

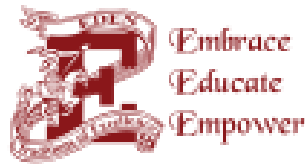
# Eden Central School Newsletter

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## 2010-2011 School District Budget Ronald K. Buggs Superintendent

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Dear District Residents:

After several months of study, the Board of Education adopted the 2010-2011 school budget in the amount of \$26,197,143, which represents an increase of 2.09% over the current budget. The administrators, faculty and staff worked hard to present the lowest budget to budget increase that we have seen in the past eleven years. In preparing the 2010-2011 budget, there were again unique sets of circumstances. These included a proposal by the Governor to cut aid to Eden by \$809,000, along with many other unfunded mandates.

The proposed budget maintains all current programs for our students. Reductions in staff include one elementary teacher, three teaching assistants, and one aide. Most are due to our continued declining enrollment.

The total budget increased by 2.09% from the previous year, the lowest in eleven years. We believe that the proposed budget meets the needs of our students but is conservative in its approach to spending increases.

Since we rely on the state to fund approximately 44% of our budget, predicting the impact on the local tax levy is very difficult. Our best estimate at this time is a 4.25% increase in the tax levy, which is the lowest tax levy increase in the past ten years. The final tax levy/tax rate will not be adopted until August 2010. 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.



Ronald K. Buggs  
Superintendent

**PROPOSED BUDGET -- EDEN CENTRAL SCHOOL**

2010-2011

**ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING**

May 4, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Junior/Senior High School Auditorium

**BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION**

May 18, 2010

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 4, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. prevailing time at the Eden Central Junior/Senior High School, 3150 Schoolview Road, Eden, New York. Voting on the budget for the fiscal year 2010-2011, electing two members of the Board of Education to commence July 1, 2010, and for the transaction of such other business as is authorized by law will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2010, 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 18, 2010 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 18, 2010.
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 two candidates:

Linda Nellis  
Kristen Pinker  
\*Thomas Gannon, Sr.

\*Indicates Incumbent

**\*\*\*PROOF OF RESIDENCY REQUIRED\*\*\***

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

There are 2 three-year terms open for the 2010-2011 school year.

**INTERNET SAFETY**

Keeping kids safe on the Internet is a big concern. At school, we talk a lot about how kids can keep themselves safe. Here are some tips that we give the kids in computer lab! Always let your parents know when you are using the computer. Ask their permission to go onto the Internet. Have your computer with Internet access located in a room where your parents can watch what you are doing on the Internet.

**NEVER** give out your personal information to anyone over the Internet. This includes your name, address, school, sports teams, phone number, playgrounds that you visit, etc. Tell an adult if something happens while you are on the Internet that makes you feel uncomfortable (ex: a pop-up appears asking you for your name or other personal information OR an inappropriate picture pops up on the screen). (Continued on page 3)

## **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, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011, as presented by the Board of Education, 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.

## **PROPOSITION NO. 2**

### **(PURCHASE OF SCHOOL BUSES AND MAINTENANCE VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT)**

**Eighty-seven percent (87%) of the cost of buses is aided by New York State.**

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 \$312,141 and (2) various pieces of machinery and apparatus for use in construction and maintenance activities of the District, including equipment used in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$40,401 and that the sum of \$352,542, 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.

## **PROPOSITION NO. 3 (FUND REPAIR RESERVE)**

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education ("Board") of the Eden Central School District ("District") is hereby authorized to transfer \$102,206 from the District's General Fund to the District's Repair Reserve Fund (as established by the action of the Board on February 10, 2010), which represents the amount of guaranteed savings reimbursement funds received from the District's energy performance contractor in relation to the District's current energy performance project; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board is hereby authorized to transfer any and all future guaranteed savings reimbursement funds received from the District's energy performance contractor in relation to the District's current energy performance project to the District's Repair Reserve Fund, in a cumulative amount not to exceed \$600,000.

**TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, that the election of members of the Board of Education shall be held to fill two (2) at-large positions on the Board. The candidates receiving the first and second highest vote totals will each be elected to full three-year terms (commencing July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2013) to fill the vacancies created by the expiration, on June 30, 2010, of the terms of Thomas Gannon and Patricia Schenk.

## **INTERNET SAFETY (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2)**

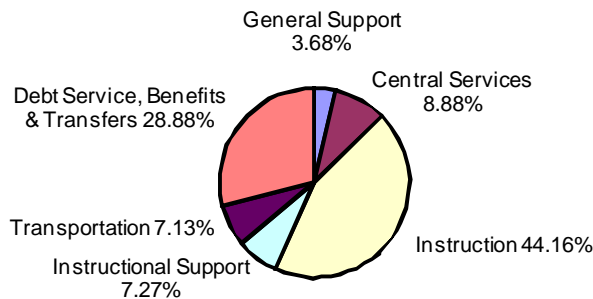
Give your parents the passwords to your email or any other secure sites that you visit (ex: MYSPACE, FACEBOOK, RUNESCAPE or chat rooms). The Internet is a wonderful resource, but safety is always important. Visit some of these sites to learn more about online safety for your family! Kids Health for Parents, Netsmartz, iSafe - check out the iParent Times in the Quick Links box on the isafe web-site - a great newsletter for parents!

iKeepSafe, Wired Safety, Web Wise Kids, Stop Bullying Now!, bNetS@vvy, Microsoft - Kids and Gaming - Most of the above sites have a Parents' section which is worth taking a look at! Other links: Good Morning America - Sexting, Good Morning America - Tracking Your Kids, Parent Safety - protect your identity.

