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Capital Project Vote: Yes 448 - No 147

Thanks for Your Support ECS Community!

The overwhelming approval of the capital project on Tuesday, March 19th certainly reflects the value our community places on the education of our children. The improvements and upgrades this project will bring to our school will impact education at ECS for many years to come!

The Board of Education and administration would like to express our appreciation for the tremendous vote of confidence the community gave this project. With over 75% approval (448-147), the community clearly took the time to understand the project and was willing to vote themselves a tax increase because they believed in the project and the value it would have on the education of their children, grandchildren and the future of our community.

We are blessed to live in a community that values and supports education. This project will allow us to bring some much needed improvements and upgrades to our school facilities as we try to keep pace with the changing world around us.

We also want to thank the many community members who served on the Strategic Planning Process (2009), Building Com-



mittee or attended any of the meetings for this project. Your time, energy and suggestions contributed greatly to this project.

March 19, 2013 will go down as a milestone in the history of the Ellicottville Central School. Thank you again for your tremendous support of our students (present and future)!

Sincerely,

ECS Board and Administration

Odyssey of the Mind Team off to World Competition

Congratulations to the High School Division III Odyssey of the Mind Team. This team, coached by Caitlin Keller and assisted by Megan Westfall, placed 2nd out of 17 teams at the State Competition in Binghamton, NY on March 23rd. This 2nd place finish allows them to compete at the World Competition to be held this year in East Lansing, MI. The outstanding team members include (pictured l-r): Juniors Emily Timkey and McKenzie Robinson, Seniors Eric Oliverio and Patrick Snyder, and Juniors Christopher Wojtowicz and Isabella Brown. This team will compete against teams from many U.S. states, as well as teams from several other countries. What a tremendous accomplishment!



2013-2014 ECS Budget Taking Shape

By Mark J. Ward, Superintendent

The Board and administration have been working for over three months on the budget as we continue to assess program costs, fixed costs, retirement increases, health insurance, salaries and the daily costs associated with the operation of the school.

The biggest hurdle we are facing this year is the increased cost of teacher and employee retirement benefits (TRS & ERS). This increase is actually tied to a five year average and is related directly to the stock market and the State's return on investments. We are experiencing a \$210,000 "mandated" increase which translates into a 37% increase in retirement costs over the present year. This figure alone represents a 3.5% increase in the tax levy.

Maintaining the programs and opportunities that we currently have is and continues to be the main focus of the Board and administration. With the many changes in the Core curriculum and testing that is being implemented in New York State we are also faced with some large increases in the cost of books, new instructional materials, teacher training and technological requirements in order to provide our students and staff with the resources they will need. This figure will easily reach \$70,000-\$80,000 and will require ongoing investment over the next few years.

Facing these increases as well as other increases, the Board is continuing to work on trimming the budget in an effort to make the numbers work without going over the "Cap". Early projections have the tax increase in the 3-4% range but without knowing firm numbers on State aid the budget cannot be finalized until later in April.

Over the past four years the State has continued to decrease aid and ECS has lost over \$863,000 in aid deductions over this period of time. The fact is ECS received more state aid in 2006-07 than we will receive in 2013-14.

During this same period of time, the District tax levy has only gone up an average of 1.22% due to decreased spending, major decreases in staff size, use of reserves and a number of other cost cutting moves. This combination has allowed us to keep our tax increases extremely small during some very tough economic times. Looking ahead, we will not continually be able to keep the increases at that level without damaging the quality of education we provide our students.

Regardless of some of these difficult challenges, we remain confident that we will be able to present you with a budget that is fair, responsible and will continue to provide our students with a quality education.

Lifesaving Equipment Generously Donated to District

We want to express a special thanks for the combined efforts of the Ellicottville/Great Valley Ambulance Inc., Great Valley Fire Company and the Mansfield Fire Company for the purchase of four (4) new Automated External Defibrillators (AED)! Each of the new units cost \$1500 and they will be replacing older units that are now out-of-date. When Kevin Watt, member of the Ellicottville/Great Valley Ambulance Inc. and assistant chief found out that our AED's needed replacement, he contacted the local departments. We are extremely grateful for the generosity of the two fire companies and the ambulance service.

