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Dear Eden Families and Community Members:

It is hard to believe that three months have passed since the start of the school year. We have seen opening day, homecoming, open houses, picture days, concerts, first quarter report cards, parent teacher conferences, and Thanksgiving. We have had an excellent fall, and winter has already arrived.

We have seen several of our athletic teams compete in post season play, with our Girls' Volleyball Team returning as State Champions again. Our music groups have participated in Area All State competition, as well.

The future will bring some of the most challenging times we have ever seen in public education. These challenges include continuing economic issues, reduction of state aid after school began, and another reduction is possible in January. The mission of the Eden Central School District remains the same. We will continue to provide the best possible educational experiences we can, while balancing this against the needs and ability of our community. The Board of Regents in our state has established a very ambitious reform agenda that we must be part of. This agenda is rooted in the federal "Race to the Top" initiative, which includes:

- Adopting new learning standards and assessments to enhance preparation for college and the work place.
- Complete elimination of Regents Exams program in January. The only Regents Exams will be given in June beginning with 2012.
- Recruiting, developing and retaining effective Teachers and Principals.
- Building a new instructional data system to measure success; and
- Training around the lowest performing schools in the State.

This reform agenda will require our administrators, faculty and staff to work cooperatively to respond to those changes in a way that has a positive impact on our students. The impact of this initiative has already been seen in the form of increased student expectations on state assessments.

The coming year or two will be very different and challenging; however, this school district is one of the best, and we will do everything possible to maintain this status. We must continue our work together doing what is best for the youth of our community.

I would like to thank Mr. Beetow, our Director of Physical Education, Health & Athletics and Enrollment for his service to the District, as he starts a new position as Assistant Principal in the Iroquois School District. Ms. Marisa Fallacaro will become the Interim Director until the end of the school year. We look forward to working with her.

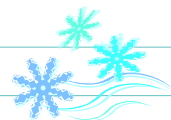
I would also like to thank the All Sports Booster Club and the PTA for their continued support and help in the District.

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.

Sincerely,

Ronald K. Buggs  
Superintendent

Season's Greetings!



## October and November Highlighted Ms. Wyman's 1st Grade Artists' ROCK PICTOGRAPHS at Eden Public Library

By: Mary Ellen Bossert



The first grade artists were introduced to cave art created in Prehistoric times. We discussed how art started 16,000 years ago and how and why the cave people drew on the cave walls. The true story of the teenager, Marcel Ravidat and his dog discovering the caves in Lascaux, France was told as inspiration.



We brainstormed animals that possess certain traits by a Dimension of Learning strategy known as Carouseling. This activity allowed the artists to uncover

an animal that they shared a trait with. Ex: I am as fast as a cougar or I am as smart as a fox. They chose their animal, and we practiced drawing the animal on paper through observation. Books and models of animals were provided to encourage drawing skills. These drawings were then transferred to rocks that I collected from the lakeshore. We used rock colored acrylic paint and markers to create their prehistoric-like masterpieces. The Aboriginal artists from Australia used dots and patterns in their

animal paintings. We combined the art from the Lascaux caves in France with the Aboriginal Animal "Dreamings" paintings from Australia.



Pictured: First grade artist: Austin Goodridge with his rock painting. Austin is as strong as a bull.

## Tony Hawke Donates Skateboard Decks

By Lisa Alessi-Nicastro

During the fall 2009 semester, Eden High School Advertising & Design students in Mrs. Nicastro's class embarked upon an incredible learning experience. A project was financed through the PTA, and with the help of Mike Wlodarczyk of Creative Network and Chris Flejtuch of Quality Quick Signs, a creative idea became an amazing reality for the hard working art students. The students designed and produced skateboard decks. Their ideas were hand drawn; they learned how to use

Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop, as well as, a great deal about the commercial printing industry while creating an item of personal expression. Once again this year, Mrs. Nicastro requested funding from the PTA for the project so that this year's students may showcase their talents while learning to manipulate technology, as did the previous class. Mrs. Alessi-Nicastro also e-mailed Tony Hawk at the Tony Hawk Industry to ask if he would help by sending an autographed photo to be packaged with the student

made deck. After explaining the project and asking for the photo of the skateboarding superstar, the Tony Hawk Industry responded immediately by sending the art teacher an autographed deck, along with numerous blank decks to be used in the project.



Pictured: Katelyn Posenjak, Samantha Naumovski, Tori Wilhelm, Mitchell Eck



## Friends of Rachel Club Donates to Local Families

*By Lorry Malkowski*

Friends of Rachel Club is a National Club started in memory of Rachel Scott, the first victim in the Columbine School Shootings.

