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ELLICOTTVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL

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Drama Club to Perform

'THE SOUND OF MUSIC' MARCH 25-26TH

Mark your calendars for Friday & Saturday, March 25th & 26th @ 7:30 pm!!! The Ellicottville Central School Drama Club will be presenting *The Sound of Music* on stage in the Salamanca High School Auditorium. The musical is directed by Mrs. Jaye Zelko, vocal director, Mrs. Pat Waldron and produced by Mrs. Crystal Wilder.

Students performing are: Olivia Harris as Maria; Josh Bower as Captain Von Trapp; Elizabeth Wendel as Liesl; Liam O'Rourke as Friedrich; Hannah Doro as Louisa; Max Paddock as Kurt; Aemile Donoghue as Brigitta; Kayleigh Hunt as Marta; Shelby Toth as Gretl; Kristen Hall as Mother Abbess; and filling in the rest of the cast are, Sam Brooks, Bre Coolidge, Courtney Antholzner, Noah Butler, Natalia Palombi, Calum Watt, Ciara Peters, Jocelyn Steffen, Adam Hiller, Stone Wilson, Alex Delity, Annie Prentice, Hunter Steffenhagen, Quinn O'Rourke, Lindsey Roblee, Cedella Sergel, Maria Baransky, Emily Uhrinek, Alessia Filutze, Molly Woodarek, Katie Barry, Maddie Harris, Sidney Smith, Kaitlyn Smith, Olivia Venezia, Madison Swalcy and Nick Delity.

The Sound Of Music was the final collaboration between Rodgers & Hammerstein and was destined to become the worlds most beloved musical. Based entirely upon the true account and experiences of Captain and Maria Von Trapp and their seven children, this musical struck a nerve in the free world with its powerful message of love and their fight for freedom. While Maria is in the convent, her love of freedom makes it obvious to her superior's that she is not suited for religious life. Therefore, she is dispatched to serve as the governess for the seven troublesome children of the wid-



owed naval Captain von Trapp. Thus, she is sent off to be the governess to Captain von Trapp's seven troublesome children. Unlike previous governesses, Maria becomes friends with the children due to their mutual love of music. Soon, even the strict Captain begins to admire Maria. Eventually, the Captain and Maria fall in love and are married. Unfortunately, when the Nazis invade their homeland, Austria, the whole family is forced to flee over the alps to escape. The family's narrow escape over the mountains to Switzerland on the eve of World War II provides one of the most thrilling and inspirational finales ever presented in the theatre. The motion picture version remains the most popular movie musical of all time.

We hope to see you in the audience ... don't miss out on another exciting production from our very own ECS students! Tickets will be on sale at the door for \$6 and presale from drama club students.

ELLICOTTVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL
DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS

The Sound of Music

Rogers & Hammerstein's

Music by RICHARD RODGERS
Lyrics by OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II
Books by HOWARD LINDSAY
and RUSSEL CROUSE
Inspired by
"The Story of the Trapp Family Singers"

Friday, March 25 & Saturday, March 26
7:30 PM 2011
Salamanca High School Auditorium
General Admission \$6

Budget News ... NO HELP IN SIGHT

By Mark J. Ward,
Superintendent

By now I am sure that you are well aware of the bleak outlook facing all schools across the state. Ellicottville will not escape the impact of the reduction in state aid and the ever increasing cost of mandates, retirement, health insurance and the many other areas of the budget that are experiencing increases.

With the increases in the general budget pegged at around 3.5% that amounts to roughly \$374,000 coupled with a loss of \$416,434 (12.87%) in state aid, this year's budget will be experiencing deep cuts in many areas. Keep in mind this is nearly \$800,000 that has to be accounted for and there are really three ways to address it: increase in taxes, budget cuts or the use of reserves. Our district can raise approximately \$56,000 for every 1% increase in the tax levy so in order to make up this difference in taxes we would have to increase the tax levy by over 14%. This is simply not going to happen, so we will have to make major cuts across the board to reduce the gap. We will also use a limited amount of reserves.

