

# Eden Central School Newsletter

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Dear Community Members,

The school year continues to race by! The first quarter is complete, and we are preparing to close another five week period. We are all getting ready for one of the most festive and spirit filled times of the year.

This year has brought major firsts for the Eden Central School District, including a new student management system, new emergency broadcast system, new lunch program and menus, new transportation routing software, new student character awards, and a reestablished District Shared Decision Making Team to mention a few. We are near completion of the Shared Decision Making Team Project #2 and preparing for the new Excel Project that will let us see a new roof system at the G.L.P. Primary School.

The Board of Education received a positive report from our External Auditors. It was determined that the District is in a strong position and that we continue to use taxpayer dollars wisely.

The Board has also adopted mission and vision statements for the District at the November meeting. These were developed by the District Comprehensive Educational Planning Committee. We are pleased to share them with you. They can be found on page 2 in the article written by Mrs. Biastre.

As can be seen by the mission, vision, and all of the other changes that have occurred over the past several months, our focus continues to be on what is best for our students; remaining one of the finest school districts in Western New York.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a great holiday season. On behalf of the Board of Education, the administrators, faculty, staff and students, we thank the parents and community of Eden for your continued trust and support.

Together, we are the Eden Central School District.

Thank you!!  
Happy Holidays!



Ronald K. Buggs  
Superintendent of Schools



**EDEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT'S  
ADOPTED MISSION, VISION, AND  
BELIEF STATEMENTS**

*By Debbie Biastre, Curriculum Coordinator*

**MISSION:**

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

**VISION:**

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

**BELIEF STATEMENTS:**

Respect and trust are the foundation for all interactions within a collaborative learning community.

All of the adults in our learning community should model the expectations we have for our students.

A comprehensive analysis of data should inform academic and fiscal educational decisions.

All students are capable of personal academic growth.

Everyone has valuable skills to contribute.

Decisions should be based on what is best for students.

All students should have access to appropriate educational opportunities.

All students should engage in a comprehensive educational experience that facilitates the identification of their talents and interests.

All students should have the opportunity to experience success.

It is important to utilize the most effective methodologies and progressive technology.

All students and staff have the right to a safe place to learn and work.

We should develop active citizenship in our students through community service and involvement in public policy issues.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations to Dave Holeyka, Tyler Arendt, and Jacob Stillman who were inducted into National Honor Society as Seniors on November 28, 2007.

**EDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ANNOUNCES  
STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

**September:**

Grade 3: Emma Awdey, Rachel Coffee, Collin Fest, Owen Krouse, James Pollinger, Lisa Unger.

Grade 4: Meghan Ballou, Alex Bianchi, Carli DiNardo, Michael Seggio, Emily Sullivan, Allison Winecki.

Grade 5: David Baskerville, Holly Burdick, Nicholas Goetz, Jenna Herbert, Ashley Wertz, Nicholas Wilder.

Grade 6: Melissa Brockman, Christopher Greeley, Matthew Henry, Myles Kifner, Molly Neureuter, Lainy Pierce.

**October:**

Grade 3: Justin Bernard, Alexis Browning, Alyssa Durski, Demetra Jacobs, Morgan Keppler, Jacob Page.

Grade 4: Benjamin Asboth, Stephanie Fitzpatrick, George Henderson, D.J. Kuras, Justin Porter, Anna Wightman.

Grade 5: Anthony Cappola, Brandon Cavarello, Ryan Goeckel, Christa Greiner, Howard Hoelscher, Jeremy Nyitrai.

Grade 6: Trevor Dobrzanski, Matthew Loomis, Jennifer Morrow, Stacy Nadrich, Lisa Panaro, Garrett Steiger.

**November :**

Grade 3: Sean Burgstahler, Megan Cassidy, Austin Feasley, Daniel Hoelscher, Ian Hunter, Morgan Wahl.

Grade 4: Cori Bugenhagen, Angela Cala, Zachary Congdon, Jenna Fiebelkorn, Allison Laedke, Mark Martin.

Grade 5: Louis Bartus, Ceara Chatwood, Claire Czajka, Lillian Harrington, Amanda Krouse, Alyssa McDonald.

Grade 6: Jonah Baldwin, Danielle O'Connell, Henry Ohmit, Joe Tripi, Tyler Witkowski, Sarah Wittmeyer.

