

Eden Central School District Newsletter

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From the Superintendent

Dear Eden Families:

In this edition of our District Newsletter, you will find information about our 2017-2018 school budget, which was approved by our Board of Education at its April 5th meeting. Our Board of Education, Budget Advisory Team and Administrative Council have spent countless hours discussing how Eden CSD will maintain the expected high level of academic programming in a climate of fiscal uncertainty and inequity.

I am excited to share with you that a new Grade 1 teacher position has been put into the budget for next year. This will allow us to maintain five classrooms at Kindergarten and five classrooms at 1st grade. Keeping our class sizes under 20 for these primary grades is our utmost focus. In addition, a new nurse position has been put into the budget for next year. Having this fourth nurse on staff will allow us some flexibility in all the buildings and enable us to have a nurse on our buses when circumstances require.

Yes, it is true that we have staffing reductions for next year. Some of these are due to budget and some are due to a declining student enrollment at the secondary grade levels. None of us at Eden CSD take staffing reductions lightly. We value our teachers and all the heart that they put into their students.

Our responsibility to you is vast. We are obligated to bring you a fiscally responsible budget. At the same time, we are obligated to offer to our students a competitive, high level of academic programming. It should come as no surprise to you that each year that the NYS legislature does not reimburse school districts what it rightfully owes them, Eden CSD included, it becomes more and more difficult to direct our budget cuts to areas which do not affect students and their programs.

Our Board of Education continues to be focused on ways that our district can have a louder voice with our state legislature to ensure adequate, equitable and predictable state funding for districts like Eden. We hope that you will join us in this journey- for the sake of public education and our students.

We have two candidates running unopposed for two Board of Education seats- Ellen Kindley and Cheryl Carpenter. I thank them, ahead of time, for their commitment to our students. Contrary to popular belief, this is an unpaid position without any perks and with a large time commitment. They make all the difference in bringing your voice to the educational process.

As this school year draws to a close, I would be remiss if I did not thank you again for a successful capital project vote in December 2015. Our project was approved by the State Education Department just last month, contractors are now on site, and we are ready to put shovels in the ground on May 1. Our students deserve the transformation that this capital project promises.

In closing, we promise to challenge your students with rigorous learning objectives, so that they can be successful in whatever they choose to do with their life and career after high school, and secondly, we promise to challenge ourselves to become the best educators and learners for the best students in Western New York. Eden is a wonderful community because of you and your students. We are Raider proud!



Sandra Anzalone
Superintendent

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PROPOSED BUDGET -- EDEN CENTRAL SCHOOL

2017-2018

ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING

Tuesday, May 2, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Junior/Senior High School Cafeteria

BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Junior/Senior High School Auditorium Foyer



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual School District Budget Hearing of the Eden Central School District, Erie County, New York, will be held on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. prevailing time at the Eden Central Junior/Senior High School, 3150 Schoolview Road, Eden, New York. Voting on the budget for the fiscal year 2017-2018, electing two members of the Board of Education to commence July 1, 2017, and for the transaction of such other business as is authorized by law will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. prevailing time at the Eden Central Junior/Senior High School, 3150 Schoolview Road, Eden, New York.

**SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS
VOTING ON CANDIDATES**



To be eligible to vote on May 16, 2017

a person must be:

1. A citizen of the United States.
2. At least 18 years of age.
3. A resident of the school district for at least 30 days prior to May 16, 2017.
4. Not otherwise prohibited from voting under election law, that is, a convicted felon or adjudged mentally incompetent.

Candidates for Board of Education

Vote for two candidates:

Ellen Kindley
Cheryl Carpenter

*Indicates Incumbent

*****PROOF OF RESIDENCY REQUIRED*****

Acceptable documents include a driver's license, voter registration card or a utility bill.

Two positions to fill three-year terms.

**PROPOSITION NO. 1
ANNUAL BUDGET**

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, that the budget for the Eden Central School District, Erie County, New York, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018, as proposed by the Board of Education, in the total sum of \$29,017,733, is hereby approved and adopted and the required funds therefore are hereby appropriated and the necessary real property taxes required shall be raised by a tax on the taxable property in the District to be levied and collected as required by law.

