



DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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From the Superintendent

Dear Eden Families,

As a Superintendent, I find myself spending a lot of time lately watching the radar feeds and weather reports. As is true each December, we have been at the mercy of Lake Erie when it comes to winter snow storms. When will that lake freeze over? According to the Buffalo News, the last time Lake Erie froze in December was 2008! Considering that less than 19 percent of it was frozen on December 18 and we had a warm spell this week, we may be in for one interesting winter. Our school calendar built in four total snow days. We have used two of those days. The safety of our students and staff is of utmost importance when it comes to the weather and the conditions of the roads. While it is my responsibility to make the final decision regarding closing school, the process actually involves quite a few people and begins the night before and then resumes at around 4 a.m. When possible, the decision is made by 5:30 a.m. Sometimes it is better to wait until as late as 6:15 a.m. to get a better read on the condition of the roads. If we are ever 100% sure about an impending storm, I will close the night before, but WNY weather is unpredictable and being that sure the night before is difficult. I do recognize that earlier decisions are helpful for you who have to make childcare arrangements. Oftentimes, I wish that crystal ball actually worked!

I would like to extend a “thank you” to our parents and musicians/conductors for being so flexible with the rescheduling of concerts due to the weather. Rescheduling is not an easy task, and conducting two concerts on the same evening must be exhausting. The music was wonderful and helped to put me in the holiday spirit! It was easy to see (and hear) the pride of parents and grandparents in the audience.

I wish all of you a happy, healthy and safe holiday filled with much family and laughter. See you in the new year!

2013-2014 District Goals:



- ◆ The Board will review and approve a 3-year written plan to guide facility changes/improvements.
- ◆ Increase academic rigor and raise expectations for all Eden students.
- ◆ Strengthen the culture of the district by building greater trust through improved communication among all school-community stakeholders.

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Happy Holidays!



Modern Day Mythology

On Thursday, October 18, seniors in Amber Costanzo's Greek Mythology Class at Eden High School visited Eden Elementary where they gave a presentation to the sixth graders. From left to right: Chase Klawon (Hades), Myles Kifner (Zeus), Eric Heltz (Poseidon), Kalie Pfohl (Nemesis), Jake Burgio (Hermes), Lexy Salisbury (Hestia), Christine Herman (Aphrodite), Shannon Casey (Hera), Lainy Pierce (Demeter), Katie Schnauer (Persephone), Michele Tronolone (Nike), Sarah Woods (Athena), Brooke Morley (Eros), Kristina Blodgett (Iris), Jesse Vondell (Dionysus), Connor Gallivan (Ares), Dana Stephens (Themis), Grace Koester (Artemis), Mrs. Amber Costanzo, Stacy Nadrich (Apollo).



National Junior Honor Society News

By Amy Porter



Box Tops for Education - The Eden Jr./Sr. High School is now collecting Box Tops For Education. We receive \$.10 for each box top. We are asking that students in grades 7 - 12 return the box tops in a group of 50 in a Ziploc bag with their name and grade on the bag. Box Tops can be dropped off in the

Main Office or Room 208. For each 50 box tops turned in, their name will be entered in a drawing for various prizes. All the money received for the Box Tops from now until March 31st will be directed for the Gymnasium and Natatorium Sound System and Score Board. We have 821 students in the

building. If each student were able to collect 50 Box Tops from family and friends, they would be donating \$5 each, which would total \$4,105. Please support the Box Top drive today. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Porter at 992-3600 ext. 2208.



Annual Food Drive Sponsored by the Student Council

By Jeff Cervoni, JSHS Principal & David Kean

The "Boys vs. Girls" Food Drive sponsored by the Student Council got off to a great start with a donation of two large bins by the Zittel Family.

The ladies of the district got out to an early lead and were then able to surpass the males of the district all the way to our Thanksgiving finish line. The support of both genders was greatly appreciated by ten families of our district, along with the ten turkeys purchased by the Student Council.

Pictured are Molly Braymiller, Liz Karstedt, Molly Neureuter and A.J. Feldman, all members of the Eden Jr/Sr High Schools Student Council.



