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Volleyball: RECORD-BREAKING SEASON

The Ellicottville Lady Eagles Volleyball Team ended 2011 with a record breaking season. Led by a very young team surrounding one lone senior, the Lady Eagles soared to Section 6 D2 Champions.

Dropping their first game of the season only made the Lady Eagles more determined, and their unrelenting work ethic carried strong throughout the year. This very athletic team worked extremely well together and it showed with a continuous improvement as the season moved on. These girls played together as a team as well as any team I've ever coached. The young players who began the season on the team made a huge contribution from their hard work and desire to improve and help the team, and the players who joined the team later in the season, Courtney Antholzner, Alijah Fox and Amber Davies, were just as vital in their roles on the team as well. Sabrina Tocha's positive attitude was influential and infectious with the team. Daneth Musall, one of the youngest players on the team this season held a big role playing some great defense.

Our MIP, Most Improved Player this season went to Marissa Hamilton. The improvement from the beginning to the end of the season was immeasurable. Marissa started the season with no real plan of seeing much time on the court to becoming a key starter. Her athleticism showed when she was put in high pressure moments late in the season.

Grace Hall and Marissa Kent

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Pictured above are: (front, l-r) managers Brooke Decker, Jenna Hadley; (middle, l-r) Daneth Musall, Amber Davies, Jaimee Olson, Courtney Antholzner, Alijah Fox; and (back, l-r) Kayla Dunkleman, Janae Hamilton, Madison Szaicher, Courtney Scanlan, Grace Hall, Marissa Kent, Marissa Hamilton, and Coach Kelly Unverdorben.





Project Christmas Donors:

THANK YOU!

On behalf of the entire Ellicottville Central School family, we would like to thank the community for your generous support of Project Christmas.

Your donations helped provide 40 ECS families and 60 senior citizens with food and gifts for the Christmas holiday.

Project Christmas relies on the generosity of donors such as you to survive and flourish.

Thank you for your support. May the coming year bring you health and happiness.



Understanding New York's Property Tax Levy Cap as it relates to public schools

PART I OF A 3-PART SERIES

By Mark J. Ward,
Superintendent

Since the State Legislature passed the legislation in June 2011 and the Governor signed it into law there has been a great deal of talk about the “tax cap”... what it is, how it works and “real” prob-

lems associated with how it impacts the ability of government to provide services and programs.

At face value it is a good idea to “make” all levels of government (except the State, which does not fall under the legislation!) reduce spending and control the growth of taxes. However, in order for this to work the legislature needs to address mandate relief and fiscal reform. This is the other part of the equation that has not been addressed.

There are many State requirements that are placed on all levels of government that cost more and more each year with no end in sight. In our case, these are areas that the school district has **NO CONTROL** over.

Here are several examples of mandate relief and fiscal reform that could help:

- Prohibit new mandates that are unfunded
- Payments to retirement system
- Special Education mandates above and beyond IDEA requirements
- Legislate pension reform... Tier 6
- Provide class size flexibility for students with disabilities
- Limit out-of-district transportation
- Cost of APPR/RTTT
- Cap/Control Health Care premium costs... establish a statewide premium
- Freeze step raises when contracts expire (Triborough Amendment to Taylor Law)
- Reduce construction costs on public/private projects-Wicks Law reform
- Address inequities in State funding formulas that hurt high need, rural school districts



The new law applies to the tax levy not to tax rates or individual tax bills.

Does the new tax cap law mean school tax levies can't increase by more than 2 percent?

NO, the new law limits school districts tax levy increase to 1-2% based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or 2%, whichever is lower. However, this is just one of the factors that are used in the eight-step calculation.

What other factors impact the tax levy that are not included in this limitation?

- Increases to Employee Retirement System (ERS) or Teacher Retirement System (TRS) above 2% are exempt. For example the payments to the TRS system for 2012-13 will be 2.6% which means that in order to calculate it: $2.6\% - 2.0\% = .6\%$. Then you multiply this by the total amount of money paid into the TRS to come up with the amount that is not subject to the tax cap.
- Voter approved local capital expenditures (principal and interest)...i.e. buildings, buses (lease or purchase)
- Court orders/judgments resulting from actions of any amount that exceeds 5% of the District's current tax levy
- Tax base growth factor which accounts for the growth in the tax base due to construction, improvements and additions as determined by the State's Department of Tax and Finance

In March, the second part of a three-part series will discuss how the tax cap, rising costs and state education funding will collectively impact Ellicottville Central School.