YES

NO



**PROPOSITION NO. 2
ACQUISITION OF SCHOOL BUSES/VEHICLES
(AND RELATED MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT)**

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Eden Central School District, Erie County, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized (A) to purchase school buses and similar vehicles (and related equipment) for use in the transportation program of the District, at an aggregate estimated maximum cost of \$363,000 and (B) to purchase vehicles (and related machinery and equipment) for use in the construction and maintenance program of the District, at an aggregate estimated maximum cost of \$97,000, and to expend for such purposes an aggregate sum that is not to exceed \$460,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$460,000, being the aforesaid estimated maximum cost, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in anticipation of such tax, bonds or other obligations (including, without limitation, obligations arising under leases, lease/purchase contracts or installment purchase contracts having a term of not more than five years) of the District shall be issued or entered into in accordance with applicable provisions of New York State law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that New York State Transportation Aid funds expected to be received by the District are anticipated to offset a substantial part of the costs relating to the transportation program purchases, and such funds, to the extent received, shall be applied to offset and reduce the amount of taxes herein authorized to be levied.

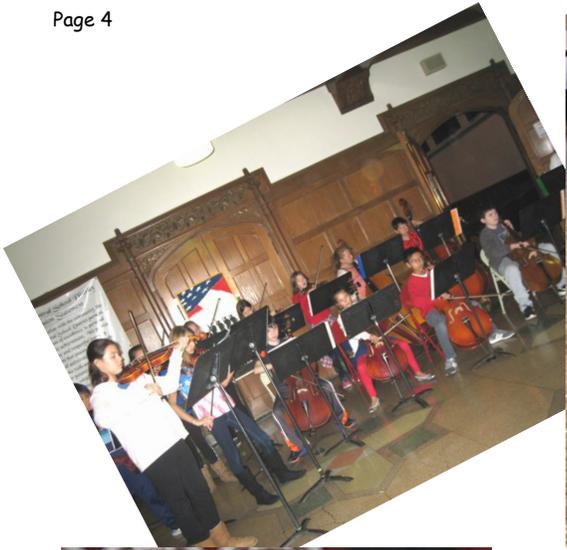
YES

NO

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Eden Central School District provides for the use of absentee ballots at all district votes and elections. Applications and ballots for this vote will be available beginning Monday, May 1, 2017. You may request an application by calling 992-3629 or writing the District Clerk at 3150 Schoolview Road, Eden, New York 14057 no later than Tuesday, May 9, 2017. The completed application must be returned and received by the District Clerk. If approved, an official ballot will be mailed to the applicant. If desired, an application may be completed in the office of the District Clerk no later than 3:30 p.m., Monday, May 15, 2017. The application will be reviewed for eligibility and, if approved, an official ballot will be provided to the voter at that time. It is recommended that the Clerk's office be called at 992-3629 to assure that the Clerk is available at the time of the anticipated visit.

A ballot may only be counted if received by the Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the vote, Tuesday, May 16, 2017. **BALLOTS WILL BE MAILED OR HANDED TO THE VOTER ONLY.** Any questions regarding this process should be directed to the District Clerk's office at 992-3629 between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.



Budget Letter from Director of Finance for 2017-2018

The Eden Central School District taxpayers will have a chance to voice their opinions on the 2017-2018 school budget come May 16th. This is the date of the district's annual budget vote, which takes place from 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the Eden Junior-Senior High School auditorium foyer.

The budget was adopted by the Board of Education at the April 5, 2017 meeting. Highlights include:

Initial budget shortfall:	(\$2,009,919.00)
Initial budget reductions	\$ 549,919.00
Fund balance/reserves:	\$1,460,000.00



What is the budget and what will be asked of taxpayers for next year?

Appropriations (spending) budget: \$29,017,733

Revenue Tax Levy (what taxpayers pay): \$14,275,945

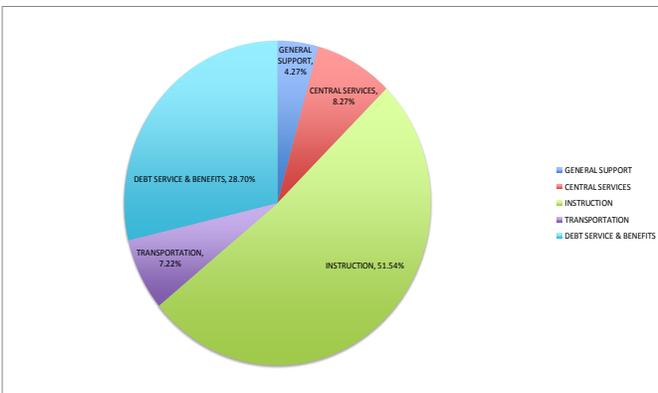
Tax Levy Increase from 2016-17: \$578,236 or 4.22 %

