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Letter from the Superintendent...



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Dear Members of the Community:

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all the administrators, faculty, staff and students in the Eden Central School District to thank you, the community, for again supporting the school budget. The budget that you approved maintains all programs and resulted in the lowest increase in the past eleven years, which equates into the lowest tax levy in ten years. Please know that we understand that the economy still is not in good shape, and you have our sincere pledge to continue to find ways to save taxpayer dollars at the same time maintaining one of the best school districts in Western New York.

I would also like to congratulate Tom Gannon for being re-elected to a three-year term and Kristen Pinker for being elected to a new three-year term that will begin on July 6, 2010. I look forward to working with them both to continue doing our very best for kids.

We close another excellent year. Our assessment scores continue to be excellent, our students performed well both in and out of the classroom. Our seniors will graduate at another record rate attending post secondary education, entering the workforce or the military. We all should be proud of them. They will have a positive impact on our future.

The Eden School District is an outstanding District doing great things for kids. We continue to be one of the best and most effective school districts in Western New York.

Enjoy a great summer, spend some quality time as families and friends. If we can be of assistance to you and/or your family, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Sincerely,

Ronald K. Buggs
Superintendent

FALL SPORTS PHYSICALS

By Karen Meller

Fall Sports Physicals will be held on Saturday, August 7, 2010 @ 9:30 A.M. in the Jr./Sr. High School Clinic.



Fourth Graders Experience Assembly Line

By Irene Lavin

What is it like to work on an assembly line?

Nearly thirty fourth-grade students, learning about how children worked during the Industrial Revolution, experienced both the pros and cons of assembly line work recently at Eden Elementary School.

This hands-on lesson was part of a new general enrichment unit (Revolving Door/RD), to extend and reinforce fourth-grade Social Study lessons about America's Industrial Revolution. Assembly lines were developed during this period.

The product was a cookie "burger", with vanilla wafers as buns; chocolate-covered Oreos for burgers; various icings for mustard and ketchup, and coconut for onions. Enthusiasm was high, as

each student first made an entire burger to experience work as a craftsman.

Next, each child took a part in an assembly line, which included packaging, labeling, and sorting the burgers (with and without coconut). In order to have a more authentic experience, the two RD sections of students made the cookie burgers at a fast pace for both homeroom classes, including teachers, during their thirty-minute REACH class. Students were timed to see how long it took to make the burgers, both as craftspeople and as assembly workers.

The children proudly shared the results of their work with their homerooms. From this short, intense experience, they had a taste of how people must pace their

work on assembly lines, how this innovation quickened the manufacturing, and how a simple repeated action, while fun at first, might be wearing. Students also talked about their parents' experiences as assembly workers, making this lesson connect with today, as well as, the 19th century.



Assembly Line Burgers! Fourth-grade students experience work as part of an assembly line as they make cookie "burgers" during an enrichment unit on the Industrial Revolution in REACH.

Eden Elementary Announces the Students of the Month

By Patricia Steinmetz

March

Grade 3: Ashleigh Brown, Zachory DeCarolis, Martin Dole, Alli Jacobs, Aiden Strawbrich.

Grade 4: Merrick Allen, Molly Congilosi, Shayna Fitzpatrick, Alexa Kuppel, Samuel Schwanz.

Grade 5: Madeline Engle, Mitchell Olds, Adam Schwertfager, Michael Senus, Alexis Smolinski, Haley Torres.

Grade 6: Frank Barnack, Haley Bonczar, George Henderson, Lauren Henning, Amanda Sullivan, Justin Thompson, Jacob Zydel.

April

Grade 3: Scott Edwards, Mitchell Fest, Olivia Jarmusz, Colton Stetz, Noah White.

Grade 4: Alexandria Koren, Elizabeth Lemieux, Reid Minier, Kyle Schwanz, Tessa Walker.

Grade 5: Jared Breeden, Daniel Hoelscher, Brittany Nowak, Derek Reed, Andrew Rolf, Helena Skalski.

Grade 6: Hunter Bish, Brittney Gates, Caitlin Leyh, Clinton Robinson, Amy Slisz, Patrick Sullivan.

May

Grade 3: Zachary Boncal, Robert Goodrich, Samajah Miles, Samantha Preischel, Hannah Teoro.

Grade 4: Victoria Bugenhagen, Alexandra Harvey, Kyle Henderson, Caitlin Pontonio, Christopher Wilkins.

Grade 5: Bridget Bender, Megan Cassidy, Christina Harris, Austin Hawley, Gabrielle Mohan, Joshua Plarr.

Grade 6: Christopher Filkorn, Valerie Fox, Jahnesty Joiner, Allison Laedke, Mitchell Mason, Emily O'Connell, Kyle Spicola.

Career Day Extravaganza at Eden Elementary

By Mrs. Schnauffer and Ms. Finnerty

Sixth grade students were recently given the opportunity to explore a wide variety of careers available to them in their community, as well as, around the world. They were able to explore their interests, values, abilities and skills.

While in their computer lab class, students completed an interest inventory and were able to assess their likes and dislikes of a variety of activities and interests.

