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ELLICOTTVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL

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BEAR Celebration Helps Students ...

Be Excited About Reading!

A colorful display greeted students and parents as they walked through the Elementary doors on the opening day of school. Two giant stuffed bears and several boxes of keychain bears, donated by a member of the ECS community, kindled the idea behind this year's Reading Celebration theme ... Be Excited About Reading. A special thanks goes to Aidan Wilson, a talented artist and ECS high school student. With one of the stuffed bears as inspiration, Aidan created the giant bear poster displayed in the front foyer and the bear graphic used on several BEAR templates.

Our annual Reading Celebration kick-off featured a hilarious performance by Nels Ross. Nels is the "Chief Executive Oddball" of In Jest, Inc. He is a talented and original comedian and juggler. He presented "Read to Achieve," reminding us that reading can take us anywhere we want to go! For example, Nels learned to juggle by reading. We also learned that, "The more you read, the more you know; and the more you know, the more you grow!" The highlight of Nels' performance was when he called Mrs. Peters and Mr. Przybyla up front to help him juggle while riding a unicycle! The gymnasium erupted in laughter! It was an exciting start to our fall reading celebration.

The two Be Excited About Reading bears were introduced at the assembly. Students learned they could earn chances at winning one of the stuffed bears by doing book reports. Students also received pencils and key chains or gummy bears as a part of the reading event. The BEAR winners were announced at the October Eagle Time.

Thanks to everyone who had a hand in helping with our Reading Celebration this year! Parents, thank you for encouraging your children to participate in our BEAR reading celebration. Please continue to encourage your children to read at every opportunity. We don't want the momentum to end! We are all excited about reading!



Common Core Curriculum: What does it mean?

By Mark J. Ward, Superintendent

As we begin to implement the Common Core Math Curriculum across K-8, students are being asked to focus more deeply on fewer topics. Integrated Algebra I has also changed with a new Regents being introduced in June 2014 that is part of the new Common Core Curriculum. This is a dramatic shift in instruction as well as the curriculum that is being taught at each grade level. Parents are finding that the work is more demanding and rigorous, and, in some instances, they are unable to help their children with their homework.

The Common Core Curriculum refers to English as well as math instruction and we have been introducing changes in both areas during the past two school years. The Common Core State Standards are important because they will help all children – no matter who they are – learn the same skills. They create clear expectations for what your child should know and be able to do in key areas: reading, writing, speaking and listening, language and mathematics. If you know what these expectations are, then you can work with the teacher and help your child prepare.

On top of that, students are being asked to explain what they did. In other

words, the simple math answer is no longer “good enough”... students must be able to apply critical thinking skills to real world problem solving.

The depth of instruction is now far more important than covering a variety of topics each year and building on the learning. Rather than memorizing information, taking multiple-choice tests or repeating what they are given, 21st century learning requires that students are taught to be thinkers. We need our students to be engaged (active learners) in the learning process and be able to apply learning to real world events. Students need to fully understand the concepts and master the skills to a far greater level than ever before. Ultimately, the true focus of the new Common Core Curriculum is to make sure our students are career and college ready when they graduate from high school.

The quality of our teaching staff is the number one key to the successful implementation of the Common Core Curriculum that you are hearing so much about. Our school has been preparing for this and the 2012-13 testing results demonstrated that the overall District performance was far above the state results and area districts in the three county area. Assessments have

been part of grades 4-8 for over ten years and the new APPR has added additional assessments in all subjects and courses so there is a heightened emphasis on student achievement and growth.

Throughout the year, elementary teachers will be sending home weekly updates with information that will help parents better understand the new curriculum and how they can help their child. I also encourage parents to take time to browse though the **EngageNY.org** website to read the latest information on the instructional and curriculum changes that are taking place. We have provided a link on our District website to access this site.

While there has been a lot of media hype over the rollout of the Common Core, be assured that ECS teachers have been preparing to make the necessary curriculum changes. We owe it to our children to make sure they are in a position to meet the challenges of the world they will live and work in. The world has changed and it requires us to look differently at how we approach the teaching-learning process. We must produce students who can step into jobs (career ready), or enter college prepared to be successful at the freshman level.



Capital Project Proceeding on Schedule

By Mark J. Ward, Superintendent

Our Capital Project continues to proceed on schedule with the filing of the “plans” to the State Education Department (SED) on October 30, 2013. This is the next major step in the process that will impact when we will actually be able to break ground.

These plans include the following building additions and renovations: electrical, mechanical, plumbing, heating and ventilation; and the overall general construction that the project will encompass. The plan also includes cost estimates for the various components of the project.

The SED officials will review all of the information over the next five/six months. Once we receive project approval, we plan to release bids in April or May with actual construction starting in June 2014. Now that our plans are in Albany, we “must wait our turn” with the SED officials at the Office of Facilities Planning.

