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2008-2009 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

Ronald K. Buggs
Superintendent

Dear District Resident:

After several months of study and several drafts, the Board of Education adopted the 2008/2009 school budget in the amount of \$24,880,647, which represents an increase of 5.23% over the current budget. Each budget year represents a unique set of circumstances and problems. In preparing the 2008/2009 budget, the major obstacles were a proposed decrease in our BOCES aid from the Governor's Proposal (\$181,000); an increase in natural gas and diesel fuel; the District's mandatory contributions to employee benefits, health insurance, Employee and Teacher Retirement Systems (\$464,016); and loan payments on building projects (\$282,991). In addition, we have had unexpected legal expenses for the Board, resulting in an \$85,557 impact to the budget.

The proposed budget maintains all current programs and allows for modest improvements in a few areas and reductions in others. Additional programs have been funded that will improve district assistance and support to students, especially those in need of academic support. The following positions have been added: .16 FTE Languages Other Than English (LOTE) Teacher, .44 FTE Physical Education Teacher, both at the secondary level; .2 FTE Teacher of Technology; .8 FTE Teaching Assistant, 2.0 FTE Special Education Aides, all at the Elementary level and .3 FTE Teaching Assistant in the Technology Department. Reductions include 1.0 FTE Teacher at the Elementary level, due to declining enrollment.

The total budget increased by 5.23% from the previous year, the lowest increase in over six years. Of that amount, legal and state required payments account for 3.84%. The remaining 1.75% covers increases in all other areas of the budget. We believe that the proposed budget meets the needs of our students, but is conservative in its approach to spending increases. We estimate that the tax levy increase will be 4.9%, which is also the lowest tax levy increase in the last six years.

Since we rely on the state to fund approximately 44% of our budget, predicting the impact on the local tax levy is very difficult. Our best estimate at this time is a 4.9% increase, which is based on a 5.23% increase in the budget. The final tax levy will not be adopted until August 2008. If you have any questions concerning the proposed budget, please contact any board member, the Business Office or my office. Thank you for your continued support of the Eden Central Schools.

PROPOSED BUDGET

EDEN CENTRAL SCHOOL

2008-2009

ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING

May 6, 2008

7:00 P.M.

Junior/Senior High School Auditorium

BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION

May 20, 2008

9:00 A.M. - 9:00 P.M.

Junior/Senior High School Foyer

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual School District Budget Hearing of the Eden Central School District, Erie County, New York, will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2008 at 7:30 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time at the Eden Central Junior/Senior High School, 3150 Schoolview Road, Eden, New York. Voting on the budget for the fiscal year 2008-2009, electing four members of the Board of Education to commence July 1, 2008, (two members commence May 21, 2008) and for the transaction of such other business as is authorized by law will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2008, from 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time at the Eden Central Junior/Senior High School, 3150 Schoolview Road, Eden, New York.

BRING THIS COPY TO THE ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

VOTING ON CANDIDATES

To be eligible to vote on May 20, 2008 a person must be:

1. A citizen of the United States.
2. At least 18 years of age.
3. A resident of the school district for at least 30 days prior to May 20, 2008.
4. Not otherwise prohibited from voting under election law, that is, a convicted felon or adjudged mentally incompetent.

Candidates for Board of Education
Vote for four candidates:

Steven P. Cerne
DianaRae Walker
Shawna R. Dosser, M.S.
Mark Harris
Andrew J. Breier
Deborah M. Gardner
Brian Burgstahler
Michael R. Drumm
Michael Byrnes
Linda Charles-Steele

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

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

There are 2 three-year terms, 1 three-year and six-week term, and 1 one-year and six week term open for the 2008-2009 school year.

PROPOSITION NO. 1 (ANNUAL BUDGET)

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED, that the budget for the Eden Central School District, Erie County, New York, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009, as proposed by the Board of Education, in the total sum of **\$24,880,647** is hereby approved and adopted and the required funds therefor are hereby appropriated and the necessary real property taxes required shall be raised by a tax on the taxable property in the District to be levied and collected as required by law.

