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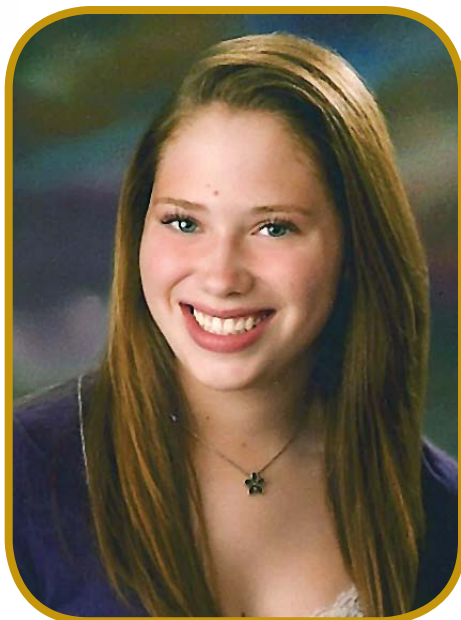
# ELLICOTTVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL

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## Head of the Class ...

### VALEDICTORIAN - KAITLYN RIETHMILLER



Kaitlyn Riethmiller is the daughter of Daniel and Denise Riethmiller. Kaitlyn has earned the position of Valedictorian with a weighted average of 108.4. She will graduate with an Advanced Regents Diploma with honors. Throughout her career, Kaitlyn has been on High Honor Roll and been involved in National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, Band, Jazz Band, and Varsity Club. Outside the classroom, Kaitlyn has been a member of the varsity soccer, basketball, and softball teams.

Kaitlyn is the recipient of the New York State Scholarship for Excellence, the Lee Friar Scholarship Award, Wells College 21st Century Leadership Award, RIT Computing Medal Award, Jamestown Business College Scholar of Excellence Award, and was a WIVB Scholar Athlete nominee. Outside of school, Kaitlyn volunteers as a church lector at Holy Name of Mary Church and helps with the annual rummage sales and summer picnics. She has also volunteered with Varsity Club town clean-up, senior citizen dinners, Lighthouse Community Soup Kitchen in Salamanca and Relay for Life.

Kaitlyn plans to attend the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford where she will major in Biology and play for the women's soccer team.

### SALUTATORIAN - ASHLEY GOLLEY



Ashley Golley is the daughter of John and Debbie Golley. She is ranked second in her class with a weighted average of 108.1, and will graduate with an Advanced Regents Diploma with honors. Throughout high school, Ashley has been on the High Honor Roll and is a member of the National Honor Society. She has also been very active in the school, participating in soccer, basketball, and softball; serving as a captain of the varsity basketball and softball teams. She is also a member of the Jazz Choir.

While in high school, she worked at Holiday Valley in Creekside Lodge as a desk person. Her volunteering includes helping out at the CABOCES Winter Carnival, helping out younger students with school work, cleaning up the town after festivals, helping out at the Ellicottville Fireman's Easter Egg Hunt, and this is her second year of being a member of a Relay for Life team.

Ashley is planning to attend SUNY Brockport in the fall, with her major still undecided.

**Thank  
You**

On behalf of all the students who attend Ellicottville Central School, thank you to our community for their continued support of our school programs. Voting to increase your own taxes is a difficult thing to do. Your understanding for the need to provide our children with a quality education and your willingness to support it, speaks volumes for the priorities of our community. Results for the school budget vote and board of education election are on page 14. Thank you for your continued support!

# Reflecting Back ... 2011-2012 IN REVIEW

**By Mark J. Ward, Superintendent**

This time of the year we like to reflect on what we have accomplished and highlight some of the noteworthy achievements. The list below shows the true diversity that our school offers and how our students are taking advantage of the opportunities by thriving in and out of the classroom. Through the efforts of our staff, support of our families and the hard work of our students ECS continues to excel in many areas.

We are very fortunate to have a strong elementary program that continues to lay a solid foundation for our students to build on. Establishing a solid work ethic and recognizing the financial and personal value that a good education will play in your life is something we continue to promote each and every day.

We are truly blessed to have the kind of community that places a high value on education. In reality, it is the most important gift a community can give to its young people.

On behalf of the entire "school educational team", we hope everyone will have a very enjoyable summer. See you in September!