The portable electronic devices are clearly positioned throughout the building in the event they are needed for students, staff or visitors. These units are able to automatically diagnose a potentially life threatening cardiac arrhythmia and are able to



Pictured (l-r) are: Clarence Bickell, President GVFD; Rob Snider, First Assistant Chief GVFD; Anne Adams, Mansfield Fire Company First Aid Captain; Eric Pearl, Mansfield Fire Chief; Kevin Watt, GV Ambulance Chief; Connie Hellwig, ECS Board VP; and Roger Spell, ECS Board President.

treat them through the application of electrical therapy which actually stops the arrhythmia and allows the heart to re-establish an effective rhythm.

All of our coaches and some of our staff members receive annual training on the use the machines.



Lounsbury Adaptive Ski Program Volunteers

Five Ellicottville students did a great job representing our school when they volunteered with Holiday Valley's Lounsbury Adaptive Ski Program on President's Day. They helped teach a group of kids from Bradford's Care for Children program how to ski. Thanks for your help John Alzate, Alijah Fox, Emily Timkey, Patrick Snyder, and Scott Vining! If anyone is interested in getting involved with the program next year, see Mrs. Chamberlain.



Lending a Hand at BOCES Winter Carnival

On March 5th, 18 ECS high school students had the opportunity to volunteer at the BOCES annual winter carnival. Throughout the day students helped and assisted special education students from all over the county. The day consisted of snow tubing, broom hockey, snow soccer, hayrides, and an obstacle course. This day was a great opportunity for our students to help the students with disabilities enjoy a fun filled day of activities that these students would not usually have the opportunity to do. This day is always fun for everyone involved, which is put on by BOCES at the Holiday Valley Tubing Park. This was a positive experience for our students, as well as those that were able to enjoy their day at the park. Thank you to the following students who donated their time to help out: Emily Uhrinek, Michaela Pierce, Becca Golley, Julia Schwartz, Mary Bohn, Amy Borowiak, Hailey Musall, Alexis Woodin, Alessia Filutze, Molly Woodarek, Becca Hagon, Daneth Musall, Caleb Rinko, Cole Lapi, Quinn O'Rourke, Brenna Cole, Caitlyn Golley and Annie Prentice. Thank you to Debbie Golley for allowing us to be part of such a unique and educational experience!

Students Participate in County Arts Council Painting Course

Art students Gwen Brown, Emily Timkey, Olivia Venezia and Aidan Wilson participated in an 8 week painting course during the winter months at the Catt. Co Arts Council. Landscape painting was the focus of the class, using Interactive Acrylic paint. This particular paint is applied in thin "veils of color," which requires drying and sealing between layers. The result is a more luminous, atmospheric painting. Color theory was also stressed. A limited palette of the three primary colors and white were used, requiring students to mix all colors needed and focus on utilizing complimentary colors for value and shading. Students created their first painting by using the same image of a sunset which was provided by the instructor. Additional paintings were created by using photographs supplied by each student. Students commented that the interactive acrylic paint allowed them to work slower and achieve greater detail.

Thank you to the ECS Board of Education and Administration for sponsoring our talented students and giving them the opportunity to continue developing their talent in the Fine Arts field.

Policy Reminder: Cell Phones and Personal Electronics

ECS is requesting parents' assistance regarding the use of cell phones and personal electronics during the school day. The District affords students the responsibility of keeping these items safely on their person throughout the day, as long as they will meet us halfway and abide by a few simple rules.

Cell Phones: ECS has adopted a fairly liberal cell phone policy. Students are allowed to carry cell phones throughout the day and use them during lunch periods. We do not require that they be left at home or in their locker; we simply ask that they do not use them from 8 a.m. to 2:55 p.m. (except during lunch). If you need to contact your children during the school day, please call the offices Elementary (699-2318) or MS/HS (699-2316), and we will deliver the message or have the student come to the office to talk to you. Please take a couple of minutes to reinforce this rule with your children. Violations may result in phone confiscation and additional consequences.