PROPOSITION NO. 2 (VEHICLES AND RELATED EQUIPMENT)

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Eden Central School District (the "District") is hereby authorized to purchase vehicles and related equipment for use in the transportation program of the District, including two 16-passenger buses (at a maximum estimated cost of \$32,784 each) and three 66-passenger buses (at a maximum estimated cost of \$98,886 each), and to expend therefor an aggregate sum not to exceed \$362,226, and that the sum of \$362,226, being the aforesaid maximum estimated cost, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law, and, in anticipation of such tax, bonds or other obligations (including, without limitation, obligations arising under leases, lease/purchase contracts or installment purchase contracts having a term of not more than five years) of the District shall be issued or entered into in accordance with applicable provisions of New York State law.

EDEN ELEMENTARY ANNOUNCES STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

February:

Grade 3: Walker George, Sawyer Overhoff, Kristen Pszonak, Michael Senus, Helena Skalski, Marissa Sorrentino.

Grade 4: Jeffrey Gawronski, Daniel Goedtel, Paige Hirsch, Sarah Hooper, Colton Kowalczyk, Mitchell Mason.

Grade 5: Kellie Christiansen, Amanda Popple, Kelley Staub, Gretchen Stocksclaeder, Rhyse Strawbrich, Alexandria Zydell.

Grade 6: Taylor Mitchell, Sierra Puckhaber, Avery Richmond, Nicholas Sarratori, Joseph Tripi, Val Ziminsky.

March:

Grade 3: Maureen Bender, Kaitlyn Hine, Skylar Kennedy, Trent Laing, Logan Lyndsley.

Grade 4: Sarah Moon, Emily O'Connell, Elijah Schultz, Ryan Smith.

Grade 5: R.J. Inserra, Hannah Jahreis, Jeffrey Jeziorowski, Ryan Kelly, Jacob Schlegel, Anthony Sinnott.

Grade 6: Adam Brawdy, Alex Feasley, Nathan Jahreis, Brittany Nemec, Brad Palmerton, Amanda Schummer.

CHARACTER AWARD WINNERS

The following students were named Character Award Winners:

November:

Claudia Bauernfeind, Morgan Vullo, Hannah Salisbury, Breanna Rosen, A.J. Feldman, Clinton Robinson, Michelle Hahn, Katy Larson and Lindsey Calderon.

January:

Jordan Sroda, Daniel Newton, Alexandra Harvey, Louis Bartus, Hannah Harshberger, Ken Burgstahler, Jessica Dosser and John Lovulis.

March:

Corbin Maggs, Robbie Goodrich, Thomas Hynes, Mikayla Bushey, Sarah Filkorn, Laura Harms, Joseph Cuddihy, Katie Daley and Joshua Tripi.

EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

Mr. Buggs announced the following employees selected as Employees of the Month:

December:

Sue-Lynn Wieberg, GLP; Lori Patterson, GLP; Iann Miller, Microcomputer Repair Technician.

January:

James Shouldice, Custodian; Dan Berman, Microcomputer Repair Technician; Linda Schwanz, GLP.

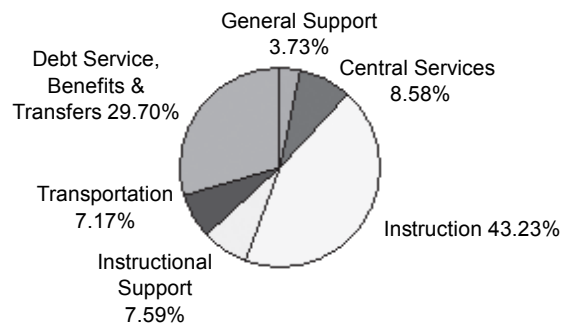
February:

Mary Ann Mandiak, Elem; Tiffany Kwas, GLP.

