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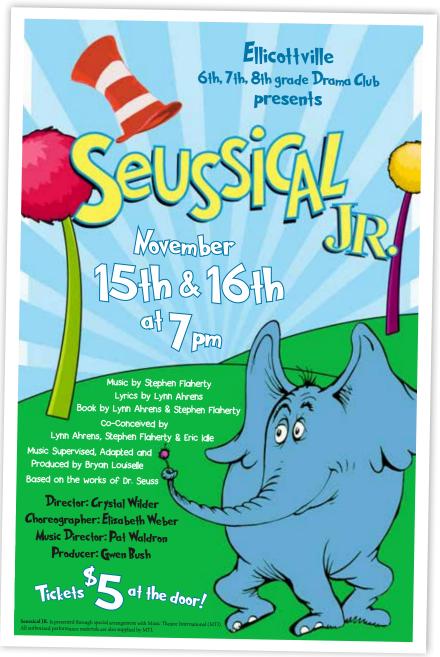
## ECS 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades Drama Club to Present Seussical JR.

The only thing more entertaining than reading a Dr. Seuss book is seeing a musical based on selections from his most popular works! The Ellicottville 6th,7th, and 8th grade Drama Club is excited to present the magical musical extravaganza Suessical JR! Performances are on Wednesday, November 15th and Thursday, November 16th at 7pm at the ECS Stage. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$5.

Horton the Elephant, the Cat in the Hat and all of your favorite Dr. Seuss characters spring to life onstage in Seussical JR., a fantastical musical extravaganza from Tony-winners, Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty.

Transporting audiences from the Jungle of Nool to the Circus McGurkus, the Cat in the Hat narrates the story of Horton the Elephant, who discovers a speck of dust containing tiny people called the Whos. Horton must protect the Whos from a world of naysayers and dangers, and he must also guard an abandoned egg that's been left in his care by the irresponsible Mayzie La Bird. Although Horton faces ridicule, danger and a trial; the intrepid Gertrude McFuzz never loses faith in him. Ultimately, the powers of friendship, loyalty, family and community are challenged and emerge triumphant!

Seussical Jr. will be directed by Crystal Wilder, with Pat Waldron as the Vocal Director, Elizabeth Weber as Choreograpgher and Gwen Bush will be Producing the Musical.



Our cast includes: Christian Swalcy, Dylan Timblin, Josh Coolidge, Sarah Weber, Olivia Bacon, Katie Krotz, Keelin Finn, Emma Steffenhagen, Emma Krzanak, Katryna Jennings, Katrina DeChane, Gian Nuzzo, Braylon Wyatt, Zach Clark, Jaxon Czapla, Hali Fish, Errol Moore, Morgan Krotz, Emmet Jacobson-Coolidge, Selena Smith, Baylee Ruiz, Shelby Colburn, Gracie Conklin, Gwen DeChane, Emma Lafferty, Audrey Hurlburt, Breana Andrews, Allison Pfeffer, Jessi Rust, Chloe Huffman and Abby Chudy. Also, a guest appearance by MS/HS principal Mr. Erich Ploetz.

# A Time of Tradition and a Time of Change

By Bob Miller, Superintendent

Traditions and change don't often go together. The first term is about keeping things the same, while the latter is about making things different. So why, you may ask, would I put these two items into the same article? Well, in some cases they really do go together. Take Thanksgiving for example. The tradition of getting together with family, enjoying each other's company, and eating a delicious meal is a time honored tradition. And, while this tradition carries on from year to year for each family, there are often changes along the way; sons and daughters get married and introduce new people to the family's traditions. As people join a family, they inevitably introduce new dishes, desserts or activities. In the end the family embraces the changes and the traditions actually evolve and carry on.

Just like Thanksgiving, a school will experience changes as it, too, looks to carry on the traditions that have shaped it. My intent is to let you know that while ECS will always face new mandates, updates to policies, revisions of plans, and adjustments to rules (changes); we will continue to look for ways to hold true to so many of the traditions that have ensured student success and safety.

Some of the changes impacting ECS are out of our control. Later in this newsletter, you will see an article by Mr. Ploetz which will focus on changes to the ELA and Math New York State Learning Standards and Assessments. As we work to embrace the Next Generation Standards and shortened number of days that assessments will be administered, you can rest assured that the faculty and staff at the school will be doing all we can to deliver on our tradition of providing an exceptional educational experience to students. In fact, we have already started. The Next Generation Science Standards were actually adopted a few years ago and their implementation is now taking effect. As a result, several elementary teachers attended training this past summer on how to use new instructional science kits. In addition, over the summer, teachers met in teams to discuss and make plans on ways to best meet the changes in the standards by providing a strong curriculum. Moving forward, throughout the school year, many teachers will be involved regionally in Collaborative Learning Communities (CLC), which is simply a fancy name for a group of teachers who will be engaged in learning that is focused on a specific grade level and/or subject.

In the midst of these changes to the Standards and curriculum, we are continuing our tradition of providing extra student support. As I write this article, the "late busses" are lining up in front of the school. These busses, a long time staple at ECS, allow students to stay for homework club, meet with teachers for extra help, participate in the peer tutoring program, access the library/computer lab in the high school, etc. The only change I would like to see to this tradition is getting a few more middle and high school students who are struggling to stay on these days for extra help.