I-Pods, MP3 Players, Music Devices: These electronic and digital devices are not allowed in academic classes during school hours. This includes wearing headphones in or on ears in the hallways or the classrooms. Those students in violation of this policy will have the items confiscated and returned to their parents or guardians. At the discretion of library personnel, digital music devices may be allowed in the high school library.

Thank you for your help adherence of these policies!



SPRING 2013 SPORTS SCHEDULE

VARSITY BASEBALL

3/25/13	4:30 pm	@ Catt/LV
4/9/13	4:30 pm	@ Randolph (St. Bona's)
4/10/13	4:30 pm	@ Franklinville
4/12/13	5:00 pm	vs. Sherman
4/15/13	5:00 pm	@ Ripley
4/17/13	5:00 pm	vs. Brocton
4/19/13	4:30 pm	@ North Collins
4/22/13	5:00 pm	vs. Clymer
4/24/13	4:30 pm	@ West Valley
4/26/13	4:30 pm	vs. Randolph
4/29/13	5:00 pm	@ Sherman
5/2/13	5:00 pm	vs. Ripley
5/3/13	5:00 pm	@ Brocton
5/6/13	4:30 pm	vs. North Collins
5/8/13	5:00 pm	@ Clymer
5/10/13	4:30 pm	vs. West Valley
5/11/13	11:00 am	vs. Catt/ LV
5/13/13	4:30 pm	@ Archbishop Walsh
5/15/13	4:30 pm	vs. Franklinville
5/17/13	4:30 pm	vs. Archbishop Walsh

MODIFIED BASEBALL

4/25/13	4:30 pm	vs. West Valley
4/30/13	4:30 pm	@ West Valley
5/1/13	4:30 pm	@ Franklinville
5/4/13	10:00 am	vs. Olean
5/7/13	4:30 pm	@ Portville
5/11/13	11:00 am	@ Catt/LV
5/14/13	4:30 pm	vs. Alleg/Limestone
5/16/13	4:30 pm	@ Salamanca
5/21/13	4:30 pm	vs. Franklinville
5/23/13	4:30 pm	@ Olean
5/28/13	4:30 pm	vs. Portville
5/31/13	4:30 pm	vs. Catt/LV
6/4/13	4:30 pm	@ Alleg/Limestone
6/6/13	4:30 pm	vs. Salamanca

VARSITY SOFTBALL

3/25/13	4:30 pm	@ Catt/LV
4/8/13	4:30 pm	@ Salamanca
4/10/13	4:30 pm	@ Franklinville
4/12/13	5:00 pm	vs. Sherman
4/15/13	5:00 pm	@ Ripley
4/17/13	5:00 pm	vs. Brocton
4/19/13	4:30 pm	@ North Collins
4/22/13	5:00 pm	vs. Clymer
4/24/13	4:30 pm	@ West Valley
4/27/13	11:00 am	@ Alleg/Limestone
4/29/13	5:00 pm	@ Sherman
4/30/13	4:30 pm	vs. Alleg/Limestone
5/2/13	5:00 pm	vs. Ripley
5/3/13	5:00 pm	@ Brocton
5/6/13	4:30 pm	vs. North Collins
5/8/13	5:00 pm	@ Clymer
5/10/13	4:30 pm	vs. West Valley
5/11/13	11:00 am	vs. Catt/LV
5/15/13	4:30 pm	vs. Franklinville
5/17/13	4:30 pm	vs. Salamanca

JUNIOR VARSITY SOFTBALL

4/11/13	4:30 pm	@ Catt/LV
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4/16/13	5:00 pm	@ Bolivar-Richburg
4/18/13	4:30 pm	@ PineValley
4/19/13	4:30 pm	vs. North Collins
4/23/13	4:30 pm	@ Olean
4/27/13	11:00 am	vs. Alleg/Limestone
4/29/13	5:00 pm	vs. Bolivar-Richburg
4/30/13	4:30 pm	@ Alleg/Limestone
5/2/13	4:30 pm	@ Jamestown
5/6/13	4:30 pm	@ North Collins
5/8/13	4:30 pm	vs. Catt/ LV
5/10/13	5:00 pm	@ Fillmore
5/14/13	4:30 pm	vs. Jamestown
5/16/13	4:30 pm	vs. Pine Valley
5/18/13	10:00 am	vs. Fillmore