Since the project was originally passed, we have better defined the scope of the work and what to expect. It gets even more exciting when you start to look at the many improvements that we are making. Here is a sneak peak on what to expect!

- ✦ There will be 375 seats of movable bleachers in the multi-use facility, with nearly 300 having padded seats and backs
- ✦ The 3-section bleachers can be moved closer to the stage for performances
- ✦ A new concession stand will be built inside the cafeteria
- ✦ A new entrance vestibule will be constructed at the High

- School parking lot entrance (16’6” x 15’)
- ✦ Demolition of the existing gym will be the first order of business in June 2014
- ✦ New construction of the gym and locker rooms will start in the early fall of 2014
- ✦ Glass walls will be incorporated into the weight room and the new hallway
- ✦ New wall finishes will be made in all the corridors
- ✦ New lockers and corridor work in the 1962 section of the building will take place in the summer of 2015
- ✦ Band and chorus rooms will have sky lights
- ✦ High School foyer will have a new look incorporating lights, glass and new blocks
- ✦ Heating and ventilation issues in the elementary will be addressed
- ✦ Football/soccer field will be shifted south with two additional poles installed with modern new lighting increasing candlepower to 50 (presently it is 3-12)
- ✦ 10 older classrooms will be remodeled in the summer of 2015
- ✦ Roof work will be split over the summers of 2014 and 2015
- ✦ New lighting will be provided in the parking lots and in front of the elementary building
- ✦ The multi-use facility will have a control room built above the bleachers





Busy Fall for Kindergarten

By Mrs. Keller,
Mrs. Woodarek & Mr. Wilson

Not only were the Kindergarten students busy in October learning to read, write, spell, and do math; they also participated in several fun learning activities. First, they went on a 5 Senses nature walk in the woods behind the school to reinforce what they had been learning about in both ELA and Science. Next up was a visit from Ranger Flanigan and Smokey the Bear to learn how to prevent forest fires. The very next day, the children were invited to explore the emergency vehicles from our local communities to close out Fire Prevention Week. The fun continued into the following week when they were able to take a field trip to Franklinville for a presentation of Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day. The children had a great time and were a very well behaved audience. The 'K' students had one more eventful day in October. That, of course, was Halloween with the traditional parade through town and the classroom parties. A special thanks goes out to Ranger Flanigan, Mark Flanigan (Smokey), and our local EMTs and firefighters.



Donations Sought for Another Season of Project Christmas

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

This "partnership" between the school and community will provide food, gifts, necessities and support to more than 50 families and 65 senior citizens who live in our community. The program spends between \$5,000 to \$6,000 annually, and the generous support residents and seasonal visitors provide by taking "gift tags" from one of the gift trees throughout the community located at Ellicottville Pharmacy, M & T Bank, Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and Five Star Bank.

Students in grades K-12 also get involved by bringing in non-perishable food items with seniors also involved with the delivery.

With the difficult economic troubles we are facing and many families struggling to get by, the need for help throughout our community is even greater. Project Christmas is once again accepting donations; if you are able to contribute please consider making a donation. Your support will directly help those in need in our own community. Monetary donations can be made out to "Project Christmas" and mailed to: Ellicottville Central School, ATTN: Kim Watt, School Nurse 5873 Route 219 Ellicottville, New York 14731. If you have any questions regarding the program please call Nurse Watt at 699-2318.

Your generous support in the past has helped to keep this program alive. Please help make the Christmas Season more special for members of our community. Thank you!



ECS Walking Program

Ellicottville Central School will host a Walk Program for community members December 2nd thru April 24th. The building will be open Monday-Thursday from 6-9 pm (when school is in session). Community members are asked to check-in each time they walk at the High School back parking lot entrance.



November 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 - Jr. High Area All-State NYSSMA @ Akron	2 - Jr. High Area All-State NYSSMA @ Akron
3	4	5 - 9:30 am - 2:30 pm NHS Blood Drive - 7:30 pm Board of Education Meeting HS Library - Homework Club	6	7 - Elementary Picture Retakes - 7:00 pm MS/HS Fall Concert - Homework Club	8 - End of 1st Marking Period	9
10	11 - School Closed - Veteran's Day	12 - Ecology Club/NHS Poinsettia Sale - Homework Club	13	14 - K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences Noon Dismissal Grades K-12	15	16
17	18 - ECS Sports Booster Meeting, 7:00 pm, HS Café	19 - 7:30 pm Board of Education Meeting HS Library - Homework Club	20	21 - Homework Club	22 - Sr. High Area All-State NYSSMA @ SUNY Fredonia	23 - Sr. High Area All-State NYSSMA @ SUNY Fredonia
24	25 - Fall Sports Banquet 5:30 pm	26 - K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences Noon Dismissal Grades K-12	27 - School Closed - Thanksgiving Recess	28 - School Closed - Thanksgiving Recess	29 - School Closed - Thanksgiving Recess	30

