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CHILDREN FIGHT OBESITY EPIDEMIC PROJECT ACES TOOK PLACE WORLDWIDE MAY 6th, 2009

By Marisa Fallacaro

If you felt the ground shake slightly on May 6th, do not be nervous. It was just millions of children all over the world exercising simultaneously. With childhood obesity on the rise and young children showing risk factors for heart disease, children are starting to fight back!

Project ACES is an acronym for All Children Exercise Simultaneously. Len Saunders, a physical education teacher from New Jersey, started it in 1989. "Children need motivational and fun tools to enjoy exercise," explains Saunders. ACES is just that... a fun way to exercise. Children get excited to exercise because they know kids all over the world will be exercising along with them. In fact, millions of children from all 50 states and over 50 countries joined the excitement.

Schools and organizations enjoy ACES so much, they now join Project ACES clubs which commit to exercising daily, weekly, or monthly, concluding with the main ACES event in May.

For the second year in a row, the students at Eden Elementary and GLP participated in the fun. On May 6th on the front lawn of Eden Elementary, the students of Eden joined other students across the world as they fought back against childhood obesity.

Visit the Project ACES web site to see the support from respected organizations, media, or Presidents of the United States. The web address is: www.projectaces.com

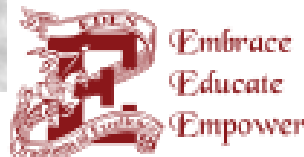
MISSION:

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

VISION:

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

Do not dwell in the past, do not dream of the future, concentrate the mind on the present moment. Buddha



Look for additional
Continuing Education
summer information
inside this issue!

Dear Members of the Eden 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 at least the past ten years, which we hope will equate into the lowest tax levy also in ten years. Please know that we understand that the economy is not in good shape presently, 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 clarify some misinformation that was circulated before the vote on the proposition for school buses. The recommendation from an outside consultant that reviewed the transportation department about a year ago was that we make every attempt to include in our fleet two or three larger buses with storage compartments. This would have a positive result on the effectiveness of the overall department by reducing the need for more sub drivers, therefore, assisting the district with the ongoing shortage of subs and the need to reroute afternoon bus runs that may delay students' arrival home. There was never a plan to reduce routes and/or cut drivers, however, we are always looking at ways to manage the transportation department and entire district in an effort to save taxpayer dollars. I hope this, along with Mr. Martin's letter (also included) in this newsletter helps to better explain the proposition for vehicles. This proposition will be considered again next year by the Board of Education.

I would also like to congratulate Patrick Howard and Andy Breier for being re-elected to three year terms on the Board of Education. I look forward to continuing to work with all members of the Board of Education.

The Eden Central School District is an outstanding district doing great things for our kids. The data continues to show, and opinion demonstrates that we truly are one of the best, most effective school districts in Western New York. Please don't let anyone tell you differently.

Enjoy the springtime in anticipation of a great summer. 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

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

On Thursday, May 21st, I had the opportunity to attend the Scholarship dinner sponsored by the Superintendent's Council. This dinner recognizes the top three students in each of the high schools in Erie and Niagara Counties. Having attended this dinner on previous occasions, I always leave with a good feeling for the future of our country and our world. Our students, and not only those who were recognized that night, represent all that is best about the United States of America.

Our economy is struggling through a difficult time, much of this focused on financial matters and a lack of confidence in many of our institutions. Other forces are also in play as the world continues to transition to a global economy based not just on monetary matters, but also on the ability for information to pass freely from person to person, country to country and culture to culture.

As America continues its recovery, I would like to acknowledge some of the efforts of those in our school community. When the crisis began back in early fall and the news from Albany was not positive in regards to schools, the administration of the district put everyone on notice that we would begin austerity measures to control costs in the current budget. The staff responded and all unnecessary and discretionary spending was halted. In addition, the bargaining units have been working with the administration of the district on agreements which will help save the district money in future budget years. As a result, the district presented a budget that the voters approved and that budget reflected these efforts. We thank our community for their continued support. The district continues to look for and participates where feasible in collaborative efforts with other districts and municipalities.

The Federal Government's aid to the states this spring relieved much of the concern caused by the financial crisis, but only temporarily. The school community must continue efforts to control costs, and at the same time provide for the educational needs of children so they can achieve, compete and succeed in the much larger world that is appearing on the display screens of our increasingly computerized world.

I believe in any instance or situation in life there are four possible choices that one can make when faced with difficulty. You can give up in despair; you can close your eyes and say "I love peanut butter sandwiches" and hope it will be wished away; you can say the heck with it and take care of only yourself; or you can find a way to work with those involved and struggle forward together. I believe that the majority of the Eden Central School community takes the fourth road.

To my colleagues on the board, I thank you for your service, to the district staff, I thank you for your commitment, and to the residents and businesses of our towns, I thank you again for your support of our schools.

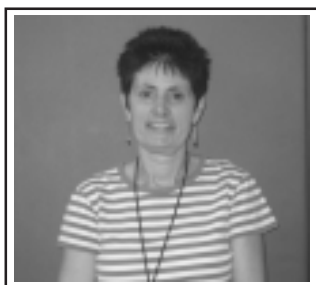
May your summer be blessed with the love of your families and good weather, and may God continue to bless us and the United States.

Thomas J. Gannon, Sr.
Board of Education

SAYING GOODBYE!

By Barbara Thomasulo

This year, we would like to thank the following people for their years of service and wish them all a very long and happy retirement!



GLP Physical Education Teacher, Julie Rose; Jr./Sr. High School Family and Consumer Science Teacher, Theresa Filipiak; and Teacher Aide, Gary Greusow.

Mrs. Rose always says she has had three careers.

Her first was teaching Junior High Physical Education for Lake Shore Central Schools from 1969 - 1980. Her second was raising her two children, Erik and Wendy beginning in 1980. The third, of course, was teaching Physical Education at GLP from 1990 until now.

She will remember fondly watching the children develop skills, be it tossing and catching a ball, jumping rope, skipping, completing forward or backward rolls, and learning to play fairly and safely. She also receives great joy from their smiling faces as they move, practice, play and have fun.

