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ELLICOTTVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL

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Four new buses arrive ...



Ready for ECS school opener

During the summer, the District took delivery of four new International buses as we looked to upgrade our bus fleet. The two smaller 35S/24A passenger buses were ordered over a year ago, but, due to production delays we did not receive them until this August. They will be replacing the smaller buses that were primarily used for Pre-K. The new buses feature a full size frame as opposed to a van body which provides us with greater versatility.

The larger 66 Passenger buses are also 2014 International buses, and are replacing two of our older models that were ten years old with roughly 100,000 miles each.

Mr. Dave Pelton, Transportation Supervisor noted that, "all

four buses will be the first buses the District has ever leased."

The District went to leasing buses because of the savings they can realize through reduced maintenance costs which allowed the reduction of one full-time staff member. The five year lease agreements call for payments of \$18,280 a year for the two smaller buses and \$30,640 for the two larger buses. To buy these buses out right the smaller buses would cost \$60,000 and the larger buses are \$109,000. (This represents a \$93,000 savings over five years!)

We believe that in the long run that leasing buses will be far more cost effective by reducing maintenance costs, reduce staff and allow us to maintain newer buses with less mileage.



WELCOME BACK!



**Classes Begin
Thursday,
Sept. 5th:**

We look forward
to seeing you!

**Open House
September 19th:**

Elementary, 6:30-7:30 pm

MS/HS, 7:30 – 8:30 pm

Boosters Cookout:

The ECS Sports Boosters
will sponsor a cookout during
Open House Sept. 19 starting
at 5 pm, with hotdogs/ham-
burgers/chips and drink for \$3.

**Updated Code
of Conduct:**

The updated Code of
Conduct is available on the
Ellicottville Central web-
site: www.eville.wnyric.org

Capital Project enters design phase

By Mark J. Ward, Superintendent

The familiar question that I have been asked all summer has been “when will they start the project?” Others have remarked, “I thought the project would get underway this summer.” Well, soon after the voters approved the project the next phase of the project started, but it is not the phase of the project most people are excited about.

Everyone is looking forward to seeing dirt move, cranes on site or physical changes that can easily be seen. However, right now we are in the “design phase” which basically takes the “rough drawings” and puts those concepts into workable drawings. SEI Design Group is doing the majority of the work at this time with their engineers and those who are working with the electrical and plumbing facets of the project. This is the detail work that we need to make sure is right so the project stays within the budget parameters that were approved.

This is the time when we establish the actual structural walls, specs for the steel, ceilings, lights, rooms, electrical improvements, plumbing, wall finishes, floor finishes, site work and the many other little things that will go into the project. We want to get things right at this phase of the project because changes down the road will cost the District extra money.

The Board will soon finalize the scope of the work and develop a list of alternates that will be considered if the bids come in favorable (lower than what Campus Construction estimates). You might call it a wish list, but we hope that many of the items will become part of the final project.

Originally we had planned to have the

plans ready to be submitted to the State Education Department for review by November 1, 2013; however, we are trying to push that up by a full month. The SED process can take up to six months and sometimes more, so the sooner the plans are there, the sooner they can be approved.

Once the plans are approved we can advertise and bid the project. This is critical for a couple reasons. We will need two full summers to complete the work and the sooner we get started the more we can get done. The other reason deals with the timing of the bidding process and if we can bid earlier, we believe it increases the

competition and potentially lowers the cost for the District. We hope to begin the construction phase during the first week of June 2014.

As for disruptions throughout the school year, we do not anticipate that 2013-14 will pose any major adjustments. However, 2014-15 will be a completely different story! As we get closer to the end of this school year, we will have more information of the phasing of the project (how we will operate the programs and school during the construction).

It will be an exciting time for all of us as our plans and vision take shape.



Caitlin Riggs Keller



Chad Bartoszek



Alice Alessi

Three teachers welcomed

ECS is excited to welcome new staff: **Caitlin Riggs Keller** will be teaching Kindergarten. The District added an additional section due to enrollment. Caitlin is no stranger to the District having worked the past two years as an Ameri-Corp Worker. Caitlin worked with students one-on-one and assisted several students with special needs. Caitlin is a graduate of SUNY Fredonia in Early Childhood Education with a Masters in Differentiated Instruction from St. Bonaventure. She and her husband Dan live in Salamanca. We are excited to have Caitlin as a full-time member of the ECS teaching staff.

Chad Bartoszek will be teaching Physical Education in grades 7-12. During the past two years, he has been working as a PE teacher in the Portville Central School. Prior to that, he worked in several educational positions with the Seneca Nation, Beacon Light Behavioral Health Systems and Salamanca City Central School. Mr. Bartoszek has a Bachelors Degree in History from the University

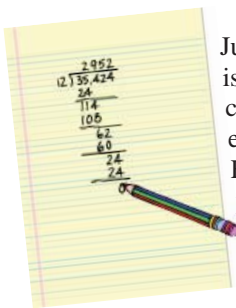
Buffalo and a Master of Sports Science from United States Sports Academy. Mr. Bartoszek also played Division I football at UB where he was drafted and spent two years in the NFL with the Indianapolis Colts. He has also been named as the “Eagles” Head Varsity Football Coach. He lives in Bradford with his wife Denise and their son Brandon.

Alice Alessi will become the District’s first full-time speech teacher as the District took over her position from Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES. For the past twenty two years, Mrs. Alessi has worked for the Randolph Academy or CA BOCES as a speech teacher. She brings a wealth of speech experience to the job and is well respected by the staff and parents of students for the excellent work she has done. While it was, in part, a financial decision, being able to get a teacher with Mrs. Alessi’s professional experience made the decision even easier. She lives in Randolph with her husband Mark.

SAT Prep class offered

Attention Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors: There is still room in the SAT Prep class, offered from 7:15-8:00 each morning by semester. Earn a 1/2 credit while preparing for the SAT! Most colleges require an SAT score and some scholarships / awards take SAT

scores into consideration. The higher your score, the more likely to get into your college of choice and compete for scholarships! If interested, please contact Mrs. Eddy as soon as possible.



What's new at ECS?

By Mark J. Ward, Superintendent

As the staff makes the final arrangements to prepare the building for its "fifty second opener," we will be starting with the fewest overall changes that we have seen in a number of years.

- The single most important change that will be taking place during 2013-14 will be the full implementation of the new Common Core Curriculum throughout grades K-8. While some of the changes were introduced at various grade levels this past year, we will see many more changes in math and ELA.

We plan to provide feature articles throughout the year that will help you as parents and community members better understand just what the new Common Core Curriculum is and how it is changing education in this country. This is not something unique to New York State, rather it is across the country and it is designed to get our students better prepared and ready to meet the challenges of college and the work force when they graduate from high school.

