



## DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

Eden Central School District

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Dear Eden Families and Community Members:

It is hard to believe that we are already in December of the 2011-2012 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 outstanding, we all know that winter is just around the corner.

We congratulate the Girls' Volleyball Team for achieving another New York State Championship; it was number nine and the third consecutive 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 deal with the tax levy cap enacted by the Legislators last year. The fact that they talk about a 2% tax cap really does not mean that any of our taxes will be capped. We have posted a great deal of information regarding what the tax levy cap means on our website ([edencsd.org](http://edencsd.org)). I would encourage everyone to review this information. If you have questions, do not hesitate to contact the District.

At the present time, we are estimating a deficit in our budget for the next three years, ranging from \$1.7 million to \$4 million. 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 four 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, set up a time to come in and talk.

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

We have also been working on, and talking about, the teasing, harassment, and bullying that sometimes goes on between students. The Jr./Sr. High spent most of the orientation time this year talking about bullying, how to report it, and who to report it to. They are piloting a new e-mail reporting system, and the Friends of Rachel Club remains active with a drop box to report bullying. Reporting bullying is an expectation for everyone, not just those affected, but students and adults who witness someone being bullied also.

The Elementary schools have implemented a new school wide behavior program for grades K-6 created under the guidance of Dr. Fabiano, a behavioral specialist from the University of Buffalo. There have been a number of assembly programs, as well as, training programs for faculty and staff. District wide, we have established a committee to build our awareness, provide more training, and completely review the Code of Conduct to make it age appropriate. We will continue to provide information to students, parents and staff through the District Newsletter, web-site and parent portal, so stay tuned! Please stay in contact with your building Principals and Teachers regarding this very important topic.

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!





## Eden Business/Computer Department Wins Award

*By Diana M. Sisk, Business Teachers Association of New York State*

On October 14, 2011, Eden Junior/Senior High School's Business/Computer Department received a "***Business and Marketing Education Department of the Year – Honorable Mention***" for 2011 by the State Education Department and Business Teachers Association of New York State. This award was presented at the Association's 59th Annual Conference at the Holiday Inn – Wolf Road in Albany, NY.

The teachers of Eden Junior/Senior High School's Business/Computer Department were recognized for their efforts in developing and providing a rigorous and relevant program of study for high school students in the area of business and marketing education. The business/computer department was especially cited for the innovative courses, teaching strategies and creative learning experiences it provides to help

prepare its students for success in both postsecondary study and future employment in the global economy of the 21st century.



## Going Pink

*By Richard Schaefer*

Eden Elementary 5th Grader, Jenna Jacobs, raised money for breast cancer recently with a lemonade stand during Homecoming Weekend. Jenna also contacted the Buffalo Bills regarding the plight of her

school librarian, Vanessa Zoll, who has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Pictured are Jenna and Ms. Zoll (rear) and 5th grade classmates with pink pompoms (supplied by the Buffalo Bills).



## Business Law Class Receives Grant

*By Joann Ramaekers*

WNY Career Pathways Grant was received by Mrs. Ramaekers to obtain updated materials for her Business Law students. This grant was used to purchase a new textbook package, which includes printed textbooks, workbooks, DVDs, and access to an Online Learning Center. The features in the new

textbook include web quests, case studies, business ethics, cyber law, and global law.

The Online Learning Center provides an online student edition, which is an interactive version of the textbook with multimedia-enhanced content. In addition, podcasts, e-flashcards, vocabulary builder

activities and a Study-to-Go section is available to the students. The Study-to-Go section is online content that students can download onto their PDAs, giving them a portable version of textbook-related materials. These new resources are used to enrich and enhance learning in the classroom.



## Eden Jr./Sr. High School Will Soon Have Partner School in Germany

By Kerstin Crinnin

On October 3, 2011, the German Member of Parliament, Ms. Dagmar Freitag, visited the Eden Jr./Sr. High School for a second time. She met with all students currently enrolled in German classes in the High School auditorium.