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December 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 - PTO Book Fair - Student Council Hat/Mitten Drive	3 - 5:30 - 7:30 pm PTO Family Fun Night - 7:30 pm Board of Education Meeting HS Library - Homework Club	4 - 12:45 pm Student Council Senior Citizens Holiday Dinner	5 - NYSSMA in Rochester - Homework Club	6 - NYSSMA in Rochester	7 - NYSSMA in Rochester
8 - NYSSMA in Rochester	9	10 - Homework Club	11	12 - 7:00 PM Elementary Winter Concert - Homework Club	13	14
15	16	17 - 7:00 pm MS/HS Winter Concert - Foreign Language Club Ornament Sale - 7:30 pm BOE Meeting HS Lib. - Homework Club	18 - 7:00 pm Winter Concert (snow day)	19 - Homework Club	20 - Project Christmas Deliveries - 1:00 pm Holiday Concert	21
22	23 - Winter Recess - School Closed	24 - Winter Recess - School Closed	25 - Winter Recess - School Closed	26 - Winter Recess - School Closed	27 - Winter Recess - School Closed	28
29	30 - Winter Recess - School Closed	31 - Winter Recess - School Closed				



School Calendar Reminders

Monday, November 11, 2013
Veterans' Day - School Closed

Thursday, November 14, 2013
Parent/Teacher Conferences - Noon dismissal
1/2 day of school for Grades K-12 (NO PM PreK)

Tuesday, November 26, 2013
Parent/Teacher Conferences - Noon dismissal
1/2 day of school for Grades K-12 (NO PM PreK)

November 27, 28 & 29, 2013
Thanksgiving Break - School Closed



Sign Up for ECS Ski Club

Forms are now available in the ECS Offices and may be filled out and returned to the ECS High School Office with the full payment. All checks should be made out to Win-Sum Ski Corporation. Applications not turned in to ECS will not be available for ECS Club rates. Students applying for combo passes who are not in the lesson portion of the ski program must still go through the school in order to receive the ECS combo pass rate. All combo pass pictures must be paid for in advance with the receipt initialed by Mr. Robert Miller. Registration for any of the plans must take place at ECS first. Please fill out the paperwork in advance. Processing of applications will be handled in the ECS High School Office.

Plan I - \$65 - Thursday night lift and lesson with a bonus day in March! (*Student owned equipment*)

Plan II (Ski) - \$125 - 8 weekly lessons and ski equipment rental package for Thursday nights, with a bonus day in March!

Plan III (Board) - \$142 - 8 weekly lessons and snowboard equipment rental package for Thursday nights, with a bonus day in March!

Plan IV - \$140 - Night Combo Pass (unlimited night skiing only) includes 8 Thursday night lessons. (*Student owned equipment*)

Plan V - \$193 - Combo Pass (unlimited day and night skiing) includes 8 Thursday night lessons. (*Student owned equipment*)

**** Unlimited Rentals are available at an additional cost of \$77.00 for skis and \$94.00 for Snowboards ****

Registration forms are available in school at the Elementary and High School Offices.

Stowe Ski Trip: If any students are interested in joining a mid-week, two day ski trip to Stowe, VT, contact Mr. Hall before November 12, 2013. Preliminary cost estimate for February break is \$291, which includes transportation, lodging, lift tickets, and meals.

Needs Assessment: Keeping Students Healthy and Safe

ECS has been selected to participate in the Prevention Needs Assessment. This survey of 9th-12th graders is designed to improve our understanding of our children's strengths and the risks they may face for problems like smoking, underage drinking and drug use. Surveys will take place the week of November 18th. The information the students provide can help us all take steps to reduce and prevent these problems. The survey is sponsored by the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services.

The following are facts about the survey:

1. It is totally **voluntary**. Your child does not have to participate. You do not have to give a reason for not participating. Students are not required to answer all questions, only those that they want to answer.
2. It is **anonymous**. The survey is designed to protect your child's and your school's privacy. No names or any other identifying information will ever be recorded. All of the surveys are carefully protected.
3. ECS and the Cattaraugus County Council on Addiction and Recovery Services (CAREs) will use the school survey results to plan better prevention efforts.
4. The Prevention Needs Assessment has been scientifically tested and is valid and reliable. Developed in 1995, it has been given to over 100,000 students in schools across the United States without difficulty.

A copy of the survey is available at the High School Office for review. You may also call CAREs at (716) 373-5202, X 513 for more information.