- Due to fiscal restraints, we have eliminated the District calendar that is normally sent home during the summer. We will continue to send "bi-monthly calendars" by way of the newsletter. The information contained in the calendar will be published in the newsletter and will also be available at the District's web site.
- We are pleased to announce that Crystal Wilder has been approved and will be offering a college level course from JCC called Music Theory.
- JCC Ceramics will once again be offered to high school students for college credit.
- When students come back to school they will notice that the high school library has been redesigned to create an instructional area on the far side facing the parking lot. This will allow teachers to use the library for teaching/instruction while the rest of the library can remain open for regular use. Stacks and library furniture have been changed to accommodate the change.
- The District has purchased 115 new Dell Notebook computers that will be available in the library, in labs and one mobile lab for classroom use. These are in addition to the three mobile I-PAD labs that we currently have. The wireless computers can also be used with larger monitors that exist throughout the building.
- The District is excited to announce that we have recently contracted with the Casella Waste Systems Inc. to provide refuse and recycling services for the District. With the help and support of Casella, we plan to implement a District-wide program emphasizing zero-sort recycling, and bring more awareness to the value of recycling. Every classroom will have a re-cycling container that students and staff can use for cardboard, paper, plastic, aluminum and glass.
- The State has recently released the 2012-13 testing data for grades 3-8 in ELA and Math and ECS clearly did a great job overall. The 4th grade math scores and the 6th grade ELA and math scores ranked us in the top 10 in WNY!! We plan to do a special article in the October newsletter to explain the testing results and how our District compares locally and across the state.



Congratulations retired staff!

We want to take this opportunity to recognize and acknowledge the careers of three members of the "ECS Team" who recently retired.

Sharon Morton started her career at ECS nearly twenty seven years ago as a part-time library aide and went on to become the Superintendent's Secretary, Business Office Typist and finally the last thirteen years as District Treasurer. Her career is a great example of someone coming into an organization in an entry level position and working their way up!

Sharon did an outstanding job of managing the District financial affairs while making sure the bills were paid and that the paperwork met all the standards established by the State of New York and our auditors. She always made sure that everyone did things "by the book!" Sharon is well connected to ECS as a former graduate, mother of two graduates and Victoria's grandmother!

Mark Duerr came to ECS in August of 1999 serving as the Director of Buildings and Grounds until his retirement in January 2013. Previous to working at ECS, he was an X-ray Technician at Bertrand Chaffee Hospital in Springville. It certainly was a very "different" career change, but Mr. Duerr made the transition and helped the District through two separate capital projects in the early 2000's. He took great pride in making sure our facilities/grounds looked good. He also took pride in the accomplishments of our students. Mark hopes to be able to travel with his wife, spend more time with their grandchildren and continue his hobby with old cars/trucks.

In June 2013, **Vicki Schultz** ended a twenty three year full time career at ECS (with another 14 years of subbing). During the past 15 years she has served as the District's "chief cook" helping to make sure our students received nutritional meals! Vicki has some very deep roots within the Ellicottville School District having been a graduate, the mother of three children who are alumni, and now has two grandchildren currently attending.

The lunch line just won't be the same without Vicki's familiar face and good nature. Enjoy the time off, you have earned it! We are sure there is a long list of things to do to occupy your new found time!

May all of you have a long, healthy and happy retirement.



ECS 2013-2014 BUS ROUTES

Bus #105

Sugartown Road,
Bonne Way,
McGuan Road,
Sugartown Road,
Clair Valley,
Sugartown Road,
Rt. 98,
Davies Road,
Howe Hill Road,
Rt. 98,
Martin Road,
Brewer Crossroad

Bus #106

Bailey Hill,
Crumb Hill,
Plato Road,
Hinman Hollow,
Erdman Hill,
Kent Road,
Hinman Hollow,
Lindberg Road,
Poverty Hill,
Maples Road,
Northwood Drive,
Pine Tree Road,
Mechanic Street,
Washington Street,
Route 219

Bus #107

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,
Quackenbush Road,
Rt. 242,
East Washington Street,
Mill Street,
Farm to Market Road

Bus #108

Rt. 219,
Hungry Hollow Road,
North Whalen Road,
Porter Hollow Road,
Klawitter Road,
Mutton Hollow Road,
Grace Ave. to Depot Street,
Route 219

Bus #109

Humphrey Road,
Pumpkin/Fay Hollow Road,
Humphrey Road,
Raecher Road,
Flint Road,
Raecher Road,
Humphrey Road,
Brown Road,
219 North,
Green Valley Estates,
Rt. 98

Bus #110

Humphrey Center,
Bozard Hill,
Humphrey Center,
Humphrey Road,
Howe Hill Road,
Humphrey Road,
Rt. 219,
Burlison Road

Bus #111

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

Bus #112

Beeles Road,
Bear Hollow Road,
Snowbrook Road,
Bear Hollow Road,
Humphrey Road/Peth
(Intersection),
Barker Run,

Peth Road,
Fairview Lane,
Peth Road,
Courtney Highlands,
Rt. 219 North,
Creek View Estates

Bus #113

Sommerville Valley,
Bryant Hill,
Crane Road,
Dooley Road,
Simmons Road,
Smith Road,
Sommerville Valley Road,
Washington @ Elizabeth,
Corner Washington & Adams,
Van Buren Drive,
Elizabeth Street,
W. Washington,
Greer Hill,
Holiday Valley Road

Parents' Right to Know Advisory

Under the federal No Child Left Behind legislation (latest reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act), parents are required to be given several official notifications:

1. Parents may request information regarding the qualifications of their child's Title I teachers ["Title I" Teachers are those supported by Federal Title I funds] and paraprofessional staff. Parents may request specific information as to the following:

- whether the teacher has met State qualifications and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
- whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived;
- the baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree, and
- whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals, and, if so, the qualifications of that paraprofessional (assistant).

2. Section 9528(a)(1) of the legislation requires that each school district receiving Title I funds under No Child Left Behind shall provide, on a request made by military recruiters or an institution of higher education, access to secondary school students' names, addresses and telephone listings.

- A student or a parent may request that such information not be released without prior written parental consent. In order to make such a request, please contact the high school office at 699-2316 for further information. If you do not wish to have your student's information released to the military or to colleges without your expressed permission, you must send a signed, written statement to that effect to the high school office by the beginning of the school year.

Under the Sex Offender Registration Act (Megan's Law) information that is disseminated to the School District regarding the presence in the community of a convicted sex offender will be communicated to staff, community and local law enforcement officials in order to ensure that the offender does not have contact with children.

Any information which the School District receives regarding a sex offender from a source other than the Sex Offender Registry, and which is maintained independent of the requirements of Megan's Law, will be available from the District, upon written request to the District Office, in accordance with the Freedom of Information Law (FOIL).



BUS SAFETY RULES & REGULATIONS

"DON'T LOSE YOUR RIDING PRIVILEGE!"

1. Be on time for pick ups/drop offs.
2. Do not enter or leave the bus while it is in motion.
3. Always pass in front of the bus, never behind, when loading or unloading from the bus.
4. Occupy the seat assigned by the driver or monitor.
5. Remain seated until the bus has reached your destination.
6. Head or arms must not be extended from the windows.
7. Students will not throw any objects from the bus.
8. Large objects may not be carried on the bus due to D.O.T. regulations.
9. The bus driver and/or the monitor are to be obeyed at all times. Riding the bus is a privilege and drivers have been instructed to report students who do not obey these rules.
10. Drinking, eating, cursing, swearing or loud talking are prohibited.
11. Please refrain from driving your car or parking in the bus circle during the hours of: 7:45 am to 8:05 am and 2:45 pm to 3:05 pm.



LATE BUS

Late buses will run on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 4:00 pm October, November, December, April, May and June. Late buses will run on Tuesday and Wednesday nights at 4:00 pm January, February and March. These buses are for students who are involved with homework club, school clubs, review classes, computer lab time, students receiving detention, and some sports teams. There will be a north run (Ellicottville-Mansfield) and a south run (Great Valley-Humphrey area) that will cover most areas of our school district.