Care Packages for the Troops

By Jeff Cervoni, JSHS Principal



Eden Central School District came together for the holidays to assemble care packages for a former student's troop stationed in Afghanistan.

John Levulis, Eden graduate '08, is a platoon leader for a 14-man infantry unit that recently deployed for service. The three schools provided the troop with letters written by the students, food, reading materials, and toiletries. The teachers, students, and administrators donated 10 boxes worth of goods for the platoon.

Pictured at right: Alexis Gaul, Danielle O'Connell, Joseph Tripi, Devin Shaw, Mariah Gaul.





Eden FBLA Proud to have State Historian

By: Paige Hirsch – Eden FBLA Reporter

Eden Central FBLA is proud to have Kalie Pfohl as our State Historian and President of Eden FBLA. In order to obtain this honor as State Historian, students must be interviewed by an FBLA Board of Trustee member from the candidates residing district, take a written test regarding FBLA facts and history, campaign at the State Leadership Conference, and be voted into office. As part of the campaign, students were required to create a

display for their campaign booth. Kalie is the first student to obtain this position in the history of Eden FBLA.

As State Historian, Kalie is responsible for creating slideshows for the State Leadership Conference in April, as well as, the National Leadership Conference in June. Also, Kalie must complete the 2013-2014 New York State Chapter Annual Business Report, which will take about five months

to complete.

As President of our Eden FBLA Club, she is responsible for creating a PowerPoint for each meeting and coordinating all the events for the club. In addition, last year Kalie held the New York State FBLA Vice President of District 12 position.

Congratulations Kalie on this huge honor. We are proud to have you as President of Eden FBLA!

German American Partnership Program

By Jeff Cervoni

Congratulations to Kerstin Crinnin and her High School German students from last year!

Last October, 12 students, their principal and one teacher from Iserlohn, Germany visited Eden for two weeks through the German American Partnership

Program (GAPP).

Part of their funding from the German government depended on the completion of a joint project with Eden students and the community as a whole. With the help of a variety of people and resources, the Germans

worked on "Traces of German Culture in Eden and its Environs". This project was just now awarded by the GAPP as one of the best of 2012. Great work!



Eden Technology/Chopper Club

By Jeff Cervoni

On December 7th, student club members, with help from their parents, organized a "chili" sale/fundraiser at Clyde's Feeds in Hamburg. Clyde's was hosting their annual Rein In The Holidays celebration and was kind enough to donate some promotional/sales space for the Club to show off their most recent bike builds.

The students appreciate all of the community members and sponsors that came out in the cold to support their efforts.





Eden Football and Sportsmanship Awards

The coaches of the B South Division voted the Eden Raiders as the winner of the Sportsmanship Award for the division. Garrett DiStefano was awarded the individual award for sportsmanship.

At the WNY Football banquet, the WNY High School Football officials (ref's) named the Eden Raiders

as the number one team in WNY football for sportsmanship. They also gave an award to Coach Tilley as the WNY coach that displays the most sportsmanship.

Congratulations to the Coach Tilley, Garrett DiStefano and the entire team!

Eden Musicians "Gigging" in the Community

By Ashly Martella

Eden musicians Sarah Filkorn (viola), Laura Harms (violin), Bailey Marshall (violin) Mikaela Nelson (viola) and Holly Zimmerman (violin) had a chance to experience the life of a professional musician.

These students were hired by the pit orchestra director at Immaculata Academy in Hamburg to play in this year's production of "The Pajama Game." Just as any professional musician would, they attended three rehearsals and three performances. This was a wonderful learning experience for the young women involved and an outstanding representation of

the music program here at Eden. Way to go, Ladies!



Eden Music Students Perform At NYSSMA Zone 1 Area-All State

By Ashly Martella

During the first and fourth weekends in November, select students from Eden took part in the NYSSMA Zone One Area-All State Festival held at Akron High School and SUNY Fredonia respectively.

Students earned their spots in these ensembles by auditioning on a solo in April, May or June of this year. In September, Mrs. Tylock and Mrs. Martella submitted their scores, along with a recommendation to the selection committee. Students with the highest scores were then selected to participate in the honor's ensembles. This festival pulls students from over 54 districts to participate. It is an honor to be part of this festival.

