

District Newsletter

Eden Central School

A message from the Superintendent

Dear District Residents:

After several months of work, the Board of Education adopted the 2011-2012 school budget in the amount of \$26,160,572, which represents a decrease of .14% over the current year budget. The administrators, faculty and staff worked hard to present a budget with no increases. In preparing the 2011-2012 budget, there were again unique sets of circumstances. These included a reduction in aid to Eden by over one million dollars, and legal, contractual and mandated expenses rose approximately 1.8 million dollars. If it had not been for the foresight of the Board of Education over the past several years, there would have to be a serious reduction in programs and personnel.

The proposed budget maintains all current programs for our students. Reductions include one elementary teacher, one teaching assistant, one Jr./Sr. High School teacher, one bus driver and a .5 FTE in the Buildings and Grounds Department. Most of these are due to our declining enrollment.

The total budget decreases slightly from last year. We believe that the proposed budget meets the needs of our students and is conservative in its approach. The next two years will continue to be difficult and will bring new challenges. 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.

Since we rely on the state to fund approximately 44% of our budget, predicting the impact on the local tax levy is difficult. Our best estimate at this time is no increase in the tax levy. The final tax levy/tax rate will not be adopted until August 2011, after we have all of our information from the state and the 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



**Special
points of
interest:**

- Budget Information pages 1-5

**Inside this
issue:**

Budget Hearing & Vote Information	2
Voting Propositions	3
Budget Overview	4
Budget Conversion	5
All WNY Academic B&G Youth of Year	6
GLP Art News	7
From the Athletic Department	8-9
High School News	10-11
Eden Elementary News	11-12
Jr. High Art News	12
FCCLA Club News Empty Bowls	13
AP Achievement Honor	14-15
Elementary Students of the Month	15
Chopper Challenge Raiders' Respond	16-17

PROPOSED BUDGET -- EDEN CENTRAL SCHOOL

2011-2012

ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING

May 3, 2011

6:00 p.m.

Junior/Senior High School Auditorium

BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION

May 17, 2011

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 3, 2011 at 6:00 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 2011-2012, electing four members of the Board of Education, two to commence July 1, 2011, two members to commence on May 18, 2011, and for the transaction of such other business as is authorized by law will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2011, 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 17, 2011 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 17, 2011.
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 four candidates:

1. Robert J. Reed
2. Brian Burgstahler*
3. R. Colin Campbell
4. Michael Breeden
5. Peter Duringer
6. Steven Cerne*

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, two positions each 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, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012, as proposed by the Board of Education, in the total sum of \$26,160,572 is hereby approved and adopted, and the required funds therefor 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 (PURCHASE OF SCHOOL BUSES)

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Eden Central School District (the "District") is hereby authorized to purchase: (1) school buses and similar vehicles, including equipment, machinery and apparatus used in connection therewith, for use in the transportation program of the District, at a maximum estimated cost of \$159,475 and that the sum of \$159,475, being the total of the aforesaid maximum estimated cost figures, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law, and, in anticipation of such tax, bonds or other obligations (including, without limitation, obligations arising under leases, lease/purchase contracts or installment purchase contracts having a term of not more than five years) of the District shall be issued or entered into in accordance with applicable provisions of New York State law.

YES

NO

PROPOSITION NO. 3

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED, that a student shall be selected as an *ex officio* member of the Board of Education of the Eden Central School District pursuant to Section 1804 (12) of the New York State Education Law and shall be entitled to sit and participate with the Board at all public meetings and hearings but shall not be entitled to have a vote, attend executive sessions or receive compensation of any form for participating in board meetings.