If you do not want your child to participate, simply send a note or call the high school office at 699-2316 by **November 12th**. Your child will be given an alternative activity to do during the survey period.

Thanks for your help. This survey is an important part efforts to keep our children healthy and safe. We hope you will allow your child to participate.



Seasonal Flu: A Guide for Parents

<p>Is seasonal flu more serious for kids?</p>	<p>Infants and young children are at a greater risk for getting seriously ill from the flu. That's why the New York State Department of Health recommends that all children 6 months and older get the seasonal flu vaccine.</p>
<p>Flu vaccine may save your child's life.</p>	<p>Most people with seasonal flu are sick for about a week, and then they feel better. But, some people, especially young children, pregnant women, older people, and people with chronic health problems can get very sick. Some can even die. A flu vaccine is the best way to protect your child from seasonal flu. It is recommended for everyone 6 months and older.</p>
<p>What is seasonal flu?</p>	<p>The flu, or influenza, is an infection of the nose, throat, and lungs. The flu can spread from person to person.</p>
<p>Flu shot or nasal-spray vaccine?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flu shots can be given to children 6 months and older. • A nasal-spray vaccine can be given to healthy children 2 years and older. • Children younger than 5 years who have experienced wheezing in the past year – or any child with chronic health problems – should get the flu shot, not the nasal-spray vaccine. • Children younger than 9 years old who get a vaccine for the first time need two doses.
<p>How else can I protect my child?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get the seasonal flu vaccine for yourself. • Encourage your child's close contacts to get seasonal flu vaccine, too. This is very important if your child is younger than 5 or if he or she has a chronic health problem such as asthma (breathing disease) or diabetes (high blood sugar levels). Because children under 6 months can't be vaccinated, they rely on those around them to get vaccinated. • Wash your hands often and cover your coughs and sneezes. It's best to use a tissue and quickly throw it away. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve, not your hands. This will prevent the spread of germs. • Tell your children to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay away from people who are sick; • Clean their hands often; • Keep their hands away from their face, and • Cover coughs and sneezes to protect others.
<p>What are signs of the flu?</p>	<p>The flu comes on suddenly. Most people with the flu feel very tired and have a high fever, headache, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, and sore muscles. Some people, especially children, may also have stomach problems and diarrhea. The cough can last two or more weeks.</p>
<p>How does the flu spread?</p>	<p>People who have the flu usually cough, sneeze, and have a runny nose. The droplets in a cough, sneeze or runny nose contain the flu virus. Other people can get the flu by breathing in these droplets or by getting them in their nose or mouth.</p>
<p>How long can a sick person spread the flu to others?</p>	<p>Most healthy adults may be able to spread the flu from one day before getting sick to up to 5 days after getting sick. This can be longer in children and in people who don't fight disease as well (people with weaker immune systems).</p>
<p>What should I use to clean hands?</p>	<p>Wash your children's hands with soap and water. Wash them for as long as it takes to sing the "Happy Birthday" song twice. If soap and water are not handy, use wipes or gels with alcohol in them unless they are visibly soiled. The gels should be rubbed into hands until the hands are dry.</p>
<p>What can I do if my child gets sick?</p>	<p>Make sure your child gets plenty of rest and drinks lots of fluids. Talk with your child's doctor before giving your child over-the-counter medicine. If your children or teenagers may have the flu, never give them aspirin or medicine that has aspirin in it. It could cause serious problems.</p>
<p>Can my child go to school/day care with the flu?</p>	<p>No. If your child has the flu, he or she should stay home to rest. This helps avoid giving the flu to other children.</p>
<p>When can my child go back to school/day care after having the flu?</p>	<p>Children with the flu should be isolated in the home, away from other people. They should also stay home until they are symptom-free for 24 hours (that is, until they have no fever without the use of fever-control medicines and they feel well for 24 hours.) Remind your child to protect others by covering his or her mouth when coughing or sneezing. You may want to send your child to school with some tissues, wipes or gels with alcohol in them if the school allows gels.</p>





Coaches Needed for Odyssey of the Mind

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

Ellicottville Central School has participated in this program for many years. The teams have been very successful in solving these complex problems. Teams are made up of 7 students and 1 or more coaches. This year, we have plenty of students interested in participating in Odyssey of the Mind, but we are in need of adults to coach the teams. If you are interested in coaching an Odyssey of the Mind team, please contact Mrs. Bower at 699-2318 ext. 165 or cbower@eville.wnyric.org as soon as possible.

ECS Musicians Selected for Area All-State Festivals

Nine Ellicottville students have earned the wonderful experience of attending Area All-State this year based on the solos that they performed last year at the NYSSMA Solo Festival. Students all over WNY performed and only top students of each part are chosen to participate.