While we are still continuing to work on the budget, we are looking to

reduce costs in every area. Whether it is transportation, cafeteria services, instruction, supplies, textbooks, workbooks, field trips, energy use, conferences/professional development, student programs, staffing levels, technology support or athletics it is predictable that there will be noticeable differences from this year to next year.

I can assure you that no area of the budget will escape review and in depth scrutiny. We must find ways to be more efficient with the resources that we have. We will have to make some very difficult choices. What makes this situation even more difficult is the knowledge that this is not a one year event. That is why we need to make some major adjustments to how we do business knowing that additional revenues are not coming. The Governor and Senate are also advocating for a "tax cap." Let's face it none of us want to pay more taxes and it goes without saying that New York State taxes property owners more heavily than most places in the United States. However, limiting the ability to tax without reducing and/or eliminating state mandates is a formula for disaster.

From my perspective the most frustrating part of this situation is the failure of the Governor or the State Legislature to address the expenditure side of the budget. Cutting revenues (state aid) to schools is one thing, and, given the eleven billion dollar deficit we have, it is understandable that cuts have to happen. However, the real problem rests with the fact that nothing has been done to help us on the expense side of the budget. There are a number of mandates that cost school district's thousands of dollars that we have absolutely no control over. While it has been talked about for nearly two months, nothing has happened with the idea of freezing the salaries of all state employees, including all school district

employees for one year. That action would have an immediate impact on every school district in the state. In Ellicottville it could roughly translate to a 3.5% reduction in expenses for 2011-12, which would greatly lessen the cuts that will have to be made. If there are no substantial changes in the budget numbers from Albany, districts like ours will:

- see class sizes rise
- offer less educational experiences
- lose staff
- possibly eliminate some of the elective programs and courses
- reduce athletic opportunities
- be unable to keep pace with technology updates
- reduce the special opportunities and field trips
- need to make do with less.

Can we survive this? Yes, we can and we will, but things will be different.

We will be asking our teachers and staff members to do more with less, and they have already risen to the challenge by slashing their budgets, volunteering to share supplies and making suggestions on how to trim costs. The situation we are in across New York State has been building over the past twenty years and it will not go away over night. Ellicottville Central School has operated as a very fiscally conservative school for many years while maintaining a quality yet affordable education for our students and taxpayers. As we look to the future, we must get use to a leaner or even more cost conscious operation.

While the Board of Education and administration are still working on the 2011-12 budget, I can assure you that it will represent a reduction in services, opportunities and some different approaches to doing business. As I said last month "business as usual" will not be possible and next year's budget will clearly reflect that change.

Ellicottville Central School Income Tax Code:

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Quiz Bowl Team TAKES 2ND AT CHALLENGE

The Senior Division Team of Chris Snyder, Joe Alzate, James Snider, and Alexis Vail came in 2nd out of 20 teams at the Scholastic Challenge in Portville.

Twelve other members of our Quiz Bowl team also did a great job representing ECS at the competition.



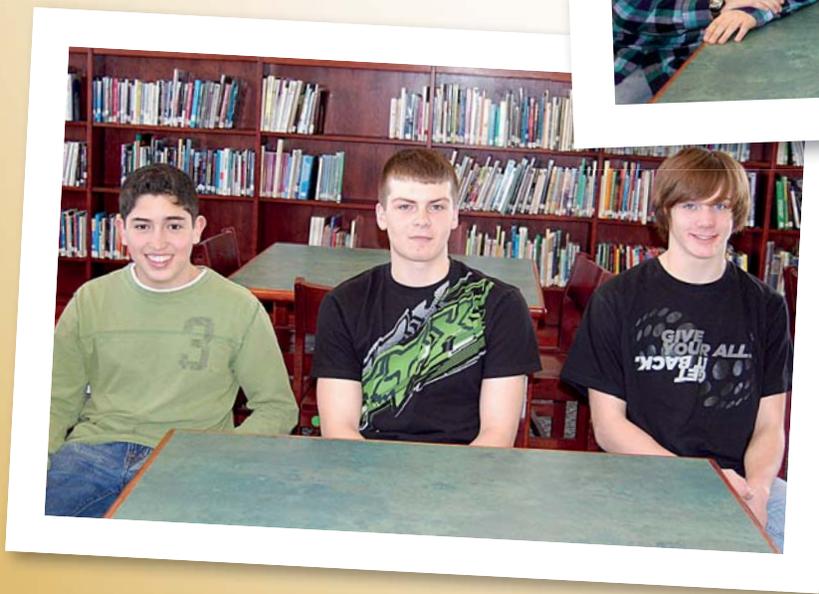
Above are members of the 2nd-place winner, Senior Division Maroon Team (l-r): Joe Alzate, Chris Snyder, Alexis Vail and James Snider.