The purpose of her visit was to promote the new partnership between the Eden Jr./Sr. High School and a high school in Iserlohn, Germany. The city of Iserlohn is Ms. Freitag's hometown and is located in the district she represents in the German parliament. Ms. Freitag shared her commitment to the school partnership and

excitement about the exchange program with the "Gymnasium an der Stenner".

The German and US government sponsor and encourage school partnerships such as ours through the German American Partnership Program (GAPP). Students and their accompanying teachers are awarded travel stipends to fly to Germany at greatly reduced rates. Individual students can also apply for the Congress-Bundestag study abroad stipend program.

Eden's German teacher, Mrs. Kerstin Crinnin, is in the process of finalizing the exchange

program with the Iserlohn High School for the summer and fall of 2012. A small group of students from Eden will have the opportunity to visit Germany, sponsored by GAPP and hosted by German families. A group of students from Iserlohn, Germany will, in exchange, be able to experience and enjoy the Eden school, as well as beautiful Eden and its surrounding area.



## Eden Elementary Students of the Month

By Patty Steinmetz

The following are Eden Elementary's Students of the Month.

### October

**Grade 3:** Nathaniel Henrich, Donovan LoBello, Noah Sam, Jessica Souder, Ciro Sroda.

**Grade 4:** Derrick Bialaszewski, Samuel Craig, Emma Gunner, Brianna Johnson, Courtney Woodring.

**Grade 5:** Thomas Macauley,

Samantha Mason, Makayla Scheu, Emily Seggio, Joli Springborn.

**Grade 6:** Hannah Cialone, Timothy Kirst, Alyssa Pye, Collin Rigley, Emily Strong.

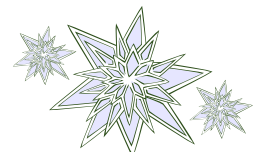
### November

**Grade 3:** Jacob Basinski, Noah Brosnick, Caleb Gould, Eliana Mormina, Grace Pietro.

**Grade 4:** Claudia Bauernfeind, Clayton Blaszczyk, Jack Kernitz, Allison Klubek, Jansen Rauker.

**Grade 5:** Jacob Balcerzak, Miriam Hoelscher, Trinity Ruckdaschel, Colby Sroda, Mattason Woodard.

**Grade 6:** Jonathan Haier, Trinity Rybarczyk, John Sullivan, Caroline Winiecki, Isabel Woodworth.





## The Meeting of the Olympians!

*By Amber Costanzo*

Students in Amber Costanzo's senior Mythology class were recently assigned a class project in which they had to come to class fully dressed as one of the Greek Gods or Goddesses.

Each student was required to research, write and present a speech about the specific God or Goddess he or she was assigned. Students had to make a grand entrance to music, create a special name tag, list the powers and/or responsibilities of the God or Goddess and pretend to be that God or Goddess for that class period.

Students were awarded extra credit if they wore their costume the entire school day. "It was awesome!" says Jon Tripi (Hades) "It was fun seeing everyone's reaction to my costume." In addition, senior Sarah Trembath (Hestia) adds "This was a nice project; it was easy to remember who was who".

Pictured Row 1: Caitlin Sickau (Demeter), Kelly Funke (Hera), Lynn-lee Stressing (Apollo), Ryan Schummer (Hephaestus), Zabrina Nedimyer (Ares), Alex Bednarz (Persephone), Ashlee Pollinger (Aphrodite), Julia Aleksandrowicz (Iris).



Row 2: Matt Jones (Zeus), Dylan Franklin (Hermes), Megan Locker (Themis) Amanda Schummer (Athena).

Row 3: Melanie Wann (Poseidon), Nick Sorrentino (Dionysus), Ashley Chamberlin (Artemis), Sarah Trembath (Hestia).

Row 4: Jon Tripi (Hades).

