

EDEN CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FALL 2020

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Capital Project 2022 December 15, 2020 Referendum

Back in 2014 a large group of stakeholders came together to examine the district's infrastructure in order to put together a timeline for capital project improvements. The stakeholder group included community members, teachers, support staff, students, administrators, board members, and architects. This group's work has been integral to the improvements in the district and are the roots of **Capital Project 2022.**

Capital Project 2022 continues with the district's vision to improve the health and safety of district buildings and grounds while also enhancing the learning experiences for students and the community.

The project is divided into two propositions:

Proposition 1

Proposition 1 addresses deficiencies at Eden Elementary, the Middle/High School, the Bus Garage and the CoGen plant.

The Elementary School is slated for new windows, updates to the exterior masonry, parking lot repairs and continuation of sidewalk replacement. In addition, renovations to classrooms and the Music rooms are part of this proposition.

The Middle/High School auditorium will benefit from new sound and light systems, a much needed remodeling of the Nurse's office and new air handling units in the cafeteria.

The bus garage is slated for a new roof.

A critical component of the project is the repurposing of the Co-gen plant. The work in this area includes putting the Middle/High School on the regular electrical grid. This is critically important as the grid will provide the consistent electrical power that is needed in that building. This is also a continuation of work that was done previously when the Elementary and GLP were transferred over to the electrical grid.

Once this work is completed, the Co-Gen Building will be modified for much needed buildings and grounds storage.

Proposition 1 will be for a maximum of \$12,596,132, and is considered a tax neutral proposition. This means that no additional tax burden will be needed to fund the project. The district, through proper fiscal management and the use of the \$3.3 million in Capital Reserve funds, would be able to complete the work outlined at no additional taxpayer expense.

Proposition 2

Proposition 2 continues the emphasis on health, safety and community use and impacts all of the district's buildings.

Eden Elementary School: improvements in the Library lighting system, main office renovations and installation of exterior LED lighting top the list of needed work. The Elementary tennis courts are due for a new surface as well.

Grover L. Priess: installation of exterior LED lighting, door replacements and HVAC work.

Middle/High School: Library renovations, installation of exterior LED lighting, tennis court relocation and replacement, and additions to the rear parking lot.

Bus Garage: exterior LED lighting.

Proposition 2 will be for a maximum of \$3,283,990. This would result in a tax increase of \$13 per \$100,000 of assessed value.

Eden community members will have the opportunity to vote on Capital Project 2022 on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 from 9 am – 9 pm in the Middle & High School Auditorium Foyer.

It is important to note that Proposition 2 can only pass if Proposition 1 passes.

The community is invited to either of two public meetings that will be held prior to the vote: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 6 pm and Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 6 pm, both in the Eden Elementary School Auditorium. If approved, the estimated start of the project would be February 2022 with a completion in December 2024.

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Welcome to New Teachers and Staff

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new faculty and staff. The following people joined us during the 2019-2020 school year: Ashley Waldraff, Clerk Typist—Business Office; Stephanie Anderson, Cleaner; Donna Bender, Senior Clerk Typist—Technology Department; Cheryl Dunmire—Monitor; Kristen Genco, Teacher Aide; Gregory Gonter, Laborer; Debra Gregoire, Bus Driver; Heidi Mahoney, Bus Driver; Meghan Piccirillo, Senior Clerk Typist—GLP; Brian Rowland, Bus Mechanic Foreman; Beverly Sessanna, Bus Attendant; Jason Iwankow, Director of PE, Health and Athletics; Jason Lyons, HS Principal; Merrie Maxon, Director of Pupil Personnel Services; Alex Feasley, Social Studies Teacher; Hailee Herc, Special Education Teacher; and William O’Hare, Health/PE Teacher.