Our proposed spending, the \$29,017,733 is a 6.02% increase over last year. The amount that taxpayers fund for that spending equates to \$14,275,945. *It is important to note that the tax levy increase, which equates to 4.22%, is within the tax levy limit - there is NO tax cap override for this year.* The remainder of revenues to cover spending comes from the state, grants, and other miscellaneous funds.

We would like to thank the Budget Advisory Team who reviewed and worked on the budget process for countless hours. The Budget Advisory Team is comprised of board members, union representatives, parents and community members. There are many components that go into the budget, and having one or two community forums truly is not enough time to explore all the different facets of the budget. The BAT committee examined the multiple presentations, facts, and figures and helped generate many ideas. The more people there are examining an issue, generally means more possibilities when looking for solutions. Given the uncertainty with State Aid, there were tough choices to be made and many ideas were generated while looking for solutions this year.

Budget Overview Summary of Estimated Expenditures

Area	Detail	ACCOUNT GROUP	2016-17 BUDGET	2017-18 NEW BUDGET
General Support	General Support	1010.....BOARD OF EDUCATION	\$7,000.00	\$6,325.00
General Support	General Support	1040.....DISTRICT CLERK	\$950.00	\$950.00
General Support	General Support	1060.....DISTRICT MEETING	\$4,350.00	\$4,350.00
General Support	General Support	1240.....CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR	\$260,991.13	\$252,411.58
General Support	General Support	1310.....BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	\$222,144.02	\$273,180.23
General Support	General Support	1320.....AUDITING	\$30,908.76	\$19,769.31
General Support	General Support	1325.....TREASURER	\$68,239.12	\$69,011.68
General Support	General Support	1330.....TAX COLLECTOR	\$18,601.02	\$18,601.02
General Support	General Support	1345.....PURCHASING	\$1,909.00	\$1,909.00
General Support	General Support	1380.....FISCAL AGENT FEE	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
General Support	General Support	1420.....LEGAL	\$83,618.00	\$83,618.00
General Support	General Support	1430.....PERSONNEL	\$20,763.00	\$27,163.00
General Support	General Support	1480.....PUBLIC INFORMATION & SERVICES	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
General Support	General Support	1910.....UNALLOCATED INSURANCE	\$117,139.32	\$110,639.32
General Support	General Support	1920.....SCHOOL ASSOCIATION DUES	\$8,603.00	\$5,000.00
General Support	General Support	1950.....ASSESSMENTS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY	\$56,700.00	\$52,700.00
General Support	General Support	1964.....REFUND ON REAL PROPERTY TAXES	\$15,000.00	\$7,500.00
General Support	General Support	1981.....BOCES ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	\$129,000.00	\$129,000.00
General Support	General Support	1983.....BOCES CAPITAL EXPENSE	\$187,076.00	\$171,076.00
General Support	General Support	GENERAL SUPPORT	\$1,239,492.37	\$1,239,704.14
Central Services	Central Services	1620.....OPERATION OF PLANT	\$906,713.52	\$1,429,435.85
Central Services	Central Services	1621.....MAINTENANCE OF PLANT	\$688,011.30	\$638,395.89
Central Services	Central Services	1670.....CENTRAL PRINTING & MAILING	\$39,402.00	\$39,402.00
Central Services	Central Services	1680.....CENTRAL DATA PROCESSING	\$363,782.84	\$293,599.41