**BUDGET OVERVIEW**  
**SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES**

<u>GENERAL SUPPORT</u>	2009-10 BUDGET	2010-11 BUDGET	<u>INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT</u>	2009-10 BUDGET	2010-11 BUDGET
Board of Education	2,800	2,800	Library & Audio/Visual	178,906	184,458
District Clerk	1,375	1,375	Educational Comm. & TV	-0-	-0-
District Meetings	9,296	9,746	Computer	429,924	437,404
Central Administration	204,451	209,263	Attendance	18,677	19,334
Business Administration	227,697	243,178	Guidance	271,913	299,312
Auditing Services	31,873	41,673	Health Services	166,983	178,332
District Treasurer	52,578	54,512	Psychological Services	87,055	131,050
Tax Collector	14,500	16,675	Social Work Services	11,700	16,001
Purchasing	1,736	1,719	Pupil Personnel Services	97,699	103,846
Fiscal Agent Fees	3,800	3,800	Co-Curricular Activities	89,326	100,266
Personnel Services	1,000	1,000	Interscholastic Sports	425,399	434,909
Legal Services	44,000	44,000			
Public Information	18,682	12,682	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,777,582</b>	<b>1,904,912</b>
Unallocated Insurance	95,424	100,089			
Association Dues	13,901	13,901	<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>		
Water & Sewer Assessments	27,500	28,050	District Operated	1,627,834	1,721,454
Refund – Real Property Tax	19,940	22,000	Garage	64,107	56,898
BOCES Administrative Charge	115,220	114,469	Contract Transportation	90,640	90,640
BOCES Capital Expense	42,508	42,467			
BOCES Capital Project	-0-	-0-	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,782,581</b>	<b>1,868,992</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>928,281</b>	<b>963,399</b>			
			<b>DEBT SERVICE, BENEFITS &amp; TRANSFERS</b>		
<b>CENTRAL SERVICES</b>			Census	-0-	-0-
Custodial	1,243,636	1,271,459	State Retirement	312,600	369,192
Maintenance	668,623	724,976	Teacher Retirement	746,267	607,631
Data Processing	256,883	283,883	Social Security	952,674	1,000,914
Central Printing	45,832	45,953	Workers' Compensation	170,715	170,715
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,214,974</b>	<b>2,326,271</b>	Unemployment Insurance	40,000	40,000
			Medical Insurance	3,205,137	2,960,219
<b>INSTRUCTION</b>			Bond Anticipation Notes	55,717	55,717
Curriculum	106,269	131,595	Lease/Purchase Buses	186,558	180,472
Supervision	700,369	702,332	RAN Interest	6,000	6,000
Research & Evaluation	20,478	30,478	Installment Purchase	-0-	-0-
Inservice Training	25,407	25,407	Other Debt	546,397	546,397
Regular School	7,099,504	7,402,455	Transfer to Debt Service Fund	1,603,196	1,594,482
Handicapped	2,570,932	2,645,374	Transfer to Federal Fund	30,000	33,000
Occupational Education	532,962	596,484	Transfer to Capital Fund	-0-	-0-
Special Schools	46,170	34,706	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,855,261</b>	<b>7,564,739</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,102,091</b>	<b>11,568,830</b>	<b>TOTAL GENERAL</b>		
			<b>FUND EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>25,660,770</b>	<b>26,197,143</b>