This October, both her son and her daughter will be getting married. Mr. & Mrs. Rose are really looking forward to those two occasions. She will also continue to enjoy her hobbies of running, tennis, and golf. Now she won't have to cut her golf season so short! She also plans to use her extra time to be of service at her church. Mr. & Mrs. Rose just finished an addition to their house, a timberbuilt family room that brings the outside in. They are already spending time there.

She feels that her job at Eden has been a true blessing. It came to her at the exact right time, when both their children were in their elementary school years. She found that working with the youngest children is really for her. She enjoyed their eagerness to learn and their eagerness to move and have fun. Mrs. Rose says "Thanks for the privilege of teaching for the Eden Central School District."

Eden's Class of 1989 20 Year Reunion!!

Friday, August 7th - 7 pm at the Corn Festival
Saturday, August 8th at 6:30 pm-J & M's West End Inn
Cost is \$23 per person. Send checks payable to MaryBeth (Rigley) Otremba-84 Huron Rd., Hamburg, NY 14075 by June 27th. For more information: mwalczyk@msn.com



Ms. Filipiak began as a middle school Home Economics Teacher for 7th and 8th grade girls. Eventually, she moved to the Junior/Senior High School, teaching both

boys and girls. Home Economics became Family and Consumer Science, which consisted of 7th and 8th grade Home and Career Skills and various High School electives.

Ms. Filipiak was a girls' bowling coach. She coached the only Eden Girls' Bowling Team to win a Division Title and a Class B Title.

She finds it amazing to look back at how many people she's met and gotten to know - in what other job can you meet over 200 new people every year! Ms. Filipiak stated that everyone at Eden has been so nice, so helpful, so encouraging over the years. She has enjoyed every moment. She thinks it's cool to see a person go from 7th grade to graduation, and then watch them start their own families and have their children in class.

Ms. Filipiak intends to spend more time sewing and taking classes. She plans on joining the Hamburg Garden Club and working in her own gardens. She hopes to do some traveling and visit some out of town relatives. In addition, she will relax, read, and see what life brings.



Mr. Greusow began as a one-on-one aide for one of our students who attended Immaculata Academy. After three years, he was re-assigned as an aide in our High School building.

He will most fondly remember seeing the smiling faces on the kids and their incredible thirst for knowledge.

For the future, Mr. Greusow intends to continue his ministry work, start a bakery and work in his apple orchard, where he is growing a variety of apple trees - mostly baking apples.

Congratulations to all this year's retirees - Mrs. Rose, Ms. Filipiak and Mr. Greusow. We wish you many happy years in your retirement.

EDEN JR/SR HIGH SELECTS APRIL 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: Claire Brawdy - Girl's Track, Nick Perison - Boy's Track, John Morrill - Baseball, Melissa Grove- Softball, Chelsea Krencik - Lacrosse, James Levulis - Lacrosse, and Joe Hart and Jon Achtyl - Tennis.

Coach Dobek has chosen Claire Brawdy because she is an outstanding runner. As a 9th grader, she has already made her mark on the Varsity Track Team. Claire has had top five finishes in the 800m and 1500m at both the Maroon Classic and Dunkirk Invite. Claire also anchors the 4X800 relay team. She is a hard worker and is a versatile runner, which allows her to compete in multiple track and field events. Her other events include, but are not limited to the pole vault, 400m, 4X400m relay and long jump. Nick Perison is said to be a great leader on the track team by his coach, Tom Wall. He also made the selfless decision of changing events in his senior year to help the team. He spent the winter working with his coach after school learning how to hurdle. In addition, he has stepped up his performance in the long jump, jumping 17'7" in his first meet. He won the long jump, 110 HH, 400 IH and was the 3rd of the winning 4X100 team. He alone was responsible for 20 points of the team's total.

John Morrill is a four-year player on the varsity baseball team. He has started the past three years at shortstop and is the number three hitter in the line up. John has already turned in several outstanding performances this year - both offensively and defensively. Against Lackawanna John was 3 for 4 with 2 RBIs and 2 runs scored, while he also provided two runs against Pioneer and Hamburg. Morrill also went 3 for 4 with two runs scored and 4 RBIs against North Collins in the season opener. Defensively, John has been solid turning a barehanded unassisted double play against Orchard Park and providing many assists on outs for the Raiders. Balls hit to John at shortstop are almost automatic outs for the other team, as John has a very smooth hand and a strong, accurate throwing arm. John has been named an all-star in ECIC IV the past two seasons.

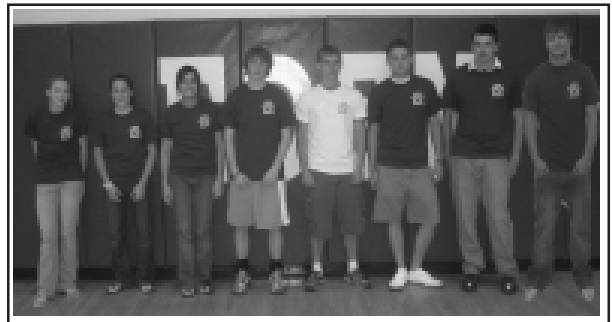
The varsity softball athlete of the month is Melissa Grove. A third baseman of the team, she recorded 5 put outs, a double play, and a hit to lead the team to its first win of the season over North Collins. Doing a super job on third, she made every play required of her in the victory. Catching a line drive and knowing to throw back to get the runner who had wandered too far from their base, she turned a picture perfect double play.

Chelsea Krencik is new to Lacrosse this year, and she has proven to be a competitive force on the field. She hasn't missed a practice, is a natural leader and is playing better than some of the more experienced girls. She is coachable and ready to learn.

Through his unselfish play and leadership, Jim Levulis sets a standard that the rest of the Lacrosse team aspires to follow. Jimmy is relentless and will do anything asked of him on the field to put his team in a better position to win. Through his tenacious and aggressive play, Jimmy digs out groundballs that a meeker player would never come up with. If all players brought the same drive to win to the field as Jimmy, we would be a very scary team.

Joe Hart and Jon Achtyl are team captains of the 2009 Eden Varsity Tennis Team. They have already proven themselves as team leaders both on and off the court this season. They led the team to a division title this year.

