

EDEN DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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From the Superintendent

Dear Eden Families:

It has been a busy month as the new Superintendent of Eden Schools. My meetings with students, staff and community members have been insightful and fun! I do so appreciate everyone's willingness to meet with me, give me a tour and ask/answer questions. I must admit that the questions from the 2nd grade students have been the most challenging so far!

Eden, as a community, has an excellent reputation of supporting its students in their activities and academics. As parents, your continued involvement in your children's activities and studies has created learners who are confident, proud and responsible. The commitment of our staff is evident on a day-to-day basis; they also want the very best future for your children.

As a school district, we recognize our role in the community and will continue to build a legacy that makes Eden proud. In my short time here as Superintendent of Eden CSD, I have witnessed students and staff creating that legacy - The Autism Walk is just one example. Thank you to everyone who participated.

As we work together on our strategic plan for this District, please know that your input is necessary and valued. I welcome your thoughts and look forward to meeting you.

Sandy Anzalone



Kathryn Preischel, Samantha Lango and Maeve Musielak with GLP Principal, Mrs. Carter and Superintendent, Mrs. Anzalone

Budget Message

Loraine Ingrasci, Interim Director of Finance

2013-14 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT MESSAGE:

The 2013-14 budget was adopted on April 23, 2013 in the amount of \$25,720,426, which represents a 2.1% increase over the current year's budget. The Board of Education, along with the administrators, faculty and staff began work on the 2013-14 school budget in early winter of 2013 facing the challenges of increased contractual expenditures and decreasing State Aid. The initial gap between revenues and expenses was \$1,691,041. Eden Central School District did receive an increase in State Aid of \$231,801, which was applied to reduce this gap.

The proposed budget includes the following reductions/cost containments: one administrative position; five Jr./Sr. High teachers; the 5 p.m. bus run; the Gifted and Talented program in 3rd and 4th grade; a 5% reduction in the athletic budget, 10% reduction in materials and supplies; 5% reduction in non-mandated music; restructuring the department chair structure; and a proposed change in health insurance.

The Board maintains the tax levy below the state required two percent tax cap. Final tax rates will be adopted in August 2013, after all information from the State and assessor is received.

Your continued support of the Eden Central School District is appreciated. Thank you.

PROPOSED BUDGET -- EDEN CENTRAL SCHOOL

2013-2014

ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING

May 7, 2013

7:00 p.m.

Junior/Senior High School Cafeteria

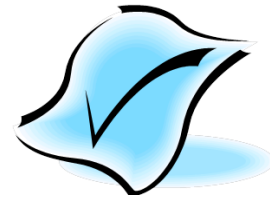


BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION

May 21, 2013

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

Junior/Senior High School 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 7, 2013 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 2013-2014, electing two members of the Board of Education to commence July 1, 2013, and for the transaction of such other business as is authorized by law will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2013, 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 21, 2013 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 21, 2013.
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:

1. Kristen D. Pinker
2. Patricia M. Krouse
3. Steven P. Cerne
4. Paul R. Shephard

Write in vote

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, to wit:

RESOLVED, that the budget for the Eden Central School District, Erie County, New York, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014, as proposed by the Board of Education in the total sum of \$25,720,426, 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 (REPAIRS TO CO-GENERATION PLANT)

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education (“Board”) of the Eden Central School District (“District”) is hereby authorized to expend from the District’s Repair Reserve Fund, established on February 10, 2010 and funded by voter approval on May 18, 2010, an amount not to exceed \$32,000 for the purpose of purchasing and installing a new catalytic converter for the co-generation plant as required by Environmental Protection Agency regulations, with such co-generation plant providing electricity to District facilities and with the result that such expenditure from the 2010 Repair Reserve Fund shall have no impact on the tax levy of the District for the 2013-2014 school year.