## JV Cheerleaders Win First Place at Clarence Competition

*By Kathy Slisz*

The Eden Raider JV Cheerleaders went to the "Fall ECIC Cheerleading Competition" at Clarence High School on Sunday, October 30th.

There were many other schools at the competition. It was evident that each team had worked very hard to get there on that day. With every movement, our girls showed the other schools and everyone in the audience that they were there to win. The Eden JV cheerleaders took the 1st place trophy home that day!

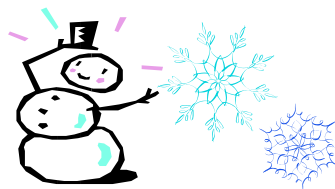
The squad should be commended for their hard work and dedication.

Also, a special "thank you" to coach Jessica Staub, for her time and dedication to the girls.

**Congratulations Eden Raiders JV Cheerleaders!!!**



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## Future Business Leaders of America District 12 Fall District Meeting

*By Matt Henry, Historian*

This year on October 27, The Future Business Leaders of America enjoyed a trip to the District 12 Fall District Meeting. Our members participated in the opening session which consisted of the Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, FBLA Pledge, Roll Call of Chapters, Officer Installation, and State Dues Vote.

The Keynote Speaker was Janet Snyder of Kiss 98.5. She delivered a strong message to the students to go for their dreams and not let others tell them what they should and should not do when it comes to a career choice. Her message

stressed setting reasonable goals and attaining them one at a time in order to reach the final goal.

Other workshops included: Successful Public Speaking, New Ways to Look at FBLA Involvement, First Steps to Success, and Surrender the ME to the WE. The members that

participated in the Fall District Meeting were: Kayla Stamper, Ashley Chamberlin, Emily Carias, Catherine Mammoser, Courtney Cross, Tim Domanski, Jim Ehrig, Lindsay Dingman, Cory Sessanna, Zabrina Nedimeyer, Peter Schmitz, Kalie Pfohl, and Emily Brenner.



## Eden FBLA Lasertron Event

*By Matt Henry*



On Monday, November 21, Eden FBLA enjoyed a trip to Lasertron with the College Success Skills class to learn of the dangers of binge drinking. Before attending the field trip, Catherine Mammoser and Ashley Chamberlin presented a PowerPoint outlining the dangers of alcohol and alcohol related games.

Students played four games of Laser tag and three games of

Cyber Sport. Pizza was available and unlimited drinks to quench our thirst after an intense game of Lasertag. Our FBLA members also had the option to play dozens of arcade games where they won tickets to exchange for a prize of their choosing.

While there, we participated in a networking activity where we completed two rotations of asking pre-set questions of other members, as well as, making up a

question of our own.

The following FBLA members participated in this Challenge activity and had an excellent time at Lasterton: Kalie Pfohl, Jimmy Ehrig, Zabrina Nedimeyer, Peter Schmitz, Ashley Chamberlin, Matt Henry, Cory Sessanna, Alex Paciorek, Lindsay Dingman, Courtney Cross, Catherine Mammoser, Emily Carias, Kayla Stamper, and Matt Kernitz.



## Judge Cooper and Lieutenant McCarthy Visit Business Law Class

*By Joann Ramaekers*

We are grateful that we have community professionals who are willing to spend some time with our high school students in the classroom. Lieutenant McCarthy, Eden Police Department, and Town of Eden Judge Michael Cooper, have both grown up in the Western New York area and now serve in our community.

Mrs. Ramaekers' Business Law students were studying the NYS Penal Law and the NYS and Federal Court System. Lieutenant McCarthy shared relative, current stories of law enforcement situations, and was

open to answering student questions. Judge Cooper provided a balance in explaining the judicial system and how our court system works. In addition, students were introduced to their professional insight about career opportunities in the law enforcement/legal field. Lieutenant McCarthy and Judge Cooper offered the students a unique perspective about the New York State Legal System.

