



DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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From the Superintendent



Dear Eden Families:

The longer I am a part of Eden CSD, the more impressed I am with everyone I meet. Our students represent the best of Western New York. They are caring, family oriented, hard-working and talented. They understand the value of giving back to a community that cares so much about them. It is not uncommon to witness students of all ages standing with their arm around a parent or grandparent, or offering a loving hug. It is also very common to hear about awards that our students have won.

Equally special, is our Eden community. It is a community that lives by the values I see in our students. What a gift! Eden CSD is grateful each and every day for the support of our community. So many wonderful things happen inside our classrooms, which could never be realized without our constant volunteers and supporters. One example of a supporter, which you will read about inside this edition, is *The Eden Community Foundation*. Their most recent grant is for the school district's Community Art Collection. This grant will allow us to showcase our students' artwork throughout businesses in the community. What a wonderful opportunity for collaboration between the school and the town. Thank you ECF and supporters!

By now, you should have received the Capital Project information in the mail. You will also find more detailed information, including pictures, on our website at www.edencsd.org. I am very proud of the work our committees engaged in to prepare for this project. Well over 100 volunteers committed time and energy to make some very tough decisions, which will impact our students for years to come. Putting the entire project on the table, both propositions, there is something for everyone. While Proposition #1 focuses primarily on infrastructure and security, Proposition #2 focuses on infrastructure and the student experience. Proposition #1 ensures the integrity of our buildings; Proposition #2 allows us to offer 21st Century educational programs. Both propositions are important.

With a successful referendum on December 15, we plan to break ground by Spring 2017. I wish it could be sooner, but that is the timetable for the State Education Department. By Spring of 2017, it will have been 13 years since our last capital project- way too long. Please take a few moments to be informed- review the mailer sent to your homes, look at our capital project website, and call us if you have any questions. We welcome the discussion. And, one last thing- contrary to rumor, we are NOT putting in a new pool at Eden Elementary or Middle School. Have a wonderful holiday with your family and friends.

Sincerely,

Sandra Anzalone
Superintendent

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Congratulations to Coach Stephen Pierce and the Girls' Volleyball Team on their 7th consecutive NYS Championship Title!

Eden Girls' Volleyball has 13 NYS Titles overall out of 17 trips to States.

VOTE DECEMBER 15, 2015





Eden's GSA Club Wins Jim Rolls/Bill Eaton Award

By Jeff Cervoni, Eden JSHS Principal

The Eden Jr./Sr. High School GSA (Gay Straight Alliance) Club was presented with the 11th Jim Rolls/Bill Eaton Award at the Glyss Gayla on Thursday evening, November 12th at Babeville in downtown Buffalo.

The award goes to a WNY club for helping to create a safer environment for all students,

including those impacted by sexual orientation and gender identity. The award was accepted by Principal, Jeff Cervoni; Club Advisors, Kathy Klopp and Carrie Hamlett; and Senior, Taylor Naumovski, club President. A good time was had by all. Eden started their GSA club in the Spring of 2015.



O'Connor & Filkorn Win O'Connor Cup

By Jeff Cervoni, Eden Jr./Sr. High School Principal

On October 8th, the Eden Varsity Golf Team hosted its third annual O'Connor Cup at Gowanda Country Club. The O'Connor is named after Golf Coach Paul O'Connor and has become a yearly tradition for the team.

Teamed up were Senior, Chris Filkorn and Coach O'Connor; Mr. Jeff Cervoni, Jr./Sr. High School Principal and

Sophomore, Hayden Bromley; Cole Johnson and his father, David Johnson; Jake Elverez and Ms. Menkiena; Kyle Henderson and his father, Scott Henderson; and Jackson Carney and his father, Kiley Carney.

Everyone had a great time, and at the end of the day, Coach O'Connor and Chris Filkorn won with a team score of a 37 after nine holes.



Pictured are Chris Filkorn, Jeff Cervoni and Paul O'Connor.

Wilhelm's Mini-Museum

By Susan Wilhelm



Mrs. Wilhelm's seventh grade Social Studies students welcomed Mr. Cervoni into their mini-museum.

Each student replicated the

environment, housing, wildlife and food sources for a Native American region in the continental United States.





Meeting of the Olympians

By Amber Costanzo



Students in Amber Costanzo's Greek Mythology class took on the personas of the Gods and Goddesses from Mount Olympus and walked the halls of Eden High School. Students were required to research, create and present a speech about the specific God or Goddess assigned. "I liked this project," said Valerie Fox. "It allowed me to express my creativity." This project has become a tradition for students who take the class.

Pictured here are the Gods and Goddesses with Principal, Jeff Cervoni.

