

# *little* DEVIL'S DEN

The latest news and updates from Old Forge Elementary



OLD FORGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
*Home of the Blue Devils*

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## Reflections Awards Banquet

The Northeastern PTA Council held their annual Reflections Awards Banquet on Sunday, February 25th. The PTA Reflections program promotes arts education by encouraging students to express themselves through various mediums. Students from Mid Valley, Valley View, and Old Forge were recognized for their contributions in literature, photography, music composition, dance, and 2D visual arts.

The 2017-2018 Old Forge Council medal winners are:

*Mia Arrington...Literature*

*Joselyn DeStefano...2D Visual Arts*

*Juliette DeStefano...2D Visual Arts*

*Cabrina Holzman...Photography*

*Abigail Lenceski...2D Visual Arts*

*Dakota Lohman...Music Composition*

*Mikaela Lohman...Music Composition*

*Cassandra Suhecki...Literature/Photography*

*Nicholas Suhecki...Literature/2D Visual Arts*

*Hannah Sumerano...Music Composition*

*Autumn Talarico...Photography*

*Sage Talarico...2D visual Arts*

*Sola Talarico...2D Visual Arts*



# Devil Pride



*The following students were recognized for the Devil Pride Award for the month of January.*

Kindergarten...KATIE KUCHARSKI  
 1st grade...GWYN O'HEARN  
 2nd grade...JOSELYN DESTEFANO  
 3rd grade...KEITH PERSCHAU  
 4th grade...CATHLEEN MCCABE  
 5th grade...JOSEPH DISTASI  
 6th grade...KYLE ROBIDEAU

## Literacy FAQ

### Question:

*Why can't my child re-read a word in a sentence that she just sounded out?*

### Answer:

*This may happen because your child is concentrating so hard on the decoding (sounding out), that they are unable to remember and comprehend the full sentence. This is a good indication that the books are too challenging for your child at this time. The next time you and your child choose books, you may want to ask a teacher, a librarian, or a reading specialist to help you find "just right" books for your child. These should be books that your child is interested in and that they can read with about 95% accuracy the first time. Ask your child to read a page or two aloud while you silently count the errors from the total numbers of words on the pages that are read. This will give you an estimate of the accuracy. By reading "just right" books, your child will practice all aspects of reading, including fluency and comprehension. Comprehension, ultimately, is the goal of reading! As your child reads "just right" books, their ability to decode words will become even more automatic, and the text will become more meaningful because they will be able to understand and enjoy what they are reading.*

*Adapted from [www.readingrockets.org](http://www.readingrockets.org)*



- Thurs, Mar 1- Dr. Seuss Dress Down
- Fri, Mar 2 - Dr. Seuss Dress Down
- Mon, Mar 12 - PTA Meeting 6:30
- Fri, Mar 16 - Birthday Celebrations
- Wed, Mar 21 - Kdg. Registration/Board Meeting
- Thurs, Mar 22 - Kdg. Registration
- Thurs, Mar 29 - 11:22 Dismissal
- Fri, Mar 30 - No School