

# Eden Central School Newsletter

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## EDEN CENTRAL SCHOOL MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

**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:** Eden Central School District 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.

Dear Members of the Eden Community:

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all of 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 six years, which we hope will equate into the lowest tax levy also in six 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 welcome to the Board of Education Brian Burgstahler, Steven Cerne, Deborah Gardner (for her third term) and Andy Breier. I look forward to working with all of the Board Members in a renewed spirit of collaboration and trust doing what is best for our students and their families.

The Eden Central School District is an outstanding district doing great things for our kids. The data 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

## **THANK YOU AND A THOUGHT FROM THE BOARD ROOM**

*By Thomas J. Gannon, Sr., President-Board of Education*

As the school year draws to a conclusion, I would be remiss to not mention the contribution of both Mr. John Armbrust and Mrs. DianaRae Walker, who have left the Board of Education this year. I also need to extend a special thank you to Mr. Mark Clark, who is leaving the board following the June meeting and completing his third term. Mark, I thank you personally for your honesty and commitment to the district for these past nine years. Your insights, especially on capital project issues will be missed. I speak for all of us in the district when I say thank you for the support and work you have all done on behalf of the children in the school community. We hope you will take the time that you dedicated to your board responsibilities and use it to enjoy your families. I only hope the retirement benefits will not affect your tax bracket. ☺

To Mrs. Gardner: Congratulations on your re-election, and I look forward to our continued working relationship. To Mr. Burgstahler, Mr. Brier and Mr. Cerne: I know the current board members are looking forward to working with you and doing our best as a group to incorporate the visions and ideas you are bringing that will maintain and strengthen the educational experience of every child that passes through the Eden Schools. I would also like to extend my thanks to the residents for supporting the budget and also to all the candidates who participated in this year's election.

At a recent board meeting, a constituent from the community, in addition to identifying himself as a parent and taxpayer, also said he considered himself a stockholder. In recent years there has been a growing movement to make schools and governments operate more like businesses, and I began thinking how would a school district measure the return it gives to stockholders? Unlike businesses, the return that schools give cannot be stated in terms of monetary yields on shares of stock, but in many ways can only be measured by the contributions of those educated within its environs. Some of these contributions are seen at the local level by those students who remain in the community to work and one day raise their own families; but many of the students end up in places that may be far from the Eden Central Schools, and their contributions benefit people in ways that give no direct accountability to our stockholder mentioned above.

Last year, our graduates received over \$30,000.00 in scholarship aid and grants from local sources, and in addition, were awarded almost \$2,000,000.00 in scholarships from Universities and Colleges to help prepare them for their careers. But again, our stockholder may not see a direct benefit of this additional investment.

Perhaps the only way our stockholder can measure the return for his investment in his local community school comes not from some standard of monetary return, but instead can be judged by how well our students do in their contribution to the betterment of the world in which they and their children will live.

The President of the Board of Education has the honor to place his signature on the shares of stock (otherwise known as diplomas) that are issued yearly as the dividend returned to our stockholders. The value of each of those shares will fluctuate depending on the willingness of the holder to use what he has learned and incorporate the values that surround him to achieve his or her success in life. Mr. Stockholder, I know I speak for all the staff of the district when I say thank you for your investment in us. Your return cannot be measured in a trip to Disney World or vacation at the beach but may be realized the next time you are in need of a health care professional, a business professional or a member of our armed forces.

May everyone have an enjoyable and peace filled summer season.

### **EDEN WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

The annual budget vote was held on Tuesday, May 20th. Ten candidates ran for four seats on the Board of Education. Beginning their terms the day after the Budget Vote were new Board of Education members Brian Burgstahler and Andy Breier. Brian will serve a three year and six week term, and Andy will serve a one year and six week term. In addition, Steven Cerne will begin a three year term on July 1, 2008. All three newly elected members have children attending District schools. We would also like to welcome back Deborah Gardner for her third term. Mrs. Gardner also has two children in the Jr./Sr. High School.

Proposition #1 - the budget - was passed 719 to 458. Proposition #2 - purchase of vehicles and related equipment was passed 708 to 451.

## 2008 RETIREMENTS

*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!

**Elementary Teacher, Claire Pingitore**, will be leaving us after 45 years of service. Wow! That has to be some kind of record!!

Mrs. Pingitore started teaching 6th grade in GLP, but she switched to 4th grade at East Eden Elementary in her second year. She then moved to 4th grade at GLP, then finally moved to Eden Elementary.

In 2003, Mrs. Pingitore won the ETA Appreciation Award.

She has so many memories of both the people she worked with and the children she taught. Some of the walking tours of Eden were some of the best times she had. Working with Nancy Scheffer, Dave Elsaesser Elaine Muchowski, Jenny Walker, Sheila Harris, and later, Barb Cook, Sandy Holden, and Brandie Woodard has been so much fun for her. The laughter and support always made the darkest days brighter. She has so many memories of students who have grown into such fine young men and women, she could write books about her time with them.