Above are members of the Senior Division White Team (front, l-r): Shannon Wilson, Rachel Welch, Caitlin Toth and (back, l-r) Patrick Snyder, Connor Hellwig and Josh Bordini.



Above are members of the Junior Division Maroon Team (l-r): Jesse Pollock, Jeremy Bordini and Patrick McMahon-Eagan.



At left are members of the Junior Division White Team (l-r): John Alzate, Fletcher Macomb and Calum Watt.

Reflecting on our Past ...

Circa 1920's



Ellicottville Coronet Band,
later called the Calumet Club.

29 Washington Street - 'Sugar Bowl ... and many others!'

In 1876, **Charles McCoy Grocery Store** was opened on this landmark corner and ran until 1887. Robert H. Shankland had his newspaper (**Cattaraugus Union**) office in the second floor in 1876.

By 1896, the building was called the **Thomas Kelly Saloon** and near the turn of the century **Churchill's Confectionary**.

In the early 1900's arguably the most famous and recognized name for the corner spot was established by its owner Spiros Geikas, called the **Sugar Bowl**. It became known as the gathering place in town for nearly 70 years! Generations of Ellicottville locals have fond memories of the time they spent there. Ownership changed to Mr. and Mrs. Balasis and Charles and Helen Liarokos until 1957 when Helen and Art Nitsche took over ownership.

The Sugar Bowl was open every day from 6 AM to 9:00 PM and it was not only a restaurant but also had magazines, health and beauty aids, homemade cookies, homemade candy and "personalized" daily newspapers. The ice cream soda fountain was a great hit throughout the years. Of course, who could forget the Juke Box, foosball and shuffle board. For those of us 45 or older, when you think of flavored cokes, milkshakes, penny candy and good old fashioned hamburgers, fries and plenty of stories and good times ... the Sugar Bowl was the place! The Sugar Bowl closed forever in 1975.

The building was bought by Chris Rounds for storage. Gary and Sharon Mathe opened **Soft Technology** in 1976 but the store closed about a year and a half later. Since then the list of changes is lengthy: from 1980-83, a **Pet and Aquarium Store** was there; from 1983-88, Pat and Charlie Perks operated the **Bargain Bowl**; Ellicottville Aqua Leisure sold hot tubs in 1991; Judy Irish had **Irish Art Antiques** from 1995-2001; **Aardvark Furniture Design** (2001-04); **Pathway Books** (2004); **Moody's Café** (2006); closed briefly and later opened up by **The Real Estate Group**; **Few of a Kind: Italian Jewelry and Fine Arts Gallery** occupy the corner today.

HELP US KEEP GLOBAL CONNECT UPDATED

The Ellicottville Central School District utilizes **Global Connect** to send important announcements to parents and staff. The effectiveness of the system is based solely on the accuracy of the information provided for input. If your telephone number has changed or any of your child's emergency contact phone numbers have changed, please inform the school (elementary office 699-2318 or middle school/high school 699-2316). To insure prompt notification, it is vital that we have accurate information on hand. Please note, cell phone numbers that answer with a musical wait time cause delays to the entire system. Thank you!