Pictured: Claire Brawdy, Chelsea Krencik, Melissa Grove, James Levulis, Nick Perison, Jon Achtyl, Joe Hart and John Morrill.



Dear Community:

The defeat of proposition number 2 in the May 19, 2009 election has left a big question mark. The recent article in the Pennysaver regarding the buses and plow truck vehicle made reference to the truck that was purchased a year ago and is claimed to be sitting unused. The reality is that the vehicle's primary purpose is to plow snow in the winter between the hours of 4:00 AM to 7:00 AM and to eliminate hauling fees for field and ground maintenance supplies when needed. We purchased this truck via a bid in order to eliminate the annual \$12,000 six month rental of a wheeled loader during the winter months, so all areas would be plowed and schools could open on time. The equivalent payoff of the truck would be complete in less than seven years and the equity of the vehicle remain with the district. Life expectancy of the vehicle is 15+ years. Certainly with the economy in its current condition, the ability to purchase a vehicle today is almost a "name your price" venture.

As for the buses, my experience with commercial vehicles and purchases indicate when a manufacturer is alerted to a problem with leaks or low hanging compartments, the problems and design are corrected quickly rather than to perpetuate the situation.

Finally, I know we are another year away from our next budget vote, but I would hope that we can all encourage the community members to please come to school and ask questions of us and to get the complete picture before they step behind the curtain to cast their vote. I hope the obvious answer to the defeat of proposition two is simply a lack of complete information.

I appreciate your time and support as we move forward through another challenging budget year. D. Martin, Bldgs & Grounds

STARLIGHT STUDIO AND ART GALLERY WELCOMES EDEN'S YOUNG ARTISTS

By Sandra Wess-Rishel

"Children Bring Buffalo Together" was the theme for the 5th annual Week of the Young Child Art Exhibit. Starlight Studio and Art Gallery honored many young artists across Western New York including second graders Jenna Jacobs, and Zach Meinczinger, and first graders Sam Craig, Emma Sutfin, Sawyer Schiedel, and Joshua Rice. These children were part of Mary Ellen Bossert's art classes at the GLP. Their artwork included Katchina dolls, with a wish for the world inside, made by Jenna and Zach; also, Kustav Klimt Trees of Life were made by Sam, Emma, and Sawyer, and a surreal collage was created by Joshua. Throughout March and April the work remained on display, with a special reception for these children, their families and teachers on March 27th. Each child who attended received a ribbon and a feeling of pride that was written all over his/her face upon seeing his/her very own creation on display for all to enjoy.

Pablo Picasso once said, "Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up." This event was a solution to that problem, because each child will remember how they felt that day and be inspired to continue to be artists.



Pictured is Jenna Jacobs with her Katchina Doll.

SUMMER DRIVER EDUCATION

Summer School Driver Education will be offered to any student who will be 16 years of age on or before July 1, 2009. Class will begin in July and end mid August. The cost of this course will be \$420. If there is still room in the program, you may sign up. Call Mr. Uhlman at 992-3641 ext. 2166 for availability.

CONGRESSIONAL ART SHOW

By Lisa Alessi-Nicastro

Kayla Maxon, Ashleigh Finnigan, Jess Nemec, and Jess Dosser attended a reception, "An Artistic Discovery", with Congressman Higgins on Saturday, May 16th from 2-3 PM at the Larkin Building on Exchange Street.

Displayed work included: Jessica Nemec "All that Glitters is Not..." (Charcoal drawing); Jessica Dosser "Mother and Child" (Pen and Ink); Kayla Maxon "Shattered Romance" (Oil Pastel); and Ashleigh Finnigan "Challenging Silence" (Watercolor). All work was on display from May 6 - May 16th with a reception and winners announced on May 16th. Congratulations to Jessica Nemec for winning the show. Jessica and two companions will travel to Washington to have the work hung in the Canon Tunnel for 1 year. This is a national competition, and the work that appears at this show is professional quality. It is a very prestigious honor for Eden.

EDEN ELEMENTARY ANNOUNCES STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

March:

Grade 3: John-Mark Emel, Drew Hesse, Thomas Hynes, Devlyn Sibiga, Peter Zittel.

Grade 4: Maureen Bender, Stephanie Berta, Andrew Bialy, Austin Hawley, Jared Jeziorowski, Haley Torres.

Grade 5: Alana Castricone, Daniel Cuddihy, Luke Podyma, Zachariah Schmitz, Cheyenne Simcoe, Grace Simmons.

Grade 6: Mackenze Eck, Erin Engle, Nicholas Goetz, Joseph Hagler, Amanda Popple, Ashley Wertz.

April:

Grade 3: Morgan Barszcz, Anne Marie Brockman, Molly Congilosi, Alexandria Koren, April Mosgeller.

Grade 4: Jesse Brockman, Tristan Higgins, Kaitlyn Hine, Scott Nowak, Kristen Pszonak, Trevor Valentine.

Grade 5: Angela Cala, Sarah Rennells, Leila Richmond, Bradley Serio, Amy Slisz, Emma Wittmeyer.

Grade 6: Megan Daley, Lillian Harrington, Hannah Jahreis, Alexis Loretto, Carley Nasca, Cole Overhoff.

May:

Grade 3: Colton Becker, Elizabeth Lemieux, Collin Rigley, Mckiley Nappo, Louis Violanti.

Grade 4: Alyssa Durski, Angela Horschel, Skylar Kennedy, Marissa Kordal, Samantha Kruger, Ryan Pintabona.

Grade 5: Alex Hutz, Clinton Robinson, Ryan Smith, Gabrielle Snyder, Anna Wightman.

Grade 6: Erin Brawdy, Paige Howell, Nathan Hynes, Hayley Kessler, Zachary Smith, Rhyse Strawbrich.

EDEN TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION ADOPTS-A-HIGHWAY

By Sandra Wess-Rishel

On Tuesday, May 5th, ten energetic, earth-friendly teachers, donning orange vests and helmets, set out to beautify Route 62, between the railroad overpass and Cain Road. Groups of two began at each side of the road, poking at and picking up litter for a one-mile stretch.

