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Eden Central School District Newsletter

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A message from the Superintendent

Dear District Residents:

After several months of work, the Board of Education adopted the 2012-2013 school budget in the amount of \$25,180,031, which represents a decrease of 3.75% over the current year's budget. The administrators, faculty and staff worked hard to provide the Board with all requested items that represent a decrease. In preparing the 2012-2013 budget, there were challenges. These included an increase in the legal, contractual and mandated expenses. We did see an increase in State Aid for the first time in three years in the amount of \$226,827, which helped in closing the gap.

The proposed budget maintains all current programs for our students. Reductions include two Elementary teachers, one Jr./Sr. High teacher, and a .5 FTE Special Education teacher. Most of these are due to retirements and our declining enrollment. We believe that the proposed budget, even though very tight, meets the needs of our students. The Board of Education and the District Staff are committed to our mission of doing what is best for our students. Working together now and in the future will hopefully allow us to minimize the impact of budget challenges on our students and families.

The Board maintained the two percent proposed tax levy cap. The final tax rates will not be adopted until August 2012, after we have all of our information from the State and assessor's office. If you have any questions concerning the proposed budget, please contact any board member or the Business Office.

Thank you for your continued support of the Eden Central School District.

Sincerely,



Ronald K. Buggs
Superintendent



PROPOSED BUDGET -- EDEN CENTRAL SCHOOL

2012-2013

ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING

May 7, 2012

7:00 p.m.

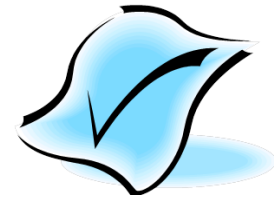
Junior/Senior High School Auditorium

BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION

May 15, 2012

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 Monday, May 7, 2012 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 2012-2013, electing three members of the Board of Education, one to commence July 1, 2012, and two to commence on May 16, 2012, and for the transaction of such other business as is authorized by law will be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2012, 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 15, 2012 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 15, 2012.
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 three candidates:

1. Scott Henderson
2. Michael M. Byrnes
3. Barbara Henry
4. Robert J. Reed

Write in vote

*Indicates Incumbent

PROOF OF RESIDENCY REQUIRED

Acceptable documents include a driver's license, voter registration card or a utility bill.

One position to fill a three-year and six-week term, one position for a three-year term and one position to fill a two-year and six-week term.

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, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013, as proposed by the Board of Education, in the total sum of \$25,180,031 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

MEMBER BOARD OF EDUCATION

ONE POSITION TO FILL A THREE-YEAR AND SIX WEEK TERM, ONE POSITION FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM AND ONE POSITION TO FILL A TWO YEAR AND SIX WEEK TERM

VOTE FOR ANY THREE:

SCOTT HENDERSON _____

MICHAEL M. BYRNES _____

BARBARA HENRY _____

ROBERT J. REED _____

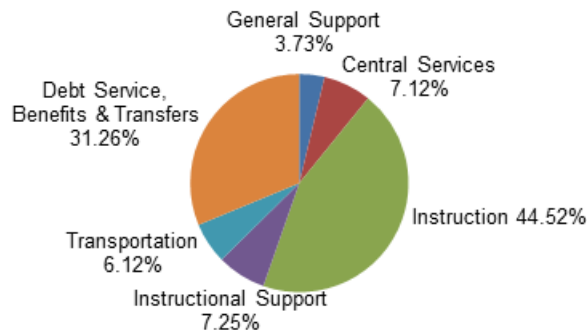


WRITE IN VOTE: _____



BUDGET OVERVIEW
SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

<u>GENERAL SUPPORT</u>	2011-12 BUDGET	2012-13 BUDGET	<u>INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT</u>	2011-12 BUDGET	2012-13 BUDGET
Board of Education	4,400	7,600	Library & Audio/Visual	195,138	193,321
District Clerk	1,150	950	Educational Comm. & TV	0	0
District Meetings	9,546	2,300	Computer	368,503	465,550
Central Administration	212,415	220,014	Attendance	19,755	19,322
Business Administration	256,515	241,424	Guidance	283,719	274,222
Auditing Services	28,600	27,700	Health Services	175,865	151,080
District Treasurer	56,430	54,612	Psychological Services	111,585	110,530
Tax Collector	18,125	19,838	Social Work Services	0	24,090
Purchasing	1,810	1,810	Pupil Personnel Services	106,846	107,326
Fiscal Agent Fees	3,800	2,000	Co-Curricular Activities	92,054	90,496
Legal Services	51,000	45,000	Interscholastic Sports	412,779	390,760
Personnel Services	1,000	600			
Public Information	10,638	2,500	TOTAL	1,766,244	1,826,697
Unallocated Insurance	100,418	78,398			
Association Dues	14,689	7,620	<u>TRANSPORTATION</u>		
Water & Sewer Assessments	40,309	43,000	District Operated	1,559,122	1,503,323
Refund – Real Property Tax	10,000	18,848	Garage	55,548	36,680
BOCES Administrative Charge	119,861	121,011	Contract Transportation	90,640	0
BOCES Capital Expense	43,174	43,114			
BOCES Capital Project	0	0	TOTAL	1,705,310	1,540,003
TOTAL	983,880	938,339			
<u>CENTRAL SERVICES</u>			<u>DEBT SERVICE, BENEFITS & TRANSFERS</u>		
Custodial	1,101,559	850,146	Census	0	0
Maintenance	687,852	591,945	State Retirement	505,562	585,685
Central Printing	46,153	37,852	Teacher Retirement	1,092,968	1,115,092
Data Processing	364,065	313,969	Social Security	994,229	943,902
TOTAL	2,199,629	1,793,912	Workers' Compensation	182,553	161,420
			Unemployment Insurance	30,000	5,000
<u>INSTRUCTION</u>			Medical Insurance	2,913,180	2,910,681
Curriculum	131,452	170,741	Bond Anticipation Notes	0	0
Supervision	711,003	719,251	Lease/Purchase Buses	185,472	0
Research & Evaluation	21,746	26,968	RAN Interest	11,000	0
Inservice Training	44,711	39,686	Installment Purchase	0	0
Regular School	7,420,115	7,216,033	Other Debt	561,398	552,397
Handicapped	2,514,397	2,368,682	Transfer to Debt Service Fund	1,585,582	1,547,125
Occupational Education	522,585	647,717	Transfer to Federal Fund	48,708	50,000
Special Schools	28,848	20,700	Transfer to Capital Fund	-0-	-0-
TOTAL	11,394,857	11,209,778	TOTAL	8,110,652	7,871,302
			TOTAL GENERAL		
			FUND EXPENDITURES	26,160,572	25,180,031



**CONVERSION OF 2012-13
BUDGET TO THREE COMPONENTS**

<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>	2011-12 BUDGET	2012-13 BUDGET	<u>CAPITAL</u>	2011-12 BUDGET	2012-13 BUDGET
Board of Education	15,096	10,850	Operation of Plant	1,101,559	850,146
Central Administration	212,415	220,014	Maintenance of Plant	687,852	591,945
Finance	365,280	347,384	Judgments & Claims	0	0
Legal Services	33,000	20,000	Refund of Taxes	10,000	18,848
Personnel	1,000	600	Purchase of Buses	0	0
Records Management	0	0	Debt Service	757,870	552,397
Public Information	10,638	2,500	Transfer to Debt Service	1,585,582	1,547,125
Central Printing	46,153	37,852	Transfer to Capital	0	0
Central Data Processing	364,065	313,969	Benefits	387,551	384,942
Other Special Items	318,451	293,143			
Curriculum Development	131,452	170,741	TOTAL	4,530,414	3,945,403
Supervision Reg. School	711,003	719,251			
Supervision Special School	0	0			
Research Planning & Develop.	21,746	26,968			
Employee Benefits	557,615	591,164			
TOTAL	2,787,914	2,754,436	TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES	26,160,572	25,180,031
 <u>PROGRAM</u>					
Legal	18,000	25,000			
Instruction	12,296,900	12,119,515			
District Transportation	1,559,122	1,503,323			
Garage	55,548	36,680			
Contract Transportation	90,640	0			
Comm. Service	0	0			
Other Transfers	48,708	50,000			
Benefits	4,773,326	4,745,674			
TOTAL	18,842,244	18,480,192			



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 16, 2012. You may request an application by calling 992-3613 or writing the District Clerk at 3150 Schoolview Road, Eden, New York 14057 no later than Tuesday, May 8, 2012.

