



DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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From the Superintendent

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Dear Eden Families and Community Members:

It is hard to believe that it is already December of the 2012-2013 school year. We have seen Thanksgiving come and go, as well as several concerts, first quarter report cards, and the fall sports season. Even though the weather has been very good, we all know that winter is just around the corner.

Congratulations to all of our Fall athletic teams for another great year.

The future will continue to bring some of the most challenging times we have ever seen. The State continues to move forward with very aggressive changes to the academic and assessment requirements, while we anticipate continued reductions in State aid with little mandate relief.

In addition, we will again deal with the tax levy cap enacted by the Legislators last year. The present year's budget is extremely tight, allowing for little adjustment or possible reductions in the future without reductions in programs or services.

At the present time, we are estimating a deficit in our budget for the next three years. There is much work to be done to close this gap. We will do our best to balance what students need and the needs of the taxpayer, as we have been doing over the past five years or longer. This will, however, most likely mean that we all will need to accept and embrace change as we continue to build the best school district in Western New York. Your ideas and thoughts are always welcome. Please do not hesitate to call and set up a time to come in and talk. You should make sure that your elected Board of Education knows how you feel. They, too, will need to know your ideas and expectations.

The academic and assessment reform agenda being put in place by New York State is and will continue creating challenges and a great need for change. Please make every attempt to follow the movement. If you don't understand something, need more information, or have questions, do not hesitate to contact your school Principal or Teacher.

Even though we face many challenges this year and in the future, please know that all of us – the Administration, Faculty and Staff – are doing our very best for each and every student. Our students are outstanding, hardworking, caring and respectful. Yes, they are kids and make mistakes, but that is really what we are all about, helping each student to grow as an individual.

Please stay involved or get involved in your son/daughter's education. Your involvement and support is important to each of them, as well as, the future of education in Eden and across our state.

Thank you for your continued support of the Eden Central School District. I wish you all a very Happy Holiday season. I hope that everyone has the opportunity to enjoy the company of family and friends during this special time of the year. If you know of someone who will be alone during this special time, do your best to embrace them also.



Sincerely,

Ronald K. Buggs
Superintendent



Happy Holidays!

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Continuing Education Exercise Class—

Want to lose weight and have fun? Join the **Cardio Dance Party!** Learn simple and fun dances while burning off calories. (30 min). Then relax with a gentle yoga class! (30 min). Join us Saturdays at 10 am from January 5th through March 16th (10 weeks—no class on 2/23). **Instructor: Kelly Morrow-Davison**

\$40/pp or \$5 walk-in at GLP School Cafeteria.

To register, mail registration form found online at <http://www.edencsd.org/domain/153> along with a check payable to Eden Continuing Education to District Office, Eden Central School, 3150 Schoolview Road, Eden, NY 14057 by December 31st!

Questions; call/text Kelly at 716.771.6399 or call the Continuing Ed Office at 992-3629.



Girls on the Run

By Dana Fazzolari

Girls on the Run, (GOTR) is a positive youth development program for girls in grades three through five. The 12-week program, one in the Fall and one in the Spring, incorporates training for a 5K run with lessons that empower girls to celebrate themselves and to honor who they are.

Eden's GOTR is sponsored by the Boys' and Girls' Club of Eden, and coached by Head Coach Morgan Prentice, and Assistant Coaches Patty Steinmetz and Dana Fazzolari.

Flyers will go home with girls in February for our Spring session. Pictured is the Fall GOTR team who recently completed their Fall 5K. Congratulations girls!!

Row 1: Jessica Zittel, Sydney Minier, Iris Styers, Megan Karalus, Cailin Karalus, Emma LaVerdi, Katie Donovan. Row 2: Paris Smith, Caroline Coleman. Row 3: Patty Steinmetz,



Abby Mroz, Brianna Rigley, Jessica Souder, Jordan Lauer, Isabella Casolini Dal Bo. Row 4: Dana Fazzolari, Shaughnessy Shephard, Morgan Prentice.