Last year we changed how we conduct emergency drills. For years, schools simply needed to ensure they were holding the required number of fire drills each year. Unfortunately, given the tragic incidents that have taken place in schools over the years, we now have to incorporate lockdown drills. I know that traditionally the drills we incorporate throughout the year will better ensure that students and staff are ready if there is ever an emergency. (More information is available on these drills in a separate article later in this newsletter.)

And, speaking of safety, we are eagerly awaiting the completion of our new video camera system. Old grainy videos will be a thing of the past as the new digital cameras will allow a much clearer view of what is being recorded. In the event there is a situation or problem, we will be better equipped to review video information for the protection of students, staff and school property. Together, the emergency drill format and video cameras will carry on our strong tradition of putting student safety first.

The next change I would like to bring to your attention is our phone system. The "old" system was just that "...old," and it would not let us do many things with it that we needed to do. The new system is much clearer, will be more stable and, if people calling in are patient, will get you to where you want to go faster. On page 3 please see a "cut-out" of directions and extensions that will assist when you call the school. Please know that we will definitely carry on with our tradition of calling you back as soon as possible.

Last year, we also made some

changes to our concert format that seemed to be popular; holding a District Wide Band Concert on one night and a District Wide Chorus Concert on a different night. We liked the format as it allowed for one set-up of the stage per concert and saved people having to wait while we tore down from one set and put up the second. We also received some feedback, and, in general parents and community members seemed to like this format as well. There is a good chance that this will become the new tradition for concerts. And, it goes without saying, the tradition of great student performances will continue!

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## WALK THIS WAY

Ellicottville Central School will host a Walk Program for community members from **November 27th to April 26th**.

The building will be open:

# MON.— THURS. FROM 6-9 PM

(WHEN SCHOOL IS IN SESSION)

Community members are asked to check-in each time they walk at the High School back parking lot entrance.

# ECS FITNESS CENTER

# Open to the Public from 4–7 PM

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays (when school is in session) STARTING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2017

# ECS Welcomes Two New Teachers



*Ms. Kristin Rocco* will be teaching 7-12 Special Education. For the past year, she has been working as a middle school Special Education teacher in Frewsburg Central School. Prior to that, she worked in several special education positions at Falconer Central School and Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES. Kristin graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Childhood Inclusive Education from SUNY Fredonia and a Master's degree in Differentiated Instruction from St. Bonaventure. She and her husband Jeremy live in Great Valley with their son Nicholas and their Daughter Eleanor.

*Ms. Mindy Stormer* will start her journey at Ellicottville Central School as a fourth grade teacher. She taught third grade in Bradford, Pennsylvania for the past 8 years. Ms. Stormer received her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education in 2008 from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and received her Masters of Science in Reading and Literary from Walden University in 2012. She continues taking graduate courses to expand her knowledge of curriculum and instruction. Ms. Stormer resides in Ellicottville.



#### **Idling Buses on School Grounds**

State law requires school districts to take steps to minimize the idling of the engines of school buses and other school vehicles on school grounds. While students are boarding and departing school buses, the engine should be turned off. Students should be instructed about the importance of getting on and off buses in an orderly and efficient fashion to minimize loading and offloading time. Bus engines should also be off while parked at sporting events and other school activities. Exceptions to this "no idling" policy can be made in cases of emergency, mechanical issues or for necessary heating.

# **Important Yearbook Information**

- Old yearbooks are available for purchase, as long as supplies last. The 2017 yearbook is \$50. Books from previous years are \$10. Contact Mrs. Bauer (cbauer@eville.wnyric.org) for more details.
- You need to put at least \$10 down to reserve a yearbook. If you do not reserve one then you can purchase them a week after they come in, if there are any left after all reserved ones have had a chance to be claimed.
- if you are a local business and you want to advertise in the yearbook contact Mrs. Bauer.
- There will be a fundraiser to sell Easter candy. If you sell 30 items you get a free yearbook. If you sell less than 30 items you get \$1 off the cost of the yearbook for each item you sell.
- if you have great pictures you have taken that you think might be good for the yearbook email them to Mrs. Bauer at <a href="mailto:cbauer@eville.wnyric.org">cbauer@eville.wnyric.org</a>.

### **NEW Phone System**

#### ECS Phone System Main Lines

- MS/HS Office (ext. 1400)
- Elementary Office (ext. 1600)
- Superintendent's Office (ext. 1300)
- 4 School Nurse (ext. 1604)
- 6 Guidance Office (ext. 1500)
- Business Office/ Tax Collector (ext. 1303)
- Bus Garage (ext. 1305)
- S CSE Office (ext. 1227)
- **9** Fraud Hotline (716-699-6052)

See Complete Directory on Page 8.

As mentioned earlier in this newsletter, we have a new phone system at ECS. While updating the system, we worked to ensure that every classroom and office had a phone installed. This allows for school staff to easily take and return phone calls. And, while teachers cannot receive calls during school hours, they all have voicemail and will be able to return calls.

At this time I would like to offer some tips regarding our phone system to best assist you when calling.