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 4:00 p.m., Monday, May 14, 2012. 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 992-3613 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 15, 2012.

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 992-3613 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

The Athletic Office is proud to announce...

By Ann Brown

Eden Central School is proud to announce our 2011-12 winter Scholar/Athlete Team Awards from the New York State Public High School Athletic Association, Inc. *All* of our varsity teams have earned a team grade average of 90% or better during the winter sports season.

Congratulations coaches and athletes!

Boys' Basketball coached by Gary Vara—Robert Blodgett, J. Dalton Crowe, Ryan John, Daniel Karstedt, Garrett Lavelle, Joseph Slisz and Bradley Palmerton.

Girls' Basketball coached by Marisa Fallacaro—Hannah Decurtins, Alexis Nasca, Jenna

Phillips, Caitlin Sickau, Lynn-Lee Stresing, Emily Carias and Abigail Rockwood.

Boys' Bowling coached by Jason Bernardone—Adam Cwynar, Ryan Schummer, Albert Edwards, Andrew Herbert, Daniel Scheffler, Nicholas Goetz and Bryce Turri.

Girls' Bowling coached by Keith Crombie—Kaitlyn Boesl, Rebecca Gagliardo, Alyssa Boncal, Arielle Schunk, Jacqueline Szabat, Lisa Bernard and Jenna Herbert.

Cheerleading coached by Ashley Friedman—Taylor Anderson, Katherine Armbrust, Samantha Cappola, Melissa

Cataldo, Abigail Griebble, Taylor Kaiser, Jessica Schieda, Chelsea Holewka, Samantha Steen and Megan Gawronski.

Boys' Swimming coached by Larry Milson—Zachary Kordal, Richard Krouse, Edward Schneider, Mark Thomasulo, William Asboth, Blake Bus, James Miller, Chase Klawon, Nicholas Sarratori, Garrett Steiger and Mitchell Mason.

Wrestling coached by Tom Page—Thomas Page, Brady Birmingham, Ryan Vondell, Mitchell Laing, Alexander Smythe, Jesse Vondell, Anthony Cappola, Frank Barnack, Zachariah Schmitz and Cole Overhoff.



GOOD NEWS!

By Karl Rice

Recently, Kendall Pierce reformed the bulletin board across from the main office that displays Eden's Students of the Month. It now looks better than ever. Our Raider

mascot holds a shield displaying "A+s" to recognize those students who worked so hard to get their picture up there.

Great job Kendall!!!!



Attention Parents of incoming 7th and 10th graders, athletes who will be playing a fall sport, or new to the district students.



Please mark the date, May 29, 2012 for Health physicals. The doctor will be in the High School Health Clinic on Tuesday, May 29, 2012 to administer physicals. He will be here at 8:30 a.m. If you are in need or in doubt, please see the nurse at the high school health clinic. There will be a sign up sheet in the clinic. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the health clinic at the high school at 992-3615.

Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony.

Mahatma Gandhi

Motak Named to All-Western New York Academic Team

An Eden Junior-Senior High School senior has been named to Business First's 2012 All-Western New York Academic Team.

Erynn Motak (First Team) has qualified for this year's list of the 100 most outstanding high school seniors in the eight-county region. Winners were chosen for their records of academic excellence, school leadership and community involvement. The top 25 were named to the First Team, 25 runners-up to the Second Team, and another 50 to the Special Mention list. "This is an extremely difficult honor to win," said Jack Connors, President and Publisher of Business First. "The Academic

Team is extraordinarily exclusive. There are roughly 20,000 seniors in Western New York's high schools, and we've selected only 100 for this year's Academic Team. That's the top one-half of one percent, the best and brightest students anywhere in our region."

Schools throughout the eight-county area were asked to nominate their smartest and most accomplished students for consideration by a nine-member committee, which included seven admissions directors at area colleges and two Business First editors. A total of 117 schools responded with 415 nominees.