ECS TRANSPORTATION PROCEDURES

One of the most important things we are charged with at school is the safety of our student body. A number of you drop off or pick-up your children at school either in the morning or in the afternoon. During high volume times, the traffic in our driveways becomes a serious point of concern for us. People have been observed making U-turns, three-point turns, and turning off the driveway onto the lawn area. Some have even passed stopped school busses in the loop in front of the school.

The Board of Education has authorized the following procedures for you to follow when dropping off or picking up children at school. They are listed here for your information and use:

1. No traffic will be permitted anywhere in front of the school while busses are in the loop.
Mornings 7:45-8:05 am
Afternoons 2:45-3:05 pm
Late Bus 3:50-4:05 pm
Elementary: The preferred arrival time for students being driven to school is after 8:05 am. The preferred pick-up time is 3:05-3:10 pm.
MS/HS: The preferred arrival time for students being driven to school is 7:45 am. Students must report to the cafeteria.
2. When entering the school for the elementary, please enter the driveway at the North end by the playground and leave by the high school end.
3. When entering to go to the high school, please enter and exit the driveway at the south end near the high school.
4. Arrival: elementary students must be signed in and recorded as late after 8:15 am.
5. Dismissal: Please come in and sign your child out in the office. Children will be waiting inside the school for you. We will not be able to call classrooms for your child if you arrive early for pick-ups.
6. If you **MUST** drop off or pick up a student during times busses are in the loop, please park in one of our lots. No one will be permitted to park in the driveway.
7. **It is against the law** to pass any school bus that is stopped and has its red lights flashing. Yield to busses in the parking lot and driveways.
Please make certain you promptly pick up your child by 4:00 pm from after school activities on Tuesday or Thursday. Thank you so much for your cooperation!

School Health Services

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The district's School Health Services program supports your student's academic success by promoting health in the school setting. One way that we provide care for your student is by performing health screenings as mandated by the State of New York.

During this school year, the following screenings will be required or completed at school:

Vision

- Distance acuity for all newly entering students and students in Pre-K, Kindergarten, Grades 1,2,3,5,7 and 10.
- Near vision acuity, hyperopia and color perception screening for all newly entering students.

Hearing

- Hearing screening for all newly entering students and students in Kindergarten, Grades 1,3,5,7 and 10.

Scoliosis

- Scoliosis (spinal curvature) screening for all students in Grades 5-9.

Health Appraisals

- A physical examination including Body Mass Index and Weight Status Category Information is required for all newly entering students and students in Pre-K, Kindergarten, Grades 2,4,7 and 10, and all students playing sports.
- Physicals needing to be done by the School Physician's PA will happen during the regular school day. Students examined by their own physician may obtain the appropriate forms from the Health Office or on the school's website.

Dental Certificates

- A dental certificate is requested for all newly entering students and students in Kindergarten, Grades 2, 4,7 and 10.

A letter will be sent home if there are any findings on the screenings done at school that would cause concern or need medical follow-up. Please call the school's Health Office if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank You,

Kimberly Watt, RN, School Nurse
716-699-2318 (ext. 604)



2013-2014 ECS Board of Education Meeting Schedule

1. **Tuesday July 9, 2013 7:30 pm**
(Reorganizational Meeting)
2. **Tuesday July 23, 2013 7:30 pm**
(Regular Meeting)
3. **Tuesday August 13, 2013 7:30 pm**
(Regular Meeting)
4. **Tuesday August 27, 2013 7:30 pm**
(Regular Meeting)
5. **Tuesday September 3, 2013 7:30 pm**
(Regular Meeting)
6. **Tuesday September 17, 2013 7:30 pm**
(Regular Meeting)
7. **Tuesday October 1, 2013 7:30 pm**
(Regular Meeting)
8. **Tuesday October 22, 2013 7:30 pm**
(Regular Meeting)
9. **Tuesday November 5, 2013 7:30 pm**
(Regular Meeting)
10. **Tuesday November 19, 2013 7:30 pm**
(Regular Meeting)
11. **Tuesday December 3, 2013 7:30 pm**
(Regular Meeting)
12. **Tuesday December 17, 2013 7:30 pm**
(Regular Meeting)
13. **Tuesday January 14, 2014 7:30 pm**
(Regular Meeting)
14. **Tuesday January 28, 2014 7:30 pm**
(Regular Meeting)
15. **Tuesday February 11, 2014 7:30 pm**
(Regular Meeting)
16. **Tuesday February 25, 2014 7:30 pm**
(Regular Meeting)
17. **Tuesday March 4, 2014 7:30 pm**
(Budget Worksession)
18. **Tuesday March 11, 2014 7:30 pm**
(Budget Worksession)
19. **Tuesday March 18, 2014 7:30 pm**
(Regular Meeting)
20. **Tuesday April 1, 2014 7:30 pm**
(Regular Meeting)*
21. **Tuesday April 22, 2014 7:30 pm**
(BOCES BUDGET VOTE)
22. **Tuesday April 29, 2014 7:30 pm**
(Regular Meeting)
23. **Tuesday May 13, 2014 7:30 pm**
(Budget Hearing)
24. **Tuesday May 20, 2014 7:30 pm**
(Regular Meeting – Budget Vote)
25. **Tuesday June 3, 2014 7:30 pm**
(Regular Meeting)
26. **Tuesday June 24, 2014 7:30 pm**
(Regular Meeting)
27. **Tuesday July 1, 2014 7:30 pm**
(Reorganizational Meeting)

* Last day to okay budget for 2014/2015 school year

'Power Announcement' to replace Global Connect

ECS will use "Power Announcement" as a method of communication with families. This system allows the District to automatically call every family/parent within a matter of minutes. The system will be used to notify families about school events, special recognition, reminders and any special conditions or decisions that may be made based on weather or other emergency situations that might occur. With respect to the closing of school we would also suggest that you continue to listen to the local television and radio stations, as we will continue to use those as we have in the past.

Families have the option of including up to six (6) phone numbers where messages can be sent to (home, business, and personal cell phones). We encourage you to contact Mrs. Shawne Hunt, Technology Coordinator, shunt@eville.wnyric.org or 699-2316, ext. 230, with any updates or changes. This communication system allows us to instantly provide families with updated information that relates to the school.

MEDIA CONSENT FORM

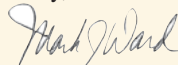
Dear Parents/Guardians:

Periodically the press or media, including our ECS District Newsletter request to do a feature or news story on an educational or safety topic concerning our school. Usually, they request photographs of our students to accompany these articles for print or broadcast purposes.

Pursuant to the federal *No Child Left Behind Act* signed into law in January 2002, school districts must notify parents of their rights and the rights of their children to request, in writing, that the district NOT release such information if it is requested.

Please complete the tear off below and return to the elementary or high school office. Forms will be kept on file in the offices. You may request to change your permission status at any time by submitting a revised form. If you have any questions regarding the form or law, please feel free to contact Mr. Robert Miller, 6-12 Principal at 699-2316; Mrs. Connie Poulin, K-5 Principal at 699-2318 or myself at 699-2368.

Sincerely,



Mark J. Ward, Superintendent

Ellicottville Central School District 2013/2014 School Year (Consent for Release of Certain Student Information under the *No Child Left Behind Act*)

Please check only ONE Item:

- I give permission for my child _____
(please print child's full name) to be photographed for press or media print or broadcast purposes, including the monthly district newsletter.
- I wish to be **contacted on a case-by-case basis** for permission for my child to be photographed for press or media print, broadcast purposes or the monthly district newsletter.
- I do not give permission for my child to be photographed for press or media print, broadcast purposes or the monthly district newsletter.

