



DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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From the Superintendent

Happy Holidays! Some of our students have figured out that following us on Twitter is a great idea! Not only are they likely to find a picture of themselves on Twitter, but they just might get a sneak preview of whether we are likely to have a snow day. Are you following us on Twitter @EdenCSD? Excellent! You don't have a Twitter account? No problem. You can access our Twitter page on our main webpage even without your own Twitter account- www.edencsd.org. All of our tweets are posted directly under the Upcoming Events in the right column.

Talking about snow days... Are you ready? Do you have a backup plan? While I certainly try to get the information out to you as soon as possible, it is actually a very difficult decision. I really do appreciate your understanding and support regarding this topic. We will always put the safety of your children first, regardless of how many days are built into the calendar. This year, we have five snow days. Should the District need more snow days, the order of take-back will be: February 24, 23, 22, 21, April 13, 12, 11, 10.

What's new with the capital improvement project? There is a great article inside this newsletter and, just this week, we had another meeting with our architects and construction management group to get the latest updates. Now that we have these updates, we can work out the phasing plan to get all the work done! It isn't any different than renovating a house that we are living in- just more moving parts. We are ready and excited! Stay tuned to our website for the latest information on the CIP. www.edencsd.org > Our District > Capital Project > Updates.

We certainly have been keeping everyone busy around here! A very huge congratulations to all of our sports teams for a fantastic season! Thanks for getting involved. We are so proud of all of you. A sincere congratulations to Coach Stephen Pierce on his record breaking win-loss record. Coach Pierce announced his retirement from coaching a few weeks ago. He certainly will be missed on the court.

A month ago we were all honored with the presence of over one hundred veterans who took part in our Veterans' Day program- see the article inside this edition. What a memory for all of us. Thank you, Veterans, for fighting for our freedom and spending time with us so that we can remember.

By this time next year, our internet issues will be a thing of the past at Eden CSD. We will finally have a state-of-the-art technology infrastructure that our students and staff deserve! In addition, we have submitted our plan for the use of our Smart School Bond funds. Our three-year rollout will provide us with 1:1 mobile devices in grades K-6. To get ready for this, our faculty took part in a workshop on personalized learning. Personalization is not new. We've been personalizing our music for years, and Starbucks even personalizes our coffee cups. Personalization in learning isn't new either, but it sure is difficult without state-of-the-art technology. Personalized Learning and our mobile devices will help us reach every child, and help every child stay engaged and excited about learning. Our goal is to ensure that our students *Drive their Learning, and Own their Future.*

Have a most wonderful holiday. I look forward to seeing you at one of the many upcoming concerts and events. Please take a moment to say hi, so that I can meet you. Eden is an amazing place to raise a family- and that is all because of you! Enjoy the weather.

Sincerely,

Sandra Anzalone
Superintendent



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Congratulations to Coach Stephen Pierce and the Girls' Volleyball Team on their eighth consecutive NYS Championship Title!

Eden Girls' Volleyball has 13 NYS Titles overall out of 18 consecutive trips to States.





Winter Safety Reminders

by David Martin



Are we loving this weather or what? Unfortunately, we all know that sooner or later that will be changing and along with it, ice and snow will be here. With that in mind, please consider the following:

Please slow down! Whether walking or driving, conditions are different in the winter.

Crosswalks are still in use at both the Boys and Girls Club and on Schoolview Road. Yield to those who are crossing please!

When visiting the buildings, please stomp off the ice and snow before you enter. This helps keep the salt and debris from attacking our floor surfaces. This is particularly important on our gymnasium floors, as they hate water!

Are your vehicles ready for the cold? Tires, coolant checks, battery, wipers, squirts, snow brush and scraper are all needed for a successful trip. A fresh oil change might also be needed and keep that fuel level up. Your service mechanic can help with assessing your vehicles readiness.

In addition to preparing your car, make sure you have supplies in case you get stranded or the car becomes disabled. A blanket, nonperishable food or candy to keep your energy level up, a shovel, portable radio, cell phone, paper towels and drinking water will all be helpful.

Is your home ready? Furnace checked? Chimney cleaned? Storm windows installed? Gutters cleaned? Time is short now to get these things done!

