell	26		26	
Horseheads	36	4	40	
Ithaca	19	2	21	
Painted Post	24	6	30	
Southport	17	2	19	
Totals	371	6	377	6

FINGER LAKES	Start of Year	Net Changes	Month End	Missing Reports
Brighton	30	-3	27	
Canandaigua	100	-4	96	May Jun Jul
Charlotte-Lake Ontario	22	5	27	Apr
Farmington-Victor	22		22	
Geneva	59		59	Jun Jul
Lakeshore-Rochester	22	-1	21	Jul
Newark	23	2	25	
Palmyra-Macedon	7		7	Jun Jul
Penfield-Perinton Townships	34	2	36	
Penn Yan	24		24	
Seneca Falls	27	4	31	Jun Jul
Webster	102	14	116	
Totals	472	19	491	11



L-R: Deja Tingling, Spring Valley President Lenora McCabe, and Margetts Faculty Advisor Mr. Bakke.



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