CHILD'S NAME (please print) _____

HOMEROOM TEACHER _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____





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Central School

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District: 716.699.2368 • MS/HS:716.699.2316 • Elementary 716.699.2318

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. **Ellicottville Central School** offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs **\$1.00**; lunch costs **\$1.60(K-4)/\$1.85(5-12)**. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Reduced price is **\$0.25** for breakfast and **\$0.25** for lunch.

1. Do I need to fill out an application for each child? No. Complete the application to apply for free or reduced price meals. *Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household.* We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: **Vicky Williams, Ellicottville Central School, 5873 Route 219S, Ellicottville, NY 14731.**
2. Who can get free meals? All children in households receiving benefits from **food stamps, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations** or **TANF**, can get free meals regardless of your income. Also, your children can get free meals if your household's gross income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines.
3. Can foster children get free meals? Yes, foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court, are eligible for free meals. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free meals regardless of income.
4. Can homeless, runaway, and migrant children get free meals? Yes, children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant qualify for free meals. If you haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail **Tina Barrett 716-699-2316x227, Ellicottville Central School, 5873 Route 219S, Ellicottville, NY 14731** to see if they qualify.
5. **WHO CAN GET REDUCED PRICE MEALS?** Your children can get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced price limits on the Federal Eligibility Income Chart, shown on this application.
6. **SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS?** Please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Call the school at **Vicky Williams 716-699-2316x403** if you have questions.
7. **MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT ANOTHER ONE?** Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.
8. **I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILD(REN) GET FREE MEALS?** Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please fill out a FREE/REDUCED PRICE MEAL application.
9. Will the information I give be checked? Yes and we may also ask you to send written proof.
10. If I don't qualify now, may I apply later? Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.
11. What if I disagree with the school's decision about my application? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: **Bob Miller MS/HS Principal, Ellicottville Central School, 5873 Route 219S, NY 14731, bmiller@eville.org.**
12. May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen? Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for free or reduced price meals.
13. Who should I include as members of my household? You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends) who share income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children living with you. If you live with other people who are economically independent (for example, people who you do not support, who do not share income with you or your children, and who pay a pro-rated share of expenses), do not include them.
14. What if my income is not always the same? List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
15. We are in the military. Do we include our housing allowance as income? If you get an off-base housing allowance, it must be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income.
16. My spouse is deployed to a combat zone. Is her combat pay counted as income? No, if the combat pay is received in addition to her basic pay because of her deployment and it wasn't received before she was deployed, combat pay is not counted as income. Contact your school for more information.
17. My family needs more help. Are there other programs we might apply for? To find out how to apply for **food stamps** or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call **1-800-342-3009**.

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**2013-2014 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR FREE AND REDUCED MEALS
OR FREE MILK REDUCED PRICE ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART**

Total Family Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$ 21,257	\$ 1,772	\$ 886	\$ 818	\$ 409
2	\$ 28,694	\$ 2,392	\$ 1,196	\$ 1,104	\$ 552
3	\$ 36,131	\$ 3,011	\$ 1,506	\$ 1,390	\$ 695
4	\$ 43,568	\$ 3,631	\$ 1,816	\$ 1,676	\$ 838
5	\$ 51,005	\$ 4,251	\$ 2,126	\$ 1,962	\$ 981
6	\$ 58,442	\$ 4,871	\$ 2,436	\$ 2,248	\$ 1,124
7	\$ 65,879	\$ 5,490	\$ 2,745	\$ 2,534	\$ 1,267
8	\$ 73,316	\$ 6,110	\$ 3,055	\$ 2,820	\$ 1,410
Each add'l family member add....	\$ 7,437	\$ 620	\$ 310	\$ 287	\$ 144

How to Apply: To get free or reduced price meals for your children you may submit an Eligibility Letter for Free Meals/Milk (formerly Direct Certification Letter) received from the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, OR carefully complete one application for your household and return it to the designated office. If you now receive food stamps, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) for any children, or participate in the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), the application must include the children's names, the household food stamp, TANF or FDPIR case number and the signature of an adult household member. All children should be listed on the same application. If you do not list a food stamp, TANF or FDPIR case number for all the children for whom you are applying, the application must include the names of everyone in the household, the amount of income each household member, and how often it is received and where it comes from. It must include the signature of an adult household member and the last four digits of that adult's social security number, or check the box if the adult does not have a social security number. An application that is not complete cannot be approved. Contact your local Department of Social Services for your food stamp or TANF case number or complete the income portion of the application.

Reporting Changes: The benefits that you are approved for at the time of application are effective for the entire school year. You no longer need to report changes for an increase in income or decrease in household size, or if you no longer receive food stamps.

Income Exclusions: The value of any childcare provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such childcare or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care Development (Block Grant) Fund should not be considered as income for this program.

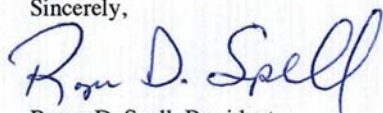
Nondiscrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly. "In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write *USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410* or call toll free (866) 632-9992 (Voice). Individuals who are hearing impaired or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339; or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer."

Meal Service to Children With Disabilities: Federal regulations require schools and institutions to serve meals at no extra charge to children with a disability, which may restrict their diet. A student with a disability is defined in 7CFR Part 15b.3 of Federal regulations, as one who has a physical or mental impairment, which substantially limits one or more major life activities. Major life activities are defined to include functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working. You must request the special meals from the school and provide the school with medical certification from a medical doctor. If you believe your child needs substitutions because of a disability, please get in touch with us for further information, as there is specific information that the medical certification must contain.

Confidentiality: The United States Department of Agriculture has approved the release of students names and eligibility status, without parent/guardian consent, to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of federal education programs such as Title I and the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), which are United States Department of Education programs used to determine areas such as the allocation of funds to schools, to evaluate socioeconomic status of the school's attendance area, and to assess educational progress. Information may also be released to State health or State education programs administered by the State agency or local education agency, provided the State or local education agency administers the program, and federal State or local nutrition programs similar to the National School Lunch Program. Additionally, all information contained in the free and reduced price application may be released to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of programs authorized under the National School Lunch Act (NSLA) or Child Nutrition Act (CNA); including the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, the Special Milk Program, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, Summer Food Service Program and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants and Children (WIC); the Comptroller General of the United States for audit purposes, and federal, State or local law enforcement officials investigating alleged violation of the programs under the NSLA or CNA.

The disclosure of eligibility information not specifically authorized by the NSLA requires a written consent statement from the parent/guardian. We will let you know when your application is approved or denied.

Sincerely,



Roger D. Spell, President
Ellicottville Central School Board of Education



2013-2014 Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk

To apply for free and reduced price meals for your children, read the instructions on the back, complete **only one** form for your household, sign your name and return it to Vicky Williams, Ellicottville Central School, 5873 Route 219S, Ellicottville, NY 14731. Call 716-699-2316 X403, if you need help. Additional names may be listed on a separate paper.

1. List all children in your household who attend school:

Student Name	School	Grade/Teacher	Foster Child	No Income
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. Food Stamp or TANF Benefits:

If anyone in your household receives either food stamp, TANF or FDPIR benefits, list their name and CASE # here. Skip to Part 5, and sign the application.