If you are not the healthiest, and even if you are, please let someone know where you are going and when you will be back. Dress properly for the conditions, and make sure you have good insulating footwear. Winter can be a very stressful season on a person, and no one ever wants to get that call that something has happened that could have been prevented.

Be safe and enjoy the holiday season! Spring will be here soon.

(Below) Students in Mrs. Brechtel's class are pictured here being creative!



(Above) The boys' soccer team showing their support for breast cancer awareness.



NOTICE TO ALL SENIORS AND THEIR PARENTS:



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

The eligibility requirements include:

Each scholarship recipient must graduate from a New York State high school by the end of the 2016-2017 school year.

Each scholarship recipient must be a legal resident of New York State for at least one year prior to September 30, 2016.

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 2017

semester. **Students who enroll in an out-of-state institution in Fall 2017 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:

- Comprehensive English - weight of three
- Algebra 2 & Trigonometry - 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, 2016.

Carson Profic Qualifies for Special Academic Scholarship Competition

By David Hassett

Congratulations to Senior, Carson Profic, who has been nominated to participate in a Special Academic Scholarship competition sponsored by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Carson qualified for the Academic Competition based on his 11th grade PSAT scores, which were among the highest in New York State. A final determination of the winner will be determined in the near future and is based on a student's grade point average and level of

difficulty of High School courses taken by each competitor.

Carson has been nominated to participate in every available Honors course since 8th grade and has taken the most challenging AP or College-Level courses offered in each of Eden's core academic departments (English, History, Mathematics, Science and Foreign Language).

Carson, a member of Eden's National Honor Society, Varsity Soccer Team and Varsity Track

& Field Team, is the son of Brian and Patricia Profic and will attend the University at Buffalo next year to major in Engineering.





Common Core at Work

By Cheri Stephens



Students from Ms. Preischel’s second grade celebrated their Common Core ELA module “Westward Expansion” by participating in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) activity. They incorporated their knowledge of Social Studies, Math, Science, Writing, and Art by planning, designing and engineering their own covered wagons.



Second Grade Students at Work in Community Garden

By Cheri Stephens

On Wednesday, October 19th, Mrs. Rapp’s class had a hands-on lesson about “crops” in the Eden Community Garden. It was the perfect extension to the *Farms* ELA Listening & Learning domain they were studying in their classroom. Pictured at right are some of the children peeking through vines to discover green beans growing in the garden.

Ms. Preischel’s second graders teamed up with the Cornell Cooperative Extension to plant some seeds of knowledge in the community garden at the GLP. Students observed, classified and collected data on the bountiful fruits and vegetables the garden had to offer.





Future Teachers?



On Friday, October 28, 2016, Mrs. Johanna Funke's sixth grade Regrouped Math students walked to the GLP to teach Halloween and Fall themed math lessons to kindergarten, first grade and second grade students. The sixth graders planned and created their own games or activities that aligned with the Common Core Standards for that grade level! Both the older and younger students really loved this experience!

Pictured are all the sixth grade students who participated.



Memory Math Fun

Sixth graders from Eden Elementary, Alexis Ecker, Maggie Zittel and Brynn Hall, were guest teachers in Ms. Mathis' first grade classroom.

They created a memory Math game to help the first grade students practice addition facts.



Eden Elementary Students of the Month

By Patty Steinmetz

October

Grade 3: Ciara Clark, Isaiah Nellis, Austin Schlegel, Brady Waring.

Grade 4: Jacob Answeeny, Robert Karalus, Kay Lindstrom, Hannah Pineau.

Grade 5: Jesse Buczkowski, Mason Dole, Haley Pompeo, Jesus Diaz

Torres, Josephine Wray.

Grade 6: Lizzie Agle, Sebastian Balfe, Madilyn Brodzinski, Brynn Hall, Gianna Gould.

November

Grade 3: Madelyn Blaszczyk, Yanaba Harling, Cash Sam, Olivia Schifano.

Grade 4: Simone Bowden,

Connor Murphy, Brady Schauer, Gracie Williams.

Grade 5: Josiah Devlin, Ava Dzubella, Elle Noecker, Emma Schmitt, Maverick Sutherland.