2012-13 Budget: TOUGHEST YEAR TO DATE

By Mark J. Ward,
Superintendent

The Board and administration are in the early stages of the 2012-13 budget development. However, we knew that this would be the most difficult budget to date based on the continued decrease in state aid, increase in costs associated with everything that goes into the budget and the limitations placed on the district with the tax cap.

Over the past three years the district has used over \$900,000 in reserves to maintain programs and reduce the tax increases.

The chart reflects the conservative spending and cost reductions that have allowed the district to limit tax increases while

ECS Budget History

2007-08	\$10,408,536
2008-09	\$10,710,444
2009-10	\$10,448,530
2010-11	\$10,680,131
2011-12	\$10,495,000

reducing costs and rightsizing the overall staffing throughout the district.

The current budget is only \$86,464 (.8% increase) more than the budget was in 2007-08! We have worked diligently through attrition of some positions, contract negotiations, program changes and adjustments, staff reductions based on enrollment and just an overall leaner operation.

While every area of the operation has been impacted, to date, we have maintained all programs and in some cases have added new classes and have

restructured how we operate to meet the challenging economic times we are facing.

GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL, *continued from page 1*

“Bent” were two vital players during practice as well as game time. Grace’s blocking ability and Marissa’s amazing serving ability were big parts of the team’s success. Kayla Dunkleman was one of our key players on serve receive. Kayla’s quickness and aggressiveness was part of the cornerstone of the Lady Eagle’s defense this year.

Our one and only senior this season was Jaimee Olson. Jaimee was honorable mention for All-Stars this season, which is voted on by the opposing coaches in our league. Jaimee played a huge role on defense as well as setting and is going to be greatly missed next year.

The MVP award this season was earned by Courtney Scanlan. Courtney was also a second team All-Star selection. Courtney showed all of the characteristics of an MVP. Although her teammates know how sweet Courtney is, the opposing coaches and players feared her as much as anyone they faced all year.

The fierce duo of Maddie Szapaicher and Janae Hamilton was also a much feared combination. Together these two were both named First Team All-Stars, and Maddie was named Player of The Year, which is voted on by the other coaches in the league. Janae earned Co-MVP of the team, and we cannot wait to see what this pair can accomplish next season.

Although the Lady Eagles were unable



to get by Randolph in the Section 6 Championship this year, the record breaking season was a huge success. These girls should be very proud of their 17-3 season record. The strides this team took and

improvement from the beginning of the season until the end was remarkable, and although replacing Jaimee Olson will be no small feat, the Lady Eagles are geared up to take a run at an even better 2012.



BOYS' SOCCER CO-SECTION CHAMPS

The Ellicottville Boys Soccer season concluded its season on November 5th. For the third season in a row, the boys competed against North Collins in the Section 6 Class D Boys Soccer Championship game. For the third season in a row, the game was tied at the end of regulation. For the second year in a row, the two teams were still tied at the end of two overtimes and the game was to be decided by a penalty kick shootout. Unfortunately, for the second year in a row, the Eagles came out on the losing end of the shootout. And finally, for the second year in a row, the Ellicottville Eagles were named Section 6 Class D Co-Sectional Champions.



Pictured are: (front, l-r) Noah Steinbroner, Luke Zlockie, Eric Oliverio, Pat Morton, Jeremy Bordini, Connor Greene, Jack Snyder; (middle, l-r) Nick Palombi, Don Prentice, Carl Herman, Josh Bordini, Colin Lapi, Shamus Greene, Nick LaCroix; and (back, l-r) Jonah Goode, James Snider, Mark Flanagan, Nick Oliverio, Alex Steinbroner, Connor Hellwig, Pat Snyder.

In the championship game, Ellicottville scored first on a second half goal by Colin Lapi. This goal was amazing. The play was set up by Josh Bordini's direct kick from 35 yards out. Bordini kicked the ball towards the near post while Lapi charged in. Lapi leaped into the air to skip the ball off his head over the outstretched arms of the North Collins keeper. The Eagles held the lead for 15 minutes, then North Collins ripped a shot from 30 yards away that sailed over Jeremy Bordini's head to

tie the game. So the boys played on. And on. And once again, after 100 minutes of soccer, the two teams found themselves in a Penalty Kick shootout. It came down to the last shot, but North Collins made their last goal and won the shootout 4-3.