**SCHOLAR ATHLETE TEAM AWARDS**

Eden Central School is proud to announce our 2007 fall Scholar/Athlete Team Award 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.

**Girls Cross Country:**

Iris D'Andrea, Miriam Harms, Grace Ohmit, Virginia Partridge, Lauren Pszonak, Laura Robinson, and Carolyn Schupp.

**Girls Volleyball:**

Joelle Crabtree, Katherine Eschner, Heather Feldman, Chelsea Hennigan, Hailee Herc, Hannah Herc, Sally Schaefer and Staceylyn Smith.

## NEWS FROM THE EDEN ART DEPARTMENT

*By Lisa Nicaastro*

The Art Department recently received a beautiful collection of books from the estate of Mrs. Ruth Szalasny who was a long time advocate of education and a good friend to the school. We would like to extend our most sincere thanks to the family of Mrs. Szalasny and Ms. Elizabeth Hassett for the donation of books from the estate. Special thanks are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Henry for their purchase of Mrs. Szalasny's books at auction. They in turn donated those books to the school.

Thanks to Mr. Wayne Rose who recently donated his collection of art books to Mrs. Nicaastro. Mr. Rose has been a memorable mentor and respected colleague over the years.

Thanks to Mr. Mike Wlodarczyk of Creative Network for visiting the advertising studio to discuss his profession and offer his knowledge and assistance in the Ad Craft Project.

In October, the Boys and Girls Club of Eden dedicated a donor board created by Rebecca Smith, under the direction of Mrs. Nicaastro in June. The installation is a gorgeous multi level mural with space for donor plaques.

Once again this year, Eden High School advertising students participated in the annual Ad Craft Competition, which was sponsored by Metro Group. Ad Craft is a locally sponsored contest, which appears in all area news publications, such as the Hamburg Sun. This program is an exciting and useful way for students to gain experience in print advertising, as well as gain recognition for their design ideas and craftsmanship. Ten students worked to create ads for more than twenty local businesses. Watch the Hamburg Sun for prints of the ads in January and once again for announcement of winners in February.

The Musical Logo contest sponsored by the Music Department is also underway amongst both studio and advertising students. The winner will be announced in late December and a \$100 prize will be issued.

Mrs. Bossert at the GLP and Mrs. Nicaastro at the High School have participated in the first phase of their "Empty Bowls" project. Empty Bowls is a program that began years ago by an out of state art teacher in search of a way to raise funds for his local food banks, as well as bring about an awareness of hunger in the US and around the world. Students can create functional or non-functional bowls, which are offered in exchange for a donation, with the proceeds going toward hunger fighting organizations. This year, Mrs. Nicaastro's Ceramics I students learned wheel throwing and created more than 30 bowls. Mrs. Bossert's GLP artists then took a field trip to the high school ceramics studio and were greeted by their "high school buddies." Together the students glazed the bowls with inspiration coming from the art of Ancient Egypt, and the artistic use of symbols to express a thought or an idea. The bowls were decorated in symbols and patterns representing life, rejuvenation, purity, eternity, love, and harvest to name a few. The sense of camaraderie among the students was absolutely fantastic. Second grade students were given a demonstration in wheel throwing and were able to give it a try! High school buddies showed the young ones how to "wedge" and prepare the clay for work, as well as how to do some hand building techniques. The experience was fulfilling for all involved. Mrs. Bossert would like to let everyone know how proud she is of her artists, and Mrs. Nicaastro was overwhelmed and touched by the kind, compassionate, mature, gentle, and knowledgeable way her students performed. These bowls were truly created in a spirit of brotherhood, generosity, and fulfillment. The bowls will be available to view on February 28th during second semester Open House, at a reception in the High School, which will feature the work of advanced drawing and painting students, and some live music provided by Miss Alexander's students. The second phase of the project will begin in February when the bowls will travel to Buffalo State for display and sale.

As always, the Eden Art Department would like to thank the community for their constant support and well wishes. We ask that you always, "Keep art in your heart!"



## MAKING STRIDES

By: Colleen Griffin/Dana Fazzolari  
Eden Team Leaders

On Sunday, September 30th, Eden teachers, staff members, and students joined forces with other school districts and businesses in the "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" Walk. Over 1,000 teachers and students from the Buffalo area registered for this event to honor those whose lives have been touched by breast cancer. Close to \$75,000 was collected to be used to raise awareness and support research to fight this disease. In Eden, 46 walkers registered and raised \$1,890.00.

