

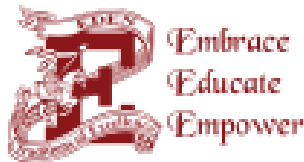
# Eden Central School Newsletter

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Dear Eden Community:

It is hard to believe that three months have passed since school began in September. We have seen opening day, Homecoming, open houses, picture day, and the first quarter report cards. We have seen fall arrive with winter just around the corner.

The country has elected a new president, and our economy seems to be getting more difficult by the day. These trends are the best of times, as well as, the worst of times.

The future will most likely be challenging for us all, however, the mission of the Eden Central School District remains the same. We will continue to provide the best possible educational experience we can, while balancing this against the needs and ability of our community. This school district is one of the best. We all should remain proud. You have our pledge to maintain this quality even through the most difficult of times. We must continue our work together doing what is best for the youth of this community.

I am often asked, "What can we 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.

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.

See our website - [edencsd.org](http://edencsd.org) for Continuing Education information. Click on the Community Tab and then Continuing Education. There are several programs running continuously. The new Winter/Spring program will be added by early February.

Sincerely,

Ronald K. Buggs  
Superintendent

## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

*By Thomas J. Gannon, Sr.*

In our current national economic circumstances and rapidly changing world, we all feel a certain apprehension about our individual and collective future. As our economy slows and financial resources decrease, all of us fear the changes we may have to face in regards to providing a quality education for our children.

Our kids will be living in a global community that is linked electronically, financially, economically and evermore culturally. I think of the humorous television commercial where two classrooms of children, one from the orient and one from the United States engage in a staring contest across the internet to illustrate this. The earth, while geographically large, is very small in regards to our ability to communicate, and for better or worse we are all becoming more and more connected.

The months and years ahead will certainly be challenging for our national government, and in turn for our state and local governing bodies. Eden Schools have historically provided a strong environment for children to learn and grow in. The Board of Education remains committed to that goal. In the months ahead, we look forward to input from the community and staff to help us best fulfill the mission statement of the district.

This nation is regarded highly for the treasures of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and those riches will continue to exist only if all are willing to make the sacrifices we are called to. One only has to remember our brothers and sisters who have died on foreign shores or those who work to protect the rights of all for the understanding of that call.

On behalf of the Board of Education, we wish the Eden Central School District community a Merry Christmas, and we look forward to a New Year filled with another great American treasure - that of hope.

### ATTENTION!

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.

## FALL ATHLETIC UPDATE

*By Doug Beetow*

Nine out of twelve of our fall varsity teams are Scholar/Athlete Teams! Congratulations Teams!

Eden Central School is proud to announce our 2008 fall Scholar/Athlete Team Awards from the New York State Public High School Athletic Association, Inc. The following teams have earned a team grade average of 90% or better during the fall sports season.

**Boys Cross Country:** Andrew Koester, Andrew Rakiecki, Kevin Rood, Michael Sarratori, Edward Schneider, R. Ryan Swartz and Jacob Williams.

**Girls Cross Country:** Carly Congilosi, Miriam Harms, Grace Ohmit, Stephanie Pintabona, Lauren Pszonak, Laura Robinson, and Carolyn Schupp.

**Field Hockey:** Nicole Aloisio, Anna Brenner, Amanda Carlacci, Sarah Hewson, Kaitlin Kaminski, Shelby Lee, Jessica Schreiner, Caitlin Sickau, Kaitlyn Stayzer, Shelby Stresing, Rachael VanKoughnett and Kimberly Lagreca.

**Football:** Kevin Armbrust, Julian Bermingham, Troy Bigelow, Zachariah Braunscheidel, Christopher Busch, Brandon Dix, Nathan Gonser, Timothy Schnauffer, Matthew Scott, Alexander Shea, Robert Slisz and Kyle Zittel.

**Golf:** Chandler Kraska, Philip Odien, Aaron Orechwa, Ryan Orechwa, James Partridge, Frederick Sickau and Douglas Steen.