## ACADEMICS

- 12 Students inducted into National Honor Society...Connor Hellwig, Nicholas DeChane, Rachel McMahan-Eagan, William Murphy, Cam Musall, Ciara Peters, Alex Steinbronner, Madison Szaicher, Caitlin Toth, Rachel Welch, Shannon Wilson, Luke Zlockie
- Proud that 3 more seniors graduated over the summer
- Diversified curriculum...with many college level classes!
- Angelo Melaro Principal's Writing Contest winners Caitlin Toth (1<sup>st</sup> place in 11<sup>th</sup> grade) and Josh Bordini (3<sup>rd</sup> place in 12<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Rachel McMahan-Eagan and Patrick Snyder are eligible to compete for National Merit Scholarship Program
- Katlyn Riethmiller, Katelyn Andera, Kaysie Raecher, Billy Jo Bliss were inducted into National Technical Honor Society
- ECS held the second annual "Science and Technology Exposition"
- Several writing awards for ECS students
- Sent one OM team to "States"...finishing 7<sup>th</sup> (Walter Woodarek, Hannah DeChane, Mitchell Sexton, Jonah Rust, Hannah and Emma Chew)
- 12 Students travel to France over spring break!
- 2011 State Testing Results!
- Ranked #1 in WNY in 4<sup>th</sup> grade math and 7<sup>th</sup> grade ELA (for # of students scoring (4)superior)
- Top 7 in WNY in 8 of 12 testing categories for students scoring 3 & 4!!!
- Ranked # 1 in Catt. County in 10 of 11 tests! (3 & 4's)
- 97% of students taking 11<sup>th</sup> grade ELA Regents passed!
- 98% of juniors taking 11<sup>th</sup> US History Regents passed!
- Leader 2 years in a row in BOCES area in passing % for Trigonometry...86%
- 89% of our students passed Algebra Regents
- MS teams captured the Robotics Title-Southern Tier Tourney

- Megan Chapman, one of our 5th Graders, was recognized at the state level for her essay on Agriculture.
- Two more seniors will graduate this year from the Big Picture Alternative Program hosted at ECS (total of 5 in three years)
- Plans are in place for an SAT Review class for ECS students... starting in September
- Next year ECS will offer four 20 week math electives for HS students

## ATHLETICS

- Lady soccer team competed for second straight year in State Semi-finals
- Girls volleyball won our first ever Section VI Championship (in that sport)
- Boys soccer team ...Co-Section VI Champs
- Girls basketball team...League Champs (Div. III)
- Hannah Doro qualified in the triple jump for Section VI Track & Field Sectionals - she is ranked 12<sup>th</sup> in Section VI!!
- Ellicottville and West Valley plan to combine in modified and some JV sports during 2012-13

## PERFORMING ARTS

- ECS Musical...Damn Yankees...was a great success!
- Band Placed First at Darien Lake among all bands!
- Elementary/High School Art Display in Ellicottville Memorial Library (Feb.)
- Club Jazz ....will feature 23 of our students!
- All County
  - Junior High Band - 9 students
  - Senior High Band - 14 students
  - Elementary Band - 6 students
  - 7-9 Junior High Chorus - 14 students
  - 10-12 Senior High Chorus - 10 students
  - 5/6 Band- 10 students
- K-5 Art Show at SBU Regina Quick Arts Center-Brook Butler, Jacelyn Wyatt, Brett Kryniski, Karma Dittmar, Wyatt Chudy, Max Paddock, Gavin Goodin
- HS Art Exhibition at SBU Regina Quick Arts Center - Karley Brooks, Gwen & Isabella Brown, Zaryan Evans, Caitlin Toth, Patrick Snyder
- Completed first year of Digital Drawing and Painting with a graphic tablet!
- Students painted an underwater mural in elementary school- Connor Green, Dylan Paprocki, Michaela Pierce, Kara Piscitelli, Julia Schwartz, Samatha Uhrienek
- Solo Festival
  - CCMTA - 24 Band students & 26 Chorus
  - NYSSMA - 11 Chorus students & 13 Band students
  - CCMTA Solo Festival: 25 students (4-6 Grade)
  - NYSSMA Solo Festival: 33 students (4-6 Grade)

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**Katelynn Andera**



**Joshua Bordini**



**Erin Bohn**

## *Super Seniors* ROUND OUT THE TOP 5

**Katelynn Andera**, the daughter of Dan and Beth Andera, is ranked third in the Class of 2012.

Kate's academic and extra curricular activities throughout her high school career have included participation in the New Vision Health Profession Program, membership in the National Honor Society and membership and captain of the varsity soccer team. Kate has received All-State and All Star recognition in soccer.

Kate has volunteered her time with the Special Olympics and Relay for Life and has worked for Holiday Valley and the Cattaraugus County Agricultural Society.

Kate is graduating with an Advanced Regents diploma with honors. She plans to attend Alfred State College where she will play soccer and major in Forensic Science.

**Joshua Bordini** is the son of John and Jeannine Bordini. He is ranked fourth in his class and has earned an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors. Throughout his academics Josh has been on High Honor Roll, this year being the president of the National Honor Society, President of Foreign Language Club, and captain of the Quiz Bowl team. He was

also a captain on the varsity soccer team, as well as a member of the basketball and golf teams.