MODIFIED SOFTBALL

4/25/13	4:30 pm	vs. West Valley
4/30/13	4:30 pm	@ West Valley
5/1/13	4:30 pm	@ Franklinville
5/4/13	10:00 am	vs. Olean
5/7/13	4:30 pm	@ Portville
5/14/13	4:30 pm	vs. Alleg/Limestone
5/16/13	4:30 pm	@ Salamanca
5/21/13	4:30 pm	vs. Franklinville
5/23/13	4:30 pm	@ Olean
5/28/13	4:30 pm	vs. Portville
6/4/13	4:30 pm	@ Alleg/Limestone
6/6/13	4:30 pm	vs. Salamanca

GOLF

4/15/13	vs. Walsh @ St. Bonaventure CC
4/22/13	@ Salamanca Elkdale CC
4/24/13	vs. Alleg/Lime Dbl Blk Diamond CC
4/25/13	@ Portville Bolivar CC
4/29/13	vs. Randolph Dbl Blk Diamond CC
4/30/13	vs. Franklinville Dbl Blk Diamond CC
5/3/13	@ Franklinville Ischua Valley CC
5/6/13	vs. Sal & Catt/LV Dbl Blk Diamond CC
5/8/13	@ Alleg/Limestone Birch CC
5/10/13	vs. Portville & Walsh Dbl Blk Diamond CC
5/13/13	Sectional Qualifier (Bartlett CC)
5/15/13	@ Randolph Cardinal Hills CC
5/20/13	Sectional Tourn (Diamond Hawk CC)
5/23/13	3-Man League Tourn (Gowanda CC)

TRACK

4/16/13	Westfield and Franklinville @ Salamanca
4/23/13	Maple Grove and Franklinville @ Allegany/Limestone
4/30/13	West Valley and Portville @ Franklinville
5/7/13	Panama and Franklinville @ Cattaraugus/ Little Valley
5/14/13	Frewsburg @ Franklinville
5/21/13	Clymer and Franklinville @ Chautauqua Lake

CCAA Pentathlon/steeple chase - May 18
CCAA Championship meet - May 24 and 25
Sectionals - May 31 & June 1
States - June 7 and 8



Applications Due for Local Scholarships

Each year several local scholarships and awards are given at graduation ceremonies. Ellicottville Central School is truly fortunate and grateful to have so many families, organizations, and businesses generously offer these funds to graduating students. Many of the scholarship / award recipients are chosen by the family, organization or business through a selection / application process that they have developed. At the same time, some of the families, organizations and businesses that offer scholarships and awards have elected to use an application process through ECS. Below is a list of the scholarships and awards that students need to apply for through the guidance office. Please carefully read the requirements for each award to be sure that you qualify based on the criteria listed.

Please submit the necessary information to the Guidance Office by May 3rd.

HOLIDAY VALLEY SCHOLARSHIP: Seniors are asked to submit an essay on community service that they have been involved in and explain why community service is important. Three scholarships will be given: two at \$2,000 each and one for \$1,000.

HUGHEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Seniors who plan to attend college and major in Science or Education are encouraged to apply for this \$1,000 scholarship. Please submit an essay with information about yourself and your future plans.

DANIEL SIRIANNI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Seniors who plan to attend college and major in Business or Education are encouraged to apply for this \$1,000 scholarship. Please submit an essay with information about yourself and your future plans.

JOSEPH F. WARD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Seniors who plan to attend college and major in an Agricultural or Environmental related field are encouraged to apply for this \$1,000 scholarship. Please submit an essay describing yourself, your intended major, and your future career plans.

ELLCOTTVILLE ROTARY CLUB AWARD: Seniors who have participated in community service, have a minimum B average, participate in extra-curricular activities, demonstrate leadership skills and plan to attend college are eligible. Please submit an essay on your activities and accomplishments to be considered for this \$500 award. An additional award will be given to a student who attends BOCES and also meets the above requirements

ELLCOTTVILLE TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION AWARD: Seniors who plan to attend college and major in education will be considered for this \$500 Award. An application is not required. The ETA will meet to determine the 4 award winners. Additional criteria may also be used in determining the selected candidates.