Mrs. Pingitore would like to spend more time with husband, Augie, doing things together that they have always dreamed of. She enjoys gardening and doing needle work. There are relatives she would like to catch up with via e-mail and in person. She would also like to add that she hopes each and every member of the staff at Eden Central has as many good friends as she has had here.

**Bus Driver, Diane Schwanz**, will be retiring after 22 years of service.

Mrs. Schwanz was hired in 1981 as a substitute bus driver. She accepted a full-time position in 1985. Throughout her career, she has received numerous safety awards given by Utica National Insurance Company.

Mrs. Schwanz will leave with very fond memories, including the many friends she has worked with that have become an extended family, a very good rapport with the school district, administration, many members of the school board over the years, teachers, building principals, and fellow CSEA drivers, mechanics, maintenance people, cleaners, teacher aides, secretaries and payroll staff. Mrs. Schwanz hopes to enjoy the company of her daughters and their husbands, along with her three grandchildren. In addition, she plans to do some traveling. She is hoping to have different adventures in her new life and be able to enjoy many years of retirement. She would like to wish well to all her co-workers, to remind them to enjoy life and to say thank you to all.

**Bus Driver, Kathleen Mathewson**, retired in January after 23 years of service.

Mrs. Mathewson will remember the look on the face of a Kindergartner when picked up for the first time, and they were so shocked to find out that Mrs. Mathewson also drove their mom and dad to school, and she knew their grandparents, aunts and uncles. She found the "Uh-oh, I can't get into any trouble" look on their faces very funny. She found it sad that children are so frightened by strangers, that it took one child six weeks to talk to her, and only after Mrs. Mathewson mentioned to the mother that the child wouldn't talk, did she explain that she couldn't talk to the bus driver, because she was a stranger.

Mrs. Mathewson has already done a great deal of traveling - to Georgia for her son's return from Iraq, to North Carolina, Ohio, and Tennessee visiting relatives. She plans to do a lot more of that. In addition, Mrs. Mathewson has been keeping very busy with painting lessons, sewing lessons and stained glass classes.

**Teacher Aide, Barbara Pope**, will be retiring after 12 years of service.

Mrs. Pope began as a teacher aide at the GLP in the "Crayon Box" in 1996. She then spent a year as a teacher aide for second grade, followed by a year as an aide for third grade, then ten years in the High School Special Education Department. **(Continued on page 12)**



Pictured: Mrs. Pingitore, Mrs. Schwanz, Mrs. Mathewson, Mrs. Czechowski and Mrs. Pope.

## SENSATIONAL SIXTH GRADERS

*By Lorry Malkowski*

This year's 6th grade class has many talented and accomplished students. They have brought energy and enthusiasm to our school, and they will be missed. We want to congratulate the following students for their achievements this year, and encourage them to strive for excellence in any path they so choose.

Accomplished Athletes- Garrett Steiger (pictured right) earned his black belt in karate. Juliana Iafallo's hockey team, the North Buffalo Bisons, won the NYS 12 and under championship and are 6th in the nation. Molly Neureuter competes in slalom and giant slalom for the Buffalo Ski Club. She earned a first alternate spot for the NYS Championships.



Masterful Musicians- Sarah Filkorn, Mikaela Nelson, Laura Harms, Kalie Pfohl, and Aaron Orechwa earned a spot in All County Orchestra. Aaron shares his talent by playing his violin for his grandmother and other residents of her nursing home.

Andrew Pszonak and AJ Feldman represented Eden Elementary in All-County Band.

Wyatt Bromley, Amanda Schummer, Lainy Pierce, Anna Winter, Molly Neureuter, Kassandra Funch, Zachary Gilbride, and Mitchell Laing performed in the All-County Chorus. Kaitlin Schnauer earned a spot at the All-State Solo Fest playing her bassoon.

Writers in the Making- Laura Harms and Kassandra Funch attended the Nichols writing camp last fall. Grace Koester picked up tips on writing sports biographies when she attended the Bisons' Sportswriter Camp.



Academic All-Star- John Morrow (center) qualified for the state level competition in Albany for the National Geographic Geography Bee. Adam Brawdy, Molly Neureuter, Tyler Witkowski and Jill Weidner were runners up.

Committed to Community- Members of the 6th grade Service Club pitched in throughout the year to help wherever possible. Service Club members participated in

- \* Planning Red Ribbon Week activities.
- \* Working at PTA Christmas Festival.
- \* Assisting in 3rd grade classes.
- \* Running the water bottle recycling project.

Locks of Love - Chelsea Jackson, Lexy Salisbury, and Liz Eaton generously donated their hair for those going through chemotherapy.