Outside of school Josh teaches snowboarding at Holiday Valley during the winter, and works at the Park Program in Ellicottville during the summer.

Josh will attend the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh Campus, and is planning on majoring in Bio-medical Engineering and Neuro Science.

**Erin Bohn** is the daughter of John and Colleen Bohn. She is ranked fifth in her class and will graduate with an Advanced Regents Diploma.

Erin is a member of the National Honor Society and Yearbook. Throughout her high school years she has played soccer, swimming, cheerleading and track.

Erin has also worked while in high school, as a lifeguard at Holiday Valley, teaching morning swim lessons, and at the Mountain Shop.

After graduation Erin plans to attend the University of Buffalo, she is undecided in her major.

## 2011-2012 IN REVIEW, *continued*

### **OTHER NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- As a District we continue to attract many out-of-district students
- Hosted our first College/Career/Workforce Awareness Day
- ECS will be hosting a new BOCES Business Enterprise Program...open to area schools!
- E-Rate funding will help us add wireless to entire school building
- Strategic Planning continues to help guide our District
- Elementary students enjoyed monthly Eagle Time Assemblies based on the "character traits"
- Cafeteria is in the black....for the first time in nearly 20 years!!
- Streaming live broadcasts via the internet of sporting events and graduation
- 81% of the voters approved the 2012-13 budget...Thank you for your confidence and support!



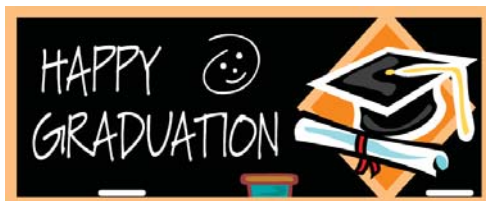


## GOOD LUCK CLASS OF 2012!

Katelynn Marie Andera  
 Jason Allan Atwater  
 Billie Jo Bliss  
 Erin Elizabeth Bohn  
 Joshua John Bordini  
 Joshua Bryan Bower  
 Jeffrey Thomas Brennan  
 Karley Marie Brooks  
 Samantha Jo Brooks  
 Elizabeth Leeann Curtis  
 Falcia Martina Elom  
 Nicholas Alexander Fiorini  
 Zakary Christopher Fisher  
 Mark William Flanagan  
 Trevor Gregory Gebauer

Trisha Belle Ruth Gebauer  
 Ashley Marie Golley  
 Shamus Patrick Greene  
 Elizabeth Michelle Havers  
 Connor David Hellwig  
 Jessica Nicole Howard  
 Levi Howard Kent  
 Colin James Lapi  
 Lakota Michael-William Lyford  
 Kiana Clara Michael  
 Laszlo Christopher Neuwirth

Nicholas Vincent Oliverio  
 Jaimee Lee Olson  
 Michaela Ryan Pierce  
 Donald Robert Prentice, Jr.  
 Kaysie Victoria Raecher  
 Kaitlyn Michelle Riethmiller  
 Jessica Gene Schwartz  
 Shannon Mackenzie Scott  
 Cedella Belou Sergel  
 James Robert Snider  
 Jakob Matthew Stuve  
 Clarissa Noelle Toner  
 Alissa Marie Wallace  
 Courtney Elizabeth Wilson  
 Paige Alanna Wyatt



# Look Out World **HERE THEY COME**

Katelynn Andera  
 Billie Jo Bliss  
 Erin Bohn  
 Joshua Bordini  
 Joshua Bower  
 Jeffrey Brennan  
 Karley Brooks  
 Samantha Brooks  
 Elizabeth Curtis  
 Falicia Elom  
 Nicholas Fiorini  
 Zakary Fisher  
 Mark Flanagan  
 Trevor Gebauer  
 Trisha Gebauer  
 Ashley Golley  
 Shamus Greene  
 Elizabeth Havers  
 Connor Hellwig  
 Jessica Howard  
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 Jessica Schwartz  
 Shannon Scott  
 Cedella Sergel  
 James Snider  
 Jakob Stuve  
 Clarissa Toner  
 Alissa Wallace  
 Courtney Wilson  
 Paige Wyatt

Alfred State  
 Jamestown Community  
 University At Buffalo  
 University of Pittsburgh  
 Pitt. Bradford  
 Erie Community  
 Kingsborough Community  
 Medaille  
 Air Force  
 University at Buffalo  
 SUNY IT  
 St. John Fisher  
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 Brockport  
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 Monroe Community  
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 Jamestown Community  
 SUNY IT  
 Rochester Institute of Technology  
 Empire State  
 California University of Pennsylvania  
 Jamestown Community  
 Pitt. Bradford  
 Olean Business Institute  
 City College of NY  
 New School-Eugene Lang  
 Jamestown Community  
 Ohio Technical School  
 University at Buffalo  
 Coastal Carolina University  
 Jamestown Community  
 Monroe Community