LELAND ARTHUR EASTMAN MEMORIAL AWARD: Seniors who

plan to pursue a career in Photography, history or journalism are encouraged to apply for this \$400 award. Please submit an essay with information about yourself and your future plans.

KRISTEN HINTZ MEMORIAL AWARD: In a one or two page essay, tell us about yourself. Describe and explain what characteristics and qualities you possess that makes you deserving of this scholarship. You should also include in your essay any situation where you have overcome an obstacle or met a challenge in your life. Please include a time when you made an impact on someone's life. An additional application is required for this scholarship; please stop in the Guidance Office to pick one up.

ECS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARD: Seniors who are academically motivated and plan to attend college are invited to apply for this \$350 scholarship. Additional criteria are: Demonstrated Leadership, Community and School involvement and good character. Please submit an essay describing your qualifications for this scholarship. One male and one female will be selected for this award.

CATTARAUGUS COUNTY BANK AWARD: Seniors who plan to attend college and major in business are eligible to apply for this \$200 award. Please submit an essay indicating you future plans in relation to business.

MARCIA SLATER MEMORIAL AWARD: Seniors who have a B average or higher and demonstrate the following characteristics; kind to others, positive attitude, generosity, determination to overcome obstacles, and a good personality, are encouraged to apply for this \$100 award. Please submit an essay describing yourself and your future plans as well as any information that you feel makes you a candidate for this award.

VISIONARY AWARD: Seniors who plan to attend college in the fall are invited to submit a 500 word essay on the following topic: "how you are going to make the world a better place." 2-\$125 awards will be given.

SALAMANCA KIWANIS AWARD: Seniors who have done extensive community service are eligible for this \$200 award. Please submit an essay and a resume outlining your community service.

Career Tech Students Making Maple Syrup

By Vince Oliverio,
BOCES Counselor

With cold nights and warming days the students in the Natural Resources program at the Ellicottville Career and Technical Center BOCES have been busy with maple syrup production. The maple trees, in the 100 acre lot behind the Center, are tapped and the lines drained downhill into a collection tank. The tank is then transported to the sugar house by a student operated fork lift. From there it runs into the sugar house to be reduced to maple syrup in a large stainless steel reducer.

Pictured is ECS student Ashley Bognar marking the trees for production and tapping and installing new lines to collect the sap.



Class of 2014 Hanging Plant Sale

Please help the Class of 2014 raise money by buying a hanging flower plant. What better way to decorate for spring than with hanging plants.

Please mail the following order form with money to: Junior Class Advisor, Ellicottville Central School, 5873 Rt. 219, Ellicottville, NY 14731

Please place all orders by Friday, May 3rd. Make checks payable to Ellicottville Central School.

Customer Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Hanging Plants (Indicate Quantity and Color):

Portulaca – _____

New Guinea Impatiens – Pink _____, Orange _____, White _____, or Purple _____

Petunias – Pink _____ or Purple _____

Ivy Geraniums – Red _____, Pink _____, or Purple _____

Fuchsias – _____



Hanging Plants are \$20 each. Orders will be available to pick up at the high school on Thursday, May 9th.



Eagle's Nest Tutoring

The Eagle's Nest is a certified program, through the College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA). ECS is the first high school in New York State to earn this certification. Any tutor who completes the training and tutors a minimum of 25 hours will be internationally certified. Many colleges are affiliated with CRLA, so certified tutors often are able to join the tutoring staff at college without going through the training process.

Megan Westfall and Alijah Fox (*pictured above*) have recently earned CRLA tutoring certification. To earn certification, a student must complete one year of training, held every Tuesday from 3-4 p.m., and 25 hours of tutoring. This is a lot of work on top of an already busy schedule. Congratulations Megan and Alijah!!

Are you worried about final exams? See Mrs. Bauer about getting a tutor.

Yearbook News

Did these pictures make the yearbook? It won't be long before you'll be able to find out.