Each team participated in a "scavenger hunt" of items found, including several kinds of beverage containers, fast food containers, dead animals, car parts and some unmentionable items. It was amazing the amount of trash that people have thrown out onto our highway. Almost 30 bags of trash were collected for only a two mile span.

About two hours later, ten weary, and somewhat smelly teachers finished their hard work with a sense of accomplishment and knowing they had made a difference in our community. It was all worth it though, when one gentleman stopped his car to offer his thanks, as he was passing by.



Pictured: Sandy Wess-Rishel, Tammy Finnerty, Pete Vandenburg, Paula Chalifoux, Lori Patterson, Ellen Kindley, Janice O'Brien, Carol King, Colleen Griffin, Lynn Morgan.



TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION NEWS

By Stevan Jones

As a department our philosophy is straightforward, we strive to have all of our students in the district graduate as technically literate young adults. We want each and every one of them to be able to identify, analyze, and effectively/efficiently utilize the technology that literally surrounds them on a daily basis. Recently, many of our students have demonstrated that they have achieved and exceeded this goal on various fronts.

ECC Tech Wars 2009 provided a number of our students the opportunity to showcase and demonstrate their technical talents at a local venue/competition. Eden's Technology Education students competed in the following events: boat design/building and racing, middle school bridge building, T-shirt design, and static display. Although we did not finish in the top six teams in the boat competition, Andrew Koester took 1st place overall in the T-shirt competition. In the middle school bridge competition, Eden's own Brady Birmingham took 2nd place, Scott Dosser took 3rd place and Jared Nowak took 4th place. There was no formal evaluation for the static display competition, but the students received many positive comments about the motorcycles they have designed and built over the last two year's.

In late March, Eden's Chopper Class took this year's bike, which is dedicated to Jeremy and Chris Krencik, out to St. Paul in order to compete in this year's Donnie Smith Chopper Class Challenge. There was a fantastic turn out at the show, over 15,000 people. Again, our students made us proud. After two solid days of questioning by the general public and professional builders, Eden's build team members, Cody Longbine, Matt Vankoughnett, John Rigley, James Rigley, Troy Bigelow, Tommy Gallman, Brad Schreiber and Zak Kordal captured the Peoples Choice Award and a first place in the open class competition. All of our Technology Education students should be commended for all of their hard work and dedication. We have exceptional students who understand the difference between success and failure is often how hard you are willing to work on the problem. Mr. Brechtel, Mr. Carbone, Mr. Uhlman and I are proud of our students' accomplishments and look forward to overseeing their continued development. If you have any questions about our program offerings, please contact me directly at 992-3600 ext 2136. Thanks for the continued support.

Pictured: Eden's Build Team at the Donnie Smith Chopper Class Challenge in St. Paul, Minnesota.

New York State Immunization Requirements for School Entrance/Attendance¹

Vaccines	Pre-kindergarten (Day Care, Nursery, Head Start, or Pre-K) ²	School (K-12)
Diphtheria Toxoid Containing Vaccine	3 doses (New York City Schools – 4 doses) ³	3 doses (New York City schools – 4 doses – required for kindergarten only)
Tetanus Toxoid Containing Vaccine and Pertussis Vaccine (DTaP, DTP) ⁴	3 doses if born on or after 1/1/2005	Not applicable until student born on or after 1/1/2005 enrolls in school
Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis Booster (Tdap)	Not applicable	Born on or after 1/1/94 and enrolling in grades 6 through 8 for the 2009-2010 school year ⁵ 1 dose
Polio (IPV or OPV)	3 doses	3 doses
Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) ⁶	1 dose	2 doses of measles-containing vaccine and 1 dose each of mumps and rubella (preferably as MMR)
Hepatitis B	3 doses	3 doses ⁷
Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)	3 doses if less than 15 months of age or 1 dose administered on or after 15 months of age ⁸	Not applicable
Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV)	Born on or after 1/1/08 4 doses by 15 months of age, given at age-appropriate times and intervals ⁹	Not applicable
Varicella (Chickenpox) ¹⁰	Born on or after 1/1/2000	Born on or after 1/1/98 or born on or after 1/1/94 and enrolling in grades 6 through 10 for the 2009-2010 school year ¹⁰ 1 dose

- 1 Demonstrated serologic evidence of either measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B or varicella antibodies is acceptable proof of immunity to these diseases. Diagnosis by a physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner that a child/student has had measles, mumps, or varicella diseases is acceptable proof of immunity to those diseases.
- 2 Children in a Pre-kindergarten setting should be age appropriately immunized. The number of doses depends on the schedule recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).
- 3 Please note at this time that New York State requires 3 doses of diphtheria toxoid-containing vaccine (New York City requires 4 doses for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten only) and three doses of polio vaccine for entry into kindergarten and for any student entering a school in New York State for the first time. However, ACIP recommends 4 doses of diphtheria toxoid-containing vaccine by age 18 months and 5 doses by age 4-6 years of age. Children 4-6 years of age should receive 4 doses of polio vaccine unless the 3rd dose is given after 4 years of age.
- 4 DTaP is the vaccine currently recommended for diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis.
- 5 Students enrolling in grades 6 through 8 includes students who are entering, repeating or transferring into grades 6 through 8 and students who are enrolling in gradeless classes and are the age equivalent of grades 6 through 8. Ten-year-olds entering grades 6 through 8 do not need to have a Tdap vaccine. They will need to receive a Tdap once they turn 11. Students who receive a Td vaccine within 2 years prior to entering grades 6 through 8 should not receive (with rare exceptions) the booster dose of Tdap until 2 years has elapsed. It is required that those students who are not eligible on this basis be flagged, tracked, and immunized at the appropriate time.
- 6 The New York State Department of Health Immunization Program concurs with the ACIP which recommends that vaccine doses administered up to 4 days before the minimum interval or 12 months of age for measles, mumps, rubella and varicella be counted as valid.
- 7 Hepatitis B – For students in grades 7-12, 3 doses of Recombivax HB or Engerix-B is required, except for those students who received 2 doses of adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax) which is recommended for children 11-15 years old.
- 8 Four doses of Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) is recommended by 15 months or more of age, however only 3 doses are required for day-care entry. If a child enters a day care on or after 15 months of age, and has not received 3 doses of Hib vaccine, only one dose on or after 15 months of age is required.
- 9 Unvaccinated children 7 -11 months of age should receive 2 doses, at least 4 weeks apart, followed by a 3rd dose at age 12-15 months. Unvaccinated children 12-23 months of age should receive 2 doses of vaccine at least 8 weeks apart. Previously unvaccinated children 24-59 months of age should receive only 1 dose.
- 10 Students enrolling in grades 6 through 10 includes students who are entering, repeating or transferring into grades 6 through 10 and students who are enrolling in gradeless classes and are the age equivalent of grades 6 through 10. Two (2) doses of varicella vaccine are recommended for all students, but not required for school entry.