- The automated system will answer your call immediately. Once this recording starts, you can select from one of 9 designated lines to take you directly to an office you may need. For your convenience, these lines are listed above.
- □ If you do not know the number
   of the line you wish to call,
   please listen to the recording, as it
   will provide a quick rundown of
   these numbers.
- The school, please take the time to listen to the message left for you before calling back. This is important, as you will know who called, why they called and how to reach them. And, often times the call may be an automated call to share important information with you, and there is no need to return the call.

NOV	EMB	ER				2017
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY 1	THURSDAY 2	FRIDAY  Junior High Area All State	SATURDAY  Junior High Area All  State
5	Homework Club	MS/HS Picture Re-Takes Homework Club 7:00 pm Board of Education Meeting (HS Library)	8	1/2 day for students: Parent/Teacher Conferences	Veteran's Day - School Closed	11
12	Homework Club 6:00 pm Fall Sports Banquet	NHS Blood Drive Homework Club	7:00 pm 6th, 7th, 7th Grade Musical	Homework Club 7:00 pm 6th, 7th, 7th Grade Musical	Senior High Area All 17 State	Senior High Area All 18 State
19	Homework Club	21	Thanksgiving Break: No school for students and teachers	Happy Thanksgiving - School Closed	Thanksgiving Break - School Closed	25
26	Homework Club 27	Homework Club 28	29	PTO Book Fair Homework Club		
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#### **NEED-TO-KNOW SUMMARY:**

The NYS Education Department is beginning the rollout of new and improved learning standards, known as the Next Generation ELA and Mathematics Learning Standards. Over the next three years, these learning standards will replace the NYS Common Core Learning Standards, and were officially adopted by the New York State Board of Regents on September 11, 2017. Teachers and school districts will work to learn and implement the new standards for full implementation by the 2020-21 school year. Beginning this school year in Spring, 2018, State assessments in grades 3-8 will also change to a 2-day (formerly 3-day) format.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

In 2015, Governor Andrew M.
Cuomo formed the Common Core
Task Force (a broad committee of
teachers, administrators and state-level
policymakers), charging the committee
with undertaking a comprehensive review
of the Common Core State Standards
in New York State in an effort to seek
enhanced stakeholder input. The work
of this committee, in conjunction with
Commissioner MaryEllen Elia and the
NYS Education Department, has resulted
in forthcoming changes to our public
educational system statewide.

#### STANDARDS REFORM:

Through a deep review of the standards, including exhaustive efforts to gather input from students, parents and educators, New York State has announced the newest collection of state standards, now known as the *Next Generation Learning Standards*.

The most apparent quality of the

Next Generation Learning Standards is the transparency in which they were developed. A two-year collaborative process was undertaken at the state level, with numerous opportunities for classroom, district- and regional-level educators to provide input over a five-month open review and comment period. Commissioner Elia and the NYSED have gone to great lengths to communicate how child development experts and professionals with expertise in students with disabilities were at the table during standards review.

So, what is different? It will take months of analysis and deep investigation to gain a comprehensive understanding of the differences between Common Core standards and Next Generation standards. The Next Generation standards are more similar to Common Core standards than they are different, with refinements meant to reduce redundancy, provide clarification for teachers and to simplify where possible. The Next Generation standards do not dictate specific curriculum or teaching practices, which will remain a local decision within each classroom and school district. The Next Generation Learning standards are available for public review at <a href="http://www.nysed.gov/next-">http://www.nysed.gov/next-</a> generation-learning-standards.

In ELA, standard revision included the addition/deletion, vertical movement and clarification of current English Language Arts standards. One new aspect to the Next Generation ELA Standards is an emphasis on lifelong practices of readers and writers, underscoring the longstanding benefits of accessing diverse forms of literature over one's lifetime. Continued in this series of learning standards is a cross-cutting emphasis

on literacy skills embedded in social studies and science instruction, designed to enhance communication and research within discipline-specific content.

In mathematics, students will be challenged to demonstrate an understanding of not only math content and procedural correctness, but the ability to model and reason mathematically to make sense of problems and patterns. Educators will strive to find a balance between math "procedures" and "understanding," which can often be explored by asking a student to explain why the correct answer is indeed, correct.

#### **CHANGES IN STATE ASSESSMENTS:**

Another change recommended by the Common Core Task Force which was adopted by the Board of Regents in June is a reduction in the number of days of student testing on the annual grades 3-8 State assessments in ELA and math from three days each to two. The change takes effect beginning with the tests that will be administered this school year in Spring 2018. For this upcoming school year, ELA test administration is scheduled for the second week of April 2018, and the mathematics test is scheduled for the first week of May 2018.

Also of note is the timeline for implementation of the Next Generation Learning Standards. The New York State Education Department has allotted three (3) full years of transition and professional development before the 3-8 State assessments are aligned to the Next Generation Standards. This will allow teachers time to explore, implement and align instruction before students are expected to perform on assessments aligned to new standards.

#### **State Qualifications & Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR)**

#### **Staff Qualifications**

Pursuant to the No Child Left Behind Act, parents may request information about the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teachers including whether the teacher has State certification for the classes being taught; the teacher's bachelor's degree major and any other certifications or degrees by field or discipline; and whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications. Requests for the above information may be directed in writing to: Ellicottville Central School, ATTN: Mr. Robert Miller, Superintendent, 5873 Route 219, Ellicottville, New York 14731.

#### Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR)

All parents/guardians will have the

right to obtain the Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) quality ratings and composite effectiveness scores for their child's teacher(s) and principal(s) once the scores are officially available in accordance with state law. For additional details, please contact Mr. Robert Miller, Superintendent, 716-699-2368.



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## **Tradition & Change...**

A new change for events this year will be the moving of the December Family Fun Night in the Elementary School to a Friday evening. This change will allow families to more fully enjoy the evening without having to worry about waking up younger kids for school the next morning. The activities this evening will mostly remain the same, and, as we know ECS has the best behaved students, Santa Claus himself will be making a guest appearance!

Of course we will also continue on with so many other traditions that have been around for some time at Ellicottville. Elementary students will once again be in the village for the annual Halloween parade. In December, Student Council will host senior citizens from the community to celebrate the holidays (complete with a performance from students... a tradition that changed a few years ago to include elementary singers). And, I would be remiss if I did not include what is, perhaps, our most heart-warming tradition... Project Christmas. I'm always amazed by the generosity of students and the community whether it is donations or volunteering (or both). I feel comfortable stating that this will be a tradition that will carry on for many years.

In the end, while there are many changes taking place that impact ECS, please be assured we are doing all we can to ensure our strong tradition of providing a superior education to students. Recognizing the necessity of these changes allows us to best meet their challenges. And, in the end, we all need to realize that, often times, changes are needed to ensure that traditions may continue. Just as changes have allowed families' Thanksgiving traditions to remain strong over the years, and incorporating necessary changes at ECS will allow us to continue our tradition of providing a quality education to students.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

# **Bus Routes Updates**

## Please note the following changes...

Bus #112, Mr. Crowley Humphrey Road Pumpkin/Fay Hollow Road Bonne Way Humphrey Road Raecher Road Flint Road Raecher Road Humphrev Road Brown Road 219 North **Green Valley Estates** Rt. 98 Martin Road

Bus #113, Mrs. Kent Sommerville Valley Bryant Hill Crane Road High Meadows Dooley Road Simmons Road Smith Road Sommerville Valley Road Washington @ Elizabeth

Brewer Crossroad

Adams Van Buren Drive Elizabeth Street W. Washington Holiday Valley Road

Corner Washington &

Bus #116, Mr. O'brien Sugartown Road McGuan Road Sugartown Road Clair Valley Sugartown Road Rt. 98 Davies Road Howe Hill Road Rt. 98

Mutton Hollow Road

Bus #117, Mr. Kent 219 North Kuhn Road Irish Hill 242 South 219 South 219 North Cotter Road Beaver Meadows Road Kuhn Road Irish Hill Road Horn Hill Road

Ouackenbush Road Rt. 242 East Washington Street Mill Street Farm to Market Road

Bus #118, Mr. John Golley Bailev Hill Crumb Hill Plato Road Hinman Hollow

Kent Road Hinman Hollow Lindberg Road Poverty Hill Maples Road Northwood Drive Pine Tree Road

Washington Street Route 219

Mechanic Street

Bus #119, Mr. Marek Beeles Road Bear Hollow Road Snowbrook Road Bear Hollow Road Humphrey/Peth (Intersection) Barker Run Peth Road Fairview Lane

Peth Road Courtney Highlands Rt. 219 North Creek View Estates Burleson Road

Bus #120, Mrs. Stokes Rt. 219 Hungry Hollow Road

North Whalen Road Porter Hollow Road Klawitter Road Grace Ave. to Depot Street

Bus #121, Mr. Jim Golley

Bibbs Road **Dublin Road** Watson Road California Hill Frdman Hill Hinman Hollow Road Maples Road Cross Road Maples Road Hollister Hill Road Hencoop Road Plum Creek Road Route 242 Madison Street

Bus #122, Mrs. Brown **Humphrey Center Bozard Hill Humphrey Center** Humphrey Road Howe Hill Road Humphrev Road Rt. 219

## **ECS Welcomes New Support Staff**

(L to R): Ms. Patty Blakesslee - Teacher Aide in Room 225, Ms. Sherry Charlesworth - Cafteria Worker and Mr. Joe Prior - School Psychologist.







#### **DASA Annual Notice**

DASA Annual Notice: If you have knowledge or you are a student in our schools who has or is being bullied or harassed on school grounds, on the school bus, or at a school sponsored event, we urge you to contact the following District's Dignity Act Coordinators: Mrs. Tammy Eddy 699-2316 (ext. 1512) and Mr. Dan LaCroix 699-2318 (ext. 1603).

# **Girls' Soccer Update**

#### Varsity Team (below)

Regular season action began on Aug. 30 with a 2-1 overtime victory against Genesee Valley. The next contest was the league opener at Allegany-Limestone. The Lady Eagles were outplayed by a skillful and fast squad, losing the match 8-0. Bouncing back in the next league game versus Randolph, the Lady Eagles dominated the game and won 2-0. In the Olean Tournament on Sept. 6 and 9, ECS lost to Olean 2-1 in the first round. In the consolation game Ellicottville won 2-1 in overtime against Springville.

In the next two matches the Lady Eagles squeaked out 1-0 victories against Franklinville and Catt-Little Valley. During the next week, we redeemed ourselves after a loss to Portville (3-2) by defeating Salamanca (3-1) and then Fredonia (2-1). Randolph edged by us 1-0 and Allegany-Limestone took it to us (6-0) at the end of September.