**Budget Overview**

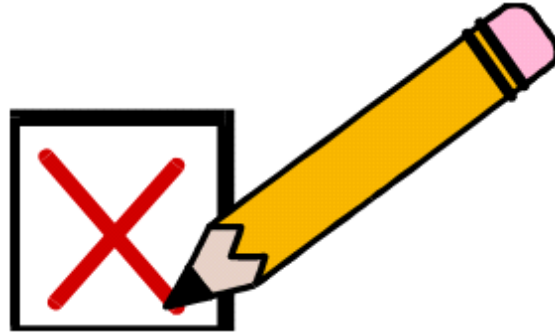


**CONVERSION OF 2010-11  
BUDGET TO THREE COMPONENTS**

<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>	<u>2009-10 BUDGET</u>	<u>2010-11 BUDGET</u>	<u>CAPITAL</u>	<u>2009-10 BUDGET</u>	<u>2010-11 BUDGET</u>
Board of Education	13,471	13,921	Operation of Plant	1,243,636	1,271,459
Central Administration	204,451	209,263	Maintenance of Plant	668,623	724,976
Finance	332,184	361,557	Judgments & Claims	-0-	-0-
Legal Services	29,000	29,000	Refund of Taxes	19,940	22,000
Personnel	1,000	1,000	Purchase of Buses	-0-	-0-
Records Management	-0-	-0-	Debt Service	794,672	788,586
Public Information	18,682	12,682	Transfer to Debt Service	1,603,196	1,594,482
Central Printing	45,832	45,953	Transfer to Capital	-0-	-0-
Central Data Processing	256,883	283,883	Benefits	<u>389,258</u>	<u>367,876</u>
Other Special Items	294,553	298,976			
Curriculum Development	106,269	131,595	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,719,325</b>	<b>4,769,379</b>
Supervision Reg. School	700,369	702,332			
Supervision Special School	-0-	-0-			
Research Planning & Develop.	20,478	30,478			
Employee Benefits	<u>537,034</u>	<u>501,363</u>			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,560,206</b>	<b>2,622,003</b>	<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES</b>	<b><u>25,660,770</u></b>	<b><u>26,197,143</u></b>

**PROGRAM**

Legal	15,000	15,000
Instruction	12,052,557	12,609,338
District Transportation	1,627,834	1,721,454
Garage	64,107	56,898
Contract Transportation	90,640	90,640
Comm. Service	-0-	-0-
Other Transfers	30,000	33,000
Benefits	<u>4,501,101</u>	<u>4,279,431</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18,381,239</b>	<b>18,805,761</b>



**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 19, 2010. 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 11, 2010.

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 17, 2010. 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 18, 2010.

**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 3:30 p.m.



## SHAKESPEARE'S CORNER

By Susan Wilhelm

The students in Mrs. Wilhelm's English 9 class put an interesting spin on an old tale. While reading the play, *The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet*, the students posed for a representational snapshot of the scenes read.

The students had a wonderful time dressing up as the various characters, from Friar Laurence to Romeo. The pictures were then printed each day and hung on the board for amusement and to reinforce the storyline as the play continued. Below left are Jackie (Romeo) Bonczar and Samantha (Juliet) Murray. Below right is William Asboth as Friar Laurence. Bottom left are Chris Sataneck as Mercutio, Emilio Jimenez as Romeo and Matt Bialy as Tybalt.



## NELSON'S POSTER SELECTED IN CONTEST

The New York State Office of Cyber Security and Critical Infrastructure Coordination (CSCIC) notified 9th grade student, Erik Nelson, that he has submitted one of the winning entries in the "Kids Safe Online" Poster Art Contest. Erik's poster showed creativity, originality and a strong message about the importance of cyber security. His entry was then submitted to the National K-12 Poster and Video Contest, which was conducted by the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC).

If Erik is selected as a winner in the nationwide contest, his poster will be included in the 2011 Cyber Security Awareness Calendar, which will be distributed nationally through the MS-ISAC. Winning entries from New York will also be posted on the NYS CSCIC web-site at [www.cscic.state.ny.us](http://www.cscic.state.ny.us)

Congratulations Erik!



Pictured are Erik Nelson and Business Teacher, Mrs. Ramaekers.

## WNY ACADEMIC TEAM HONORS ONE EDEN SENIOR

One senior from Eden Junior-Senior High School has been named to Business First's 2010 All-Western New York Academic Team. Miriam Harms (Special Mention) has qualified for this year's list of the 100 best and brightest high school seniors in the eight-county region. Winners were chosen for their records of academic excellence, school leadership and community involvement. The top 25 were named to the First Team, 25 runners-up to the Second Team, and another 50 to the Special Mention list. "This is an honor of true significance," 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 this year. Only 100 have met the incredibly stringent standards to make the Academic Team. That's the top one-half of one percent, the real cream of the crop." Schools throughout the eight-county region were asked to nominate their smartest and most accomplished students for consideration by a nine-member committee, which included six admissions directors at area colleges and three Business First editors. A total of 112 schools responded with 386 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 2010-2011 Guide to Western New York Schools, which will hit newsstands on June 11. A story about the Academic Team program, including a list of last year's winners, can be accessed at: <http://tinyurl.com/2009wnyacadteam>.

## A GREAT TEAM EFFORT!

By Janice O'Brien

Our 6th grade students were immersed in the study of ancient Greece through the collaborative efforts of a team of teachers. Mary Ann Mandiak (Reading) secured a grant to support efforts in ELA. She was able to purchase class sets of leveled readers to be used in ELA to support lessons being taught in Social Studies.

Students accessed information from *History Opens Windows: the Ancient Greeks* and *Understanding People in the Past: The Ancient Greeks* during their ELA classes with Ellen Kindley and Rose Nowak. Students read these books in their literature circles developing concepts and vocabulary. Notes taken in class were later used in Social Studies.

After background lessons in Social Studies about the Ancient Greeks, students completed a research project creating Ancient Greek Scrapbooks. Vanessa Zoll facilitated the research in the library, and Sue Schnauer supported these efforts in the instructional computer lab. Construction of the scrapbooks took place in Social Studies classes and finished at home if necessary.