Name: _____ CASE # _____

3. If any child you are applying for is homeless, migrant or a runaway, please call this number: _____

Homeless Migrant Runaway *(Homeless Liaison/Migrant Education Coordinator)*

4. Household Gross Income: List all people living in your household, how much and how often they are paid (weekly, every other week, twice per month, monthly). Do not leave income blank. If no income, check box. If you have listed a foster child above, you must report their personal income.

Name of household member	Earnings from work before deductions <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Child Support, Alimony <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Pensions, Retirement Payments <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Other Income, Social Security <i>Amount / How Often</i>	No Income
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. Signature: An adult household member must sign this application and provide the last four digits of their Social Security Number (SS#), or mark the "I do not have a SS# box" before it can be approved.

I certify (promise) that all of the information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the information is being given so the school will get federal funds; the school officials may verify the information and if I purposely give false information, I may be prosecuted under applicable State and federal laws, and my children may lose meal benefits.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Email Address: _____ Last Four Digits of Social Security Number: ***-**-____

I do not have a SS#

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Home Address _____

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE – FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY

Annual Income Conversion (Only convert when multiple income frequencies are reported on application)
Weekly X 52; Every Two Weeks (bi-weekly) X 26; Twice Per Month X 24; Monthly X 12

Food Stamp/TANF/Foster

Income Household: Total Household Income/How Often: _____ / _____ Household Size: _____

Free Meals Reduced Price Meals Denied/Paid

Signature of Reviewing Official _____ Date Notice Sent: _____

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for free and reduced price meals, submit a Free Meals/Milk Eligibility Letter received from the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance OR complete only one application for your household using the instructions. Sign the application and return the application to ___Vicky Williams, Ellicottville Central School, 5873 Route 219S, Ellicottville, NY 14731. If you have a foster child in your household, you may include them on your application. A separate application is no longer needed. Call the school if you need help: Vicky Williams @ 716-699-2316 x403. Ensure that all information is provided. Failure to do so may result in denial of benefits for your child or unnecessary delay in approving your application.

PART 1 ALL HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE STUDENT INFORMATION. DO NOT FILL OUT MORE THAN ONE APPLICATION FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD.

- (1) Print the names of the children, including foster children, for whom you are applying on one application.
 - (2) List their grade and school.
 - (3) Check the box to indicate a foster child living in your household, and check the box for each child with no income.
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PART 2 HOUSEHOLDS GETTING FOOD STAMPS, TANF OR FDPIR SHOULD COMPLETE PART 2 AND SIGN PART 5.

- (1) List a current Food Stamp, TANF or FDPIR (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations) case number of anyone living in your household. Do not use the 16-digit number on your benefit card. The case number is provided on your benefit letter.
 - (2) An adult household member must sign the application in PART 5. SKIP PART 4. Do not list names of household members or income if you list a food stamp case number, TANF or FDPIR number.
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**PART 3 Before completing an application for a child who may be homeless, a migrant education student, or a runaway, please call your school's homeless liaison or migrant education coordinator at this number:
Tina Barrett 716-699-2316x227
(Homeless Liaison/Migrant Education Coordinator name and Phone Number)**

PARTS 4 & 5 ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE THESE PARTS AND ALL OF PART 5.

- (1) Write the names of everyone in your household, whether or not they get income. Include yourself, the children you are applying for, all other children, your spouse, grandparents, and other related and unrelated people in your household. Use another piece of paper if you need more space.
 - (2) Write the amount of current income each household member receives, before taxes or anything else is taken out, and indicate where it came from, such as earnings, welfare, pensions and other income. If the current income was more or less than usual, write that person's usual income. **Specify how often this income amount is received: weekly, every other week (bi-weekly), 2 x per month, monthly. If no income, check the box.** The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant, TANF and At Risk Child Care Programs should **not** be considered as income for this program.
 - (3) The application must include the last four digits only of the social security number of the adult who signs **PART 5** if Part 4 is completed. If the adult does not have a social security number, check the box. If you listed a food stamp, TANF or FDPIR number, a social security number is not needed.
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OTHER BENEFITS: Your child may be eligible for benefits such as Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). In order to determine if your child is eligible, program officials need information from your free and reduced price meal application. Your written consent is required before any information may be released. Please refer to the attached parent Disclosure Letter and Consent Statement for information about other benefits.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Privacy Act Statement: This explains how we will use the information you give us.

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number are not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Food Stamp, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination against its customers, employees, and applicants for employment on the bases of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, gender identity, religion, reprisal, and where applicable, political beliefs, marital status, familial or parental status, sexual orientation, or all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program, or protected genetic information in employment or in any program or activity conducted or funded by the Department. (Not all prohibited bases will apply to all programs and/or employment activities.)

If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form (PDF), found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at program.intake@usda.gov



2013 Fall Sports Schedule

VARSIY FOOTBALL

9/6 7:30 pm vs Cassadaga Valley
 9/13 7:00 pm @ Randolph
 9/20 7:30 pm @ Westfield
 9/27 7:30 pm vs Franklinville
 10/4 7:00 pm @ Portville
 10/11 7:30 pm vs Chautauqua Lake/
 Maple Grove
 10/19 2:00 pm @ Nichols

JV FOOTBALL

TBD TBD @ Cassadaga Valley
 9/16 6:00 pm vs Clymer/Sherman
 9/23 6:00 pm vs Westfield
 9/30 4:30 pm @ Franklinville
 10/7 6:00 pm vs Portville
 10/15 6:00 pm @ Maple Grove
 10/21 5:00 pm @ Panama

BOYS' VARSITY SOCCER

9/4 5:00pm @ Chautauqua Lake
 9/9 4:30 pm vs Portville
 9/11 4:30 pm @ Allegany/Limestone
 9/13 4:30 pm vs Franklinville
 9/16 4:30 pm @ Olean
 9/18 4:30 pm vs Salamanca
 9/23 4:30 pm @ Randolph
 9/26 4:30 pm vs Westfield
 9/30 4:30 pm @ Portville
 10/2 4:30 pm vs Allegany/Limestone
 10/4 4:30 pm @ Franklinville
 10/7 4:30 pm vs Olean
 10/9 4:30 pm @ Salamanca
 10/11 4:30 pm vs Randolph
 10/17 5:00 pm @ Westfield

BOYS' JV SOCCER

8/30 5:00 pm @ Jamestown
 9/3 5:00 pm vs Genesee Valley
 9/14 12:00 pm vs North Collins
 9/17 5:00 pm @ Genesee Valley
 9/23 5:00 pm @ Fillmore
 9/25 4:30 pm @ North Collins
 10/16 5:00 pm vs Fillmore

BOYS' MODIFIED SOCCER

9/9 4:30 pm vs Portville
 9/11 4:30 pm @ Allegany/Limestone
 9/16 4:30 pm @ Olean
 9/18 4:30 pm vs Salamanca
 9/23 4:30 pm @ Randolph
 9/26 4:30 pm vs Westfield
 9/30 4:30 pm @ Portville
 10/2 4:30 pm vs Allegany/Limestone
 10/7 4:30 pm vs Olean
 10/9 4:30 pm @ Salamanca
 10/11 4:30 pm vs Randolph
 10/17 5:00 pm @ Westfield