Lieutenant McCarthy and Judge Cooper's professionalism and expertise were quite evident to the students, and set a great

example of what hard work and dedication can accomplish.



## From the Elementary School Art Room

*By Amy McConeghy*

Fourth grade students in Mrs. McConeghy's art classes have been learning about the art of Venice, Italy!

Here are some of the students in Mrs. Cook's class modeling their Venetian masks.



## High School Musical

This year's production is "Big" - really. "Big" will be performed on Thursday, March 8th at 7 pm, Friday, March 9th at 7:30 pm, Saturday, March 10th at 7:30 pm and Sunday, March

11th at 2 pm in the High School Auditorium. Tickets for reserved seating are available in the High School Auditorium Foyer on the following dates and times:

Thursday, January 12, 2012 (6-8pm)  
Monday, January 23, 2012 (4-6pm)  
Thursday, February 16, 2012 (6-8pm)  
Thursday, March 1, 2012 (6-8pm)  
or by contacting Mrs. Paula Farrell  
email: [pfarrell@edencsd.wnyric.org](mailto:pfarrell@edencsd.wnyric.org)  
phone: 992-3600, ext. 2207 and at the door before each performance.



## Veterans' Day Celebration

On Thursday, November 10, students at Eden Elementary observed Veterans' Day by inviting family members who are veterans to participate in a program devoted to

**Proceeds from the raffle went to Honor Flight, which takes WWII Veterans to their memorial in Washington, DC.**

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An anonymous donor matched the students'



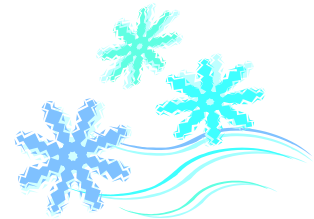
fundraising efforts in memory of Larry James Calloway who was killed in action during the

Vietnam Conflict. The total amount of money raised was \$1,100.

Pictured at left is the winner of the raffle, third grader, Vittoria Woodworth.

remembering our veterans of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard. Students also bought chances on a stuffed bear clad in fatigues that sings "God Bless the USA".

Proceeds from the raffle



Eden Jr./Sr. High School students, faculty and staff participated in a holiday hall decorating contest. Pictured above is Carl Lograsso taking a stroll down "Candy Cane Lane".

## Annual Internet Safety Policy Presentation

*By Lucinda Karstedt*

**Tuesday, January 3, 2012  
7:00 PM—PTA Meeting in the  
Jr./Sr. High School Library**



The Annual Internet Safety Policy Presentation conducted by Mrs. Karstedt, Director of IT/CIO for the Eden Central School District, will start at 7:00 PM followed by the PTA business meeting. The public is welcome to attend both the presentation on the District's Internet Safety Policy and the PTA meeting.

We hope to see you there!

## Eden Elementary Presents "Willy Wonka"

**Thursday, March 29th  
Friday, March 30th  
Saturday, March 31st  
All shows begin at 7:30 pm**



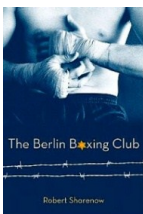
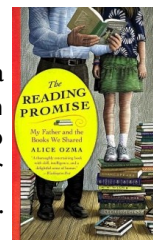
# Holiday 2011 Picks for the Readers in Your Family

By Vanessa Zoll, Elementary Library Media Specialist



## ***The Reading Promise: My Father and The Books We Shared*** by Alice Ozma

Alice Ozma tells the story of how she and her father, an elementary school librarian, set a goal when she was in fourth grade of reading together for one hundred consecutive nights and continued on until she went away to college, and discusses the bond that developed between her and her dad and the life lessons she learned from their time together.