Selected students rehearse rigorously on Friday night and Saturday morning in preparation for their concert on Saturday afternoon.



Congratulations to all of the students involved!
Jr. High Area-All State Participants: Jon Haier (orchestra), Adam Rakeiecki (chorus), Alexis Browning (chorus/alternate for orchestra), Hailey Brenner (chorus), Kristen Pszonak (chorus).



EDEN ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

By Patty Steinmetz

October:

Grade 3: Jenna Coventry, Alexis Ecker, Gianna Gould, Alexa Wray, Maggie Zittel.

Grade 4: Emalee Ballou, Samantha Crowe, Kyle Ecker, Ryleigh Finnigan, Lydia Strawbrich.

Grade 5: Jake Elvers, Nate Henrich, Jaden Korhummel,

Grace Pietro, Rhys Pond.

Grade 6: Tyler Gemza, Alaina James, Alex Overhoff, Jarek Rauker, Mason Snyder.

November:

Grade 3: Alexandria DePan, Mary Gunner, Carly Profic, Trey Ricigliano, Alaina Ventry.

Grade 4: Drew Cassidy, Quinnlan Harrington, Ryan

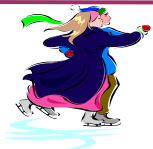
Myers, Oliver Schafer, Austin Sroda.

Grade 5: Caroline Coleman, Caleb Gould, Jessica Souder, Austin Timblin, Brooke Woodard.

Grade 6: Claire Blandino, Haley Cavarello, Samuel Craig, Joshua Rice, Katherine Zimmerman.

Annual Fall Family Reading Night at GLP

By Sandi Ploetz



GLP Primary School played host to a varied cast of interesting characters at their Annual Fall Family Reading Night. Over 175 participants from 60 families participated in this interactive celebration of books and reading.

Cowboy Dave Galuska, parent of a pre-school daughter at the school, shared his experiences of working as a cowboy and read a cowboy book with the students. Families could choose from a diverse offering of topics ranging from creating cupcakes to finding out about golf to learning about toads from an 8 yr. old “expert” in all things amphibian.

Mrs. Ploetz, GLP Librarian, organizer of the event, wishes to thank all the presenters who gave their time to help students discover that whatever subject they are “passionate” about, someone has written a book about it.

In addition to Dave Galuska, our 2013 presenters included teachers --Katie Mathis (gr. 1-GLP), Christine McTigue (gr. 3 EE), GLP parents--Liz Muelbauer, Gary Occhino, Mrs. Kohlmeier with her Amphibian expert, Jake, GLP grandparent

and author, Virginia Kroll, and community member, Elmer Ploetz. It truly “takes a village” to get children excited about reading. Thank you so much to everyone who participated. If you have a topic you or a family member might be interested in sharing with GLP students next year, please contact Mrs. Ploetz at the GLP. Pictured are Cowboy Dave Galuska and Emma Preischel.





Curriculum Corner

By Kelly Morgan-LaRosa

Currently there are many misconceptions surrounding the implementation of the Common Core Learning Standards (CCLS) and the New York State modules.

Have you heard...

The standards were inadequately developed?

Forty-six states brought together content area experts, teachers, and researchers to write

the Common Core State Standards, along with 10,000 comments and suggestions, including many from New York teachers and parents. New York State adopted the standards in 2010. The standards are well matched for our classrooms and will help all students become college and career ready. Please visit <http://corestandards.org/thestandards> to read the full set

of standards.

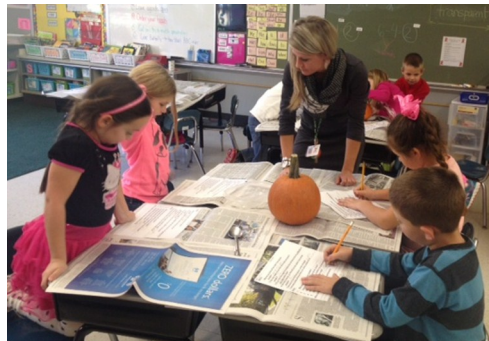
For more information, please visit: engageny.org. I encourage you to visit the family resource section and view the video: Teaching is the Core. It provides a snapshot view of the exciting changes happening in classrooms.