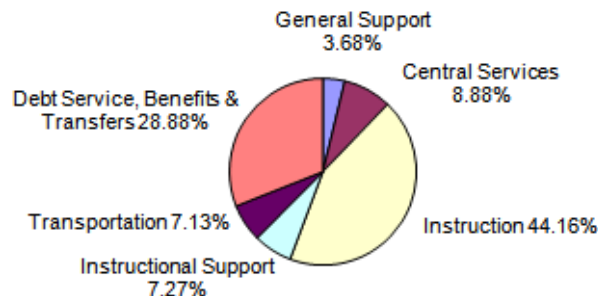
YES

NO

BUDGET OVERVIEW
SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

<u>GENERAL SUPPORT</u>	2010-11 BUDGET	2011-12 BUDGET	<u>INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT</u>	2010-11 BUDGET	2011-12 BUDGET
Board of Education	2,800	4,400	Library & Audio/Visual	184,458	195,138
District Clerk	1,375	1,150	Educational Comm. & TV	-0-	0
District Meetings	9,746	9,546	Computer	437,404	368,503
Central Administration	209,263	212,415	Attendance	19,334	19,755
Business Administration	243,178	256,515	Guidance	299,312	283,719
Auditing Services	41,673	28,600	Health Services	178,332	175,865
District Treasurer	54,512	56,430	Psychological Services	131,050	111,585
Tax Collector	16,675	18,125	Social Work Services	16,001	0
Purchasing	1,719	1,810	Pupil Personnel Services	103,846	106,846
Fiscal Agent Fees	3,800	3,800	Co-Curricular Activities	100,266	92,054
Personnel Services	1,000	1,000	Interscholastic Sports	434,909	412,779
Legal Services	44,000	51,000			
Public Information	12,682	10,638	TOTAL	1,904,912	1,766,244
Unallocated Insurance	100,089	100,418			
Association Dues	13,901	14,689	TRANSPORTATION		
Water & Sewer Assessments	28,050	40,309	District Operated	1,721,454	1,559,122
Refund – Real Property Tax	22,000	10,000	Garage	56,898	55,548
BOCES Administrative Charge	114,469	119,861	Contract Transportation	90,640	90,640
BOCES Capital Expense	42,467	43,174			
BOCES Capital Project	-0-	0	TOTAL	1,868,992	1,705,310
TOTAL	963,399	983,880			
			DEBT SERVICE, BENEFITS & TRANSFERS		
CENTRAL SERVICES			Census	-0-	0
Custodial	1,271,459	1,101,559	State Retirement	369,192	505,562
Maintenance	724,976	687,852	Teacher Retirement	607,631	1,092,968
Data Processing	283,883	364,065	Social Security	1,000,914	994,229
Central Printing	45,953	46,153	Workers' Compensation	170,715	182,553
TOTAL	2,326,271	2,199,629	Unemployment Insurance	40,000	30,000
			Medical Insurance	2,960,219	2,913,180
INSTRUCTION			Bond Anticipation Notes	55,717	0
Curriculum	131,595	131,452	Lease/Purchase Buses	180,472	185,472
Supervision	702,332	711,003	RAN Interest	6,000	11,000
Research & Evaluation	30,478	21,746	Installment Purchase	-0-	0
Inservice Training	25,407	44,711	Other Debt	546,397	561,398
Regular School	7,402,455	7,420,115	Transfer to Debt Service Fund	1,594,482	1,585,582
Handicapped	2,645,374	2,514,397	Transfer to Federal Fund	33,000	48,708
Occupational Education	596,484	522,585	Transfer to Capital Fund	-0-	-0-
Special Schools	34,706	28,848	TOTAL	7,564,739	8,110,652
TOTAL	11,568,830	11,394,857	TOTAL GENERAL		
			FUND EXPENDITURES	26,197,142	26,160,572

Budget Overview



**CONVERSION OF 2011-12
BUDGET TO THREE COMPONENTS**

<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>	2010-11 BUDGET	2011-12 BUDGET	<u>CAPITAL</u>	2010-11 BUDGET	2011-12 BUDGET
Board of Education	13,921	15,096	Operation of Plant	1,271,459	1,101,559
Central Administration	209,263	212,415	Maintenance of Plant	724,976	687,852
Finance	361,557	365,280	Judgments & Claims	-0-	0
Legal Services	29,000	33,000	Refund of Taxes	22,000	10,000
Personnel	1,000	1,000	Purchase of Buses	-0-	0
Records Management	-0-	0	Debt Service	788,586	757,870
Public Information	12,682	10,638	Transfer to Debt Service	1,594,482	1,585,582
Central Printing	45,953	46,153	Transfer to Capital	-0-	0
Central Data Processing	283,883	364,065	Benefits	367,876	387,551
Other Special Items	298,976	318,451			
Curriculum Development	131,595	131,452	TOTAL	4,769,379	4,530,414
Supervision Reg. School	702,332	711,003			
Supervision Special School	-0-	0			
Research Planning & Develop.	30,478	21,746			
Employee Benefits	501,363	557,615			
TOTAL	2,622,003	2,787,914	TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES	26,197,143	26,160,572

PROGRAM

Legal	15,000	18,000
Instruction	12,609,338	12,296,900
District Transportation	1,721,454	1,559,122
Garage	56,898	55,548
Contract Transportation	90,640	90,640
Comm. Service	-0-	0
Other Transfers	33,000	48,708
Benefits	4,279,431	4,773,326
TOTAL	18,805,761	18,842,244



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 18, 2011. 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 10, 2011.

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 16, 2011. 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 17, 2011.

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.

2011 ALL-WNY ACADEMIC TEAM HONORS EDEN SENIOR

Senior, Christine Schaefer, has been named to Business First's 2011 All-Western New York Academic Team. Christine (Special Mention) 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 a truly impressive honor," said Jack Connors, President and Publisher of Business First. "The Academic Team is an extraordinarily exclusive group. There are roughly 20,000 seniors in

Western New York's high schools, and only 100 have met the stringent standards to make this year's Academic Team. That's the top one-half of one percent, the best and brightest students we have." Schools throughout the eight-county region were asked to nominate their smartest and most accomplished students for consideration by a 10-member committee, which included eight admissions directors at area colleges and two Business First editors. A total of 113 schools responded with 410 nominees. (Each school was limited to four candidates.) The complete list of 100 honorees -- along with their photos and profiles -- will be published in Business First's 2011-2012 Guide to Western

New York Schools, which will hit newsstands on June 10. A story about the Academic Team program, including a database of the past three years' winners, can be accessed at: <http://tinyurl.com/acadteam2010>



Swartz Named Boys & Girls Club 2011 Youth of the Year

By Debbie Popple

Boys & Girls Club of Eden announces Abby Swartz as their 2011 Youth of the Year. Abby received this honor at the 2011 Boys & Girls Club of WNY Area Dinner recently held at Asbury Hall in Buffalo, NY. Abby is a senior at Eden High School and has been an active part of the programming at the Boys & Girls Club of Eden for many years, first as a member and then as a Club staff member. Abby is active with the school musicals and a

member of the National Honor Society, AFS and French Club. Abby has been accepted, and will be continuing her education in the fall, at St. John Fischer College. Abby is a great example of a strong individual and leader, and the Boys & Girls Club and the Eden Community are fortunate to have her.