Thanks to all who gave up their time on a Sunday morning to support this event. A very special thank you goes out to the Eden Varsity Cheerleading Squad and their coach, Kim Texter, for once again showing their true spirit by collecting donations and walking with the Eden staff. A new addition this year was Jennifer Walker and her Girl Scout troop. We should all be proud of our community!

This is the fourth year the cheerleading team has participated in the walk, and they raised more money than ever, \$1,020.00. Senior cheerleader, Nykky Gustas, raised the most in the group with \$227.00 in donations. The cheerleaders would like to thank everyone who donated money towards this worthy cause.



Pictured are:

Front row: Andrea Halsey, Kristyn Bermingham, Jill Schreiber, Paula Karstedt, and Alex Romanowski.

Middle row: Abby Szal, Lindsay Leyh, Katy Larson, Alyssa Brese, Jessica Schnauer, Kayla Kenefick, and Sam Cappola.

Back row: Kimberlee Texter-varsity coach, Caitlin Reush, Jessica Sheida, Nicole Gustas, Erica Takahara, Sam Frew, Hannah Dubreville, and JV Coach Amber Costanzo.

## WATCH FOR PEDESTRIANS!!

There is a crosswalk from the Weller subdivision to the Junior/Senior High School on Schoolview Road. Vehicles must stop for pedestrians in this crosswalk. The town highway department recently replaced the yellow crosswalk signs with bright green signs, so they are better seen in the dark. The law is stated as follows: §1151 Pedestrians' right of way in crosswalks. (a) When traffic-control signals are not in place or not in operation, the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right of way, slowing down or stopping if need be to so yield, to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a crosswalk on the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling, except that any pedestrian crossing a roadway at a point where a pedestrian tunnel or overpass has been provided shall yield the right of way to all vehicles.

Please be extremely cautious at all crosswalks!

## RED RIBBON WEEK

By Kim Texter

The Eden Little Loop, Junior Varsity and Varsity cheerleaders "teamed up against drugs" for the opening ceremony of Red Ribbon Week at Eden Elementary. The cheerleaders did their competition routines and then did a group cheer that got the students involved. The cheerleaders then traveled to Grover L. Priess Primary School for the closing ceremony of Red Ribbon Week. The G.L.P. students were very involved in the cheers as they yelled, "Believe, Achieve, Succeed" the motto of this year's Red Ribbon Week.

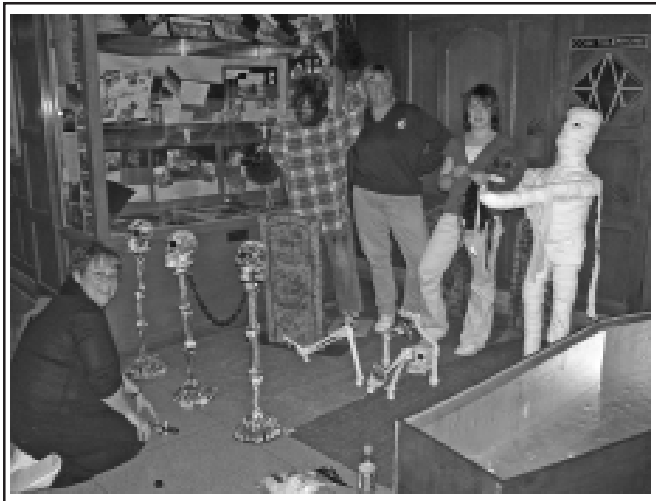


## CONGRATULATIONS KIM TEXTER!

Eden Elementary Teacher, Kim Texter was selected as "Teacher of the Week" by Channel 2 and the NYS Lottery. Kim was nominated by a student(s).

## HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES AT EDEN ELEMENTARY

Eden Elementary School had a very nice Halloween display in their foyer thanks to the creative efforts of Laura Bley, Renee Rice, and Karlie Bley. These ladies worked very hard to bring put a little scare in the air.



The Eden Elementary Drama club performed *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* during the week leading up to Halloween. The students in the club performed radio theater including sound effects. Thank you to Mr. Vona and all of the students who performed!



National Honor Society sponsored a pumpkin carving contest at Eden Elementary School on October 25, 2007. Parents and students were able to carve pumpkins donated by the Schichtel and Kester families. Pizza and pop were served. There was a contest for the best carved pumpkin. Everyone had a great time.