Forensic Science  
 Human Services  
 Undecided  
 Biomedical Engineering  
 Broadcast Communications  
 Business/Culinary  
 Undecided  
 Veterinary Medicine  
  
 Psychology  
 Biology  
 Physics/Business  
 Business  
 Welding  
 Sociology  
 Undecided  
 Business  
 Dental Hygiene  
 Funeral Services  
 Photography  
  
 Business  
 Undecided  
 Occupational Therapy  
 Undecided  
 Communication & Information  
 Industrial Engineering  
 Art Therapy  
 Psychology  
 Occupational Therapy  
 Pre-Med  
 Business  
 Psychology  
 Music  
 History  
 Auto Diesel  
 Pharmacy  
 Psychology  
 Math  
 Radiology Technology





## *Small Town Seniors* VISIT THE BIG CITY

**By Josh Bordini and Ashley Golley**

On Saturday, May 19, the 2012 Ellicottville Senior Class hit the road to New York City. Once in the big city, the senior class got to visit Times Square. The group proceeded to dinner at Ellen's Stardust Diner where they experienced waiters singing and dancing to popular songs. Af-

ter dinner the kids went to see a Broadway production called "Stomp." This 1 hour and 45 minute vocal-less, awesome percussion show was full of excitement and the crazy use of urban percussion instruments. These included brooms, garbage cans, sinks, water drums, lighters, inner tubes, and even their own bodies. The

next day they went to the 9/11 memorial for a powerful experience. They also got to see NBC Studios, and go on a dinner cruise. On the last day the kids got to see Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty before departing for the long trip home.

## EAGLE'S NEST TUTORING NEWS

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

**James Snider** has earned his CRLA certification. To earn certification, a student must complete one year of training, which is every Tuesday from 3-4. In addition, the student must complete twenty-five hours of tutoring. This is a lot of work on top of an already busy schedule. Congratulations James!!

**Want to be a tutor?** We are starting to take applications for next year. If you are interested in becoming a peer tutor pick up an application from Mrs. Bauer.

**Need to be tutored?** Are you worried about your final exams? See Mrs. Bauer about getting a tutor.



**James Snider**



# JUNE 2012 HIGH SCHOOL REGENTS/RCT/FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

Please note that this schedule and information is for High School Students or Students Taking High School Classes

	Wednesday June 13	Thursday June 14	Friday June 15	Monday June 18	Tuesday June 19	Wednesday June 20	Thursday June 21
<b>8:15 - 11:15</b>	- <i>Regents Global History and Geography</i> - Local English 9 - NU French 104 - Local Consumer Math - JCC Biology	- <i>Regents US History and Government</i> - At the Movies - Local Global 9	- <i>Regents Comprehensive English</i> - JCC English 1530	- <i>RCT Global Studies</i> - Local English 10 - Second Language Proficiency: - French - Spanish - Local P.I.G.	- <i>Regents Living Environment</i> - JCC Calculus* (subject to change) - NU French 103 - Local Spanish IV	- <i>Regents Geometry</i>	- <i>RCT Writing</i>
<b>11:15 - 12:00 LUNCH</b>							
<b>12:00 - 3:00</b>	- <i>RCT Science</i> - Local High School Health - Local Science Found. - Local French II	- <i>Regents Integrated Algebra</i> - GCC Physics - Local English 12 - Local Pre-Algebra	- <i>Regents Earth Science</i> - Local Economics - Local Environmental II - Local Pre-Calculus - Local Spanish II	- <i>RCT Reading</i> - Foreign Language Comprehensive Exam - French - Spanish	- <i>Regents Algebra 2 / Trigonometry</i> - <i>RCT US History and Government</i>	- <i>Regents Chemistry</i> - <i>RCT Mathematics</i>	

Key:  
*Regents and RCT Exams appear in italics*  
 Exams printed in red ink will be held on the girls side of the gymnasium  
 Exams printed in blue ink will be held on the boys side of the gymnasium  
 Exams printed in black ink will be held in the teacher's classroom

**New York State Uniform Admission Test Deadlines for Regents / RCT Exams:**  
 Morning Examinations = 10:00 a.m.      Afternoon Examinations = 2:00 p.m.  
 Students arriving after these times will not be admitted to a Regents or RCT examination.

- Unless noted otherwise, final exams for Art; Computers / Technology; and Parenting will be administered during the normally scheduled class times over multiple days starting Monday, June 4th and continuing through Friday, June 8th.
- Speaking and listening portions of foreign language exams may be administered during the normally scheduled class times over multiple days starting Monday, June 4th and continuing through Friday, June 8th.
- Students in grades 9 - 12 do not need to report to school when they are not scheduled to take an exam.