Recycling Wanted! Elementary/GLP Art

Please save your paper towel and toilet paper tubes, clean Styrofoam meat trays, greek yogurt cups, baby food containers with lids, egg cartons, cereal boxes, plastic bread bags, small boxes (like soap and toothpaste), clementine boxes and pop/water bottle caps. Please drop off at the office or my room (21 at the GLP or 216 at Elementary).

Many Thanks,

Mrs. Amy McConeghy-Witman



Exciting Art News from GLP!



GLP artists were featured in an exhibit at the Buffalo Albright Knox Art Gallery from November 13th through November 30th. The exhibit was of artwork created by kindergarten, first and second grade artists based on cave paintings in Lascaux, France.

Abby LaVerdi visited the Albright Knox with her family over the Thanksgiving break. She is posing for a photograph beside her own Cave Art that was exhibited!





Eden Future Business Leaders of America Hosts Fall District Meeting

By Alex Paciorek, Historian Eden FBLA



On Thursday, October 25, Eden FBLA hosted the Fall District meeting at Eden. This event included an installation ceremony for officers, workshops, and dinner. The event started at 4 pm and concluded around 8 pm.

Although hosting this type of event can be stressful and difficult, the Fall District Meeting at Eden was a huge success. After registration and the opening session in the auditorium, members were allowed to choose different workshops to attend for a period of about an hour and a half. Different workshops included:

Public Speaking with Ken Monaco (Bryant & Stratton College) for all three sessions.

Interviewing with Matt Marlinski (Bryant & Stratton College) for all three sessions.

Boxed Out: Thinking Outside the Box with Anastasios (Tommy) Wisniewski (Williamsville Central) for Session 1.

Program of Work with Anastasios (Tommy) Wisniewski (Williamsville Central) for Session 2 and 3.

FBLA Family: Team Building with Lindsay Dingman (Eden Central) in the Foyer for Session 1.

President's Meeting with Kalie Pfohl (Eden Central) for Session 1.

Bald for Bucks with Makayla Arcara and David Buckley (Lake Shore Central) in Room 108 for Session 2 and 3.

Parli Pro: Basic Moves with Kalie Pfohl (Eden Central) for Session 2.

How to Become a State Officer with Kalie Pfohl (Eden Central) for Session 3.

After the workshops, students had dinner in the cafeteria, which included salad, pasta, pizza, drinks, and dessert. District Officer Interviews also took place during dinner. Afterward, the evening ended with a fun competition called Battle of the Best.

Overall, the evening was a complete success thanks to the hard work of all the FBLA members and Kalie Pfohl, our District 12 Vice President.



Record Breaking Season for the Eden Girls Swim Team

Tenth grader, Sabrina Kraska, entered this year's varsity swim season with one goal on her mind. She was shooting to break a school record in one of her distance events. Through hard work and determination, Sabrina hit her goal at this year Section VI swim championships on November 1st. Swimming her personal best in the 200 free, Sabrina did not just break the record but beat it by a full 2 seconds. Her name and time of 2:03.39 will be on the wall of the pool for all too see, until she beats her own record next year. Congratulations Sabrina on your accomplishment and the whole girls swim team for a fantastic season!



Future Teachers?

By Johanna Funke



My sixth grade Regrouped Math class walked to GLP to teach Halloween themed Math lessons to the students in Mrs. Rapp's kindergarten class, Mrs. King's first grade class, and Mrs. Wess-Rishel's, Mrs. Engle's and Mrs. Preischel's second grade classes.

The students created lessons that were motivating for the younger students, very creative, and also based on the Common Core Standards! Some examples were bingo games (BOO and BAT), Halloween matching games, and Pumpkin Hot Potato.



Harris Named Citizen of the Year

Eden Elementary teacher, Sheila Harris, was lauded as Citizen of the Year by the Eden Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, November 13. She was nominated by Karen Kelly,

whose two sons, Ryan and Evan, were in Mrs. Harris's fourth grade class.