The complete list of 100 honorees -- along with their

photos and profiles -- will be published in Business First's 2012-2013 Guide to Western New York Schools, which will hit newsstands on June 15, 2012.



Erynn Motak, All Western New York Academic Team and Class of 2012 Valedictorian.

2012 Valedictorian and Salutatorian Named

Mr. Graff has announced the 2012 Valedictorian and Salutatorian. Erynn Motak is the Class of 2012 Valedictorian with an average of 98.815.

Erynn is the daughter of Tom & Lori Motak, of West Pleasant Avenue, Eden, New York. Erynn is a member of the Musical, Swing Singers, National Honor Society, and Embers Yearbook. She is President of the Musical, Treasurer of National Honor Society and Yearbook Editor.

Erynn will be attending SUNY Geneseo, where she will major in Latin American Studies. Her first semester will be spent teaching English in Nicaragua. Possible future plans involve teaching. She also hopes to join

the Peace Corps.

Thomas Page is the Class of 2012 Salutatorian with an average of 98.307. Tom is the son of Tom and Sherry Page, of Eckhardt Road in Eden. An outstanding wrestler, Tom finished third in New York State in wrestling three times. He has been captain of the Varsity team for two years. In addition to wrestling, Tom plays soccer. He is also a member of National Honor Society.

Tom will be attending the American University in Washington, a Division I school, where he will continue to wrestle. He will major in Pre-Med. His future plans are to become a surgeon.

Rounding out the class of

2012 are:

3. Charles Schmitz III, 96.454;
4. Michelle Raduluff, 96.369;
5. Victoria Schreiner, 96.320;
6. Katherine Armbrust, 96.297;
7. Kristina Notar, 96.197;
8. Robert Blodgett, 95.969;
9. Laura Robinson, 95.791;
10. Jenna Phillips, 95.770



Tom Page, Salutatorian

From the High School Art Department

By Lisa Alessi-Nicastro

The High School Art Department is proud to announce this year's Ad Craft achievements. The contest awards three places locally and three places overall with a "People's Choice" winner selected among all schools by the public via online voting. In the Hamburg Sun portion of the competition, Eden students dominated. First place was awarded to Kaliegh Laing for her Misiak Jewelers ad, second place was won by Jenah Schwabel for Mary Claire's Bakery, and the third place winner was Haley Breier for Eden Collision. Kaliegh Laing won first place overall and a \$250 cash award for Misiak

Jewelers and Jenah Schwabel won "People's Choice" with Gear for Adventure. A \$1,000 scholarship was awarded to Kaliegh Laing, as well. The outstanding efforts of Advertising and Design students should be commended.

In the Musical Logo competition, open to all students, Kaliegh Laing's art work was selected to go to print.

Daemen College presented the "All High Competition/Show" from February 26th until March 12th at 144 Duns Scotus Hall. Drawing and Painting student, Megan Locker was selected to show her charcoal

drawing entitled, "An Unlikely Pair." Lynn-Lee Stresing exhibited an acrylic landscape called "Tranquil Morning," and Courtney Cross' charcoal "Best Day at Chautauqua," was also viewed.

High school art students are currently working on a mural installation that will be done at Town Hall in the Police Station, as well as Bicentennial preparations.

Special thanks to Mike Wlodarczyk for help with this year's skateboard project. The art department is grateful to the district and community for their continued support.

FBI Agent Speaks with Students About Career Opportunities

By Joann Ramaekers

The Business/Computer Department arranged for Special Agent Darin Schultz, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), to speak with interested students regarding the various career opportunities within the FBI.

Special Agent Schultz explained the intensive interview process and how decisions students are currently making could affect their future with the FBI. Also, he stressed

that reading and writing is a key component when performing his job duties. Many students were thrilled

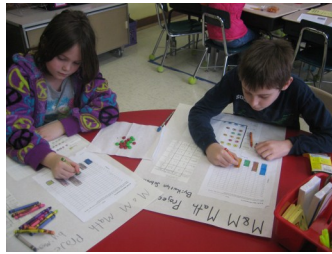
with the opportunity and asked several questions about pursuing a career in this field.