Sensational Scouts- Melanie Raduluff, Karlie Bley, Sierra Puckhaber, and Kaitlin Schnauer have earned the Girl Scout Bronze Award, the highest award a Junior Girl Scout can earn. They completed a year-long project celebrating the birthdays of residents at Absolut Care of Eden.



## PRE KINDERGARTNERS LEARN ABOUT SAFETY

*By Margaret Cuddihy*

On Thursday, May 22nd, Mr. Ernest Penn (grandfather of a Pre K student) and Officer Bob Brauner, both from "New York State Operation Lifesaver", (pictured below) talked to the children about safety around the railroad tracks. This program is designed to help save your life at the most dangerous spot on any highway or road-the highway rail grade crossing.

The students learned about the dangers. Some of them are: Don't go near the tracks, don't put anything on the tracks, don't throw anything at the tracks and trains, don't go in a railroad car, don't throw anything at the railroad crossing lights, etc. They watched a very informational cartoon about railroad safety, and the children loved it! They are still singing the song from the cartoon about railroad safety.

Officer Brauner also talked about being safe while riding a bike and what to do if a stranger approaches you. We appreciated them taking the time to educate the children on the dangers at railroad crossings.



## FUTURE FASHION DESIGNERS?

Miss Filipiak's fashion class had a "fashion show" on May 20th in the cafeteria. Each of the students made an article of clothing or home decor item(s) for the show. A new Pfaff sewing machine was given to the top student, Jessica Schreiner. Second and third prizes of a sewing basket with sewing accessories inside were awarded to Nicole Gearin and Abby Szal. All the other students received a \$15 gift certificate to the Eden Sewing Center. The District would like to thank owners, Paul andCarolynn Schaefer for their support.



## EDEN COMPETES AT FREDONIA MATH/SCIENCE CHALLENGE

*By Marie Bendlin*

Congratulations to the AP Calculus class for another strong showing at the annual SUNY Fredonia Math/Science Challenge.

They competed against students from 21 other schools in various math and science related tasks. The calculator robot racing team of Sam Demarco, Adrian Palleschi, Eric Wojtanik and Kyle Parsons placed second in their challenge. The whole group, which also included Tyler

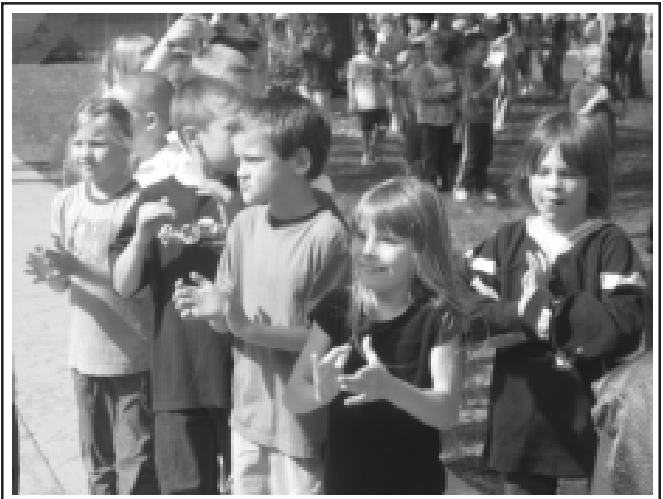


Haberer, Sarah Harms, Matt Blaszc, Lauren Dingman, Lauren Brenner, Virginia Partridge, Michelle Hahn and Greg Kotecki, sequined, leisure suited and multicolor eyelashed their way to the first ever trophy for the best dressed according to the theme of the competition, which was the 70's. They all did a great job.

## ACES

*By Marisa Fallacaro*

On May 7th, students K-8 met on the front lawn of Eden Elementary and joined millions of children all over the world for Project ACES. Over 1,000 Eden students participated this year. Project ACES is an acronym for All Children Exercise Simultaneously. Len Saunders, a Physical Education teacher from New Jersey, started it in 1989. With childhood obesity on the rise, and young children showing risk factors for heart disease, children are starting to fight back! ACES is just that...a fun way to exercise.



Pictured above are students participating in Project ACES.

Education is learning what you didn't even know you didn't know.

Daniel J. Boorstin

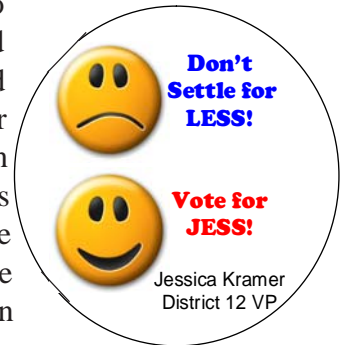
## Eden Home to New State Vice President

*By Jaimy Sessanna, FBLA Co-President*

From April 7 - April 9, Eden Future Business Leaders of America attended the New York State Leadership Conference in Ellenville, New York. Many members and officers attended and competed in various events, bringing back awards for their respective competitions. However, one of the most prestigious awards for Eden was that we came home with the new District 12 State Vice President. Jessica Kramer, current sophomore at Eden Jr./Sr. High School, and current chapter secretary, attended the conference running against Maria Manunta from Amherst for the position. Interested candidates were required to fill out extensive paperwork including resume, cover letter and be interviewed before December 15 of last year to qualify to run for office.