Friends of Rachel Club, students from the GLP and the Elementary school, participated in collecting Thanksgiving food donations for families of Eden. They collected, organized and packed food items into Thanksgiving boxes for families in need. There was an overwhelming response in the food drive, so we were able to donate to Eden-North Collins Food Pantry, as well.

We wanted to say thank

you to our families, faculty and staff who donated turkeys, canned goods and non-perishable items. It was a HUGE success! Thank you for your generosity. Also thank you to faculty and staff who helped organize, supervise and deliver items to families.

Thank you,  
Lorry Malkowski,  
Teacher; Helen Knab, School Social Worker; and Tammy Finnerty, School Counselor.

Below—Sixth graders, Collin, Gus and Connor sorting donations for Thanksgiving.



## Jr./Sr. High School Students Sponsor Food Drive

*By Dave Kean*

Once again, Eden High School Student Council had a successful food drive. With the help and generosity from the Jr./Sr. High students, 14 turkeys were purchased and over 50 boxes of non-perishable food items collected.

This food has been distributed to numerous families throughout the

town. Student Council would like to thank everyone who pitched in during this holiday season, and we look forward to many events in the upcoming new year.

Pictured: Steve Bender, Cassie Smythe, Kyle Zittel, Troy

Neureuter, Shelby Lee, Salma Hussein, and Justine Gugino.



## November Employees of the Month

Mr. Schaefer announced that Lorry Malkowski was nominated as Employee of the Month for organizing the annual Veterans' Day observance at Eden Elementary School. Mrs. Malkowski was nominated by several teachers and Mr.

Schaefer. Mr. Schaefer announced that Sue Schnauffer was also nominated as Employee of the Month by Eden Elementary School Secretary, Laura Wincenciak, for her patience and willingness to assist with computer

questions. Congratulations to both!



Mrs. Schnauffer & Mrs. Malkowski







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## Eden Jr./Sr. High School Athletes of the Month

The Eden Girls' Athletic Association and Varsity Club would like to recognize the following athletes as nominated by their coaches.

Evan Zittel- Football; Jenna Phillips- Swimming; Laura Kiel- Tennis; Kelly Telaak-Field Hockey; Chandler Kraska-Golf; Victor Castillo-Boys' Cross Country; Laura Robinson- Girls' Cross Country; Melissa DeMarco-Soccer; Dave Roistacher-Soccer; Justin Waldorf-Volleyball and Kendall Pierce- Volleyball.

Coach Colleen Kot and Sarah Roberts selected Jenna Phillips to receive this honor because of her hard work and positive attitude. Jenna can swim any event, and that is a great asset to have when working on dual meet line ups. Her main events were the 200 IM and the 100 yd Breaststroke, but her versatility allowed her to swim the 50 free and 100 free in the 200 and 400 free

relays. This year Jenna was the team's high point scorer, racking up a total of 123.25 points.

Laura Kiel was this year's co-captain of the tennis team. She was 2<sup>nd</sup> singles player, winning 90% of her matches. She went on to compete in ECIC's for singles.

Kelly Telaak is a second year, Varsity player. She plays center forward and is the team's leading scorer with 13 goals on the season. She is a dedicated, hard working athlete and is a positive team leader.

Melissa is a dedicated and hard working player. She plays a key role as central defender in our defensive unit. Melissa's speed is especially valuable since she is able to shut down fast forwards on the opponent's attack. Melissa is a pleasure to coach, and is well-liked and respected by her teammates.

Dave Roistacher has been a calm and composed leader of a strong defensive crew that has played well all season.

Justin Waldorf has been a tremendous asset to the boys' volleyball success. He leads the team in kills and points scored and has improved to be one of the top players in Western New York. He is a scholar athlete who embodies and understands the demand and rigors of athletic and academic excellence.

Kendall Pierce, Junior outside hitter: This past month, Kendall has played at a consistently high level, leading the Raiders team in kills, digs, and passing percentage. She was selected to the Eden Invitational and St. Mary's Tourney All-Tourney teams and has helped propel Eden to the #1 ranking in Western New York and a top #100 ranking nationally.



Pictured left to right: Kendall Pierce, Kelly Telaak, Victor Castillo, Chandler Kraska, Laura Robinson, Jenna Phillips, Evan Zittel, Dave Roistacher and Justin Waldorf. Missing from picture: Melissa DeMarco and Laura Kiel.



## CONGRATULATIONS RAIDERS!

Eden Central School is proud to announce our 2010 fall Scholar/Athlete Team Awards from the New York State Public High School Athletic Association, Inc. Eleven out of our twelve varsity teams have earned a team grade average of 90% or better during the fall sports season.