News from Third Grade

By Loran Carter

Fractions are so sweet! Students in Mr. Fronczak's third grade classroom are working on a math project using M & M candies in order to find the fractional parts of each color in a bag. They made bar graphs, pictographs and found the mean, median and mode of the colors while creating a colorful display of their findings. They seemed to have even more fun eating their math manipulatives and were certainly motivated to learn the concepts of mathematics in an exciting way.



As students from Keith Fronczak's third grade classroom travel around the world, learning about different countries, they complete various exciting tasks. For this particular Social Studies project, the students created a dodecahedron to present the information they found on a country of their choice. They had to assemble 12 pentagons into a 3 dimensional shape.

Each pentagon had various facts from their country, like describing its geography, similarities and differences to the USA and an assortment of daily life activities and facts. Pictured at left are Megan Schemm and John Prieschel. Below are Sean Armbruster and Eliana Mormina.



Bicentennial Coloring Contests Winners

Contributed by Brenda Burgstahler

Pictured are the winners of the Bicentennial Coloring Contest from the GLP.
 Kindergarten - Matthew Schnauffer
 PreK - Seth Davies
 1st Grade - Sophia Nasca
 2nd Grade - Mackenzie Roberts



Character awards were presented at the February Board of Education meeting to Brandon Navel, grade 9; Isabelle Marchitte, grade 2; Kara Kelly and Maggie Finnegan, grade 12.



Happy 200th Birthday Eden!

By Janice O'Brien

Eden Elementary is in the midst of celebrating the Town of Eden's Bicentennial.

Mrs. Lavin and her morning announcers have been announcing Eden History Tidbits. Mrs. Kathy Corbishley-Ried dedicated PARP and our school's year long Reading Challenge to reading throughout history. Mrs. Amy McConeghy and sixth grade art students have painted almost 200 cardboard tube candles for the Town's big birthday party, which was held on Saturday, March 24, 2012. Mr. Karl Walker has enhanced our school by painting the Town's Bicentennial logo in our cafeteria hallway. Recently, Mrs. Paula Blandino, our school/town representative, conducted interviews with over 50 students to be part of the Eden Oral History Project being conducted by Mr. Matt Byrnes.

We are looking forward to many other exciting opportunities to celebrate our town's 200th birthday!



Pictured: (above left) Kathleen Corbishley-Ried, (above center) Amy McConeghy and students, (above right) Karl Walker, (right) birthday cake, (far right) Paula Blandino and Daniel Simcoe.



Eden Elementary Students of the Month

By Patty Steinmetz

February

Grade 3: Emma Cooper, Jake Elvers, Faith Kennedy, Madison Pye, Bailey Smith.

Grade 4: Nicholas Diello, Zachary Hickok, Dylan LoBello, Cody Nappo, Justin Reed.

Grade 5: Vincent Koren, Hannah Krempa, Emily Kuster,

Samantha Preischel, Hannah Teoro.

Grade 6: Victoria Bugenhagen, Sean Crowley, Evan Kelly, Lily Schafer, Emma Schiedel.

March

Grade 3: Emily Krawczyk, Tess Ratajczak, George Senus, Allen Soda, Alexander Weber.

Grade 4: Gavin Hill, Jack

Lauer, Karli Metros, Amanda Preischel, Emma Tambacas.

Grade 5: Gavin Faulkner, Jillian Harris, Samuel LoTempio, Michael Scheu, Paige Wade.

Grade 6: Alexandra Harvey, Rose Hassan, Nicole Mroz, Kyle Schwanz, Morgan Vullo.

Pi Day

By Johanna Funke

These are all activities my 5th and 6th grade regrouped math students did to celebrate Pi Day on 3/14.

The first picture is fifth grade students Michael Martin, Nick Pietro, and Emily Seggio holding their Pi pies that they made for Pi Day.

The second picture is sixth grade students Heather Zimmerman and Caroline Winiecki wearing their pi shirts on Pi Day.

In honor of Pi day, students worked on constructing a paper

chain that represents the first 585 digits of Pi! Each color of the chain represents a different digit. The chain extended from my room to the end of the hall! The third picture shows fifth grade regrouped math students Emma Cummings and Grace Haier working on the paper chain. The fourth picture shows my fifth grade students and me with the Pi chain that was 585 digits long! The fifth picture shows some of my fifth grade regrouped students holding the paper chain to

show how long it was.