Students were much better prepared to tackle the study of Ancient Greece with the information secured in ELA. They were fully engaged in the research and the resulting projects were noteworthy!



## KINDERGARTEN SCREENING

Kindergarten Screening will take place on Thursday, May 27th and Friday, May 28th. Screenings will be by appointment. If you have registered your child for Kindergarten for the 2010-2011 school year, you will receive your appointment information in the mail. If you have not registered, please call the District Registrar, Douglas Beetow at 992-3643.



## EDEN JR/SR HIGH SELECTS JANUARY ATHLETES OF THE MONTH

By Colleen Kot

The Eden Girls' Athletic Association and Varsity Club would like to recognize the following athletes as nominated by their coaches: Brandon Dix, Basketball; Sarah Telaak, Cheerleading; Cassie Smythe, Basketball; Andrew Herbert, Bowling; Amber Edwards, Bowling; Cody Jackson, Swimming; and Zac Wisniewski, Wrestling.

Brandon Dix is captain of the Boys' Varsity Basketball Team. He averages 8 points a game, and he scored 18 points against Lackawanna.

Sarah Telaak is one of the captains of the Varsity Cheerleading Squad. She is a tremendous help to her fellow teammates. Sarah lends a helping hand and gives constructive criticism to help the team excel. She is a great leader and always has a positive attitude.

Cassie Smythe had a terrible injury last April, an ACL tear. Her goal was to come back for her junior basketball season. Her surgeon said that the normal post-op time was six months, which would have taken her into January. Cassie worked so hard in the off season to rehab her knee. On December 5th, a month earlier than expected, she returned to her team. Coming back to the team made a huge impact on this year's season, from her shooting to her defense, our team would not be where it is without her.

Andrew Herbert was chosen by his bowling coach for athlete of the month because of his great character and leadership qualities. He is captain of this year's team.

On the girls' bowling team, Amber Edwards has been the most consistent bowler on the team with an average of 146. Her leadership skills have been invaluable on this young team.

Cody Jackson is one of the hardest workers on this year's Varsity swim team. He qualified for two ECIC events.

Zac Wisniewski placed second at the last two wrestling tournaments losing only by one point in each finals match to last year's section champion.



Pictured: Amber Edwards, Cody Jackson, Zac Wisniewski, Cassie Smythe, and Andrew Herbert. Not pictured: Brandon Dix and Sarah Telaak.

## ALLISON WINIECKI PRESENTED WITH CHARACTER AWARD

Principal Richard Schaefer and Sixth Grade Teacher, Mrs. Janice O'Brien, presented a Character Award to Allison Winiecki at the February 10, 2009 Board of Education Meeting.



## AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE HONOREES

*By Ron Buggs*

Congratulations to Pat Hawkins and Amy Banks for being selected by the Western New York Educational Service Council as recipients of the Awards for Excellence in Education; Pat in the category of Support Staff, and Amy in the category of Counseling. They were honored at an Awards Banquet on March 11th at the Amherst Marriott. The evening began with a social at 5:30 p.m. Thanks go out to both of these individuals for all that they do.



Respect your efforts, respect yourself. Self-respect leads to self-discipline. When you have both firmly under your belt, that's real power.

Clint Eastwood

## CULINARY STUDENTS WIN AWARDS

*By Jeff Cervoni, Principal/Supervisor  
Lake Shore/Carrier Career and Technical Academy*

The Culinary students at Lake Shore/Carrier Career and Technical Academy attended the New York State Restaurant Association Educational Foundation/ProStart Competition on February 4-5 in Albany.

The students entered two competitions. One was the Management piece and the other was Culinary.

The Management Team won 1st place.

They created a business/restaurant proposal for a donut shop called "Doughnut Pro".

The management team was asked to develop a business proposal for a new restaurant. They needed a defined restaurant concept, supporting menu, and a marketing plan. The team prepared a comprehensive written proposal, verbal presentation and visual display board, in addition to making all of the menu items prior to the event. The teams were tested on their critical thinking skills by reacting to a variety of potential management challenges. The team is now invited to compete at the National Competition in Kansas City, Kansas April 30th through May 2nd.

Instructors: Russell Furdell and Jim Kuras

Students:

Michael Wittcop/Team Leader-Lake Shore

**Jewel Kwilos/Team Leader-Eden**

Jocelyn Igielinski-Lake Shore

Alex Dispence-Lake Shore

The Judge's response to the students' presentation was that we, "blew them out of the water" and have "raised the bar on the competition".

You may also follow the culinary kids on facebook.com by searching for doughnutpro and becoming a fan! Thanks for your support.

## EDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ANNOUNCES STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

*By Patricia Steinmetz*

### February

Grade 3: Zachary Brosnick, Riley Burke, Gavin Musielak, Makayla Scheu, Jordan Sroda.

Grade 4: Amy Bieniek, Christian Bish, McKenzie Locker, Brandon McCabe, Peter Zittel.