Central Services	Central Services	CENTRAL SERVICES	\$1,997,909.66	\$2,400,833.15
Instruction	Instruction	2010.....CURRICULUM DEVEL & SUPERVISION	\$126,444.17	\$145,601.90
Instruction	Instruction	2020.....SUPERVISION-REGULAR SCHOOL	\$761,327.90	\$664,952.44
Instruction	Instruction	2060.....RESEARCH, PLANNING & EVALUATION	\$8,145.34	\$16,936.00
Instruction	Instruction	2070.....INSERVICE TRAINING-INSTRUCTION	\$38,600.58	\$115,415.00
Instruction	Instruction	2110.....TEACHING-REGULAR SCHOOL	\$8,202,725.67	\$7,806,695.32
Instruction	Instruction	2250.....PROGRAMS-STUDENTS W/ DISABIL	\$2,488,840.61	\$2,852,729.28
Instruction	Instruction	2280.....OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION (GRADES 9-12)	\$671,445.00	\$651,899.50
Instruction	Instruction	2330.....TEACHING-SPECIAL SCHOOLS	\$30,418.00	\$22,418.00
Instruction	Instruction	2610.....SCHOOL LIBRARY & AUDIOVISUAL	\$181,515.10	\$173,389.50
Instruction	Instruction	2630.....COMPUTER ASSISTED INSTRUCTION	\$1,039,044.89	\$1,041,926.20
Instruction	Instruction	2805.....ATTENDANCE-REGULAR SCHOOL	\$17,616.61	\$18,052.39
Instruction	Instruction	2810.....GUIDANCE-REGULAR SCHOOL	\$396,156.08	\$394,408.52
Instruction	Instruction	2815.....HEALTH SERVICES-REGULAR SCHOOL	\$156,528.49	\$160,690.75
Instruction	Instruction	2820.....PSYCHOLOGICAL SRVC-REG SCHOOL	\$109,595.00	\$116,490.00
Instruction	Instruction	2825.....SOCIAL WORK SRVC-REG SCHOOL	\$65,294.20	\$77,474.00
Instruction	Instruction	2830.....PUPIL PERSONNEL SRVC-SPEC SCHOOL	\$160,717.00	\$162,496.83
Instruction	Instruction	2850.....CO-CURRICULAR ACTIV-REG SCHOOL	\$80,451.96	\$94,761.96
Instruction	Instruction	2855.....INTERSCHOL ATHLETICS-REG SCHOOL	\$453,797.62	\$437,970.86
Instruction	Instruction	INSTRUCTION	\$14,988,664.22	\$14,954,308.45
Transportation	Transportation	5510.....DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION	\$1,414,633.66	\$2,037,316.39
Transportation	Transportation	5530.....GARAGE BUILDING	\$39,894.14	\$38,373.80
Transportation	Transportation	5540.....CONTRACT TRANSPORTATION	\$30,000.00	\$18,000.00
Transportation	Transportation	TRANSPORTATION	\$1,484,527.80	\$2,093,690.19
Debt Service & Benefits	Debt Service & Benefits	8060.....CIVIC ACTIVITIES	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00
Debt Service & Benefits	Debt Service & Benefits	9010.....STATE RETIREMENT	\$649,649.34	\$539,649.34
Debt Service & Benefits	Debt Service & Benefits	9020.....TEACHERS' RETIREMENT	\$1,528,030.58	\$1,349,629.58
Debt Service & Benefits	Debt Service & Benefits	9030.....SOCIAL SECURITY	\$977,921.55	\$962,921.55
Debt Service & Benefits	Debt Service & Benefits	9040.....WORKERS' COMPENSATION	\$127,190.10	\$117,191.00
Debt Service & Benefits	Debt Service & Benefits	9050.....UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	\$76,773.51	\$25,000.00
Debt Service & Benefits	Debt Service & Benefits	9060.....HOSPITAL, MEDICAL & DENTAL INSURANCE	\$3,263,792.08	\$3,489,888.34
Debt Service & Benefits	Debt Service & Benefits	9732.....BANS - BUS PURCHASES	\$0.00	\$208,000.00
Debt Service & Benefits	Debt Service & Benefits	9789.....OTHER DEBT	\$148,446.00	\$148,446.00
Debt Service & Benefits	Debt Service & Benefits	9901.....TRANSFER TO OTHER FUNDS	\$1,347,471.26	\$1,377,471.26
Debt Service & Benefits	Debt Service & Benefits	9950.....TRANSFER TO CAPITAL	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
Debt Service & Benefits	Debt Service & Benefits	DEBT SERVICE & BENEFITS	\$8,230,274.42	\$8,329,197.07
GRAND TOTALS			\$27,940,868.47	\$29,017,733.00