The team kicked off the start of October with two shutout victories versus Franklinville (3-0) and Catt-LV (6-0). In the last two regular season games the Lady Eagles lost to Portville (3-0) and ended with a 2-0 win against Salamanca.

Playoffs began on October 23rd, and unfortunately the Lady Eagles lost a hard fought battle against Frewsburg.

Our senior team members are Kourtney Robinson, Lauren Olejniczak, Evelyn Cortez, Sarah Sheffield, Cheyanne Folts, Ices Decker, and Kirklind Kaleta. Our juniors are Robin Freaney, Becca Smith, and Kayleigh Coolidge. Sophomores are Gracie Rounds, Camryn Earley, Julianna Giannicchi, and Kaitlyn McGuire. Logan Fredrickson, Morganne Chapman and Hayly Fredrickson are our freshwomen. Rounding out the squad are four players moved up from the JV squad: sophomores Megan Hartsell and Megan Stuve; and freshwomen Kayla Krzanak and Courtney Sexton. Our helpful managers are Cameron Kaleta, Courtney Marsh, Mia Giannicchi, and Brooke Butler.



## **Junior-Varsity Team** (above)

The girls JV soccer team has had an awesome season! Our team really came together this year and had the will to win. Losing their first game of the year motivated them to work hard for the rest of the season. They have given their best effort each game to ensure that losing was not an option. Coaches Klahn and Taylor used the phrase "It's not a punishment" over and over to reiterate that running wasn't to punish them but to make them better. Hopefully the girls now agree with that phrase as we are coming to the end of one of JV's most successful seasons in a while!

**2017 TEAM:** Evelyn Ballard, Louisa Benatovich, Meganne Chapman, Elizabeth Teeft, Allison Calarco, Abby Donoghue, Brooke Eddy, Sylvia Ford-Grover, Megan Hartsell, Madisyn Kilby, Evelyn Nuzzo, Megan Stuve, Kayla Krzanak, Sammi Lin, Callie Rounds, Courtney Sexton and Mandy Hurlburt. Last but not least, we would like to thank our manager Audrey Hurlburt for her hard work this year. *Thanks for an exciting and fun season!* 



# Fire/Lockdown Drills

The safety of the students and staff at Ellicottville Central School has always been the number one priority of the School District. To best ensure this safety each year we: review our safety plans, hold safety committee meetings, conduct a number of drills, discuss safety procedures with students, etc.

By regulation, we need to conduct 8 fire drills and 4 lockdown drills for a total of 12 drills each year; with 8 of the drills being conducted by December 31st. We have already completed 6 fire drills this year, and will be conducting 2 lockdown drills between November 13th and December 21st. For the first lockdown drill we will send out an automated call to let you know about it a day or two in advance. Please feel free to discuss the drill with your child / children, and reinforce that they need to take the drill seriously, remain calm during the drill and follow staff instructions. For the remaining lockdown drills, we will not be making announcements in advance, as we truly need to ensure that students and staff are ready and able to go into a lockdown drill quickly and with as little instruction as possible to best ensure everyone's safety.

In an effort to communicate to everyone involved that we are running a drill, we will clearly use the word "drill" when making the announcement to begin. For example, the announcement may say "At this time we would like everyone to enter into a lockdown drill." Or, we may decide to start out with a shelter in place drill and move into a lockdown drill; in which case the announcement may say "At this time we would like everyone to enter into a shelter in place drill," which would then be followed in a few minutes by "we would now like everyone to enter into a lockdown drill."

We will be talking to students about the importance of not using their cell phones to call or text you when we conduct such drills, as that could lead to unnecessary confusion. We would also like to point out that in the event of a true lockdown situation, students and

parents should not call or text, as emergency personnel need to have the availability of "open lines" and as little traffic at the school as possible.

Should you have any additional questions about these drills, please feel free to contact the school.



#### **FAFSA NOW AVAILABLE!**

**FAFSA** the free application for federal student aid is NOW available! Seniors and parents must complete this form if they want to be eligible for financial aid for college.

The application is

available at: www.fafsa.ed.gov

# DIRECTORY ECS

#### PHONE NUMBERS:

MS/HS Office	ext.	1400
Elementary Office	ext.	1600
Superintendent's Office	ext.	1300

#### **FAX NUMBERS:**

HS Office	699-5423
District Office	699-6017
Elementary Office	699-5635
CSE Office	