Throughout this game as they did throughout the year, these boys made us proud. They found ways to dig a little deeper, run a little faster, and play a little harder. They played with pride, honor and dignity. They did ECS proud.

Several of the players were recognized by their league as All-Stars. Colin Lapi and Connor Greene were named 1st Team All-Stars. Mark Flanagan and Connor Hellwig were named 2nd Team All-Stars. Don Prentice was named as an Honorable Mention All-Star. Congratulations goes out to these boys for being recognized by the league.

Thanks to all the parents, fans, coaches and players for all that they do and have done for the ECS boys' soccer program.



CAREER TECH CORNER

Seen here is Criminal Justice junior, Kris Sanders (left in photo), performing a Field Sobriety check.

The juniors in the Criminal Justice class at the Ellicottville Career and Technical Center BOCES go through six weeks of training to learn about Blood Alcohol Content, absorption, probable cause and officer safety among other aspects of patrol. The students train with duty belts that are fully equipped with handcuffs, flashlights and a training sidearm. The patrol unit culminates with a simulated DWI Field Sobriety Check and Felony Stop utilizing a Village of Portville patrol car.



ANIMALS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS POLICY ADOPTED

To help maintain safe and healthy conditions for the students, staff and visitors to the Ellicottville Central School District, it shall be a violation of district policy for any individual to bring a dog or any other animal to any athletic or extra-curricular events.

If warranted, the District may call the appropriate Animal Control Agency.

- Animals may be permitted in the schools for instructional purposes. It is the principal's responsibility to ensure that there is an appropriate educational purpose if any animal is housed in a classroom. Animals are not to be transported on school buses.
- School staff will be responsible for the proper control of animals brought to school for instructional purposes and the principal will be responsible for insuring the effective protection of children when animals are in the school.
- In addition, those individual with disabilities that require the assistance of an animal, such as a seeing eye dog, shall be exempt from the terms of this policy.
- Also, under certain circumstances, police and other emergency services may require the presence of animals in performing their duties (such as bomb or drug searches). This decision will be made on a case-by-case basis as determined by the responding agency.
- This policy will be disseminated to the community and school personnel through normal channels of communication.
- This policy will go into effect January 1, 2012.

Approved by the ECS Board of Education: Tuesday, September 27, 2011

DIME CARNIVAL SET FOR MARCH 2nd

The Dime Carnival is back! This year's Dime Carnival is being held on Friday, March 2nd from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Come to the High School Gymnasium to join in on all the fun. We will be using tickets for the games this year and they will be sold 10 tickets for \$1. We will also have tickets for our themed baskets for sale at \$1 each or 12 for \$10. If you would like to help the PTO out by volunteering your time, donating desserts for the cake walk, or donating clean glasses, plates, cups, etc. for the dime pitch, please contact Diana Olson at 699-2318 or dolson@eville.wnyric.org. We look forward to seeing you at the Dime Carnival!

YEARBOOK NEWS

Yearbooks will be here before you know it. Reserve yours to see if these pictures made the cut.

- You need to put at least \$10 down to reserve a yearbook. Make checks payable to ECS yearbook. Yearbooks must be reserved before June 1st. If you don't reserve one you won't be able to purchase one until a week after they come in, if there are any left after reserved ones have had a chance to be claimed. Reserve one with Mrs. Bauer and don't forget to hold on to your receipt.
- The yearbook fundraiser has been completed. If you sold any items for this fundraiser you have a yearbook reserved for you. Once you pay the balance you'll be able to pick it up when they come in.
- You may purchase old yearbooks while supplies last. 2011's book is \$30. Books from previous years are \$10 apiece, while supplies last.



SENIOR CITIZENS' HOLIDAY DINNER



The Student Council of Ellicottville Central School hosted a dinner for senior citizens on Sunday, December 11th in the high school cafeteria. Students provided music and prizes were given as a way to recognize and thank the senior citizens of our school district.





Josh Bordini

Eagles' Nest News

About the Program

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.

Tutor Certification

Josh Bordini has earned his CRLA certification. Earning certification is a lot of work, especially for a student like Josh who is also involved in a variety of other activities. 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. Congratulations Josh!

