

Eden Central School Newsletter

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Dear Eden Families and Community:

It is hard for me to believe that three months have already passed since school began. We have seen opening day, homecoming, open houses, picture day, first quarter report cards, and Thanksgiving. We have had an excellent fall with winter just around the corner.

We have seen several of our athletic teams compete in post-season play with our football team playing at Ralph Wilson Stadium, our boys' volleyball team as State champion runner up and our girls' volleyball team as state champions, and in girls swimming, Larissa Dobson placed tenth in the State in 100 breaststroke. In addition, our golf team was Division IV co-champion. Congratulations to all of our teams, coaches and individual athletes. The Music Department has already had concerts and is preparing for several more during the holidays.

The future will most likely be challenging for us all, especially with the possibility of mid-year cuts in state aid, as well as an anticipated reduction in aid for future years. 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 next two to three years will be very difficult, however, this school district is one of the best, and we will do everything possible to maintain this status. We all should remain proud. You have our pledge to maintain quality even through the difficult times ahead. We must continue our work together doing what is best for the youth of our community.

Each year I am asked what people can do to help. I would encourage each and every member of the community to communicate with the State Legislature and Governor. Let them know that education is our future, and in these most difficult times, please make any necessary cuts fair and equitable for all, use this time to review all of the unfunded mandates, and repeal those that have adverse effects on schools. Each year, approximately 60% of the Eden Central School District budget increase is due to state and contractual mandates. Let them know how important their work is on behalf of the children of New York.

I would like to thank the All Sports Boosters and the PTA for their continued support and help in the District. I encourage each parent, teacher and member of the community to join and support both of these groups who do so much for our students.

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 year.

A person without a sense of humor is
like a wagon without springs. It's jolted
by every pebble on the road.

Henry Ward Beecher

Sincerely,



Ronald K. Buggs
Superintendent

EXCEL BRINGS A NEW PERSONALITY TO THE GLP BUILDING!

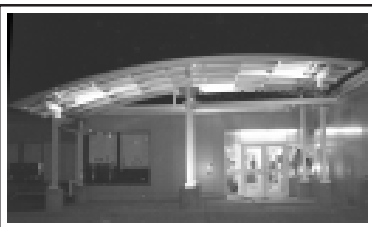
By David Martin

As the most recent Shared Decision Making Team capital project using the Excel funds winds down, a type of new personality has been established for the Grover L. Priess Primary School. As part of the project, new lighting and entry facades have been installed to heighten security and create a welcoming feel to those visiting the building. Many positive comments have been received on how different the building looks when it is illuminated at night, and what a difference it makes to the overall look of the building, having new entry canopies at each entrance. In the spring, new benches will be added at the front entrance to add additional seating for those waiting for a bus or coach.

In addition to the warm feeling outside the building, some changes have been made within the building's heating, cooling and exhaust systems to make classrooms more comfortable and energy efficient. With the addition of some piping and new unit heaters, we have found that the time to warm the building each morning is significantly reduced, thus saving resources. Previously, unit heaters from the original building construction in 1956 were being used and were simply inefficient to operate. Incorporating modern controls and technology affords the maintenance staff the ability to monitor and correct issues with the heating system almost instantly. The addition of small air conditioning units to the main offices and nurses areas of both GLP and Eden Elementary will also provide relief during the warm summer months.

The largest component of the project allowed for a new roof system and insulation to be installed. The old roof which was well beyond its life expectancy was essentially left in place and new insulation, drainage, and flashings installed. The new roof system comes with a twenty year warranty and is inspected annually by the manufacturer to note any areas needing attention.

Some small items remain to be addressed, but overall the building has finally obtained its own unique feel and personality. Should you ever have a question regarding our facility development and restoration, please contact David Martin, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds.



OCTOBER CHARACTER AWARD WINNERS

Character Award Winners for October were: Row 1 - Alexis Vullo, Grade 2; and Angela Waldruff, Grade 1. Row 2 - Kathleen Bugenhagen, Grade 11; Morgan Cole, Grade 12; and Justine Gugino, Grade 11.



EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH



Employees of the Month for October were Pre-K Teacher, Margaret Cuddihy; Payroll Clerk, Patricia Hawkins; and Jr./Sr. High School Teacher, Susan Wilhelm (pictured above).

Employees of the Month for November were School Nurses Karen Meller, JSHS; Darlene Smith, Eden Elementary; and Mary Lee Roush, GLP (below).



EDEN JR/SR HIGH SELECTS OCTOBER 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: Kelly Telaak - Field Hockey; Frank Barone - Soccer; Kate Hains - Soccer; Ryan McCarthy - Volleyball; Heather Feldman - Volleyball; Doug Steen - Golf; Michael Rakiecki - Cross Country; Molly Braymiller - Swimming; Nicole Grasso - Tennis; Dan Karstedt - Football; and Felicia Grassia - Cheerleading.

Kelly Telaak is a sophomore forward on the Varsity Field Hockey Team. She is our team's leading goal scorer. Kelly is a hard working athlete with a competitive spirit. She contributes a selfless attitude and her dedication both during the season, as well as in the off season is exemplary.

Frank Barone is tied for leading scorer in Soccer in ECIC Division III.

Kate Hains is one of four senior captains on the girl's Soccer Team. She is a very versatile player who plays equally well at midfield and defense. Kate has improved her game in many areas. She has earned a starting spot as fullback for her aggressive play and has contributed two goals and one assist on offense. Kate also does well in the classroom and is President of both Honor Society and Student Council. She has been a pleasure to coach.

Ryan McCarthy was forced to switch positions midyear for the Volleyball Team and came through for them.

Heather Feldman has performed exceptionally this past month, leading the Volleyball Team to the Horseheads Tourney Championship and a big win over St. Mary's in their gym, all with a sprained thumb. Her focus in each practice is no different than in any intense match, and she has helped her team continue to play at a very high level. Heather exemplifies competitive fire, total commitment, and team-first attitude.

Doug Steen found his streak and competed at a high level, averaging a nine-hole round of 38 on the Golf Team. Doug competed in the ECIC Championship and qualified for the state qualifier this coming spring.

Michael Rakiecki has consistent great effort in Cross Country and displays outstanding sportsmanship. He has been a huge asset to the team.

Molly Braymiller works hard at swim practice despite her dealing with shoulder tendinitis and back issues.

Nicole Grasso has been a leader throughout the Varsity Tennis 2009 season. She has participated in 1st doubles and 3rd singles this year. She represented Eden at the ECIC doubles tournament, advancing to the second round. She ended up as team captain this year and is receiving this year's most valuable senior award.

Dan Karstedt is a two year starter at JV quarterback and is one of this year's co-captains.

More has been asked of Felicia Grassia than ever before. She has risen to the challenge and shown her determination every day at Cheerleading practice.

Pictured - Row 1: Felicia Grassia, Nicole Grasso, Molly Braymiller and Heather Feldman. Row 2: Ryan McCarthy, Dan Karstedt, Michael Rakiecki, and Frank Barone.



SECOND GRADERS PAY TRIBUTE TO SCHOOL BOARD

Second Grade Music Ensemble, directed by Mrs. Cathy Jeffers, plays "Autumn Leaves" for the School Board. The students played soprano and bass xylophone, metallophone, glockenspiel, guiro and sandblocks.

Pictured clockwise: Jack Campbell, Mrs. Jeffers, Estelle Janker, Shaughnessy Shephard, Justin Reed, Jansen Rauker, and Isabella Carlson.



EDEN ELEMENTARY STUDENTS & STAFF COMMITTED TO BULLYING PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION

By Tammy Finnerty

In collaboration with their teachers, Ms. Finnerty met with sixth grade students over a pizza lunch, graciously donated by the Eden PTA, to discuss bullying prevention.