**Girls Soccer:** Ainhoa Arrazola, Michelle Blaszc, Carlie Engle, Sara Franz, Danielle Lyndsley, Christina Lorenz, Lindsay Norton, Jenna Phillips, Kacie Rich, Marissa Schrauth, Cassandra Smythe, and Lynn-Lee Stresing.

**Girls Swimming:** Molly Braymiller, Jenna Congilosi, Kassaundra Funch, Justine Gugino, Caitlin Kraska, Molly Miller, Kristina Notar, Megan Pszonak, Anne Skuse, Andrea Stayzer, Anna Winter, Leah Braymiller, Kristin Howie, Carly Koszuta, Kaitlin Schnauffer and Cassidy Smith.

**Girls Tennis:** Erica Arnold, Marissa Bidney, Molly Brogan, Sarah Hudson, Laura Kiel, Jessica Krouse, Brigitte Pace, Andrea Schneider, Joy Van Dette, Lisa Bernard, Mallory Diefenbach, Nicole Grasso, Taylor Hecke and Megan Kushner.

### **Girls Volleyball:**

Joelle Crabtree, Katherine Eschner, Heather Feldman, Anna King, Elizabeth Kryszak, Sally Schaefer, Rachel Shoemaker, and Staceylyn Smith.

## EDEN STUDENTS PRESENT PROJECTS AT STATE GIFTED EDUCATION CONFERENCE

*By Irene Lavin*

Sixth grade REACH students Cole Overhoff and Nathan Hynes presented their humorous DVD at a Gifted Showcase of local students as part of the October State Gifted Education Conference at Canisius College.

Cole and Nathan created a witty extended commercial, using various forms of persuasive reasoning as a REACH assignment. The boys took the assignment further by filming the ambitious script on their own, complete with costumes, imaginative settings, and special effects. Mrs. Irene Lavin, Eden Elementary REACH teacher, was on hand at the Showcase to describe the teaching aspects of the assignment.

At a nearby table, GLP second grade student Gavin Faulkner presented an in-depth exhibit about minerals and gems, which he independently designed. Encouraged by his teacher, Mrs. Sandy Wess-Rishel to attend, Gavin explained his work to numbers of conference goers, including Dr. Mary Ruth Coleman, national presenter.

Students from a number of WNY schools took part in the informal Gifted Showcase, describing their challenging projects to parents and teachers attending the state conference. AGATE and Canisius College's Differentiated Instruction Program co-sponsored the conference.

Congratulations to all three of these students, who represented Eden's schools! Special thanks also go to their parents, who transported the boys to the conference.



The most important thing in life is to learn how to give out love, and to let it come in.

Morrie Schwartz

## NOTICE TO SENIORS AND THEIR PARENTS

*By Amy Banks*

Scholarships for Academic Excellence will be awarded to several seniors at Eden Junior Senior High School pending appropriation of State funds. Eden qualifies for one scholarship at \$1,500 and four scholarships at \$500 each. These awards are renewable for up to four academic years of undergraduate study.

The eligibility requirements include:

1. Each scholarship recipient must graduate from a New York State high school by the end of the 2008-2009 school year.
2. Each scholarship recipient must be a legal resident of New York State for at least one year prior to September 30, 2008.
3. In order to use the benefits of this scholarship, the recipient must be in attendance as a full-time matriculated student at an approved New York State post-secondary institution by the Fall 2009 semester. Students who enroll in an out-of-state institution in Fall 2009 are not eligible and must forfeit the award.

The selection criteria that will be used must be in accordance with the following State requirements. The high school shall select their nominees by computing a weighted average of the scores on the Regents examinations taken prior to the students' senior year in the subjects listed below. The weighting of the scores shall be:

Comprehensive English	- weight of three
Mathematics B	- weight of three
Global Studies	- weight of one
US History & Gov't.	- weight of one
Any 3 Science courses	- weight of one for each course

## EDEN ELEMENTARY ANNOUNCES OCTOBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The following are October Students of the Month:

Grade 3: Lauren Dobrzanski, Mitchell Fox, Brandon McCabe, Nicole Mroz, Dalton Woelfel.