## MUSIC FROM BARRAGE

*By Denise Uhlman*

On Friday evening, November 2nd, fifty-four Eden Elementary String students and parents boarded a bus to the University of Buffalo's Center for the Arts to enjoy a concert by Barrage. Barrage is a "high-octane fiddle-fest that features an international multi-talented cast performing an eclectic mix of music, song and dance." "Barrage is too Wow for Words!" - Denver Post

"Barrage has entertained millions of people around the globe. Fans in Europe, Asia and North America have enjoyed Barrage at international festivals, concert performances, special events and TV appearances."

"Barrage performances offer up a diverse fusion of cultures, musical styles and incredible performance vitality. The music of Barrage continues to evolve - combining contemporary world music influences, layered vocal arrangements and pulsating modern beats and rhythms. The young hip cast delivers the show with amazing energy and musical virtuosity that will take your breath away."

During the months of September and October, our orchestra students had prepared for the concert by learning the various string techniques and musical elements that would be evident in the Barrage performance. We also spent time in class listening to and analyzing the music of Barrage. We even challenged the parents to a game of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire", quizzing them on general musical knowledge and more specific information on terms such as ostinato, glissando, vibrato, sympathetic vibrations, harmonics, etc. Our parent participants were a very brave lot!

Yes, we were totally mesmerized by the performance of Barrage. What an inspirational event it was for our 5th and 6th graders! Special thanks to the Eden Central PTA for their help in funding our trip. It was an event that will be long remembered! Thank you parents and students for a wonderful evening. You represented Eden very well!



**THANK YOU . . . . . THANK YOU**

The Social Studies Department would like to thank Tony Helta and West Herr Chevrolet and West Herr Ford for co-sponsoring our Buffalo News subscription. Without their generosity we wouldn't have the newspaper at all! They do a great deal of charity and sponsorships in the local area.

Thank you to Tim and Karen Kraska and Capital Management for their donation to the Lady Raiders Swim Team. The girls were able to purchase team suits because of their generosity. The team and coaches are very appreciative!

**CONTINUING EDUCATION**

We still have room in the following continuing education classes for the fall/winter session. To register, please send your name, address, phone number, class name and a check payable to Eden Central School to District Office, Eden Central School, 3150 Schoolview Road, Eden, NY 14057.

**INTRO TO MICROSOFT WORD** - In this course, you will learn the basics of Microsoft Word. We will cover formatting, using tools, tables, customizing toolbars, mail merges, headers and footers and much more.

Wednesday, January 2nd 7:00 - 9:00 pm 4 Sessions Min. 6 people to run class  
Instructor: Susan Schnauffer Room 109 \$35.00

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

\*Monday, Tuesday, January 7th and 8th 6:30 - 9:45 pm 2 Sessions Min. 10 people to run class  
Instructor: Vince Vacco or Susan Tabaczynski Faculty Room \$40.00

**PILATES** - This class is designed to work your core muscles and flatten your tummy. Whether your goals are to get in shape, lose weight, reduce stress, become stronger or increase energy, this Pilates Fitness Program is for you! Please bring a mat or towel, and a water bottle. This class usually runs in consecutive 4 week sessions. Feel free to join at any time.

Monday & Wednesday beginning January 7th 6:00 - 7:00 pm 4 Weeks Min. 8 people to run class  
Instructor: Barbara Thomasulo Aux Gym A \$25.00 or \$5 walk-in

**LIFE GUARD TRAINING** - Lifeguard Training: Content summary - professionalism, surveillance, victim recognition, equipment-based rescues, and caring for head, neck, and back injuries. This comprehensive course prepares participants for employment as lifeguards. Included in the course are Lifeguard Training, First Aid, CPR, Automated External Defibrillation (AED) Essentials, Oxygen Administration, Preventing Disease Transmission, and Waterpark and Waterfront Lifeguarding. Participants must attend all of the following Saturday classes: March 29th, April 5th, April 26th from 9 am - 5 pm and on May 3rd from 9 am - 3 pm. There is a \$10 discount for Independent Health members. Participants must be at least 15 years old. The participants who successfully complete the Lifeguard Training course receive 2 certificates: CPR for the Professional Rescuer Certificate (valid for 1 year) and Lifeguard Training Certificate (includes First Aid) - valid for 3 years. In order to be enrolled in the Lifeguard Training course, students must successfully complete the following swimming prerequisites on the first day of class (March 29, 2008):

- 1. Swim 300 yards continuously, using these strokes in the following order:
  - o 100 yards of the front crawl using rhythmic breathing and a stabilizing, propellant kick.
  - o 100 yards of breaststroke using a pull, breathe, kick and glide sequence.
  - o 100 yards of either the front crawl or breaststroke.
- 2. Swim, surface dive, and retrieve a 10 pound brick from 7-10 feet of water.