GIRLS' VARSITY SOCCER

8/29 4:00 pm @ Bolivar (scrimmage)
 8/31 11:00 am ECS Scrimmage Tourn
 9/5 5:15 pm @ Olean Tournament
 9/7 TBD @ Olean Tournament
 9/10 4:30 pm vs Portville
 9/12 4:30 pm @ Allegany/Limestone
 9/14 10:00 am vs Franklinville
 9/17 4:30 pm @ Olean
 9/19 6:00 pm vs Salamanca
 9/24 4:30 pm @ Randolph
 9/27 4:30 pm vs Frewsburg
 9/28 11:00 am @ Holland
 10/1 4:30 pm @ Portville
 10/3 4:30 pm vs Allegany/Limestone
 10/5 11:00 am @ Franklinville
 10/8 4:30 pm vs Olean
 10/10 6:00 pm @ Salamanca
 10/17 5:00 pm vs Randolph

GIRLS' JV SOCCER

8/29 4:00 pm @ Bolivar (scrimmage)
 9/3 5:00 pm vs Genesee Valley
 9/5 5:15 pm @ Olean Tournament
 9/7 TBD @ Olean Tournament
 9/9 5:00 pm @ Holland
 9/10 4:30 pm @ Allegany/Limestone
 9/12 4:30 pm vs Olean
 9/14 12:00 pm vs North Collins
 9/17 5:00 pm @ Genesee Valley
 9/23 5:00 pm @ Fillmore
 9/25 4:30 pm @ North Collins
 9/27 4:30 pm @ Allegany/Limestone
 10/4 5:00 pm vs Holland
 10/8 4:30 pm @ Olean
 10/10 5:00 pm vs Allegany/Limestone
 10/15 5:00 pm vs Bolivar-Richburg
 10/16 5:00 pm vs Fillmore

GIRLS' MODIFIED SOCCER

9/10 4:30 pm vs Portville
 9/12 4:30 pm @ Allegany/Limestone
 9/14 10:00 am vs Franklinville
 9/17 4:30 pm @ Olean
 9/19 4:30 pm vs Salamanca
 9/24 4:30 pm @ Randolph
 9/27 4:30 pm vs Frewsburg
 10/1 4:30 pm @ Portville
 10/3 4:30 pm vs Allegany/Limestone
 10/5 11:00 am @ Franklinville
 10/8 4:30 pm vs Olean
 10/10 4:30 pm @ Salamanca
 10/17 5:00 pm vs Randolph

GIRLS' VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

8/27 TBD @ Randolph (scrimmage)
 8/29 6:00 pm vs Portville
 8/30 6:00 pm vs Catt./Little Valley

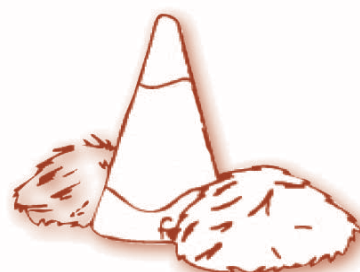
9/5 6:00 pm @ Salamanca
 9/7 8:30 am Falconer SpikeFest Tourn
 9/11 6:00 pm vs Pine Valley
 9/13 6:00 pm @ Silver Creek
 9/18 6:00 pm vs Forestville
 9/20 6:00 pm @ Gowanda
 9/25 6:00 pm vs North Collins
 9/27 6:00 pm vs Salamanca
 9/30 6:00 pm @ Pine Valley
 10/2 6:00 pm vs Silver Creek
 10/4 6:00 pm @ North Collins
 10/9 6:00 pm @ Forestville
 10/10 6:00 pm @ Portville
 10/12 8:00 am @ Olean Tournament
 10/16 6:00 pm vs Gowanda
 10/19 8:00 am @ N Tonawanda Lady
 Jacks Dig Pink Tournament
 10/21 6:00 pm @ Catt./Little Valley

GIRLS' MODIFIED VOLLEYBALL

9/12 4:30 pm vs Randolph
 9/18 4:30 pm vs Allegany/Limestone
 9/24 4:30 pm vs Olean
 9/26 4:30 pm @ Catt./Little Valley
 9/30 4:30 pm @ West Valley
 10/3 4:30 pm @ Randolph
 10/7 4:30 pm vs West Valley
 10/10 4:30 pm @ Allegany/Limestone
 10/15 4:30 pm @ Olean
 10/17 4:30 pm @ West Valley

GIRLS' SWIMMING (with Franklinville)

9/10 6:00 pm @ Allegany/Limestone
 9/12 5:00 pm vs. Dunkirk, Fredonia,
 Silver Creek
 9/16 4:30 pm vs Pioneer
 9/19 5:00 pm vs Olean
 9/21 11:00 am vs Wellsville
 9/24 5:00 pm @ Panama
 9/26 5:00 pm vs Frewsburg
 10/1 5:00 pm @ Southwestern
 10/8 5:00 pm @ Wellsville
 10/10 5:00 pm vs Allegany/Limestone
 10/15 5:00 pm @ Chautauqua Lake
 10/17 5:00 pm vs Salamanca
 10/22 All Day CCAA County Meet
 @ Olean Middle School
 10/23 All Day CCAA County Meet
 @ Olean Middle School





September 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 - Labor Day - School Closed	3 - Superintendent's Day - No School for Students	4 - Superintendent's Day - No School for Students	5 - 1st Day of School for Students	6	7
8	9	10 - MS/HS Picture Day - Fall Sports Pictures - 4:00 pm PTO Meeting Elementary Art Room	11	12 - Elementary Reading Celebration	13 - 9:15 am WNY College Consortium	14
15	16 - Middle School Brochure Sale 9/16 - 9/27 - ECS Sports Booster Meeting, 7:00 pm, HS Cafe	17 - 7:30 pm Board of Education Meeting HS Library	18 - PTO Bookfair	19 - Sports Boosters Cookout - 6:30-7:30 pm Elem. Open House - 7:30-8:30 pm MS/HS Open House - PTO Bookfair	20	21
22	23 - Homecoming Week Activities	24 - Elementary Picture Day	25	26	27 - 2:00 pm Homecoming Pep Assembly	28 - 8:00 -11:00 pm Homecoming Dance
29	30 - Class of 2014 Cuba Cheese Sale 9/30 - 10/11					

ELLCOTTVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS



October 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 - 7:30 pm Board of Education Meeting HS Library	2 - 7:00 pm Project Know Parent Orientation	3 - Josten's 10th Grade Ring Sale (during lunch)	4 - 6:00 - 8:00 pm Class of 2018 MS Dance - MS/HS Picture Re-Takes - Club Pictures	5
6	7 - Project Know Grades 5 & 7	8 - Project Know Grades 5 & 7 - 7:00 pm Grade 5 Project Know Parent/Child Night - Homework Club	9 - Project Know Grades 5 & 7	10 - Project Know Grades 5 & 7 - Homework Club	11 - Staff Development Day - No School for Students	12
13	14 - School Closed - Columbus Day	15 - Music Association Pizza Sale 10/5 - 10/25 - Homework Club	16 - 11:50 am - 2:55 pm PSAT/NMSQT	17 - Homework Club	18	19
20	21 - ECS Sports Booster Meeting, 7:00 pm, HS Cafe	22 - 7:30 pm Board of Education Meeting HS Library - Homework Club	23 - Red Ribbon Week Activities 10/23 - 10/31	24 - Eagle Time - 4th Grade "Respect" - Homework Club	25 - Red Ribbon Week Assembly - 6:00 - 8:00 pm Student Council Halloween Dance for Middle School Students	26
27	28 - Student Council Fruit Sale 10/28 - 11/8	29 - Homework Club	30	31 - Grades K-5 Halloween Parade in Village at Noon - Homework Club		



Asbestos Materials Inspection

In compliance with Sections 763.85 and .93 of the asbestos-containing materials in schools rule, all facilities owned, leased or operated by the Ellicottville Central School District have been inspected for the presence of asbestos-containing building materials. Asbestos management plans have been developed for all facilities and submitted to the NYS Education Department. The E.P.A. requires re-inspections every five (5) years by an accredited asbestos inspector. This re-inspection was done on October 2012, and the results were reviewed by an accredited management planner. The 2012 re-inspection found no significant changes in the condition of the asbestos-containing materials. In general, the asbestos materials in the district are in good condition and will continue to be managed as recommended by the accredited management planner. Copies of the management plans are available for public inspections and management plans should be made to Kevin Blendinger, Maintenance Supervisor, at 716-699-2316 (ext. 404)

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a Federal law, requires that the Ellicottville Central School District, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, the Ellicottville Central School District may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised the District to the contrary in accordance with District procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to all the Ellicottville Central School District to include this type of information from your child's education records in certain school publications. Examples may include:

- a playbill, showing your student's role in a drama production;
- the annual yearbook;
- honor roll or other recognition lists;
- graduation programs; and
- sports activity sheets, such as for football, showing weight and height of team members.