From ECS the following students were chosen to participate in the Junior High Area All-State Band (*pictured at right*): Kourtney Robinson on flute, Katie Barry on Clarinet and Rylie Aldrich on clarinet.

This festival was held at Akron Central School on November 1st & 2nd, 2013. Rehearsals were all day on the 1st with more rehearsals and the concert on the 2nd.

Selected for the Senior High Area All-State Festival (*top photo*) were: Women's Chorus - Elizabeth Wendel and Alessia Filutze singing soprano; Mixed Chorus - Courtney Antholzner singing alto, Liam O'Rourke and Calum Watt singing bass; and Band - Kaleigh Hunt performing on flute. In addition, Courtney Charlesworth was chosen as an alternate for chorus. The Senior High festival will be held at SUNY Fredonia on November 22nd & 23rd. Concerts begin at 2 pm and all are welcome to attend. There is an admission fee at the door.



School District Water Testing Results

In compliance with requirements from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) the Ellicottville Central School District has had samples of water from our distribution system collected and tested for lead and copper. The tests were conducted from five samples taken throughout the school campus. Samples from Ellicottville Central School did not exceed the action levels established by the EPA. The action level is the concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements, which a water system must follow.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Kevin Blendinger, Maintenance Department 716-699-2368.



2013-2014 District Calendar

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Independence Day
 NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
 Superintendent's Day (no school for students)
 First Day of School for Students
 Staff Development Day (no school for students)
 NO SCHOOL - Columbus Day
 End of 1st Marking Period
 NO SCHOOL - Veteran's Day
 Parent/Teacher Conferences (1/2 day of school for students K-12)
 NO SCHOOL- Thanksgiving Recess
 NO SCHOOL - Winter Recess
 NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 Regents Exams
 End of 2nd Marking Period
 Staff Development Day (no school for students)
 NO SCHOOL - President's Day
 NO SCHOOL - WINTER RECESS
 1/2 Day Grades K-5 Parent/Teacher Conference Day
 NO SCHOOL - SPRING RECESS
 End of 3rd Marking Period
 *if no emergency days are used, school will be closed
 NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
 Regents Exams
 Last day of school for students
 ECS Graduation

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)

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS: 4 (9/3, 9/4, 10/11, 1/31)
 **if no emergency days are used, school will be closed on Friday, May 23, 2014

Approved by the ECS Board of Education - May 21, 2013



2013 STUDENT COUNCIL CITRUS SALE

	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
NAVEL ORANGES			
4/5 Bushel (40 lbs) 40-80 Oranges per box	\$32.00		
2/5 Bushel (20 lbs) 20-40 Oranges per box	\$20.00		
10 lb bag 8-14 Oranges per bag	\$18.00		
RED GRAPEFRUIT			
4/5 Bushel (40 lbs) 32-48 Grapefruit per box	\$27.00		
2/5 Bushel (20 lbs) 16-24 Grapefruit per box	\$18.00		
10 lb bag 8-12 Grapefruit per bag	\$16.00		
MIXED CITRUS BOXES/SAMPLERS			
2/5 Bushel (20 lbs) of Navel Oranges (10-20) & Grapefruit (8-12)	\$22.00		
2/5 Bushel (20 lbs) of Navel Oranges (12-14), Grapefruit (6) & Tangelos (12-14)	\$22.00		
Orange Sampler: 4 Navel Oranges, 4 Tangerines, 4 Tangelos, & 4 Red Navel Oranges	\$25.00		
OTHER FRUIT/SAMPLERS			
Golden Pineapples 12 lb (3 count)	\$20.00		
2/5 Bushel (20 lbs) Mix of Navel Oranges (8-12), Apples(10-20) Pears (10-15)	\$28.00		
Fresh Fruit Sampler: 4 Navel Oranges, 4 Apples, 4 Pears, 4 Tangerines	\$25.00		
		TOTAL	

Regardless of the number in the box, the weight in the box is approximately the same for all sizes of fruit.

For questions, contact the Student Council president, Connor Schmick at cschmick@eville.wnyric.org.

Place order with any student council member or mail your order to: **Ellicottville School, Student Council, 5873 Rte 219, Ellicottville, NY 14731**

Name: _____ Address: _____

Ph. #: (home) _____ (work) _____ (cell) _____

Money must accompany order. Please make checks available to ECS Student Council. Orders must be received by November 25, 2013. Approximate delivery week of December 10th.

STAR Registration Deadline is Dec. 31

New legislation requires all homeowners receiving a Basic STAR exemption to register with the New York State Tax Department in order to receive the exemption in 2014 and subsequent years.

Registration started and will continue through **December 31, 2013.**

Homeowners will **not** have to register in order to receive their 2013 STAR exemptions. Homeowners will **not** have to re-register every year. Based on the information provided at registration, the Tax Department will monitor homeowners' eligibility in future years.