Grade 6: Sara Dibble, Angelina Gress, Michael Preischel, Patrick Schmitz, Mya Schrecengost.



Eden 2020 Capital Construction Corner

By David Martin

December 2016

Officially, we are under construction! How exciting it is to have the thoughts and ideas of so many people getting incorporated into our schools.

Phase one of the Eden 2020 construction project has been completed. With it, we saw improvements to the drainage system at our bus garage that will allow us to clean out dirt and debris that tends to accumulate in the floor drains when servicing the buses. This change will also help prolong the life of our grease interceptor that ties into the drains. All work on this phase was completed in October of this year.

Phase two of the project will begin shortly as we see some of the health and safety issues getting addressed with the removal of all the asbestos in the crawl spaces of both Eden Elementary and the GLP facility. In addition to this work, a significant amount of brick pointing will be occurring at all the school buildings. At Eden Elementary, the gymnasium will be closed down to all activities until winter is over. That facility will be getting a significant facelift, along with some portable bleacher seating for visitors during events. Some of the work in this phase will begin during the Christmas break and continue through the winter months.

Phase three, which is the major portion of the project, is just seeing its design work getting finished. After many meetings with focus groups, community presentations and owner-architect meetings, things are moving forward, so this phase can go to the State Education Department for review and get approved. Once this process is complete, the project will be advertised for bidding to contractors to secure the best value and quality for the available budget. Contracts will then be approved and signed, and construction will begin. This phase will see a considerable amount of work completed in all buildings as the transformation takes place to bring us closer to having state of the art facilities to educate the students.

Please remember to check the district website at www.edencsd.org for any updates on the construction and potential building use changes that may need to occur to facilitate any construction activities.

Pictured is a scene from "A Charlie Brown Christmas", which was performed at the Eden Elementary School November 17th, 18th and 19th.





High School Students Practice Public Speaking at GLP

Students from Mr. Chris Archabald's Public Speaking Class traveled to GLP Primary School on November 30th to hone up on their public speaking skills by reading to the young children.



Pictured are some of the High School students with the primary classes.

Girls on the Run

By *Mary Banko*



Thirteen girls in 3rd – 5th grade recently finished another successful Girls on the Run season. Through this nationwide program, girls are encouraged to find their inner strengths and are shown how to use these strengths to succeed in life.

The GOTR lessons encourage positive emotional, social, mental and physical development. The program begins by helping the girls get a better understanding of who they are and what's important to them. It next emphasizes the importance of teamwork and healthy relationships. Through a community service project, the girls also gain insight into

positively connecting with the outside world. To build an appreciation for fitness and a healthy lifestyle, physical activity is integrated into each session.

The season ended with a 5K at Delaware Park on November 6th, where the girls each ran with an adult buddy runner of their choosing.



Left—Lucy and Madison warming up for the race.



Above—Row 1: Ciara Clark, Kylie Wegrzynowski, Madison Brocius, Meeah Wegrzynowski, Lizzy Kauzala, Row 2: Catherine Kauzala, Ella Archabald, Maeve Musielak, Olivia Stalker, Lucy Heffernan. Row 3: Kathryn Schemm, Sara Bogue, Gia Lenz. Row 4: Georgia Horschel, Mrs. Mary Banko.



As the Christmas season of magic and sharing approaches, the Grover L. Priess and Eden Elementary Schools will again participate in a Christmas Sharing Program. During the weeks of November 28th to December 15th, children may bring items to school, which will be distributed through Eden North Collins Food Pantry. For Babies: diapers, bibs, Onesies, booties/socks, Baby bath items; For Pre-School Children: books, socks, hats, mittens, fuzzy blanket, stuffed animals, trucks; For School-Aged Children: crayons and markers, coloring books, books, word find books, construction paper, water colors, stickers; For Moms and Dads: gift cards, scarves and gloves, towels, kitchen items, tools, socks; and for Seniors: flashlight with batteries, hats and gloves, blanket, book of stamps, dish towels, wallet or purse.