Want to be a tutor?

We are no longer taking applications but you can keep us in mind for next year.

Need to be tutored?

Report cards are coming soon. Are you beginning to worry about your grades? See Mrs. Bauer about getting a tutor.

High School News from the GUIDANCE OFFICE

SAT TEST DATE

March 10th
May 5th
June 2nd

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

February 10th
April 6th
May 8th

ACT TEST DATE

April 14th
June 9th

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

March 9th
May 4th

Registration materials are available in the Guidance Office or you can register on-line for the SAT at www.collegeboard.org and for the ACT at www.actstudent.org. The registration fees are \$49.00 for the SAT and \$34 for the ACT. I would recommend taking both tests as they test different material and most colleges will accept either test.

FREE SAT HELP

There are two great websites that offers students free SAT help:

- www.ineedapencil.com
- www.march2success.com

ACE THE SAT

Jamestown Community College is offering a SAT prep class. The class starts with a pre - test that gives the instructors the opportunity to assess individual students and class needs. It includes an overview of the test, test taking skills, how to use problem solving to answer questions, and general approaches to mastering the SAT. A post - test will show gains the student made and assist them with a study plan.

Critical Reading and Math are taught along with tips on how to study and prepare for the Scholastic Aptitude Test.

Please contact JCC to register for this course at 716-376-7506.

DATES: Math: February 27, 29, March 5, 7, 2012
Critical Reading: February 28, March 1, 6, 8, 2012

TIME: 6:00 – 8:00 pm

PLACE: JCC; Training & Conference Center, Room 110

FEE: \$65.00 (includes textbook)

FAFSA FORMS!

Parents of Seniors, this is the form you need to complete to apply for financial aid for college. You can complete it on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

The paper FAFSA is no longer available at the Guidance Office. If you would like to file a paper FAFSA you may call the Information Center at 1-800-4-FED-AID and request an application be mailed to you. Please keep in mind: Filing on-line can be faster than paper registration, Online help is available for each question, and FAFSA on the web has an automatic edit check that finds errors on your application and prompts you to fix them. Filing on-line is **free** and **secure**, but be sure you file at www.fafsa.ed.gov. **Some websites with similar names charge a fee to submit your application, please avoid these!**

PENN YORK COLLEGE NIGHT

St. Bonaventure University will once again host the annual Penn York College Night for all area Juniors. This is a great opportunity to meet with over 100, 2 and 4-year college representatives from the NY, Pennsylvania and Ohio area. There will also be financial aid information available as well.

Save the date: March 28th 6:30-8:30pm in the Reilly Center at St. Bonaventure University



Four Participate As GOVERNMENT INTERNS

BOCES is proud to offer the County Government Intern program to seniors from Cattaraugus County. The County Government program started 36 years ago in 1975.

In the County Government Intern Program, students meet weekly with legislators, department heads, and various committee members to deepen their understanding of all components of local government. Under the guidance of the County Government teacher, the students interact with County officials as they learn about the function of county government, the procedures for introducing new legislation, and the roles of the various departments in each branch. In the final activity for the program, the students apply what they have learned as they conduct their own mock legislative session to introduce and vote on their own



resolutions.

This year there were 24 students from across Cattaraugus County who participat-

ed in the program. Ellicottville had four students participate: Jeff Brennan, Colin Lapi, Nick Oliverio, and Laszlo Neuwirth.

CLASS HOLDS ANNUAL POLITICAL DEBATE

The fall semester Participation in Government class created their own political parties and held their annual debate on January 10th. The students created 3 political parties – The Outdoors Party, The Building Party, and The Return to Greatness Party. Each party created their own platforms, commercial, and posters. The candidates from each party (Jessica Schwartz – The Outdoors Party, Levi Kent – The Building Party, and James Snider – The Return to Greatness Party) debated each other in front of an audience of about 75 people in the gym. The candidates were also asked questions from the audience. After the debate, the audience voted and JAMES SNIDER won!! Congrats to all the students who participated in this effort. Job well done!!