For further information contact: New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Immunization,
Room 649, Corning Tower ESP, Albany, NY 12237, (518) 473-4437.
New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Bureau of Immunization, Program Support Unit,
P.O. Box 21, 18th Floor/Mailroom, 2 Lafayette St, New York, NY 10007, (212) 676-2301.

OPEN HOUSE AD CONTEST WINNER ANNOUNCED

The Eden Volunteer Fire Department recently held its Open House Ad Contest, which is open to all students in the Jr./Sr. High. The winner, Jessica Nemec, received \$100, and her ad will be used to advertise the department's Open House this coming September. Congratulations Jess.



Pictured in photo: Art Teacher, Lisa Alessi-Nicastro; Jess Nemec; Representing the Eden Fire Department, Glenn Scott, First Lieutenant; and Vicky Sickau, President.

THE EDEN MODEL UNITED NATIONS SCHOLARSHIP

By Linda Bowman-Jones

This year, scholarships were created and endowed by the members of the 2008/09 Model United Nations Club at Eden Junior/Senior High School under the leadership of Linda Bowman-Jones, club advisor; and with the generous support of the Town of Eden for two students at Heritage Academy in Ghana, West Africa.

The two scholarships will be given to a boy and a girl in 5th grade who show a strong sense of national pride, intend to make a difference in the future of Ghana, and have already made significant contributions to the local community. The scholarship follows the recipients until graduation.

Recipients are to be chosen in conference with the headmaster in early July.

Heritage Academy's, Kwesi Koomson, would like to extend his thanks and gratitude to the Town of Eden for the generous support. By creating these two endowed scholarships at Heritage Academy, the gift of a quality education has been given to two special students starting next fall, those who will come after them, and peace of mind to their families.

CERAMIC BIRDS ON DISPLAY AT EDEN TOWN LIBRARY

By Amy McConeghy

This past spring, 5th graders in Mrs. McConeghy's art classes learned about the life and work of John James Audubon, one of America's most famous naturalists.

Students learned how to read a field guide, researched habitats, and learned interesting facts about their bird.

After creating a charcoal rendering of their bird, they sculpted them out of clay, complete with nests and eggs! Some of these stellar creations can be seen at the Eden Town Library through mid June. Be sure to stop in and take a look!



Pictured: Artists Lauren Henning and Alison Winiecki.

KIDS ESCAPING DRUGS FUNDRAISER

By Carrie Hamlett

Kids Escaping Drugs Campaign and Renaissance Campus sent their thanks to our students for their commitment to the 16th Annual BlueCross BlueShield NHS Walk-a-thon on Sunday, April 26, 2009. Our students raised \$1,207.05, which helped to achieve the overall total of \$38,103.

Kids Escaping Drugs directly supports Renaissance Campus, a long-term residential treatment facility for teenagers suffering from drug and alcohol dependency. The campus holds 62 patient beds and five buildings, all of which were built by the Western New York community.

This year there were over 800 walkers. With the help of students like ours, the teenagers at Renaissance Campus are getting their lives back. Special thanks go to Liz Kryszak (\$130) and Ryan Swartz (\$501) for being top fund raisers in our District.

What To Get Your Teenager To Read This Summer



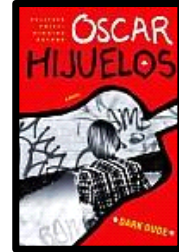
FOR BOYS:

Bone Chiller by Graham McNamee

Four high school students face off against a soul-stealing beast that has been making young people disappear in their small Ontario, Canada, town for centuries.

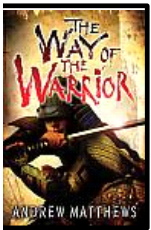
Dark Dude by Oscar Hijuelos

Rico doesn't fit in: he's too pale for his Cuban neighborhood in New York, too smart for his school, and too rebellious for his parents. Running away to rural Wisconsin, Rico discovers how to value himself in addition to the family and culture he left behind.



Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

A teenager accidentally becomes a contender in the annual Hunger Games, a grave competition hosted by the Capitol where young boys and girls are pitted against one another in a televised fight to the death.

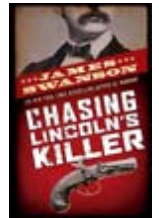


The Way of the Warrior by Andrew Matthews

Haunted by his father's suicide, Jimmu secures a position as one of the lord's samurai guards, where he hopes to fulfill his destiny and learn the truth about his father's death.

Chasing Lincoln's Killer by James L. Swanson

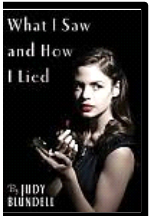
Recounts the twelve-day pursuit and capture of John Wilkes Booth, covering the chase through Washington D.C., Maryland, and Virginia, with a discussion of Abraham Lincoln as a father, husband, and friend that examines the impact of his death on those close to him.



FOR GIRLS:

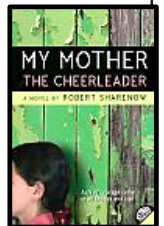
What I Saw and How I Lied by Judy Blundell

In 1947, teenage Evie, smitten by the handsome young ex-GI who seems to have a secret hold on her stepdad, Joe, finds herself caught in a complicated web of lies whose devastating outcome change her life and that of her family forever.



My Mother the Cheerleader by Robert Sharenow

Thirteen-year-old Louise uncovers secrets about her family and her neighborhood during the violent protests over school desegregation in 1960 New Orleans.