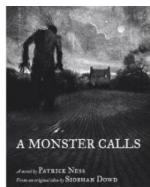
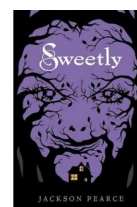


## ***Berlin Boxing Club*** by Robert Sharenow

In 1936 Berlin, fourteen-year-old Karl Stern, considered Jewish despite a non-religious upbringing, learns to box from the legendary Max Schmeling while struggling with the realities of the Holocaust.

## ***Sweetly*** by Jackson Pearce

When the owner of a candy shop molds magical treats that instill confidence, bravery, and passion, eighteen-year-old Gretchen's haunted childhood memories of her twin sister's abduction by a witch-like monster begin to fade until girls start vanishing at the annual chocolate festival.

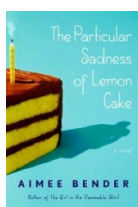


## ***A Monster Calls: A Novel*** by Patrick Ness

Thirteen-year-old Conor awakens one night to find a monster outside his bedroom window, but not the one from the recurring nightmare that began when his mother became ill--an ancient, wild creature that wants him to face truth and loss.

## ***Daughter of Smoke and Bone*** by Laini Taylor

Seventeen-year-old Karou, a lovely, enigmatic art student in a Prague boarding school, carries a sketchbook of hideous, frightening monsters--the chimaerae who form the only family she has ever known.

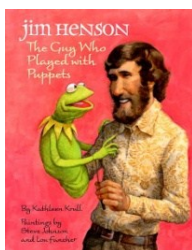


## ***The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake : A Novel*** by Aimee Bender

Rose Edelstein, on the eve of her ninth birthday, bites into her mother's lemon-chocolate cake and is immediately aware of the hidden secrets the members of her family hold.

## ***A Very Babymouse Christmas*** by Jennifer and Matt Holm

Babymouse approaches the holidays with determination to get the presents she wants.

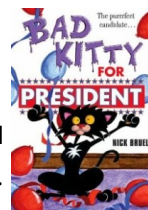


## ***Jim Henson : The Guy Who Played With Puppets*** by Kathleen Krull

Chronicles the life of Jim Henson, describing how he pushed the boundaries of entertainment and brought the art of puppets to a new level with the creation of his Muppets.

## ***Bad Kitty for President*** by Nick Bruel

Kitty decides to run for President of the Neighborhood Cat Association.





# Athletes of the Month—October & November

By Colleen Kot

**Girls Tennis:** Liz Karstedt is a third year player that played 1<sup>st</sup> singles. She was ECIC rep at Village Glen, as well as, this year's MVP. Emily Kessler is a third year player that played 2<sup>nd</sup> doubles, 1<sup>st</sup> doubles and 3<sup>rd</sup> singles. She received the coach's award for 2011.

**Golf:** Chandler Kraska has stepped it up as the team leader and is very helpful to his teammates. He is playing great golf and being a true RAIDER. Mitchell Laing, after a slow beginning to the season, flipped the switch and has played great golf contributing to the team's success this year. He has emerged as one of the team's young leaders, and we expect him to be one of the many players leading the team in the future.

**Cross Country:** Claire Brawdy recently established a new Eden girl's record with a run of 21:05 over 3.1 miles. Her hard work earned her a spot at the State Championship meet. Victor Castillo is the team captain and works extremely hard. He is truly the boy's leader and motivates all to give their best effort.

**Boys Soccer:** Tyler Gallman is a great leader on the team who does a good job controlling the ball in the midfield and organizing the defense. Matthew Jones lead the team with eight goals in the season.

**Girls Soccer:** Alicia Roistacher is a starting midfielder. She started as a sophomore. Alicia plays in the off season for the Buffalo Division of Black Watch, which is a premier league. She has excellent ball touch, is a hard worker, and has great knowledge of the sport of soccer. She is well liked and respected by her teammates. As a midfielder, Alicia has been valuable in transitioning play from defense to offense. She also has a great left-footed shot. Emily Brenner has worked hard to improve her skills by playing for the Hamburg Monarchs in the off season. She is a co-captain who plays both defense and midfield. Emily cheers her teammates on when she is not on the field, and contributes her time by organizing team events, such as car washes, ordering sweatshirts, etc. Emily is a dedicated player who continuously strives to do her best.