## 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

	Wednesday June 13	Thursday June 14	Friday June 15	Monday June 18
<b>8:12 - 10:29 Periods 1 - 3</b>	Students will report to <b>8<sup>th</sup></b> period class for their final exam.	Students will report to <b>1<sup>st</sup></b> period class for their final exam.	Students will report to <b>7<sup>th</sup></b> period class for their final exam.	- <i>Second Language Proficiency (8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students):</i> - French - Spanish
<b>10:33 - 11:15 4<sup>th</sup> Period</b>	Students report to classes as normal to study for finals or complete activities provided by the teacher. If the student has a class during these periods, final exam will be given over course of Wednesday -Friday.			*Please note this exam date may be subject to change
<b>11:15 - 11:45 LUNCH</b>				
<b>11:49 - 12:31 5<sup>th</sup> Period</b>	Students report to classes as normal to study for finals or complete activities provided by the teacher. If the student has a class during these periods, final exam will be given over course of Wednesday -Friday.			
<b>12:35 - 2:55 Periods 6 - 8</b>	Students will report to <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> period class for their final exam.	Students will report to <b>6<sup>th</sup></b> period class for their final exam.	Students will report to <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> period class for their final exam.	

Key:  
 - Exams printed in red ink will be held on the boys side of the gymnasium  
 - Friday, June 15th will be the last day of school for 7<sup>th</sup> graders  
 - Exams printed in black ink will be held in the teacher's classroom  
 - Monday, June 18th will be the last day of school for 8<sup>th</sup> graders

## 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

Students in 6<sup>th</sup> grade will be taking final exams in English, Math, Science and Social Studies. These exams will start on Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> and conclude on Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup> will be the last day of school for students in 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

- On June 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> the cafeteria will be open for breakfast and lunch with a menu that will vary day to day.
- ECS buses will follow normal pick-up and return times through and including June 18<sup>th</sup>.
- ECS buses will follow normal pick-up times on June 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>, but will depart school early at 12:00 noon on these days. Students that have afternoon exams will need to make arrangements for pick-up after they complete their exams (approximately 3:00).
- HS Students that are present at school during a given time, but who do not have an exam, will report to a designated study hall.



St. Bonaventure University



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## ELLCOTTVILLE CENTRAL COLLEGE/CAREER AWARENESS

On Wednesday, May 30, all students in grades 6-12 were invited to a presentation by representatives from colleges and local businesses on the skills and characteristics employers seek in their employees. The value of education will continue to play a major role in our students' lives. They will be able to compete for jobs in the future. We want our students to be able to compete and what it will take for them to succeed. We want to educate our students on the value of working hard and taking responsibility for their actions.

This was our first large scale approach to "educating our students on the value of working hard and taking responsibility for their actions" and what employers are looking for in their employees. We are excited about dreaming about the future. Plans are already underway for next year.



Jamestown Community College



C-A BOCES Project Lead the Way







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# AL SCHOOL HOSTS ... ER/WORKFORCE S PROGRAM

had an opportunity to listen to a variety of speakers  
characteristics that employers are looking for in their  
y a major role in the type and quality of jobs students  
students to know where the jobs will be, the skills they  
r them to be successful. The speakers were very clear  
g pride in everything they do.

g” our students on the importance of their education  
It is never too early to start thinking, preparing and  
for an even larger program for next year.



United States Marines



Holiday Valley



Jamestown Business College



## ECS BAND TAKES TOP PRIZE AT MUSIC FESTIVAL

On Friday, May 18th the ECS high school band attended the Darien Lake Music Festival at Darien Lake. Along with enjoying all of the park's roller coasters the band took time out of their fun day to perform three songs for a competition. Our students came home with a 1st place trophy and the Grand Champions. They won 1st place from competing against four other bands in their category and Grand Champion was for the highest score out of eleven bands. BRAVO to the ECS High School Band!!



### ACADEMIC BIG 30

Katelynn Andera represented Ellicottville Central School at the Academic Big 30 Scholarship Banquet held at the Old Library Restaurant in Olean. This program is sponsored by the Secondary Principals in the New York and Pennsylvania Big 30 Region. Each school selects one senior to compete for scholarships based on academics, SAT/ACT scores and involvement in the school and community.



### HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERS RECOGNIZED

On Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, our National Honor Society Students were invited to attend the Cattaraugus County National Honor Society Banquet at the Premier Banquet Center. Our students were treated to guest speakers and dinner with other top students from Cattaraugus County. Four of our students were honored that night with the following awards (l-r): Courtney Wilson - Distinguished Service Award; Kaitlyn Riethmiller - Lee Friar Scholarship; Josh Bower - Outstanding Chapter Member; and Erin Bohn - Scholastic Excellence Award.