New this year are: Noah Meister, Microcomputer Repair Technician; Kate McKinnon, MS/HS Nurse; April Agle, Librarian—GLP; Laura Birkby, Psychologist—GLP and Eden Elementary; Danielle Carbone, Elementary Computer Teacher GLP and Eden Elementary; Justine Chiavetta, Elementary Teacher—GLP; Kristina Dahmer, Elementary Teacher—Eden Elementary; Rachael Flynn, Librarian—Eden Elementary; Katelyn Gardner-Capriotto, Special Ed Teacher—GLP; Jessica Johnson, Elementary Teacher—Eden Elementary; Myles Kifner, Music Teacher—MS/HS; Amy Masciale, Physical Education Teacher—Eden Elementary; Jennifer Wulf, Elementary Teacher—GLP; Chad Bliss, Director of Facilities.

Helping Hamburg Sports Boosters

Eden Girls’ Modified Field Hockey Coach, Mark Kumiega; High School Principal, Jason Lyons; Middle School Principal, Jeff Cervoni; and Eden Technology Teacher, Brian Smith took part in a golf fundraiser to help neighboring Hamburg Central Schools at their first annual Sports Booster Golf Tournament.

Eden shot 8 under par to tie for first place.



Halloween Picnic for the GLP Staff

The GLP staff dressed up as a picnic this Halloween. Check out the ice cream cones, ice, salt & pepper shakers, ketchup, mustard, tacos, strawberries, watermelon, coke cans and other assorted items.

Do You Need Childcare in the Morning?

We offer an Early Morning Drop Off Program at Eden Elementary School from 7:00 am to 8:30 am for students in Grades K-5.

This program is designed to provide a needed service by giving parents the opportunity to bring their children to school prior to the beginning of the regularly scheduled school day. Students will be supervised from 7:00-8:30 AM and engaged in daily low-impact activities. K-2 students will then be transported to GLP for the start of their day, and students in grades 3-5 will be released to their classrooms. Go to <http://www.edencsd.org> home page under site shortcuts, and click on Eden Raiders Early Morning Drop Off Program for more information and registration forms.

Breakfast on the Go From the Cafeteria

Breakfast on the Go at Eden Elementary. With limited time in the morning for breakfast, many students go without. Students in grades 3-5 can get a bagged breakfast from the "Grab n' Go Cart" that will be located in the foyer every morning. They can still get all of their favorites from French toast and Frudels to cereal and yogurt cups.

Breakfast is available to all students. The cost is \$2.00 (K-5) or \$2.10 (6-12), and if you qualify for the free and reduced lunch program, then you also qualify for breakfast.

If you have any questions about the breakfast program or how to apply for the free and reduced lunch program, feel free to call the food service director at 992-3623.

Substitutes Needed:

Substitutes in all areas :To apply, send cover letter and resume, along with application found on edencsd.org
<https://www.edencsd.org/page/10>

to Jeffrey Sortisio, Superintendent
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Eden Elementary Students in the Spotlight

By Lisa Postle

Congratulations to the **September 2020** Eden Elementary Students in the Spotlight:

Grade 3 - Micah Alvarez, Samuel Haag, Mark Uliaszek, Emilia Brooks, Aiden Mrugala, Dianne Moran.

Grade 4 - Tomas Stojanovski, Gabby Koszelak, Alaina Zangerle, Joshua Eckman, Shelby Gawron.

Grade 5 - Allison Wierzba, Ethan Gernatt, Garrett Smith, Patrick Tighe.

Congratulations to the **October 2020** Eden Elementary Students in the Spotlight:

Grade 3 - Brianna Hubbard, Gemma Max, Kekoa Kogler, Rylee Milligan, Marleigh Gill.

Grade 4 - Morgan Miller, Liam Strawbrich, Ava Martinez, Millie Hock, Arlon Palczak, Ryan Wojcinski.

Grade 5 - Chase Ziobro, AJ Haake, Jenna Zajac, Chase Paluch.

Free & Reduced Meals Reminder:

Please remember to fill out your free and reduced meal application. You can download one from the school website or call the school—992-3645.

From Your School Nurse:

This is a reminder that all medications to be given during the school year must have a doctor's order and a permission slip signed by the parent or guardian. All medications must be brought to the school nurse by the parent or guardian. Medications should not be brought in by the student.

All medications must be in the original container. This includes both prescription and over the counter medicines. If you have any questions, please contact the school nurse.