Saturday, March 29th 9:00 - 5:00 4 Sessions Min. 10 people to run class  
Instructor: Red Cross Room 146 & Pool \$194.00

**ON-LINE HEART TRANSPLANT**

*By Barbara Thomasulo*

Students in Mrs. Noel's 8th grade science class recently had an opportunity to perform a virtual heart transplant on-line. This interactive program allowed students to review the procedure, take a graded quiz, and perform the transplant after they successfully passed the quiz. The transplant program is offered through Firefox and PBS.



Pictured: Students from Mrs. Noel's 8th Grade Mod 3/4 Science Class.

## JR. HIGH AREA ALL-STATE MUSICIANS

*By Paul Furlong*

Congratulations to our Junior High musicians who participated in the Junior High Area All-State Music Festival November 2nd & 3rd at Akron. Students are selected from Erie, Niagara, Chautauqua, and Cattaraugus counties, based upon auditions performed at the end of the previous school year.



Row 1: Lindsay Robinson (orchestra), Megan Pszonak (band), Kyle Acker (band), Anna King (chorus).

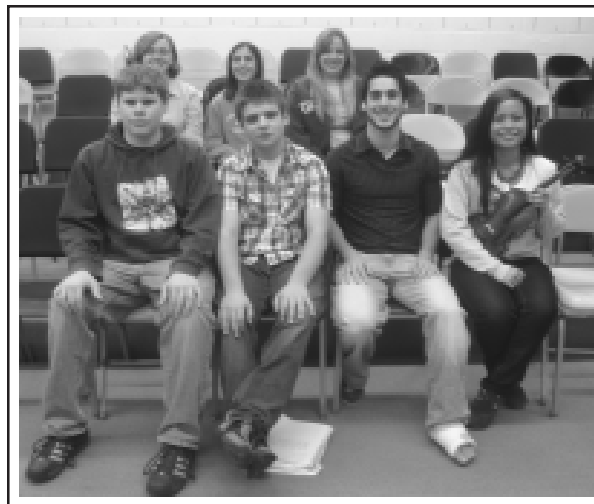
Row 2: Abigayle Ploetz (chorus), Jessica Schnauer (chorus), Grace Ohmit (chorus), Heather Feldman (chorus).

Missing from the photo are Cullen & Erynn Motak.

## SR. HIGH AREA ALL-STATE MUSICIANS

*By Paul Furlong*

Congratulations to our Senior High musicians who participated in the Senior High Area All-State Music Festival November 16 & 17 at Fredonia. Students are selected from Erie, Niagara, Chautauqua, and Cattaraugus counties, based upon auditions performed at the end of the previous school year.



Row 1: Tim Schnauer (chorus), Will Pszonak (chorus), Julian Bermingham (chorus), Christina Lorenz (orchestra).

Row 2: Miriam Harms (band), Lauren Pszonak (chorus), Vicki Pace (chorus).

## WINTER WEATHER ALERTS!

District personnel arrive very early in the morning to plow and salt parking areas, sidewalks and access areas to all buildings. On occasion they encounter a vehicle that is left overnight, which disrupts the process of plowing. Please do not use the school parking lots after 11:00 p.m. during the winter season so the snow removal process can be completed prior to student, staff and bus driver arrival.

### **TWO HOUR DELAY:**

In order to ensure that the District is in session for the required 180 days, a school delay procedure will be used, when necessary.

A two hour delay at the start of the school day will be announced on television and radio stations as soon as a decision to delay has been made. Dismissal for all schools will remain at the regular time.

Planning in advance as to how your family will accommodate a delay is advised. We apologize for any inconvenience the delay process may cause you.