Pictured are Chad Marczewski, Program Director,



Karen Smith, Board President, Abby Swartz and Debbie Popple, Executive Director.

Mrs. Bossert Sent Mrs. La Verdi's 1st Grade Artists on an Art Mission! Who is Grover L. Priess?

By Mary Ellen Bossert

There is a portrait hanging in the GLP School, can you find it? Mrs. La Verdi's first grade class found the painting in the school's foyer and reported back to the art studio. Now the art mission became more complicated as they were asked to look at the painting and try to figure out who the man was and why it was hanging in the foyer of the school. Utilizing Art Criticism as an art tool, we uncovered some facts from the painting and its contents. The plaque on the painting was inscribed with the name Grover L. Priess, M.D., yet the name written on the lower right hand corner of the painting was Ben Swan. This meant that the artist's name was Swan, and he painted Grover L. Priess, but why? Why was this man so important that he had his portrait painted, and why was it hanging in our school? The name Grover L. Priess had the same initials as the G.L.P. Could this be a coincidence? It was our mission to find out.

The first graders could decipher that the man was older; perhaps in his late 50's, and his job could have been an important indoor one due to the fact he was wearing a suit and tie and that his face was not tan. What did M.D. stand for? As we discussed the portrait, the artists drew their own rendition by observing the details in the portrait. They drew a man wearing eye glasses standing in a grey suit in front of a solid color background.

Their job was to ask teachers and community members if they

knew anything about Grover L. Priess and report back at the next art class with any new information. We started a **K-W-L** chart, which let us organize what we **K**new, what we **W**anted to know, and then later what we **L**earned. Well, some facts were uncovered through conversations, stories and an article in the History of Eden Vol. III by Doris Anderson. All the information helped us determine that yes, indeed this was an important man. M.D. stands for medical doctor and his commitment to the town of Eden was honored by naming the primary/elementary school after him. More facts revealed: he was born in 1888 and died in 1966, the G.L.P. was named after him in 1954 at a dedication ceremony where the portrait painted by Ben Swan was unveiled and that he delivered over 4,000 babies in town. The new information revealed in this lesson was then visually expressed through drawing the details into their portraits. They added a stethoscope around his neck, babies in his arms, drew the house that doubled as a hospital in the background and some even added his wife. The art details increased with each piece of information we found. As artists, we can document a person's life and the time in history they lived. The first grade artists not only found out why their school is called the G.L.P., but they strengthened their understanding for how powerful and useful art can be.

As a culminating lesson, I had

Mrs. La Verdi guide two of her first grade students in writing an article about Dr. Grover L. Priess utilizing our researched information.

Grover Lee Priess was married for only 2 years because his wife passed way. They had one son named Richard. In 1954 the GLP school in Eden, NY was named after Grover Lee Priess. There is a portrait of him next to the office in our school. He was an amazing doctor who delivered over 4,000 babies. The hospital was in his house at 8625 Main Street, right here in the town of Eden. When patients were ready to have their baby, they would ring a bell. He would help them. He passed away in 1966. His grave is across from the Eden library. Written by 1st graders: Brianna Rigley and Jessica Zittel.



First grade artists: Jessica Zittel and Brianna Rigley with Mrs. Grimm. Photograph taken in the Grover L. Priess Primary School's foyer.

Lyndsley Signs with Houghton College

By Jill Keller

Senior striker and co-captain of the Girls' Varsity Soccer Team, Danielle Lyndsley, has signed with Houghton College to attend school and play women's soccer next year. Danielle's anticipated college major is Youth Ministry.

Danielle's coach, Jill Keller said, "It has been my pleasure to coach Danielle Lyndsley for the past four years. In that time, I have watched her develop from a young, quiet, individual player with a lot of innate talent and a hard shot, to a well-rounded team player and leader, who can place a shot from the corner of the 18 like no girl from Eden ever has. This past season, I have had what many high school soccer coaches can only hope for – an outstanding keeper in Cassie Smythe and

Danielle, a natural striker who can put the ball in the back of the net. Usually most of us are lucky if we have one of the two. Danielle is also a kind, bright and grounded young lady who comes from a supportive and down-to earth family. The term "prima donna" is not part of the Lyndsley's vocabulary. Although Danielle is naturally gifted, as most successful strikers are, she was able to break the school record for highest career goals scored through hard work and perseverance. I wish her all the best at Houghton and know she will be an outstanding addition to their soccer program."

Danielle has earned Scholar Athlete status, a sportsmanship award, the Super Seven Athlete of the Week Award, and she has

been named to the ECIC Division III First Team All-Stars twice. In addition, she was recently named to the All-Metro Newspaper First Team. She broke the school record for the most goals scored with 73 career goals and 21 assists. Danielle was a two-time division leader for goals scored with 25 in both her junior and senior years. Danielle is also a member of the Buffalo Soccer Academy.



Seated: Mr. Lyndsley, Danielle, Mrs. Lyndsley. Standing: Mr. Graff, Ms. Fallacaro, Mrs. Banks, Ms. Keller.