Both candidates gave speeches, presentations, handed out campaign buttons, and even campaigned at their booths. Many delegates were selected, two from each chapter across New York State; then all of them voted for who they thought was going to be the best choice to lead their district. Finally, at one of the last general sessions, the winner was announced. Eden cheered in joy when their very own secretary was announced for the position. The upcoming year is going to be very busy for Eden. The district vice president is required to coordinate the Installation Dinner/Fall District Meeting along with setting up workshops and keynote speakers, plus run the Spring District Meeting. Congratulations to Jessica Kramer on winning District 12 State Vice President at the State Leadership Conference.



## FBLA State Leadership Conference 2008

*By Rachel Bancroft, FBLA Member*

On April 7-9, the Eden Chapter of Future Business Leaders of America attended the State Leadership Conference in Ellenville, New York. With ten members and one advisor attending, this was an excellent time for Eden. Members who attended included: Co-Presidents - Jaimy Sessanna & John Malayny; Secretary - Jessica Kramer; Treasurer - Tyler Arendt; School Store Manager - Chad Blonar; Reporter - Max Malayny and active FBLA members Rachel Bancroft, Christina Lorenz, Jewel Kwilos, and Mallory Diefenbach. Mr. Edward Bugenhagen accompanied the students to the conference to chaperone and help with running the events. Eden did extremely well at this year's conference, returning with four different awards. Rachel Bancroft placed fourth in Electronic Portfolio, John Malayny placed second in Website Development, and Jaimy Sessanna placed fourth in Technology Concepts. Our club also placed 6th in Chapter of the Year, which was based on a scrapbook created by Jaimy Sessanna and Rachel Bancroft.

Our club is proud of the fact that in our five years of existence, we have been in the top ten chapters in the state three times. Our second year we were awarded the Best New Chapter in New York State, our fourth year we were the 9th best for Chapter of the Year, and this year we are 6th for Chapter of the Year.

**CONGRATULATIONS** also to Jaimy Sessanna & John Malayny who qualified to compete at the National Leadership Conference in Atlanta, Georgia this summer with their second and fourth place wins in Website Development and Technology Concepts. This is the third year in a row our members have qualified for Nationals. Congratulations to all the FBLA club members and their advisors Mrs. Nowicki and Mr. Bugenhagen who make it possible for us to continue "Scaling the Mountain of Success!"



**Front row:** Christina Lorenz, Rachel Bancroft, Jessica Kramer, and Jewel Kwilos.

**Back row:** Mallory Diefenbach, John Malayny, Jaimy Sessanna, Tyler Arendt, Max Malayny, and Chad Blonar.

# From the Health Office

## IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL ENTRANCE/ATTENDANCE K-12

3 doses of Diphtheria toxoid containing vaccine (DTP, DTaP, DT) - New York City requires 4 doses for Kindergarten only.

3 doses of Tetanus toxoid containing vaccine and Pertussis vaccine for children born on or after 1/1/05 (DTaP, DTP)

3 doses of Polio vaccine (OPV and/or IPV)

2 doses of Measles vaccine and one dose each of Mumps and Rubella vaccines.

- The first dose of Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccines (MMR) must be administered no more than 4 days prior to the first birthday.

3 doses of Hepatitis B Vaccine (HBV)

1 dose of Diphtheria and Tetanus toxoid containing vaccine and acellular Pertussis vaccine for all children born on or after 1/1/94 who are enrolling in 6th grade.

1 dose of Varicella vaccine.

- Administered no more than 4 days before the first birthday.

- Applies to all children born on or after 1/1/98 or children born on or after 1/1/94 who are enrolling in the 6th grade.



## REQUIRED GRADE LEVEL PHYSICALS

*By Karen Meller*

New York State Education Law requires a physical exam on all children upon **entrance into school** and upon entering **second, fourth, seventh and tenth** grades. Either your family physician or the school physician may complete the physical examination. Physical forms are available in the Health Offices.



## DISPENSING MEDICINE IN SCHOOL

*By Darlene Smith*

If a child needs to take medication during school hours, the school nurse will dispense it. Both parent and family physician must submit a written request indicating the prescribed medication, name, frequency, dosage and duration of the order. The school nurse will then assist in administering medication during school hours. This includes any over the counter medications.

## IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PRE-K

3 doses of Diphtheria toxoid containing vaccine (DTP, DTaP, DT) - New York City requires 4 doses.