**BUDGET OVERVIEW
SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES**

<u>GENERAL SUPPORT</u>	2007-08 BUDGET	2008-09 BUDGET	<u>INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT</u>	2007-08 BUDGET	2008-09 BUDGET
Board of Education	5,772	2,850	Library & Audio/Visual	194,090	183,796
District Clerk	1,225	1,375	Educational Comm. & TV	-0-	-0-
District Meetings	16,296	9,296	Computer	445,263	477,175
Central Administration	195,076	199,383	Attendance	16,537	20,143
Business Administration	214,952	217,436	Guidance	261,577	266,382
Auditing Services	31,350	35,630	Health Services	161,378	165,147
District Treasurer	49,511	50,851	Psychological Services	87,813	93,798
Tax Collector	10,407	11,007	Social Work Services	7,390	8,000
Purchasing	1,685	1,736	Pupil Personnel Services	89,601	114,199
Fiscal Agent Fees	3,600	3,800	Co-Curricular Activities	83,430	90,939
Personnel Services	16,000	1,000	Interscholastic Sports	398,741	470,018
Legal Services	42,500	84,925	TOTAL	1,745,820	1,889,597
Public Information	19,927	18,682	TRANSPORTATION		
Unallocated Insurance	91,466	93,710	District Operated	1,685,691	1,633,705
Association Dues	11,000	12,000	Garage	63,752	58,813
Water & Sewer Assessments	27,000	27,500	Contract Transportation	116,200	90,640
Refund – Real Property Tax	5,000	7,500	TOTAL	1,865,643	1,783,158
BOCES Administrative Charge	106,155	111,702	DEBT SERVICE, BENEFITS & TRANSFERS		
BOCES Capital Expense	57,626	37,785	Census	-0-	-0-
BOCES Capital Project	-0-	-0-	State Retirement	343,157	351,902
TOTAL	906,548	928,168	Teacher Retirement	780,493	812,714
CENTRAL SERVICES			Social Security	920,438	937,698
Custodial	1,227,952	1,250,740	Workers' Compensation	128,646	141,563
Maintenance	583,581	605,719	Unemployment Insurance	40,000	40,000
Data Processing	196,715	233,957	Medical Insurance	2,341,745	2,764,795
Central Printing	40,500	44,000	Bond Anticipation Notes	55,717	55,717
TOTAL	2,048,748	2,134,416	Lease/Purchase Buses	305,272	247,177
INSTRUCTION			RAN Interest	6,000	6,000
Curriculum	72,330	82,097	Installment Purchase	-0-	-0-
Supervision	658,609	686,852	Other Debt	557,500	546,396
Research & Evaluation	17,746	19,578	Transfer to Debt Service Fund	1,178,726	1,461,717
Inservice Training	41,868	47,700	Transfer to Federal Fund	18,000	24,000
Regular School	6,954,048	7,109,930	Transfer to Capital Fund	43,347	-0-
Handicapped	2,029,647	2,268,661	TOTAL	6,719,041	7,389,679
Occupational Education	539,304	492,520	TOTAL GENERAL		
Special Schools	45,148	48,291	FUND EXPENDITURES	23,644,500	24,880,647

Budget Overview

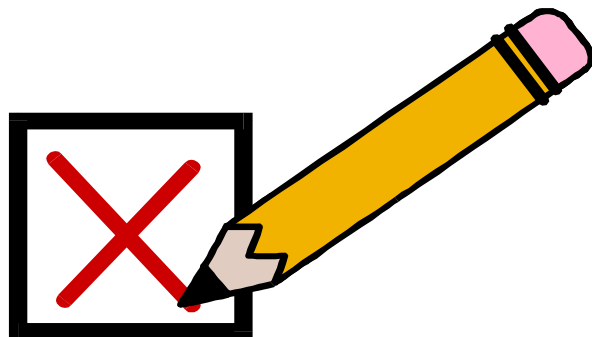


**CONVERSION OF 2008-09
BUDGET TO THREE COMPONENTS**

<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>	2007-08 BUDGET	2008-09 BUDGET	<u>CAPITAL</u>	2007-08 BUDGET	2008-09 BUDGET
Board of Education	23,293	13,521	Operation of Plant	1,227,952	1,250,740
Central Administration	195,076	199,383	Maintenance of Plant	583,581	605,719
Finance	311,505	320,460	Judgments & Claims	-0-	-0-
Legal Services	42,500	69,925	Refund of Taxes	5,000	7,500
Personnel	16,000	1,000	Purchase of Buses	-0-	-0-
Records Management	-0-	-0-	Debt Service	924,489	855,290
Public Information	19,927	18,682	Transfer to Debt Service	1,178,726	1,461,717
Central Printing	40,500	44,000	Transfer to Capital	43,347	-0-
Central Data Processing	196,715	233,957	Benefits	<u>315,137</u>	<u>347,078</u>
Other Special Items	293,247	282,697			
Curriculum Development	72,330	82,097	TOTAL	4,278,232	4,528,044
Supervision Reg. School	658,609	686,852			
Supervision Special School	-0-	-0-			
Research Planning & Develop.	17,746	19,578			
Employee Benefits	<u>418,490</u>	<u>468,788</u>			
TOTAL	2,305,938	2,440,940	TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES	<u>23,644,500</u>	<u>24,880,647</u>