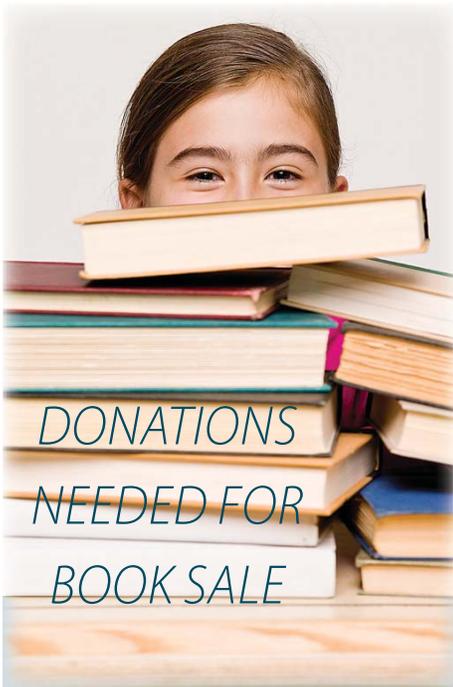


KALEIGH HUNT ADVANCES IN SPELLING BEE

The middle school held its annual spelling bee on Thursday, January 5, 2012 in the high school cafeteria. Thirty students participated. The top ten students from sixth, seventh, and eighth grade challenged each other in multiple rounds.

Defending champion, eighth grader **Kaleigh Hunt** won after dueling it out with sixth grader **Kourtney Robinson**. Kaleigh will now take a written test to qualify for the regional bee to be held in Buffalo later this spring.

Good Luck Kaleigh!



DONATIONS
NEEDED FOR
BOOK SALE

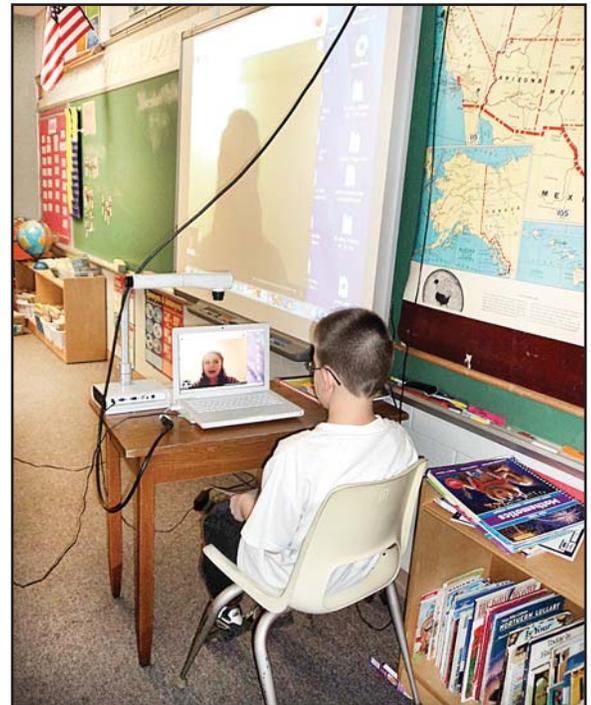
Ready for an early spring clean? ESPRA, the high school literary club, is accepting book donations for the used book sale the week of March 5th. Please drop off donations now through March 1st in the high school office during regular school hours. We are not accepting encyclopedias. Thank you!

Social Studies Skyping: CONNECTING WITH ECS GRADUATE

Social Studies lessons in third grade revolve around learning about communities around the world. The students study the geographic region, type of community, and the culture of the area.

Imagine how surprised we were when we heard that an alumnus, Anna Pierce was an exchange student in Limerick, Ireland. We proceeded to contact her and began building schema about Ireland with the help of Mrs. Kaminski in the CAI room. We used the Google Earth program and classroom discussions to help each student generate a few questions to ask Anna about her new community.

A few weeks later, our class was able to speak to Anna using a program called Skype. The students took turns asking Anna about the culture, schools, foods, recreation, and housing in Ireland. Anna was able to compare and contrast being an ECS student and an exchange student living in a different country. We learned a lot and can't wait for Anna to return to Ellicottville to meet us in person.



Robotics Teams COMPETE IN CHAMPIONSHIP

The Ellicottville Middle School Robotics teams finished in 1st & 2nd place at the Southern Tier Qualifying Tournament at Houghton College on Saturday, November 19th.