**Thank you athletes and coaches for a great fall season!**



Team	Average	Coach	Team	Average	Coach
Cheerleading	92.87	Ashley Friedman	Girls Soccer	92.89	Jill Keller
Girls Cross Country	95.15	Larry Huber	Girls Swimming	94.11	Colleen Kot/Sarah Roberts
Field Hockey	92.61	Jen Carriero	Girls Tennis	93.38	Rich Brechtel
Football	91.15	Chuck Tilley	Boys Volleyball	91.40	Robert Pierce
Golf	92.13	Keith Crombie	Girls Volleyball	93.02	Stephen Pierce
Boys Soccer	92.10	Tom Wall			



### Cheerleading:

Leeann Esford, Meaghan Morley, Taylor Anderson, Katherine Armbrust, Samantha Cappola, Melissa Cataldo, Hannah Dubreville, Abigail Griebel, Taylor Kaiser, Nechael Lewandowski and Jessica Schieda.



### Girls Cross Country:

Abigayle Ploetz, Kristin Ressel, Laura Robinson, Kelly Rood, Sarah Faltyn, Jenelle Nyitrai and Stephanie Pintabona.

### Field Hockey:

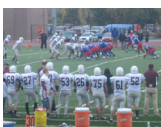


Nicole Aloisio, Sarah Hewson, Shelby Lee, Katelyn Posenjak, Samantha Pustulka, Megan Ulrich, Alexandra Bednarz, Danielle Maddex, Ashlee Pollinger, Caitlin Sickau, Kelly Telaak and Amanda Yuhas.



### Football:

Jacob Braunscheidel, Richard Landahl, Jr., Jeremy Lilga, Kevin Preischel, Evan Zittel, Kyle Zittel, Brian Agle, Jr., Mitchell Eck, Ryan John, Richard Krouse, Michael Sarratori and Brett Wilder.



### Golf:

Zachary Kordal, Chandler Kraska, Daniel Scheffler, Andrew Feldman, Mitchell Laing, Aaron Orechwa and Louis Bartus.



### Girls Volleyball:

Heather Feldman, Anna King, Hannah Lauber, Christine Schaefer, Victoria Eschner, Kendall Pierce, Rebecca Shoemaker and Lainy Pierce.

### Boys Soccer:

Joseph Amadori, Brien Connelly, Sean Huggins, John Klopp, Derek Palmerton, John Poppo, Tyler Gallman, Garrett Lavelle, Thomas Page, Charles Schmitz III, Dakota Sgroi and Arthur Sinnott.

### Girls Soccer:

Molly Bartz, Danielle Lyndsley, Lauren Morrow, Cassandra Smythe, Gabrielle Villar, Emily Brenner, Melissa DeMarco, Victoria Schreiner, Lynn-Lee Stresing, Emily Carias, Alicia Roistacher and Hanna Zittel.

### Girls Swimming:



Megan Pszonak, Justine Gugino, Rachael Baltes, Kristina Notar, Jenna Phillips, Kristin Howie, Jessica Page, Kassaundra Funch, Mackenzie Biastre, Erin Brawdy, Lauren Gugino, Hannah May and Allison Winiecki.

### Girls Tennis:

Erica Arnold, Laura Kiel, Jessica Maddex, Chelsey Coffee, Grace Ohmit, Molly Brogan, Emily Kessler, Kayley Zydel and Lisa Bernard.

### Boys Volleyball:

Jake Carias, Stephen Goedtel, Evan Laedke, Justin Rich, Justin Waldorf, Christopher Winter, Kyle Acker and Robert Blodgett.

Don't go around saying the world owes you a living. The world owes you nothing. It was here first.

Mark Twain



## Feldman Signs with Gardner-Webb

After a second straight New York State volleyball title, Senior, Heather Feldman signed her National Letter of Intent to play Division I Women's Volleyball at Gardner-Webb.

Eden's Volleyball Program is very strong. Eden Girls' Volleyball has won a record eight State Titles over the years—four of them have come in the past five years. Heather was a three-year starter at setter, adding valuable experience to a young team. She had dreamed of playing Division I volleyball since ninth grade. She was an All-Western New York and All-State Class B player who had many schools trying to recruit her.

Heather joined the Niagara-Frontier Volleyball at twelve years old. She started playing varsity in her freshman year, then took over the position of setter as a Sophomore.

Gardner-Webb is a small school located in Boiling Spring, North Carolina. While visiting the campus, Gardner-Webb offered Heather a full scholarship to attend.

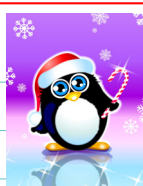
Heather is the first Eden Girls' Volleyball player to win a fourth state title. She joined the team as an eighth grader in 2006.