PROGRAM

Instruction	11,355,835	11,871,700
District Transportation	1,685,691	1,633,705
Garage	63,752	58,813
Contract Transportation	116,200	90,640
Comm. Service	-0-	-0-
Other Transfers	18,000	24,000
Benefits	<u>3,820,852</u>	<u>4,232,805</u>
TOTAL	17,060,330	17,911,663



ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Eden Central School District provides for the use of absentee ballots at all district votes and elections. Applications and ballots for this vote will be available beginning Monday, April 21, 2008. You may request an application by calling 992-3613 or writing the District Clerk at 3150 Schoolview Road, Eden, New York 14057 no later than Tuesday, May 13, 2008.

The completed application must be returned and received by the District Clerk. If approved, an official ballot will be mailed to the applicant.

If desired, an application may be completed in the office of the District Clerk no later than 4:00 p.m., Monday, May 19, 2008. The application will be reviewed for eligibility and, if approved, an official ballot will be provided to the voter at that time. It is recommended that the Clerk's office be called at 992-3613 to assure that the Clerk is available at the time of the anticipated visit.

A ballot may only be counted if received by the Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the vote, Tuesday, May 20, 2008.

BALLOTS WILL BE MAILED OR HANDED TO THE VOTER ONLY

Any questions regarding this process should be directed to the District Clerk's office at 992-3613 between 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

STUDENTS CONTACT CONGRESSMAN HIGGINS

By Michelle Noel

During our genetics unit, my 8th graders read a Buffalo News Article on a Grand Island family with two children having a rare genetic disease, and it emphasized the case for newborn screening (highly being pushed by Hunter's Hope). I recommended to students that if they felt strongly about this that they could write a letter to Congressman Higgins. The House was to vote on a bill at the end of January (which had already been passed by Senate in December). I had a handful of students who wrote letters, and they have started getting letters back from Congressman Higgins. They were really excited!

I am attaching a copy of a letter (with the student's name and address blanked out) if you would like to see how he responded.

BRIAN HIGGINS
27TH DISTRICT, NEW YORK

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Dear

Thank you for contacting me to express your support for H.R. 3825, the Newborn Screening Saves Lives Act.

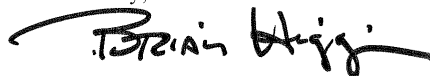
First let me say that I was very happy to receive your letter. Right now our nation needs young men and women like you who are intellectually curious and civically engaged. I applaud your interest in national issues and I hope that you will continue sharing your thoughts with your Representative in Congress.

I absolutely agree with you, and I am a proud cosponsor of this legislation. The medical technology capable of detecting dangerous and debilitating diseases exists, and should be available to all healthcare providers. We need to make sure that newborns have access to these screenings so as to prevent the onset of such diseases undetected.

Currently, a lack of uniform screening procedures exists across the country. H.R. 3825 would seek to remedy this by providing aid to states seeking to expand their newborn screening programs. The bill would provide funding for screening on 29 different disorders. The bill would also increase efforts to raise awareness about the importance of newborn screenings among parents and health care providers. This type of awareness is necessary in order for parents to make informed decisions about their newborn's health. Please rest assured that I will continue to support efforts to improve the quality of care newborns receive and increase awareness of the importance of screenings.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me. Please feel free to do so with any other issues of concern to you in the future. You may also want to visit my website at <http://higgins.house.gov> where you can sign up for my e-newsletter and keep current with my latest Congressional activities and policy statements.