3 doses of Tetanus toxoid containing vaccine and Pertussis vaccine for children born on or after 1/1/05 (DTaP, DTP)

3 doses of Polio vaccine ((OPV or IPV)

1 dose of Measles, Mumps, and Rubella vaccines (MMR)

- Administered no more than 4 days prior to the first birthday.

Hib (haemophilus Influenzae Type b) vaccine

- 3 doses before 15 months of age or

- 1 dose on or after 15 months of age

3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine (HBV)

Pneumococcal vaccine for children born on or after 1/1/08

- 3 doses before 15 months of age or

- 1 dose on or after 15 months of age

1 dose of Varicella vaccine

- Administered no more than 4 days before the first birthday.



## FALLSPORTS PHYSICALS

*By Karen Meller*

Physical exams are required for all students who wish to participate in any sport during the school year. Fall sports physicals were done on Thursday, May 29, 2008 for students entering grades 8-12 in the High School Health Office. Physical exams for student entering 7th grade and for those unable to make physicals on May 29th, will be done on Thursday, June 19, 2008 at 1 pm in the Elementary Health office. Transportation will not be available for physicals on June 19th. Dr. Ghate, the school physician, will conduct the physical exams.

## NEW THIS SUMMER!!

ECS Continuing Education is offering a summer Yoyalates Program Tuesdays 6:30 - 7:30 pm in the High School Auxiliary Gym (upstairs). This is a combination of Yoga and Pilates. Although the scheduled start date is June 10th, we will accept late registrations. Call 992-3629 for more information.

## NEWS FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT

The Lancaster Festival of the Arts took place at the Lancaster Fieldhouse on Saturday, April 27th from 10:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. Eden art students had a very quality showing of their work. Receiving an honorable mention in painting was Jessica Dosser, grade 11, for her watercolor "Basses," Jarrett Carroll, grade 11, First Place, for his mixed media acrylic "Free-way," and Jessica Nemec, grade 11, Best in Show for her charcoal drawing, "L'il Sis." Congratulations to all students who had work chosen for submission.

May 19th-24th the annual Jr./Sr. High School Art, Photo, and Technology Show took place in the high school foyer. All works were on display during school hours and for scheduled evening events. New pieces of art work were added from each building to the Superintendent's Collection this year, as well.

Congratulations to Kelsey Carson, grade 11, for having her poster design selected by the Allentown Village Art Society to represent one of four chosen that were designed by students. Kelsey will receive a \$100 award to be presented on June 14, 2008 at the Allentown Art Festival.

On May 18, 2008, Buffalo State hosted "Empty Bowls V: Artists helping Feed WNY". Bowls made by Eden students throughout the district were available for sale. Proceeds benefited the Food Bank of WNY. This event featured bowls much like those that were on sale during the February Open House in the High School Foyer. The following note was sent to Art Teacher, Mary Ellen Bossert from John Siskar, Coordinator of the Empty Bowls Project: Mary Ellen, Thanks again for all your work on the Empty Bowls event. We again raised over \$5,000 for the Food Bank of Western New York and Friends of Night People. Considering that Eden sent a total of \$435 prior to the start of the event and that even more Eden folk came to the event, your district, and you in particular, were extremely critical to our success. Best Wishes, John.

Saturday, May 17th, Congressman Higgins hosted "An Artistic Discovery" at the Larkin Building. An extremely prestigious show, it featured the work of selected artists from many area school districts. This year, we were quite proud to display: Shelby Stressing's "Violet Entanglement," Joel Ebling's "Red Hot Rendezvous," Kelsey Carson's "Amber," and Jessica Nemec's "Arms of Light, a View from Below." Kelsey Carson should be congratulated on a second place win among more than 50 works.

The Art Department reminds you that there are many ways to raise children's awareness and appreciation of the visual arts. Keep art in your heart all summer. Here are some ideas:

**Special Events:** Look for family-friendly special events. A terrific one was Art Alive, noon to 2 p.m. June 7 at the Albright Knox. The event featured prizes for the recreation of major works, live music, and art activities.

**Gusto at the Gallery:** Free family events each Friday at the Albright-Knox from 3-10 p.m. For details and a schedule, visit [www.albrightknox.org](http://www.albrightknox.org).

**Stamps:** When you go to the post office with your kids, let them pick out your stamps from the ever-changing selection offered. Discuss the choices. Ask why the government pays artists to create new designs on a regular basis.

**Art is Everywhere:** Make it a habit to discuss the designs on packaging, posters, CD covers, advertising, video games, etc. Talk about all the careers possible for artists. (Did you know that more Americans today work in art, entertainment, and design than work as lawyers, accountants, and auditors? - Daniel Pink, author of *A Whole New Mind: Why Right Brainers will Rule the Future*).