Grade 5: Jesse Brockman, Tyler Jacobs, Morgan Keppler, Jade Lounsbury, James Pollinger, Marissa Sorrentino.

Grade 6: Caitlin Glaser, Melissa Lopez, Karli Morrill, Kristin Schmitt, Ryan Smith, Anna Wightman.



## ELEMENTARY STUDENTS PERFORM AT KLEINHAN'S MUSIC HALL

*By Annette Bahun*

Thirty-two of Eden's finest elementary musicians participated in this year's ECMEA Solo Festival and/or All-County Concert at Kleinhan's Music Hall. We applaud these students for their dedication and commitment and thank them for representing our school so well.



## GLP - A Great Little Place

Generous Loving Pupils  
*By Paula Chalifoux*

Mrs. Engle's second grade class and Mrs. Chalifoux's first grade class teamed up to collect toiletry items such as tissues, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, hand sanitizer, etc., for a local homeless shelter. In lieu of having a party on the one-hundredth day of attendance, the challenge was for the students in each room to donate 100 items by the 100th day of school in early February. Believe it or not, the children have collected a total of more than 700 items! We know that GLP stands for Great Little People.



## MUSIC AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*By Loran Carter*

What a fun way to learn a great many skills from music! These students are learning how to do tinikling. Tinikling is a form of dance that originated in the Philippines. The students must work together to use proper footwork, the proper stick pattern, and keep a steady beat while coordinating the task to music. It is an exciting activity which motivates all students to participate. The students worked with one of the basic elements of music, and they certainly enjoyed the activity. Keep up the great work, Mr. Vona!



## EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH NAMED

Congratulations to Eden Elementary Library and Media Specialist, Mrs. Vanessa Zoll; Bus Driver, Mrs. Marion Battleson; and Laborer, Mr. Michael Mooney, who were named as Employees of the Month at the February 10, 2010 Board of Education Meeting. Pictured are Mrs. Zoll (left) and Mrs. Battleson (right). Mr. Mooney was not available for the picture.



## **ART NEWS FROM MRS. BOSSERT'S ART STUDIO: COOPERATION BUILDS CHARACTER!**

*By Mary Ellen Bossert*

### **COLOR THEORY TAUGHT BY PEERS!**

While teaching my lesson on color mixing, I decided to try a new approach.

I set up an environment in which Mrs. Wess-Rishel's second grade artists taught Ms. Kwas' first grade artists under my guidance. Peer teaching can be very effective and advantageous to both teacher and learner. The second grade artists enhanced their understanding of color mixing while the first grade artists were actively engaged one on one with a "peer teacher" that was close to their own age. During the art studio class, I called Mrs. Grimm down to observe this collaboration in action. It was a very powerful instructional strategy and a wonderful model for working together to achieve a goal.

Cooperation in the art studio through educational strategies such as peer teaching may create an environment in which the helper can increase his/her own understanding, as well as, confidence and self-esteem. Pictured is Allie from Mrs. Kwas's class.



### **PIZZA BOXES TRANSFORMED INTO ART PORTFOLIO CASES!**

Artists use portfolios to keep art work in one designated place and most importantly, to keep it safe. I asked the owner of Eden Seafood and Pizza, Rick Ventry, for a donation to help my first grade artists create their very own portfolio cases. In keeping with the concept of reusing items in our world for various purposes, we transformed pizza boxes into portfolio cases. One side of the case was adorned with a Charles E. Burchfield print and the other side with a lesson in ruler use, pattern, and complimentary color combinations. The side with the Burchfield print introduced the concept of adding to a drawing or painting years after it had been created. Burchfield, a Buffalo artist, would make use of his previous paintings by adding paper around the edges and redeveloping his painting on a larger scale. My first grade artists made their Burchfield print their own by adding on to his painting, The Song of the Telegraph. Old belts were used for the handles on the cases. Thank you Mr. Ventry for your generous donation of pizza boxes to make this lesson a success. (Max, Sara and Haley's portfolio's were presented at the March Board of Education meeting.)

Cooperation in our community comes to life by recycling/reusing, making use of necessary resources and organizing and preserving artwork just like a professional artist.

### **HS ARTISTS AND GLP ARTISTS WORKING TOGETHER TO HELP STOP HUNGER!**

Over one hundred second grade artists and High School ceramic artists participated in a community awareness project known as, Empty Bowls. High School ceramic artists created hand thrown clay bowls, which the second grade GLP artists glazed with Asian symbols of life. They came together to create these bowls in a team effort as the second graders traveled to the High School Art Studio in four field trips during the month of March.

The bowls will be sold at the Burchfield-Penney Art Gallery in Buffalo on Sunday, May 23, 2010 from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm and proceeds will benefit the Food Bank of Western New York. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Cooperation among artists of different ages creates awareness through the donation of their art to benefit the well being of others in their Western New York community.