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks. In addition, two federal laws require local educational agencies (LEAs) receiving assistance under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) to provide military recruiters, upon request, with three directory information categories - names, addresses and telephone listings - unless parents have advised the LEA that they do not want their student's information disclosed without prior written consent. (1)

If you do not want the Ellicottville Central School District to disclose directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the District in writing by September 30, 2013. The Ellicottville Central School District has designated the following information as directory information:

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|--------------------------|---|---|
| •Students Name | •Major field of study | •Weight and height of member of athletic teams |
| •Address | •Dates of attendance | •Degrees, honors, and awards received |
| •Telephone Listing | •Grade Level | •The most recent educational agency or institution attended |
| •Electronic mail address | •Participation in officially recognized activities and sports | |
| •Photograph | | |
| •Date and place of birth | | |

(1) These laws are: Section 9528 of the ESEA (20 U.S.C. 7908), as amended by the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* (P.L. 107-110), the education bill, and 10 U.S.C. 503, as amended by section 544, the *National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002* (P.L. 107-107), the legislation that provides funding for the Nation's armed forces.

Sex Offender Registry Website

The purpose of this site is to provide an overview of the sex offender registration law and how the public can obtain information about sex offenders. The Sex Offender Registration Act, New York's version of Megan's Law, was signed by Governor George E. Pataki in July 1995 and became effective on January 21, 1996. The text of the statute is contained in Correction Law Article 6-C (Section 168 et seq.).

Registered sex offenders in New York are classified by the risk of reoffense. A court determines whether an offender is a level 1 (low risk), 2 (moderate risk) or 3 (high risk). The court also determines whether an offender should be given the designation of a sexual predator, sexually violent offender or predicate sex offender. Sex offenders registered on or after March 11, 2002 register for a minimum of 10 years unless they have been given a designation. If they have been given a designation, they register for life.

Level 1 and 2 sex offenders registered prior to March 11, 2002 register for 10 years while level 3 offenders register for life. For more information on sex offenders residing in our district, please visit the following web address: <http://criminaljustice.state.ny.us>

Title IX and Section 504

The Ellicottville Central School District in compliance with Title IX of the Educational amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) hereby designates, Mrs. Connie Poulin, as the Title IX/Section 504/ADA Coordinator for the Ellicottville Central School District. The Coordinator is responsible for resolving complaints and discrimination based on sex or disability. She is also responsible for handling complaints and grievances regarding discrimination based on race, color, creed, religion, national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, age, military status or marital status. Mrs. Poulin can be reached at Ellicottville Central School, 5873 Route 219, Ellicottville, New York 14731 or by phoning (716) 699-2318 (ext. 601).

A copy of the Ellicottville Central School District's Administrative Regulation #3232 *Student Discrimination Grievance Guidelines* is available in the Superintendent's Office, Monday-Friday (8:00 am - 3:00 pm).

Child Find Notice

Notice is hereby given to all district residents with children between birth and age 21: If your child is disabled or you suspect he/she may be disabled, you may be entitled to special education and related services without cost to you. Please contact the school's Special Education Office at (716) 699-2318 (Mrs. Connie Poulin at extension 601) to register your child or to obtain further information.

Notice is in compliance with IDEA "Child Find" requirements Education Law 4402 (1) (a).

Pesticide Use Notification

During the school year, it may be necessary for maintenance staff to use pesticides on school grounds to meet pest management goals. Any individual interested in registering to receive a written notification 48 hours prior to pesticide application, please contact Ellicottville Central School. If you have questions about the integrated pest management program or pesticide use, please contact Kevin Blendinger, Maintenance Supervisor, at 716-699-2316 (ext. 404).



PTO gearing up for another great school year

Welcome back to a new school year at ECS! The PTO is excited to be back helping the students, teachers, and the surrounding community. The PTO would like to let you know of events that we have planned for the year and would like to invite you to jump in and get involved with some of our activities. We often need assistance and would love for you to help! If you would like to help with a particular event please complete the tear off sheet and indicate your interest(s). This year we started off by helping teachers purchase some of the supplies for their classrooms. It was a lot of fun to shop for the classrooms!

2012-2013 - Last year the PTO organized events such as Book Fairs, Family Fun Night, Dime Carnival, Lip Sync, and Field Day. The PTO hosted a breakfast to show appreciation to all of the staff at ECS, purchased ECS key chain gifts for the graduating seniors and tie-dye kits for the Pre-K's field trip to Midway Park. PTO also donated \$303.72 worth of books to our elementary library.

Box Tops - We would like to encourage you to continue sending in Box Tops with your children. PTO mails them in several times a year and that allows us to get books and crafts for Family Fun Night, prizes for the Dime Carnival and Field Day, gifts for graduation and various other items. Last year the PTO collected over \$1,000 in Box Tops! We would love to see this number raise even higher this year so please bring in all your Box Tops! Please send in as many Box Tops as you can by November 1st for our first shipment of this year. Please feel free to send Box Tops in with your students or drop them off in our collection boxes located at TOPS Market in Ellicottville or at the Great Valley Post Office. You can also contribute to Box Tops by using the boxtops4education.com website. This allows you to do the following: See how much our school is earning with Box Tops; enter online promotions for chances to win eBoxTops and other prizes; and print coupons for your favorite Box Tops brands.

TOPS in Education - The TOPS in Education Program is helping raise money for the PTO. All you have to do is register your TOPS BonusCard information to help the PTO earn extra money. Follow these steps to enroll in the program:

Go to www.Topsmarkets.com/Education

In the lower right corner click on "Supporting Our Schools"

The next page is "TOPS Supports Schools," click on "TOPS in Education" Click on "Parents and Shoppers" Click on "Here to Begin"

Here you will enter your TOPS Bonus Card number, email, and name. For the school choice, select "Ellicottville Middle School High School." Ellicottville is the city and 14731 is the zip code.

Please let us know if you have any

questions about this.

Other News - In addition to the PTO Box Tops, Ms. Adams in the Elementary Office collects **Labels for Education** that allows us to purchase computer software and other items for Art, Physical Education, and Library. Ms. Adams also collects "Tabs for Tots" for St. Jude's Research Hospital. So bring in your tabs from your cans so that we can try to have the Big Pig come back again this year for Field Day! We enter the tabs for a contest each year!



Support the PTO

Are you willing to help plan and organize activities to support and enhance the experience of the ECS students? The PTO is in need of new members to continue to provide activities such as the Dime Carnival, Field Day, Family Fun Night, Book Fairs, and more!