Students chose from a variety of careers online and explored them at www.careerzone.com, which is sponsored by Workforce New York. Students were also given the opportunity to do a virtual job shadow online. They were able to view a person in their career choice perform daily duties.

On April 30th, the sixth graders were treated to a half day "Career Day Fair" where Eden parents, community members and even

Mike Randall from Channel 7 spoke to the students about their own career paths. Each student could visit for 25 minutes with three different presenters, and students and faculty alike, enjoyed keynote speaker, Mike Randall, as a wrap up to this wonderful event. Presenters included Jeff Meredith, Hockey Coach - SUNY Fredonia; Steve Malkowski, National Guard- (Continued on page 4)

Jr./Sr. High School In-service Addresses Bullying in Schools

By Amy Banks

On Friday, April 9th, the teachers at the Jr./Sr. High School took part in an in-service to raise awareness about the issue of student bullying and harassment in our school and nation.

The in-service was facilitated by teachers Kathy Klopp and Mary Beth Sweeny, and school counselor, Amy Banks. The goal of this

discussion was to not only raise awareness about the topic of bullying and harassment,

but to also look at the characteristics of bullies, how we currently handle bullying situations with discipline and

mediation, and possible strategies for improving the climate in our school.

Mary Beth Sweeny also presented information about the nationally known program called "Rachel's Challenge". Rachel Scott was the first person killed in 1999 at Columbine High School by her classmates. Her family was inspired by her writings found after her death and started "Rachel's Challenge". The program is all about Rachel's life and offering a challenge to schools and communities to live a life showing compassion, kindness and acceptance. Mary Beth is organizing a team and currently working on funding to bring this wonderful program to the Eden Central School district in the fall of 2010. Find out more about

"Rachel's Challenge" at www.rachelschallenge.org.



Mrs. Klopp is shown here addressing Jr./Sr. High School Teachers and Teacher Aides on the topic of bullying.



Corporate Challenge 2010

"The program is all about Rachel's life and offering a challenge to schools and communities to live a life showing compassion, kindness and acceptance."

Career Day Extravaganza at Eden Elementary (continued from page 3)

Army; Ann Sawyer, Court Reporter; Tracey Fest, Pediatric Hygienist; Janine Cross, Pediatric Intensive Care Nurse; Tim Schnauffer, Architect and Professor - ECC; Karen Robinson, Reporter-Buffalo News; Jack Cuddihy, Financial Advisor – HSBC; a Federal DEA Officer; Chuck Laedke, Mason; Renee Bugenhagen, Veterinarian; John Cataldo, Elementary Principal – North Collins; and Andy Breier,

Buffalo Firefighter. We were thrilled to have so many presenters donate their time to help our annual Career Day at Eden Elementary be such a success!



For more pictures of the day go to www.edencsd.org >Teacher Pages > Computer Lab Prek-6> Mrs. Schnauffer's Homepage > Career Day.

Audubon Artists

By Amy McConeghy

Mrs. McConeghy's fifth grade artists are learning about the life and work of America's greatest ornithologist, John James Audubon. Here Jacob Schupp displays his charcoal rendering of a bald eagle.



Congratulations to:

Nathan Jahreis and Kaitlyn Schnauffer who placed first and third, respectively, in Tech Wars!

Congratulations to:

The Eden Wind Ensemble for its 19th consecutive Gold rating this year. Eden Wind Ensemble has received a gold rating every year since the Gold-Silver-Bronze format of ratings was introduced in 1992.

A Gold rating is awarded to an organization that has demonstrated an excellent level of technical and artistic skill in the categories of tone, intonation, balance, technique, accuracy, execution, rhythm, and interpretation.

Eden Places First in 2010 Chopper Challenge

By Marc Graff

Eight Eden students traveled to St. Paul, Minnesota March 24-29, 2010 to compete in this year's Donnie Smith Chopper Challenge.

Our students won the overall first place prize again this year, and all three choppers that they brought with them this year to the competition won awards.

The bikes were presented to the entire school during an assembly on April 16, featuring a special guest appearance by former Buffalo Bill, Ruben Brown. Congratulations to the students and Mr. Jones as they continue to be recognized for their outstanding talents!

**2010 Donnie Smith Chopper Challenge First Place—
Eden High School**



Remembering Beth

Beth Kushner, an alumni of Eden Jr./Sr. High School was tragically lost in the flight 3407 plane crash last year. The accident impacted many families across Western New York. Her friends and family are keeping her memory alive by creating a scholarship fund in her name. The scholarship will go to a female senior who has participated in either tennis, basketball, or softball. If your daughter fits this description, encourage them to apply for this scholarship.

If you would like to donate to this

scholarship, you may send checks payable to the Beth Kushner Scholarship Fund. The address is: c/o HSBC Bank, 8591 Main Street, Eden, NY 14057

Also, there will be a showing of "The Blind Side" at the Hamburg Palace Theatre July 31st at 3 pm. Doors open at 2 pm for a basket raffle. Tickets will be about \$6.00. All proceeds will go to the fund. Tickets will be available at the door or to pre-order call 598-9644. All alumni, students, and families are encouraged to attend this movie showing.

Twenty-six people participated in a tennis tournament where over \$985 was raised for the scholarship. John Baird and Jake Waszak won the tournament.