Second Quarter 5-12 HONOR ROLLS LISTED

HIGH HONORS

Grade 12 - Joseph Alzate, Katelyn Crowley, Samuel Doro, Kayla Goode, Melissa Howard, Ryanne Tomblin, Alexis Vail, Alexander Wachter, Amy Westfall

Grade 11 - Katelynn Andera, Erin Bohn, Joshua Bordini, Joshua Bower, Madeline Brown, Zakary Fisher, Mark Flanagan, Ashley Golley, Connor Hellwig, Kaysie Raecher, Kaitlyn Riethmiller, Ceddella Sergel, James Snider, Clarissa Toner, Alissa Wallace

Grade 10 - Breanna Coolidge, Nicholas DeChane, Janae Hamilton, Trevor Kilby, Rachel McMahan-Eagan, Alexander Murphy, William Murphy, Cam Musall, Ciara Peters, Alex Steinbronner, Madison Szpaicher, Caitlin Toth, Rachel Welch, Shannon Wilson, Luke Zlockie

Grade 9 - John Alzate, Courtney Antholzner, Gwendolyn Brown, Isabella Brown, Ashley Charlesworth, Jordan Curtis, Sierra DeChane, Fletcher Macomb, Liam O'Rourke, Natalia Palombi, Emily Rinko, McKenzie Robinson, Monica Rubeck, Emily Timkey, Emily Uhrinek, Elizabeth Wendel, Megan Westfall, Sarah Wojtowicz

Grade 8 - Kevin Bower, Aemile Donoghue, Hannah Doro, John Elizondo, Alessia Filutze, Rebecca Hagon, Patrick McMahan-Eagan, Jocelyn Steffan, Hunter Steffenhagen, Shelby Swalcy, Aidan Wilson, Finn Wilson, Molly Woodarek

Grade 7 - Courtney Charlesworth, Brenna Cole, Elijah DeChane, Caitlyn

Golley, Kaleigh Hunt, Cameron Lamphier-Miller, Cole Lapi, Jaelee Macomb, Cheyenne Maybee, Quinn O'Rourke, Max Paddock, Caleb Rinko, Lindsey Robinson, Robert Sawicki Jr., Kaitlyn Smith, Shelby Spell, Alicia Thorpe, Shelby Toth, Leah Westfall, Stone Wilson, Kevin Woodin, Morgan Zlockie

Grade 6 - Jenna Aldrich, Katherine Barry, Jacob Bower, Emma Chew, Hannah Chew, Anya Elizondo, Jerrett Gebauer, Marissa Hamilton, Madison Harris, Shelby Imhoff, Benjamin Marsh, Jacob Marsh, Victor Rieman, Tarah Scharf, Jayden Slaughenaupt, Sydney Smith, Madison Swalcy, Liam Watt

HONORS

Grade 12 - Zachery DeChane, Olivia Harris, Adam Hiller, Thomas Lamphier, Melissa Mack-Beardsley, Katlynn Paprocki, Kyla Piscitelli, Jaylyn Rinko, Christopher Snyder, Carolyn Wellman, Tyler Wells, Samantha Woodin

Grade 11 - Karley Brooks, Samantha Brooks, Falcia Elom, Elizabeth Havers, Jessica Howard, Nicholas Oliverio, Shannon Scott, Courtney Wilson

Grade 10 - Alyssa Costello, Carl Herman, Eric Oliverio, Danna Scharf, Ashley Wilson

Grade 9 - Alijah Fox, Hailey Musall, Chantel Perez, Jesse Pollock, Melinda Rust, Courtney Scanlan, Julia Schwartz, Samantha Uhrinek, Christopher Wojtowicz

Grade 8 - Alexander Delity, Nathan Dunkleman, Zachary Logel, Alex Paddock, Lacey Tabak, Calum Watt, Alexis Woodin

Grade 7 - Matthew DiDonato, Nicholas DiDonato, Thomas Easton, Gavin Goodin, William Timkey

Grade 6 - Haylee Adams, Jordon Andrews, Brooke Coolidge, Alissa Gregory, Kaili Perkins

GR. 5 HONOR ROLL & B.U.G. (Bringing Up Grades) AWARDS

MRS. MOORE

Honor Roll - Rylie Aldrich, Jackson Bacon, Hannah DeChane, Lisa Krotz, Samuel Riley, Walter Woodarek

B.U.G. - Rylie Aldrich, Jackson Bacon, Hannah DeChane, Zachary Golley, Deni Whitmore, Walter Woodarek

MRS. FITZPATRICK

Honor Roll - Kirkland Kaleta, Zachary Kurtis, Hunter O'Stricker, Evan Palmatier, Kourtney Robinson, Mitchell Sexton, Andelain Wilson

