Creative Storytelling

Bringing Books to Life in the Library!

The elementary library is buzzing with activities these days as the classes concentrate on unique presentations. All the students in grades 1-3 are showing off their talents as they are involved in puppetry, story retells, and learning how to make pop-up books.

Using one of their favorite stories, The Gingerbread Boy, the first graders are busy creating puppets and memorizing lines as they take turns practicing behind our puppet theater. The elementary library will host the presentations entertaining the Kindergarten audiences.

While the first graders are working hard at practicing their theatrical skills, the second graders are composing their own versions of the fairy tale, The Three Little Pigs and the Big Bad Wolf. Breaking into groups, the classes are rewriting the tale and giving it their special, personalized touches. Once the tales are completed, the second graders will showcase their acting skills for visiting classes.

Finally, our third grade classes are becoming authors of unique pop-up books in the tradition of the famous Robert Sabuda. Using Mr. Sabuda's pop-up patterns, the students will create a small book and write

their own tale to match the special illustrated pop-up insert.

With so much fun filled activity, it is difficult to contain such enthusiasm! The Library is such a wonderful place to be.

Also, cheers to our sixth grade library assistants and all they do to help our days run smoothly!

Thank you to Katie Krotz, and Alyssa



First Grade-Gingerbread Boy Second Grade-The Three Little Pigs Third Grade-Robert Sabuda, Pop-up Books

> School Will Be Closed for Spring Break from April 10th through April 17th, 2017

Pre-Kand Kindergarten

PRE-KINDERGARTEN:

If your son or daughter will be turning 4 years old by Dec. 1, 2017, please call the Elementary Office. We will then mail you a planning paperwork packet that will need to be completed and returned to the Elementary Office. Each year, New York State reviews the funding structure for the grant supported Pre-K programs. Our Pre-K program is a half day program. If our Pre-K program is again funded, acceptance letters for the program will be mailed this June. The state considers a child Preschool age if their birth date is between December 1, 2012 and November 30, 2013. Please contact the Elementary Office at 699-2318 and we will be happy to answer any questions that you have at this time.

KINDERGARTEN:

Do you have a child that will be Kindergarten age this fall, but is not currently enrolled in our Pre-K program? Please notify the Elementary Office at 699-2318 so we may include your family in some upcoming activities this spring such as Kindergarten Screening and the annual Pre-K picnic. Our Kindergarten program is a full school day. (The state considers a child Kindergarten age if they turn 5 years old before December 1, 2017.)















Figuring Your Own Taxes (Part 4)

By Mark J. Ward, Superintendent
The school district is the only
local government that levies taxes that
requires a public vote on its budget.
Towns, fire districts, sewer districts,
villages, counties and the state itself do
not have to get the approval of the voters.
In a sense, the schools are held to a higher
standard. The Board and administration
believe this makes us more accountable
for the decisions we make.

The main purpose of this article is to review with you just how your taxes are figured and compare ECS taxes to neighboring schools. As the budget process proceeds, the Board will continue to review the costs associated with the major functional areas of the school. That will include: instruction, employee benefits, central services, support services, operation and maintenance, pupil transportation, debt service, and BOCES services. Some of these costs are fixed, others are contractual, some may be mandated and others will have some flexibility.

The 2016-17 budget was \$11,935,306 and carried a \$8.46 true value tax rate. A few examples are listed below that reflect what you may have paid in taxes if your house was assessed based at the value below. True value tax rates are based on 100% assessment and 3 of the towns in the school district are at 100% (Ellicottville, East Otto, Mansfield), Great Valley and Humphrey are at 97% and Franklinville is at 70%. The actual taxes are arrived at by multiplying the true value of your home by the tax rate in your town.

STAR and Enhanced STAR Impact on Tax Bill

Your primary home is eligible to receive a STAR or Enhanced STAR exemption. The chart below is a simplified way for you to look at how these programs impact your actual tax bill. Below is a quick example of how your school tax bill is figured based on 2016-17 tax rate:

Assessed Value of Your	
Property (100%)	\$100,000
CTAD Everentian for	
STAR Exemption for Homeowner's Primary	
Residence	-\$30,000
	750,000
	\$70,000
2016-17 True Value	
Tax Rate	x \$8.46
-	
School Taxes Owed	= \$592.20

STAR will save you \$253.80 (\$30,000 x \$8.46).

Enhanced STAR would save you \$337.55 (\$60,100 x \$8.46).