### **EXHIBITING ART IN THE COMMUNITY!**

Congratulations to the following artists: Aiden from Mrs. Cuddihy's Pre K morning class - expressive self portrait; Alex from Mrs. Castiglia's Kindergarten class - Burchfield's Autumn Leaves at Play watercolor painting; Austin from Ms. Wyman's Kindergarten class - Good Luck Shadow dragon puppet; Ella from Mrs. Rapp's Kindergarten class - Gyotaku fish print; Emma from Mrs. Chalifoux's first grade class - Chinese Scroll painting and Japanese tea cup; Billy from Mrs. Wess-Rishel's second grade class - Chinese opera mask in clay; Karli from Mrs. King's second grade class - Chinese opera mask in clay.

Their art work will be exhibited by AEYC (Association of the Education of the Young Child) to celebrate the Month of the Young Child. The exhibition will run the entire month of April at the Buffalo Museum of Science.

The Opening reception will be Wednesday, April 14th from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

**"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success."**

*- Henry Ford*

## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Greetings to Eden School District families:

In this note I would like to talk about the upcoming budget and proposition vote, and the election of new School Board members.

Each year we go through the annual process of voting on a budget. Since many do not fully understand how the entire budget and tax levy process works, I thought I would take a moment to describe it.

Each spring the administration develops a budget that they think is best with which to operate the school district. They then present the budget to the Board who has the opportunity to make changes and has the ultimate responsibility to approve it. This is the expenditure side of the equation. There are also estimates made as to what state aid will be provided and what tax increases will be needed to cover the difference between the budget and state aid. Once the state passes their budget, whenever that may be, the tax levy increase can be calculated. This is usually done in late summer and again approved by the board. That levy is then given to local tax collectors who use state equalization rates to determine the increase each town in the district will receive. So as you can see, there are many factors that go into determining the budget, the funding of the budget and ultimately your tax increase.

The other major decision you must make as you go to the polls is the selection of new Board members. This is as important a decision as you can make. The Board's role is to set policy and goals and provide guidance for the district. Our district has a budget of over \$25 million dollars this year. It has hundreds of employees, and most importantly, is entrusted to prepare our children to be as successful in life as possible.

The school district is a large and complicated organization and one that needs the best and the brightest of our residents to guide it. Our children deserve nothing less. So as you go to the polls, please carefully consider the candidates. Consider their skills, their experiences and how they can contribute to make our district successful. After all, we can only be as good as those that are leading us.

Once again, thank you for your time, and I hope that all of you get out to the polls in May to do your part in providing for the future of the district and its children.

Best regards,  
Steven Cerne  
President, Eden Board of Education

## NEWS FROM THE JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL ART DEPARTMENT

*By Lisa Alessi-Nicastro*

The following students left school on Friday, February 12, 2010 at 12:20 PM to attend an awards celebration at Villa Maria College with Mrs. Alessi-Nicastro, Mr. Buggs, and their families: Morgan Cole, Kate Hains, Ashleigh Finnigan, (Tori Eschner) Kate Eschner, and Shelby Stresing.

Shelby Stresing was first place overall for \$250, as well as first place in the Hamburg Sun- Dry Creek.

Second place: Ashley Finnigan, Hamburg Sun-Town of Eden. Third place: Katie Eschner, Hamburg Sun-Color X-Press. Fourth place: Kate Hains, Hamburg Sun- Randall Agency. Fifth place: Shelby Stresing, Hamburg Sun-Donald Robinson, M.D. Sixth place: Shelby Stresing, Hamburg Sun- Page-Harms. Ninth place: Katie Eschner, Hamburg Sun-WNY Health Expo. Tenth place: Morgan Cole, Hamburg Sun-Pioneer Propane.

Once again this year, art teachers Mary Ellen Bossert and Lisa Alessi Nicastro will donate bowls to Buffalo State College for the empty bowls charity fundraiser. The bowls are a result of a collaborative effort between ceramics students at the high school and GLP second graders. To add a bit of extra excitement to the project, Mrs. Nicastro openly invited faculty and staff to come to the ceramics studio for a few hours after school to learn wheel throwing and make "empty bowls." There were several teachers from all three buildings as well as secretaries and support staff that joined in on the fun.

Be sure to attend the auction at Burchfield-Penney Art Gallery in Buffalo (Buffalo State College) on Sunday, May 23, 2010 from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm and purchase a bowl! Donations will benefit the WNY Food Bank.





# RAIDERS RESPOND

**May 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2010**

**The Eden Central School District will be participating in a community service project where all Faculty, Staff, and Students will work together to make a difference in this great community.**

On Wednesday, May 26th, Eden Central School administrators, faculty, staff and students will participate in a district-wide community service program. Each of the schools in the District will sponsor an activity or several activities and events in an effort to support our community.

At G.L.P. Primary school, the goal will be to collect food and snacks, and other items to donate to the parent waiting rooms at Women and Children's Hospital so that parents and siblings who are visiting sick family members can have a special place to go. The G.L.P. Family will also help clean up the area around the school to help welcome Spring.

Eden Elementary School will sponsor a "Fill a Bus" program. The goal will be to fill an entire bus with items of need, such as food and clothing, which will be donated to the Eden-North Collins Food Pantry and the North Evans St. Vincent de Paul Society.