B.U.G. - Brooke Andera, Emilee Delity, Lucas Foster, Kirkland Kaleta, Zachary Kurtis, Courtney Levine, Evan Palmatier, Kourtney Robinson, Mitchell Sexton, John Thorpe, Ariaiah Tocha, Andelain Wilson, Brett Wilson

SECOND QUARTER PERFECT ATTENDANCE

KINDERGARTEN

Mrs. Bower - Cameron Kaleta

Mrs. Simpson - Erik Shattenberg, Alysa Williams

Mrs. Smith - Zachary Clark, Jackson Decker, Katryna Jennings, Zoey Levine, Errol Moore, Ryah Quinn, Sarah Weber

FIRST GRADE

Miss Gemza - Logan Grinols, Victoria Pearl, Emma Steffenhagen

Mr. Wilson - Maddox Bush, Erin Cortez, Kaleb Kilby, Jallyssa Lafferty

SECOND GRADE

Mr. Hintz - Morganne Chapman,

Caleb Jennings, Harrison Newark

Mrs. Peters - Saily Bolya, Dairinn Finn, Hayly Fredrickson, Noah Lehr, Erin Quinn, Gabriel Snyder

Mrs. Polasik - Kolby Aldrich, Ethan Bentley, Jenna Hadley, Rexx Paddock, Courtney Sexton, Orry Shattenberg

Mr. Przybyla - Lucas Adams, Mitchell Azcarate, Alexander Hunt, Emery Lafferty, Colby O'Stricker, Kelsea Tomczak

THIRD GRADE

Mrs. Donoghue - Jayden Curtis, Ila Decker, Julianna Giannicchi, McKenna Kaleta, Aliya Michael, Megan Stuve

Mrs. Woodarek - Madsyn Kilby, Hunter Puszc

FOURTH GRADE

Mr. Delity - Meganne Chapman, Brennan Finn, Lucas Goodin, Grace Young

Mr. Tomblin - Travis Goodin, Logan Knab

FIFTH GRADE

Mrs. Fitzpatrick - Paul Crouch, Lucas Foster, Zachary Kurtis, Kourtney Robinson, John Thorpe

Mrs. Moore - Griffin Chudy, Deric Leiper, Joran Lyford, Mickala Michael, Alex Pangborn, Evan Quinn



Middle School Division – Problem #5 – Full Circle: (front, l-r) Jenna Aldrich and Jacob Bower and (back, l-r) Emma Chew, Shelby Imhoff, Hannah Chew and Jordon Andrews.



Elementary Division - Problem #3 – Le Tour Guirlande: Evan Palmatier, Kourtney Robinson, and Hannah Imhoff. Missing from photo – Malina Woodarek and 4th graders, Ginna Hensel and Malina Woodarek.

Five Teams Gearing up for **ODYSSSEY**

Five Odyssey of the Mind teams will represent Elliptonville Central at the regional competition on Saturday, March 12th at Wellsville Central School. These teams have been preparing since November to showcase their solution to their chosen problem and compete against other schools within Cattaraugus and Allegany counties. They represent the elementary, middle and high school divisions. Over the years our teams have done very well and have advanced to the state competition held at the University at Binghamton. We hope to continue that success on March 12th.

Three of the teams, in different divisions, have selected the same problem called “As Good as Gold...berg” (Problem 2). An elementary team coached by Mrs. JoAnn Kurtis, a middle school team coached by Mr. Paul Timkey, and a high school team coached by Mrs. Colleen Bower will display their technical knowledge and interpretation of a “Goldberg” contraption. These teams must present an uncomplicated existing item that is used in a simple and effective way to com-

plete a real life task. The team will create a device made out of a complex series of components that will perform the same “real life” task. As a creative take, the team will also include an inventor of this device and a marketing plan or a “sales pitch” for its creation.



Middle School Division – Problem #2 – As Good as Gold...berg: (l-r) Eli DeChane, Parker Rieman, Will Timkey, Robert Spell, Ben Marsh, and Liam Watt. Missing from photo – Victor Rieman.



de: (sitting, l-r) 5th graders - Mitchell Sexton, DeChane and (standing, l-r) 5th grader Walter Chamberlain.