During our monthly meetings we will be planning this year's activities. Anyone who joins the PTO will be eligible to vote at any of our meetings. To be on our official member list, with voting rights and to be eligible to hold a leadership position, you must:

1. Be a parent or guardian, grandparent or responsible relative of a student at Ellicottville Central School, or a school employee.
2. Pay annual membership dues of \$2. Memberships are valid for the current fiscal year of the PTO which shall end on June 30th.

The first PTO meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 10, at 4 pm, Elementary Art Room.

Please return the following information to Diana Olson, PTO president.

YES, I would like TO BE AN OFFICIAL MEMBER of the PTO.
(Please enclose \$2 annual dues for the 2013-2014 school year.)

Name: _____

Check one: ___ parent/guardian/responsible adult of _____
 ___ school employee

Email: _____ Phone: _____

YES, I would like TO HELP OUT with the following activities:

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| ___ Family Fun Night | ___ Dime Carnival |
| ___ Book Fair | ___ Any other events |

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____



Menu subject to change: Notice will be given if possible. All lunches served with choice of vegetable, fruit, and 1% milk or skim chocolate milk. Salads are available daily and may be ordered before 10:00. Choice of assorted cereals, yogurt, or daily menu offered for breakfast. You may prepay for your child's lunch.

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Free/Reduced Lunch application can be filled out any time of the year. For more details, contact Vicky Williams, 699-2316.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 NO SCHOOL	3 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	4 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	5 Cinnamon Toast, Fresh Fruit, Fruit Juice, Milk French Bread Pizza or PB&J Tossed Salad, Fresh Fruit, Milk	6 Soft Pretzel w, Cheese Sauce, Fresh Fruit, Fruit Juice, Milk Roast Beef on Roll or Ham Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Fresh Fruit, Milk
9 Egg, Hash Brown, Fresh Fruit, Fruit Juice, Milk Fajita Chicken or Turkey Seasoned Rice, Broccoli, Fruit, Milk	10 Breakfast Pizza, Fresh Fruit, Fruit Juice, Milk Grilled Cheese or Ham Sandwich Tomato Soup, Peas, Fruit, Milk	11 Cinnamon Roll, Fruit, Fruit Juice, Milk Chicken Parmesan or Egg Salad Spaghetti, Bread Stick, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk	12 Bagel, CC, Fresh Fruit, Fruit Juice, Milk (2) Soft Taco's or Bologna Sandwich Rice, Corn, Fruit, Milk	13 Breakfast Hot Pocket, Fruit, Fruit Juice, Milk French Toast Sticks or PB&J Sausage, Syrup, Baked Apples, Milk
16 Danish, Fruit, Fruit Juice, Milk Baked Chicken or Ham Sandwich Potatoes, Baked Beans, Dinner Roll, Fruit, Milk	17 Breakfast on a Stick, Fruit, Fruit Juice, Milk Hamburger/Cheese Burger or PB&J, Macaroni and Cheese, Broccoli, Fruit, Milk	18 Pretzel w/ Cheese Sauce, Fruit, Fruit Juice, Milk Meatballs w/ Gravy or Turkey Noodle, Dinner Roll, Peas, Fruit, Milk	19 Ham & Cheese on Muffin, Fruit, Fruit Juice, Milk Goulash w/ Meat Sauce or Egg Salad Bread Stick, Tossed Salad, Fruit, Milk	20 Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Fruit Juice, Milk BBQ Pork on Bun or Bologna Sandwich, Potato Puffs, Cole Slaw, Fruit, Milk
23 Egg, Sausage, & Cheese on Muffin Fruit, Fruit Juice, Milk Chicken Caesar Salad or Egg Salad, Bread Stick, Fruit, Milk	24 Cinnamon Toast, Cheese Stick, Fruit, Fruit Juice, Milk Ham or Turkey Sub or Bologna Sandwich, Corn Chips, Fresh Veggies, Fruit, Milk	25 French Toast Sticks, Fruit, Fruit Juice, Milk French Bread Pizza or Ham Tossed Salad, Fruit, Milk	26 Breakfast Pocket, Fruit, Fruit Juice, Milk Grilled Cheese or PB&J Tomato Soup, Crackers, Carrots, Fruit, Milk	27 Egg, Toast, Fruit, Fruit Juice, Milk Chicken LoMein or Turkey Sandwich Dinner Roll, Stir Fry Veggie, Fruit, Milk
30 Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Fruit Juice, Milk Sloppy Joe or Ham Sandwich Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Fruit, Milk	BREAKFAST K-12 \$1.00 LUNCH K-4 \$1.60 5-12 \$1.85 Milk \$0.60	Extra Breakfast An additional \$1.50 K-4 Extra Lunch An additional \$2.35 5-12 an Extra Lunch An Additional \$2.60	High/Middle School Sept. 9 th – Nacho Bar Sept. 13 th – Cold Sub Bar Sept. 16 th Pasta Bar (NEW) Sept. 20 th – Hot Sub Bar Sept. 23 rd – Nacho Bar Sept. 27 th – Hot Dog/Burger Bar Sept. 30 th – Pasta Bar (NEW)	



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Best wishes to our retiring teachers!

On behalf of the students, parents, Board and administration we would like to offer a collective thanks to Mr. Bergan, Mrs. Simpson and Mr. Hintz. Their seventy seven years of combined service touched the lives of countless students from K-12!

Timothy Bergan started teaching at ECS in the fall of 1978 as an elementary teacher. Upon the retirement of long time physical education teacher Coach Ray Gray, Mr. Bergan moved into the “gym” and has been there ever since. Beyond the classroom, Coach Bergan was an active member of the community and always had time for others regardless of the circumstances.

It is hard to quantify the magnitude of his impact on the ECS sports program having coached over 1500 contests in football, boys’ basketball, girls’ basketball, softball and bowling at all levels of play. It is safe to say that no one will ever coach that many games at ECS!

Debra Simpson came to ECS in the fall of 1983 as a long term remedial math teacher (working in the high school) and transitioned to the elementary the next year. She has been there ever since! Mrs. Simpson has become a fixture in Kindergarten working each year to begin the educational development of our future doctors, secretaries, plumbers, stock brokers, lawyers and teachers. In fact, she has even had a number of her childrens’ children!

It seems that every day, Mrs. Simpson brought a positive upbeat attitude that made every day fun and created a classroom that challenged each child, and with her guidance, allowed them to develop and grow. Beyond her own classroom, Mrs. Simpson was responsible for the Monthly Birthday Calendar and helped in the creation of the monthly character education assemblies.

Jerry Hintz joined the ECS staff in the fall of 2001 as an elementary teacher which was actually the beginning of his second career. His kind and gentle manner combined with his patience made everyone wonder why it took so long for him to find his



Above are ECS retiring teachers (l-r) Jerry Hintz, Debra Simpson and Timothy Bergan.

“true career.” His re-tooling demonstrates the changing world in which we live. While he selected teaching as his second career, we believe he saved the best for last!

While Mr. Hintz’s health required him to retire earlier than planned, his teaching will have a long and positive impact on the lives of the children who were fortunate to have him as a teacher.

Teaching is so much more than goes on in a classroom. All three of these educators reached out in a variety of ways to touch the lives of their students and families and in the end they helped to make our school a better place.

On behalf of the school and community, we wish all of you a long and healthy retirement filled with happiness and an opportunity to do all the things working has prevented.