If you have further question or concerns, please contact me at 992-3688 or Kmorgan-larosa@edenscd.wnyric.org

Fun with Math

By Ashly Mason

The students in Miss Mason's class did a hands on activity with pumpkins. The students did a math lesson exploring not only pumpkins, but also measurement, data, addition, subtraction, and adjectives. Learning is fun!



Smythe Signs with UB

By Marisa Fallacaro

Alex Smythe will be taking his talents to UB. Alex recently signed his letter of intent with UB wrestling. Also a football standout, Smythe is a defending sectional wrestling champion and has qualified in multiple seasons for the state championships. Seated: Alex Symthe, Mark Smythe. Standing: Marisa Fallacaro, John Zittel, Chuck Rizzo, Tom Page.



Free and Reduced Price Meal Application Fact Sheet

When filling out the application form, please pay careful attention to these helpful hints.

SNAP/TANF/FDPIR case number: This must be the complete case number supplied to you by the agency including all numbers and letters, for example, E 123456, or whatever combination is used in your county. Refer to a letter you received from your local Department of Social Services for your case number or contact them for your number. All children with the same case number may be listed on the same application. If anyone in your household receives SNAP, all children living in your household are eligible to receive free meals at school.

Direct Certification: Your children's school may have already certified your child to receive meals at no charge. If your child has not already been certified and you receive SNAP or TANF, send in the Eligibility Letter from the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance instead of completing the application. Make a copy for your records.

Foster Child: A child who is living with a family but who is under the legal care of the welfare agency or court may be listed on your family application. List the child's "personal use" income. This includes only those funds provided by the agency which are identified for the personal use of the child, such as personal spending allowances, money received by his/her family, or from a job. Funds provided for housing, food and care, medical, and therapeutic needs are not considered income to the foster child. Write "0" if the child has no personal use income.

Household: A group of related or non-related people who are living in one house and share income and expenses.

Adult Family Members: All related and non-related people who are 21 years of age and older living in your house.

Financially Independent: A person is financially independent and a separate economic unit/household when his or her earnings and expenses are not shared by the family/household.

Gross Income: Is money earned or received by each member of your household before deductions. Examples of deductions are federal tax, State tax, and Social Security deductions.

Examples of gross income are:

- ◆ Wages, salaries, tips, commissions, or income from self-employment
- ◆ Net farm income – gross sales minus expenses only – not losses
- ◆ Pensions, annuities, or other retirement income including Social Security retirement benefits
- ◆ Unemployment compensation
- ◆ Welfare payments (does not include value of SNAP)
- ◆ Public Assistance payments
- ◆ Adoption assistance
- ◆ Strike benefits
- ◆ Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Survivor's Benefits
- ◆ Alimony or child support payments
- ◆ Disability benefits, including workman's compensation
- ◆ Veteran's subsistence benefits
- ◆ Interest or dividend income
- ◆ Cash withdrawn from savings, investments, trusts, and other resources which would be available to pay for a child's meals
- ◆ Other cash income

If you have more than one job, you must list the income from all jobs. If you receive income from more than one source (wage, alimony, child support, etc.), you must list the income from all sources.

Current Income: Your income at the present time **before deductions**. Only farmers, self-employed workers, migrant workers, and other seasonal employees may use their income for the past 12 months reported from their 1040 Tax Forms.

Income Exclusions: The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care Development (Block Grant) Fund should not be considered as income for this program. If you have any questions or need help in filling out the application form, please contact:

Mrs. Shawn Johnson, Director of Pupil Personnel Services (716) 992-3645

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Eden Central School offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$1.85, and lunch costs \$1.85 at GLP and Eden Elementary and \$1.95 at the Jr./Sr. High School. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Reduced price is \$0.25 for breakfast and \$0.25 for lunch.