Heather also excels in the classroom where she is currently academically ranked number one in her class.

Pictured below—Seated: Mr. Brian Feldman, Heather, Mrs. Michelle Feldman. Standing: Mr. Beetow, Athletic Director; Mr. Pierce, Coach; Mr. Graff Principal; and Mrs. Banks, Guidance Counselor.



The Girls' Volleyball Team was given a royal send-off by administrators, teachers, faculty, staff and fellow students as they boarded the bus on their way to the State Championships. Eden Girls' Volleyball won their eighth State Title on November 21st. Congratulations to the team and Coach Stephen Pierce on this outstanding accomplishment!



Eden Alumni Association is hosting its annual Christmas party on Tuesday, December 14th at 6:30 p.m. at the East Eden Tavern. No reservation is required. **Free finger foods.** All are invited to attend. You don't have to be an alumnus.



## Studio In Art Highlights

*By Lynn Morgan*

We have been very busy in the Studio in Art Class this year. Some of the highlights from my class are:

### Projects –

**Collage** – Students created a collage composed of texture rubbings and a class quilt composed of squares that each student created to illustrate a specific design principle.



**Coil Constructed Vessels** – After they were dried then fired in the kiln, the students decorated the vessels by applying a lighter color slip on top of the terra cotta, cutting and scraping away the lighter topcoat to create designs inspired by their research of motifs found on ancient artifacts.

**Ceramics** – We learned about art's very earliest beginnings. In conjunction with the unit, we created a ceramics project - a small leaf plate built using the slab construction process.

**Photo Reference Books** – Students learned about art subject matter and were asked to produce six photos in each of six assigned subject matter categories. Special thanks to the Eden Rite Aid for providing discount coupons enabling the students to print their work locally, instantly, and at a very reasonable cost. We learned about the history of books and a bookbinding process. Students placed their photos and an analysis of each category of photos in their books, and they will use these photos as reference material for future projects.



**Field Trips** – We had a fantastic visit on October 8 at the Albright-Knox Art Gallery. We were able to see artists completing the new Sol LeWitt exhibit in the stairwell connecting the Albright building to the Knox building. We did several in-class activities to prepare for the visit. Special thanks go to our parent chaperones - Mrs. Kane, Mrs. Dole, Mrs. Johnson, and Mrs. Haley; to the Albright-Knox



Art Gallery's Education Department and its volunteer docents; to Blue Cross/Blue Shield of WNY for our admission and a generous allowance for our bus transportation. On November 12<sup>th</sup> our class went to the Burchfield Penny Arts Center and the Buffalo Historical Society, seeing works produced in keeping with the allusive theme "Alternating Currents" as part of the regional show *Beyond/In Western New York 2010*. Special thanks go to our parent chaperone - Mrs. Nagle; to the Burchfield Penny Arts Center and its volunteer docents; to Beyond/In WNY 2010 for our reduced admission and free bus transportation. Our class also got a taste of college life by dining in Buff State's student union. We have some awesome pictures on my web site of the kids at these field trips.

**Extra Credit Opportunities** – I encourage my young artists and their family's to visit local art exhibits and galleries. Students who write a review of their visit accompanied by a ticket stub (or other "attendance evidence") will receive extra credit added to the quarter, the number of points depending on how detailed and insightful the written description is. A great way to do this is by visiting the Albright-Knox on the first Friday of every month. These specially programmed days feature free admission and are loaded with family-oriented activities sponsored by M&T Bank. Details can be found on their web-site - [www.albrightknox.org](http://www.albrightknox.org). There is a link to it on my web-site.







# Season's Readings—'Tis the Time for Book Giving

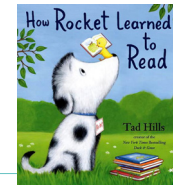
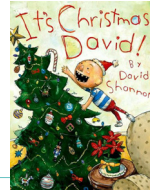
By Vanessa Zoll, Eden Elementary Librarian

## Picture Books



*Christmas Kitten, Home at Last* by Robin Pulver

*It's Christmas, David!* by David Shannon

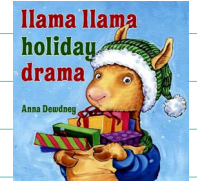
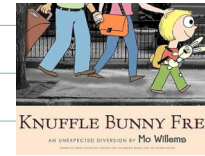