YES

NO

MEMBER BOARD OF EDUCATION

TWO POSITIONS TO FILL THREE-YEAR TERMS—VOTE FOR ANY TWO:

KRISTEN D. PINKER _____

PATRICIA M. KROUSE _____

STEVEN P. CERNE _____

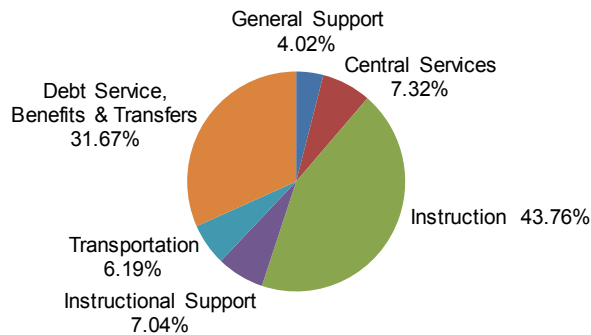
PAUL R. SHEPHARD _____

Write in Vote: _____



BUDGET OVERVIEW
SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

<u>GENERAL SUPPORT</u>	2012-13 BUDGET	2013-14 BUDGET	<u>INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT</u>	2012-13 BUDGET	2013-14 BUDGET
Board of Education	7,600	15,615	Library & Audio/Visual	193,321	141,611
District Clerk	950	950	Educational Comm. & TV	0	0
District Meetings	2,300	2,185	Computer	465,550	471,429
Central Administration	220,014	234,674	Attendance	19,322	21,251
Business Administration	241,424	243,078	Guidance	274,222	294,183
Auditing Services	27,700	28,300	Health Services	151,080	151,741
District Treasurer	54,612	55,628	Psychological Services	110,530	113,603
Tax Collector	19,838	15,804	Social Work Services	24,090	24,600
Purchasing	1,810	1,810	Pupil Personnel Services	107,326	113,559
Fiscal Agent Fees	2,000	2,700	Co-Curricular Activities	90,496	85,762
Legal Services	45,000	85,000	Interscholastic Sports	390,760	393,510
Personnel Services	600	15,319	TOTAL	1,826,697	1,811,249
Public Information	2,500	2,700	TRANSPORTATION		
Unallocated Insurance	78,398	83,690	District Operated	1,503,323	1,556,313
Association Dues	7,620	7,375	Garage	36,680	34,839
Water & Sewer Assessments	43,000	56,700	Contract Transportation	0	0
Refund – Real Property Tax	18,848	15,000	TOTAL	1,540,003	1,591,152
BOCES Administrative Charge	121,011	120,739	DEBT SERVICE, BENEFITS & TRANSFERS		
BOCES Capital Expense	43,114	47,252	Census	0	0
BOCES Capital Project	0	0	State Retirement	585,685	662,317
TOTAL	938,339	1,034,519	Teacher Retirement	1,115,092	1,351,261
CENTRAL SERVICES			Social Security	943,902	946,851
Custodial	850,146	849,211	Workers' Compensation	161,420	149,155
Maintenance	591,945	663,317	Unemployment Insurance	5,000	10,000
Central Printing	37,852	39,402	Medical Insurance	2,910,681	2,887,475
Data Processing	313,969	330,122	Bond Anticipation Notes	0	0
TOTAL	1,793,912	1,882,052	Lease/Purchase Buses	0	0
INSTRUCTION			RAN Interest	0	0
Curriculum	170,741	164,512	Installment Purchase	0	0
Supervision	719,251	751,511	Other Debt	552,397	537,189
Research & Evaluation	26,968	12,387	Transfer to Debt Service Fund	1,547,125	1,551,484
Inservice Training	39,686	39,586	Transfer to Federal Fund	50,000	50,000
Regular School	7,216,033	7,252,834	Transfer to Capital Fund	-0-	-0-
Handicapped	2,368,682	2,358,556	TOTAL	7,871,302	8,145,732
Occupational Education	647,717	655,446	TOTAL GENERAL		
Special Schools	20,700	20,890	FUND EXPENDITURES	25,180,031	25,720,426
TOTAL	11,209,778	11,255,722			