All of your love and support is greatly appreciated.



Eden Basketball Players Travel to Cleveland for a Cavaliers Game

By Kathy Slisz

The Boys' Varsity and JV Basketball Teams and the Girls' Varsity Basketball Team went to Cleveland to see the Cavaliers vs the Boston Celtics. We had tickets but no transportation. All the kids teamed together and sold 40 boxes of Fowlers chocolate candy bars in 4 days (with the help of Amy and Katie Slisz and "mean, mean selling machine" Hayden Herc) to rent a Limo Bus.

The highlight of the day was to go on the court during halftime to high-five the Cavalier players. They also received Cav Hats and Nike T-shirts before they went on the court. I received nothing but positive comments from the Limo Driver, who said he had never seen such a well behaved, polite group of kids to the Cavalier Managers who took us on the court. I was a very proud mom/chaperone!!! I

would do it again anytime with these kids! And we probably will - next year!!!!



Two Students Enter Congressional Art Show

By Lisa Alessi-Nicastro

We had two entries in the "Artistic Discovery" Congressional Art Show- Ashleigh Finnigan and Morgan Cole. The theme was based on the census this year.

Winners were announced on

Saturday, May 15th during a reception with Brian Higgins at the Larkin Building downtown.

Congratulations to Morgan Cole who won "Best Interpretation of Theme". It is an honor to have your work at the show, let alone be noteworthy.



Morgan Cole

Smith Signs Letter of Intent

After many months of visiting Division I colleges across the country, nearly 6'4" hitter Staceylyn Smith announced on May 12th that she will play Volleyball at the University of Georgia.

Eden Girls' Volleyball has won three state championships while Stacey was on the team—in 2006, 2007 and 2009. Smith was the State Tournament Class B Most Valuable Player in 2009. She has been both All-Western New York First Team

and a candidate for the Gatorade Player of the Year in New York in 2008 and 2009. Smith and Hannah Herc were the only two players in Western New York to be named Prepvolleyball.com All Americans in 2009.

Georgia is a member of the South Eastern Conference. They play some of the best competition in the country. Head Coach, Joel McCartney feels fortunate to have Stacey joining the University of

Georgia Volleyball Team.

Pictured are her mother, Julie Ulrich, Staceylyn, her father, Ron Smith, Athletic Director, Doug Beetow, Coach Stephen Pierce and Principal, Marc Graff.



Spring Sports Teams Named Scholar Athlete Teams!

By Ann Brown

WE DID IT AGAIN!

All of our varsity spring sports teams are Scholar/Athlete Teams, earning a team average of 90% or higher! Way to go Raiders!!

The 2009-10 school year was a great time to be a Raider. These athletes not only did well on the athletic fields, courts, pools and alleys, but every varsity team for the entire year was a Scholar/Athlete Team! What an accomplishment. This is a first for our athletic department!

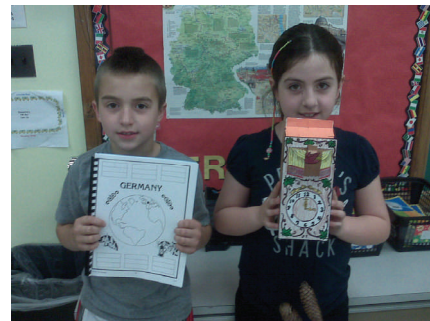
The spring teams are:

- Baseball - 90.394 - Coach Eric Cooper
- Boys Lacrosse - 91.93 - Coach Chris Archabald
- Girls Lacrosse - 93.803 - Coach Christine Haag
- Softball - 94.311 - Coach Charlie Hund
- Boys Tennis - 91.732 - Coach Rich Brechtel
- Boys Track - 94.632 - Coach Tom Wall
- Girls Track - 95.835 - Coach Randy Perison

Special note on girls track and field: Out of the 39 athletes on the roster, 29 have an average of 90% or higher. WOW!

Germany for a Day!

Mr. Fronczak's third grade students took a one day trip to Germany. They learned about Germany's geography and immersed themselves in the German culture by learning daily phrases, singing German songs, building cuckoo clocks and making apple strudel. Pictured are Michael Martin and Jillian Harris.



No Phone Zone Pledge

By Joann Ramaekers

On Monday, May 3rd, High School students attended a “Crusade Against Impaired Driving” assembly in the High School Auditorium. Eden Police Lieutenant, John McCarthy and representatives from “Karen’s Crusaders” spoke about the dangers of drinking and driving, texting and cell phone use while driving.

After the assembly, Mrs. Ramaekers’ class discussed these dangers. Many members of the class then signed the Oprah Winfrey “No Phone Zone” pledge not to text while driving.

Many students have remarked that they are honoring their commitment to this pledge.

Have a safe summer!



Left to Right—Seated: Tim Jakubiec, Ryan Sheehan. Row 2: Matt Meyer, Samantha Santiago, Hailee Herc, Caitlin Kraska, Nikki Ferguson, Andrea Fazzolari, Kaitlyn Stayzer. Row 3: Christine Jedd, Kelly Beller, Hannah Herc, John Popple, Tom Gannon. Row 4: Derek Szymkowiak, Zach Wertz.