Kyle Schwanz (Hephaestus), Demetra Jacobs (Demeter), Cheyenne Simcoe (Aphrodite), Julia Dole (Persephone), Alex Bianchi (Apollo), Alex Hutz (Poseidon), Alexis Browning (Iris), Valerie

Fox (Athena), Jeremy Kazimer (Zeus), Haley Hazlett (Hestia), Alana Castricone (Artemis), Jordan Gregoire (Hades), Derek Reed (Ares), and George Henderson (Hermes).



NHS Hosts Halloween Party for GLP & Eden Elementary Students

By Jeff Cervoni

On Friday, October 30, 2015, the National Honor Society members hosted a Halloween party for the GLP and Eden Elementary School students.

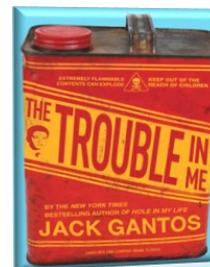
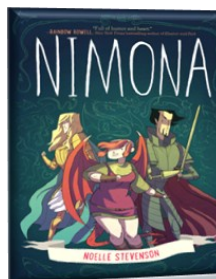
Students enjoyed several "ghoulish" games, such as mummy bowling, witch hat

ring toss, and monster hockey. In addition to the games, students had their faces painted, decorated pumpkins and made spider and ghost crafts.

Thank you to everyone who attended!



Consider These 2015 Best Books for Holiday Gifts





Eden Teachers Participate in Adopt-a-Highway

By Nicole Lauer

On Monday, October 19, 2015, several Eden teachers participated in the Eden Teachers' Association Adopt-a-Highway trash pick-up. Twice a year the Eden Teachers' Association cleans up a section of Route 62 between Eden and North Collins. Pictured from the High School are Matt Saramak, Brian Smith, Shana Cole, Jason Kuczkowski, and Amy Porter. Pictured from the Elementary School are Christine McTigue, Nicole Lauer, Amy Steger, Karen Inman, Judy Maynard, Morgan Theophilus, and Kelly Grimaldi.



Congratulations to Lady Raiders Tennis

By Amy McConeghy-Witman

Congratulations to the Lady Raiders Varsity Tennis team on a successful season! Seniors Anna Wightman and Madison Jerome took not only 1st place in the Division but were also undefeated!



Hour of Code

By Sue Schnauffer



Hour of Code? Have you heard of it? Do you even know what code is? Code is the instructions used to make a computer work. "The Hour of Code is a global movement reaching tens of millions of students in 180+ countries. Anyone, anywhere can organize an Hour of Code event. One-hour tutorials are available in over 40 languages. No experience needed. Ages 4 to 104." Taken from <https://hourofcode.com/us>.

This year, every student at Eden Elementary School will be participating in the Hour of Code through Computer Lab classes with Mrs. Schnauffer. The GLP students will be doing age-appropriate pre-coding activities in their Computer Lab classes with Miss Sullivan, and Mrs. Ramaekers will be organizing activities with her classes and other interested high school students.

The Business Department at Eden CSD is

committed to introduce as many students as possible to the opportunities that coding provides. Did you know that Computer Science jobs are growing at a faster pace than the national average? Also, that women and minorities are under represented in computer science? The Hour of Code is attempting to bring the world of computer programming to students everywhere to show them how interesting this field is and inspire students to look into the opportunities computer science education provides!

Mrs. Schnauffer at the Elementary building has applied for a \$10,000 grant sponsored by Code.org to provide additional technology to support coding activities. We are eligible, because we plan on 100% participation in coding activities through the Hour of Code computer activities! If you would like more information, please contact Mrs. Schnauffer at sschnauffer@edencsd.org. Happy coding!



Learning Can Be Entertaining

By the Eden Elementary Reading Team



A troupe of fabulous Chinese Acrobats entertained the students at Eden Elementary on Thursday, October 15, 2015.

The acrobats combined outstanding feats of skill, focus, and athleticism with teaching moments about the Chinese language, culture, and history. The assembly was temporarily halted by a flash mob of teachers participating in the Whip-Nae-Nae dance, much to the surprise of the students.

The dance was performed to promote the yearly 10,000 book reading challenge.



Eden Elementary Students of the Month

By Patty Steinmetz



September

Grade 3: Jesse Baker, Alexa Pieri, Landon Welka, Troy Winship.

Grade 4: Tyler Horschel, Troy Pressing, Emma Schmitt, Matthew Schnauffer, Weston Smith.

Grade 5: Alexandria DePan, Sara Dibble, Samantha

Kowalski, Trevor Sam, Mya Schreengost.

Grade 6: Connor Gleason, Nehzonnii Harling, Alyson Young, Mitchell Ziobro, Jessica Zittel.

October

Grade 3: Naomi Barton, Allison Powell, Kaleb Schall, Tia Wendel.