HOW TO REGISTER: You can register for the STAR exemption online. You'll need to:

- provide a STAR code (codes were mailed to all Basic STAR recipients; or you can use the STAR code lookup)
- provide the names and social security numbers for all owners of the property and spouses
- confirm that the property is the primary residence of one of its owners (married couples with multiple residences may only claim one STAR exemption)
- confirm that the combined income of the owners and their spouses who reside at the property does not exceed \$500,000
- confirm that no resident owner received a residency-based tax benefit from another state

You can register on-line <http://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star13/default.htm> or by calling (518) 457-2036, Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 8:00 pm and Saturday, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

SENIOR CITIZENS: Senior citizens receiving Enhanced STAR benefits are not affected by the new registration requirement, which applies to Basic STAR benefits only. Seniors must, however, take steps to ensure that they continue receiving Enhanced STAR.

Seniors receiving Enhanced STAR who reside **outside of New York City** must continue to: apply annually, or participate in the Income Verification Program

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Call (518) 457-2036



YEARBOOK NEWS

Is this picture going to make the book? Reserve one and you'll get to find out.

- To reserve a yearbook you must put at least \$10 down. Your book must be reserved by May 31st. If you don't reserve one you'll only be able to get one a week after they come in, after all reserved ones have had a chance to be claimed.
- You may purchase old yearbooks while supplies last. 2013's book is \$30. Books from previous years are \$10 apiece, while supplies last.
- There will be a fundraiser to sell Easter candy. Each item you sell will take \$1 off the cost of the yearbook. If you sell 30 items you will get a free yearbook.

If you are a business interested in sponsoring an ad for the yearbook contact Mrs. Bauer for details.



Sports News from ECS

Fall Sports Banquet Scheduled for November 25

The Fall Sports Banquet will be Monday, November 25, at 5:30 pm. Reservations are due to the High School Office by November 18. Reservation cards will be distributed November 11. Student athletes are asked to dress neatly and stay for the entire banquet. Questions may be directed to Mr. Karl Schwartz, Athletic Director, at 699-2316.

** Mark your calendars now for the Winter Sports Banquet to be held March 10, 2014, at 5:30 pm. **

Girls' Varsity Soccer

By Coach Mary Neilon

This season, ECS is a member of the Chautauqua Cattaraugus Athletic Association East Division. As the only Class D school in this division it has been a season full of challenging matches. Olean and Salamanca are Class B teams in our division. The Class C schools are Allegany-Limestone, Randolph, Portville, and Franklinville.

Regular season action began at the Olean Tournament on Sept. 5 and 7. ECS defeated Jamestown 2-0 in the first round. The championship round pitted the Lady Eagles against the Lady Huskies of Olean. ECS won 3-1 to capture the tournament title. Morgan Zlockie was honored as the Outstanding Player of the Tournament and Hannah Doro received All-Tournament Team honors.

League play opened on Sept. 10th with a 5-0 victory against Portville. Since then the Lady Eagles have tied and defeated Allegany-Limestone and Olean; beaten Franklinville, Salamanca and Portville twice, and defeated Randolph one time. In non-league games we tied Holland and Frewsburg.

The team consists of seniors Mary Bohn, Amy Borowiak, Jordan Bund, Becca Golley, Hailey Musall, Michaela Pierce, Chantel Perez, Julia Schwartz, Emily Uhrinek, Sam Uhrinek, Elizabeth Wendel, and Sarah Wojtowicz. Our juniors are Hannah Doro and Alexis Woodin. Sophomores are Morgan Zlockie and Kaleigh Hunt. Shelby Imhoff, Tarah Scharf, and Madison Swalcy are our freshmen. Rounding out the squad is Evie Cortez, who is an eighth grader. Our trusty managers are Allison Calarco, Julianna Giannicchi, Courtney Sexton, Ainsley Watt, and Elsa Woodarek.

The girls' soccer website for section 6 is www.section6girlsoccer.com. Team schedules, rosters, stats, and directions to game sites can be viewed on this website.

Girls' Junior Varsity Soccer

By Coach Katie Taylor

This year's Girls' JV soccer team has had a great year, with 4 wins, 3 losses and 4 ties (at time of print). 6 of the games went into overtime. The girls have learned to really play as a team. This year's players are Alessia Filutze, Daneth Musall, Jocelyn Steffan, Molly Woodarek, Courtney Charlesworth, Brenna Cole, Paige Enderby, Caitlyn Golley, Cheyenne Maybee, Lindsey Robinson, Shelby Toth, Jasmine Valentine, Leah Westfall, Jenna Aldrich, Katie Barry, Kelsey Bohn, Shauntay Hackett, Madison Harris and Sydney Smith. Thank you for a great year!