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EDEN CENTRAL SCHOOL

Conversion of 2017-2018 Budget to Three Components

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***** ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT *****		
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1345.....PURCHASING	\$1,909.00	\$1,909.00
1380.....FISCAL AGENT FEE	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
1420.....LEGAL	\$33,618.00	\$33,618.00
1430.....PERSONNEL	\$0.00	\$0.00
1480.....PUBLIC INFORMATION & SERVICES	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
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2060.....RESEARCH, PLANNING & EVALUATION	\$8,145.34	\$16,936.00
9010.....STATE RETIREMENT	\$62,566.42	\$47,987.84
9020.....TEACHERS' RETIREMENT	\$147,161.55	\$120,014.62
9030.....SOCIAL SECURITY	\$94,181.66	\$85,626.95
9040.....WORKERS' COMPENSATION	\$12,249.42	\$10,421.11
9050.....UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE		\$2,223.10
9060.....HOSPITAL, MEDICAL & DENTAL INSURANCE	\$314,329.25	\$310,335.24
	\$3,083,319.92	\$2,892,141.75
***** PROGRAM COMPONENT *****		
1420.....LEGAL	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
1430.....PERSONNEL	\$20,763.00	\$27,163.00
2070.....INSERVICE TRAINING-INSTRUCTION	\$38,600.58	\$115,415.00
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5540.....CONTRACT TRANSPORTATION	\$30,000.00	\$18,000.00
8060.....CIVIC ACTIVITIES	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00
9010.....STATE RETIREMENT	\$545,070.94	\$456,412.06
9020.....TEACHERS' RETIREMENT	\$1,282,053.28	\$1,141,458.29
9030.....SOCIAL SECURITY	\$820,498.98	\$814,397.37
9040.....WORKERS' COMPENSATION	\$106,715.46	\$99,115.07
9050.....UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE		\$21,143.92
9060.....HOSPITAL, MEDICAL & DENTAL INSURANCE	\$2,738,397.64	\$2,951,596.51
9901.....TRANSFER TO OTHER FUNDS	\$50,500.00	\$80,500.00
	\$20,631,972.73	\$21,413,294.52
***** CAPITAL COMPONENT *****		
1620.....OPERATION OF PLANT	\$906,713.52	\$1,429,435.85
1621.....MAINTENANCE OF PLANT	\$688,011.30	\$638,395.89
1964.....REFUND ON REAL PROPERTY TAXES	\$15,000.00	\$7,500.00
5510.....DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION	\$0.00	\$460,000.00
9010.....STATE RETIREMENT	\$42,011.98	\$35,249.44
9020.....TEACHERS' RETIREMENT	\$98,815.75	\$88,156.67
9030.....SOCIAL SECURITY	\$63,240.92	\$62,897.23
9040.....WORKERS' COMPENSATION	\$8,225.22	\$7,654.82
9050.....UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	\$4,964.84	\$1,632.98
9060.....HOSPITAL, MEDICAL & DENTAL INSURANCE	\$211,065.19	\$227,956.59
9732.....BANS - BUS PURCHASES	\$0.00	\$208,000.00
9789.....OTHER DEBT	\$148,446.00	\$148,446.00
9901.....TRANSFER TO OTHER FUNDS	\$1,296,971.26	\$1,296,971.26
9950.....TRANSFER TO CAPITAL	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
	\$3,583,465.98	\$4,712,296.73
GRAND TOTALS	8.77865204	11.29221192
		\$27,298,758.63
		\$79.93
		\$29,017,733.00
		\$100.00

2017 Valedictorian & Salutatorian Named

Congratulations go out to 2017's Valedictorian, Megan Cassidy with a 97.161 average and Salutatorian, Zoe Jerome with a 97.002 average.

Megan is the daughter of Shawn and Kimberly Cassidy of Morningside Drive. Megan is a member of the National Honor Society, Embers Yearbook, the Volleyball Team and the Lacrosse Team. In her spare time, Megan likes to spend time with her friends and read. She will be attending Rochester Institute of Technology in the Fall and will major in Engineering.



Zoe is the daughter of Ryan and Courtney Jerome of Jennings Road. Zoe is a member of the Varsity Tennis Team, Jazz Band and the pit Orchestra for the High School Musical. In her spare time,



Zoe enjoys caring for animals on their hobby farm and family time. She has not decided on a college yet, but Zoe plans to major in statistics.