Jessica's Guide to Dating on the Dark Side by Beth Fantaskey

Seventeen-year-old Jessica learns that she is descended from a royal line of vampires and that she is betrothed to a vampire prince, who poses as a foreign exchange student while courting her.



How Not to be Popular by Jennifer Ziegler

Seventeen-year-old Sugar Magnolia Dempsey is tired of leaving friends behind every time her hippie parents decide to move, but her plan to be unpopular at her new Austin, Texas, school backfires when other students join her on the path to "supreme dorkdom."

Wintergirls by Laurie Halse Anderson

Eighteen-year-old Lia comes to terms with her best friend's death from anorexia as she struggles with the same disorder.



This is a picture of Melissa Keller and Kelly Rood who recreated a scene in Mrs. Kanick's classroom closet from Edgar Allan Poe's short story "The Cask of Amontillado", which the class read earlier in the semester.

ART NEWS FROM THE GLP

Mrs. Bossert has selected second grade artist George Mecca as this year's Superintendent Art Collection winner. George's framed painting of the Statue of Liberty will hang proudly in the halls of the GLP for generations to admire. The GLP "A Year in Review"

Art Show is exhibited through mid June. Come visit and see what these young artists have learned all year long. Pictured: Mrs. Carter and George Mecca.



VISITING THE AQUARIUM COURTESY OF THE TARGET FIELD TRIP PROGRAM

On May 19th, the kindergarten students of the GLP traveled to the Aquarium of Niagara. Visiting the aquarium gave the students direct, first hand knowledge of the animals and marine plant life they have been studying in the final unit of their Open Court Reading series, "By the Sea." The trip enabled the children to experience caring for marine plant and animals with viewings of penguin, shark and tide pool feedings and participation in educational seal and sea lion presentations. The visit to the aquarium also included a private "Touch Tank" experience for each of the classes attending. The children were allowed to gently handle and explore touchable marine life with the assistance of an aquatic expert. This fun and educational field trip was made possible when kindergarten teacher, Jill Rapp was awarded an \$800 grant through the Target Field Trip Grant Program earlier this year.



Pictured above is kindergarten teacher Joan Brechtel assisting students Emma Cockeral and Cassidy Bertino as they explore a starfish in the Aquarium's Touch Tank.

NYSSMA AUDITIONS

The following Elementary School string students auditioned for Area-All State (NYSSMA). They auditioned on a solo, scales, and sightreading on June 5th or 6th at West Seneca East High School, competing for a spot in the Area-All State Orchestra, which will perform in November 2009.

Front row:
Brandon Cavarello (violin),
Daniel Mack (viola).

Back row:
Amanda Miller (cello), Austin Keppler (violin),
and Rhyse Strawbrich (violin).



THEATER

Theater is alive and well at Eden Elementary thanks to the vision and dedication of Mark Vona, Ellen Kindley, Sheila Harris, Lorry Malkowski, and Judy Maynard.

For the past ten years these founders of the 5th/6th Grade Musical have given their time and considerable talents to ensure that our students have a musical drama experience unlike any other. Their efforts reflect school wide and community support of this worthwhile activity that enriches us all. Bravo!



STUDENTS ALL ABOARD FOR ERIE CANAL HISTORY

By Vanessa Zoll

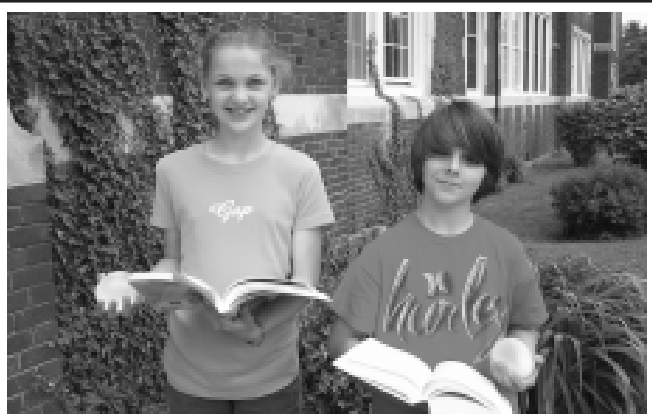
Folk musician, Dave Ruch entertained 4th grade students with stories and music in an Erie Canal concert held in the Elementary Library. Students learned about musical instruments, games, lore and the history behind the making of our famous waterway. Mr. Ruch's presentation, "Historical and Traditional Songs of New York State", was part of a Speakers in the Series grant through the New York Council for the Humanities.



READING CHALLENGE

In September of 2008, students and staff at Eden Elementary were issued a challenge to read 10,000 books during the academic year. So much reading was done that the challenge was met at the end of April with 10,152 books being read.

On Thursday, June 4, randomly selected students who read ten or more books will participate in a water balloon assault on faculty/staff/administration volunteers. One volunteer target was heard to say, "Let the students know that if I catch a water balloon and it doesn't break, I'm throwing it back!"



EDEN ELEMENTARY CONTINUES TO ROLL WITH READING

Our Elementary Teachers and National Honor Society Juniors will be hosting book chats with our elementary students as part of our summer reading program. The summer reading list can be viewed online at www.edencsd.org. There are many great titles for students to select! They will choose one book, take notes and be ready to discuss that book in the fall.

On Friday, June 19th, students will get a chance to meet their book chat host and others who are reading their book! All students are encouraged to keep a Reading Log and Book Notes of their summer reading. Both the Reading Log and Book Notes forms can be found online at www.edencsd.org.

Pictured at left are avid readers from Mrs. Durringer's room....Sarah Hooper and Brendan DiGiore.



REACH STUDENTS SERVICE PROJECT

By Irene Lavin

Eden Elementary's fourth grade REACH students decided to help East Concord wildlife rehabilitator, Elise Able this year as their service project. Mrs. Able, who founded and runs Fox Wood Wildlife Rescue Inc., helps injured and orphaned wild animals such as foxes, bats, ducklings, and coyotes return to the wild, if possible. She also helps severely injured dogs.

Motivated by a strong love for animals and desire to make a difference, students organized and worked on publicity for a one-day schoolwide drive in mid-May to collect freezer-burned or unwanted venison, beef, or chicken. Thanks to generous donations from Eden Elementary families, they were able to donate over 100 pounds of meat, which Mrs. Able is using to feed ten newly orphaned foxes.