Tom Page Places First in State Wrestling Championships

By Douglas Beetow

Congratulations to Tommy Page, Eden Senior High School tenth grader, for taking first place in his weight class in Freestyle wrestling and third place in Greco Roman style the weekend of May 8th and 9th at the USA Wrestling State Championships.

Next up for Tom is to compete at Nationals in Fargo, North Dakota this summer representing New York State.

Wish him the best! Another great athletic accomplishment by one of our outstanding student athletes. Good luck in North Dakota Tom!



Eden Elementary Welcomes Arts in Education!

By Janice O'Brien

For the second year in a row, Eden Elementary students have experienced the enrichment of their academic day through our school’s collaboration with Arts in Education of Western New York.

Mrs. Heather Maher, an architectural teaching artist, has been presenting lessons to our 4th and 6th grade students based on the life of Father Nelson Baker, and the history and architecture of Our Lady of Victory Basilica in Lackawanna, New York. There are 3 lessons per grade level (throughout May and June), an

architectural field trip to the Basilica, a dome/“Eden” landmark construction day (to honor Eden’s 200th anniversary in 2012), and a school-wide “Art, Music and History” celebration on Friday, June 28th, in the afternoon.

This celebration will include baroque music performed by our school orchestra and a “history of Eden” lesson presented by Mr. Ferris Randall, a long-time Eden resident.

Our PTA, The Eden Elementary Drama Club, as well as a Target Grant

have generously supported our Arts in Education program!



Photo courtesy of Lorry Malkowski

Kristen Pinker Elected to the Board of Education

Kristen Pinker, our newest School Board Member, will bring business experience and skills to the job when she is sworn in on July 6th.

Kristen is native to the area. She grew up in Boston and attended Orchard Park High School. As an undergraduate student at RIT, she became a Resident Advisor in the dorms and served as President of the College's chapter of the American Marketing Association. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

Kristen's career in Marketing began at Asea Brown Boveri

(ABB) in Rochester, NY where she focused on Marketing Communications. She traveled internationally to coordinate marketing projects, manage budgets and communication staff. Later, Kristen returned to Buffalo and joined Enidine Inc. as Marketing Manager. There she managed marketing programs and projects such as advertising, web site development and strategic planning.

After returning to Buffalo, Kristen earned a Master of Science in Creative Studies from Buffalo State College. Here she was trained as a facilitator and learned

about change leadership and Creative Problem Solving.

Kristen lives in Eden with her husband, Joe and daughters, Rachael (9) and Charlotte (7). In her spare time, she enjoys cooking, gardening, reading and travel.



Dobson Signs Letter of Intent

By Barbara Thomasulo

Larissa Dobson has been swimming competitively for twelve years and has many ribbons and metals for her performances over the years.

She began swimming with the Eden Dolphins Swim Club at the age of six, swam for ten years with them and has been on the Eden Varsity Team since 7th grade. In her Junior year, she broke the first of three school records in her career. As a senior, she broke a nine-year-old school record in the 200 IM with at time of 2:19.09. Along with the 200 IM, she currently holds the 100 Breaststroke record with a 1:07.46 and is part of the 200 Medley Relay record. By the end of 2009, she had qualified to compete at the NYS Championships. She moved up ten seeds from her qualifying time and finished in the top ten in the Breaststroke at the Section VI NYS Championships.

After being accepted to thirteen colleges and visiting ten of them, she decided to attend Edinboro College in Pennsylvania where she will swim for the Fighting Scots Division II program. Larissa is majoring in Biology Pre-Medical and then plans to attend graduate school for Physical Therapy. She hopes to continue with her success in the pool and compete at the National Championships.



Pictured: Seated: Mrs. Cathy Dobson, Larissa, Mr. Mark Dobson. Standing: Mr. Doug Beetow, Mrs. Amy Banks, Mr. Marc Graff.

Mrs. J's Orff Spectacular

By Cathy Jeffers

The second graders presented their annual musical on May 13th. "Mrs. J's Orff Spectacular" was a little different than our musicals in the past. Instead of using a published book and CD package, we wanted to use the songs we were learning in music class that used xylophones and rhythm instruments.

Alicia Jeffers (Mrs. Jeffers' college student daughter) wrote the script to connect the songs with a story. The five second grade classes took turns speaking, dancing and playing the instruments for the ten songs. As the fictional second grade class enters the music room, they are distracted by hunger, the rain, the jelly beans and even a character lesson. Finally, they settle down to learn about the Orff instruments.

Orff Schulwerk is a way to teach and learn about

music. It is based on things children like to do: sing, chant rhymes, clap, dance, and tap rhythms. The special Orff melody instruments include wooden xylophones and metal glockenspiels that offer good sound immediately. Played together in a small orchestra, their use helps children become sensitive listeners and considerate participants. The students realize music is everywhere, and music can help us as we move to a new school and a new year.



Sixth Grade Service Project at Eden Elementary

By Irene Lavin

As a service project to Eden Elementary School, seven of the current sixth grade REACH students—Alex Bianchi, Ed Koester, Macy Overhoff, Michael Seggio, Anna Wightman, Allison Winiecki, and Garret Olds--decided to rejuvenate the two front gardens by the school's entrance.