The 8th grade team of Kaleigh Hunt, Eli Dechane, Quinn O'Rourke, Robert Sawicki Jr., Max Paddock, Alex Fisher, William Timkey & Caleb Rinko finished in 1st place. Not to be outdone the 7th grade team of Hannah Chew, Robert Spell, Jordon Andrews, Nick Foster, Jacob Bower, Emma Chew, Victor Rieman, & Liam Watt which took 2nd place.

On Sunday, December 4th the teams traveled to the University of Rochester for the Finger Lakes First Lego League Championship Tournament.

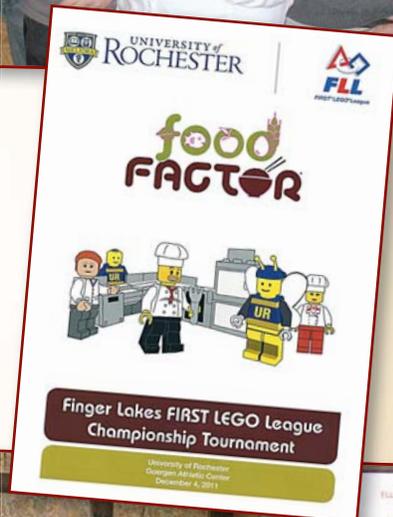
While neither team will be moving on, both teams had a tremendous season.

Mr. Wood & Mr. Edwards would like to thank all the students for all their hard work and dedication to their teams.

The teams would like to thank the Ellicottville Teachers Association (ETA) for sponsoring them and providing T-Shirts for the Championship Tournament.



Shown above is the eighth grade team with Coach Edwards. Below is the seventh grade team with Coach Wood.



Thankful Reminder: CLASS CREATES GIVING TREE

By Mrs. Tammy Peters

Students in Mrs. Peters' first grade class read the book The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein as a reminder to be thankful this time of year. We discussed the main idea of the book and that no matter how much the tree gave away to the boy, it was always happy and thankful that the boy came back. The class brainstormed a list of things and people that they were thankful for and then wrote them down on leaf templates. Mrs. Peters then created a large tree trunk and branches to be hung in the hall.

We feel very blessed to be part of such an amazing school and we wanted to share in the blessings of others too. Our class asked the students, teachers, aides, and staff members in the elementary to fill out their own leaves and add them to our "Thankful Tree". The finished product is absolutely breathtaking and amazing! To see the beauty and variety of all these brightly colored leaves is something you could never imagine. As I read some of the



things that ECS is thankful for, my heart was truly touched.

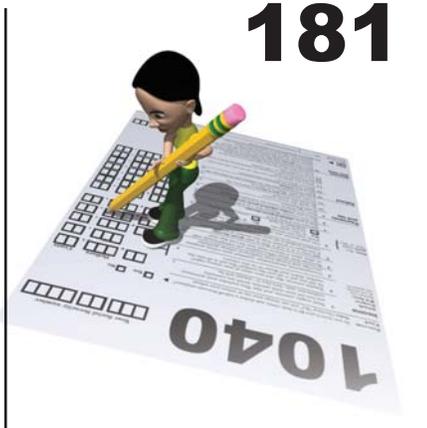
Our sincere thanks to everyone who took the time to allow for the completion

of this product. WE ARE THANKFUL FOR YOU ECS!

Our class wishes everyone a happy and healthy 2012 New Year!

Ellicottville Central School Income Tax Code:

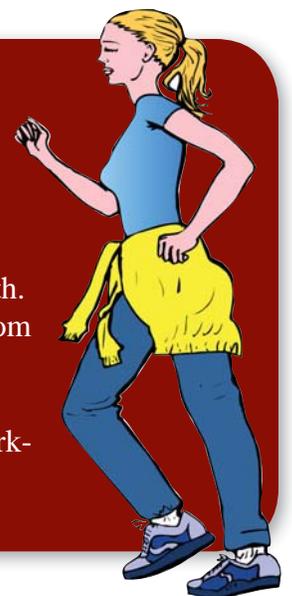
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WALKERS WELCOME IN THE HALLS OF ECS

Ellicottville Central School will host a Walk Program for community members thru April 26th. The building will be open Monday-Thursday from 6-9 pm (when school is in session).