*Here Comes the Garbage Barge!* by Jonah Winter

*How Rocket Learned to Read* by Tad Hills

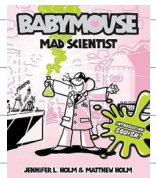


*Knuffle Bunny Free: An Unexpected Diversion* by Mo Willems



*Llama Llama Holiday Drama* by Anna Dewdney

## Intermediate Books



*Babymouse: Mad Scientist* by Jennifer Holm

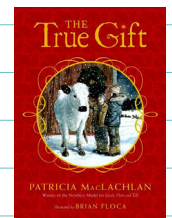
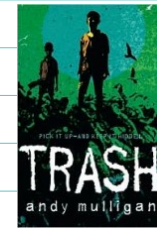
*A Tale Dark and Grimm* by Adam Gidwitz



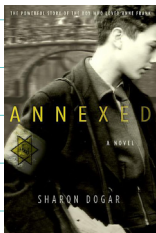
*Thirteen Treasures* by Michelle Harrison



*Trash* by Andy Mulligan



*The True Gift* by Patricia MacLachlan



## Young Adult

*Annexed* by Sharon Dogar

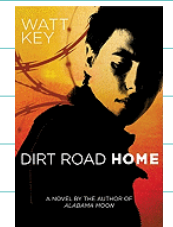
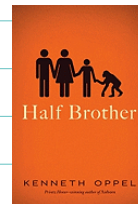
*Black Hole Sun* by David Macinnis Gill



*Confessions of the Sullivan Sisters* by Natalie Staniford

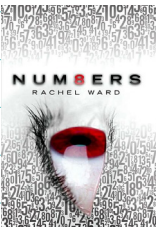


*Half Brother* by Kenneth Opiel

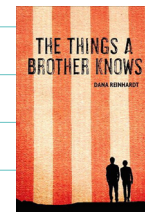


*Dirt Road Home* by Key Watt

*Numbers* by Rachel Ward



*The Things a Brother Knows* by Dana Reinhardt



## Eden Elementary Students of the Month



Eden Elementary announced students of the month for October and November.

**Grade 3:** Jackson Carney, Collin Rigley, Emma Schiedel, Benjamin Wilcox.

**Grade 6:** Brittany

**Grade 4:** Samajah Miles, Georgia Sgroi, Danielle Thompson, Noah White, Katherine Zydell.



**October:**

**Grade 3:** Goodrich, Seth Howell, Nicholas Diello, Jessica Hall, Agustin Hornberger, Jarek Rauker, Courtney Woodring.

**Grade 4:** Sarah Bialy,

**November:**

**Grade 3:** Demetra Jacobs, Tyler Jacobs, Carson Profic, Adam Schwertfager.

**Grade 5:** Ivan Bork, Mikayla Bushey, Glenn Hoelscher, Brandon McCabe, Mckiley Nappo.



**Grade 4:** Ashleigh Brown, Emma Cummings, Eric Lonski, Charles Muscato.

**Grade 5:** Paul Banko,

**Grade 6:** Casey Bennett, Alivia Armbruster, Samuel Craig, Jack Kernitz, Mason Mardino, Nicholas Sacilowski.

**Grade 6:** Walker George, Tyler Harshberger, Samuel Kidder, Joseph LoTempio, Helena Skalski.



# RAIDERS RESPOND

## May 27<sup>TH</sup>, 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 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 our 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 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](mailto:bthomasulo@edencsd.wnyric.org) We welcome suggestions from local residents, businesses, and not-for-profit groups.



A community service project I would like to see is: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_



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## Eden Central School – Embrace, Educate, Empower

### MISSION:

In collaboration with the community, the Eden Central School District pursues our tradition of excellence in personal and academic achievement. We provide a positive and respectful learning environment that places students at the heart of all activities. Students are afforded the tools and opportunity to realize their potential within our global society, while cultivating the understanding necessary to fully appreciate their journey.

### VISION:

ECSD is a collaborative learning community that embraces the individuality of each student, educating and empowering them to become productive citizens in an ever-changing and diverse society.



## Happy Holidays to All!



### EDEN CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Mrs. Kristen Pinker	2013

Mr. Ronald K. Buggs, Superintendent  
Barbara Thomasulo & Cathy Dobson,  
Co-Editors  
December 2010

*As the Christmas season of magic and sharing approaches, the Grover L. Priess and Eden Elementary Schools will again participate in a Christmas Sharing Program. During the weeks of December 6-17 children may bring items to school which will be distributed through Eden North Collins Food Pantry. There is a need for new toys, new clothes, new school supplies and other items for infants to senior citizens. Some items for senior citizens are flashlights and batteries, greeting cards, stamps, books and candles. Cash donations are also appreciated for the purchase of perishable items.*

*Thank you for making Christmas brighter for all.  
If you have any questions, please call:*

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992-3611

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