At the Jr./Sr. High School, there are multiple options to choose from. These options are:

- 1) An art project with local nursing home residents.
- 2) Painting town fire hydrants with Eden theme pictures.
- 3) Helping with organizing athletic storage areas at the school.
- 4) Clearing and repairing cross country trails.
- 5) Putting on a music program at local nursing homes.
- 6) Planting bulbs, flowers and trees around school grounds.
- 7) Cleaning up local parks.
- 8) Repairing, painting, and siding the concession stand at the football field.
- 9) Repairing the "Welcome to Eden" signs around town.
- 10) Cleaning, clearing brush, and marking nature trails/cross country ski trails through the woods between Eden Jr./Sr. High School and the G.L.P. Primary School.
- 11) Helping senior citizens in the area with yard work and maintenance, in conjunction with the local ecumenical church group.
- 12) Refurbish the Welch Farm Museum facility and property.

It is particularly important for secondary students wishing to attend college to get involved with community service projects. More and more colleges look at community service hours when considering admission. We also know this is a great way to teach children of all ages that they can make a difference.

Please feel free to drop off any donations at the appropriate school building.



## FBLA SPRING DISTRICT MEETING

*By Kathleen Bugenhagen, Historian*

On Saturday, February 6th, Eden FBLA attended the Spring District Meeting. The meeting was held at Bryant and Stratton College. At the meeting, members competed in a variety of events, such as public speaking and keyboarding. Some events were written tests, while others were oral tests. Eden was one of seven chapters to attend the meeting, and several members placed in their events. These members have the opportunity to go to the state competition in April. Members that won awards at this event included:

Chad Blanar, 2nd place - Public Speaking II

Max Malayny, 1st place - Marketing; 2nd place

FBLA Principles and Procedures

Zabrina Nedimyer, 3rd place - Basic Decision Making; 3rd place - FBLA Principles and Procedures

Nicole Grasso, 4th place - Business Law

Kathleen Bugenhagen, 1st place - Keyboarding

Taylor Hecke, 3rd place - Business Communication

Matt Bratek, 2nd place - Introduction to Business

Autumn Reusch, 3rd place - Introduction to Business

Congratulations to all members that placed, and a special thank you to all members that attended.



## WINTER 2010 SPORTS TEAMS ALL NAMED SCHOLAR ATHLETE TEAMS!

*By Ann Brown*

Congratulations to our winter varsity teams! Like our fall teams, ALL of our winter varsity teams are Scholar/Athlete Teams! NYSPHSAA awards certificates and pins to each team having a 90% or higher team average. WAY TO GO RAIDERS!

<u>Team</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Coach</u>
Boys Basketball	92.057	Paul O'Connor
Girls Basketball	93.932	Marisa Fallacaro
Boys Bowling	91.215	Jason Bernardone
Girls Bowling	91.928	Keith Crombie
Cheerleading	91.299	Ashley Friedman
Boys Swimming	90.610	Charlie Hund
Wrestling	91.905	Tom Page

## PAPERLESS SCHEDULING

All students in grades 8 - 11 will be signing up for their 2010-2011 courses on line in the computer lab in an effort to go paperless. Students can view or download the 2010-2011 Curriculum Guide on the District web-site - [www.edencsd.org](http://www.edencsd.org).

Members of the Eden Jr./Sr. High School Counseling Office provide career, college and guidance services for all students in Grades 7 through 12.

Please contact our office at 716-992-3601 if you have any questions about available services or to arrange for a meeting with any of our friendly support staff.

## SPORTS UPDATE

*By Douglas Beetow, Athletic Director*

The winter season has come to a close and that only means one thing. One more sports season, and we are on summer vacation. It is tough to think that way as I write this, when there is still a foot of snow on the ground. March 8th was the official start of the spring season, and teams will be crammed into gyms practicing hard to get ready for the season. Coaches are looking forward to a great season and the continued success of what the fall and winter sports teams have accomplished.

The biggest accomplishment that the teams have made to date is in the area of academics. For years athletes have been looked at as "dumb jocks", but here at Eden, the coaches and all of our athletes understand that grades come first. If you would like to play on one of our very successful teams, you need to be a success in the classroom. In saying that, I would like to officially congratulate all of our winter sports teams for being recognized as New York State Scholar-Athletic Teams. In the fall, all of our teams were also awarded with this honor. In looking to the future, I only can say that the spring coaches and teams have a lot of work ahead of them, but we feel very confident that they will continue what the fall and winter teams have already done.

Besides being named a Scholar-Athletic team, our Varsity Girls' Basketball team, coached by Marisa Fallacaro was nominated for and awarded the Brian Hansen Sportsmanship Award. This award is given out by the Women's Basketball Officials Association. This award is voted on by the official's organization every year. Nominations come in from all the officials who have worked games during the year. Our Coach and the team captains were presented this award Saturday, March 6th at Williamsville South High School. Great job girls, and I look forward to another great season.