During May, these students worked to weed the areas, transplant overgrown day lilies, amend the soil, install borders, and plant colorful new perennials. They've also designed a sign and have filmed their efforts. The students began by monitoring the amount of sun in each garden area and reading about how to prepare soil. Although initiated by the students, this project quickly became a bigger group effort.

Local grower, Paul Zittel visited the class and spoke about glaciers and how they affected the basic soil in Eden. With his guidance, students checked the ph of the

gardens, decided which plants to remove and transplant, and took soil samples.

Mrs. Linda Zittel brought sample perennials to a subsequent class, as students decided which plants would most likely succeed in the partly sunny areas. Thanks go to Mr. and Mrs. Zittel, as well as parent volunteers, Mrs. Nicole Overhoff and Mrs. Kristen Winiecki, who pitched in during a weekend work session with students to weed, transplant excess day lilies, and upgrade the soil with amendments. The Winiecki Family donated plastic edging for a border and carted away weeds for compost.

During after-school work sessions, students continued to weed, plant, and hammer in the border. Thanks also go to Mrs. Rose Nowak, teacher, who donated hostas; Mr. Charles Bianchi, who donated his services as a sign printer; Mrs. Kathy Corbishley-Ried for background garden information;

Mrs. Sue Schnauffer; Terry Zittel of Zittel's Country Market, and additional student helpers, Amy Slisz and Emily Cataldo.

As of this writing, the gardens are still a work in progress. REACH is both an enrichment and gifted and talented program for grades 3-6.



Sixth-grade students, Alex Bianchi, Macy Overhoff, and Allison Winiecki, take a break with REACH teacher, Mrs. Irene Lavin, as they weed and upgrade the two front gardens at Eden Elementary School, as a service project.

Raiders Responded!

On a beautiful, sunny day in May, over 300 Eden Raider students, faculty, staff and community members responded in a big way to a call for community service. The first Raiders Respond Community Service Day was held on May 26th throughout the town. The importance of teaching young people the value of giving of themselves to perform a service for others should not be overlooked.

Some of the activities included:

Mrs. Alessi-Nicastro and approximately 13 of her art students visited Eden Heights and Absolut Care Nursing Homes to create art projects with the residents.

Mr. Hassett and Mr. Minton and approximately 21 students participated in an “Adopt-A-Highway” program to pick up garbage along Jennings Road and Church Street.

Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Noel and Mrs. Crinnin and about 56 students went to the American Legion where they picked up garbage, painted baseball fences, bleachers, benches, the Legion building, the bathroom building, moved heavy wood, logs, and metal, raked the football field and raked along the fences.

At the Boys & Girls Club, Mrs. Popple and Mrs. Funke supervised a group of sixth graders, along with several Jr./Sr. High School students who weeded and mulched the grounds.

Mrs. Wilhelm and approximately 30 students weeded, planted flowers and mulched the Chamber Town Park.

Mr. Archabald and about 10 students gardened and painted at the Eden Coop Nursery School.

Mr. Beetow and 10 students cleaned and organized the athletic storage area in the basement of the Jr./Sr. High School.

Mr. Wall, Mr. Perison and 11 students scraped, re-nailed and painted the concession stand by the track.

Mr. Kuczkowski and 18 students painted the fence from the Elementary School to the GLP School.

Mr. Huber and 10 cross country students cleared the cross country path between the Jr./Sr. High School and the GLP School.

Mrs. Janowsky, Mrs. Donovan and Mr. Millson and approximately 28 National Honor Society students planted flowers, trees and mulched the high school grounds.

Mrs. Doctor and Mrs. Nowicki and approximately 20 students weeded and gardened at Immaculate Conception Church and 13 FBLA students weeded and gardened at the Eden Cemetery.

Mrs. Rockwood-Klute and 12 students raked, gardened, painted and washed toys at Eden KinderCare.

Mrs. Banks and Miss Morgan, with approximately 26 students, painted, weeded, mulched, and picked up garbage at Swartz Field.

Mr. Kean and Mrs. Bauer and 18 students cleaned up,

stained wall, weeded, planted flowers and mulched at the Welch Farm Museum.

Mr. Jones, Mr. Brechtel, Mr. Uhlman, Mr. Carbone and approximately 26 students weeded, planted flowers and repaired sign posts around four “Welcome to Eden” signs. The signs are being repainted by Shelby Stresing.

Community member, Mrs. Gorcica supervised a group of students who gardened and weeded at Gorcica Field in East Eden.

Mrs. Fallacaro and the softball team helped a group of GLP students to clear a nature path through the woods behind the school.

Ms. Kwas and her class weeded around the trees in front of GLP.

Mrs. Bossert’s art classes painted benches in front of GLP.

Eden Elementary students participated in a fill-a-bus program, where students brought food, clothing and other items to be donated to the Eden-North Collins Food Pantry.

GLP students donated food items for the Women and Children’s Hospital waiting room, and many of them cleaned up around the outside of the school.

Braymillers provided lunch for the group working on the “Welcome to Eden” sign near their store. Many of the adults provided lunch for the students they were supervising.