The last picture shows Sam Schwanz, a sixth grade regrouped math student, who won our Pi digit recitation contest by repeating the first 105 digits of Pi!!!

Other activities that were completed throughout the week were singing Pi songs, watching videos on Pi, completing trivia about Pi, reading the book Sir Cumference and the Dragon of Pi, and of course, eating pie!



NOTICE—

The Annual Budget Hearing will not begin at 6:00 p.m. on May 7th, as posted in the District Calendar. The hearing will take place during the Business Report at the May 7th Board Meeting.

DISCOUNTED MOVIE TICKETS FOR REGAL CINEMAS

-courtesy of **Eden PTA**.



If you would like to purchase discounted movie tickets for Regal Cinemas for only \$7, please stop by Room 143 at the Junior/Senior High School between 8-11 a.m. or 1-3 p.m.



PARP Goes Back in Time

By LauraAnn Felser

This year's PARP (Parents As Reading Partners) program had everyone in Eden Elementary going back in time! The theme was **Step Back in Time with a Good Book**, and was directly related to Eden's Bicentennial Celebration. One fun activity was to dress up from another period in time. The Elementary students and teachers had a blast modeling fashions from many different eras. Students pictured are from Mrs. Levakoff's and Mrs. Felser's fifth grade homerooms.

Pictured at left: Mrs. Felser's Class — Gabrielle Rohauer, Allyson Spicola, Gwentyth Schafer, Emilee Nelson.

Pictured center: Mrs. Levakoff's Class — Julia Hooper, Emily Kuster, Makayla Scheu, Danielle Thompson, Stephanie Altherr, Amelia Stocksclaeder.

Pictured right: Mrs. Harris's fourth grade class. They were the only class to have 100% participation in PARP. That means that every student in her class read for 15 minutes a day during the month of PARP.



Mrs. Wess-Rishel's Class Celebrates Read Across America

Pictured are 21 students from Mrs. Wess-Rishel's second grade class with a display for Read Across America, a nationwide celebration of reading on March 2nd, Dr. Suess' birthday. Every child at the GLP wrote the title of a book he/she read on a Truffula Tree leaf and added it to the display with the Lorax.



GLP Art Department News

By Mary Ellen Bossert

In the Art Studio at the G.L.P., the artists gathered inspiration from a recent field trip to the Albright Knox Art Gallery. First grade artists observed and discussed the art of Rafael Ferrer, which is currently exhibited from his "Paper Bag Face" series. His art utilizes mixed media and household objects and is directly influenced by masks from Africa and Mexico. The G.L.P artists from Mrs. Rapp's class used observational drawing skills they learned from previous lessons and art

reproductions of masks to create their own "Paper Bag Face". They created their art on donated paper grocery bags from Eden Shur Fine Food Mart where they on now on display. Mr. Ventry, from Eden Seafood and Pizzeria, also made a donation to Mrs. Chatwood's artists. He, of course, gave us pizza boxes, which were used as painting surfaces. Ferrer's work at the Knox is part of the "Wish You Were Here" Exhibition, which highlights artists that have shown art in Buffalo during the

1970's.

Thank you Shur Fine Food Mart and Eden Seafood and Pizzeria for donating paper bags and pizza boxes to the G.L.P. Art Studio.



Box art by Alexis



Ferrer art poster



Bag art by Brody



Docent at Art Gallery with Ferrer's work



Left: Shur Fine Food Mart art display



News from the Technology Department

By Steve Jones, Technology Education Department Chairman

Eden Central has always been a district with strong ties to the technical world/fields. For generations, our graduates have pursued many careers that revolve around and necessitate the application of fundamental technical skills. Since the district was formed, many societal/technological factors have changed. Examples like the internet, cell phones, computerized vehicles and both parents working full time jobs are some of the most significant changes. The Technology Education classrooms have also significantly evolved to try and reflect the radically altered technological world that Eden's current students will be entering after graduation. Our facilities/shops are well-equipped but not state of the art. The majority of our equipment is old, but has always been maintained properly, so it operates as intended. Frankly, it is much more durable than comparable equipment that is on the market today. Our operating budget for supplies allows us to continue having our students "learn by doing". This critical part of the process is what allows all of the tactile/kinesthetic learners in our district the ability to truly understand and practice the theories, information, and data they are exposed to. In the end, it is the results of the educational process that matter most. Do the students learn, retain, and situationally apply what they have learned when needed? Our Technology Education students have been excelling in this exact department for some time. Over the last five years, Eden's students have been competing on a national stage/level at the Donnie Smith Chopper Class Challenge. Our own students