**Boys Volleyball:** Dalton Crowe has been a leader in practice and in games making sure he puts forth a maximum effort to lead the young guys. The Raiders stand a 10-2 and 8-0 in ECIC League play, much of it due to Dalton's leadership.

**Cheerleading:** Gabby Torre is respected by everyone on the team, and the younger students look to her for guidance. Katie Armbrust is one of the co-captains and is always willing to lend a helping hand whenever asked.

**Field Hockey:** Ashlee Pollinger and Alex Bednarz were chosen by their coach because of their positive attitudes and hard work.

**Football:** Ryan John kicked six field goals and led the team in sacks, tackles and receptions. 75% of all of his kickoffs were touchbacks. He made 95% of his extra points. Rick Krouse was 2<sup>nd</sup> in rushing and scoring. He was 3<sup>rd</sup> on the team in tackles.

**Girls Volleyball:** Kendall Pierce and Rebecca Shoemaker were members of this year's 2011 State Championship Team.

**Girls Swimming:** Jenna Phillips is a fourth year swimmer and co-captain of this year's team. She was an ECIC participant in the 50 free, placing 3<sup>rd</sup> and in the 100 yard breaststroke placing 4<sup>th</sup>. Jenna was also the anchor in the 200 and 400 free relays which placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> respectively. At Sectionals, Jenna took 14<sup>th</sup> overall and 1<sup>st</sup> in her class for the 50 free and 9<sup>th</sup> overall and 2<sup>nd</sup> in her class for the 100 yard breaststroke. She was the 2011 MVP recipient. Hannah May is a freshman who has been diving for the Lady Raider for three years. She learned new dives this year due to her hard work and effort at practice. This earned her a trip to the sectional meet where she placed 13<sup>th</sup> out of 33 divers.



**Happy  
Holidays from  
Eden Central  
School!**



## **Congratulations to our Fall Scholar/Athlete Teams:**



**Cheerleading - Coach Friedman**

**Field Hockey - Coach Carriero**

**Girls' Soccer - Coach Keller**

**Swimming - Coach Kot and Coach Roberts**

**Girls' Volleyball - Coach Stephen Pierce**

**Cross Country - Coach Huber**

**Golf - Coach Crombie**

**Boys' Soccer - Coach Wall**

**Girls' Tennis - Coach Brechtel**

**Boys' Volleyball - Coach Robert Pierce**

**Way to go Raiders!!**

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

### ***Cheerleading:***

Katherine Armbrust, Samantha Cappola, Melissa Cataldo, Hannah Dubreville, Abigail Griebel, Taylor Kaiser, Jessica Schieda, Gabrielle Torre, Jocelyn Armbruster, Chelsea Holewka, Samantha Steen and Megan Gawronski.

### ***Cross Country:***

Claire Brawdy, Cecilla Miotto, Laura Robinson, Ryan Sataneck, Ryan Schummer, Johnathan Harrington, Jenelle Nyitrai, Andrew Rakiiecki and Johnathan Sataneck.

### ***Field Hockey:***

Alexandra Bednarz, Kelly Funke, Danielle Maddex, Ashlee Pollinger, Caitlin Sickau, Kelly Telaak, Amanda Yuhas, Rachael Baskerville, Nicole Fazzolari, Cassidy Genco, Emily Hewson and Nicole Greiner.

### ***Golf:***

Jacob Reinecke, Chandler Kraska, Daniel Scheffler, Andrew Feldman, Mitchell Laing, Aaron Orechwa and Louis Bartus.