**Rainy Days:** Have some new art materials on hand and some projects up your sleeve to encourage kids' creative expression on rainy days. Rosie O'Donnell has a new book out just for families who are looking for crafty project ideas!

**Tour:** Plan a trip to The Burchfield Nature & Art Center, the Burchfield-Penny Art Gallery, the Castellani Art Gallery, UB's art galleries, or a road trip to the Corning Museum of Glass or one of the many terrific art museums in Toronto, Rochester, Washington D.C., etc. Kids will love the Knox's exhibit of Jennifer Steinkamps's *Sight, Sound, Psychedelic*. When your children return to school, have them ask their art teacher if they can get extra credit by providing a ticket stub and a brief write-up. Sometimes that is a possibility.

## Thank You!

A big thank you to Embraceable Ewe's Erin and Grandma Gen for teaching Mrs. Nicastro's crafts class to knit. All students made hats.

Thank you to Gui's Lumber of North Collins who donated plywood for making display cubes, it is much appreciated.

Thank you to Mrs. Ellie Carroll for not only volunteering her time to help the crafts class learn quilting, but also for the donation of materials. The amount of time and effort she put in to make pillow forms and examples was extraordinary. The students had a very enjoyable time and learned the history of quilting and a simple log cabin style square.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE GLP ARTISTS THAT WORK AT HOME!

*By Mary Ellen Bossert*

**Keep Art in your Heart all summer long!**

**Teachers:** Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. Bauer, Mrs. Felser, Mrs. Wyman, Mrs. Patterson.

Pre Kindergarten: Jessica Seggio, Connor Pelc, Emily Krawczyk, Noah Sam.

**Kindergarten:** Cody Mc Evoy, Jessica H., Emma Sutfin, Emma Tambacas, Braedon Sidor, Claire Blandino, Marty Barnack, Robert Dunmire, Samantha Ruckdaschel, Christian Walsh, Megan Walsh, Mason Martino, Courtney Woodring, Alex Mysliwiec, Alyssa Desmond, Brianna Johnson, Corbin Maggs, Agustin Hornberger, Amanda Preischel, Courtney Woodring and Zachary Smalling.

**First grade:** Riley Burke, Linnaea Awdey, Samantha Preischel, Julia Hooper, Trinity Ruckdaschel, Kelsey Pressing, Emilee Nelson, Mitchell Fest, Emily Kuster, Mattie Woodard, Aiden Strawbrich, Christopher Martin, Daniel S., Jessica P., Sarah Heltz, George Mecca, Brett Schmitz, Emily Seggio, Madison Curtin, Ryan Krawczyk, Will Cerne, Elizabeth Enterline, Jacey Harris, Allyson Spicola.

**Second grade:** Kaylei Chojnacki, Gianna Rosario, Catherine Mc Laughlin, Tyler Kowalczyk, Kyle Henderson, Tessa Walker, Lily Dunmire, Rose Hassan, Merrick Allen, Allie Harvey, Emily Verno, Stella Bialaszewski, Morgan Vullo, Molly Congilosi, Victoria Prusak, Calysta Standard, Christian Tambascas, Anthony Delmonte, Breanna Rosen, Kelsee Bugenhagen, Glenn Hoelscher.

**GLP "A Year in Review" ART SHOW** in the halls of the GLP now through mid June...stop by to view the creative talents of Pre K - 2nd Grade Artists!

## EDEN FFA BUSY PLANTING

The Eden F.F.A., in conjunction with the Eden Chamber of Commerce, recently planted planters that will be distributed around town. They are currently growing the plants in their greenhouse. A number of our members helped work on the town park at the four corners. We are also having our summer plant sale of petunia hanging baskets, which began around Memorial Day weekend and will continue until sold out.

## GLP ART NEWS

*By Mary Ellen Bossert*

The second grade artists from the GLP designed their own personal animal for a class totem pole inspired by the art from the Native Americans of the Pacific Northwest Coast. Mrs. Bossert, art teacher, implemented the Dimensions of Learning brain storming strategy called Carouselling to enhance the artist's metaphorical thinking. Each artist chose an animal that best represented a personality trait that they possess. For example, an artist may be as brave as an eagle and another artist might believe he is as smart as a fox.

As an "Earth Day" Recycling lesson, the artists took empty tape rolls and attached recycled materials to create the form of their animal. The form was then covered with papier-mâché and painted. All of the animals were then assembled on a tall pole to simulate a totem pole. The concept of being uniquely you and being part of the collective whole was explored in this lesson, as well as strengthening problem solving skills by reusing resources to help the environment. These poles are wonderful and are now on display at the GLP Art Show, which runs through mid June.



## JUNIOR HIGH MENTORS

*By Olivia Doctor*

This Spring, Mrs. Doctor's RLA class and Miss Kwas's first grade class worked together to practice reading and writing. Over the course of eight visits, the students wrote books, played sight word games created by the eighth graders, and read together. It has been a great experience for both the first graders and eighth graders.