Students discussed the definition of bullying, shared facts, and named individuals that students can turn to if or when bullying occurs. They also shared personal experiences and how bullying has personally affected them and how to find solutions to stop bullying.

Students also looked at a peer mediation model to help them work out their differences by these steps:

Relax- take a step back from the problem and admit how you feel.

Choose to solve the problem- stay calm and let the other person know you are ready to talk things through.

Share your feelings- talk about the situation using "I statements."

Listen- without interrupting, listen to the other person's point of view.

Find a solution- together agree on a way to solve the problem. Then put it into action.

Make a plan for the future- think of better ways to handle the situation if it happens again. Agree to try one of these ideas next time.

Lastly, we discussed how school is a place where they have a right to be themselves, a right to learn in a safe environment, and a place to be respected and to respect others.

Students and faculty are committed to creating a more positive environment where everyone feels safe, accepted and valued. Pictured: Julia Dole and Madi Frew.



ART IS EVERYWHERE!

By Mary Ellen Bossert



On October 24, 2009, over 125 GLP children and their families participated in an interactive program that allowed students to explore topics that can be found in books. GLP parents and teachers participated as presenters. Eighteen sessions of diverse topics as wide-ranging as alpacas and trucks made the Fall Reading Night a great success.

Pictured: the Puckhaber family enjoying an art session facilitated by art teacher, Mrs. Bossert, in which artists could use recycled materials to create unique art. **RETHINK IT BEFORE YOU JUST SINK IT**, and as always, keep art in your heart!"

WHERE ARE THE REPORT CARDS?

By Lucinda Karstedt, Dir of IT/CIO



Eden Central School District has gone green!



Eden Central School District has gone green this fall with posting students' Report Cards grades four through twelve in the on-line Parent Portal. Letters were mailed home in August from the Jr./Sr. High School and Eden Elementary School with parents' and students' Parent Portal account information. If you need to get another copy of this letter with your account information, please contact the main office of your child's school. If you would like additional information about the new services offered to parents and students through the on-line Parent Portal, it is available on the District website: www.edencsd.org. If you do not have access to the Internet, please contact your child's principal to request a paper Report Card.

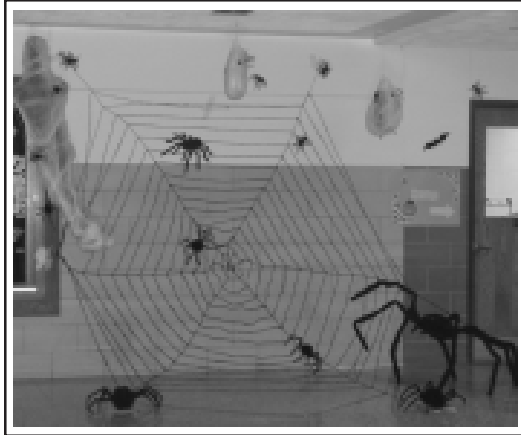
FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA

Fall District Meeting

By Kathleen Bugenhagen, FBLA Historian

The FBLA Fall District Meeting was held October 22, 2009 at the Eden Junior/Senior High School. At the meeting, new members were installed into the club and new club officers were installed into their office. Susan Swarts of Evans Bank, the keynote speaker of the night, spoke on the journey of life.

A variety of workshops were available including: Ken Monaco - Public Speaking & Portfolios/Resumes; Sarah Caruso - Interview Skills; Linda Potwora - Running a Business; Jaimy Sessanna - Apple Computer, Facebook, Google: From Ideas to Innovation; Chad Blanar - FBLA General Information. Also, Ellen Haley spoke about Ronald McDonald House, which is the New York State charity this year for FBLA.



There was also a coin challenge for all of the schools in attendance to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House. This organization provides a place to stay for families of sick children that are hospitalized in our area. Eden was the winner of the coin challenge and placed first and second in the FBLA trivia contest. The trivia contest was prepared and administered by Max Malayny, Co-President of our club.