All students submitted signed permission slips from their parents to participate. Advisors met with the students to explain the logistics of the projects they would be working on. Transportation was provided by the Bus Garage – thanks to Ms. Heckathorn and Ms. Friedman for arranging that. Thanks to everyone who helped organize the day, especially Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Thomasulo, Mr. Graff and Mrs. Bauer. Thanks also to Mr. Martin, Mr. Walters and the buildings and grounds crew for their assistance and supplies. Thank you to all the companies and people who donated any materials needed for the day. A huge thank you to the District Shared Decision Making Team who planted the seed and did the ground work for what turned out to be a very successful day.

We look forward to making it bigger and better next year. The Eden Central School District Community truly can make a difference!



Senior Sports Awards

By Douglas Beetow

Wednesday, June 2, 2010 the Eden Athletic Department held its annual Senior Sports Awards night. This year's seniors have accomplished much more than any other senior class in past years. For the first time in school history, every varsity team was recognized as a New York State Scholar Athlete Team. This means that the teams' overall grade point average was higher than 90%. As Athletic Director, I am very proud of this accomplishment. These Seniors have now set a "Commitment to Excellence" for all underclassmen to follow.

Some standout performances from this past year:

❖**Girls Field Hockey**- Sectional Semi-Finalist.

❖**Football**- Class C North Champions, Class C Sectional Runner-up, Troy Bigelow was named Trench Trophy award winner for week 4 and named to the Football Weekly 1st Team Offensive Line.

❖**Golf**- Division IV Co-Champions, Jay Partridge broke a school record by shooting a 31 low score.

❖**Girls Soccer**- 1st Team Honors - Danielle Lyndsley, 2nd Team Honors - Chelsea Krencik. Awarded the

Division IV Team Sportsmanship Award.

❖**Swimming**- 1st Place at the Tonawanda Relays. Larissa Dobson broke 2 school records in the 200 IM and 100 Breaststroke. She also represented Eden at this year's NYS Swimming Championships.

❖**Boys Volleyball**- Division III Champions, Class B Sectional Champions, Class C State Champion Runner-up.

❖**Girls Volleyball**- Division IV Champions, Class B Sectional Champions, Far-West Regional Champions. The team also recorded its 7th State Championship. Eden now holds a state record for the most championships held by one school for a specific sport.

❖**Wrestling**- Division III Championship. Two wrestlers, Ross Abram and Tom Page represented Eden at this year's State Wrestling Championships.

❖**Girls Basketball** Team won an ECIC Division IV Championship for the first time in over 20 years. Hailee Herc broke a school record for career rebounds (697) and in a game with (27). The girl's team was awarded by the Western New York Board of Officials for Women's Sports as this

year's Sportsmanship Team of the Year.

❖**Cheerleading**- Kelly Beller and Felicia Grassia were awarded ECIC All-Stars. At the Winter ECIC competition the girls placed 1st.



Pictured Row 1: Hannah Herc, Co- Athlete of the Year; Hailee Herc Co- Athlete of the Year; Elizabeth Henry- Female Service Award; Chelsea Krencik, Kay Palmer Award; Bettina Jukubiec, Coaches Award.

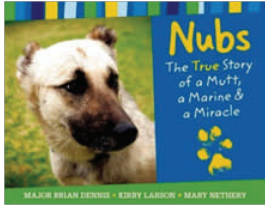
Row 2: Douglas Steen, Scholar-Athlete Award; Alex Shea, Male Athlete of the Year; Julian Birmingham, Dan Hagen Award; Samuel Lewandowski, Male Service Award; Tim Jukubiec, Male Coaches Award.

Missing from the picture is Miriam Harms, Female Scholar-Athlete.



Summer Reading for ALL Ages

By Ms. Vanessa Zoll



Nubs: A True Story of a Mutt, a Marine and a Miracle by Major Brian Dennis

Chronicles the friendship between Marine Major Brian Dennis and Nubs, a pack leader of wild dogs in Iraq who bonded with Dennis, but when Dennis was relocated seventy miles away and could not bring the dog with him, Nubs traveled across the freezing desert to find his human friend.

Emmaline and the Bunny by Katherine Hannigan



Everyone and everything in the town of Neatasapin is tidy, except Emmaline who likes to dig dirt and jump in puddles, and wants to adopt an untidy bunny.



Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer by John Grisham

Thirteen-year-old Theodore Boone, who knows every judge, police officer, and court clerk in his small town, finds himself involved in a murder trial because of knowledge he might have about a cold-blooded killer.

Twenty Boy Summer by Sarah Ockler



Sixteen year old Anna was best friends with Frankie and her brother, Matt, until all three are in a car accident in which Matt is killed. A year later while on vacation in California, Anna keeps a secret from Frankie that could threaten their friendship.



Sharp Shot by Jack Higgins with Justin Richards

Teen twins Rich and Jade are finally enjoying a quiet moment at home while their father is off on a spy mission. A man from their father's past shows up and says, "If they find me, they'll kill me!" Suddenly the twins find themselves back on the run – and don't know whom to trust.