- To reserve a yearbook you must put at least \$10 down. Your book must be reserved by May 31st. If you don't reserve one you'll only be able to get one a week after they come in, after all reserved ones have had a chance to be claimed.
- You may purchase old yearbooks while supplies last. 2012's book is \$30. Books from previous years are \$10 apiece, while supplies last.
- The fundraiser is complete. If you sold 30 items you have a free yearbook reserved for you. If you sold less than 30 you have a dollar off the cost of the book for each item you sold, automatically reserving you a yearbook.



Congratulations Odyssey of the Mind Teams!

By Colleen Bower, Odyssey of the Mind Coordinator

Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college. Team members apply their creativity to solve problems that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics. They then bring their solutions to competition on the regional, state, and world level. Thousands of teams from throughout the U.S. and about 25 other countries participate in the program.

Ellicottville Central School has been involved with Odyssey of the Mind for decades and participants include students in grades 4 through 12.

This year five teams competed in the regional competition in Wellsville on March 9th – two elementary teams (Division 1), two middle school teams (Division 2), and one high school team (Division 3).

This year's coaches and team members are:

Division 1 – Email Must Go Through coached by April Donoghue placed 2nd. Team members include Abby Donoghue, Samantha VanWicklin, Ainsley Watt, Saidy Bolya, Jalee Evans, Courtney Sexton, and Madisyn Kilby

Division 1 – Pet Parade coached by Diana Olson placed 2nd. Team members include Abbey DeChane, Christian Hutchinson, Devon Fish, Jamison Caldwell, Coryn Yarnes, Julianna Giannicchi, and Lindsay Swalcy

Division 2 – It's How You Look at It coached by Jane Chew finished 4th. Team members include Emma Chew, Hannah Chew, Garland Schumann, Mitchell Sexton, Meganne Chapman, Brennan Finn, and Jackson Bacon

Division 2 – The Email Must Go Through coached by JoAnn Kurtis finished 2nd. Team members include Zachary Kurtis, Liam Watt, Robert Spell, Parker Rieman, Audri Atkinson, and Allyson Fisher.

Division 3 – It's How You Look at It coached by Caitlyn Keller and assisted by Megan Westfall placed 1st and continued on to Binghamton to compete in the state competition. Team members include Patrick Snyder, Eric Oliverio, McKenzie Robinson, Chris Wojtowicz, Emily Timkey and Izzy Brown.

Odyssey of the Mind is a great way for students to use their creative thinking skills and team working skills to come up with fantastic solutions to very complex and involved problems. Once again, all the teams represented Ellicottville Central with class. Excellent job teams and coaches!



A Visit to NASA Challenger Center at SBU

8th Grade Science Field Trip

By Glenn Hall

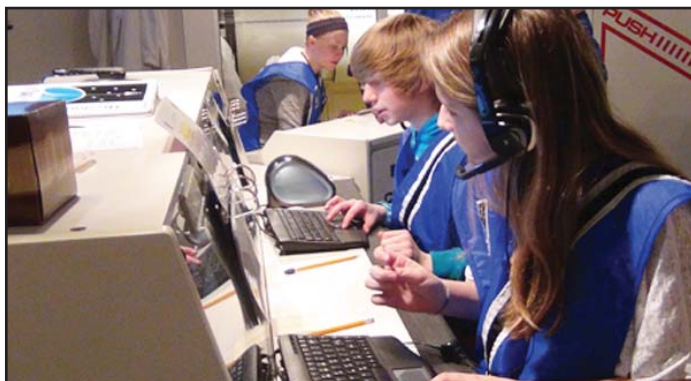
On February 26th the eighth grade spent the day at St. Bonaventure University's Challenger Center involved with Space mission simulations and a rocket construction activity. The NASA Challenger center is one of the centers set up for educating students on the importance of technology and some of the components that are incorporated into the success of a mission into outer space.

The students spent one half of the day involved with a simulated mission to Mars and the other half was a Rocket Design Challenge.

The simulation activity saw the students divided into jobs that they had applied for previous to the trip. Included in these were positions covering the areas of Medical, Navigation, Life Support, Remote, Probe, Isolation, Communication and Data. Each student played an important role in the success of the simulated mission to Mars.