Our club members stayed after school to decorate with a Halloween theme for the Fall District Meeting. The evening concluded in the cafeteria with dinner and a short closing session run by Chad Blanar, Co-President of our club and District 12 Vice-President. Members that attended included: Chad Blanar, Max Malayny, Taylor Acosta, Meghan Pratt, Zabrina Nedimyer, Alexander Becker, Leanna Carlson, Jewel Kwilos, Autumn Reusch, Taylor Hecke, Jessica Kramer, Kathleen Bugenhagen, Tess Hecke, Haley Sovereign, and Laura Kiel.

The club would also like to extend a special thank you to Bella Terra Greenhouse for lending the club mums and pumpkins to help us decorate.



PTA PROVIDES PROGRAMS

By Christine Cerne

As we continue our annual membership drive, we ask you to join us in supporting all of the activities which the PTA provides.

Many of the popular and highly attended activities at our school are not paid for by the district but by PTA dues and fundraising. These events, programs and activities enrich the students' academic experience in all three schools in our District. They include scholarships, character education, assemblies, music awards, GLP Publishing Company, Math Olympiad, student incentive awards, Family Math Game Night, Red Ribbon Week, National Honor Society Induction, Career Day, Breakfast of Champions and many others.

If you are not a member yet, consider joining us by simply sending \$10 dues to the school along with your name, children's names and grades, Attention: PTA Membership. We thank you for your continued support.

THANK YOU!!

A big thank you goes out to Mrs. Costanzo, Eden Varsity Cheerleaders and Officer Shawn Bishop for coming to the Red Ribbon Kick Off assembly at Eden Elementary School. We appreciate it!

From Tammy Finnerty and Elementary Faculty.

DRIVER EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN FEBRUARY 1, 2010

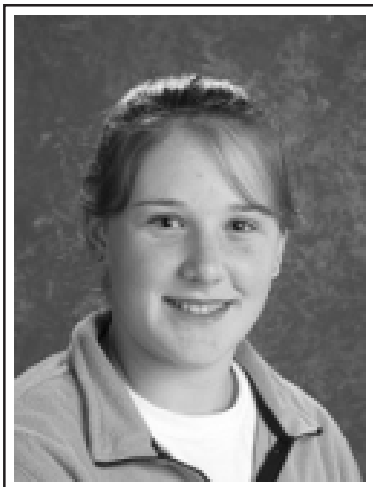
You must be 16 and have a valid New York State learner's permit to register. Classes will be filled in multiples of four. Seniors will be given preference. To register, students should report to Mr. Uhlman in Room 133.



**MICHELLE BLASZ CHOSEN
AS A 2010 COMMENDED SCHOLAR**

Marc P. Graff, Principal of Eden Junior/Senior High School, announced today that Michelle L. Blasz, a member of Eden's

Class of 2010, has been named a Commended Scholar in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program. Michelle was presented with a Letter of Commendation and certificate from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which runs the program.



About 34,000 Commended Scholars throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. These students placed among the top five percent of the more than 1.5 million students who took the 2008 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

"Recognizing high-achieving students is essential to advancing educational excellence," commented Graff. "Students receiving the Commended Scholar designation represent some of the most academically talented students in our country, and we are excited that Michelle has achieved this honor."

HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS

To nominate an athlete for induction into the Hall of Fame, submit the name, class year, mailing address, and phone number to Eden Alumni Association, P.O. Box 66, Eden, NY 14057-0066, or you can e-mail the information to mailman@edenalumni.org. Nominations should arrive no later than January 15, 2010.

TO REPORT FRAUD

To report fraud, waste or abuse in the school district, please call the Claims Auditor at 992-3613. Calls can be kept anonymous/confidential.

A diplomat is a man who always remembers a woman's birthday but never remembers her age.

Robert Frost

REMEMBERING VETERANS

By Lorry Malkowski

For 90 years, the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month has been a remembrance of those who served America in time of war. It is a day we take to remember all the veterans who have fought for our country.