Grade 4: Brian Asboth, Collin Fest, Brittany Goodrich, Christina Harris, Tyler Norman, Morgan Wahl.

Grade 5: Alex Bianchi, Erica Cross, Jeffrey Gawronski, Brandon Johnson, Lucas Wilcox, Caitlin Leyh.

Grade 6: Louis Bartus, David Baskerville, Joseph Haier, Howard Hoelscher, Amanda Krouse, Christopher Tebo.

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

*By Colleen Kot*

The following athletes have been chosen by their coaches as athlete of the month: Jay Partridge (Golf), Jessica Schreiner (Field Hockey), Andy Koester (Cross-Country), Tony Blaszczyk (Volleyball), Danielle Lyndsley (Soccer), Sarah Telaak (Cheerleading), Katie Eschner (Volleyball), Rachel Vernon/Nicole Grasso (Tennis), Edward Sarcione (Soccer), Julian Bermingham (Football) and Molly Miller (Swimming).

Coach Crombie comments that Jay Partridge is an integral part of the Varsity Golf Team. His leadership and guidance helps the younger players become better golfers. Jay was second on the team with a 9 hole average of 41.5 which earned a spot in the ECIC Championship. In the ECIC Tournament Jay posted an 84, which is good enough to make the cut and qualify for the states this May.

Jessica Schreiner is a senior, co-captain of this year's field hockey team. She is a team leader through her positive attitude and strong work ethic. Jessica has improved her play from last year becoming a key player in the mid field. She is the type of player that coaches hope to work with.

Andy Koester is a senior runner who continues to improve according to Coach Larry Huber. He has been an asset to the team. Andy has a "voracious appetite" for running and his sense of humor and enthusiasm are inspirational to the younger runners.

Tony Blaszczyk has been a pleasant surprise this year and continues to provide our volleyball team with some strong physical play. Tony brings a strong work ethic and positive attitude, which has helped the team tremendously.

Danielle Lyndsley has been a major force on offense for the Girl's Varsity Soccer Team. She is aggressive, competitive and a hard worker. She presently has 17 goals and 5 assists for the Lady Raiders as a sophomore. Danielle has helped the team overcome the loss of last year's high scorer, Nicole Schichtel. Danielle has had an awesome season.

Sarah Telaak is a vital part of the cheerleading squad. She is one of the first girls to arrive to practice and the last one to leave. As a junior, she has shown an athletic ability far beyond others her age. Her positive attitude makes her a pleasure to coach.

In Volleyball, Katie Eschner may be the team's most improved player from last year and has been a real workhorse, both in practice and in matches. She leads by example and is always positive with her teammates. She is the team's best blocker and a powerful hitter as well. She is having a great year.

October's student "Athlete of the Month" recognizes two girls who had an outstanding tennis season as the first doubles tennis team. Rachel Vernon and Nicole Grasso have played first doubles for two years, and this year, were able to finish with an undefeated season. They are both receiving the "most improved" player award for the 2008 tennis season. The girls were also chosen to participate in the prestigious ECIC Doubles Tournament. Both Rachel and Nicole have received two varsity letters. Great job ladies.

Coach Witman has chosen Edward Sarcione for soccer. Ed led the team in goals with 19 and was rated 1st team ECIC Division All Star for his efforts.

In football, Julian Bermingham was chosen because he led the team in rushing yards and touchdowns. He was also a main contributor on defense.

In swimming, Molly Miller was chosen because she is a very hard working individual and one of the captains of the varsity swim team. She pushes herself in practice and in meets to be the best. This season Molly has won first place for the 200 and 500 freestyle in every race she has competed in. Molly is currently ranked first in ECIC's for her 500 free and had goals set for sectional finals.

Pictured - Row 1: Rachel Vernon, Nicole Grasso, Sarah Telaak, Andy Koester. Row 2: Tony Blaszczyk, Molly Miller, Jessica Schreiner, Danielle Lyndsley, Katie Eschner, Jay Partridge, Julian Bermingham. Not pictured: Ed Sarcione.