Winter Scholar Athlete Teams

By Ann Brown

We did it again! All seven of our varsity winter sports teams have earned the distinction of being a Scholar/Athlete Team. Congratulations athletes and coaches!

Eden Central School is proud to announce our 2010-11 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. All seven of our winter varsity teams qualified for this honor.

Boys Basketball – Coach Paul O'Connor: Robert Blodgett, Daniel Karstedt, Garrett Lavelle, Bradley Palmerton, Derek Palmerton, Joseph

Slisz and Joshua Smith.

Girls Basketball – Coach Marisa Fallacaro: Emily Carias, Melissa DeMarco, Salma Hussein, Jenna Phillips, Cassandra Smythe, Lynn-Lee Stresing and Gabrielle Villar.

Boys Bowling – Coach Jason Bernardone: Jake Carias, Adam Cwynar, Albert Edwards, Daniel Scheffler, Ryan Schummer, Chad Szymkowiak and Bryce Turri.

Girls Bowling – Coach Keith Crombie: Cassidy Beller, Lisa Bernard, Kaitlyn Boesl, Alyssa Boncal, Jenna Herbert, Emily Hewson, Alicia Hornberger and Arielle Schunk.

Cheerleading – Coach Ashley Friedman: Taylor Anderson, Katherine Armbrust, Samantha

Cappola, Melissa Cataldo, Hannah Dubreville, Leeann Esford, Abigail Griebel, Alexandria Hunter, Jessica Schieda and Gabrielle Torre.

Boys Swimming – Coach Charlie Hund: Alexander Bianchi, Cody Jackson, Chase Klawon, John Klopp, Richard Landahl, Alex Lortz, Troy Neureuter, Garrett Steiger, Mark Thomasulo, Evan Zittel and Kyle Zittel.

Wrestling – Coach Tom Page: Frank Barnack, Brady Bermingham, Anthony Cappola, Stephen Goedel, Mitchell Laing, Jeremy Lilga, Thomas Page, Cole Overhoff, Peter Schmitz and Zachariah Schmitz.

Missing from the Fall Scholar Athlete list was Lindsay Robinson from the Cross Country Team.

Stephen Pierce Named PrepVolleyball.com's 2010 Co-Coach of the Year

Girls' Varsity Volleyball head coach for 21 years, Stephen Pierce has turned the team into the state's premier program. Eden has won three New York state titles in the past four years and has suffered defeat just five times during that span. Senior setter, Heather Feldman, had this to say:

"Mr. Pierce has been coaching at Eden for a very long time. In that span, he has made Eden the premier girls' volleyball program in the state. His teams have been ranked first in the state for countless years, and he has won seven state titles as a head coach, the most of any coach in New York State girls' volleyball history. With his seventh title as a head coach this past season, he passed the legendary coach Sally Kus of Sweet Home as the winningest head coach in the state.

This past August, when looking towards the fall season, I was worried. As a program, we lost the best senior class in Eden's history, with four fantastic players graduating: Hannah Herc (Kent State), Hailee Herc (Stonybrook), Stacey Smith (Georgia), and Katie Eschner (Roberts Wesleyan). These All-Western New York players were the cream of the crop. They not only brought high-level play to the team, they brought leadership and big game experience that was hard to match. All four had played in extremely high-pressure situations, from a Game 5 in the state finals to a match with an Open bid on the line. You can't teach that; it comes with playing a long time. And in a school like Eden, which graduates approximately 140 students per grade level, we don't have the biggest talent pool to pull from.

I was the only one returning from last year's team, which had been talked about by many as being the best team New York has ever seen. I was a little apprehensive going into preseason. We would be young and inexperienced, with two freshmen and a sophomore middle, who had only played on JV up to this point, starting. Let's just say that after the first two-a-day practice, I was still worried. The team was rough around the edges. The chemistry wasn't there, and the skill level necessary to compete at a high level wasn't there either. That's where Mr. Pierce comes in. He has coached so many teams: ones that are great, ones that don't have the best work ethic, ones that are old and experienced,

ones that are young. No matter what he has to work with any given year, he makes a state power out of them. Mr. Pierce's teams have been ranked by Prepvolleyball since who knows when. I've been a member of four of them, with one even being ranked as high as 16 in the rankings. We play the toughest schedule in the state, and also consistently host the best tournament in the state at Eden. You can't have the best tournament in the state without having a program people respect, and Mr. Pierce has created that. He is the greatest coach I've ever had, and I've had quite a few throughout my club years. He is the perfect blend of toughness and fun. He really pushes you on the court. Heck, there are some days after a practice that you hate the man, but he makes you a better player, no question. I'd rather have him yelling at me any day of the week, than have someone else be my coach. But the yelling he does is constructive. He actively coaches in every match or practice we have, always pushing us to strive for our best, and he lets us know when we're not giving 100 percent. He instills in his teams that will to win that some teams don't quite have. That heart and determination is what puts Eden teams into the upper echelon in New York.