Sports Camp by Rich Wallace



Eleven-year-old Riley tries to fit in at Camp Olympia, a summer sports camp where he is one of the smallest boys.

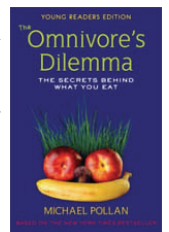


Purple Heart by Patricia McCormick

When Private Matt Duffy wakes up in an Army hospital in Iraq, he's honored with a Purple Heart. But he doesn't feel like a hero. Matt is haunted by a hazy memory of an Iraqi boy being shot and the sense that he is somehow responsible for the boy's death.

The Omnivore's Dilemma: The Secrets Behind What You Eat by Michael Pollan

Michael Pollan's adult edition of *The Omnivore's Dilemma* (2006) was a New York Times bestseller, a James Beard Award winner, and a Booklist Editors' Choice selection. Now the young reader's edition offers an informative, shocking and revealing read that may make readers rethink their eating habits. Examines the origins of the different food chains that have sustained humans throughout history, discussing how certain foods and cuisines have become a popular part of people's daily diets.



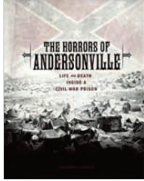
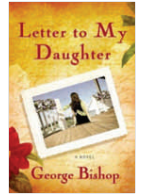
Fly Girl by Sherri L. Smith

During World War II, a light-skinned African American girl "passes" for white in order to join the Women Air Force Service Pilots.

Summer Reading for ALL Ages (Continued)

Letter to My Daughter: A Novel by Georgia Bishop

Laura's daughter Elizabeth runs away after a terrible argument, and as she waits for Elizabeth's return, Laura begins to write a letter sharing the secrets of her troubled adolescence and the meaning of the enigmatic tattoo on her right hip.



The Horrors of Andersonville: Life and Death Inside a Civil War Prison by Catherine Gourley

Tells the story of Andersonville, a Civil War prison camp in Georgia where thousands of Union prisoners died in the last fourteen months of the war, drawing from a variety of documents to consider whether the prison's commandant, Captain Henry Wirz, was justifiably convicted and hanged.

Kraska Awarded Trustee Scholarship by Allegheny College

Caitlin Kraska has been awarded a Trustee Scholarship by Allegheny College in Meadville, PA. Caitlin is the daughter of Tim and Karen Kraska.

The Trustee Scholarship is an achievement-based award that is guaranteed for four years of study at Allegheny. The scholarship recognizes academic excellence, as well as, achievements in extracurricular and leadership activities.

Founded in 1815, Allegheny College is a selective, residential

college of the liberal arts and sciences. One of 40 colleges featured in Loren Pope's *Colleges That Change Lives*, Allegheny is well known for attracting students who have unusual combinations of interests, skills and talents. Forty-five percent of Allegheny College graduates go directly to graduate and professional schools; the college ranks in the top 7 percent of all liberal arts colleges in the number of graduates who go on to earn Ph.D.s.



Celebrating Cinco de Mayo!

Students from Mrs. Carol King's class celebrated Cinco de Mayo last month in style!

Pictured here with Mrs. King are teacher aide, Mrs. Jamie O'Brien and 22 second grade students, all in sombreros.



Students in Mrs. Wieberg's class enjoying each other's company.

Saying Good-bye to Our Retirees

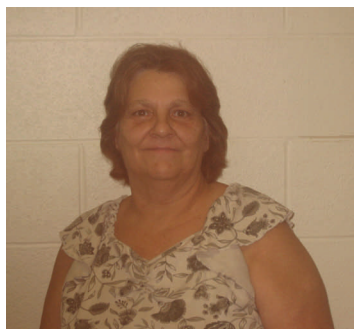
Barbara Caffery retired last August. She started as a substitute driver in 1988. After substitute driving, she became a bus attendant, then in 1992 she became a full time driver. In addition to driving, she also was an internal auditor for four years, a union treasurer, a member of the sick bank committee, a driver instructor and the 19A examiner. In her capacity as 19A examiner, she was responsible for testing and critiquing the driving skills of other drivers. Ms. Caffery has 15 years of safe driving awards from Utica National.



Ms. Caffery loved driving a bus for the District. Her fondest memories are of the kids she had on her routes.

She plans on traveling to Georgia and other locations during her retirement years. She will visit her children who are out of state and spend time with her 2½ year old grandson, Liam.

Judy Miller has been a cleaner at the Jr./Sr. High School for 10½ years. She has enjoyed her job and meeting a lot of people as they came and went. She appreciated that everybody has been really great, especially Mr. Martin and Mr. Walters. The teachers have always been very pleasant to her, and she enjoyed talking with them. She has no regrets.



Mrs. Miller plans to travel during her retirement years. She would like to go to Tennessee to visit her sister-in-law. She also will go to Pennsylvania to visit family there. Mrs. Miller's three children all live in the area. One is in North Collins, one is in Hamburg and

one lives with her in Eden. Her son visits each weekend. She is looking forward to spending time with her 10 grandchildren (five girls and five boys) and her great grandchild. Spending time with them is her favorite thing to do. She hopes to live a long, happy life.