Girls' Modified Soccer

By Coach Tammy Eddy

The Girls' Modified Soccer Team included a small group of middle school girls this year who endured a challenging schedule against bigger schools. This team demonstrated a hard work ethic and showed improvement throughout the season and we had some fun along the way while we improved our skills! This year's team included 8th graders; Allison Raecher, Ices Decker, Alex Pangborn, Joran Lyford, Emilee Delity, Lisa Krotz, Kourtney Robinson, Ande Wilson, Rylie Aldrich, Kirkland Kaleta, and Halie Mowery. The 7th graders include; Robin Freaney, Kayleigh Coolidge, and Megan Chapman. Thank you to our helpful managers, Morganne Chapman, Kaley McCracken, and McKenna Kaleta. Thanks for a great season girls!!

Soccer Teams Participate in "Pink the Field"

Through the month of October the JV and Varsity Girls Soccer Teams wore pink pre-game warm-up t-shirts to help show their support for cancer research. This fundraising event which will benefit "Kevin's House" is called "Pink the Field." Girls' soccer teams, coaches, and fans from Sections 5 and 6 participated.



Career Tech Corner

ECS' Connor Greene (*above*) was among the students in the Collision Repair class at the Ellicottville Career and Technical Center to receive a hands-on airbrush lesson with Tom Banks of Ohio Technical College with Custom Painting and Graphics. Students used the latest and safest water based paints during a two-hour series of exercises using a two stage airbrush. These exercises helped them to develop the technique and fine motor control to begin effective airbrush painting.

The Criminal Justice Program at the Ellicottville Career and Technical Center invited the New York National Guard to perform their physical fitness qualifying test on the junior and senior Criminal Justice students. The qualifying test consisted of push-ups, sit-ups and a 2 mile run and each had to be performed within a specific time limit. Kara Conroy (*below*) of ECS is pictured with instructor Tim Emley. The Criminal Justice program at Ellicottville is modeled after a Law Enforcement Academy. Students work out four times a week and study all aspects of law enforcement.



2013-14 Winter Sports Schedule

BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL

11/15	4:00 pm	Scrimmage @ Alleg/Lime	12/28	TBD	JCC Holiday Tournament
12/2	7:30 pm	@ Southwestern	1/7	7:30 pm	@ North Collins
12/9	7:30 pm	vs Catt/Little Valley	1/10	7:30 pm	vs Forestville
12/11	7:30 pm	vs Fillmore	1/14	7:30 pm	@ Pine Valley
12/13	7:30 pm	vs Southwestern	1/17	7:30 pm	@ West Valley
12/19	7:30 pm	Franklinville Tournament	1/21	7:30 pm	vs Salamanca
12/21	TBD	Franklinville Tournament	1/23	7:30 pm	vs Franklinville
1/6	7:30 pm	vs North Collins	1/30	7:30 pm	vs North Collins
1/9	7:30 pm	@ Forestville	2/3	7:30 pm	@ Forestville
1/13	7:30 pm	vs Pine Valley	2/6	7:30 pm	vs Pine Valley
1/16	7:30 pm	vs West Valley	2/10	7:30 pm	vs West Valley
1/21	7:30 pm	@ Catt/Little Valley	2/12	7:30 pm	@ Franklinville
1/24	7:30 pm	@ Franklinville	2/14	7:30 pm	vs Catt/Little Valley
1/31	7:30 pm	@ North Collins			
2/4	7:30 pm	vs Forestville			
2/7	7:30 pm	@ Pine Valley			
2/11	7:30 pm	@ West Valley			
2/13	7:30 pm	vs Franklinville			
2/14	7:00 pm	@ Fillmore			

GIRLS' JV BASKETBALL

12/5	6:00 pm	@ Salamanca
12/13	6:00 pm	@ Catt/Little Valley
12/27	12:00 pm	JCC Holiday Tourn.
12/28	TBD	JCC Holiday Tournament
1/7	6:00 pm	@ North Collins
1/10	6:00 pm	vs Forestville
1/14	6:00 pm	@ Pine Valley
1/17	6:00 pm	@ West Valley
1/21	6:00 pm	vs Salamanca
1/23	6:00 pm	vs Franklinville
1/30	6:00 pm	vs North Collins
2/3	6:00 pm	@ Forestville
2/6	6:00 pm	vs Pine Valley
2/10	6:00 pm	vs West Valley
2/12	6:00 pm	@ Franklinville
2/14	6:00 pm	vs Catt/Little Valley