This year, with a young inexperienced team that no one thought would do any damage in the state, Mr. Pierce made us state champions. Prepvolleyball didn't even have our team on the "Teams to Watch" state by state list at the beginning of the year, but by the end of the year, Mr. Pierce had us once again the highest ranked team in New York State and the only one in the top 100. That's impressive. We won not just a state title; we won one in the hardest class in New York State by far. Class B was a dogfight: between us, Hendrick Hudson, and John Glenn, teams that during the season had each been the top team in the state. In fact, we lost to both Hen Hud and John Glenn during tournaments in the regular season. Yet, Mr. Pierce has always said that what matters is how you finish. And boy, did we go out with a bang! A great coach prepares you to play your absolute best when it really matters, and that's what we did. We took those losses, used them as motivation, and played our best game of the season in the state finals. Most teams would be nervous

in a high-pressure situation like states, but Mr. Pierce prepared us so well that you couldn't feel nervous. Adrenaline, sure, but never real nerves. We knew if we played our game we would win, even if no one thought we would. We believed in ourselves, and more importantly, Mr. Pierce believed in us, and no one else mattered.

Mr. Pierce has meant more to me than just another high school coach; he's my mentor and almost like a second dad to me. He really helped me with my recruiting process in more ways than could be expected. He would make calls and send emails to coaches, trying to get my name out there, and I am forever grateful for that. I am also grateful that he made my senior season the best it could be. I came home from Glens Falls a state champion for the fourth time in five years. I became the NYS Gatorade POY. None of that could have been possible without Mr. Pierce; I owe him so much.

Honestly, I cannot imagine a better candidate than Mr. Pierce. He is an amazing coach who can take just about anyone and make her an amazing volleyball player. He did that to me, and I am forever grateful. He's the reason that I love the sport as much as I do. He's the reason why our program is so well respected. He's the reason I can call myself a state champion."



2011 Valedictorian and Salutatorian Named

Mr. Graff has announced the 2011 Valedictorian and Salutatorian. Heather Feldman is the Class of 2011 Valedictorian with an average of 99.084.

In addition to her grades, Heather has earned the following honors: 2010 NYS Gatorade Volleyball Player of the Year; Prepvolleyball.com First Team Academic All American; Prepvolleyball.com High School All American; RTI Computing Medal; National Merit Scholarship



Program – Commended Scholar.

Active in extracurricular activities, Heather participated in Volleyball, where she was a four-time NYS Champion; She had lead roles in several High School Musicals; is a member of Swing Singers, the National Honor Society; and French Club, where she serves as President.

Her future plans include attending Gardner-Webb University, where her major is undecided at this point.

Christine Schaefer is the Class of 2011 Salutatorian with an average of 97.782.

Christine's honors include: 2011 Business First All Western New York Academic Team; NYS Volleyball Champion 2009 and 2010.

Christine's activities include: Member of Volleyball (two-time NYS Champion); Drama Club (Treasurer); Softball; AFS (Treasurer); German Club (Treasurer); Swing Singers; Jazz Band; Mock Trial; and National Honor Society.

Her future plans include majoring in History, however, the college is undecided at this time;

Rounding out the class of 2011 are:

3. Samantha Pustulka, 97.492;
4. Katelyn Posenjak, 97.260;
5. Justine Gugino, 97.003;
6. Abigayle Ploetz, 96.760;
7. Megan Pszonak, 96.731;
8. Laura Kiel, 96.147;
9. Jake Carias, 96.071;
10. Kathleen Bugenhagen, 95.905

Pictured left: Heather Feldman; Right: Christine Schaefer.



Eden Sports Marketing Class Travels to HSBC Arena

By: Joseph Mesi

On March 15, Mr. Mesi's Sports Marketing class traveled to HSBC arena for a field trip to meet with Chad Buck, the Corporate Fulfillment Coordinator with the Sales and Marketing Department for a tour of the arena. The group learned about different marketing techniques and about many behind the scene jobs that make the franchise successful. Also during the tour they met with

Angola native, Joseph Pinter, the TV Producer for Sabres broadcasts and saw the production room, the inside of the production truck, and all it takes to produce a broadcast.

After the tour, the class was able to sit in the front row against the glass to watch a one hour Sabres practice. The trip was made possible with the help of John Livsey, who is the VP of Sales and Business Development

with the Sabres and Bandits. The trip was both informative and enjoyable for all those who attended. Pictured below: Mr. Mesi's Sports Marketing Class.



High School Art News

By Lisa Alessi-Nicastro

Please congratulate Joe Fuchs who received a \$1,000 scholarship and an Honorable Mention award at the Daemen All High Show. If you have never been to this show, it includes the very best works from all over Western New York and is a prestigious honor.

If you were not aware of the Ad Craft Competition (sponsored by the Metro Group) results, I am exceedingly proud of my students' performance this year.

There are five overall places that encompass publications from the North towns to Olean. Of that five, we won three places - First: Lynn Lee Stresing; Second:

Tori Wilhelm, and Fifth: Lynn Lee Stresing.

There are ten places in the Hamburg Sun. Of the ten, we won seven, with two winners at eighth place.

First: Lynn Lee Stresing; Second: Tori Wilhelm; Third: Lynn Lee Stresing; Fourth: Sam Naumovski; Sixth: Melissa Cataldo; Seventh: Katelyn Posenjak; Eighth (tie): Melissa Cataldo & Tori Wilhelm.

Another piece of noteworthy artistic news, congratulate Sarah Woods, a studio in art ninth grader, for creating the winning design for the musical logo contest. Sarah was honored at opening night and received a

\$100 award, T shirt, and had the excitement of seeing her design published all over the place!