**CONVERSION OF 2013-14
BUDGET TO THREE COMPONENTS**

<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>	<u>2012-13 BUDGET</u>	<u>2013-14 BUDGET</u>	<u>CAPITAL</u>	<u>2012-13 BUDGET</u>	<u>2013-14 BUDGET</u>
Board of Education	10,850	18,750	Operation of Plant	850,146	849,211
Central Administration	220,014	234,674	Maintenance of Plant	591,945	663,317
Finance	347,384	347,320	Judgments & Claims	0	0
Legal Services	20,000	30,000	Refund of Taxes	18,848	15,000
Personnel	600	0	Purchase of Buses	0	0
Records Management	0	0	Debt Service	552,397	537,189
Public Information	2,500	2,700	Transfer to Debt Service	1,547,125	1,551,484
Central Printing	37,852	39,402	Transfer to Capital	0	0
Central Data Processing	313,969	330,122	Benefits	<u>384,942</u>	<u>397,073</u>
Other Special Items	293,143	315,756			
Curriculum Development	170,741	164,512	TOTAL	3,945,403	4,013,274
Supervision Reg. School	719,251	751,511			
Supervision Special School	0	0			
Research Planning & Develop.	26,968	12,387			
Employee Benefits	<u>591,164</u>	<u>639,126</u>			
TOTAL	2,754,436	2,886,260	TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES	<u>25,180,031</u>	<u>25,720,426</u>

<u>PROGRAM</u>		
Legal	25,000	55,000
Personnel	0	15,319
Instruction	12,119,515	12,138,561
District Transportation	1,503,323	1,556,313
Garage	36,680	34,839
Contract Transportation	0	0
Comm. Service	0	0
Other Transfers	50,000	50,000
Benefits	<u>4,745,674</u>	<u>4,970,860</u>
TOTAL	18,480,192	18,820,892



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, April 22, 2013. 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 14, 2013.

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 20, 2013. 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 21, 2013.

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.

Scholar/Athlete Team Awards

By Ann Brown

Eden Central School is proud to announce our 2012-13 Winter Scholar/Athlete Team Awards from the New York State Public High School Athletic Association, Inc. The following teams have earned a team grade average of 90% or better during the winter sports season.

Girls Basketball:

Mackenzie Biastre, Katherine Campbell, Emily Carias, Cassidy Genco, Marit Mellemseter, Carley Nasca and Abby Waldorf.

Girls Bowling:

Taylor Acosta, Sarah Faltyn, Jenna Herbert,

Hannah May, Erin Rogers, Arielle Schunk and Jacqueline Szabat.

Boys Swimming:

William Asboth, Alexander Bianchi, Tyler Gates, Branden Johnson, Evan Kifner, Chase Klawon, Cole Klawon, Chandler Kraska, Charles Lauria, Jacob Schlegel and Peter Zittel.

Wrestling:

Frank Barnack, Brady Bermingham, Anthony Cummings, Mitchell Laing, Cole Overhoff, Sawyer Overhoff, Jacob Page, Luke Podyma, Peter Schmitz and Ryan Vondell.

Eden Elementary Students of the Month

By Patty Steinmetz

February:

Grade 3: Samuel Eckman, Cody Gemza, Jennifer Grapes, Noah Kidder, Sydney Minier.

Grade 4: Austin Davies, Michael Masocco, Derek Mosgeller, Grace Pietro, Madison Pye.

Grade 5: Anna Braymiller, Joshua Breeden, Samuel Craig, Carrie Jo Edwards, Megan Walsh.

Grade 6: Rachel Henning, Olivia Jarmusz, Thomas Macauley, Samantha Mason, Brooke Nowak.

March:

Grade 3: Camryn Jacobs, Daniel Torres, Daniel Almasi, Holly Bauernfeind, Emma Armbruster.

Grade 4: Paul Winiecki, Jessica Souder, Quinn Pietrocarlo, Kaitlyn Schmitz, McKayla Shealy.

Grade 5: Emma Gunner, Jennifer Hoelscher, Savannah Battleson, Zachary Hickok, Drew Brenner.

Grade 6: Nicholas Pietro, Matthew Munich, Rosalinda Mormina, Elizabeth Enterline, Ashleigh Brown.

April:

Grade 3: Joshua Dibble, Holly Morano, Jacob Roberts, Courtney Schmitt, Paris Smith.

Grade 4: Allison Banko, David Horvatits, Joseph Puckhaber, George Senus, Kaelei Spina.