The rocket design challenge asked the students to prepare a rocket using a budget for materials that would produce a rocket that would fly the farthest distance using a compressed air launching device. Included were design, construction, testing and an actual launch. Just as in real life some were successes and others were used to analyze what might have been done better. We did have several groups that went distances in excess of 300 feet.

A truly engaging day for our Middle School Students thanks to ECS for providing this wonderful opportunity.



Team Places 3rd in Angelo Melaro Writing Contest

By McKenzie Robinson

Each year, students in ninth through twelfth grade from Cattaraugus and Allegany Counties are chosen by their English teachers to compete in the annual Angelo Melaro Writing Contest, a prestigious competition for high school students which tests their ability to write on demand. The students are given a prompt, and then asked to write an essay in ninety minutes.

This year the ECS students who participated were Kaleigh Hunt (9th grade), Aidan Wilson (10th grade), myself (11th grade), and Patrick Snyder (12th grade).

The prompt for the 9th and 10th graders was, "You are feeding your pet when he/she opens his mouth and, in English, says, "Things are not as they seem..." The prompt for the 11th and 12th graders was, "As you look ahead to your life and college, take a moment



Pictured (l-r): Patrick Snyder, Principal Bob Miller, Kaleigh Hunt, McKenzie Robinson, Ms. Suzana Baker and Aidan Wilson.

to reflect upon your childhood. Choose an artifact that represents a time when life was much simpler, and write about the memory or memories it is connected to."

We wrote the essays in a computer lab at the school, and then the English teachers in area school districts reviewed and scored them.

On March 14, all participants came

together for a luncheon at the Olean BOCES center where the winners were announced. All the writers did very well, and Patrick and I both placed in our grade levels (Patrick placed 4th, and I placed 3rd). Ellicottville also won third place overall as a team, an award which is calculated using the points awarded to all four essays.



ECS ARTISTS in the NEWS



Quick Center High School Exhibit

Ellicottville art students have been recognized as regional winners. Congratulations to our students Aidan Wilson, Finn Wilson, Elizabeth Brown and Gwen Brown. Their artwork has been chosen from over 400 entries from 17 area schools to be exhibited in the High School Juried Exhibition at The Regina A. Quick Center for the Art at St. Bonaventure University.

The opening reception was held on Wed January 24th in the atrium of the Regina A. Quick Center for the arts.

CONGRATULATIONS to all of the students who submitted work to be considered and especially to those whose pieces were selected for display in the 2013 Juried High School Exhibition.

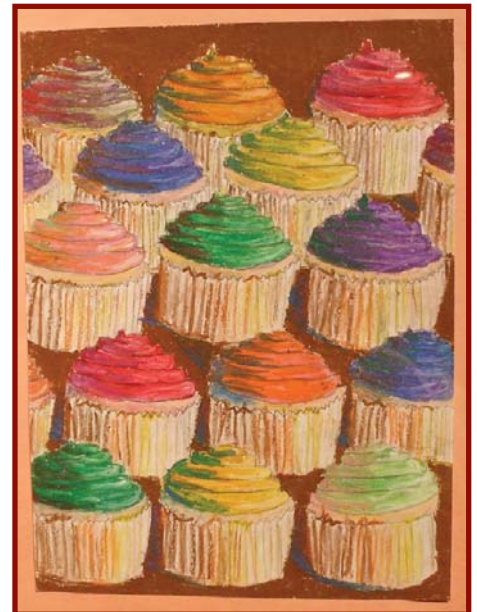
Daemen College All High Art Show

Gwendolyn Brown (pictured at right) and Amelia Squires have their artwork included in the 44th Annual All High Art Show at Daemen College. Gwendolyn's artwork, "Flutter" was chosen by the Buffalo Society of Artists for their award this year. The artwork remained on display at the Haberman Gacioch Center for Visual and Performing Arts on the Daemen College Campus until March 22. Both students are in Mary Ann Boyles' Advanced Drawing class at Ellicottville Central High School.



Quick Center Middle School Art Show

Rylie Aldrich (pictured above) and Madison Swalcy (artwork pictured below) had their artwork included in the Regina Quick Arts Center at St. Bonaventure University for the regional Middle School Art Show. Artwork from 18 schools was included in the show. Rylie is in 7th grade, Madison is in 8th grade. Both are students in Mrs. Boyles art class at Ellicottville Central School.