Keep your eyes open for the Bryant and Stratton Digi talent entries, skateboard designs created in Illustrator and printed on skate decks. Many thanks to Mr. Mike Wlodarczyk of Creative Network and Birdhouse (Tony Hawk co.) for all of the support.

As always, I am very proud of my students, they work hard, they excel, and they are noticed, as well as talked about in many important arenas.

Thank you for your support and respect of the visual arts here at Eden.

Character Award Winners

Congratulations to the following students who were Character Award winners at the February Board of Education Meeting.

Mrs. Grimm presented Character Awards to Jennifer Grapes, grade 1 and Jessica Seggio, grade 2. Mr. Schaefer presented a Character Award to Mattason Woodard, Grade 4.

Pictured are: Jessica Seggio, Mattason Woodard, and Jennifer Grapes.



Eden Elementary's Production of Bugsy Malone

Eden Elementary School presented *Bugsy Malone* on April 7th, 8th, and 9th. Directed by Mr. Mark Vona, Mrs. Judy Maynard, Mrs. Sheila Harris, and Mrs. Ellen Kindley, this production featured fifth and sixth grade students in colorful costumes. Mrs. Sandra Blaszc was responsible for costumes, Mrs. Carol King was choral director, Mrs. Cindy Bateson-Brown was choreographer, Mrs. Lorry Malkowski was stage manager and Mr. Chris Naughton was responsible for lights and sets. It was an excellent production!



Journey to Germany Without Leaving Home

By Keith Fronczak

These pictures represent an outstanding learning experience for third grade students in Mr. Fronczak's classroom. The students are enjoying a journey to Germany. While they enact a trip to Germany, they have an opportunity to learn all about the culture of that country; facts including the type of region, map skills, population, representation of the flag, and many other customs and how they are compared to those in the United States.

In addition to total emersion of the students in the many interesting facts of that country, the students have an opportunity to participate in some hands on activities that support the arts, such as crafts and cooking. In the pictures, you can see students making Black Forest Pastries, which is not only a delicious treat for them to enjoy, but a great measurement activity too!



From the Junior High Art Class

By Lynn Morgan

Working cooperatively, Junior High art students in Ms. Morgan's classes created portraits by using only values of black and white.

Students were given a 2" x 2" piece of a black and white photographed portrait. Students had to draw the major contour lines of the photo onto a piece of white 6" x 6" tag board. Then, mixing values of grays, students painted the image onto the paper. These small paintings were then placed in order onto a large piece

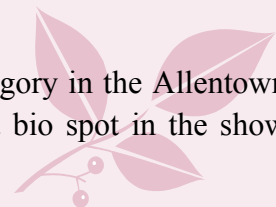
of board to create these 24" x 30" portraits which are on display in the school. Pictured left to right are Mr. Graff, Principal; Mr. Kibler, Librarian; and Mr. Buggs, Superintendent.



Eden Junior Wins Allentown Art Festival Poster Contest

By Lisa Alessi-Nicastro

Congratulations to Alicia Hornberger, a junior, for winning the student category in the Allentown Art Festival Poster Contest. There were 100 entries. Alicia will receive a bio spot in the show guide, and be honored and awarded \$100 at the artist's reception on June 11.





FCCLA Club Blankets the City

By: Dianne McKale

This is the first year that FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America) has been up and running as a new club at the high school. The club decided to do a community service project as an expression of Rachael's Promise. The project is entitled "Blanket the City", started by an engineering student from the University of Buffalo, as part of his Master's Degree design project.

Coats are being made from army blankets for the less fortunate in the city of Buffalo.



for the night. The club plans to donate the coats to "The City Mission" and "Hearts for the Homeless".

So far, the students have completed four coats and have twenty more in process. The club will also be looking for donations of specific items for the pockets in the fall.



Hoods, extended sleeves and large pockets are sewn inside and outside of the coat. The idea has historical significance from the Civil War. As the troops marched hundreds of miles, fatigue would settle in, and they would drop their packs along the

road, leaving them vulnerable to the elements at night. Women began sewing the men's blankets into the shape of a coat with pockets to carry their provisions. The idea also works very well for those who are homeless and forced to sleep "on the street".

There are approximately 2,000 homeless in the city of Buffalo. People may find themselves turned away from the available shelters due to the increasing demand during the colder months. A coat can be given to someone turned away with provisions in the pockets to help them survive on the street



Students are pictured laying out and cutting the army blankets and modeling the finished product.

Empty Bowls VIII

By Mary Ellen Bossert

Artists are helping to feed Western New York. The eighth annual Empty Bowls Show is Sunday, May 22, 2011 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at The Burchfield-Penney Art Center, Buffalo State College.

In the high school ceramics room, Mrs. Nicastro's students will be creating both pinch and wheel thrown bowls. Next, the G.L.P. artists will visit the ceramics studio to glaze the bowls with a theme based subject matter and artistic assistance from the ceramics groups. The bowls will be donated to Buffalo State College's Art Education Department where they will be sold, proceeds benefiting the Food Bank of W.N.Y. Pictured is Aaron Myers showing off his bowl.