On Friday, November 13th, students at Eden Elementary paid tribute to veterans during an assembly to thank all those who have served bravely to protect our freedom and to remember those who perished preserving our liberties. More than 50 veterans were in attendance.

This year's assembly was preceded by lessons and class discussions in each grade level. It is very important to teach students why it's a holiday and why it's not just another day off from school! Students worked on assignments, keeping the country's servicemen and women in mind.



Above: Dalton Woelfel and his grandfather, Alfred Blasz. Below: Jared Breeden with his great grandparents, Calvin and Corinne Lay.



SEPTEMBER EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH



Mr. Buggs, Superintendent, shown here with Eden's Maintenance Department employees, all of whom were chosen as Employees of the Month at the September 16th Board of Education Meeting, because of the outstanding job they did in cleaning up after the August floods, which affected the buildings and grounds of the District. In addition, employee of the month awards were presented to High School Principal, Marc Graff, Director of Information and Technology, Lucinda Karstedt and Microcomputer Repair Technician, Iann Miller for their assistance with clean up and repair.

Left to Right: Superintendent Ronald Buggs, Joe Buziak, Randy Cornell, John Skrzypek, Jim Shouldice, Don Preischel, Mark Gage, Debbie Kolasa, David Martin (Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds), Mike Schmitt and Ron Azzarella. Not pictured: Marc Graff, Lucinda Karstedt and Iann Miller.

EDEN ELEMENTARY ANNOUNCES OCTOBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Grade 3: Jillian Harris, Thomas Macauley, Charles Muscato, Ivy Schrecengost, Mattason Woodard.

Grade 4: Jackson Carney, Collin Rigley, Breanna Rosen, Alex Sacilowski, John Sullivan.

Grade 5: Emma Awdey, Walker George, Kimberly Korhummel, Joseph LoTempio, Tyler Norman, Brianna Schunk.

Grade 6: Emily Agle, Hannah Braunscheidel, Carli DiNardo, Julia Dole, Michael Seggio, Grace Simmons.

PTA offers discounted Regal Cinema tickets to its members. Tickets are \$7 each and may be purchased in the District Office (Room 143) in the High School during office hours. Payment by check only. Limit of five.

EVERYDAY MATH IS EVERYWHERE!

By Ann Preischel

The sporty second graders of Ms. Preischel's class discovered math concepts during fall's football and hockey season. In addition to finding digits present in the numerical scores, these fans also gathered a sense of locating shapes, spotting patterns, adding/subtracting numbers, comparing scores, telling time, and measuring with linear units. As an ongoing study, the class is keeping a tally record of the Buffalo Bills and Buffalo Sabres game results.



Pictured: Miles Calloway, Clayton Blaszc, Abbilynn Puckhaber, and Anna Braymiller.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE A SUCCESS

This year's Student Council Food Drive was another success. One thousand non-perishable food items were donated, along with 10 turkeys and 12 homemade pies. Student Council would like to thank the Eden Jr/Sr High School, as well as the Eden community for their generosity. Pictured here sorting food items: Kyle Zittel, Liz Henry, Kate Hains, Evan Zittel and Troy Neureuter.



STRING STUDENTS HELP FANA

By Denise Uhlman and Karen Inman

Four of our Eden students performed on a beautiful July evening at a dinner honoring the founder of FANA, a private orphanage located in Bogotá, Colombia. Over thirty years ago, Mercedes de Martinez, the Director and Founder of FANA (the Spanish acronym for the Foundation for the Assistance of Abandoned Children) opened her heart and home to give abandoned children a chance at a fulfilling and healthy life. After three decades of work, dedication and love, FANA today has a modern facility with up-to-date medical care, staff and equipment capable of caring for 150 children.

The Inman/Roistacher, Gaglione, and Gilbride families (as well as 200 other families in WNY) are part of the Families of FANA. The mission of the WNY Families of FANA is to meet the needs of families from the beginning of the adoption process, through the adolescent years of the children, and beyond. They offer FANA children several educational experiences to help them connect with the culture of Colombia.