Sincerely,



BRIAN HIGGINS
Member of Congress

THEATER WORKSHOP AT EDEN ELEMENTARY

By Mark Vona

On January 31st, the Eden Elementary Drama Club held a second theater workshop. Lorainne O'Donnell was invited in to lead the activities. Lorainne is a well known actress in Western New York and has starred in productions of Studio Arena, Musicallyfare, the Kavinoky and many other theaters in the area. Here, in the photo on the right, she can be seen with Molly Neureuter leading the group in a game of "Conversation". The photo on the right shows Jen Morrow with the 'magic cloth'. When you get the cloth, it becomes whatever you want it to be. Also in the photo are Sierra Puckhaber, Abby Waldorf, Kelsey Macpherson, Brooke Morley, and Sarah Woods.



BRYANT AND STRATTON

By: Jaimy Sessanna

FBLA Co-President

On Saturday, February 2nd, seven members from Eden's Future Business Leaders of America attended their Spring District Meeting in Amherst, New York at the Bryant and Stratton college campus. The meeting consisted of competitions and guest speakers. Lunch was provided for all attendees.

Eden brought home nine awards, which was the most ever won by our club. Co-President Jaimy Sessanna took 1st place in Public Speaking II. Co-President John Malayny took 2nd in Marketing and Impromptu Speaking. Reporter Max Malayny took 3rd in Marketing. Historian Jewel Kwilos took 2nd in Introduction to Business. Co-Vice President John Levulis took 2nd in Job Interview and 3rd in Business Law, and Jim Levulis took 3rd in Business Communications. Secretary Jessica Kramer participated in the written test to qualify to run for the State Officer position of District 12 Vice President and qualified. Jaimy Sessanna, John Malayny, and John Levulis qualified to compete at the state level in the upcoming State Leadership Conference in April.

Overall this was a great time for Eden FBLA, as this year is looking to be one of the brightest years for the club. This Bryant & Stratton event is one of only 20 events planned or completed for the 2007-2008 school year.



WNY SMARTEST COMPETITION

By Carrie Hamlett

Eden participated in the WNY Smartest High School Competition. Our team of Sarah Harms, Jesse Drumm, Will Pszonak and Sam DeMarco came in fourth place. They were also honored for coming in second place in the fundraising category (with \$500 raised) and won tickets to Darien Lake with dinner at Zettis included for that honor. The competition was a fundraiser for Cradle Beach Camp.



Left to right: Samantha DeMarco, Will Pszonak, Sarah Harms and Jesse Drumm.

*The holidays may be over, but the
Eden Teachers' Association
keeps on giving.*

In the last school year,
the teachers' union
donated over \$5,400 to
local charities
including:



Eden Boys & Girls Club, Eden Family Support Center,
Eden + East Eden Fire Departments,
Eden Emergency Squad, Eden Library,
Warm the Children Fund, Food Pantry
Asa Warren House, and Mercy Flight

*The E.T.A. - a union of caring professionals
in a community that cares*

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

At a reception held on February 26, 2008, Board President, Thomas Gannon, and Superintendent, Ronald Buggs presented certificates to this year's Community Involvement Award Winners. Awards went to:

Kate Riedel, School District Committees; Charles and Deborah Dias, and Eugene Gates (posthumously) Sports/Athletics; Nanette Kappus, Music; Neil Kelsey, Volunteer; Ron Maggs - Eden Highway Department, Business/Agency/Organization; and Mark Gardner, Student as a Community Contributor.



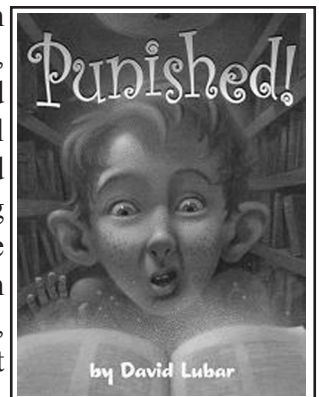
Row 1: Neil Kelsey, Kate Riedel, Deborah Dias, Ron Maggs.

Row 2: Daniel Gates and Ken Gates, who accepted the award on behalf of their father, Eugene Gates, Charles Dias, Mark Gardner.