**GLP ART TEACHER FEATURED  
IN LOCAL GALLERY EVENT**

*By LauraAnn Felser*

The Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society hosted its 10th annual "Paint the Town" auction, featuring a piece by GLP's own art instructor, MaryEllen Bossert. Fifty local artists throughout Buffalo were challenged to create and complete a work of art somewhere in the city, inspired by the city, in six hours or less. Mrs. Bossert's painting highlighted Allentown's favorite icon, Mr. Bubbles, in a colorful and whimsical way. All of the artists' pieces were donated to the live auction, focused on raising funds for the Historical Society.

"It raises a good bit of money for the museum," explained Historical Society Administrator, Sally Treanor. "It celebrates the city. It's a fresh way for artists to create and people to collect art about the city."

Mrs. Bossert selected her inspiration after a "drive-by bubble-ing." Well-known among his neighbors, Charles "Bubble Man" Incorvaia has sat high above the intersection of Allen and Elmwood for years, spreading cheer and sometimes surprise as his bubbles float down through the air -- day after day, week after week -- at any hour, no matter what the hour. The smiles he spreads not only make this Navy veteran a happy man, but his corner a brighter place in the tightly knit community of Allentown. Mr. Incorvaia and his brother, Jim, attended the auction, and Jim was fortunate to walk away with the winning bid on the painting. Kudos to our own inspiration, Mrs. Bossert, who continues to motivate and inspire her artists here at the GLP.



Above:  
Charles "Mr. Bubbles" Incorvaia, Jim Incorvaia and Mary Ellen Bossert.

Left:  
Painting of Mr. Bubbles by Mrs. Bossert.



**EDEN STUDENT PLAYED IN MACY'S  
THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE**

*By David Hassett*

Ashley Thomas is a senior who just transferred here from West Valley (she lives with her grandmother, the world-famous retired Elementary School nurse, Rosella Schasel). Ashley has been offered a position in the Macy's Day Thanksgiving Parade playing the flute with the Great American Band. This is a rare honor.

Congratulations Ashley!



**THEATER SPORTS**

*By Ellen Kindley*

"Introduce yourself to the others by saying your name and making a gesture that tells us what you like to do," Mr. Vona challenged this year's Theater Sports participants. Learning how to communicate not only with words, but with gestures, facial expressions, body posture, even props is the primary goal of the Theater Sports activities. Fun is the added benefit! Thirty five sixth grade students came together on a Sunday afternoon in October to learn various improvisation games. High school students who happen to be Theater Sports alumni volunteered their time to coach the participants. Students also painted banners and faces to reflect their team name. The afternoon's culminating activity was a competition in the auditorium. Teams challenged each other to see who could improvise the best. The photograph shows Samantha Larson acting as an artist, attempting to "mold" Serena Durringer in the image of "model" Ryan Goeckel.



## **SUNY CORTLAND STUDENT AND PROFESSOR OF GEOLOGY DIG UP HISTORY IN ITALY**

Mr. Raymond Zabron forwarded the following success story to Mr. Buggs and said “Thank you for the quality education you gave Jon by the Eden Central School staff.”

CORTLAND, NY (02/19/2008; 1628)(readMedia)-- This past summer, SUNY Cortland senior Jonathon Zabron of Eden, N.Y., and Christopher A. McRoberts, Professor of Geology at SUNY Cortland, traveled to Northern Italy to research the end-Triassic period mass extinction of clams and mollusks.

During their research, Zabron, a Geology major, and McRoberts, whose research specialties are in Paleobiology and Sedimentology, worked with colleagues and students from the University of Perugia. They also visited geological sites in the mountainous villages of Menaggio and Bellagio along Lake Como, Cofino in the Apennines Mountains, and Portovenere in the region of Liguria. Each of these villages were rich with clam and mollusk fossils that were needed to research the extinction.

While Zabron learned how to improve his skills for the future, he enjoyed the experience.

“Two of the most important skills that I learned during the trip were learning the correct way of collecting and labeling specimens,” said Zabron. “I loved the culture and the learning experience related to my major, getting the chance to see what a professor in my major does in the field.”