You're eligible for a \$30,000 STAR exemption on the full assessed value of your property if you are under age 65, your home is your primary residence and your income is under \$500,000. Enhanced STAR provides a \$60,100 exemption for homeowners over age 65 who make less than \$79,050.

How do ECS school taxes and rates compare with other districts?

In order to better understand how our tax rate compares, it is helpful to see what the tax rates are in neighboring school districts. By using the 2016 tax rates and multiplying those to a house with a true value assessment of \$100,000, we come up with a comparison tax bill in each of the districts listed below. Needless to say, Ellicottville's tax rate and school taxes are much lower than any district listed below, and only one District in WNY has a lower tax rate!

School District	Tax Rate	Tax Bill
Ellicottville	\$8.46	\$846
Cattaraugus- Little Valley	\$14.54	\$1,454
Franklinville	\$18.04	\$1,804
West Valley	\$20.68	\$2,068
Allegany- Limestone	\$17.62	\$1,762
Randolph	\$10.13	\$1,013
Portville	\$23.06	\$2,306
Hinsdale	\$10.99	\$1,099
Springville	\$19.05	\$1,905
Pioneer	\$13.49	\$1,349



_	Assessment	Equal.	True		Tax		_	
<u>Town</u>	Value	Rate	Value		Rate		<u>Taxes</u>	
Ellicottville	\$100,000	100%	\$100,000	X	\$8.46	=	\$846	
	\$80,000	100%	\$80,000	Χ	\$8.46	=	\$677	
Great Valley	\$100,000	97%	\$97,000	X	\$8.72	=	\$846	
	\$80,000	97%	\$77,600	Χ	\$8.72	=	\$677	
Mansfield	\$100,000	100%	\$100,000	X	\$8.46	=	\$846	
	\$80,000	100%	\$80,000	Χ	\$8.46	=	\$677	
Humphrey	\$100,000	97%	\$97,000	X	\$8.72	=	\$846	
	\$80,000	97%	\$77,600	Χ	\$8.72	=	\$677	

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Exploring County Government

Riemen Completes Internship

Victor Riemen participated in the County Government Intern Program. This program runs for 15 weeks and concludes with a student run "mock" Legislative Session. Students are engaged in discussions concerning local county legislative issues. Victor had the opportunity to interact with local officials including: the Sheriff, County Administrator, County Historian, County Judge, County Treasurer, District Attorney, and legislators throughout this program. *Great Job Victor!*



BOCES Winter Carnival

14 ECS Volunteers Assist Special Needs Students

ECS sent 14 volunteers to assist special needs students at their annual Winter Carnival at the Holiday Valley Tubing Park. Our students provided support and assistance throughout the day on the tubing hill, playing soccer, broom hockey, and hay rides. This is a great opportunity to help our fellow students.

The following students attended: Zach Golley, Walter Woodarek, Madison Harris, Noah Stuve, Lisa Krotz, Ginna Hensel, Brooke Eddy, Madisyn Kilby, Allison Calarco, Julianna Giannicchi, Megan Hartsell, Makenna Smith, Abby Donoghue, & Evelyn Nuzzo.



KEEPING CONTACT INFORMATION UP TO DATE!

Parents/Guardians we need your help. Anytime you change your address, phone number, marital status, etc. you <u>MUST</u> notify the school in writing. Please do not just call the school and tell us about the changes, we really need it in writing to make sure we have correct and accurate information. This information is extremely important as we use it to mail report cards, progress reports, notices, etc. It is also the information we use to contact you in the event of a medical emergency, school closing, etc. Our ability to contact you is only as good as the information we have on file. Thank you for your attention in this important matter.

Board of Education Seat Available

Nominating petitions for the Ellicottville Central School District Board of Education are now available. The annual election will be held on **Tuesday, May 16, 2017** to fill the seat currently held by board member Mr. Leonard Zlockie. Nominating petitions must be filed with the District Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 17, 2017.

Petitions must contain the signatures and legal addresses of at least 25 qualified voters living in the Ellicottville Central School District. A qualified voter must be a United States citizen, be at least 18 years of age, and a district resident for 30 days prior to the election, with their current address on the nominating petition. To qualify as a candidate, one must be a qualified voter and a district resident for one year immediately prior to the election.

The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will serve a five-year term, beginning on July 1, 2017 and expiring on June 30, 2022.

Nominating petitions are available in the District Office, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (Monday-Friday) when school is in session.