Cash donations are also appreciated for the purchase of perishable items. Thank you for making Christmas brighter for all. If you have any questions, please call:

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992-3611

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News from GLP

By Cherilyn Stephens



Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week was once again celebrated at GLP from October 24th thru October 31st.

Halloween... was so much fun at the GLP. With appreciation of PTA, the children enjoyed a wonderful dance party, participated in a creative costume parade and enjoyed treats in their classrooms. What a special time to be a child. Thank you for all of your donated treats and dedicated time. We also enjoyed the amazing turnout by parents and community members.



Fire Prevention Week

The students were visited by the Eden Fire Department and got to see a demonstration of how strong the fire hoses really are. Even though it was a dark dreary day outside, they loved it! A huge thank you goes out to those volunteers who shared their expertise with our students.



Veterans' Day Celebration

Mrs. Mathis' first grade class honored two local veterans in November during a classroom Veterans' Day celebration. The children first gained background knowledge on the armed forces and the history of this important holiday by engaging in an array of texts, from leveled reading passages to slideshow presentations on the SMART Board. They then used what they had learned to write letters of gratitude to our Veterans, thanking them for their service to our

country. Finally, Mrs. Roush, the GLP nurse, and Ms. Wierzba, a GLP parent and volunteer, came in to share their own personal military experiences. The students learned a great deal about the hard work, dedication, and sacrifice it takes to serve in the armed forces, and truly gained a new appreciation for our nation's Veterans. It was an inspirational experience for everyone involved!

Smart Board Technology

In Miss Sullivan's class, the students are learning Math skills on their new Smart Board Table!



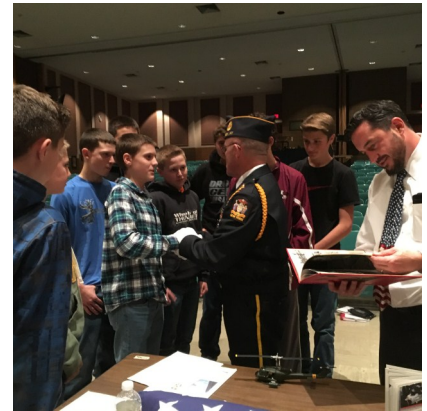


Veterans' Day Visitors

By Amy Banks



We were lucky enough to have two very special Veterans at the Jr./Sr. High to speak to our Freshman Academy students. WWII Veteran, Charlie Kramer, and Vietnam Veteran, Joseph Tomlinson each spoke about their experiences of war, love of our country, and the American flag. They demonstrated how to properly fold a flag. Here are a few pictures:



Volleyball Coaching Legend Announces Retirement

By Marisa Fallacaro



On Friday, November 11th, Coach Stephen Pierce and the girls' Volleyball team embarked on their 18th consecutive trip to the NYSPHSAA final four. The Lady Raiders outplayed their opponents in pool play on Saturday going 6-0. In the finals on Sunday, Eden swept Pawling in three straight sets (25-10, 25-11, 25-10) to capture their 13th NYSPHSAA State Championship. Samantha Burgio was named tournament MVP, and Alyssa Durski and Molly Breier made the All-Tournament team.



This championship is bittersweet for Eden Athletics, as last month Coach Pierce announced that at the close of this season he would be retiring from coaching girls' volleyball after 28 years. His dedication to the sport is evident by looking at his accomplishments; 995 wins, 23 division titles, 19 section titles, 13 NYSPHSAA State titles. Coach Pierce currently holds the New York State girls' volleyball record for career wins, is a member of the Athletic Wall of Fame, has sent numerous Eden graduates on to play at the collegiate level including Penn State, Georgia, UNC, Kent State, Gardner Webb and Maryland to name a few. His legendary career at Eden and the program he built will always be remembered.

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.

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Embrace, educate,
empower*

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.



Happy Holidays!



Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten Students Wanted

Grover L. Priess Primary School is looking for all children who will turn 4 or 5 years old on or before December 1, 2017.

Please fill out the form below and send it to the GLP Office or call 992-3638. Registration information will be mailed to homes in January.

Yes, I know someone who will be 4 or 5 years old on or before December 1, 2017.

Child's Name: _____

D.O.B.: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Father's Name: _____

Legal Guardian's Name: _____

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