## STATE WRESTLING CHAMPION

*By Tom Page, Wrestling Coach*

Greetings Eden,

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Tom Page and I'm the varsity wrestling coach at the high school. I'm extremely proud of our team's efforts and accomplishments this year and I'd like to brief you on the highlights. With our hard work and dedication, we were able to go undefeated during section VI dual meet competition this winter, compiling a 16 wins 0 losses record. In doing so, the Eden wrestling team earned the ECIC Division III championship and was recognized at the state level becoming ranked 23rd in New York State. Eden was able to qualify six wrestlers to the state qualifiers in the post season with four wrestlers placing--Ross Abram 3rd place, Eddie Sarcione 3rd place, Greg Gellerson 3rd place and Rob Broda capturing the Section VI championship.

As champion, Rob earned his third trip to the New York State High School Championships, and at the Blue Cross Arena in Rochester, Rob Broda became Eden's first wrestling New York State Champion, beating his opponent 5-4 in the finals. Rob has been a captain for two seasons and was able to compile a season record of 40 wins and 3 losses and a career record of 133 wins and 32 losses. Rob is now tied with the most single season wins with 40 victories and is second in career wins with 133 victories at Eden High School. Rob will be attending Alfred State University in the fall, majoring in Architectural Engineering and plans on continuing his wrestling career while majoring in architecture. He also volunteers his time at the Eden Boys & Girls Club, teaches Religion on Sundays, and enjoys playing guitar. Congratulations on your accomplishments, and good luck in the future Rob.

At this time I would like to thank the Eden wrestlers, their parents and my assistant coach, John Zittel. With everyone's efforts, we were able to obtain great accomplishments this season, and I look forward to many more in the future! Eden High School was privileged to host the Empire State Game wrestling tryouts on June 7th.

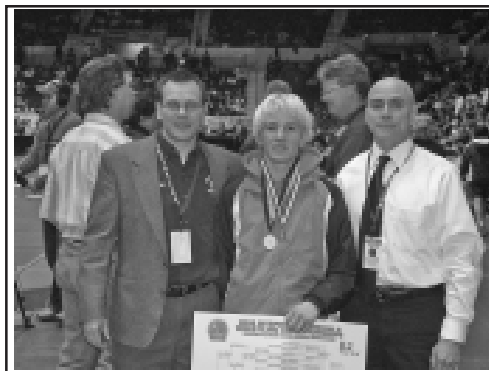
No one has yet realized the wealth of sympathy, the kindness and generosity hidden in the soul of a child. The effort of every true education should be to unlock that treasure.

Emma Goldman

## 112# DIVISION II STATE TITLE CLAIMED BY ROB BRODA

Additional accomplishments of Rob Broda, two-year Captain of Eden High School Wrestling Team:

- \*1st at Lew-Port and Williamsville North (Most Outstanding Wrestler)
- \*Undefeated at Gowanda Duels
- \*3rd at STOWA
- \*2nd at ECIC Championships
- \*1st at AA Divisionals (Most Outstanding Wrestler)
- \*1st at A/AA Sectionals
- \*Ilio DiPaolo's Most Outstanding Wrestler Award
- \*07/08 NYS PHAA State Champion (1st in School History)
- \*06/07 - 6th in the State
- \*05/06 - 5th in the State
- \*07 - State Champ in Freestyle and State Champ in Greco
- \*06 - 3rd in the State in Freestyle and State Champion in Greco
- \*05 - 3rd in the State in both Freestyle and Greco



Pictured above: Coach Tom Page, Rob Broda and Coach John Zittel

## EDEN ELEMENTARY ANNOUNCES STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The following are Eden Elementary Students of the Month for April:

Grade 3: Christina Harris, Austin Hawley, Gregory Henry, Connor Higgins, Andrew Hornberger, Marissa Kordal.

Grade 4: Lorenzo Carney, Chase Earl, Caitlin Leyh, Kaitlyn O'Connell, Macy Overhoff.

Grade 5: Megan Daley, Estefany Dole, Austin Keppler, Keven Kuebler, Carley Nasca, Hannah Osinski.

Grade 6: Timothy Casey, Sarah Filkorn, John Morrow, Kalie Pfohl, William Stewart.

**EDEN ELEMENTARY PRESENTS  
NEW SUMMER READING PROGRAM**

*By Vanessa Zoll*

Roll into Reading is the theme for Eden Elementary's newly revamped Summer Reading program for children entering grades 3 - 6. They can look forward to a wide variety of titles, authors and reading levels to choose from including current new books! All these books are available at the Buffalo & Erie County public library system. Children can choose two selections off the suggested list or read any two books off the list. We hope you read from our new list!