	CSE Office.	699-8110
Accounts Payable 1511	Elem. Faculty Rm 1153	Norton, Danielle 1170
AP Small Office1405	Elem. Guidance Office	<b>O</b> lson, Diana
Adams, Cathy 1600	Elem. Gym 1150	OT/PT Rm1231
Alessi, Alice 1152	Elem. Kitchen 1158	Palmatier, Shannon 1134
Auge, Katie1163	Elem. Library 1143	Pearl, Kristen 1105
Auge, Tammy 1400	<b>F</b> inn, Matt 1182	Pelton, Dave
<b>B</b> and Rm1125	Fitzpatrick, Gay 1145	Peters, Tammy 1171
Bartoszek, Chad 1118	<b>H</b> all, Glenn	Pfeffer, Leanne 1134
Bauer, Carrie 1132	Halloran, Margie 1303	Pierce, Therese 1156
Barrett, Tina (CSE) 1227	Hartsell, Mary 1164	Ploetz, Erich 1401
Big Picture	Hasper, Jennifer 1141	Poulin, Connie 1601
Offices 1202 , 1214	HS Counter Phone 1409	Prior, Joe
Chris Gagliardo 1205 Heather Earley 1206	HS Kitchen 1113	(Psychologist) 1513
Lynette Crowell 1207	HS Library1105	Przybyla, James 1168
Cindy Smith 1203	HS Stage (Gym) 1115	<b>R</b> ust, Nicole1144
Blakesslee, Patty 1225	Home Ec Rm 1136	<b>S</b> awicki, Melissa 1300
Blendinger, Kevin 1404	Hunt, Shawne 1230	Schultz, Joe 1232
Boiler Rm 1213	<b>I</b> llig, Pam1105	Schwartz, Karl1106
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Brady, Kristin 1144	<b>K</b> eenan, Chris1131	Sexton, Lynette 1135
Brierton, Helena 1107	Keller, Caitlin 1166	Shattuck, Julie (OT) 1231
Bus Garage 1306	Kilby, Aimee 1302	Smith, Nick 1167
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CSE Office (Poulin) 1410	<b>L</b> aCroix, Dan1603	Stormer, Mindy 1224
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Chamberlain, Ann 1704	<b>M</b> cCann, Dave1183	Tomblin, Sandy 1226
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<b>D</b> avis, Marie 1155	Mendell, Chris 1151	Weber, Elizabeth 1184
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Dunkleman, Cathy 1143	Moore, Katie 1223	Whistler, Dolores 1187
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Edwards, Chris 1209	Multipurpose Rm 1229	Williams, Vicky 1403
Edwards, Jamie 1180	Murphy, Stephanie 1144	Wilson, Scott1160
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Elem. Counter 1195	Nason, Cathy 1103	Wood, Blair 1104
Elem. Conf. Rm 1602	Neilon, Mary 1117	Woodarek, Kim 1161

# 2017 ECS Student Council Fruit Sale

Proceeds to benefit Project Christmas, Senior Citizens Holiday Dinner, and Shriners Hospital for Children in Erie, PA

Celebrating 90 Years of Specialized Orthopaedic Care for Children

For more information about Shriners Hospital, visit www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/Locations/erie

\*\*\*All orders are due by Thursday, November 10th.\*\*\*
Approximate delivery date will be between December 4th and 11th.
If you have any questions, you may contact the Student Council President
Lisa Krotz at <a href="mailto:lkrotz@eville.wnyric.org">lkrotz@eville.wnyric.org</a>.

To purchase, you may contact any student council member or mail your order to:

Ellicottville Central School c/o Student Council 5873 Rte 219 • Ellicottville, NY 14731

Customer Name:					
Address:					
Home Phone:	Work Cell Phone:				
Money must accompany order. Please make checks payable to ECS Student Council					
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NAVEL ORANGES					
Sampler Navel Oranges (14-16 COUNT)		\$17.	00		
Small Box California Navel Oranges	35-45/bx	\$24.	00		
Small Box Juice Oranges 32-65/bx		\$23.	00		
OTHER FRUIT					
Clementines (8-10 LB BOX, 30-60 COUNT)		\$22.	00		
Golden Pineapples (3 COUNT)		\$18.	00		
Tangelos (30-60 COUNT)		\$24.	00		
Small Box Grapefruit 14-24/bx		\$23.	00		
Small Box Red Grapefruit (10-12 COUNT)		\$17.	00		
Anjou Pears (20 COUNT)		\$23.	00		
MIXED CITRUS BOXES/SAMPLERS					
Navel/Grapefruit Mix Box (14-16 COUNT)		\$29.	00		
Trio Mix Box Navels/Apples/Pears (8 each, 24 COUNT Total)		\$29.	00		
Citrus Mix Box Nav/Grpft/Tangelos (Mix, 26-40 COUNT Total)		\$29.	00		
Fresh Fruit Sampler App/Nav/Pears/Tangelos (4 each, 16 COUNT Total) **Best Seller**  \$26.00			00		
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# **PTO Update and Upcoming Events**

## Our Next Meeting is Tuesday, November 27, 2017 from 3:30-6:00 pm

Our next meeting is Monday, November 27th. This will be a working meeting from 3:30pm – 6:00pm. Feel free to come for a short period of time or stay the whole time. This is preparation for the Family Fun Night.

#### **October News**

The PTO school year started off by holding our Fall Book Fair. Thank you to the generous volunteers who made it possible to hold this event! Due to continued support and purchases at the Book Fair, the PTO was able to buy books to help our school and community. We purchased \$378.98 worth of books for our new teachers, and the high school and elementary libraries. PTO is purchasing trick or treat bags for students in Pre-K through 5th grade and glow stick lanyards for Pre-K students.

#### **Box Tops**

The PTO recently held a Box Tops contest for grades Pre-K through 5th grade. The contest ended October 20th, we will announce in our next newsletter which class was the winner. Please continue to save your Box Tops as we will have more contests throughout the year. This year we are having a contest for the entire year to see which grade can bring in the most from September to June. You can always send your Box Tops in to the elementary office or drop them off at our two local drop off places, the Great Valley Post Office or TOPS in Ellicottville.