### **EMERGENCY CLOSINGS:**

When adverse weather conditions develop and result in the closing of Eden schools, or emergency conditions warrant the closing of one or more schools, the following television and radio stations will carry the closing announcement:

Channel 2 - Channel 4 - Channel 7	
WTSS 102.5 FM	WBEN 930 AM
WKSE 98.5 FM	WGRF 96.9 FM
WHTT 104.1 FM	WEDG 103.3 FM
WBUF 92.9 FM	WYRK 106.5 FM
WJYE 96.1 FM	WECK 1230 AM

## NEWS FROM THE GLP ART STUDIO

By Mary Ellen Bossert

### NEWS:

- Artists have been busy learning about the art of ancient Egypt.

- Salma Tarek Youssef, a Senior High AFS student from Egypt visited the art studio on November 21st to give a presentation to all the 2nd grade artists. She spoke about herself, her country, and her culture. Thank you Mrs. King for arranging her special educational visit!

Wow! 22 artists that work at home:

Kindergarten: Emma Sutfin, Ryan Keefe, Emma Tambacas, Jessica Hall.

1st grade: Rachel Henning, Samantha Preischel, Julia Hooper, Trinity Ruckdaschel, Kelsey Pressing, Emilee Nelson, Mitchell Fest, Emily Kuster, Mattie Woodard, Aiden Strawbrich, Christopher Martin, Daniel Simcoe, Jessica Pelc, Sarah Heltz.

2nd grade: Kaylei Chojacki, Gianna Rosario, Catherine Mc Laughlin, Tyler Kowalczyk.

### COMMUNITY ART NEWS:

- Village Clay in Orchard Park: a great art adventure for the winter months. Get there soon and create a personalized gift for someone you love this Holiday! Call 662-3067 or check out their site [www.Villageclay.com](http://www.Villageclay.com).

- Shop at the Albright Knox Art Gallery's gift shop: Unique books and art items.

- Castellani Art Museum: Children's activities: 286-8200

### HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS:

Give a gift of creativity this season!

Sketchbooks and colored pencils, books with illustrations to inspire, modeling clay, computer art games or art software, easel and paints, playdoh, or visit an art gallery and explore!

### ART WEBSITES:

[www.jacksonpollack.org](http://www.jacksonpollack.org) and [www.tuxpaint.org](http://www.tuxpaint.org)

**KEEPART IN YOUR HEART!**

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten registration at the GLP Building will be held February 4th through February 7th, 2008. 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 2008, or if you do not receive a packet in January, please call the attendance office at 992-3630.

## MEETING THE NEEDS OF ALL LEARNERS BY USING DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES

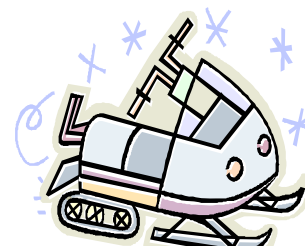
By Debbie Biastre

The Eden Central School District recently hosted international Differentiated Instruction trainer, Linda Tilton to work with its Preschool through 12th Grade Faculty and Staff. The focus of the in-service was expanding teachers' strategies to identify and meet the various learning styles and instructional needs of our students. Pictured below is the 4th grade team brainstorming ways to incorporate several ideas that had been presented. The team consists of Claire Pingitore, Sheila Harris, Jacquelyn Malinowski, Theresa Buziak, Jenny Walker, Brandi Woodard, Barb Cook, Elaine Muchowski, and Mary Ann Mandiak.



### 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 July 11, 2001 with enforcement through the local police department under Vehicle and Traffic Law section 1670.





## VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONS AGAIN!!

It may seem like a tradition, like homecoming that happens every year across America, but once again our Varsity Volleyball teams finished their 2007 seasons with State Championship Titles. The year proved to be the girls turn to go undefeated with a perfect record of 23 -0. The boy's team went 22-8.

The Boys team was lead by seniors Steven Klein (1st Team All-WNY), Ryan Meller (2nd team All-WNY), Greg Kotecki (2nd Team ECIC), Andy Kiel, Adam Wightman (2nd Team ECIC), and Mark Gardner (1st Team ECIC). Underclassmen Charlie Keubler, Gary Gawera, Tony Blaszczyk, Ryan Said and Jay Senozetnik (1st Team ECIC), all will once again have very big shoes to fill when they come to camp next August to defend their title next season. Highlights of the season also included winning the Orchard Park Tourney, ECIC Division III Title, Class B Sectional Title, as well as the aforementioned NY State Class B Intersectional Championship.