1. **Do I need to fill out an application for each child?** No. Complete the application to apply for free or reduced price meals. Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: Mrs. Shawn Johnson, Eden Central School District, 3150 Schoolview Road, Eden, NY 14057.
2. **Who can get free meals?** All children in households receiving benefits from SNAP, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations or TANF, can get free meals regardless of your income. Also, your children can get free meals if your household's gross income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines.
3. **Can foster children get free meals?** Yes, foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court, are eligible for free meals. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free meals regardless of income.
4. **Can homeless, runaway, and migrant children get free meals?** Yes, children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant qualify for free meals. If you haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail Mrs. Shawn Johnson, 716-992-3645 sjohnson@edencsd.wnyric.org to see if they qualify.
5. **Who can get reduced price meals?** Your children can get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced price limits on the Federal Eligibility Income Chart, shown on this application.
6. **Should I fill out an application if I received a letter this school year saying my children are approved for free meals?** Please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Call the school at 716-992-3645 if you have questions.
7. **My child's application was approved last year. Do I need to fill out another one?** Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.
8. **I get wic. Can my child(ren) get free meals?** Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please fill out A Free/Reduced Price Meal application.
9. **Will the information I give be checked?** Yes, and we may also ask you to send written proof.
10. **If I don't qualify now, may I apply later?** Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.
11. **What if I disagree with the school's decision about my application?** You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: Mrs. Shawn Johnson, Eden Central School, 3150 Schoolview Road, Eden, NY 14057 (716) 992-3645 sjohnson@edencsd.wnyric.org.
12. **May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen?** Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for free or reduced price meals.
13. **Who should I include as members of my household?** You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends) who share income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children living with you. If you live with other people who are economically independent (for example, people who you do not support, who do not share income with you or your children, and who pay a pro-rated share of expenses), do not include them.
14. **What if my income is not always the same?** List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
15. **We are in the military. Do we include our housing allowance as income?** If you get an off-base housing allowance, it must be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income.
16. **My spouse is deployed to a combat zone.** Is his/her combat pay counted as income? No, if the combat pay is received in addition to his/her basic pay because of deployment and it wasn't received before he/she was deployed, combat pay is not counted as income. Contact your school for more information.
17. **My family needs more help. Are there other programs we might apply for?** To find out how to apply for SNAP or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call 1-800-342-3009.

2013-2014 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES
FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS OR FREE MILK
 REDUCED PRICE ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART

Total Family Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$ 21,257	\$ 1,772	\$ 886	\$ 818	\$ 409
2	\$ 28,694	\$ 2,392	\$ 1,196	\$ 1,104	\$ 552
3	\$ 36,131	\$ 3,011	\$ 1,506	\$ 1,390	\$ 695
4	\$ 43,568	\$ 3,631	\$ 1,816	\$ 1,676	\$ 838
5	\$ 51,005	\$ 4,251	\$ 2,126	\$ 1,962	\$ 981
6	\$ 58,442	\$ 4,871	\$ 2,436	\$ 2,248	\$ 1,124
7	\$ 65,879	\$ 5,490	\$ 2,745	\$ 2,534	\$ 1,267
8	\$ 73,316	\$ 6,110	\$ 3,055	\$ 2,820	\$ 1,410
Each add'l person add....	\$ 7,437	\$ 620	\$ 310	\$ 287	\$ 144

How to Apply: To get free or reduced price meals for your children, you may submit an Eligibility Letter for Free Meals/Milk (formerly Direct Certification Letter) received from the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, OR carefully complete one application for your household and return it to the designated office. If you now receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) for any children, or participate in the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), the application must include the children's names, the household SNAP, TANF or FDPIR case number and the signature of an adult household member. All children should be listed on the same application. If you do not list a food stamp, TANF or FDPIR case number for all the children for whom you are applying, the application must include the names of everyone in the household, the amount of income each household member, and how often it is received and where it comes from. It must include the signature of an adult household member and the last four digits of that adult's social security number, or check the box if the adult does not have a social security number. An application that is not complete cannot be approved. Contact your local Department of Social Services for your food stamp or TANF case number or complete the income portion of the application.

Reporting Changes: The benefits that you are approved for at the time of application are effective for the entire school year. You no longer need to report changes for an increase in income or decrease in household size, or if you no longer receive food stamps.

Income Exclusions: The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care Development (Block Grant) Fund should not be considered as income for this program.