Eden Elementary Students of the Month

By Patty Steinmetz

October

Grade 3: Luke Blandino, Logan Hirsch, Courtney Schmitt, Brody Seitz, Mitchell Ziobro.

Grade 4: Cara Becker, Hannah Bojczuk, Jack Hynes, Rhys Pond, Olivia Wade.

Grade 5: Alex Overhoff, Jansen Rauker, Jarek Rauker, Morgan Rizzo, Courtney

Woodring.

Grade 6: Hannah Krempa, Mackenzie Robbins, John Snyder, Mattason Woodard, Katherine Zydel.

November

Grade 3: Emily Bednarek, Ella Brenner, Samantha Crowe, Stephanie Lorden, Jessica Zittel.

Grade 4: Audrey Burdick,

Brian Jacobs, Tess Ratajczak, Haley Robel, Ciro Sroda.

Grade 5: Robert Grunder, Richard Rasmus, Samantha Schultz, Shaughnessy Shephard, Michael Uliaszek.

Grade 6: Richard Armbruster, Julia Hooper, Sean Kline, Samantha Preischel, Emily Seggio.



Eden Lady Raiders Volleyball Win Class C Championship and 10th State Title

Eden Girls Volleyball clenched the Far West Regionals November 8th at Genesee Community College vs. Waterloo. From there, they went on to defeat Cazenovia at the Super Regionals in Syracuse, November 10th.

On Friday, November 16th, they traveled to Glens Falls

where, on Saturday, November 17th, they went five and one in the State semi-finals, losing only to Voorheesville and earned a chance to play for the state title on Sunday. On Sunday, they swept Voorheesville to win their fourth straight NYS Title and tenth overall.

Great job ladies!



Jr./Sr. High School Announces October Athletes of the Month

By Colleen Kot

The following athletes were chosen by their coaches as Athletes of the Month: Tennis player, Molly Brogan has the third singles winning record and is a team captain. Amy Slisz was chosen for cheerleading because of her outstanding effort and dedication to the sport. She continues to grow and improve as the only freshman on the varsity cheerleading squad. Boys Cross Country is represented by John Satanek, a 9th grader who continues to work hard and leads the team in every race he runs. Girls Cross Country runner, Sarah Filcorn, always gives 100% in practices and meets. In Golf, Chandler Kraska is a consistent player and exhibits quality leadership.

Courtney Cross had nine shut outs on the girls soccer Team. Dakota Sheffield led the boys volleyball team to an undefeated ECIC Division III title. Lainy Pierce is a hard worker, who isn't afraid to sacrifice her body to help her volleyball team. Swimmer, Anna Winter, swam some of her best times and qualified for sectionals in the 100 yard butterfly after having shoulder surgery

in the spring. Other athletes recognized were: Jon Lyndsley-Football, Cassidy Genco- Field Hockey and Tyler Bernas-Soccer.

Pictured kneeling—John Satanek, Anna Winter, Amy Slisz, Molly Brogan. Standing—John Lyndsley, Chandler Kraska, Lainy Pierce, Cassidy Genco, Tyler Bernas, Courtney Cross, Sarah Filcorn, Dakota Sheffield.





From the Art Department at Eden Elementary

By Amy McConeghy-Witman

Third graders have been busy learning about all different kinds of owls in Mrs. McConeghy-Witman's Art class! These mixed media owls were created with oil pastels and watercolor. Artwork by Rachel Hooper (left) and Emily Bednarek (center). Fourth graders Audrey Burdick, Eve Musielak and Nicole Lonski show off their beautiful masks inspired by the Art of Venice, Italy (right) created in Mrs. McConeghy-Witman's art class!