Rounding out the top ten for 2016-2017 are:

Rank	Name	GPA Percentile
3	Carson Profic	96.818
4	Morgan Keppler	96.259
5	Trent Laing	96.087
6	Brandon McDonald	95.886
7	Kristina Tutuska	95.532
8	Kristen Pszonak	95.448
9	Derek Reed	95.011
10	Tyler Harshberger	94.831

Congratulations and best wishes to the Class of 2017!



Eden Elementary School Welcomes Kelly Morgan-LaRosa as its New Principal!

By Sandy Anzalone

Mrs. LaRosa is not a new face to the Eden CSD. Most recently, she has been serving as Director of Curriculum, Instruction, Staff Development and Guidance. Prior to holding this position, she was a Reading Teacher at GLP Primary School for nine years. Mrs. LaRosa began her teaching career at Frontier Central School District.



She holds a CAS in Educational Leadership, a Master's of Science in Elementary Education/Reading from Canisius College, and a Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration with a Marketing Concentration from State University of New York at Buffalo.

As the Director of C&I, Mrs. LaRosa was responsible for supporting over 105 District goals and initiatives. Under her guidance, the District moved successfully toward a growth mindset. As the new Principal of Eden Elementary School, Mrs. LaRosa is excited to be working more closely with students, parents and teachers. When asked what she would focus on first, without hesitation she responded "school, family and community partnerships". Congratulations Mrs. LaRosa!

Eden Elementary Students of the Month

By Patty Steinmetz

February:

Grade 3: Duncan Carpenter, Samuel Steward, Katie Torres Mendez, Jacob Zittel.

Grade 4: Elizabeth Fanning, Trevor Franklin, Trent Ratajczak, Tyler Wakelam.

Grade 5: Matthew Barrera, Allison Grunder, Tyler Horschel, Madigan O'Donnell, Christopher Reid.

Grade 6: Brody Korhummel, Noah Panek, Carly Profic, Alexa Wray, Maggie Zittel.

March:

Grade 3: William Archabald, Bryce DellaPenta, Sophia Donovan, Carleigh Wiles.

Grade 4: Autumn Abplanalp, Jack Bauer, Madison Brocious, Kaleb Schall.

Grade 5: Sara Bogue, Brendan Felser, Faith Nutt, Lily Phillips, Meeah Wegrzynowski.

Grade 6: Charlie Gaglione, Lauren Henrich, Lauren Hickok, Jenna Ricey, Owen Wade.



First Annual Science Night

By Sandi Ploetz

Thanks to all who helped make the First Annual Science Night at Eden Elementary a great success. There were over 80 in attendance with different activities to enjoy, and 11 students participated in the Invention Convention Program.

A special thank-you to PTA for sponsoring this and especially Committee Members, Colleen Gaglione and Lindsy Archabald (together with administrator Kelly LaRosa) for their tireless and persistent efforts to make the event come to fruition. Thank you to Invention Convention judges: Michelle Berne, Steve Jones, Donnie Preischel, and public Librarian, Donna Jo Webster for volunteering their time and

expertise to make our night a success. Thanks also to the Eden Elementary teachers who ran activities and to faculty, staff, Administrators and Board Members who took the time to come and admire the students' work and the efforts of all the volunteers that made this event possible. A final shout out to Penn Dixie, University at Buffalo, and our own ECS class of 2005, David Brenner, entrepreneur and owner of Thimble for providing activities for our Science night. I am sure I have forgotten someone, but please know your efforts are appreciated. It was a wonderful evening, and we look forward to making this annual event bigger and better for next year. Thank

you all for your support.

Eden Inventors who are moving on to the Western New York Regional Invention Convention in June are:

Cole Johnson representing Eden Jr./Sr. High with his Wireless Mailbox Alert; Emma Johnson representing Eden Elementary for her Warming Teddy Bear; Jake Kohlmeier representing Eden Elementary for his Magnetic attachment for shop vacs to pick up hardware; and Jacob Zittel representing Eden Elementary with his Mailbox on a Spring.

Congratulations to all inventors!



If you are not willing to learn, no one can help you. If you are determined to learn, no one can stop you.

Zig Ziglar

Students Skate at SABAH Event

By Shawn Johnson

The students in Mrs. Musso's, Mrs. Durringer's, Mrs. Grimaldi's and Mrs. Falkides' classes did an outstanding job representing Eden at the SABAH Celebration on Ice Skating performance!!

A big thank you goes out to all the staff that were there skating with our students at the arena.