PTA VISITING AUTHOR

By Vanessa Zoll

It's that time of year again! In June, Eden Elementary Library will be hosting comedic writer David Lubar as part of its annual PTA Visiting Author program. Mr. Lubar is known for entertaining readers with his wit and humor. His popular fiction includes Punished, Dunk, Flipped, Hidden Talents and many more. Students will listen to his presentation and attend an autographing session. Books will be made available for purchase in May. For more information, visit his website at www.davidlubar.com



TOP OF CLASS OF 2008 NAMED

By Barbara Thomasulo

Mr. Graff announced that the Valedictorian of the Senior Class is Sarah Harms with a 3 ½ year cumulative average of 98.700%. The Salutatorian of the Senior Class is Matthew Blaszczyk with a 3 ½ year cumulative average of 96.932%.

Sarah is the daughter of Mark and Catharine Harms, Weller Drive, Eden. She is a member of National Honor Society and Jazz Ensemble. Outside of school, Sarah is a member of her church youth group and works at the Boys & Girls Club.



Sarah plans to study Music Education at either Houghton, Roberts Wesleyan or Messiah College. She plays flute and piano. In her free time, Sarah enjoys spending time with her friends.

Matthew is the son of John and Lynne Blaszczyk, Sisson Highway, Eden. He is a member of National Honor Society and Future Farmers of America. Outside of school,



Matt is involved in various community service projects at St. Mary's in East Eden and also volunteers at the East Eden Fire Department.

Matt plans to study Engineering at either Alfred or UB. After graduation, he hopes to get a good job and stay in the Western New York area.

Rounding out the top ten of the Class of 2008 are:

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|------------------------|--------|
| 3. Virginia Partridge | 96.395 |
| 4. William Psonak | 95.963 |
| 5. Samantha DeMarco | 95.737 |
| 6. Andrew Preischel | 94.836 |
| 7. Anthony Lewandowski | 94.709 |
| 8. Rebekah Emel | 93.982 |
| 9. Samantha Christ | 93.678 |
| 10. Victoria Scott | 93.674 |

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR A.F.S. STUDENTS

We are currently looking for families interested in hosting a foreign exchange student for the 2008-2009 school year. This is an incredible opportunity to open your home and share your life with an individual from another culture. Our students are usually affiliated with AFS (American Field Service), and we hope to have at least two students here next year.

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

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

DISTRICT EMPLOYEES HONORED

By Barbara Thomasulo

Western New York Educational Service Council honored two of our own at a reception held at the Millennium Airport Hotel on March 13, 2008.

Dottie Bauer, the Senior Clerk Stenographer at the Junior/Senior High School was a recipient of the 2008 Award for Excellence in the Support Staff category. Dottie feels that being a part of the education field has enriched her life by allowing her to help students, staff and teachers in numerous and diverse ways, which has given her a sense of fulfillment. She hopes that she has made a good and lasting impression on those people who have worked with her.

Shawn Johnson, Director of Pupil Personnel Services for the District was a recipient of the 2008 Award for Excellence in the Administration category. Shawn sums up her thoughts in a quote by George Evans, saying "Every student can learn, just not the same day, or the same way."

Congratulations Shawn and Dottie!!



EDEN CHOPPERS DEBUT - MARCH 2008

By Stevan Jones

The capabilities of the modern teen-ager are frequently questioned by the media and other "informed" individuals. Eden parents and community members can rest easy knowing that our students are not simply capable but exceptional. These exceptional abilities and a lot of hard work were rewarded when I saw eight Eden students standing on stage accepting their first place award at the Donnie Smith Chopper Class Challenge 2008.

In September of 2007, the students enrolled in my World of Technology class began the daunting task of designing and fabricating a V-Twin motorcycle (a.k.a. chopper). After creating an initial design concept, which was based around a frame, set of wheels, and forks we purchased, the students began the fabrication process. The complexity of the project required that small groups of students receive individualized instruction and scheduled practice/application time in an attempt to perfect certain technical skills. Students became highly skilled at TIG welding, lathe operation, torch cutting, tool grinding, and leather tooling, just to name a few.

By the time the first semester came to an end in January, the students had established a real vision for the bike. The bike had truly taken on the "Raider" theme.

The second semester students picked up the torch and starting running in early February. A small group of kids cleaned up our used evo motor and replaced some top end gaskets that were leaking. The fabrication of the hand formed steel gas tank, front fender, shifter linkage/arm, handlebars, seat pan and miscellaneous bracketry was completed. Most of these items had begun to take life in the first semester and needed to be completed by different students in the second semester. Students also began working with the painters to finalize a paint/air brush/pin-striping scheme.