Grade 5: Claire Blandino, Clayton Blaszc, Nicholas Diello, Joshua Siller, Alexis Vullo.

Grade 6: Will Cerne, Louis DeCarolis, Jillian Harris, Alan Henry, Haley Proios.

**Driver Education registration for
summer 2013 is now taking place.**

Believe in yourself! Have faith in your abilities! Without a humble but reasonable confidence in your own powers you cannot be successful or happy.

Norman Vincent Peale

Pi Day

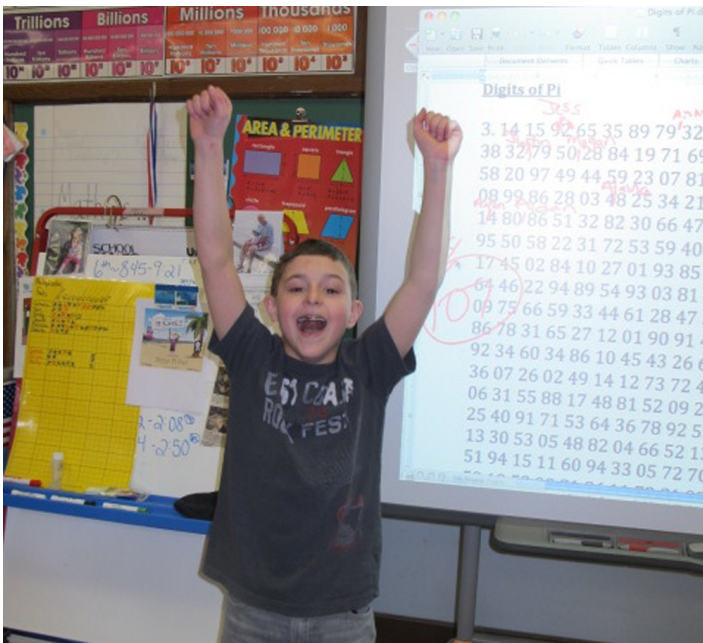
By Johanna Funke

Fifth Grade Regrouped Math students with their Pi pies to celebrate Pi Day on March 14: Robert Grunder, Justin Reed, Katie Zimmerman, and Jessica Hall. (Pictured at right.)

Fifth grader, Aidan Nasca breaking last year's record held by Sam Schwanz of 105 digits on Pi Day. Aidan recited 107 digits. (Pictured below.)



Fifth and sixth grade Regrouped Math winners in the recitation contest. Aidan Nasca (on left) 107 digits of Pi (fifth grader) Luke Stockdale (on right) 113 digits of Pi (sixth grader). Luke now holds the new record! (Pictured below.)



Emma Cummings and Mrs. Funke sporting our Pi day t-shirts on March 14. (Pictured below.)



From the Board President

Although our warm weather came slowly this spring, our activities at school are anything but slow. Musicals, concerts and spring sports teams have kept everyone busy. This spring marked the arrival of Sandy Anzalone, our new Superintendent of Schools. She has wasted no time getting to know students, parents, staff and community leaders and is already having a positive impact in our district. You will see her at many school events. Please take a moment to say hello and welcome Sandy to Eden.

The School Board has been focused on next year's budget. We developed a number of activities designed to gather input. On Saturday, March 23rd, we hosted a community forum at the high school to share budget updates and gather input and suggestions on how to deal with our budget gap. Attendees chose the group they were most interested in (sports, music, etc.) and brainstormed ways to reduce costs and generate revenue. This forum generated some great ideas from our community and helped the board better understand the needs of our district. Thank you to all who participated in this event. In an effort to listen to concerns of faculty and staff directly, the Board set aside time at each school to meet with anyone who wanted to talk to us about the budget. These meetings were also productive and helpful. Finally, an online budget survey was posted to gather input. We had a significant response from the survey and appreciate the input received.