Zack Gilbride, Kelsey Gilbride, Sam Gaglione and Alicia Roistacher presented a musical program for the group's annual gathering with Senora Martinez. These Edenites were all from the FANA orphanage and all play stringed instruments. They performed "La Gloria" - the national anthem of Colombia, "The Star Spangled Banner", as well as "Happy Birthday" in honor of Mercedes seventieth birthday. They did a fantastic job!

It is heartwarming to realize that these WNY families have adopted Colombian children and also donate financially to keep the orphanage running. Because of FANA, over 10,000 children have found nurturing homes with fine families all over the world. In Western New York and Pennsylvania, over 300 couples and their families have had their lives enriched with the adoption of these beautiful children.

As each of us serves others, we can make a difference!! Thank you Eden FANA families for representing Eden so well! Thank you for touching lives and making our world a better place.

Pictured from left to right: Kelsey Gilbride, Zach Gilbride, Sam Gaglione, Mrs. Uhlman, A l i c i a Roistacher, and G a b r i e l l e Gaglione.



NEWS FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT

By Lisa Alessi Nicaastro

Mrs. Nicaastro's Advertising & Design students participated once again this year in the Ad Craft Competition sponsored by the Metro Group. The contest was introduced by Mrs. Joan Taylor from the Metro Group Inc. in late October. The students did a phenomenal job, and the ads will appear in the Hamburg Sun sometime in mid January. Watch for winners printed in the Sun early in February. A big "thank you" to Mr. Mike Wlodarczyk of Creative Network for spending time on ad campaigns with the students involved in the program.

Thank you, once again this year to Erin and Grandma Genevieve from Embraceable Ewe for visiting Mrs. Nicaastro's crafts studio and teaching the class how to knit. Students made mittens and had a great time!



FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA

Ronald McDonald House Charity

By Kathleen Bugenhagen, Historian

The Ronald McDonald House has been improving the lives of children and their families for thirty-five years. Many times families have to travel far away from home to get treatment for their sick child. Treatments can last anywhere from a day to a month or more.

The Ronald McDonald House offers a way for families to stay together. Research shows that when sick people are around the ones they love, they get better faster. This charity is supported by many celebrities such as Hayden Panettiere and Cindy Crawford. This year, New York State FBLA chose to support the Ronald McDonald House Charity.

Paper Ronald McDonald houses were sold in one dollar, five dollar, and ten dollar denominations with all proceeds going to the charity. Students and teachers wrote their name on the appropriate house and they were displayed in the hallway by the Main Office in the Junior/Senior high hallway over the teacher mailboxes. Eden FBLA was able to raise over \$200 for the charity.

PTA SPONSORS AUTHOR VISIT

By Vanessa Zoll

Local author Tim O'Shei will be visiting Eden Elementary January 28th and 29th as part of the Visiting Author program sponsored by our PTA. Mr. O'Shei has written over 60 nonfiction books and interviewed many famous personalities, celebrities and athletes. He will be hosting a writer's workshop titled, "Live! Starring... You!" January 29th.

Congratulations to grant recipients from the Erie-Catt Teacher Center:

Rosemary Nowak - \$1,345.50 for The Daily 5: Alive
Tiffany Kwas - \$1,346.00 for Celebration of Teaching and Learning
Mary Ann Mandiak - \$2,991.81 for Enhancing Content Area Learning by Reading Leveled Books in Literature Circles

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Eden Community Center, Eden Chamber of Commerce and Eden Central School District are collaborating on a community wide survey. This survey will explore a wide variety of community needs. Please take a moment, and let us know how the Eden Community is serving you and your family's needs. Your ideas and suggestions are very important as we strive to better serve all our residents. Thank you for your time and input.

The surveys can be found on the next two pages. Once completed, you can return them to any of the District's school buildings, the Chamber of Commerce, the Boys & Girls Club of Eden or to the Eden Community Center at P.O. Box 105, Eden, NY 14057.