The Girls team was led by one senior, Chelsea Hennigan (1st Team All-WNY) and a host of underclassmen that made up a team that will most likely be looked at as the best team that Eden has ever had. The perfect season was topped with another State Championship. Other key team members were Juniors Heather Henry (1st team All-WNY), Joelle Crabtree (Div IV All-Star), Sally Schaefer (Div IV All-Star), Janine Benkelman (Div IV All-Star), Sophomores Stacey Smith (2nd Team All-WNY), Hannah Herc (2nd Team All-ECIC), Katie Escher (Div IV All-Star), Hailee Herc (Div IV All-Star), and the lone Freshman Heather Feldman (Div IV All Star). Season highlights included winning the statewide tournaments, the Eden Invitational and the Horseheads Tournament of Champions. The Lady Raiders were also ranked 72nd in the nation on prepvolleyball.com and received a featured write-up on the national website. The team will be sad to see Chelsea leave, but the future looks bright for another perfect season with such a young team returning next season.

Once again both teams proved that working hard in the off season, playing as a team, and never giving up on a play can make for a very rewarding season.

## ERIE 1 BOCES YOUTH CONFERENCE

*By: Jaimy Sessanna*

On Saturday, September 29th the Eden Future Business Leaders of America and the Eden Boys and Girls Club's Keystone Club attended the 1st Annual Youth Leadership Conference at Erie 1 Boces on Harlem Road in West Seneca. Members from FBLA who attended were: Jaimy Sessanna – President, Jessica Kramer – Secretary, Tyler Arendt – Treasurer, Kyle Parsons – School Store, and member Kaley Donaldson. Members from the Keystone Club included Mike Parnitzke, Zack Naumovski.



Chaperones included Anastasia Lembitz from the Boys and Girls Club and Mary Nowicki from Eden FBLA. Upon arriving at Erie 1 Boces, attendees were given a booklet outlining the events.

Opening the conference were different motivational speakers such as Ty Howard who spoke about making the best of any current situation. After the opening presentation, everyone was divided and sent into different rooms where other public speakers gave presentations. Lunch was served, and then once again everyone was divided up and participated in a hands-on problem solving experience.

An awards ceremony was conducted at the end of the conference recognizing those students who made significant contributions to becoming leaders in their communities. This was truly a great experience for everyone who attended. Learning how to take care of problems in a professional manner is a great skill to have in any job that one might hold.

## EDEN CHEERS IN HAMBURG PARADE

*By Kim Texter*

The Eden Varsity and Junior Varsity Cheerleaders participated in the Hamburg Holidays Parade on Saturday, November 24th. The girls were invited to join the parade by the planning committee and happily accepted. Although it was a very frigid day, the girls showed their spirit and performed their routines at the two viewing stands. They also passed out candy canes and cheered for the crowd throughout the parade route. Great job, girls!



It is in giving that we receive.

St. Francis of Assisi

## KUDOS TO THE STUDENTS AT EDEN CENTRAL

*By Loran Carter*

It was an impressive night of awards at the November Board of Education Meeting for the Eden Central School District. Students from grades K-12 were acknowledged for their outstanding character and traits that deserve recognition and appreciation. The pictured students were nominated by teachers and school staff for their day to day actions at school that make them stand out as students who make a difference among their peers, teachers, and others within the school setting. Congratulations to the following students listed below, and keep up the great work!



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

## Y.E.S.

*By Sue Engle*

Mrs. Tina Rigley, Collin's mom, visited Mrs. Engle's second grade to share her job with the class. Mrs. Rigley is the Associate Director for the non-profit volunteer program of Youth Engaged in Service, co-sponsored by Catholic Charities and the Youth and Recreation Department of Cheektowaga.

Mrs. Rigley explained that her youth volunteers are responsible for helping the elderly, physically challenged, the community and various children's groups. She stresses to the students that they are not too young to begin to be role models and helpers to those around them.

As a fun culminating activity, she showed the boys & girls how to face paint, an activity that her volunteers share to bring joy and fun to others. The boys and girls had a wonderful, creative time painting. This left them a visible reminder to make a difference in the lives of others each day.



## ART THERAPY AT THE GLP

*By Sandra Wess-Rishel*

When you teach Elementary School, you often wonder "Am I making a difference?" or "Will they even remember what I've taught them?"

For Mitchell and Matthew Fox, 2nd graders at GLP, the answer to both questions is "Yes!" when speaking of Mrs. Bossert, their Art teacher. When Mitchell and Matthew lost their treasured pet dog, Mandy, to a car accident, their sorrow was evident. It was hard for them to concentrate on school and learning when they missed their pet so much. Mrs. Mary Ellen Bossert, whose motto is "keep art in your heart", offered to help them with their loss.