The Board recently approved a budget for the 2013/14 school year. It adheres to the 2% tax cap, which is consistent with last year's spending plan and with state law. Unfortunately, our expenses are rising considerably in the area of negotiated salary, benefits and pension costs. The Board proposed two ideas that would close our budget gap and maintain current staff. The first was a one year salary freeze proposed to the Eden Teachers Association union. This proposal was rejected. The participants of the Budget Forum and online survey encouraged the Board to find other unique solutions. A second proposal was made to switch health care coverage for all employees to NY44, a BOCES developed health insurance cooperative that many schools are using. This plan, as we understand it, would lower the cost to employees and the District while providing better coverage for all. None of the Unions accepted this proposal.

So, although our spending plan was approved by the Board and will be submitted to the taxpayers, it was dependent upon the acceptance of one of these proposals. We will need to adjust our plans accordingly, being conscientious about what our students need, while being responsible to our taxpayers.

Best regards,
Steven Cerne
President
Eden School Board

For the Love of Reading

The children in Mrs. Brechtel's Kindergarten and Mrs. King's First Grade "buddy up" every Tuesday afternoon to share their love of reading. For 30 minutes, the students have an opportunity to both read "good-fit" books and then listen to stories read by their reading buddy. Quality time is spent improving their reading, listening, comprehension, and communication skills as they learn from and with each other.



2013 Valedictorian and Salutatorian Named

Mr. Graff has announced the 2013 Valedictorian and Salutatorian. Jacob Sessanna is the Class of 2013 Valedictorian with an average of 97.307. Lindsay Robinson is the Class of 2013 Salutatorian with an average of 96.748.

Jacob is the son of Todd and Loralee Sessanna of Eckhardt Road. He is a member of the National Honor Society, German Club and has academic excellence awards in AP World History, AP US History and Pre-Calculus. He will attend University at Buffalo in the fall, where he will major in Biomedical Engineering. He hopes to do research or lab work in the future. In his spare time, Jacob likes to hang with his friends, play video games and play drums in his band, Brother Keep.



Lindsay is the daughter of David and Karen Robinson of Madonna Drive. She is also a member of National Honor Society and German Club. In addition, Lindsay is a member of Chamber Orchestra, Jazz Band and the Cross Country Team. Outside of school, Lindsay takes ballet and cello lessons and belongs to the Southtowns Youth Orchestra. Lindsay will attend The College of Wooster in Ohio, where she will study Liberal Arts.



Rounding out the class of 2013 are:
 3. Jenelle Nyitrai 96.583; 4. Carrie Herzog 95.338;
 5. Jena Congilosi 95.048; 6. Emily Carias 94.954;
 7. Molly Brogan 94.560; 8. Kayley Zydell

94.246; 9. Samantha Steen 93.823; 10. Jacqueline Szabat 93.490.



Kindergarten Class Puzzled by Drawing & Design

On Wednesday, April 17, 2013, Mr. & Mrs. Brechtel brought their two classrooms together for an incredible afternoon. Mr. Brechtel's Drawing & Design for Production class drew, designed, and produced a wooden puzzle for each kindergarten student in Mrs. Brechtel's class. Each puzzle was individualized with the student's initials. Upon completion, the High School students walked down to the GLP to deliver their puzzles. The encounter was amazing! The students were partnered up and they practiced putting their puzzles together several times. What happened next was totally unexpected. One by one, Mrs. Brechtel's Kindergarten students began to choose a book to read to their new friend. It was an amazing afternoon enjoyed by all.



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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.

Kicking It Old School

By Amy Steger

A group of teachers participated in the Second Annual "Teachers Kicking Back to the Community" kickball tournament hosted by the Hamburg and Frontier Teacher Associations at the Buffalo Niagara Court Center on Friday, April 12. The proceeds from the tournament benefit Cradle Beach Camp. A total of over \$1,600.00 was raised for Cradle Beach this year! Pictured from left to right: Katie Musso, Christine Durringer, Morgan Prentice, Kelly Fronczak, Scott Minton, Jacquelyn Bonfante, Amy Steger, Shana Cole (Missing from the photo: Kim Mangino).



Fourth Annual Raiders Respond Day is May 31st, 2013.

The Eden Central School District will be participating in the fourth annual Raiders Respond community service project where faculty, staff, and students will work together to make a difference in this great community.

EDEN CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

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