THE FOLLOWING CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES STILL HAVE SPACE AVAILABLE - SIGN UP SOON!

INTRODUCTION TO ADOBE PHOTOSHOP - Start learning how to get the most out of your digital camera after you've taken the picture. Learn to crop, clone, burn, dodge and paint using Photoshop Elements. Photo paper may be purchased on an as you need basis or bring your own. Also bring favorite photos to work on.

Thursdays, January 28th 7:00 - 8:30 pm 4 Sessions Min. 5 - Max 10
Instructor: Jack Gavin Room 112 \$30

BEGINNING KEYBOARDING - This class is designed to introduce proper keyboarding techniques to adults. We will be using Internet sites to practice skills.

Saturdays, January 9th 9:00 - 10:00am 5 Sessions Min. 3 people
Instructor: Susan Schnauffer Room 109 \$35

WORD/EXCEL FOR BEGINNERS - Class will introduce both Microsoft programs. Classes will be tailored to the needs of the students. At minimum, we will cover creating basic Word documents, inserting clip art, creating tables in Word and creating spreadsheets and charts in Excel. These programs will be taught on the 2003 platform.

Saturdays, February 13th 10:00 - 11:00 am 5 Sessions Min. 3 people
Instructor: Susan Schnauffer Room 109 \$35

6 HOUR INSURANCE/POINT REDUCTION CLASS - Upon completion of this program, you will qualify for a 10% reduction in both motor vehicle liability and collision premiums for three renewal years and for a four point driver record violation reduction. Space is limited. Hurry!

Saturday, January 23rd 8:30 am - 2:30 pm 1 Session Min. 10 people
Instructor: Sue Tabaczynski Pratt Room 109 \$42

CONTINUING EDUCATION

REGISTRATION FORM

FALL/WINTER 2009

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

CLASS _____ DATE _____

CLASS _____ DATE _____

CLASS _____ DATE _____

AMOUNT
ENCLOSED:
\$ _____

**EDEN COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.
COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

Below is a list of characteristics that help promote a healthy community. Based on your experiences, as an Eden community resident over the age of 18, please rate each of the following in response to the question –

“How much more effort do you think the Eden community should make”

Check the response that best represents your feelings on that topic, ie Recreational Programming.

If you are passionate about any of the detailed sub-topics, please circle, prioritize and/or comment in the open area below the topic.

Recreational Programming **None** **Some** **More**

Adult & Youth Sports	___	___	___
Physical Fitness	___	___	___
Youth Programming	___	___	___
Other _____	___	___	___

Comments:

Arts & Cultural **None** **Some** **More**

Drama	___	___	___
Music	___	___	___
Performing Arts	___	___	___
Other _____	___	___	___

Comments:

Family Issues **None** **Some** **More**

Nutrition & Health Resources	___	___	___
Teenage Issues	___	___	___
Youth Programming	___	___	___
Family Violence	___	___	___
Drug & Alcohol Prevention	___	___	___
Community Srv. Opportunities	___	___	___
Other _____	___	___	___

Comments:

Facilities **None** **Some** **More**

Field House	___	___	___
Add'l Gym Space	___	___	___
Park/Playground	___	___	___
Pool	___	___	___
Fitness Center	___	___	___
Meeting Rooms	___	___	___
Other _____	___	___	___

Comments:

Senior Services **None** **Some** **More**

Informational Programming	___	___	___
Health & Resources	___	___	___
Social Programming	___	___	___
Other _____	___	___	___

Comments:

Community Res. Info. **None** **Some** **More**

NYSERDA	___	___	___
HEAP	___	___	___
Food Pantry	___	___	___
Home Management	___	___	___
Other _____	___	___	___

Comments:

Please attach additional issues or concerns you would like addressed. _____

Age: ___ 18-30 ___ 31-50 ___ 50-65 ___ over 65 **Occupation:** _____ **Household Size:** ___

Select any affiliations you are active in:

Sports Clubs ___ **Veteran** ___ **Senior Clubs** ___ **Fitness Club** ___ **Social Clubs** ___
Scouts ___ **School Related Activities/Clubs** ___ **Chamber/Business Club** ___ **PTA** ___

EDEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS ASSESSMENT

Below is a list of characteristics that help promote the business community in the Town of Eden. Based on your experiences as an Eden community member over the age of 18 or as a business owner, please answer each of the following questions.