have been researching/designing and fabricating V-twin motorcycles and showcasing their finished products with and against other high schools and colleges from all around the U.S. and Canada. They always do an incredible job and this year was no exception. This year's team; Zak Kordal, Jared Nowak, Wyatt Bromley, Max Schreiber, Howie Hoelscher, Bryan Haley, Andrew Maggs and Clayton Armbruster, just returned from the DSCCC competition where Eden captured not only the Overall Winner Award, but also the Design and Innovation Award. The kids put in a ton of effort to make their visions become reality, but the environment they live and learn in is critical to their growth. Eden understands that all kids, and adults for that matter, are different and exceptional in their own way. I want to personally thank you for supporting my students' quest for Technological Mastery. If you happen to see a Tech/Chopper Club member, please give them a pat on the back for all their efforts. They certainly have earned it.



Eden Junior High Art Students Celebrate Eden's Bicentennial with a Tribute to Artist Georgia O'Keefe

By Lynn Morgan

Current Junior High art students celebrated the town's bicentennial by creating an exhibit at the Jr./Sr. High School entitled *200 Years in the Garden of Eden*. The exhibit features beautiful watercolor paintings inspired by American abstract artist, Georgia O'Keefe.

Students began their unit by studying the life and artwork of O'Keefe, chiefly her oversized flower depictions. They learned that abstract art departs from representational accuracy by varying degrees, often employing exaggeration or simplification into basic shapes. It was quite a concept to grasp!

Students then continued with the skills they had practiced and refined in the course of the prior drawing unit by carefully and realistically drawing 3-4 artificial flowers provided in class. After completing their sketches, they used a two by two inch view finder which they moved around on their drawing until they found a composition with which they were pleased. They then blew this composition up to a ten by ten inch format, and they were encouraged to

exaggerate or simplify shapes inherent to this composition.

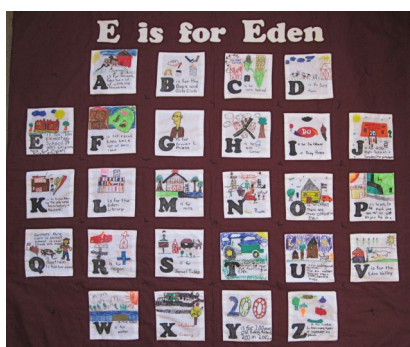
The watercolor medium was then explored. Students stretched their own watercolor paper, and on scrap paper practiced layering various washes to create many different values. Students then painted their compositions, mixing colors, layering washes and exploring wet on wet and wet on dry techniques. They were encouraged to get creative with their use of color, another way to depart from representational accuracy. Throughout the process students used creative thinking and problem solving.

The end result is an exhibit that is a "garden" of shapes and colors. Students were quite pleased with the results. From the students own written self-evaluations: "I love the way the colors mixed in the painting," "The best part of my painting is the little streaks on the petals. Those little lines give it more detail and an abstract look," and "I like the shape of my flower."

Third Grade Students Honor Bicentennial Year

Eden Elementary's Third Grade students put together an ABC Quilt to honor the Town of Eden's Bicentennial Year.

Each tile depicts an important figure or place in Eden's history. This quilt was the brain child of Miss Kelly Fronczak, our third grade teacher's aid, and was lovingly and expertly assembled by our Reading Teacher, Mrs. Mary Ann Mandiak.



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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.

Third Annual Raiders Respond Day is May 25th, 2012.

The Eden Central School District will be participating in the third annual Raiders Respond community service project where Faculty, Staff, and Students will work together to make a difference in this great community.



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