The frame and other major components that needed to be painted or powder coated at off site facilities were shipped out and returned to us by early March.

The kids began the final assembly and wiring of the bike in mid March. The bike was completed and started for the first time the day before it left for competition. The Donnie Smith Chopper Class Challenge was created five years ago with the purpose of promoting student achievement in technical classes. The competition began small, and has continually grown to a five-school field in 2008. Professional builders, as well as the 15,000 spectators who attended the invitational bike show on March 29th and 30th, judged the student's bikes. Eden students

not only captured first place in the High School Chopper Class Challenge class, but also took fourth place in a separate class where they were in direct competition with fourteen other bikes that were built by adult rider owners or professional builders.

Words can't express the amount of dedication, intelligence and public relations skills that I have seen my students display throughout this seven-month project. I have never been more proud of my students for who they are and not simply for what they have accomplished. First place is great but only if it is truly earned. Our kids earned it!

Please support the businesses that have supported our students. I have them listed below. Also, if you recognize the name of any of the students below, make sure you congratulate them for making us all proud. If you are interested in helping out with the 2008-2009 bike, contact Mr. Jones at the High School. Check out the following link to view photos of the raider bike:

<http://www.edencsd.org/112710827192836147/blank/browse.asp?A=383&BMDRN=2000&BCOB=0&C=54603>

Thanks for always supporting the kids.

Steve Jones

992-3600 ext 2136

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Students:			Businesses/Vendors/Experts:	
Tyler Arendt	Phil Marble	Ryan Schweinsburg	Jamie Schultz	Don's Auto
Andrew Fageol	Anna Miller	Michael Wright	Mike Miller	Performance Fabrication
Cory Lauber	Ryan Said	Mark Balcerzak	Muffler Man	M+J Metal Polishing
Tim Ongley	Brad Schreiber	Jeremiah Gechell	The Hog Farm	BASF Paints
Ed Sarcione	Eric Webber	Cody Longbine	Brian Polino	County Seats
Tyler Stephens	Aaron BrindAmour	Mike McShane	Coop	Interstate Battery
Reggie Sovereign	Matt Fintak	Taylor Porter	Ventura's Collision	Powdered Illusions
Tommy Gallman	Tony Notar	Scott Scheffler	Jay Brake	Durg Plating
Brandon Lepkowski	Kyle Parsons	Matt Vankoughnett	B.A. Enterprises	

ART DEPARTMENT NEWS

Ad Craft Competition

Eden Advertising and Design students won more than half the awards given in the Hamburg Sun.

This year, more than 30 schools participated in the ad design program sponsored by The Metro Group Inc. entitled "Ad Craft." Hundreds of art students from area schools in eleven paper districts, both in the northtowns and southtowns, entered ads. All ads were judged locally, as well as, in an overall category by a panel of Metro selected judges. Eden Art students were commended for their extraordinary efforts. Winning ads appeared in the Hamburg Sun on February 21, 2008. The winners were, First place: Kelsey Carson (Design Salon & Spa), third place: Kelsey Carson, (Tri-County Physical Therapy), fourth place: John Horvatits (Zahm & Matson), eighth place: Jessica Nemeč (John & Mary's), ninth place: Richard Scott (Town of Eden), tenth place: Harleena Franklin (Crazy 4 Books).

Empty Bowls Collaboration

First semester Ceramics I students, in conjunction with Mrs. Bossert's second graders, created wheel thrown and pinch bowls, which were pre-sold during the Jr./Sr. High's Open House on February 28th. Proceeds benefited the Food Bank of WNY. Second semester students participated in the same project on March 5th and 6th. The bowls created were taken to Buffalo State College for sale in their "Empty Bowl" drive, which will be held May 18, 2008 at Buffalo State - Rockwell Hall from 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Ceramics I and II participated, along with Mrs. Preischel's and Mrs. Radke's classes from the GLP.

Elementary & Jr. High

Ms. Morgan and Mrs. McConeghy also had bowls available on February 23rd.

Students constructed bowls of molded Pariscraft (a plaster coated gauze) and paint featuring various animal themes. These "Empty Bowls" sales netted \$240 for the Food Bank of Western New York.