1 - The Chamber is involved in the following activities. How much effort do you feel the Chamber should put into the activities? What do you feel is the effectiveness of the activities?

Effort	None	Some	More	Effectiveness	Poor	Good	Great
Corn Fest. – Chicken BBQ	___	___	___	Corn Fest. – Chicken BBQ	___	___	___
Health Insurance Coverage	___	___	___	Health Insurance Coverage	___	___	___
Golf Tournament	___	___	___	Golf Tournament	___	___	___
Town Wide Garage Sale	___	___	___	Town Wide Garage Sale	___	___	___
Election Dinner	___	___	___	Election Dinner	___	___	___
Other _____	___	___	___	Other _____	___	___	___
Comments:				Comments:			

2 – How much effort do you feel the *Chamber* needs to put into meeting the overall needs of the businesses and promoting businesses in the Town of Eden?

	None	Some	More		None	Some	More
Meeting the needs	___	___	___	Promoting Businesses	___	___	___
Comments:				Comments:			

3 - How much effort do you feel the *Town of Eden* needs to put into promoting and supporting growth with businesses?

	None	Some	More		None	Some	More
Promoting Businesses	___	___	___	Supporting Growth	___	___	___
Comments:				Comments:			

4 - What do you feel are the three largest obstacles to business growth and development in Eden?
Please rank 1, 2 and 3

___ **Limited Facilities** ___ **Employees** ___ **Close Knit Comm.** ___ **Other:**
 ___ **Taxes** ___ **Building Guidelines** ___ **Maintain Green Space** ___ **Other:**

5 – What would you like to have the Chamber concentrate more on?
Please rank 1, 2 and 3

___ **Monthly Mixers/Dinners** ___ **Quarterly Mixers/Dinners** ___ **Decorations for events or holidays**
 ___ **Marketing Area Businesses** ___ **Promoting Tourism** ___ **Other:** ___ **Other:**

6 – What type of businesses would you like to see developed in Eden?

7 - Are there any businesses that you think would benefit from joining the Chamber?

Complete and return this form to the Eden Chamber, any Eden Central School or the Boys & Girls Club of Eden. Alternatively, mail it to the Eden Community Center at P.O. Box 105, Eden, NY 14057. You can also complete this form with additional comment areas on line through Survey Monkey. Click on our link through the Eden Central School District website, www.edencsd.org.

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HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR A.F.S. STUDENTS

We are currently looking for families interested in hosting a foreign exchange student for the 2010-2011 school year. This is an incredible opportunity to open your home and share your life with an individual from another culture. Our students are usually affiliated with AFS (American Field Service), and we hope to have at least two students here next year.

We need your help! If you have ever wanted to host a student, please contact us immediately. Since it is early enough, we still have the ability to try to match your requests for a student from a specific country; however, we need your input now in order to make that match.

If interested, please contact Mrs. Nicole Janowsky, Foreign Student Coordinator -- 992-3600.

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The community is reminded that "The use of motor driven vehicles including cars, snowmobiles, mini-bikes, motorcycles, and all terrain vehicles (ATV's) and other such vehicles is prohibited on any school grounds or areas except for authorized school functions or purposes and/or as otherwise approved by school administration" per policy 3290 as adopted by the Eden Central Board of Education on October 15, 2008 with enforcement through the local police department under Vehicle and Traffic Law section 1670.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten registration at the GLP Building will be held February 8th through February 11th, 2010. Registration packets will be mailed to families of eligible students in January. If you have recently moved into the Eden District and have a child who will be eligible for Kindergarten in September 2010, or if you do not receive a packet in January, please call the attendance office at 992-3605.