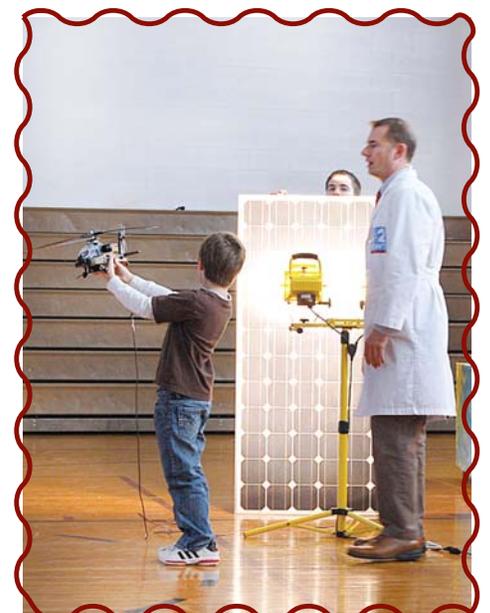
Community members are asked to check-in each time they walk at the High School back parking lot entrance.





READING CELEBRATION 2012

Non-Fiction books were flying off the shelves this fall, as ECS elementary students focused on these often overlooked pieces of literature. Each and every student read at least one non-fiction book and some read many, many more. On December 8, just as promised, Andy Parker and his Weather Machine delighted the crowd!



It's Time To Plan For **PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN**

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

If your son or daughter will be turning 4 years old by December 1, 2012, please call the Elementary Office. We will then mail you a planning paperwork packet that will need to be completed and returned to the office. Each year New York State reviews the funding structure for the grant supported Pre-K programs.

If our PreK program is again funded, acceptance letters for the program will be mailed out by the end of June 2012. The state considers a child Pre-school age if their birth date is between December 1, 2007 and November 30, 2008. Please contact the Elementary Office at 699-2318 as we will be happy to answer any questions that you have at this time. We would appreciate having all planning packets returned to us by May 1, 2012.

Our PreK program is a half day program.

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, 2012.)





Mrs. Donoghue's Third Graders
BECOME POLYCOM PALS

Recently, third graders in Mrs. Donoghue's room had the opportunity to work on a writing project with a third grade classroom in Sterling Heights, Michigan.

Each classroom was given the task of making a "crazy creature" from a list of common classroom materials. Next, each classroom had to write step-by-step directions on how to make the creature for the other classroom. The teachers exchanged emails and forwarded directions to recreate the creature. A week later, the classrooms were linked together using a polycom.

Each classroom displayed their finished creature and discussed the importance of writing detailed instructions. We were thrilled to see how well the other classroom had recreated our creature with tiny wings. The classroom in Michigan was also pleased to see that we could easily follow their sequential instructions.

What a great collaborative project.



TWO SEATS OPEN ON BOARD OF EDUCATION

Nominating petitions for the Ellicottville Central School District Board of Education are now available.

Our annual election will be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2012 to fill the seat currently held by board member Mr. Roger Spell and the seat vacated by the resignation of Mrs. Mary Ellen Campbell.

Nominating petitions must be filed with the District Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 16, 2012. 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 year of age, 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, 2012 and expiring on June 30, 2017. The candidate with the second highest number of votes will serve a one-year term to fill out the remainder of Mrs. Mary Ellen Campbell's seat (July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013).

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



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Mr. James Wiley, President
Mr. Roger Spell, Vice President
Mr. Carl Calarco
Mr. Steve Crowley
Mr. Lynn Eddy
Mrs. Connie Hellwig

Or CURRENT RESIDENT

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Administration
Mr. Mark J. Ward, Superintendent / Business Administrator
Mr. Robert Miller, 6-12 Principal
Mrs. Connie Poulin, Pre K-5 Principal / CSE-CPSE Chairperson

ECRWSS



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



School Calendar Reminders

Monday, February 20, 2012
Presidents' Day - School Closed

Tuesday, February 21, 2012
Staff Development Day -
No School for Students

Wednesday, March 14, 2012
Parent/Teacher Conferences -
Noon dismissal, 1/2 day of school
for Grades K-5 (NO PM PreK)

March 26-April 6, 2012
Spring Recess - School Closed



PENNIES FOR PROJECT CHRISTMAS

Congratulations to our Kindergarten students! They demonstrated the character traits of generosity and citizenship by collecting \$129 worth of pennies for Project Christmas. Not only was this a great opportunity for our Little Eagles to help their community, but this was also an excellent academic learning experience. The children were able to improve their math skills while counting pennies by ones and by tens! We're proud of all of you!