## 2012-2013 District Calendar

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- 7/4 Independence Day
- 9/3 NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
- 9/4 Superintendent's Day
- 9/5 First Day of School for Students
- 10/8 NO SCHOOL - Columbus Day
- 10/9 Staff Development Day (no school for students)
- 11/9 End of 1st Marking Period
- 11/12 NO SCHOOL - Veteran's Day
- 11/15 Parent/Teacher Conferences (1/2 day of school for students K-12)
- 11/21 Parent/Teacher Conferences (1/2 day of school for students K-12)
- 11/22-11/23 NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Recess
- 12/22-1/1 NO SCHOOL - Winter Recess
- 1/21 NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 1/22-1/25 Regents Exams
- 1/24 End of 2nd Marking Period
- 1/25 Staff Development Day (no school for students)
- 2/18 NO SCHOOL - Presidents' Day
- 2/19-2/22 NO SCHOOL - WINTER RECESS
- 3/13 1/2 Day Grades K-5 Parent/Teacher Conference Day
- 3/28-4/7 NO SCHOOL - SPRING RECESS
- 4/12 End of 3rd Marking Period
- 5/27 NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
- 6/12-6/21 Regents Exams
- 6/20 Last day of school for students
- 6/21 ECS Graduation
- 6/24 Staff Development Day (no school for students)

- STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS (no school for students)
- NO SCHOOL
- SCHOOL RECESS - School Closed
- END OF MARKING PERIOD
- PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES (1/2 day of school for students grades K-12)
- PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES (1/2 day of school for students grades K-5)

Approved by the ECS Board of Education - Tuesday, April 24, 2012

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS: 4 (9/4, 10/9, 1/25, 6/21)  
 \*if no emergency days are used, school will be closed on Monday, June 24, 2013



## CLASS OF 2016 TOURS WASHINGTON, D.C.

Thirty-seven students from the Class of 2016 had the opportunity to spend two days touring our Nation's Capital. Student's toured the Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, Korean War Veteran's Memorial, the National Air & Space Museum, the Museum of American History, Daniel's Story at the Holocaust Museum, World War II, Martin Luther King Jr. and the FDR Memorials. The students toured Arlington National Cemetery where they were able to watch the changing of the guards. This was a great opportunity for our students to tour Washington, D.C., it was both fun and educational.

### ECS ALUMNI BANQUET UPDATE

The ECS Alumni Banquet will be held Friday, August 3, 2012 at Tannenbaum Lodge, Upper Holiday Valley Road in Ellicottville.

On Saturday, August 4, there will be a light brunch at the United Church meeting room on Elizabeth Street from 9 to 11 a.m.

Additional information is available on the Ellicottville Central School website - [www.eville.wnyric.org](http://www.eville.wnyric.org) (under Shortcuts - Alumni).

If you plan to attend the Alumni Banquet and stay for the weekend, some hotels and Bed & Breakfast Inns in Ellicottville are offering a discounted rate. Just indicate your plans when you make your reservations. You can check either the Ellicottville Chamber or the Holiday Valley website for a listing and phone numbers.

## *Eighth Grade Student's Work to be* PUBLISHED IN POETRY COLLECTION

Paige Enderby wrote a beautiful poem and created a homemade movie to present to her English class as a project.

Her poem was so impressive that Mrs. Weber encouraged her to enter it in a poetry contest. By doing so, she became a semi-finalist in the World Poetry Movement International Open Poetry Contest.

Her poem, "Beauty Within" will be published in a collection called *Stars in Our Hearts* in July 2012 and will be held in The Library of Congress.

Congratulations, Paige!! We are so proud of you.



Paige Enderby



# Talent Shines at SCIENCE & TECH EXPO

On Tuesday, May 15th, the Ellicottville Science Department sponsored the second annual Science and Technology Exposition. The event was a great success. Students in all science classes prepared projects for presentation as students in Mr. Edward's Robotics class prepared a demonstration of a Rube Goldberg mousetrap.

A special feature this year was the Kiddie Corner with hands-on minds-on activities for the young children. High school students Josh Bordini, Falicia Elom, Jordan Curtis, Hannah Gerwitz, Gwen and Izzy Brown, Rebecca Golley, Natalia Palombi, Alijah Fox and Elizabeth Wellman volunteered to run the stations for the little children.

There also was a Kids Connection corner for elementary children. Madison Kilby won the competition for the highest straw tower.

Outside, students from Ms. Brierton's Earth Science classes competed in round two and three of the egg drop competition. This year, Natalia Palombi had the only egg drop container which survived a fall of 80 feet.

Inside in Mr. Schwartz's Chemistry room, students performed experiments for visiting parents and students.