Elementary Division – Problem #2 – As Good as Gold...berg: (front, l-r) 4th grader - Meganne Chapman, 5th graders - Mickala Michael, and Lisa Krotz and (back, l-r) 4th grader – Brennen Finn, 5th graders – Jackson Bacon, Griffin Chudy, and Zachary Kurtis.

KEY OF THE MIND COMPETITION

An elementary team coached by Mrs. Lynette Sexton and Mrs. Shannon Palmatier, will compete in the classics problem entitled “Le Tour Guide” (Problem 3). This problem involves an original performance where a classical character acts as a Tour Guide. The tour will make

three stops including one that will be created by the team. During the tour an inanimate object will show signs of life, and will give the wrong explanation about something and will give a creative explanation about why it is important to guard and secure a worthless item.



High School Division – Problem #2 – As Good as Gold...berg: (l-r) 9th graders Isabella Brown, McKenzie Robinson, Emily Timkey, Chris Wojtowcz, Sierra DeCahane and Megan Westfall. Missing from photo - Gwen Brown.

Our fifth team is a middle school team coached by Ms. Jane Chew. Her 6th grade middle school students chose the problem called “Full Circle” (Problem 5). They will perform a humorous skit where something changes form or appearance three times. It eventually undergoes a final change where it returns to its original form. The team will also have to include a silly character, a very serious character, an original song and dance, and a surprise ending.

The regional competition starts at 8 am and goes until 3 pm. Come join us to see creative minds in action. Teams that place 1st or win a lottery spot advance to the state competition on March 26th in Binghamton. We wish all our Odyssey of the Mind members and coaches good luck.

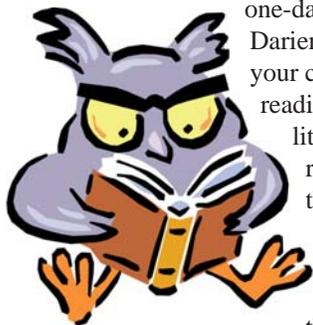
ECS ELEMENTARY HOLDING TWO READING EVENTS

READ ACROSS AMERICA

We celebrated Read Across America Day in style! On March 2nd, we celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday, focusing on his contributions to reading. Our Parent Teacher Organization, through a generous donation by the Ellicottville Teachers Association, recently purchased a Cat in the Hat costume. This will allow for the Cat in the Hat to make guest appearances each year on March 2nd. This year, green eggs and ham will be served for lunch. The classrooms will have fun reading his books, working on special art projects, and writing activities. "Oh the places we'll go!"

DARIEN LAKE "READ TO RIDE"

We have a great reading opportunity for children in grades K-5. Once again, our school is participating in Darien Lake's "Read to Ride" program. It's easy to participate. For seven hours of recreational reading at home, your child can earn a



one-day admission to Darien Lake. Once your child has finished reading a piece of literature, please record the title, the author, and the amount of time read, on the chart that was sent

home. Reading material can include books, magazines, and newspapers. Time spent reading aloud with an adult or being read to by an adult can also be counted. Once the goal is reached, send the form back to school with your signature. The classroom teacher will then initial the chart and forward it to Mrs. Donoghue and Ms. Olson. This pass is valid for both the amusement park and the water park. The passes will be distributed at the end of the year and are valid for the month of July. All "Student Tracking Charts" must be turned in by **Friday, March 25, 2011**. Have fun reading!



Chris Snyder (right) is shown at the pep rally with his proud parents, James and Cyndi Snyder.

Chris Snyder Named **NATIONAL MERIT FINALIST**

At the ECS pep assembly on February 11, 2011, it was announced that Chris Snyder has been named as a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program. Chris started his journey in this program in October 2009, when he took the PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary SAT / National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test). In April 2010, Chris was notified that, based on his performance on this test, he was among the 50,000 highest scoring participants of approximately 1.5 million entrants across the United States.