The wildlife rehabilitator also visited REACH teacher, Mrs. Irene Lavin, and the students to present a power point about her work over the years. Special guest was Jaiden, a dog rescued after it had been shot three times. Jaiden, now healthy, is a prime example of Mrs. Able's work and commitment to animals.

Many of the students, their siblings, and parents also visited Fox Wood Wildlife Rescue during a recent Saturday morning field trip to see its foxes, dogs, pigs, and coyotes. These animals are finding sanctuary or getting ready to return to the wild.

To read more about Mrs. Able's work, complete with photos, see http://foxwoodrehab.typepad.com/my_weblog/



The photo is from our recent field trip. Mrs. Able is showing fourth grade REACH students, their siblings, and parents, several dogs she is rehabilitating.



FLOWERS BY FFA

By Larry Millson

The F.F.A. once again, in conjunction with the Eden Chamber of Commerce, put large flower pots around town. FFA planted them, maintained them, and put them out in the community. The F.F.A. also made a donation to the Chamber of Commerce to help with the purchasing of the plants.



Pictured are F.F.A. members, Matt Vankoughnett, Fred Sickau, Carolyn Schupp and John Rigley.

SUCCESSFUL DRIVE FOR THE SPCA

By Irene Lavin

As an independent project, fifth-grade REACH students (from left), Macy, Anna, Allison, and Lauren, worked together to organize and publicize a school-wide drive in April to benefit the animals of the SPCA. Shown here are some of the ten large bags, filled with donated towels, blankets, stuffed animals, and pet food, the girls collected and later delivered, thanks to the generosity of many Eden Elementary families. These students also toured the SPCA for a behind-the-scenes view and presented in class about how this humane organization has worked since 1866 to make sure that animals everywhere are treated with kindness and respect.



*Eden Central Continuing
Education Summer Program*

**SUMMER BRIDGE
LITERACY PROGRAM**

This class is designed to keep young readers engaged in literacy activities all through the summer. Students will participate in developmentally appropriate games and activities to build literacy skills and foster a love of reading. (for students entering first or second grade)

Instructor: Kelly LaRosa

Dates: July 7, 14, 21, 28

Times: 10am -11am (First Graders)

11am-12pm (Second Graders)

Fee: \$30

Location: Eden Elementary Library

SUMMER TRIPS

A GRAND NIGHT FOR SINGING

TUES., JULY 21

\$78.00

Spend the afternoon at the unique *STATION DINNER THEATER* in Erie, PA. A family style lunch before the show "A GRAND NIGHT FOR SINGING" a musical showcase of the music of Richard Rodgers and the lyrics of Oscar Hammerstein II. Featuring the most talented vocalists in the region. Including such hits as *If I Loved You* from "Carousel", *Some Enchanted Evening* from "South Pacific", *Something Wonderful* from "The King and I", & *Honey Bun* from "South Pacific" to name a few. DEPART HD 9:30 am TP 10:00 am RETURN TP 5:00 pm HD 5:30 pm #GRAN072109

VEGAS IN VAUGHAN, ONT.

VEGAS STYLE SHOW, LUNCH & TIME AT WOODBINE

THURS., JULY 30

\$99.00

No need to travel to Nevada, instead hop aboard our motorcoach and travel to the Le Jardin Banquet Event Centre in Vaughan for lunch followed by the ever-changing themed shows. Today see outstanding performers pay tribute to the late great *PATSY CLINE* and *JOHNNY CASH*. End the day in true Vegas style! Try your luck for 2 hours at *WOODBINE*, just a short ride away. It is the only racetrack in North America capable of conducting Standard bred and Thoroughbred racing on the same day. It also has 1,700 slot machines on a 56,000 square foot slot floor. Register for or bring your OLG Winner's Card & receive a \$10 VOUCHER & T-SHIRT upon arrival & have approx. 2 hours to enjoy the facilities before departing for home. Grab a bite on site or bring food to eat on your way home for dinner. PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP REQUIRED

DEPART TP 8:00 am HD 8:30 am RETURN HD 9:00 pm TP 9:30 pm #VEGA072309

A "DAM" GOOD TRIP, VISIT A DAM, ABBEY & CANAL
STOP RESTAURANT, "MEET THE MONK" – LIMIT 40
WED., AUG. 5

\$84.00

KIDS 12 & UNDER \$74.00

Begin with a tour of The *MT. MORRIS DAM*, the largest man-made dam of its kind east of the Mississippi. (Walking required wear comfortable shoes-shuttle is available if unable to walk.) Continue on to *THE YARD OF ALE INN*, a Colonial Style Inn formerly used as a Canal stop in the 1800's for lunch. Then travel a short distance to the *ABBEY OF THE GENESEE*, the home of the Cistercian Monks. Have a chance to "Meet a Monk", ask questions, see a short DVD (Meet the Monk limited to the 1st 40 signups) & shop in the Bread Store, where several varieties of Monks Bread are produced. We've included a take home loaf-- be sure to select a type when booking this tour. One last stop-- at *DEER RUN*, an award winning winery on the hill overlooking Conesus Lake for a wine and chocolate tasting.