Marion Battleson has been an Eden Central School Bus Driver for a total of 32 years. She worked as a substitute for 2½ years before she became a full-time driver. Over her career, she received the Utica National Safe Driver award annually.



Mrs. Battleson's fondest memories of her career are of watching the children grow up from Kindergarten through 12th grade. She has driven the same route for 28 years and is currently on her second generation of students. Some of the children she transports daily are children of former students that she also had on her run. When she starting seeing third generation children, she decided it was time to retire so she could pursue other interests.

Mrs. Battleson plans to spend time with her husband. They will travel to Texas, to visit their son and nine grandchildren. They will also travel to Minnesota to visit another son and three grandchildren. Mrs. Battleson also has three grandchildren living in Eden. In addition to visiting family, she enjoys quilting and hopes to go on quilt trips. She would like to learn Long Arm Quilting. Mrs. Battleson also enjoys gardening, babysitting the grandchildren and relaxing. She would like to go back to school, but she hasn't decided what area to explore yet.

All in all, she feels it has been "a good ride".

To all three of this year's retirees, we wish you a long, healthy and happy retirement!

May Athletes of the Month

By Colleen Kot

The May athletes of the month as chosen by their coaches are as follows: Baseball: Matthew Scott; Softball: Bettina Jakubiec; Tennis: Dan Scheffler; Boys' Lacrosse: Sean Huggins; Girls' Lacrosse: Chelsea Krencik; Boys' Track: Doug Steen and Girls' Track: Melissa Demarco.

Matt Scott was the winning pitcher over league-leading Tonawanda (1-0) and also Alden (4-2). In these games, Matt allowed only two hits against Tonawanda, while striking out five. Against Alden, Matt gave up two runs, and had four strikeouts.

Bettina Jakubiec was chosen by Coach Hund because of her strong will and determination. She is great defense at third base and is a solid hitter.

Dan Scheffler is a respected leader and works hard in practice. He was undefeated at singles. Dan has also been 1st team 1st singles

and has earned All Star recognition the past two years.

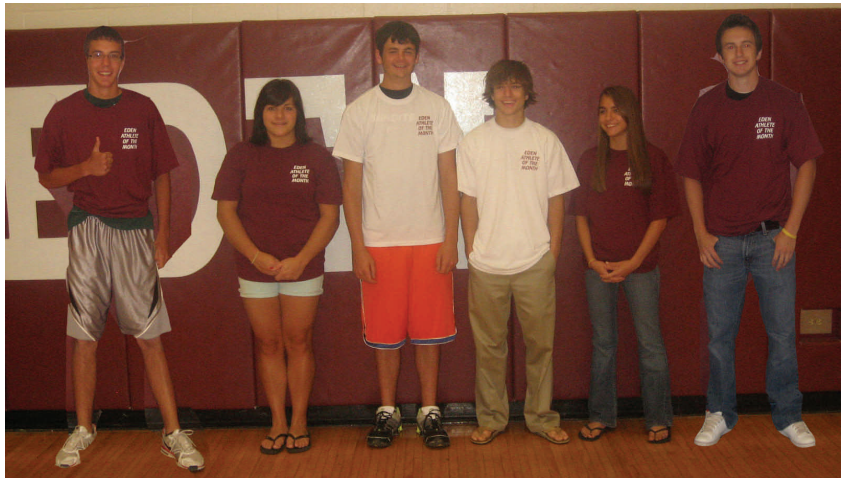
Sean Huggins has been an outstanding athlete. He has been playing varsity lacrosse for two years. Sean is an all star playing in goal. In practice, he gives 100% everyday, and his coach can rely on him for anything.

Chelsea Krencik was chosen by her coach for her excellent leadership abilities and positive attitude. She is the team's highest scorer.

Doug Steen has been a strong force on this year's track team. He threw over 110 feet in discus for the first time.

Melissa DeMarco is a hard worker and dedicated athlete according to her coach Mr. Perison. She is an all around great athlete and person.

Pictured: Dan Sheffler, Bettina Jakubiec, Matt Scott, Sean Huggins, Melissa DeMarco, Doug Steen. Missing from picture: Chelsea Krencik.



Tractor Coloring Contest Winners Announced

Thank you to Shelby Stressing for creating the Coloring Tractor Page for the Contest and to the FFA Members for judging the contest. There were over 300 entries in the coloring and drawing contest. Winners from each grade will receive a free Blizzard compliments of Eden Dairy Queen.

Congratulations to:

6th Grade - Emily Cataldo
 5th Grade - Rachel Coffee
 4th Grade - Jackson Carney
 3rd Grade - Jessica Pelc
 2nd Grade - Lexy Vullo
 1st Grade - Sara Wilkins
 Kindergarten - Emily Enterline
 Pre Kindergarten - Alaina Ventry



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ELEMENTARY BAND EARNS GOLD!

By Annette Bahun

Congratulations to the Eden Elementary 6th grade Band on receiving a GOLD rating at the NYSSMA Major Organization Festival this past May! Many months of hard work went into preparing for this event. Our students are to be commended for bringing home the "Olympic Gold" for musical excellence!



All the art of living lies in a fine mingling of letting go and holding on.

Henry Ellis