School Health Appraisals

New York State requires all new students and students in Pre-K, Kindergarten, First, Third, Fifth, Seventh, Ninth and Eleventh grade to have an updated yearly physical.

If a physical is not submitted by December 31st, the school's medical director will be performing physicals in January for students without updated physicals. Please contact the school nurse if you have any questions or concerns.

GLP Nurse: TBD 992-3612

Elem. Nurse: Darlene Smith 992-3611

MS & HS Nurse: Kate McKinnon 992-3615

Reading Raiders

By: Olivia Ann Doctor and Jeff Cervoni
Eden Middle School

The 2020-2021 school year is off to a great start, and Eden Middle School is ready to begin this year's Reading Raiders program. The Reading Raiders program was started in 2018, when Mrs. Doctor, English teacher, thought it would be a great idea to unify us as a middle school while also emphasizing the importance of reading for pleasure across all core classes.

Each week, a ½ hour of reading is incorporated into the core classes on a rotation schedule. Not only are the students able to select a book of choice, but they are able to enjoy reading and relaxation time. The teachers also read along with the students. Ms. Zoll, our middle school librarian, is visiting classrooms to show students how to request books and sign out e-books online. This year, Reading Raiders time will be on Remote Wednesdays.



Teaching and Learning Through the Hybrid Model at the PreK-5 Elementary Levels "highs and lows"

Highs:

- Daily Zooms available to set the tone for the day and an opportunity for sharing, asking questions for the day's work, social-emotional check ins, etc.
- Grade level collaboration with consistent planning and programming. This allows for students and families to network and partner/support each other.
- Varied and flexible models that support all types of family/at-home environments to access student learning.
- Students are very successful in safety protocols.
- Most intensive needs are being supported daily.
- Telepractice has been successful.
- Creating as normal and positive, fun environment as possible; ie- Halloween celebrations-COVID safe, Red Ribbon Week, Fire Safety Week, School Resource Officer Visits, IRLA Awards.
- Continuation of Character Education program and Social Emotional Learning program with School Counselor and Social Worker.

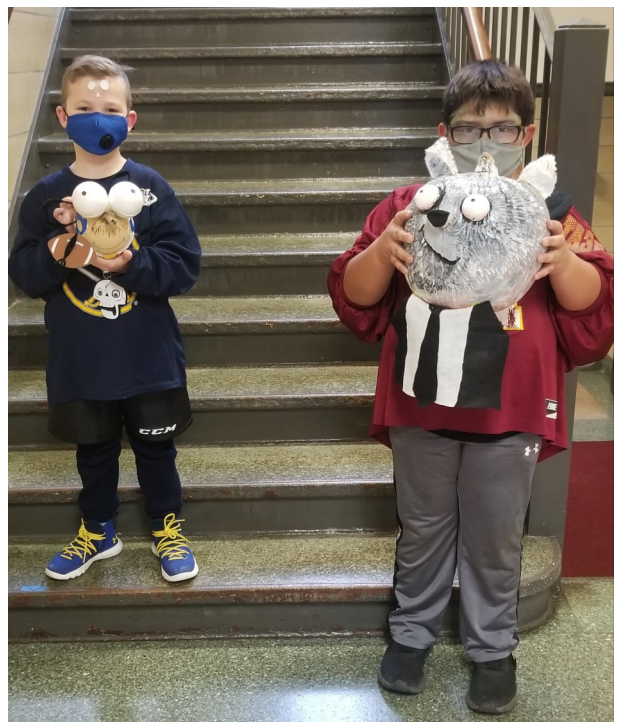
Lows:

- Remote work difficult for some families to complete.
- Technology still a work in progress.
- Not all school programs, especially the one that have included families and community, can happen this year.

Pumpkin Characters

Third graders at Eden Elementary School transformed pumpkins into book characters! The students had to read a book, identify character traits, and gather text-based evidence to complete a short written report.

Pictured are: Gemma Max, Brianna Hubbard, Rylee Milligan, Lily Paluch, Aiden Mrugala, and Kekoa Kogler.