## MR. GRAFF ANNOUNCES TOP STUDENTS OF THE CLASS OF 2010

*By Barbara Thomasulo*

Mr. Graff announced that the Valedictorian of the Senior Class is Michelle Blaszczyk with a cumulative average of 98.960. The Salutatorian of the Senior Class is Lauren Pszonak with a cumulative average of 97.330.

Michelle is the daughter of John and Lynne Blaszczyk, Sisson Highway, Eden. She is a member of the National Honor Society, a recipient of the Soccer Coach's Award, and Soccer MIP Award. Michelle is also involved in Wind Ensemble, Peer Listeners, and Band. When not busy with her school work, Michelle enjoys youth soccer and helping out with the family Christmas Tree Farm.

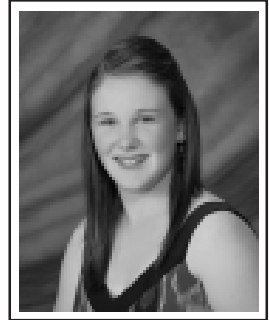
Her future Plans include going to Canisius College and majoring in Accounting.

Lauren is the daughter of William and Karen Pszonak, Sisson Highway, Eden. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the Musical, Mock Trial, Model UN, AFS, Swing Singers, and Jazz Band.

In her spare time, Lauren enjoys hanging out with her friends.

Lauren's future plans include attending Grove City College or Geneseo to major in Pre Law. She would then like to go to Law School, become a legal aide for Social Work and become a pro bono lawyer.

Rounding out the top ten students of the class of 2010 are: #3 Sarah Hudson 96.700; #4 Emily Falstewart 96.698; #5 Andrea Schneider 96.657; #6 Miriam Harms 96.624; #7 Julian Bermingham 96.591; #8 Douglas Steen 96.569; #9 Morgan Cole 96.270; and #10 Andrew Greiner 96.050. Congratulations to all!



## SAFETY EFFORTS EARN EDEN SAFETY EXCELLENCE AWARD

Eden Central School District is one of 112 school districts and Board of Cooperative Educational Services in the state to receive the "2010 School Safety Excellence Award" from the Utica National Insurance Group.

Utica National officials presented the award at its 30th annual school safety seminar, one of seven held in New York State. Utica insures more than 300 school districts in upstate New York for property and liability insurance and is one of the leading companies in the field.

Eden Central School District received a certificate from the insurance company to commemorate the district's safety efforts.

"Safety and health concerns are a priority in our school districts. Whether we are parents seeing our child off on the school bus, teachers charged with the responsibility of educating, or staff who maintain the facility, there is a common thread of attention to safety issues," program initiator and Regional Manager - Risk Management Department, James Kristoff said. "It is with great pleasure that we recognize those schools that not only take safety to heart, but go above and beyond to provide a safe, healthy, and focused culture for learning."

Utica National's School Safety Excellence Award Program helps participating schools enhance overall safety through measurable assessment. The program evaluates schools with their own transportation on 17 categories, schools with contract transportation on 16 categories and BOCES on 11 categories, from school playground safety to indoor air quality, with specific, quantifiable data-gathering surveys. "The payoff goes beyond recognition - if our program is followed properly, it should enable schools to pinpoint specific threats to safety," Mr. Kristoff said. Ronald Buggs, School Superintendent, stated that the reason we received the award is due to the hard work and dedication of school staff to safety.

Pictured: Mr. Martin, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds; Miss Menkiena, Assistant Principal; and Mr. Buggs, Superintendent of Schools.



# Attention

Newsletters will be posted annually in August, October, December, February, April and June.

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### **MORROW WINS GEOGRAPHY BEE**

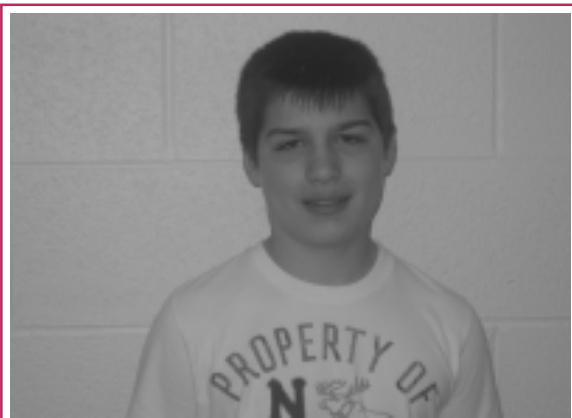
*By Mary Beth Sweeney*

For the 22nd year, the National Geographic Society is holding the National Geographic Bee for students in the fourth through eighth grades in thousands of schools across the United States. The 2010 Bee is sponsored by Google.

The winner of The Eden Central School Bee, eighth grader John Morrow, has taken a written examination to determine state competitors. His test score has qualified him to represent our school and participate at the state level of the National Geographic Bee, held in Albany, NY.

All school winners are eligible to win the national championship and its first prize, a \$25,000 college scholarship, at the national competition May 25 and 26, 2010 in Washington, D.C.

Congratulations, and best of luck to John and his family!



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Peter Nivio Zarlenga