This boutique winery features a lovely gift shop highlighting locally and regionally made products. (Grape juice available)

CHOOSE ONE ENTRÉE • Garlic Shrimp Pasta • 8 Oz Prime Rib
• Chicken Stuffed w/ Broccoli, Ham & Cheddar

CHOOSE • Sunflower • Cinnamon Maple • Whole Wheat • Raisin
DEPART TP 8:00 am HD 8:30 am RETURN HD 6:00 pm TP 6:30 pm

#DAMG080509

AFRICAN LION SAFARI

A GREAT TRIP FOR ALL AGES

SAT., AUG. 15

\$107.00

CHILD 12 AND UNDER \$94.00

GRANDPARENT AND 1 CHILD \$192.00

Enjoy a *MUFFIN & OJ* as you travel to Cambridge, Ont. Take a guided motorcoach tour of the Game Reserves & then enjoy a "LION'S FEAST SMORGASBORD". Spend the remainder of the day at the Shows: "Birds of Prey", "Parrot Paradise" & 'Elephant Round Up'. Cruise aboard the "African Queen" Boat and journey on the "Nature Boy Scenic Railway". Bring a swimsuit & towel to enjoy the Safari Water Park. Dress is very casual. PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP REQUIRED

DEPART TP 7:30 am HD 8:00 am RETURN HD 7:00 pm TP 7:30 pm #AFRI081509

CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION

FEATURING THE AIRSHOW

SUN., SEPT. 6

\$68.00

The 130 year old *CNE*, famous for its *GARDEN, HORSE, & DOG SHOWS; INTERNATIONAL & SCIENCE EXHIBITS; MIDWAY; & CASINO*, has grown to be the largest annual fair in Canada & the 4th largest in North America. On this Labor Day Weekend, see the *LARGEST OVER-THE-WATER AIR SHOW* in the world, featuring Canada's top precision Flying Team, *THE SNOWBIRDS*. Choose from a wide variety of "Fair Foods" along the Midway or stop at the Food Building, with over 90 vendors featuring foods from around the world. Make a quick stop at the Currency Exchange on the way to Toronto.

PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP REQUIRED

BRINGING THE KIDS? ADD \$17 P/P FOR ALL ATTRACTIONS & RIDES

DEPART TP 8:00 am HD 8:30 am RETURN HD 8:00 pm TP 8:30 pm

#CANA090609

WALTER OSTANEK 'S OKTOBERFEST

THIS SHOW ALWAYS SELLS OUT!- SIGN UP EARLY!

THURS., SEPT. 17

\$100.00

Returning for his 9th season, Grammy Award Winner, Walter Ostanek and his Band bring Oktoberfest to the Country...at the picture perfect *WALTERS FAMILY RANCH*. Explore the grounds before enjoying a delicious Country Dinner Buffet featuring Roast Beef, -Rolled Ribs- a local favorite, Mashed Potatoes, Salad, Vegetables, Sauerkraut, homemade bread and pie. The meal and show take place in a beautiful 180-year-old, wooden beamed barn with a dining area & theatre seating. Then join in the fun as Grammy Award Winner, *WALTER OSTANEK* and his band bring their Oktoberfest show to the Ranch! **PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP REQUIRED**

DEPART TP 9:00 am HD 9:30 am RETURN HD 6:00 pm TP 6:30 pm

#WALT091709

LOCATIONS

TP=TOPS MARKET
355 Orchard Park Rd.

HD=HOME DEPOT
2065 Niagara Falls Blvd.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR

CANADIAN TRAVEL: Beginning June 1, 2009

All U.S. & Canadian citizens who are 16 and older traveling between the U.S. and Canada, will be required to present one of the following forms of ID:

- Passport
- Passport Card
- Enhanced NYS Driver's License
- Nexus Card

U.S. and Canadian citizens who are 15 years old and under will still be allowed to travel with their birth certificate, as will teens between the ages of 16-18 if they are part of an adult supervised group. Children who are not traveling with a parent must have a notarized permission note signed by the parents.

EXERCISE

Session #4 Starts – 7/14/09

Tuesday Night: Pilates with *Kelly*,
Thursday Night: Yogalates with *Shawna*
You can register for 1-Day (Tuesday or Thursday) or 2-Days.

7-8 p.m at Elementary Library

Free insurance-paid classes must take two days (16-classes).

Cost: 2-Days = \$136; if eligible for 25% discount = \$102

Cost: 1-Day = \$68; if eligible for 25% discount = \$51

Some insurance programs cover this class in full. Please visit www.edencsd.org and check out the Continuing Education BWI Registration form under the Community Section.

2009 VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN ANNOUNCED

Mr. Graff announced that the Valedictorian of the Senior Class is Joelle Crabtree (right) with a cumulative average of 98.702 %. The Salutatorian of the Senior Class is Sally Schaefer (left) with a cumulative average of 97.661%.



Joelle is the daughter of Thomas and Lynnette Crabtree, Sisson Highway, Eden. She is a member of National Honor Society, Model UN, Mock Trial, Peer Listening, and Jazz Ensemble. Joelle was also selected several times to the All Erie County Band. She played in the pit for the high school musicals. In addition, Joelle is a member of the Varsity Volleyball and Softball teams.

Joelle is a National Merit Scholar Finalist and was selected to the Business First 2009 All-Western New York Academic Team. She also won the John Phillip Sousa Band Award and the Louie Armstrong Jazz Award.

In her spare time, Joelle enjoys reading, sports, music and hanging out with her friends. She will miss Mr. Kean's stories.

Joelle will be attending Colgate University, where she will major in Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Sally is the daughter of Richard and Ann Schaefer of Kulp Road, Eden. She is a member of National Honor Society, AFS, Southtowns Youth Orchestra, Jazz Ensemble, Swing Singers and the high school musical. In addition, Sally is also a member of the Varsity Volleyball and Softball teams.

Sally is a National Merit Scholar Semi-finalist. She was named to the Conference All-State Chorus. Sally won the Woody Herman Jazz Award, the National School Choral Award and the National School Orchestra Award.

In her spare time, Sally enjoys reading, sports, music, and the Yankees. She will miss Mr. Kean's stories.

Sally will be attending SUNY Geneseo where she will minor in Music and is undecided about her major.

Rounding out the top ten of the class of 2009 are: Kacie Rich 97.163, Carolynn Schupp 96.686, Ryan Swartz 95.636, Michelle Andolina 95.540, Marc Michalski 95.134, Nicholas Preischel 95.085, Jessica Krazmien 95.011 and James Levulis 94.504. Congratulations to all!

FUTURE ROCKET SCIENTISTS?

On two beautiful spring days, the students in Mrs. Malkowski's 6th grade science classes launched the rockets that they built in class. During the unit the students also learned how to calculate altitude by using clinometers. They had a blast!



Pictured above is Ryan and below are Brandon and Joe working on their rocket.



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NOTICE!

GLP will be an active construction site at the conclusion of student occupancy in June. Any summer business should be conducted via telephone (716-992-3638) prior to visiting the school as access will be restricted.

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