Board of Education Budget Hearing (HS Cafe) May 9, 2017 at 7:00 pm

May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Homework Club 1	Grades 3-8 Math Testing 2 Homework Club	Grades 3-8 Math Testing 3 6:00 pm NHS County Banquet	Grades 3-8 Math Testing 4 Homework Club	5	6
7 <u>4-</u>	Homework Club 8	7:00 pm Board of Education Budget Hearing (HS Cafe) Homework Club	10	Eagle Time - Kindergarten 11 Hosting "Honesty" Homework Club	NYSSMA Solo Festival 6:00 pm Mother/Son Dance	NYSSMA Solo Festival 13
14	PTO Book Fair Homework Club	PTO Book Fair 1:00-8:00 pm Budget Vote 8 Board Member Election 6:00 pm PTO Math, Science, Tech Exposition 8:00 pm Board of Education Meeting (HS Library) Homework Club	17	6:30 pm All District Chorus 18 Concert Homework Club	19	20
21	Homework Club 22	Homework Club 23	Grades 4 & 8 Science Performance Tests	6:30 pm All District Band Concert Homework Club	26	27
28	School Closed - 29 Memorial Day 10:30 am MS/HS Band Concert @ Gazebo	Homework Club 30	31 6:00 pm HS Awards Banquet			

Ecs Calendar of Events

June 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
*				1	6:00 pm Father Daughter Dance 2	7:00pm Prom 3
4	Grades 4 & 8 Science 5 Written Tests 5:30 pm Spring Sports Banquet	7:00 pm Board of Education Meerting (HS Library)	7	7:00 pm Club Jazz	9	10
II.	1:15 pm & 7:00 pm 12 5th Grade Play 2:00 pm MS Awards Ceremony	Regents Exams 13	Regents Exams 14	Regents Exams 15	Regents Exams 16	17
18	8th Grade Trip to Washington, D.C.	8th Grade Trip to Washington, D.C. 8:00 am PTO Elementary Field Day 7:00 pm Board of Education Meeting (HS Library) Noon Dismissal	8th Grade Trip to Washington, D.C. Noon Dismissal	Last Day for Students Noon Dismissal	Staff Development Day 8:30 am Baccaurleate Breakfast 7:00 pm Graduation Ceremony	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

PTO Update

Next Meeting is April 7th



Earn Jamestown Jammers Tickets

Any student (Pre-K-12th grade) who brings 20 Box Tops to Miss Olson (Room 162) will be eligible to receive a free ticket to attend up to 4 Jamestown Jammers games.

You can always send your Box Tops in to the elementary office or drop them off at our two local drop off places, the Great Valley Post Office or TOPS in Ellicottville.

NEW!!! Box Tops recently created a new phone app that will help us to earn more Box Tops on certain items that we purchase.

2016-2017 Activities:

- <u>Dime Carnival:</u> Friday, April 21st (5:30pm-7:30pm)
- Mother/Son Dance: Friday, May 12th (6:00pm)
- Math, Science & Technology Exposition:

Tuesday, May 16th (6:00pm-7:00pm)

 Spring Book Fair: Monday, May 15th and Tuesday, May 16th

Upcoming Meetings:

Our remaining meetings include:

- April 7th We will start at 3:00 right after school. This meeting will be dedicated to making baskets for the Chinese Auction at the Dime Carnival.
- May 2nd-4:30 in the Elementary Art Room.



The PTO Dime Carnival is Back!

This year's Dime Carnival is being held on Friday, April 21st from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. This event will be held in the High School Cafeteria and Gymnasium. We will be using tickets for the games again this year and they will be sold 10 tickets for \$1. We will also have tickets for our theme baskets for sale at \$1 each or 12 for \$10. If you would like to help the PTO by volunteering your time, donating desserts for the cake walk, or donating clean glasses, plates and cups for the dime pitch, please contact Diana Olson at 378-6698 or by email at dolson@eville.wnyric.org.

We look forward to seeing you at the Dime Carnival!

APRIL 21 From 5800-7800 PM

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.

Girls Varsity Basketball

Lady Eagles Make It to Section Semifinals

By Coach Bartoszek

The Lady Eagles Basketball team ended their season with a loss in the section semifinals to Panama on March 2nd. For the season, the Lady Eagles finished with an impressive record of 19-2 and a league record of 9-1. This season was a great success, as the Lady Eagles secured a league title and many impressive wins. The end result is disappointing for the team, but that doesn't tarnish the excellent season and we are very excited and grateful for the opportunities that lie ahead as we look forward to a competitive season next year.