Box Tops has a phone app that will help us to earn more Box Tops on certain items that we purchase. See the information to the right.

#### **Family Fun Night**

Friday, December 1st, 5:30-7:30 pm

Get ready for an exciting night!
Family Fun Night is back, and it is sure to be a fun way to start the holidays. What you will find: Book BINGO, Letters to the Troops, Crafts, Stories with Mrs. Clause, Pictures with Santa, Popcorn, the Book Fair (located on the new high school stage), and Santa's Secret Workshop.

If you would like more information please email Diana Olson at <u>dolson@eville.wnyric.org</u>.

#### **Get Involved!**

Come find out what the PTO is doing and get involved. PTO continues to help K-12 students and the surrounding community. These activities can't be done without all of the volunteers! If you would like more information please feel free to attend any of our meetings or email Diana Olson at <a href="mailto:dolson@eville.wnyric.org">dolson@eville.wnyric.org</a>.

#### **Events for the Year:**

Book Fairs: Thursday, November 30th and Friday, December 1st, 8:00am – 3:30pm. Friday, December 1st 5:30pm – 7:30pm during Family Fun Night. Spring Book Fair "Buy 1 Get 1 Free" – Thursday, April 26th and Friday, April 27th 8:00am-3:30pm. Friday, April 27th 5:30-7:30 during Daddy Daughter Dance

Family Fun Night/Santa's Secret Workshop – Friday, December 1st, 5:30-7:30

Talent Show – Wednesday, February 7th, 6:00pm

Dime Carnival – Friday, April 13th, 5:30pm-7:30pm

PTO Mother Son Dance - Friday, May 11th

Math, Science, Technology Expo – Tuesday, May 15th, 6:00pm

Field Day – June 19, 8:30am – 10:30am

#### Our meetings through February will be:

- Monday, November 27th at 3:30-6:00 (working meeting to organize for Family Fun Night). We will be in Jamie Edwards classroom (180).
- Tuesday, December 5th at 4:00pm in the Elementary Art Room.
- Wednesday, January 31st at 3:00pm. This will be tryouts for our February Talent Show. Location will be determined by amount of students signed up.
- Tuesday, February 27th at 5:30pm. This will be in the Elementary Art Room.

# **NEW BOX TOPS BONUS APP**

Earn even more cash to help your school get what it needs through the Box Tops for Education® Bonus App. Turn your everyday receipts into cash for your school. It's free and as easy as 1-2-3. Here's how it works:



SCAN.

RECEIPT.

EARN.
WATCH EARNINGS

STACK UP.







# SKI CLUB Let's Hit He Slopes!

Forms are now available in the ECS School Offices and may be filled out and returned to the ECS School Offices with the full payment. Online registration will be available again this year, please check with ECS Elementary and HS Offices for promo code. All checks should be made out to Win-Sum Ski Corporation. Applications not turned in to ECS will not be available for ECS Club rates. Students applying for combo passes who are not in the lesson portion of the ski program must still go through the school in order to receive the ECS combo pass rate. All combo pass pictures

must be paid for in advance with the receipt initialed by Mr. Erich Ploetz. Registration for any of the plans must take place at ECS first. Please fill out the paperwork in advance. Processing of applications will be handled in the ECS School Offices.



(Unlimited Rentals are available at a cost of \$80.00 for skis and \$94.00 for Snowboards) Helmet rentals are \$14.00 for 8 week programs and \$23.00 for seasonal.

(Student owned equipment)

If any students are interested in joining a mid week two or three day ski trip to Stowe, VT, contact Mr. Hall by 12/01/17. (February break, preliminary cost estimate \$500 which includes transportation, lodging, lift tickets, and meals.)









# **CALLING ALL HISTORIANS!**

ECS needs your help! In lieu of the approaching Great Valley Bi-Centennial Celebration, ECS elementary students are jumping on the band wagon. The elementary classes would like to "Scroll Through the Past" by building a timeline based on all the rich information gathered from class visits, photographs, and artifacts of all kinds. The students would love to hear your stories of local lore and reminisce with you about the 'good old days'. If you have a passion for local history and would like to share your past knowledge about farming, trains, schooling, immigration etc., please contact us. Call the school at 699-2316 (ext. 1226) for Mrs. Sandy Tomblin, or Mrs. Pam Illig at (ext. 1105).

Pictured left: 4th graders - Jackson Kruszynski and Olivia Tighe.

#### Parents' Bill of Rights for Data Privacy and Security

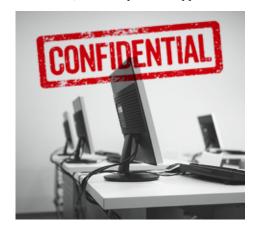
The Ellicottville Central School
District is committed to ensuring student
privacy in accordance with local, state and
federal regulations and district policies. To
this end and pursuant to U.S. Department
of Education (DOE) regulations
(Education Law §2-d), the district is
providing the following Parents' Bill of
Rights for Data Privacy and Security:

- A student's personally identifiable information cannot be sold or released for any commercial or marketing purposes.
- Parents have the right to inspect and review the complete contents of their child's education record, including any student data maintained by the Ellicottville Central School District. This right of inspection of records is consistent with the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Under the more recently adopted regulations (Education Law §2-d), the rights of inspection are extended to include data, meaning parents have the right to inspect or receive copies of any data in their child's educational record. The New

- York State Education Department (SED) will develop further policies and procedures related to these rights in the future.
- State and federal laws protect the confidentiality of personally identifiable information and safeguards associated with industry standards and best practices, including but not limited to, encryption, firewalls and password protection, must be in place when data is stored or transferred.
- A complete list of all student data elements collected by the state is available for public review in an Excel file at http://www.p12. nysed.gov/irs/sirs/documentation/ NYSEDstudentData.xlsx. Parents may also obtain a copy of this list by writing to the Office of Information & Reporting Services, New York State Education Department, Room 863 EBA, 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, N.Y. 12234.