Junior High Chorus



Elementary Chorus

Elementary All-County Music Festival

W W W Music @ ECS...that is Ms. Waldron, Mrs. Weller, and Mrs. Wilder. On Friday and Saturday, February 8th & 9th the music teachers of ECS took thirty students to the Elementary All-County Music Festival held at Franklinville Central School. Students from each of the ten schools in Cattaraugus County were chosen to come together to perform an exciting concert. At this festival, the elementary band, elementary chorus and Junior High chorus performed. The elementary band was directed by Ellicottville band director, Kathy Weller; junior high chorus was directed by Allegany-Limestone band director, Geraldine Lyter, and the elementary chorus was directed by Randolph Central School chorus director, Colleen Hood. The ECS students pictured did a wonderful job of representing our school at the festival ~ Bravo!

Elementary Chorus: Malorie Chamberlain, Hannah Delity, Allyson Fisher, Robin Freaney, Gabrielle Squires, Elissa Cole, Michael Austin, Alana Curtis, Mitchell Gregory, and Samantha Karns.

Elementary Band: Jack Snyder, Meganne Chapman, Kayleigh Coolidge, Kobee Decker, Brennan Finn, Ginna Hensel, Linnea Jimerson, Logan Knab, Zackary Krotz, and Sierra Maybee.

Junior High Chorus: Kaleigh Hunt, Kaitlyn Smith, Leah Westfall, Courtney Charlesworth, Caitlyn Golley, Logan Whitmore, Nick Delity, Max Paddock, Elijah DeChane, and Quinn O'Rourke.



Elementary Band



Senior High Chorus



Senior High Band



Junior High Band

Jr./Sr. High All-County Music Festival

On Friday and Saturday, March 8th & 9th the music teachers of ECS took thirty-seven students to the Jr./Sr. High All-County Music Festival held at Franklinville Central School. Students from each of the ten schools in Cattaraugus County were chosen to participate in this prestigious opportunity to share their talents with others in rehearsal and performance. At this festival, the Jr. High band, Senior High band and Senior High chorus performed. The Jr. High Band was directed by Salamanca City Central band director, Jonathan R. Wilder; Senior high band, guest conductor Dr. Christopher Foster; and Senior high chorus, guest conductor Mr. John Armstrong. Our school was represented with the most students in the county! Bravo ECS!!!

Junior High Band: Kourtney Robinson, Lisa Krotz, Katie Barry, Rylie Aldrich, Andelain Wilson, Shelby Imhoff, Madison Swalcy, Noah Stuve, and Madison Harris.

Senior High Band: Alessia Filutze, Kaleigh Hunt, Ashley Charlesworth, Rebecca Hagon, Courtney Charlesworth, Cam Musall, Kaitlyn Smith, Jesse Pollock, Sarah Wojtowicz, Courtney Antholzner, Leah Westfall, and Alijah Fox.

Senior High Chorus: Breanna Coolidge, Alyssa Costello, Colleen McClure, Ciara Peters, Elizabeth Wendel, Jordan Curtis, Sierra DeChane, Madison Szaicher, John Alzate, Kevin Bower, Tanner Gregory, Taylor Grinols, Greg Knier, Liam O'Rourke, Calum Watt, Storm Wilson.

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High-Rolling Scanlan Qualifies for League Bowling Sectionals

Courtney Scanlan finished the season with the highest average in the league, which landed her a spot at Sectionals. Courtney has held the highest average for



Courtney Scanlan

the girls' league for the past two years. With her average this year of a 179, Courtney made 1st Team All Stars. Out of 30 games (10 series), she bowled 27 honor games and 10 honor series. Honor games for girls are anything 140 and higher; honor series are anything 400 and higher. Most of her honor games were well over 140. Her highest game this year was a 243 and her highest series was a 606. With Courtney's continuing improvement it will be great to see what's in store for her and the team next year.



Science & Technology Exposition

Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at 6 p.m., HS Cafeteria

There will be a Kiddie Corner with hands-on activities for the little ones. Earth Science students will test the egg drop, and technology students will be creating a theme park.