McRoberts hopes that this trip will advance Zabron into the Geology field.

“Although he is fairly young, he learned a lot and enjoyed his experience in Italy,” McRoberts stated. “Jon gained valuable first-hand experience in conducting field-based Paleontological research overseas. He gained skills in field techniques and observation, he experienced the thrill of discovery of fossils, and he was able to interact with international collaborating scientists.”

According to McRoberts, the most important discovery of the trip was learning that the extinction of the clams and mollusks was very abrupt instead of a gradual dying out.

The trip was funded through a grant given to McRoberts by the National Science Foundation.

Zabron will graduate during the spring of 2009 and plans on attending graduate school in the future.

“I’m not sure about furthering my studies in Paleontology, but I am positive that I will continue my career path in the Geology field,” said Zabron.

The son of Raymond and Maureen Zabron of Jennings Road, Zabron graduated in 2004 from Eden Junior-Senior High School and enrolled at SUNY Cortland thereafter.

Jonathan Zabron and Professor Christopher McRoberts stand in front of the Carrera Marble Quarry in Tuscany, Italy.



## **EDEN ELEMENTARY ANNOUNCES STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR NOVEMBER**

The following are the Elementary Students of the Month for November:

Grade 3: Hayden Bromley, Matthew Fox, Caitlin Pontonio, Emma Schiedel, Emily Strong.

Grade 4: Anthony Anderson, Lorlei Boris, Gregory Henry, Demetra Jacobs, Joseph LoTempio, Keoni McCabe.

Grade 5: George Henderson, Matthew Hornquist, Allison Laedke, Declan Pierce, Derek Williams, Allison Winiecki.

Grade 6: Serena Durringer, Mallory Mecca, Erin Rogers, Jacob Schlegel, Cole Simmons, Brianna Tutuska.

## HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

*By Lorry Malkowski*

In honor of Veterans' Day, Eden Elementary School students attended an assembly honoring members of our armed forces both past and present. The students honored those who have fought and are fighting for our freedom and the freedom of others. Members of the school's orchestra and band played a medley of patriotic music beforehand to honor our troops. The assembly was planned so that our students may begin to develop an understanding of the debt of gratitude all citizens of the USA owe to veterans, whether in battle or on the home front. After the assembly, students and invited guests viewed student artwork, poetry, and essays displayed in the gym.



Pictured: Board Member, Air Force Master Sergeant Brian Burgstahler with sons, Sean and Ken.

## JUNIOR HIGH ALL COUNTY

*By Ashly Cinelli*



The students above attended the Junior High All State Music Festival at Akron High School. They performed with students from five counties and were chosen based upon their solo auditions last year. Congratulations!

## WINTER PREPAREDNESS

*By David Martin*

As in the past, we expect snow and ice to arrive soon. Thus, it is important that we all be prepared for the conditions associated with this type of weather. Minimally, you should do the following:

1. Wear appropriate clothing for the conditions. Warm jacket, hat, gloves and scarf are recommended.
2. Your footwear should be both waterproof and provide good traction. Socks provide additional insulation from the cold.
3. Listen to the radio if you're not sure of school closure or conditions.
4. **SLOW DOWN** - Not only should you drive prudently based upon conditions, but also be sure of your footing when there is a chance of slipping and falling. Your safety needs to be your highest priority.
5. Have your vehicle ready **BEFORE** winter arrives. Snow tires, anti-freeze and wiper blades should be checked. Having a blanket, shovel, portable radio, water, flashlight, road flares, crackers or candy bars, and possibly a cell phone can make an uncomfortable situation bearable. A bucket of sand or salt can assist in freeing a stuck vehicle.
6. Is your home prepared for winter? Don't forget to change those batteries in the smoke detectors and get a carbon monoxide detector if you don't already have one! The new wind up radios and flashlights are wonderful to have if the power is out for extended periods of time. Do you have a generator or gas pump for your sump? If you didn't drain the gas or it isn't fresh fuel, don't expect it to start when you need it. Service it now!

