

Fifth Grade News!

On October 6, the fifth grade class enjoyed their trip to the Erie Canal! We went to Lock 2 in Waterford and had the opportunity to see the Lock in action. While we were there, three boats traveled through the Lock. We were able to watch it fill up with water before the boat entered, and then watch it drain the water so the boat can be lowered to the river's level. The Lock has giant steel gates that open and close which not only allow boats to enter and exit, but it also keeps the water in or out. People from all over the country, as well as other countries, travel through these locks. We spoke with people from Illinois, Florida, and even Canada! We all had a great time during our visit to the Canal!



Erie Canal Fun Facts:

- It stretches 524 miles from Albany to Buffalo
- Each lock is 328 feet long and 45 feet wide
- It was opened in 1825
- It takes 4 ½ minutes to drain/fill up the Lock
- The Locks hold 3 ½ million gallons of water