When students return to school, they will participate in a book chat on one of the book titles or authors read over the summer. They can also earn prizes and rewards for completing activities. These activities can be found online at [www.edencsd.org](http://www.edencsd.org) under Summer Reading 2008.

A kick-off assembly for grades 3 - 6 will be held Friday, June 13th to promote the Summer Reading program. Students will see a multi-media presentation on some of the featured books, and watch performances given by sixth grade students. Free book giveaways will be raffled off to students too, compliments of our Eden PTA.

Members of the Summer Reading Committee will also present a new option for kids to participate in over the summer. Blogging! Various elementary teachers have volunteered to host a book blog with titles from the Summer Reading list. Students can select from one of the books to be blogged on and interact online with other students and one of the teacher hosts. A blog meeting will be held for interested students Thursday, June 19th.

Mrs. Joyce Maguda, Library Director at Eden Public Library, will have many of these titles in the library's collection. The Summer Reading list can be viewed online at [www.edencsd.org](http://www.edencsd.org) under Summer Reading 2008.

**STUDENT NAMED BY USAA**

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Rhonda Chamberlin has been recognized for academic achievement as a United States National Honor Student Award Winner. Congratulations on your achievement, Rhonda!

**GOIN' BALD FOR BUCKS**

The following individuals shaved their heads on May 23rd for "Goin' Bald for Bucks" in an effort to raise money for a cancer cure. A total of \$3,840.67 was collected for Roswell Park.

Alyia Carter - 7th grade, Carly Congilosi - 8th grade, Zach Emhof - 11th grade, Dylan Franklin - 8th grade, Tyler Gates - 7th grade, David Holewka - 12th grade, Ryan John - 8th grade, Alan Krone - 10th grade, Eric Lavelle - 12th grade, Josh Melohusky - 10th grade, Chris Partridge - 9th grade, Tim Schnaufer - 10th grade, Tyler Shaw - 9th grade, Aaron Stadelmaier - 7th grade, Ryan Telaak - 8th grade, Craig Witmer - 8th grade, Sonya Zdjelar - parent, James Utley - Social Studies Teacher, and Marc Graff - Eden Jr./Sr. High School Principal.



**Eden Raiders Football  
2nd Annual  
Golf Tournament  
& Fundraiser**

Please join us for some fun in the sun on Saturday, June 21st at Gowanda Country Club. The tournament will be a Four-man Best-ball format with games and prizes. Golfing will start at approximately 1:30 PM with dinner following. The \$75/person entry fee covers the 18 holes of golf with a cart and a chicken/beef buffet dinner. Please contact coaches Larry Millson or Jason Kuczkowski for more information.

Larry Millson- 992-3600 ext. 2224 or  
[lmillson@edencsd.wnyric.org](mailto:lmillson@edencsd.wnyric.org)

Jason Kuczkowski- 992-3600 ext. 2021 or  
[jkuczkowski@edencsd.wnyric.org](mailto:jkuczkowski@edencsd.wnyric.org)

\*We are also looking for sponsors for the tournament.

## JUNIOR PROM

The Junior Prom took place aboard the Miss Buffalo on Saturday, May 31st from 6-11 P.M. Tickets included the cruise, a "Captain's Dinner," music by Phenomenon Sound, favor, and decorations. Comfortable clothing, a jacket or sweater, and flat shoes were strongly suggested by the staff of Harbor Cruises. The coast guard was on deck during boarding to inspect any carry on items. The boat left from the Erie Basin Marina at Marine Drive in Buffalo. Students had to provide their own transportation to and from the boat.

## RETIREMENTS (Continued from page 3)

Mrs. Pope will remember watching as a student suddenly understood a concept that he or she had been struggling with. It was like seeing a light bulb go on. She will fondly remember being proud as the students, who worked so hard, walked across the stage to accept their diploma.

For the future, Mrs. Pope plans to have lots of time to read, remodel, and workout, but most importantly - to take care of her incredible grandson.

Mrs. Pope would like to thank those who have made the years in Special Education a special part of her life.

**Bus Driver, Judith (Kelly) Czechowski**, will be retiring after 23 years of service. Mrs. Czechowski has enjoyed her job, all the kids and everyone she has worked with throughout the years.

She is planning a couple of trips, and after that, she will enjoy each day as it comes.

We would like to thank all of our retirees for their years of dedicated service and wish them all a very long and happy retirement!

***Wanted: Substitute Nurses, Monitors, Cleaners, Laborers, Bus Drivers, Clerk Typists, Teacher Aides and Teachers. Please send letter of interest to Eden Central School, District Office, 3150 Schoolview Road, Eden, NY 14057.***

## EDEN CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Mr. Brian Burgstahler	2011
Mr. Andy Breier	2009
Mr. Patrick Howard	2009
Mrs. Patricia Schenk	2010

Mr. Ronald K. Buggs, Superintendent  
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## Congratulations to the Class of 2008!



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