Grade 4: Matthew Barrera, Allison Grunder, Sophia Heltz, Elle Noecker, Haley Pompeo.

Grade 5: Peyton Koszelak, Trey Ricigliano, Jessica Uliaszek, Alexa Wray, Gavin Wright.

Grade 6: Maria Craig, Samantha Crowe, Joshua Dibble, Gillian McDonnell, Emma Preischel.

Art Department Receives Grant from Eden Community Foundation

By Lisa Alessi Nicaastro

On November 12, 2015, the Eden Community Foundation granted \$500 to the Eden School District's Art Department to establish a "Community Art Collection." Previously titled "The Superintendent's Art Collection," three to four pieces of artwork were chosen yearly by respective art teachers at the Elementary and Jr./Sr. High School levels to be framed and permanently hung in all three district school buildings.

In an effort to do the art more justice and bring viewing to the community, the art department proposed matting and framing the work to travel one to two months at a time and be displayed in local businesses. If a business wishes to keep the work, they may make a donation to the school for reimbursement of framing materials and, in turn, a new work will be sent to the next business. The program will run from June of the previous school year to June of the current year. Any artwork that returns to the school will be hung in a location to be determined, and prints could be made if multiple businesses wish to house a work.

This newly instituted program will hopefully build a bond between the Eden Art Department and the community by not only offering students an opportunity to showcase their work, but also the community and businesses will see benefits, as families patronize the establishments to view the work.



Visit from the Fire Department

By Cheri Stephens

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.



Red Ribbon Week

By Cheri Stephens

Red Ribbon Week was a huge success. We had so many motivating activities; our kids are bound to make smart choices.

We particularly enjoyed our pledge to make healthy choices during our balloon release and parade!



Pumpkins

By Cheri Stephens

A great, big thank you goes out to Zittels for their generous contribution of pumpkins for every student at the GLP.

They had a wonderful time decorating them in class.





Halloween

By Cheri Stephens



HALLOWEEN was so much fun at the GLP. With appreciation of the PTA, 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.



Regrouped Math Students Help at GLP

By Johanna Funke

Sixth grade regrouped Math students walked to GLP on Friday, October 30 to teach Halloween-themed math lessons to some first and second grade classrooms. The sixth grade students designed their lessons according to the Common Core Standards and made all the materials for the lesson by hand.

After playing the game everyone enjoyed a sweet treat!

A big thank you to Mrs. Chatwood, Mrs. LaVerdi, Mrs. Wyman, Miss Mathis, Mrs. King, and Mrs. Engle for opening their classroom doors to us!



Campbell & Associates Presents Distracted Driving Assembly

By Jeff Cervoni



On November 25, Attorney, John Ryan from Campbell and Associates presented on the topic of distracted driving to the entire Jr./Sr. High School. The New York State Trial Attorneys, along with Mr. Ryan, have been educating students nationwide on the types of distracted driving, the devastating effects and the science that relates to distracted driving. Since its inception in 2012, more than 250,000 teens and adults have seen the www.EndDD.org (end distracted driving) presentation. We would like to thank Mr. Ryan and Campbell and Associates for volunteering their time and resources to present this topic to our student body.

Interesting facts:

American Academy of Pediatrics, 2013 – 43% of youths admit to texting while driving; prevalence higher among males, older teens.

In 2011, it was estimated that in a typical daylight moment, at least 660,000 vehicles were being driven by drivers using hand-held cell phones.

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 2009 – text messaging creates a crash risk 23 times greater than driving without distraction. Pictured on page 6 at left is John Ryan speaking to Eden students about distracted driving.



**Pre-Kindergarten &
Kindergarten**
Students Wanted

Grover L. Priess Primary School
3000 Schoolview Road, Eden, NY 14057

Grover L. Priess Primary School is looking for all children who will turn 4 or 5 years old on or before December 1, 2016.

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, 2016.

Child's Name: _____

D.O.B.: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Mother: _____ Father: _____

Coming Soon, to a Theatre Near You!

By Sue Schnauffer



Coming soon! The Eden Jr./Sr. High drama club is proud to announce their 2016 production of *Once Upon a Mattress*, March 10, 11 & 12, all performances at 7 pm in the High School auditorium. This show is a family friendly show based on the story of *The Princess and the Pea*. The show's synopsis, provided by R&H Theatricals is as follows: ***“If you thought you knew the story of The Princess and the Pea, you may be in for a walloping surprise! Did you know, for instance, that Princess Winnifred actually swam the moat to reach Prince Dauntless the Drab? Or that Lady Larken's love for Sir Harry provided a rather compelling reason that she reach the bridal altar post haste? Or that, in fact, it wasn't the pea at all that caused the princess a sleepless night? Carried on a wave of wonderful songs, by turns hilarious and raucous, romantic and melodic, this rollicking spin on the familiar classic of royal courtship and comeuppance provides for some side-splitting shenanigans. Chances are you'll never look at fairy tales quite the same way again.”***

The cast is composed of 40 talented students along with our stage crew and pit! We are all excited to be bringing this show to the Jr./Sr. High stage in March. Tickets can be ordered online. Please follow this link <http://www.edencsd.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=522> to order tickets.