Eden's First Barn Quilt

You may have seen a barn quilt while meandering down a country road in any town, USA. These large "quilt squares" are hung on barns to celebrate the rich heritage of farming and homesteading. Throughout the United States, trails of barn quilts have popped up from coast to coast, the first in Adams County, Ohio.

It is the vision of famed Eden farmer, Paul Zittel, to create a barn quilt trail here in the garden of Eden.

Pictured is the Zittel Quilt square, created by Eden Art teacher, Amy Witman, which hangs on the Zittel barn on Bley Road.

Below you will find links for the Trail of Barn Quilts throughout New York State, as well as instructions on how to create your own barn quilt! Let's put Eden on the map!



[NYS Barn Trail Map](#)

[Barn Quilt Instructions](#)



Let us remember: One book, one pen, one child, and one teacher can change the world.

Malala Yousafzai

Eden Chopper Class 2017

By Stevan Jones

In school districts across New York many things have changed over the last ten years. Most measures that are used to evaluate student performance and instructional delivery have evolved. Teaching techniques and strategies have certainly followed suit. Throughout all this change, Eden's Chopper Class/Club student members and their parents have remained constant in their approach to learning about and utilizing the elements within our increasingly technical world. The success that the previous generations of Chopper/Tech enthusiasts have achieved speaks for itself.

This year, over 30 students worked on Eden's bike project, but our core Chopper Class/Club crew lacked some experience. It was led and motivated by its only senior, Danny "Bert" Hoelscher, who completed his last bike with his Chopper Class/Club team members in 2017. Without question, the positive impact he has made on the Class/Club over the last four years is immeasurable. Megan Armbruster and Jon Haier have also been Chopper Class/Club members for multiple years. Both have become fantastic individual technical problem solvers, but also provide a great deal of guidance and encouragement to the younger members. Alan Henry, Clay Blaszczyk, Clay Stead and Derrick Bialaszewski have all been involved with the Class/Club for the last two or three builds. Each student has done an exceptional job learning new skills, while simultaneously producing design solutions, which they translate into finished product. Rounding out our build team this year was Michael Masocco. Mike is a second year member who simply wants to learn and help. Throughout the entire build process, Mike would shadow and assist team members while handling his own build responsibilities.

As in previous years, so many of the students that contribute to the build don't get to represent the Class/Club at the Donnie Smith Bike and Car Show, but also need to be recognized. The following students all contributed to the students' end goal/vision: Miriam Hoelscher, Trevor Masocco, Brian Asboth, Sam Craig, Dylan Lobello, Max Preischel, Donovan Lobello, Lewis Kaminski, Dan Simcoe, Jack Seysock, Courtney Ricey, Chas Muscato, Richard Armbruster, Wyatt Dibble, Connor Gleason, Riley Ciesla, Sam Schwanz and Adam Kaczanowski.

The entire Technology Education Department would like to thank the dedicated students and supportive parents who have built this program over the last decade. Additionally, the flexibility of numerous superintendents and principals, as well as a very caring and understanding teaching staff, have enabled the Class/Club to be successful in their Chopper building adventures. We are all beyond proud of what our students have accomplished over the last ten great years, and look forward to the path our future students will plot for Eden's Chopper Class/Club.

Congratulations to our Technology Department and the Chopper Club for their 1st place finish at the Donnie Smith Chopper Show in Saint Paul, Minnesota the weekend of March 25th and 26th.

The students took 1st place in the Sportster Full Modification Class, where they competed against adults, many of whom build motorcycles for a living.





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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.

Have You Heard of the Eden Raiders Early Morning Program?

Eden Central School District offers an Early Morning Recreational Program in our elementary school gymnasium for students in Grades K through 6. This program was 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. In-district staff - Ms. Fallacaro, Mr. Witman, Mr. Bernardone, or Miss Francisco supervise students from 7:00-8:25 a.m. engaging them in daily low-impact activities. K-2 students are then transported to GLP for the start of their day, and students in grades 3-6 are released to their classrooms. Students can be dropped off anytime between 7:00-8:00 a.m., and the cost of the program is \$7.00 per day, regardless of the drop-off time. You can sign up for one day a week/month or everyday!

The program has been a huge success, and we are running it again for the next school year!

If you have any interest in the program for the remainder of this year or for next year, please visit <http://www.edencsd.org/Page/4101> or call 716-992-3636.



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