We will use salt to melt the ice and snow this winter. Please remember to brush or stomp off the snow outdoors and to wipe your feet on the walk off mats. This will help prevent slips and falls and eliminate the problem of salt attacking and destroying wax and terrazzo flooring. Thank you for planning ahead!

Pictured at left - Row 1: Lindsay Robinson, Sara Cappellino, Grace Ohmit, Andrew Rakiacki, Andrew Pszonak, Tim Posenjak. Row 2: Jenelle Nyitrai, Jon Bley, Molly Brogan, Peter Schmitz.



Music and rhythm find their way into the secret places of the soul.

Plato

## TECHNOLOGY

By Lucinda Karstedt



This fall, classrooms throughout the district have been implementing new technology. First, classrooms in all three buildings have new teacher computers to facilitate using the Power School student management system. Power School was introduced to the district last year as the district's student management system. Teachers use Power School for attendance, schedules, and grade books. Teachers in grades four through twelve upload their grade books to the new Power School report cards.

In the classrooms, many teachers were trained over the summer on using the new "Clickers" CPS systems that allow for instant student responses to quizzes and Q&A reviews in the class. In the GLP and Elementary school, Mrs. Susan Schnauer was appointed this fall as the Kindergarten, first, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth grade computer lab teacher. Replacing her in the Technology Support Department is Mr. Chad Quain as the district's Technology Integrator.

Additional information is available on the district website, [www.edencsd.org](http://www.edencsd.org)

## HOT RIDE!

A coloring contest, sponsored by the Eden Volunteer Fire Department, was held at GLP Primary School and Eden Elementary School for Fire Prevention Week. The students who won earned a ride to school on the Fire Truck from the Eden Fire Department.



Pictured: Mitchell Fest, Collin Fest, Sawyer Overhoff, Emma Awdey.

## SOPHOMORE RECYCLING PROGRAM



Say hello to Mrs. Bauer, Jr./Sr. High School Main Office Secretary (left) and Mrs. Banks, Jr./Sr. High School Guidance Office Department Chairperson (right). Mrs. Bauer and Mrs. Banks, who are both very conscientious about recycling, started a recycling program this school year. Mrs. Banks is the temporary Sophomore Class Advisor. She encouraged the sophomore class to get interested and involved in the recycling program for bottles and cans. The kids take care of all the bins in the building, and they are using the returnable bottle deposits for money towards their class trip to Cedar Point in June. In addition to raising money for their trip, they are also helping to make our environment cleaner by keeping bottles and cans out of landfills. Thanks to all involved for your efforts !

## WORKING HARD AT THE HARD WORK CAFE

The GLP students take ownership over the Hard Work Cafe, as it is a very important spot to them. It certainly is great to see when small children volunteer their time for the good of the school!

Thank you to Mrs. Wieberg's class for helping out!

Pictured: Maxwell Preischel doing his part to help out..





## GLP ART NEWS

*By Mary Ellen Bossert*

Mrs. Mary Ellen Bossert and Ms. Tammy Finnerty teamed up to help the GLP Kindergarten artists gain a deeper understanding of the concept of empathy.

During this unit of self-portraiture, the GLP's school counselor, Ms. Finnerty, came into the art studio and introduced herself and explained the job that she performs at the school. She gave a presentation on how important it is to read other peoples' expressions and act accordingly to their needs. The art studio is a wonderful place to discover and strengthen self concepts, and this lesson involving expressions created a perfect opportunity for these young artists to make real life connections. We introduced the concept of having empathy for others. To show empathy is to identify with another's feelings. It is to emotionally put yourself in the place of another.

The kindergarten artists discussed situations in which they have experienced happiness, sadness, anger and have been surprised. Ms. Finnerty and Mrs. Bossert then had the artists turn to their partners and take turns showing an expression while the other person guessed how they were feeling. As the lesson progressed, each artist, with mirror in hand discovered the wonders of drawing their expressions. They identified the expressive qualities of the eyes, eyebrows and mouth. They created wonderful line drawings of the emotions of happy, sad, mad and surprised with expressive painted lines for crazy hairdos. These affective self portraits were on display in the GLP hallways for all to enjoy.