Eden Central School Named to AP® Achievement List by the College Board for Significant Gains in Advanced Placement® Access and Student Performance

Eden Central School is one of fewer than 400 school districts in the nation, one of 28 schools in New York State and one of two schools in Western New York being honored by the College Board with a place on its AP® Achievement List for opening AP classroom doors to a significantly broader pool of students, while maintaining or improving the percentage of students earning scores of 3 or higher. From 2008 to 2010, Eden Central School has increased the number of students participating in AP by 56% while maintaining the percentage of students earning AP Exam scores of 3 or higher, the score typically needed to earn college credit, at 90% or above.

“The Board of Education and the community have been very supportive in our efforts to expand our AP course offerings, as well as other college courses. The Administration and faculty do an excellent job at promoting the value of those courses that involve extra rigor. Our students should be commended for their dedication to those courses,” stated Mr. Buggs, School Superintendent.

The AP Achievement List is made up of all school districts that are simultaneously expanding opportunity and improving performance, so even low-performing districts are included if they have been able to maintain or improve scores while expanding access. The list includes 388 school districts representing 43 states, with California’s 37 districts on the list representing the largest number of districts from a single state, followed by Michigan with 29 districts and Pennsylvania with 28 districts.

“Participation in college-level AP courses can level the playing field for underserved students, give them the confidence needed to succeed in college, and raise standards and performance in key subjects like science and math,” said College Board President Gaston Caperton. “The AP Achievement List districts are defying expectations by expanding access while enabling their students to maintain or improve their AP Exam scores.”

Many U.S. school districts have focused on expanding access to AP courses as part of a strategy for fostering college readiness. While these efforts have resulted in more students earning scores of 3 or better — the score typically cited as a “qualifying” or “successful” score, because the majority of U.S. colleges and universities provide college credit or advanced placement for this score — these efforts have also resulted in more students now earning scores of 1 or 2. Accordingly, there has been a slight decline since 2001 in the percentage of AP students scoring a 3 or better, a decline that is to be expected in any program attracting a broader cross-section of students.

That said, helping more students learn at a higher level *and* earn higher AP scores is an objective of all members of the AP community, from AP teachers to district and school administrators to college professors. Many are experimenting with a variety of initiatives and strategies to determine how to expand access and improve student performance simultaneously.

“These districts are living proof that when access to AP is provided for the range and breadth of prepared and motivated students, districts can achieve even higher learning outcomes for their students — and the opportunity for so many more to earn college credit and placement — than when AP opportunities were restricted to a smaller segment of the high school population,” said Trevor Packer, vice president of the College Board’s Advanced Placement Program®.

Inclusion on the list is based on the following criteria:

- ◆ Examination of three years of AP data, from 2008 to 2010;
- ◆ Increase in participation in/access to AP by at least 4 percent in large districts, at least 7 percent in medium districts and at least 11 percent in small districts;
- ◆ A steady or increasing percentage of exams taken by African American, Hispanic/Latino and American Indian/Alaska Native students; and
- ◆ Performance levels maintained or improved when comparing the percentage of exams in 2010 scoring a 3 or higher to those in 2008, *or* the school has already attained a performance level in which more than 70 percent of the AP students are scoring a 3 or higher.

Additionally, school districts with an AP student population composed of 50 percent or more traditionally underrepresented minority students (African American, Hispanic/Latino, American Indian/Alaska Native) and/or low-income students have been noted on the Achievement List to highlight significant improvements in equity and quality among the nation’s historically underserved student populations.

The complete AP Achievement List can be found at www.collegeboard.org.

About Eden Central School District

The Eden Junior/Senior High School offers the following AP courses, as well as other college level courses:

AP Courses include – Participation in Government, US History, World History, Calculus

Niagara University Courses include – Literature, Biology, Chemistry, Spanish, French

Erie Community College Course – College Success Skills, Computer Applications for College-bound Students

Eden Central School Named to AP® Achievement List (Continued)

These courses allow students the opportunity to graduate from high school with as many as 25 college credits or more. Eden will continue to work with the College Board and our College and University partners to maintain and expand this programming.

About the Advanced Placement Program

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program® (AP®) enables students to pursue college-level studies while still in high school. Through more than 30 college-level courses, each culminating in a rigorous exam, AP provides willing and academically prepared students with the opportunity to earn college credit, advanced placement or both. Taking AP courses also demonstrates to college admission officers that students have sought the most rigorous curriculum available to them. Each AP teacher's syllabus is evaluated and approved by college faculty from some of the nation's leading institutions, and AP Exams are developed and scored by college faculty and experienced AP teachers. AP is accepted by more than 3,800 colleges and universities worldwide for college credit, advanced placement or both on the basis of successful AP Exam scores. This includes over 90 percent of four-year institutions in the United States. In 2010, 1.8 million students representing more than 17,000 schools around the world, both public and nonpublic, took 3.2 million AP Exams.

About the College Board

The College Board is a mission-driven not-for-profit organization that connects students to college success and opportunity. Founded in 1900, the College Board was created to expand access to higher education. Today, the membership association is made up of more than 5,900 of the world's leading educational institutions and is dedicated to promoting excellence and equity in education. Each year, the College Board helps more than seven million students prepare for a successful transition to college through programs and services in college readiness and college success — including the SAT® and the Advanced Placement Program®. The organization also serves the education community through research and advocacy on behalf of students, educators and schools. For further information, visit www.collegeboard.org. Pictured: Mr. Robert Pierce and the AP History Class.