At the end of each day, Mrs. Bossert gave up her planning time to help the boys work through their sorrow. The boys brought in pictures of Mandy. She helped them transfer Mandy into a unique memory on canvas. They each painted the background first. They outlined what they each wanted to paint, and they spent time painting their masterpiece.

Expressing feelings and thoughts is difficult for some children. Putting feelings and thoughts on canvas can be therapeutic. It helps children to solve problems and work through pain.

Through this Art Therapy, the boys communicated their loss, and now openly talk about their pet. They now have two beautiful framed paintings hanging in a special place in their house. What a great way to "keep art in their heart."



Pictured: Mitchell and Matthew Fox with Mrs. Bossert.

At right: Carolyn and Paul Schaefer with Theresa Filipiak and the sewing machines she donated to the school.

## TEACHER DONATES SEWING MACHINES

*By Barbara Thomasulo*

Ms. Theresa Filipiak, Family and Consumer Science Teacher at Eden, purchased ten brand new Pfaff sewing machines from Carolyn and Paul Schaefer, owners of the Eden Sewing Center and then generously donated them to the Eden Jr./Sr. High School. Pfaff is a high-quality German-made sewing machine.

Ms. Filipiak teaches 7th and 8th grade Sewing and World of Fashion and has kept current with skills through her attendance at many classes. She is up to date and informed with the curriculum and new technology. If you haven't seen the inside of a Family and Consumer Science classroom or checked your local sewing store recently, you may not be aware of the software available to scan and create your own designs for your garments. There are sewing machines with computers built-in, which opens up a whole new world for creativity. It's pretty awesome! Although both boys and girls enjoy making garments in class, the boys are actually more enthusiastic than the girls, because in addition to the clothing they make, the boys love the technology and mechanics of the machines.

Carolyn Schaefer also teaches classes at Eden Sewing Center for both kids and adults. They offer garment sewing, quilting, and others classes, in addition to selling machines. Mrs. Schaefer has donated much fabric to Eden Central School for costumes for the musical. Mr. & Mrs. Schaefer are thrilled to be a support factor for the school. A retired Lake Shore Central technology teacher, Mr. Schaefer helps his wife with the business. He, too, is very excited about today's technology. The Eden Sewing Center offers a discounted price to our students who take sewing classes.

All three agree that there is a renewed interest in sewing and are excited to be a part of this life-long skill.

Our sincere thanks to Ms. Filipiak for her extreme generosity to our students.



## CARDS FOR SOLDIERS

*By Lorry Malkowski*

Here is something cool that Xerox is doing .... If you go to this web site, < <http://www.letsaythanks.com/> > you can pick out a thank you card and Xerox will print it, and then send it to a soldier who is currently serving in Iraq. You can't pick out who gets it, but it will go to some member of the armed services. How AMAZING it would be if we could get everyone we know to send one!!! This is a great site. Please send a card. It is FREE, and it only takes a second. Wouldn't it be wonderful if the soldiers received a bunch of these? Whether you are for or against the war, our guys and gals over there need to know we are behind them.

## GAINING ACCESS TO EDEN'S WEB RESOURCES

*By Susan Schnauffer*

Have you noticed that the Eden Web Site has a Web Resources page? Many of these resources students can use from home. Visit [www.edencsd.org](http://www.edencsd.org). Beneath the Eden Logo, under Site Shortcuts, click on Web Resources, and you will see all of our resources. The resources that students can access for use at home and the log-in information for those resources are listed below:

**GROLIER** -User ID: sls Password: sls

\*case sensitive - All lower case!

**SCHOOLISLAND** - User ID: student's assigned district computer ID

Password: student's choice

**WORLDBOOK ONLINE** - User ID: edencsd

Password: edenschools

**GALE GROUP**- User ID: NONE (do not need one - password only) Password: empirelink

**EBSCO** - User ID: edenjsh (HS) edenel (EE) priessel (GLP)

Password: edenjsh (HS) edenel (EE) priessel (GLP)

**CAREERCROUSING** - User ID: eden Password: raiders

**OPPOSING VIEWPOINTS** - Remote Password (from home) - edenrpa

**WORLD ALMANAC FACTS** - User ID: glpriess Password: facts



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