Art + Social Awareness = Self Concept



Above: Tammy Finnerty in Mrs. Bossert's art studio discussing empathy.

Right: Eve's artwork: Kindergartner self-portrait as happy with a happy expressive line hairdo.



## SENIOR HIGH ALL COUNTY

*By Ashly Cinelli*

These students performed in the Senior High All State Music Festival at Fredonia State in November. They performed with other students from the surrounding five counties. They were chosen based upon their solos performed last year at the NYSSMA solo festival. Additionally, Sally Schaefer was recognized as the top soprano in the festival and will be performing the first week of December with the Mixed All State Conference festival in Albany. This festival is made up of the top musicians from across New York State. Congratulations!

Pictured: Megan Pszonak, Sally Schaefer, Lauren Pszonak, Heather Feldman, Cullen Motak, Tim Schnauer.



## EDEN ELEMENTARY'S ARTIST OF THE MONTH

By Amy McConeghy

Congratulations to Declan Pierce for being chosen to be the Artist of the Month at Eden Elementary!

Pictured below are some of the fabulous drawings and paintings Declan created in his sketchbook!



## FREE AND REDUCED MEALS NON-DISCRIMINATORY AND CONFIDENTIAL

The State of New York mandates that there is no physical segregation of, or any other discrimination against, any child because of his/her inability to pay the full price of a meal. The names of children eligible to receive free or reduced meals are not published, posted, or announced in any manner, and there is no overt identification of any such children by use of special tokens or tickets, or by any other means. Children eligible for free and reduced meals do not eat meals differently from the meals sold to children paying full price, go through separate lunch lines, or eat at separate times.

The district can approve applications with "no income", for up to 45 days, for example, health related emergencies where you are unable to work, changes in employment, or any other temporary financial hardships.

For further information, please contact Shawn Johnson at 992-3645.

## FALL FEST CONTEST WINNERS

By: Amy McConeghy

Mrs. McConeghy's Art Club held a life-sized scarecrow competition at the Fall Fest! The scarecrows on display were created entirely by 5th and 6th graders! It was a beautiful day, the turnout was good and fun was had by all! Pictured below are the winners for 1st place: Brad Smolinski and Evan Kifner with "Smokey the Scarecrow" (left) and Andrew Maggs with his creation "Sir Poodleuff"! Pictured with Andrew is his brother, Corbin (right).



Pictured above are members of Peer Listening with their advisor, Mrs. Donovan. The students pitched in to help with the Fall Fest.

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten registration at the GLP Building will be held February 9th through February 12th, 2009. 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 2009, or if you do not receive a packet in January, please call the attendance office at 992-3605.

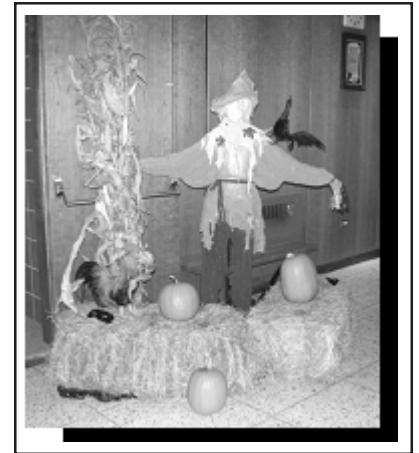
## **FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA DISTRICT 12 INSTALLATION DINNER**

*By: Kathleen Bugenhagen, FBLA Historian*

On October 23, 2008, the Future Business Leaders of America hosted the District 12 Fall District Meeting. Eden FBLA member, Jessica Kramer, was elected the District 12 Vice-President for this school year, therefore, Eden hosts the meeting. One hundred and fifteen students from schools including Lake Shore, Tonawanda, Maryvale, Williamsville, Cheektowaga, Sweet Home, JFK, Cleveland Hill, and Eden attended the event. At the event, the members and officers were inducted into the club. Various workshops were provided to choose from with guest speakers including Ken Monaco of Bryant and Stratton



College and our keynote speaker, Christopher Maligisi from Washington, DC. Workshop choices included resumes and portfolios, public speaking, interview skills, information on the March of Dimes, technology careers, and website development.



