



Ellicottville Elementary



December 2012

*This month's character traits are
Good Manners & Civility.*



IMPORTANT DATES

December 4	PTO Family Fun Night 5:00 – 7:00 Tree for Troops Event
December 12	Kindergarten Field Trip - The Theatre of Youth
December 13	Grade 2 – 6 Winter Concert – 7:00 p.m.
December 20	Senior Citizen Holiday Dinner 12:10-3:00
December 21	First Day of Winter
December 24	Winter Break Begins
January 2	Students Return



Communication and Information:

Message from our Principal, Mrs. Poulin

Each year we have organized a reading incentive program. This year we are having a "Reading and Writing Celebration" with a focus on writing as well as reading. As part of this year's incentive program, we are bringing Cynthia DeFelice, an award winning author and storyteller, to ECS. Ms. DeFelice will be coming to ECS to speak to us about her books along with the thrills and challenges of being an author.

We are expecting each student to read at least one book. After reading the book, the students will fill in a basic book report form. There will be different forms for fiction and nonfiction books. We will have one set of forms for primary students and different set for intermediate students. For the first book/book

report, the student will receive a *Smencil* pencil. Any additional books read/book report forms filled out will earn a ticket for the February drawings. (Prizes include baskets of writing materials, signed copies of Cynthia DeFelice's books, possibly special lunches with teachers)

Please take a few minutes to visit Cynthia DeFelice's website to learn about the author who will be coming to ECS! www.cynthiadefelice.com

Important "Reading and Writing Celebration" Dates:

Thursday, January 3rd - Kick off assembly

Thursday, January 17th - Small group assemblies with visiting author Cynthia DeFelice (K&1, 2&3, 4-6) in the Multi-purpose room.

Monday, January 28th to Friday, February 15th - For this three-week period, book talks will be given on the morning announcements. Each classroom from grades 1-6 will have one student give a book talk. Classroom teachers will select which student from their room will be giving the book talk.

Thursday, February 28th - Raffle drawing winners will be announced during Eagle Time.

Message from the Nurse: Mrs. Watt



The 4 Principles of Hand Awareness

1. WASH your hands when they are dirty and BEFORE eating.
2. DO NOT cough into your hands.
3. DO NOT sneeze into your hands.
4. Above all, DO NOT put your fingers into your eyes, nose or mouth!

Spread the word not the germs! * Visit www.henrythehand.com

National Handwashing Awareness Week

December 4-10, 2011



Please share www.henrythehand.com with **ALL** your family, friends, class mates and coworkers to help them stay healthier one handwash at a time. Share with them how practicing the **4 Principles of Hand Awareness** will help them to remain healthy, in spite of the flu or bird flu scares.

It is the BEST way to prevent epidemics or pandemics!

Following the 4 Principles of Hand Awareness you will be in virtual isolation regardless of the people around you.

Direct contamination (inoculation) of your mucus membranes (eyes, nose or mouth) is how infectious disease enters your body. It is not wafting through the ventilation system in the building. Let's work together to minimize the fear factor of infectious disease pandemics or seasonal.

Only you are responsible for giving yourself the flu or flu-like illness!

National Handwashing Awareness Week is the first full week of December each year.

Henry The Hand

Message from the PTO:

Family Fun Night

Family Fun Night will be held on Tuesday, December 4th from 5:00pm - 7:00pm. Our Family Fun Night is a fun filled evening that includes Book BINGO, Stories with Santa's Elf, Crafts, Photos with Santa, Letters to the Troops, the Book Fair, and our Santa's Secret Workshop.

Santa's Secret Workshop - We were amazed by the turn out for the Santa's Secret Workshop last year so we have purchased many more items this year in hopes that we do not run out as quickly as we did last year. We again purchased a wide variety of items for your child to choose from to purchase gifts. More details about this event will soon follow. The prices for the gifts have again been kept very low. The workshop is not used as a fundraiser, but rather a fun opportunity for children to be able to "shop" for that special gift for a loved one.

Letters to the Troops- If you know any one who is currently in the service and would like to receive some extra letters please send in the address to the Elementary Office. Please label it "Family Fun Night".

Book Fair- The PTO's December Book Fair will be open to students Tuesday, December 4th from 8:30am - 3:00pm for students who wish to visit during the day. The Book Fair will open back up at 5:00 at the beginning of Family Fun Night so that parents can help their children with the shopping.

Get involved!

Come find out what the PTO is doing and get involved. PTO continues to help K-12 students and the surrounding community. These activities can't be done without all of the volunteers! If you would like more information please feel free to attend any of our meetings or email Diana Olson at dolson@eville.wnyric.org. Our meetings for the remainder of the year are listed below:

November 27th

January 8th

February 5th and February 26th

March 5th

April 9th

May 7th

June 17th

****All of these meetings are on Tuesday's at 4:15 in the Elementary Art Room.****

TOPS in Education

The new TOPS in Education Program is helping to raise money for the PTO. A flyer was sent home back in September but there was some confusion on how to enroll with the program. If you follow these steps it you can now enroll in the program.

1. Go to www.Topsmarkets.com/Education
2. In the lower right corner click on "Supporting Our Schools".
3. The next page is "TOPS Supports Schools". Click on "TOPS in Education"
4. Click on "Parents and Shoppers".
5. Click on "Here to Begin".
6. Here you will enter your TOPS Bonus Card number, your email, and your name. For the school choice you will find it as "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.

Box Tops

The PTO continues to send in Box Tops to help raise money for our students so that we can provide them with prizes for the Dime Carnival, Family Fun Night, and Field Day. This year our goal is to raise \$1,000. Every little bit helps so please continue to send in your Box Tops. Lets keep up the great work! 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
- Print coupons for your favorite Box Tops brands



IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- CALL THE SCHOOL IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT - 699-2318.
- REMEMBER WHEN BRINGING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL, FOR SAFETY REASONS NO VEHICLES SHOULD PARK IN THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL. PLEASE PARK IN THE ELEMENTARY PARKING LOT OR USE THE DROP OFF ZONE AREA. Observe the "No Parking This Side" signs for the safety of everyone.