Look Ma, No Cavities!

By Margaret Cuddihy

The Eden Pre Kindergarten program received a federal grant through “University Pediatric Dentistry, P.C.” With this grant, a curriculum is given to successfully convey oral health information to all of our Pre K students and parents. Almost everyday after snack, the students brush their teeth. All supplies are given to us through the grant.

The students look forward to brushing and know how important it is to their health. In Mrs. Cuddihy’s room, we have our own “Cavity Free Kids” mascot - “Happy” the dinosaur. We practice on “Happy” the correct way to brush our teeth. When snack is over and the song “Happy” by Pharrell Williams comes on, we know it is time to brush our teeth.



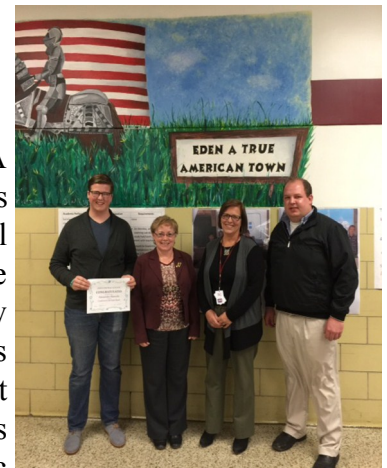
Congratulations to Conference All-State and Area All-State Musicians!

By Sarah Roberts



Alexander Bianchi, senior tuba player, was selected to attend the NYSSMA (New York State School Music Association) Conference All-State. Students from all over the state rehearsed December 3rd-6th culminating in a final performance at the Eastman Theater in Rochester. Alex is performing with the Symphony Orchestra. Each spring, thousands of students from all over New York State perform solos for certified adjudicators in hopes of making an honors ensemble. In order to even be considered for Conference All-State you must perform at a level 6 (the highest level) with an accompanist. Along with this very important audition, where you must score at least a 98, your school music teacher and your adjudicator must recommend you. Out of the thousands of students that perform, approximately 2,400 are then eligible for only 890 spots.

On a more local level, the “sectionals” of music, there is an Area-All State Festival (Niagara, Erie, Chautauqua, and Cattaraugus counties.) They follow the same procedure, however, students can perform at any level. The following students were selected for Junior High Area-All State (7th-9th grades) held at Akron High School on November 6th & 7th: Orchestra members—Hannah Bojczuk, Jessica Hall, Gavin Hill, Brett Schmitz, Jolie Springborn, and Amelia Stocksclaeder; Chorus members—Ashleigh Brown and Emily Kuster; and band member—Vincent Koren. Attending Senior High Area-All State (10th-12th grades) held at SUNY Fredonia on November 20th & 21st were: Orchestra members—Alexis Browning, Jonathan Haier, Caitlin Pontonio, and Holly Zimmerman; Chorus members—Kristen Pszonak and Merrick Allen; and Band members—Lauren Henning and Alexander Bianchi. Pictured: Alex Bianchi, Mrs. Jeffers, Mrs. Anzalone and Mr. Byrnes.



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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*Eden Central School –
 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.

Students Visit Darwin Martin House

Lisa Alessi Nicastro

On October 23, 2015, Family and Consumer Science students along with Art (Mrs. Nicastro) and Technology (Mr. Jones) classes traveled to the city of Buffalo for a field trip to Frank Lloyd Wright’s Darwin Martin House. Busing for the experience was funded by a grant received by Mrs. Stoneberg from the Niagara Frontier Automobile Dealers Association, which offers transportation and support for school learning experiences to the Martin site.

The day began while looking at noteworthy architecture downtown and an impromptu meeting with Mayor Byron Brown in front of City Hall where he was attending a press conference. The Mayor spoke to the kids about the richness of Buffalo’s history after which he posed for pictures, shook hands, and ended the chance meeting by robustly shouting, “Have a great day Raiders!”

The trip culminated with a tour of the Darwin Martin house where students learned about architecture, the work of Wright, and the unique house’s place in the local environment. “I haven’t been to Buffalo very many times, but I can say this time was memorable, because I got to be with my friends, meet the Mayor personally and see cool art; it was awesome!” said Patrick Sullivan, a Senior High Art student.

Pictured: Mayor Brown and Patrick Sullivan.



FACS, Art, and Tech Students with Mayor Brown at City Hall.

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