From the Music Department

Sixth grade Eden Elementary string students Amelia Stocksclaeder and Gavin Faulkner along with their teacher, Mrs. Uhlman provided music at the Eden Up-To-Date Club. These violists presented seasonal music selections. They were grateful to be able to share the gift of music with the Eden community! Pictured: Amelia Stocksclaeder, Mrs. Uhlman, Gavin Faulkner.



GLP Artists that Work at Home!

By Mary Ellen Bossert

September, October and November: Liam Clark, Caitlyn Murphy, Mitchel Schnauffer, Matthew Schnauffer, Catherine Kauzala, Elizabeth Kauzala, Sara Dibble, Lahna Woodworth, Tyler Horshel, Troy Pessing, Abby LaVerdi, Richie Nordblum, Maeve Musielak, Allison Grunder, Dillen Blidy, Lucas Roberts, Tyler Schmitt, Libbey Styers, Jake Kohlmeier.

Jake, a first grade artist, loves to color, cut, and paste at home. This is him pictured with his latest "Whale creation"! Congratulations and keep up the great work!





From the Jr./Sr. High School Music Department

By Ashly Martella

November has been a busy month in the Eden Jr./Sr. High School Music Department! Students were selected based on scores received at NYSSMA solo fest in the spring to participate in honors music ensembles at two separate festivals. More than 50 districts submit students for consideration for these festivals.

The Junior High Area-All State Festival took place at Akron High School on the weekend of November 2nd and 3rd. Students rehearsed Friday night from 4-9 pm and then again on Saturday from 9 am-12 pm with all of their efforts and work culminating in a concert on Saturday afternoon.

The second festival, the Senior High Festival, took place on November 16th and 17th at SUNY Fredonia. Be sure to congratulate the following students (and their teachers) on their hard work: Junior High Area-All State: Chorus- Brittney

Gates, Lauren Henning, Austin Kane, Allison Laedke, Kristen Pszonak, and Adam Schwertfager; Orchestra- Jonathan Haier, and Holly Zimmerman. Participating in the Senior High Area-All State Festival: Chorus- Kassandra Funch, Zachary Gilbride, Andrew Pszonak, and Katie Schnauer; Orchestra- Sarah Filkorn, Laura Harms, Jenelle Nyitrai and Lindsay Robinson.

Lindsay Robinson, in addition to being selected for Senior High Area-All State, was also selected as an alternate for All-State, a festival consisting of students from districts all over New York State. Lindsay was one of 900 students selected out of the 4,700 students (High School Juniors and Seniors) who auditioned. Over 2,400 of the students who auditioned received a grade of a 98 or higher, and this was then narrowed down to the 900 students who were selected. It is

a huge accomplishment for a student to be chosen as either an alternate or participant.

Information on this process and/or requirements can be found at <http://www.nyssma.org/students.cfm?subpage=475>.

These students are hard workers and go the extra step to be the very best that they can be, and we are very proud of them!

Senior High AAS Photo (left): Laura Harms, Kassandra Funch, Sarah Filkorn, Lindsay Robinson, Katie Schnauer, Andrew Pszonak, Jenelle Nyitrai, Zach Gilbride.

Junior High AAS Photo (center): Austin Kane, Adam Schwertfager, Jon Haier, Brittney Gates, Holly Zimmerman, Kristen Pszonak, Lauren Henning. Not pictured—Allie Laedke.



Far right - Lindsay Robinson, All-State Alternate.





German Students Visit Eden

By Kerstin Crinnin

The Eden Jr./Sr. High School was hosting 12 students, one teacher, and their principal from Iserlohn, Germany for two weeks, from October 14 to 28. The Germans were generously hosted by 13 families from Eden. (Wilhelm, Bauer, Pace, Waldorf, Stockschlaeder, Winter, Holscher, Gerspacher, Brogan, Winiecki, Robinson, Filkorn, and Nowak.) The German group spent an additional four days in NYC and was able to fly home safely and on time despite hurricane Sandy.

Strong friendships and bonds have been formed. The Germans loved our school, area, and people.