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1/16	6:00 pm	vs West Valley
1/21	6:00 pm	@ Catt/Little Valley
1/24	6:00 pm	@ Franklinville
1/31	6:00 pm	@ North Collins
2/4	6:00 pm	vs Forestville
2/7	6:00 pm	@ Pine Valley
2/11	6:00 pm	@ West Valley
2/13	6:00 pm	vs Franklinville

BOYS' MODIFIED BASKETBALL

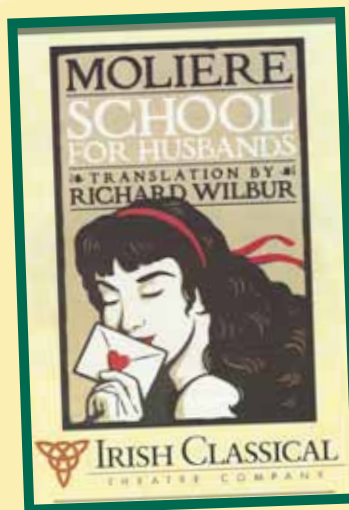
1/21	4:30 pm	vs Catt/Little Valley
1/24	4:30 pm	vs West Valley
1/27	5:00 pm	vs Franklinville
1/29	5:00 pm	vs Olean
1/31	4:30 pm	vs Salamanca
2/3	5:00 pm	@ Portville
2/5	5:00 pm	@ Alleg/Limestone
2/7	4:30 pm	@ Catt/Little Valley
2/10	4:30 pm	@ West Valley
2/12	5:00 pm	@ Franklinville

GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL

11/30	9:00 am	Scrimmage @ Alleg/Lime	12/19	3:30 pm	Catt/Little Valley @ Central Lanes, Salamanca
12/5	7:30 pm	@ Salamanca	1/8	3:30 pm	Salamanca @ Central Lanes, Salamanca
12/13	7:30 pm	@ Catt/Little Valley	1/11	9:00 am	Hinsdale @ Central Lanes, Salamanca
12/19	5:30 pm	Franklinville Tournament			
12/21	TBD	Franklinville Tournament			
12/27	2:00 pm	JCC Holiday Tournament			

1/14	3:30 pm	West Valley @ Springville Lanes
1/17	3:30 pm	Alleg/Limestone @ Central Lanes, Salamanca
1/23	3:30 pm	Catt/Little Valley @ Cascade, Springville
2/1	9:00 am	Salamanca @ Central Lanes, Salamanca
2/13	9:00 am	Boys' Sectionals
2/14	9:00 am	Girls' Sectionals

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Language Club Attends Irish Classical Theater

Thirty-four Foreign Language Club members attended a performance of "A School for Husbands" at the Irish Classical Theater in Buffalo, on October 2. The play, a comedy by Molière, a French playwright, was written in the 17th century. Students were treated to a witty and well-interpreted play, performed on the small theater-in-the-round stage. The audience, seated just off the stage, became part of the play, much to the delight of the students. Following a question and answer session with the actors, the students and chaperons, Mrs. Sawicki, Mrs. Hunt and Club Advisor Mme Whistler, had a yummy lunch at the Bijou Grill, in the Theater District.



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Eagle's Nest News

The Eagle's Nest is a certified program through the College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA). We are the first high school in New York State to earn this certification. 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.

Emma Chew, Katie Barry, and Emily Uhrinek (*pictured above*) have earned their CRLA tutoring certification. To become certified, a student must complete one year of training, which is every Tuesday from 3-4 pm. In addition, the student must complete 25 hours of tutoring. This is a lot of work on top of an already busy schedule. Congratulations Emma, Katie, and Emily!!

Want to be a tutor? We are still taking applications. If you are interested in being a tutor, please see Mrs. Bauer for details.

Need to be tutored? Are you overwhelmed by your new schedule? Are classes more difficult than you thought? See Mrs. Bauer about getting a tutor.

Student Council Activity Update

The Student Council has many events and activities coming up at ECS.

Red Ribbon Week is a national celebration that was held from October 23rd to October 31st. The theme this year was "Team Up Against Drugs." The ECS Student Council sponsored a door decorating contest in the elementary grades based on this theme. Wear RED DAY was held October 28th and "Team up Against Drugs" shirt day was on October 29th. The middle/high school also held an assembly during this week to raise awareness about the dangers of drug use and the true costs of driving vehicles under the influence.

On October 28th, the Student Council began taking orders for their annual fruit sale. Please see a member to order (*see form on page 9*). Profits help with Project Christmas and other community events.

On November 22nd, Student Council will be hosting a dance for 7th & 8th graders from 6-8 pm. The cost of the dance will be \$3.00.

Student Council will have a hat and mitten drive in December. Please donate hats and mittens by leaving them in the high school office. These will go to families in our community.

The Senior Citizen dinner will be held at the school on December 4th at 12:45 pm. Please look in the December newsletter for more details about the dinner.