This year's team was made up of 6 seniors: Jenna Aldrich, Shelby Imhoff, Marissa Hamilton, Alyssa Przywara,

Emmalea Erlandson, and Madison Harris. 3 juniors: Evelyn Cortez, Halie Mowery, and Tomara Bowen. One sophomore, Linnea Jimerson, and one freshman, Makenna Smith. A special thank you to Camryn Earley and Lilly Shanley who moved up to varsity for the playoffs. which allowed us to have a full practice team. We had a number of all-stars in this group: Marissa Hamilton and Emmalea Erlandson were named to the first team. Linnea Jimerson was named to the second team, and Evelyn Cortez and Jenna Aldrich were named to honorable mention. Emmalea Erlandson also received the team's sportsmanship award which was fitting for a player who suffered a season ending injury on senior night and

maintained her role as a co-captain along with Marissa Hamilton.

Our team would like to thank the administrations, staffs and communities for their support throughout the season. The winter season is very long, runs into several holiday breaks, and causes a lot of different scheduling conflicts, which the parents and schools handled very well. Throughout the summer, we will be looking to build on this with open gym times, possible summer league play once a week, and through local basketball camps.

Spring Sports Schedules



Varsity Baseball

Coach Chris Mendell

March 25	11:00 am	Sherman@ Bona'
March 27	4:30 pm	@ Walsh
March 30	4:30 pm	vs. Randolph
April 3	4:30 pm	vs. Walsh
April 4	4:30 pm	@ Salamanca
April 6	4:30 pm	@ Panama
April 18	4:30 pm	@ Falconer
April 19	4:30 pm	vs. Panama
April 20	4:30 pm	vs. Pine Valley
April 24	4:30 pm	@ North Collins
April 26	4:30 pm	vs. Franklinville
April 28	4:30 pm	@ Frewsburg
May 1	4:30 pm	vs. CLVCS
May 3	4:30 pm	@ Pine Valley
May 5	4:30 pm	vs. North Collins
May 8	4:30 pm	@ Franklinville
May 10	4:30 pm	vs. Frewsburg
May 12	4:30 pm	@ CLVCS
May 15	4:30 pm	vs. Randolph
May 16	4:30 pm	vs. Brocton

Modified Baseball

Coach Jason Marsh

April 18	5:00 pm	@ Fillmore
April 20	4:30 pm	@ North Collins
April 24	4:30 pm	vs. North Collins
April 25	4:30 pm	vs. Franklinville
April 27	4:30 pm	vs. Randolph
May 2	4:30 pm	vs. Olean
May 4	4:30 pm	@ Portville
May 5	4:30 pm	@ Hinsdale
May 9	4:30 pm	vs. CLVCS
May 11	4:30 pm	@ ALCS
May 13	11:00 am	vs. Salamanca
May 15	4:30 pm	vs. Hinsdale
May 16	4:30 pm	@ Franklinville
May 18	4:30 pm	@ Randolph
May 20	10:00 am	W Olean
May 23	4:30 pm	vs. Portville
May 25	4:30 pm	@ CLVCS
May 30	4:30 pm	vs. ALCS
June 1	4:30 pm	@ Salamanca

<u>Track</u> (Combined with Franklinville) (ECS Coach Pat Waldron)

April 25	4:30 pm	@ Frewsburg
May 2	4:30 pm	vs. Westfield
May 9	4:30 pm	vs. Maple Grove
May 16	4:30 pm	vs. Clymer
May 22	4:30 pm	vs. CLVCS

Varsity Softball

Coach Matt Finn

April 1	11:00 am	vs. Sherman
		(double header)
April 5	4:30 pm	vs. Portville
April	4:30 pm	@ Salamanca
April 18	4:30 pm	@ Falconer
April 20	4:30 pm	vs. Pine Valley
April 22	11:00 am	@ Portville
April 24	4:30 pm	@ North Collins
April 26	4:30 pm	vs. Franklinville
April 28	4:30 pm	@ Frewsburg
April 29	TBD	@ CLVCS Tourn
May 1	4:30 pm	vs. CLVCS
May 3	4:30 pm	@ Pine Valley
May 5	4:30 pm	vs. North Collins
May 8	4:30 pm	@ Franklinville
May 10	4:30 pm	vs. Frewsburg
May 12	4:30 pm	@ CLVCS
May 15	4:30 pm	vs. Salamanca
May 17	4:30 pm	vs. Falconer