Phil F. with second graders Emily & Lily



Mrs. Nicastro's Studio in Art Class

Old Chairs Get a Masterful Facelift

Six weeks ago, Studio in Art students from Mrs. Nicastro's class embarked upon a multifaceted project. "Who is your favorite artist?" This was the simple question that sent sixteen ninth through twelfth graders scouring every available resource.

After settling on an answer, everyone gave a brief presentation for the purpose of introducing his/her chosen artist, defining style, time period, and or movement, and naming a piece of the artist's work that best represented what was most appealing. The real challenge of the project came when the kids were given an old wooden chair from the school's basement, which required sanding and priming before the next phase of the very involved process began. Students were asked to plan, on paper, how they would use their chosen masterpiece to transform the entire surface of the chair.

The young learners faced quite a daunting task as they mixed colors, learned paint application techniques and worked their artistic magic on the ordinary chairs. Armed with palette and acrylic paint in red, yellow, blue, black, and white, the students set out to give the chairs a much-needed facelift. The result of the project represents master works from various styles and artists throughout history, as well as a couple of contemporaries. The final phase of the project had students create a poster in an effort to educate others on their artist. Students also gave a final, detailed presentation to the class and fielded questions from their peer audience.

Thank you to Bauer's Eden Valley Furniture, HSBC, O'Brien's Pub, and the Eden Library for graciously inviting the chairs to be placed in their businesses for community viewing.



Painted chairs

Musical Logo Contest

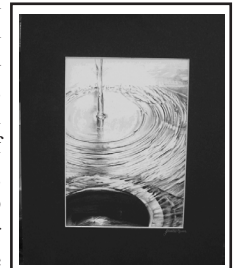
This year, the Music Department proudly presented, "Guys and Dolls." The logo, designed by Junior Advertising student, Kelsey Carson was featured on programs, posters, t-shirts, and in print media. Kelsey's winning logo earned her a \$100 check award, which was given by the PTA.



Logo by Kelsey Carson

Daemen College "All High" Competition-Exhibit

Daemen College, hosted their "All High" Art Competition/Exhibit in the Goldman-Greenfield Gallery, Amherst. The exhibition opened Saturday, February 9, 2008 and continued through Sunday, March 2, 2008. The competition was a very prestigious event for art students who were chosen to enter. More than 61 area schools participated with 152 pieces of work of various subjects and media. Junior Jessica Nemeč won an honorable mention and a one thousand dollar scholarship, with her charcoal drawing, "Train of Thought." Senior, Lora Pasnik also had her watercolor self-portrait in the gallery. Congratulations to both girls.



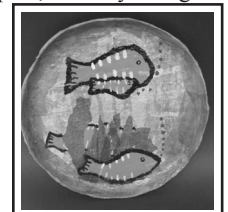
Other Art News

Students will be submitting work to the Lancaster Festival of the Arts in April.

Mrs. Nicastro's students will be participating in "Doodle 4 Google." They are to take the Google logo and answer the question, "if I could design my own city, town, building it would be...." The prize is quite large, several thousand dollars to the art department and the student.

The Creative Crafts class was visited by Erin from Embraceable Ewe and they learned how to knit a hat. (The boys would like that to be kept quiet, but they thought it was so much fun!)

Empty Bowls project by Christiann M., "Under the Sea."





Reposisse by Luke P.



Empty Bowls Project by Ryan M., "Monkey"

MAKE A WISH

By Barbara Thomasulo

On February 14, 2008, some of our students presented a check to Heather Alessi, coordinator for Make-A-Wish Foundation. Eden students raised \$1,275 by selling paper hearts for \$1 each. The money was donated to Make-A-Wish to grant wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions. All schools in WNY were invited to participate. Eden won by selling the most hearts. Perry's Ice Cream and Make-A-Wish provided the school with 1,200 ice cream novelties so that everyone in the building could have one as an "ice cream social." The Junior class officers took on the project, and through the help and support of faculty, staff, and extracurricular clubs, we were able to sell the hearts.

Pictured from left to right: Jim Levulis, Molly Koester, Principal - Marc Graff, Jonathan Achtyl, Make-A-Wish Coordinator - Heather Alessi, Zac Braunscheidel and Art Teacher - Lisa Nicastro.



None are so old as those who have outlived enthusiasm.

Henry David Thoreau

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