Parents have the right to have complaints about possible breaches of student data addressed. Complaints

- should be directed to: Ellicottville Central School, ATTN: Mr. Robert Miller, Superintendent, 5873 Route 219, Ellicottville, New York 14731.
- Complaints to SED should be directed to: Chief Privacy Officer, New York State Education Department, 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12234; the e-mail address is cpo@mail.nysed.gov. SED's complaint process is under development and will be established through regulations from the department's chief privacy officer, who has yet to be appointed.



#### **Homeless Student Policy**

All programs and services of the district are available to homeless students and unaccompanied youth. Whenever a homeless child or unaccompanied youth seeks to enroll in the district, and at least twice annually, while the child is enrolled,

the parent and child will be informed of their rights. Some of these rights include the right to attend the school they previously attended or to attend school in the district of current location, the right to be enrolled even though the admission requirements have not been completed and prior student records are not available, and the right to transportation to and from school.



## NHS/Ecology Club

# Poinsettia Sale Order Form

Please help the National Honor Society and Ecology Club raise money by buying a poinsettia. It's a fantastic way to decorate for the holidays! THANK YOU!

Please mail the following order form with payment to the following address, or send it with an NHS member.

Blair Wood National Honor Society Advisor Ellicottville Central School 5873 Rt. 219 South Ellicottville, NY 14731



Please place all orders by Tuesday, November 28th. Please make checks payable to Ellicottville Central School.

Orders will be available to pick up at the high school on Friday, December 1st after 12 pm.

Color choice will be subject to availability. Red may need to be substituted, depending upon demand.

Customer Name:				
Address:	Phone:			
Cost of Poinsettias: \$12.00 Each (Please indica	te Quantity and Total Cost)			

<u>Color</u>	Quantity	<u>x \$13.00</u>	<u>Total</u>
Red (6.5" pot)		x \$13.00	
White (6.5" pot)		x \$13.00	
Pink (6.5" pot)		x \$13.00	
Marble (6.5" pot)		x \$13.00	

**Total Amount Enclosed:** 



Project Christmas started back in the early 1960's and, through the combined efforts of Ellicottville Central School employees and community members, it continues to provide an "extra touch" at Christmas time for many of our local families.

This "partnership" between the school and community will provide food, gifts, necessities and support to more than 50 families and almost 70 senior citizens who live in our community. The program spends between \$5,000 to \$6,000 annually, and the generous support residents and seasonal visitors provide by taking "gift tags" from one of the gift trees throughout the community. Gift tags are located at: Ellicottville Pharmacy, M & T Bank, Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Great Valley Baptist Church, Five Star Bank, and CCSE Credit Union.

Students in grades K-12 also get involved by bringing in non-perishable food items and seniors are also involved with the delivery. With the difficult economic troubles we are facing and many families struggling to get by, the need for help throughout our community is even greater. Project Christmas is once again accepting donations; if you are able to contribute, please consider making a donation.

Your support will directly help those in need in our own community. Monetary donations can be made out to "Project Christmas" and mailed to:

#### **Ellicottville Central School**

ATTN: Karin Hager, School Nurse, 5873 Route 219 Ellicottville, New York 14731.

If you have any questions regarding the program please call Nurse Hager at 699-2318 (ext. 1604). Your generous support in the past has helped to keep this program alive. Please help make the Christmas Season more special for members of our community. Thank you!





# ECS Class of 2020 Fundrasier

T-Shirts, Long Sleeve Shirts & Hoodies offered in Both Maroon or Sports Grey.









for more information or See any Sophomore or Mrs. Nason to place your order!



**T-Shirts \$10.00 each** 

Long Sleeve Shirts: \$15.00 each

Crewneck Sweatshirts: \$25.00

Hoodies: \$30.00 each

Availible in Sizes Youth Small - 4XL.

If you want Youth Sizes be sure to indicate YOUTH on Order form.

Stadium Blankets: \$25.00 50" x 60" Blanket, Embrodiered in Corner and Back Side Water Proof





Small in Corner of Blanket

# Pajama Pants: Availible in Sizes Youth Small - 2XL \$25.00 each



Sweatshirt Blankets: \$20.00 each 50" x 60" Blanket, Screen Print in Middle of Blanket





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Mrs. Connie Poulin, Pre K-6 Principal / CSE-CPSE Chairperson

Mrs. Aimee Kilby, Business Administrator

















Senior Citizen Dinner December 7th @12:45 at CCS

Picase Call 716-699-2316 (ext. 1400) for Reservations, no later than December 1st.