Eden Middle and High School
Teaching and learning through the hybrid model
"highs and lows"

Hybrid Model

Highs:

- Students are connected in ways, like never before, to teachers, technology and curriculum.
- Online ability to access lessons, zooms recordings, and other asynchronous materials. This has never really been available before.
- Allowed building social distance safely while affording students normalcy when coming to school.
- Allowed teachers to continue instruction, be it Synchronous or Asynchronous, & curriculum in a more normal pace.
- Forced us to fine tune and problem solve Technology.
- Teachers collaborate much more regularly within PLCs & Departments.
- Share ideas about what technology is working & how to adjust within the technology to work more effectively.
- Google Classroom- stream vs classwork, To Do list.
- Share ideas about content & pacing.
- Share information about student needs & what is effective with lower performing students.
- Huge increase in collegiality.
- A feeling of rhythm within the staff that what we are doing is working effectively & safely.
- Allows us to have limited extracurricular activities (some sports & tractor day) for more normalcy for students.
- [Incredible feedback](#) from full remote students & parents how effective instruction has been for them.
- Openness by staff to adjust to the new normal of teaching.
- Communication by staff with students & parents has been a strength based on parent feedback.
- Much lower amount of discipline issues.

Lows:

- Mental health issues (depression) by small percentage of students.
- Stress & anxiety caused by new way of learning.
- Amount of work seems sometimes overwhelming to students.
- Easy for students to disengage.
- Educational gaps.
- Reduced instructional pace.
- Small percentage of students still becoming disengaged.
- Teacher stress.
- Feel the necessity to teach same pacing & amount of activities- do not want to let students down.
- Challenge to only teach to the power standards & core curriculum.
- Difficult to "shut down" with the virtual clock.
- Lower performance by student body as a whole.
- Consistent with all other High Schools in Erie County.
- Postponed sports activities.
- Volleyball, chopper club, Cheerleading, Football, Homecoming, Dances, etc.

NOTICE TO ALL SENIORS AND THEIR PARENTS:

Scholarships for Academic Excellence will be awarded to four seniors at Eden High School pending appropriation of State funds. Eden qualifies for one scholarship at \$1,500 and three scholarships at \$500 each. These awards are renewable for up to four academic years of undergraduate study.

The eligibility requirements include:

1. Each scholarship recipient must graduate from a New York State high school by the end of the 2020-2021 school year.
2. Each scholarship recipient must be a legal resident of New York State for at least one year prior to September 30, 2020.
3. In order to use the benefits of this scholarship the recipient must be in attendance as a full-time matriculated student at an approved New York State post-secondary institution by the fall 2021 semester. **Students who enroll in an out-of-state institution in Fall 2021 are not eligible and must forfeit the award.**

The selection criteria that will be used must be in accordance with the following State requirements: The high school shall select their nominees by computing a weighted average of the scores on the Regents examinations taken prior to the students' senior year in the subjects listed below.

The weighting of the scores shall be:

- English Language Arts - weight of three
- Algebra II - weight of three
- Global Studies - weight of one
- US History & Government - weight of one
- Any 3 Science courses - weight of one for each course



Counselors will contact qualified candidates no later than November 15, 2020.

Important Reminders from the Transportation Department

Eden Central adheres to the following guidelines when dropping students off in the afternoon:

Pre-K - 2nd Grade: The driver must see a parent, guardian, babysitter, or high-school age sibling before dropping off.

Grades 3 and 4: The driver must have reasonable assurance that someone is home for the student.

Grades 5 - 12: There are no drop-off limitations, except at the request of a parent.

Pesticides

Education Law Section 409-H, requires schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year. Written notification must be provided at the following intervals throughout the school year: at the beginning of the school year; within two school days of the end of winter recess; within two school days of the end of spring recess; and within ten days of the end of the school year.

Tractor Day 2020



MISSION:

In collaboration with the community, the Eden Central School District pursues our tradition of excellence in personal and academic achievement. We provide a positive and respectful learning environment that places students at the heart of all activities. Students are afforded the tools and opportunity to realize their potential within our global society, while cultivating the understanding necessary to fully appreciate their journey.

VISION:

ECSD is a collaborative learning community that embraces the individuality of each student, educating and empowering them to become productive citizens in an ever-changing and diverse society.

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