Eden Elementary's Students of the Month

By Patty Steinmetz

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

February:

Grade 3: Blake Colantino, Jack Lauer, Gavin Mendell, Lillian Sturm, Katie Wittmeyer.

Grade 4: Lilah Colwell, Martin Dole, Scott Edwards, Adam Kaczanowski, Samuel LoTempio.

Grade 5: Megan Armbruster, Christian Bish, Gerald Klubek, Nicole Mroz, Lauren Soda.

Grade 6: Jesse Brockman, Austin Feasley, Collin Fest, Cole Grabenstatter, Kimberly Korhummel, Keoni McCabe.

March:

Grade 3: Martin Barnack, Savannah Battleson, Aidan Nasca, Joshua Rice, Emma Tambacas.

Grade 4: William Cerne, Miriam Hoelscher, Julia Hooper, John Snyder, Amelia Stocksclaeder.

Grade 5: Hannah Cialone, John Mark Emel, April Mosgeller, Rachel Reinecke, Emily Strong.

Grade 6: John DeMarco, Madeline Engle, Greg Henry, Trent Laing, Logan Lyndsley, Jarod Millspaugh.



EDEN CHOPPER CLASS / TECHNOLOGY CLUB 2010-2011

By Steve Jones

The secret to a student's success is not really a secret at all. Most adults know the factors/influences that will impact each child's ability to retain and apply the things that they learn both in school and in their home/work environment. This year, as in previous years, our students' success in Technology Based Competitions can be directly linked to the support system they have at home. The competitions that Eden's students participate in are not simply the "nuts and bolts" of Technology but also focus heavily on the design process, situational problem solving, a team based approach, artistic principles and even business fundamentals. By keeping the competitions "authentic", the organizers of both the Donnie Smith Chopper Class Challenge and ECC Tech Wars have allowed our students to gain a clear vision, understanding and appreciation for the technical world that surrounds them. This is a critical process/opportunity because;

- Technological innovation, not just computer technology, is continuing to evolve at an exponential rate.
- According to the Department of Labor, future hiring projections between 2010-2018 show significant growth in many careers within the Technological sector.
- All students should have basic Technological Literacy and Technical skills before they graduate, so they can develop into self sufficient adults.

Student turnover/graduation within the Chopper Class and Tech Club created a void of upper classmen this year. Even with an average age of fourteen, the kids did not miss a beat this year. The class/club started researching and designing this year's drag bike back in September. With some generous donations and a lot of extra hours, the kids loaded the bikes up and we headed out to Saint Paul in late March for the DSCCC 2011. I am proud to say that once again they did a phenomenal job representing our school and community. The team captured a couple of awards, and that is a very noteworthy accomplishment, because of the level of competition at the show. The true measure of our students' success is their ability to solve the situational Technological problems that they encounter on a daily basis. In this regard, they are excelling, and they will certainly continue to promote the Technical Arts within and outside of Eden. If you happen to see Joe Haier, Bryan Haley, Howie Hoelscher, Andrew Maggs, Zak Palmer, Zak Kordal, Clayton Armbruster or Brandon Gallman, please recognize and congratulate the members of this year's build team. In total, about fifty Eden students had their hands on this year's bike, and each of them contributed in their own way. There are, however, some students that deserve some special recognition. Ben Niedermeier, Jared Nowak, Ryan Smith, Zak Blasz, and Jon Lyndsley really came up big during our final push to get the bike done before the competition in late March. Working as a team, the sky is certainly the limit for this young group of technicians. In May, our students will be competing in various competitions at Tech Wars 2011. Results to follow. Thanks for the continued support!

Front Row: Howie Hoelscher, Joe Haier, Bryan Haley, Zak Palmer, Brandon Gallman. Back Row: Zak Kordal, Andrew Maggs, Clayton Armbruster.



RAIDERS RESPOND

May 27TH, 2011

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

We will supply the labor for free, but the materials would have to be supplied by the Eden resident, business, group, etc. receiving the services.



This program was extremely successful last year. We would like to see it expand even more. Your input is very valuable. Please submit your ideas on what we can do to provide assistance to the Eden community, while helping students to realize the importance of being a vital part of it. If you have suggestions, please write them in the box below and mail them by May 1st to:

Eden Central School
District Shared Decision Making Team
District Office
3150 Schoolview Road
Eden, NY 14057

Or you can e-mail them to bthomasulo@edencsd.wnyric.org We welcome suggestions from local residents, businesses, and not-for-profit groups.

An Eden community service project I would like to see is: _____

If necessary, you can contact me to discuss this further at:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Eden Central School

3150 Schoolview Road
Eden, New York 14057

Phone: 716-992-3630

Fall sports physicals will take place in the High School Clinic on Saturday, June 11, 2011 beginning at 10:00 AM.

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.



We're on the web—
www.edencsd.org

EDEN CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mr. Brian Burgstahler, President	2011
Mr. Andrew Breier	2012
Mr. Steven Cerne	2011
Mr. Patrick Howard	2012
Mrs. Kristen Pinker	2013
Mrs. Deborah Biastre	2011
TBD	2013

Mr. Ronald K. Buggs, Superintendent
Barbara Thomasulo & Cathy Dobson,

Co-Editors

April 2011

Eden Central School
3150 Schoolview Road