JV Softball

Coach Dave McCann

March 27	4:30 pm	@ Walsh
April 3	4:30 pm	vs. Walsh
April 4	5:00 pm	vs. Fillmore
April 6	4:30 pm	vs. Gowanda
April 18	4:30 pm	vs. Cass. Valley
April 24	4:30 pm	vs. North Collins
April 26	4:30 pm	vs. Cass. Valley
May 1	4:30 pm	@ CLVCS
May 3	4:30 pm	@ Gowanda
May 5	4:30 pm	vs. North Collins
May 8	4:30 pm	@ CLVCS
May 9	5:00 pm	@ Fillmore
May 12	4:30 pm	vs. CLVCS
May 13	TRD	@ CLVCS Tourn

4:30 pm

@ Falconer

May 17

Modified Softball

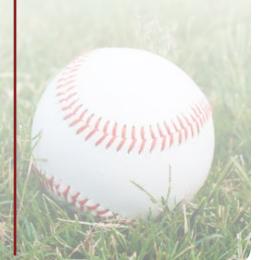
Coach Leah Klahn

April 18	5:00 pm	@ Fillmore
April 25	4:30 pm	vs. Franklinville
April 27	4:30 pm	vs. Randolph
May 2	4:30 pm	vs. Olean
May 9	4:30 pm	vs. CLVCS
May 11	4:30 pm	@ ALCS
May 13	11:00 am	vs. Salamanca
May 16	4:30 pm	@ Franklinville
May 18	4:30 pm	@ Randolph
May 20	10:00 am	@ Olean
May 25	4:30 pm	@ CLVCS
May 30	4:30 pm	vs. ALCS
June 1	4:30 pm	@ Salamanca

Golf

Coach Dan LaCroix

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April 3	3:30 pm	@ Randolph
April 18	3:30 pm	@ Franklinville
April 19	3:30 pm	@ Salamanca/
		Catt-LV
April 26	3:30 pm	@ Portville
April 28	3:30 pm	@ ALCS
May 1	3:30 pm	vs. Pville, Fville,
		Randolph
May 4	3:30 pm	vs. ALCS
May 8	9:00 am	Sectional Qualifier
May 15	9:00 am	State Qualifier
May 22	3:30 pm	vs. Sal, Catt-LV
May 24	3:15 pm	Team Scramble
May 25	9:00 am	3-Man Tourny



National Honor Society

ECS Inducts Nine New Members in 2017

The 2017 induction banquet for the Ellicottville Central School Chapter of National Honor Society was held at the Great Valley Fireman's Clubhouse on Sunday, March 26th. Congratulations to the nine new members who were inducted (*pictured below from left to right*): Lisa Krotz, Madison Swalcy, Kirklind Kaleta, Andelain Wilson, Daniel Tupchik, Marissa Hamilton, Kourtney Robinson, Hannah DeChane, and Emily Durandetto.



SAVE DATE MAY 16th

☆ 1:00-8:00 pm Budget Vote & Board Member Election

☆ 6:00 pm PTO Math,Science, Tech Exposition& PTO Book Fair

☆ 8:00 pm Board of Education Meeting (HS Library)

Support the Class of 2020 While You Vote!

No time for dinner between voting, the science expo, and games? No worries!

Class of 2020 Hot Dog Sale

When: May 16th, Noon-6:00 pm

Where: Outside Elementary Foyer

Cost: \$4.00 donation to the Class of 2020

What you get: Hot dog, Chips,

Drink, and Dessert

Please come support the Class of 2020 and buy a hot dog combo!



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Mrs. Connie Poulin, Pre K-6 Principal / CSE-CPSE Chairperson



Mother's Day Hanging Plant Sale

Buy a hanging plant or two, and honor your mother, decorate your porch, and help the Class of 2019 raise money for their class.

Please mail (or drop off) the following order form with money to:

Sophomore Class Advisors Ellicottville Central School 5873 Rt. 219 \$20each

Ellicottville, NY 14731
Please place all orders by Thursday, May 4th. Make checks payable to ECS Class of 2019
Customer Name
Address
Phone Number
Hanging Plants (Indicate Quantity and Color):
Million Bells (Sun/Semi-shade) Pink Purple Mixed
Double Rosebud Impatiens (Partial Shade) Pink Purple Red Orange
Petunias (Sun) Pink Purple
Ivy Geraniums (Partial Sun) Red Pink Lavender
Boston Fern (Partial Shade)
Ivy Geraniums (Partial Sun) Red Pink Lavender Boston Fern (Partial Shade) Cost of Hanging Plants is \$20 each. Orders will be available to pick up at the high school on Thursday, May 11th, perfect for celebrating Mother's Day on May 14th.