# MAY 15<sup>TH</sup> SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE RESULTS LISTED

## Vote Proposition #1:

**Resolved:** That the Board of Education of the Ellicottville Central School District in the County of Cattaraugus, State of New York, BE AND IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXPEND THE SUM OF \$10,641,795 for the 2012/2013 school year budget.

Yes - 223      No - 53

## Vote Proposition #2:

**Resolved:** This proposition will authorize the Board of Education of the Ellicottville Central School District in the County of Cattaraugus, State of New York, to levy an additional \$16,350 to lease 2 (35 passenger) 2013 International Buses for each of the next five years commencing with the 2012/2013 school year.

Yes - 216      No - 53

## Vote Proposition #3:

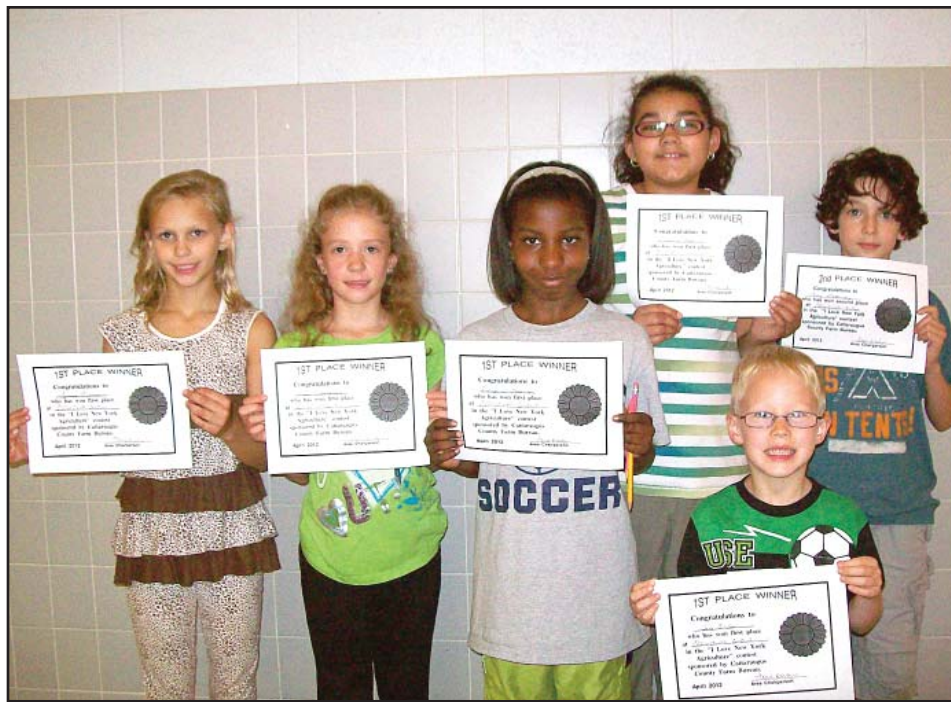
**Resolved:** that the Board of Education of the Ellicottville Central School District in the County of Cattaraugus, State of New York, BE AND IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXPEND THE SUM OF \$28,000 in tax money to support the Ellicottville Memorial Library.

Yes - 170      No - 99

## AIMEE KILBY AND ROGER SPELL ELECTED TO SCHOOL BOARD

Congratulations are in order to Aimee Kilby and Roger Spell who have recently been elected to serve on the Board of Education. Aimee was the top vote getter in the May election with 168 votes while Roger Spell placed second with 165. Also running were Melissa Foster with 113 votes and Clarence Bickle with 80.

Aimee will begin serving a five year term on the Board July 3, 2012 while Roger, who is currently completing his first five year term as a member of the Board Of Education, will serve the remaining year of a five year term.



Elementary students Cyrene Moore, Logan Fredrickson, Morganne Chapman, Orry Shattenberg and Jase Curtis received certificates for their contest entries.

## Art And Essay Contest: I LOVE NEW YORK AGRICULTURE

Students throughout New York participated this spring in the annual New York Agriculture in the Classroom I New York Agriculture Art and Writing Contest. Roughly 1,000 entries were submitted from county-level contests, schools, after school programs, and home school families. The categories for the different grade levels pre-kindergarten through sixth grade include artwork, slogans, poems, stories, essays, and posters that help students learn about the importance of agriculture to New York. Winners in each category received prizes ranging from T-shirts to savings bonds, and the winning entries will be displayed at Empire Farm Days and at the New York State Fair.

Members of Sigma Alpha, Cornell University's professional agriculture sorority, judged the entries.