At the event, there was a coin challenge to help raise money for the March of Dimes, the charity being supported by FBLA this year. Eden won the coin challenge and a total of \$183 was raised for the March of Dimes. The evening also included an FBLA trivia contest that was won by member, Max Malayny. Prizes for the contest included an FBLA baseball hat, water bottle, and mouse pad.

The evening concluded with dinner, which included pizza, pasta, salad, drinks, and a wide variety of desserts prepared by Eden FBLA members. The Eden members that attended included: Jessica Kramer & Rachel Bancroft (Co-Presidents), Max Malayny (Vice-President), Jewel Kwilos (Secretary), Chad Blonar (Treasurer), Mallory Diefenbach (Historian), Kathleen Bugenhagen (Historian), Zabrina Nedimyer (Historian), Alex Becker (Historian), Jason Szabot (Historian), Taylor Hecke (Reporter), Tess Hecke (Reporter), and members Angeline Dobrzanski, Haley Sovereign, Shelby Lee, Taylor Bunn, John Popple, Derek Palmerton, Taylor Acosta, Troy Neureuter, Becky May, Kaitlin Stillman, Jess Yuhas, John Klopp, Christine Jedd, and Leanna Carlson.

## **FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA - EXPERIENCE YOUR FUTURE**

*By: Kathleen Bugenhagen, FBLA Historian*

On Friday, October 17, 2008, members of the Future Business Leaders of America went to Experience Your Future, a competition run by Bryant and Stratton College. At the event, the Eden members were divided into two teams. Each team had to develop a product that they had to advertise. They created a PowerPoint, a poster, and put on a skit to sell their product.

Among the products being sold were Medcup, medicine you mix with water, and Recharge-A-Bulbs, which are rechargeable light bulbs. Both Eden teams placed. Team one came in second and team two placed third. The students that



participated in the competition included Rachel Bancroft, Christina Lorenz, Max Malayny, Chad Blonar, Zabrina Nedimyer, Jessica Kramer, Tess Hecke, Taylor Hecke, Taylor Bunn, Shelby Lee, Jim Levulis, Troy Neureuter, Kyle Zittel, Kaitlin Stillman, Jessica Yuhas and Becky May.

Bryant & Stratton was kind enough to supply the bus and lunch for all the students in attendance.





The Eden Jr./Sr. High School sponsored a costume contest for Halloween. Pictured above are the winners. An honorable mention went to the “Star Wars” gang, (from left) John Rigley, James Levulis, Fred Sickau, JJ Senozetnik, Zac Braunscheidel, Neal Hunter. The scariest costume was the “Abominable Snowman”, Chase Klawon. The funniest costume was awarded to Craig Witmer, and the most creative costume went to “Mime”, Carly Koszuta.

### UPCOMING EVENTS!!

#### **BOOSTER CLUB MEETING**

Monday, January 12, 2009 at 7 pm in the Jr./Sr. High School Cafeteria. All are welcome to attend. Please consider supporting our athletes with a \$20 annual membership fee.

#### **ETA/PTA FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT FOR THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB**

Saturday, January 31, 2009 at 7 pm in the Eden Elementary School Auditorium. Movie selection is yet to be announced. All are welcome to attend.

- 12/20/08 - 1/4/09 - Recess
- 1/5 - School Resumes
- 1/10 - Elementary All-County Auditions @ Depew
- 1/12 - 1/16 Third - Fifth Grade ELA Assessments
- 1/17 - JHS All-County Auditions @ Orchard Park
- 1/19 - Martin Luther King Day, NO SCHOOL
- 1/20 - PTA Meeting 7 pm
- 1/21 - BOE Meeting 7:30 pm HS Cafe
- 1/20 - 1/23 - Grades 6,7,8 ELA Assessments
- 1/24 - SHS All-County Auditions @ BAVPA
- 1/27 - 1/30 - Regents Exams
- 1/30 - Dismissal Elem 11 am / GLP 11:15 am
- 1/30 - End Second Quarter

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