Nondiscrimination Statement: The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination against its customers, employees, and applicants for employment on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, gender identity, religion, reprisal, and where applicable, political beliefs, marital status, familial or parental status, sexual orientation, or all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program, or protected genetic information in employment or in any program or activity conducted or funded by the Department. (Not all prohibited basis will apply to all programs and/or employment activities.)

If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form (PDF), found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at program.intake@usda.gov.

Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have speech disabilities and wish to file either an EEO or program complaint, please contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339 or (800) 845-6136.

USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Meal Service to Children with Disabilities: Federal regulations require schools and institutions to serve meals at no extra charge to children with a disability which may restrict their diet. A student with a disability is defined in 7CFR Part 15b.3 of Federal regulations, as one who has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities. Major life activities are defined to include functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working. You must request the special meals from the school and provide the school with medical certification from a medical doctor. If you believe your child needs substitutions because of a disability, please get in touch with us for further information, as there is specific information that the medical certification must contain.

Confidentiality: The United States Department of Agriculture has approved the release of students' names and eligibility status, without parent/guardian consent, to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of federal education programs such as Title I and the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), which are United States Department of Education programs used to determine areas such as the allocation of funds to schools, to evaluate socioeconomic status of the school's attendance area, and to assess educational progress. Information may also be released to State health or State education programs administered by the State agency or local education agency, provided the State or local education agency administers the program, and Federal, State or local nutrition programs similar to the National School Lunch Program. Additionally, all information contained in the free and reduced price application may be released to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of programs authorized under the National School Lunch Act (NSLA) or Child Nutrition Act (CNA); including the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, the Special Milk Program, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, Summer Food Service Program and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants and Children (WIC); the Comptroller General of the United States for audit purposes, and Federal, State or local law enforcement officials investigating alleged violation of the programs under the NSLA or CNA.

The disclosure of eligibility information not specifically authorized by the NSLA requires a written consent statement from the parent/guardian. We will let you know when your application is approved or denied.



Sincerely,

Shawn Johnson
Director of Pupil Personnel

Message from the Board President

WOW! I can't believe we are halfway through the school year already. As they say, time flies when you are having fun.

During this first half of the school year, I have noticed what a truly great group of kids make up this wonderful school district. This past November, the Board of Education presented an Eden High School diploma to veteran Kent Willis, who left school to serve our country during the Vietnam War. The most inspiring part of the evening was seeing many students honor Mr. Willis by making cards, signs, and singing and playing patriotic songs. That same evening the Board also recognized the Girls' Volleyball team for winning the New York State Championship title for the fifth straight time. Great job girls and Coach Pierce on another victory and great season!

It seems like a week doesn't pass that I don't read a news article or have people tell me something great the students of this district are doing in the schools or the community. As the Board President and a 2005 graduate of Eden, it is truly an honor to be a part of this school district and community. The Board is working together to continue to move this District forward. I feel very blessed to be on a Board that works on behalf of the children of Eden. I can't wait to see what the next half of the school year will bring for our District.

On behalf of the Board of Education, I want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Michael Byrnes
Board President

Lainy Pierce signs with Penn State

By Marisa Fallacaro

Lainey Pierce signed her letter of intent for Penn State Volleyball. In fact, Lainey has officially graduated from Eden CSD and will be starting at Penn State this January. Eden Girls' Volleyball won their 5th state championship this November and Lainey was crowned MVP of the championship. Lainey will join her sister, Kendall at Penn State. Seated: Kiernan Pierce, Lainy Pierce, Robert Pierce. Standing: Scott Minton, Stephen Pierce, Declan Pierce, Marisa Fallacaro, Jeff Cervoni.



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We're on the Web—
www.edencsd.org

Reminder to Parents:

In your Parent Portal account, there is a section called "Demographic Change" where you can update your contact information, including the phone numbers that are called by the District's automated phone system.



Eden Central School — Embrace, educate, empower

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.

If you have any old costume jewelry that you no longer want, whether it's broken, no longer worn, etc., please consider donating it to the Jr./Sr. High School Art Class to be re-posed in the Jewelry class. Contact Lisa Alessi-Nicastro at 992-3600.



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