New York Agriculture in the Classroom and the New York Farm Bureau Foundation for Agricultural Education have sponsored the I New York Agriculture Contest since 1996. New York Agriculture & Markets, NYS Education Department, Cornell Cooperative Extension, and NY Farm Bureau. The program works with teachers, community educators, agriculture professionals, and volunteers throughout the state to foster an understanding of agriculture and the food system. For more information on this and other programs of New York Agriculture in the Classroom, please visit [www.nyaged.org/aitc](http://www.nyaged.org/aitc).

This year we congratulate Meganne Chapman, ECS 5<sup>th</sup> grader, on her winning essay. Meganne was awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> place from all 5<sup>th</sup> grade entries across the state. **Her photo and essay appear on page 15.**

Cyrene Moore, Logan Fredrickson, Morganne Chapman, Orry Shattenberg and Jase Curtis also received certificates for their contest entries. Congratulations, everyone!



# 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADER WINS ESSAY AWARD



Meganne Chapman

## "I love New York Agriculture"

I interviewed my parents about the history of New York Agriculture. My mother and father grew up on a farm. My mother grew up on a vegetable farm. My father grew up on a dairy farm. Farming has been in my family for more than 3 generations.

On my dad's side, in the early 1900's, my great grandfather purchased a farm in Ellicottville, New York. In the early years cows were milked by hand. Field work was done by horses. He started with a couple of cows and worked up to 15-20 cows. To earn income for the farm, they bottled and sold raw milk. They sold milk to residents in the village. They delivered the milk by horse and wagon. Later they would ship their milk in cans that they delivered to the milk plant in town. At that time they switched from milking by hand to milking with machines and using more modern equipment. They went from stacking loose hay in a pile to baling hay and putting it in a barn. By 1950 my grandfather ran the farm and then modernized even more with milk being picked up at the farm by a big milk truck out of the big bulk tank in the milk house. He continued to produce milk until 1980 when he sold all of his milk cows. He raised heifers after that. In the mid 1980's my dad purchased what my grandfather had and that is how he got started. We keep the calves and heifers at our house. Our cows are kept at a friend of ours.

On my mom's side, in 1960, my great grandfather sold his dairy cows. He then began to grow fruits and vegetables at a roadside stand. They sold flowers in the spring, fruits and vegetables all summer, peaches and tomatoes for canning and pumpkins in the fall. They provided food for their family as well as providing local produce for their community. My great grandparents produced local produce for almost 30 years.

We promote New York State Agriculture by exhibiting registered Jerseys at Cattaraugus and Erie County Fairs. Visitors at the fair come and ask me questions they have about the animals. I answer their questions. We set up a display at the fair. It shows visitors about our animals and the hard work we put into the agricultural program. Agriculture is where we get most of our food. Agriculture is important. Without it we wouldn't survive.

## ECS CAFETERIA IS BACK IN THE BLACK!

Historically, the school cafeteria has seldom finished the year in the black. In fact, over the past nine years it has been in the red every year. By the end of 2009-2010, the Cafeteria Fund owed the school's General Fund \$200,729. The Board used District reserve funds in June 2010 to "pay off the debt". It was at that time that the Board and administration made it clear that major steps would have to be taken in order to get the cafeteria in the black. Failure to do so, would likely lead to the District considering other options with the possibility of contracting with an outside vendor.

On top of our own financial concerns the District is facing new Federal Guidelines that require such things as: all wheat bread, 90% wheat pasta, fresh fruit daily, increase fresh vegetables and increased portion sizes which all add extra cost.

After having an independent review of the cafeteria operation, Vicky Williams, Cafeteria Manager, and Superintendent Ward developed a plan to address the financial issues facing the cafeteria.

The following steps were taken:

- Reduction of one part-time position
- Reduction in the hours of some employees
- Reduction in the Cafeteria Manager's salary
- Increased the price of meals and ala carte items
- K-12 breakfast only served in elementary cafeteria
- Installation of our own vending machine with healthy snacks

As we close in on the end of the 2011-12, we are pleased and excited to report that we are projecting to finish the year in the "black"! This is really an unbelievable accomplishment given the fact we finished in the red for nine straight years and lost nearly \$54,000 last year. It is certainly a tribute to the staff and Mrs. Williams leadership to turn this operation around.

Mr. Ward added, "due to the countless state and federal requirements that we are governed by, it makes it increasingly difficult to break even. We continue to be very proud of the quality of our food and the people who prepare and serve it to our students."



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**E - Embracing Change**  
**C - Celebrating Success**  
**S - Surpassing Expectations**



## BIG PIG THANKS PTO FOR POP TABS

For two weeks in April, the PTO held a Tab Contest for students in grades Pre-K through 5th. Congratulations to Mrs. Schwartz's class for bringing in the most tabs for the contest. When the WPIG Radio Station came to collect our tabs, there were 22 boxes total! Great job everyone on saving your tabs! Please continue to collect them and bring them into school for next year's collection.