### ***Girls Soccer:***

Emily Brenner, Melissa DeMarco, Victoria Schreiner, Lynn-Lee Stresing, Emily Carias,

Courtney Cross, Abigail Rockwood, Alicia Roistacher, Kathryn Villar, Hanna Zittel, Jennifer Morrow and Sierra Puckhaber.

### ***Boys Soccer:***

Eric Brown, Garrett Lavelle, Thomas Page, Charles Schmitz III, Dakota Sgroi, Arthur Sinnott, Nicholas Sorrentino, Tyler Bernas, Tyler Gates, Alexander Pustulka, Jonathan Bley and Bradley Palmerton.

### ***Girls Swimming:***

Jenna Phillips, Jena Congilosi, Kristin Howie, Andrea Stayzer, Molly Braymiller, Kassandra Funch, Kaitlin Schnauffer, Mackenzie Biastre, Lauren Gugino, Hannah May, Gretchen Stocksclaeder, Allison Winiecki and Marissa Kordal.

### ***Girls Tennis:***

Grace Ohmit, Molly Brogan, Emily Kessler, Isabella Lorenz, Kayley Zydel, Lisa Bernard, Lillian Harrington, Elizabeth Karstedt and Amanda Pople.

### ***Girls Volleyball:***

Victoria Eschner, Kendall Pierce, Rebecca Shoemaker, Jacquilin Bonczar, Megan McCarthy, Taylor Mitchell, Lainy Pierce and Kailey Ballou.

### ***Boys Volleyball:***

Kyle Acker, Robert Blodgett, J. Dalton Crowe, Ryan Vondell, Hayden Herc, Bradley Meyer, Cole Overhoff and Declan Pierce.

# Eden Technology Past and Present

By Stevan Jones

The Technical Arts revolve around various specific subject matters that are both concretely static and exceptionally dynamic at the same time. Thankfully, many of Eden's students have not only embraced learning about foundational technical skills/curriculum but have simultaneously worked to gain an insight into the modern day application(s)/adaption of the same body of study. The result has been the positive growth in our Technology Education Students over the last few decades that is both tangible and undeniable. Many of Eden's graduates work and or own businesses locally in the various Technical fields/occupations. Some have pursued a high tech route while many travel a more traditional path. Regardless, Technology "fits" their interests and skill set, and that is why it became or is becoming their chosen path. There is a lot of supporting evidence, but as this article clearly demonstrates (<http://www.usnews.com/news/blogs/stem-education/2011/11/03/stem-jobs-outlook-strong-but-collaboration-needed-to-fill-jobs>), being part of the Technological community can be lucrative and secure even in today's current marketplace.

During the last weekend of October, in an unfamiliar professional educational environment, Eden's Chopper Class members had the opportunity to discuss and display two of the bikes they have designed and fabricated. The New York State School Boards 92nd Annual Convention & Education Expo, which was held in the Buffalo Convention Center, certainly provided a unique audience and backdrop for our students to discuss the process and their builds. "*Why motorcycles*" was the most commonly asked question from many of the school board members and Superintendents that were attending the conference. The kids knew the answer – "*It fits our district because of the students and their parents' interest and involvement*". That thirst for Technical information and skills, as well as, a healthy appetite for bikes and the rest of the motorized world comes natural to many of Eden's residents. Engineering motorcycles certainly would not work in every



community, but it works very well here. Most of the attendees gained an immediate understanding after talking to any of the five students who served as the Chopper Class club spokespeople for our entire Class/Club. **Zach Kordal, Jared Nowak, Bryan Haley, Joe Haier and Andrew Maggs** did an excellent job explaining the individual elements they learn about and practice while working on researching, designing and fabricating motorcycles. The kids continue to represent the Eden Community in a way that makes other people want to pick up and move into this small school district/town.

In closing, I want to thank Mr. Buggs, the district administrators, board members, fellow teachers and community members for their continued support and vision. As a team, we make it happen for the benefit of the students and that's something everyone reading this should be proud of.

Thanks for the continued support!





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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.

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**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.

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