The exchange with our partner school "Gymnasium an der Stenner" in Iserlohn, Germany is facilitated by the German and American governments through the German American Partnership Program (GAPP). The program provides logistical and a little financial support. We Americans hope to visit Iserlohn,

Germany in July 2013.

The students were involved in many wonderful activities with their families, and the Eden Jr./Sr. High School organized a great deal of events and excursions, too: A "Welcome" pot luck dinner, a field trip to the Darwin Martin House and Roosevelt Inaugural Site, a field trip to Niagara Falls, a visit to Zittel's farm, a tour of the Kazoo Factory, and a field trip to German historic sites in Buffalo.

Strong friendships and bonds have formed. The Germans loved our school, area, and people. One visiting girl indicated she would love to bring her family here from Germany and then attend the Eden Jr./Sr. High School! Support from the administration, staff, teachers, and students

was phenomenal.

Eden and German students in the picture from left: Henrike Will, Christina Westerhoff, Sarah Küpper, Sarah Filkorn, Annika Blunk, Kimberley Böhme, Inken Schneider, Louisa de Lange, Marina Werde, Heinz-Dieter Klusmann, Anna Winter, Heather Holscher, Paulina Baptista, Stephanie Gerspacher, Lindsay Robinson, Abby Waldorf, Frau Kerstin Crinnin, Florian Meister, Frau Katja Jordan, Lukas Hädicke. Students not pictured: Gretchen Stockschlaeder, Jared Nowak, Dario Pavic, Molly Brogan, and Allison Winiecki.



Beauty and the Beast

This year's Jr./Sr. High School Musical production is "Beauty and the Beast". "Beauty and the Beast" will be performed on Thursday, March 7th at 7 pm, Friday, March 8th at 7:30 pm, Saturday, March 9th at 7:30 pm and Sunday, March 10th at 2 pm in the High School Auditorium. Tickets for reserved seating will be available on-line and in the High School Auditorium Foyer—dates and times to be announced. Tickets will also be available at the door before each performance.



Friends of Rachel

Friday, November 16th the FOR Club (Friends of Rachel) had a bake sale and a "High Five Friday". The club purchased two large banners to hang up to share the positive message of the Friends of Rachel with the student body.

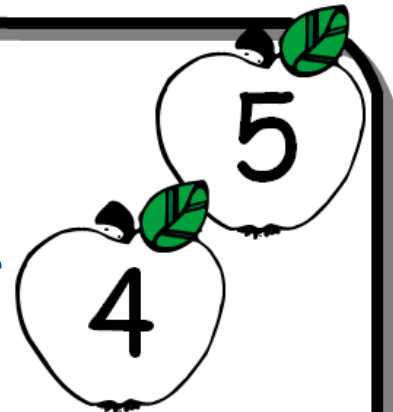


Grover L. Priess Primary School
3000 Schoolview Road, Eden, NY 14057

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, 2013.

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, 2013.

Child's Name: _____

D.O.B.: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Mother: _____ Father: _____



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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.

Parking and Winter Issues

Those using the school facilities are reminded that there is no overnight parking permitted on school property. All lots should be free of vehicles by midnight. This is particularly important during bad weather, so early morning plowing and salting can be completed and schools can open on time.

Throughout the year, please park cars, trucks and motorcycles in designated spots in the parking lots and not on the lawns, fire lanes, driveways or grass areas.

Anyone choosing to park in the American Legion lot adjacent to Eden Elementary School is doing so at their own risk, as the district will no longer provide any maintenance to this lot. Please utilize the designated area of the school parking lot for student drop off and pick up.

At no time are snowmobiles, all terrain vehicles (ATV's), tractors, or any other motorized off road vehicle to be operated on the grounds and wooded areas due to the damage these vehicles cause to the property. Eden Police have been advised to enforce this policy throughout the year.

Thank you for your understanding regarding these issues, and have a safe year and joyous holiday season.

Happy Holidays!



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