In September, Chris found out that he was among the 16,000 semifinalists in the nation. Early in February, ECS was notified that Chris had advanced to the status of finalist; a select group of only 15,000 students nationwide. To put his achievement into perspective, please consider that Chris is within the top 1% of all students that took this exam in the entire country! Great job, Chris!

KEEPING UP WITH THE PTO

BOX TOPS: The PTO will be mailing out the next shipment of Box Tops very soon! We have used money from the Box Tops this year to buy prizes for the Dime Carnival and we will also use the money to buy this year's Field Day prizes. Thank you to everyone who continues to send them in. The PTO greatly appreciates each and every Box Top that is brought in!

CAREER TECH CORNER

Ellicottville Center BOCES Automotive Technology seniors, Jessica Gebauer and Tonja Saucier, competed in the annual "Trouble Shooting" competition held at Erie Community College. At the competition a 2011 Chevy Nova was bugged with 10 or more problems and the students had to find and fix them within an allotted time period. Both young women received numerous compliments from the judges for their impressive skills and knowledge.

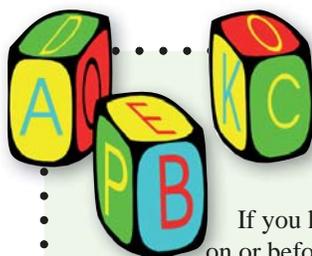


The juniors in the Criminal Justice class at the Ellicottville Career and Technical Center BOCES go through six weeks of training to learn about Blood Alcohol Content, absorption, probable cause and officer safety among other aspects of patrol. The students train with authentic duty belts that are fully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



The Early Childhood Education class at the Ellicottville Career and Technical Center BOCES has partnered with Ellicottville Central School to allow senior interns to go into elementary and middle school classrooms to work with students and teachers. These Early Childhood Education interns help the teachers with preparations, lessons and assistance. Instructor Michelle Steinbronner says that the experience has been very positive for her interns, the teachers and children in the classroom.

Katlynn Paprocki has been assisting Mrs. Lechner with Art class.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

If you have a child who will be 5 years old on or before December 1, 2009, who will be attending Ellicottville Central School District, please contact the elementary office at 699-2318.

The annual ECS Kindergarten screening is scheduled for **March 22nd, 23rd and 24th**. You will need to bring your child's birth certificate, health and immunization records and social security card to the screening.

Please call the elementary office at 699-2318 to schedule your appointment for the Kindergarten Screening. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at screening. We have some fun activities planned for our youngest ECS students!

SIXTY ECS MUSIC STUDENTS TAKE PART IN SOLO FESTIVAL

Over the last four months students all around the county have been preparing solos on their instruments and voices in grades 5th – 12th to perform at the yearly Cattaraugus County Solo Festival held at Allegany-Limestone Central School on Saturday, January 29th.

Mrs. Waldron, Mrs. Weller and Mrs. Wilder accompanied 60 students from Ellicottville Central School to participate in this exciting event. Our students prepared an individual solo, memorized scales and worked diligently on sight-reading and sight-singing skills. Each student had a given time to perform for one judge and was given comments on their performance and an overall score. Students in 9th – 12th had the opportunity to be selected in the upcoming Senior High All-County depending on their score.

All ECS students did a wonderful job and we are very proud of them!

Ellicottville Central School

PUBLIC HEARING & BUDGET VOTE INFORMATION

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN, that a public hearing for the voters of the Ellicottville Central School District on the 2011-2012 budget and expenditure of funds will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2011 commencing at 7:30 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria of Ellicottville Central School, 5873 Route 219, Ellicottville, New York.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual School District vote of the Ellicottville Central School District ("District"), Cattaraugus County, New York will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2011, from 1:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. in the Elementary School Foyer, as follows for the purposes of electing one (1) Member of the Board of Education, voting on the budget for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, the 2011-2012 Library Tax and transacting such other business as is authorized by law:

Polling Place

Ellicottville Central School – Elementary Foyer

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the election of members of the Board of Education shall be held to fill one (1) position on the Board. This position is to be for a five (5)-year term commencing on July 1, 2011 and terminating on June 30, 2016 created by the expiration on June 30, 2011 of the term of member Linda McAndrew.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that all candidates for the office of Member of the Board of Education shall be nominated by petition. Each petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the District, shall be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District, shall state the residence of each signer, and shall be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the District between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. not later than April 18, 2011.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that voting on the budget and propositions shall consist of voting on the following propositions, and on each other propositions as are authorized by law and the rules of this Board to be voted on at said time:

PROPOSITION NO. 1 - 2011-2012 Basic Budget

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED that the basic budget for the Ellicottville Central School District (the "District") for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2012, as presented by the Board of Education, is hereby approved and adopted and the required funds therefore are hereby appropriated and the necessary real property taxes required shall be raised by a tax on the taxable property in the District to be levied and collected as required by law.

PROPOSITION NO. 2 - 2011-2012 Library Tax

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Ellicottville Central School District in the County of Cattaraugus, State of New York, be and is hereby authorized to expend the sum of \$27,500 in tax money to support the Ellicottville Memorial Library. This reflects a \$2,500 increase from last year.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that voting machines will be used to record the vote on the budget, on the propositions, and on the election of Members of the Board of Education.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the Board of Education of this

District has adopted Rules for the Use of Voting Machines and the Submission of Questions or Propositions to be Placed Thereon. Printed copies for general distribution in the District are available at the office of the District Clerk.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that applications for absentee ballots for the Annual District Vote may be applied for during school business hours (8:00 am – 4:00 pm) at the Office of the Clerk of the District beginning April 26, 2011. Complete applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued will be available in the Office of the District Clerk on each of the five business days prior to the Annual District Vote, and such list will also be posted at the polling places for the Annual District Vote.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the Board of Education of this District will have prepared and completed a detailed statement in writing of the amount of money which will be required during the ensuing 2011-2012 fiscal year for school purposes, specifying the several purposes and the amount for each. The amount of each purpose estimated necessary for payments to boards of cooperative education services shall be set forth in full with no deduction of estimated state aid. Said statement will be available, upon request, to taxpayers within this District during the hours of 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. from May 3, 2011, to May 17, 2011 exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, in the Business Office of Ellicottville Central School.

By Order of the Board of Education Ellicottville Central School District that the District Clerk is hereby directed to arrange for the use of voting machines for said Annual School District Vote.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MELISSA SAWICKI
DISTRICT CLERK

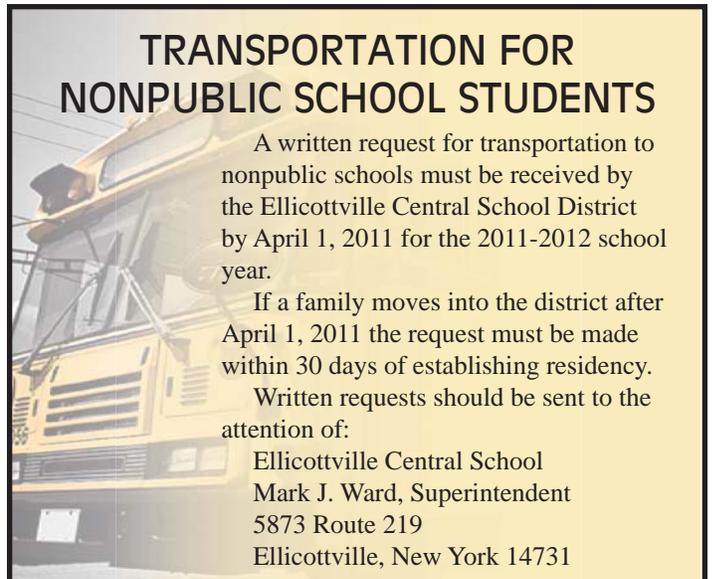
TRANSPORTATION FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

A written request for transportation to nonpublic schools must be received by the Ellicottville Central School District by April 1, 2011 for the 2011-2012 school year.

If a family moves into the district after April 1, 2011 the request must be made within 30 days of establishing residency.

Written requests should be sent to the attention of:

Ellicottville Central School
Mark J. Ward, Superintendent
5873 Route 219
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YEARBOOK NEWS

The yearbook will be here before you know it. Are these pictures in it?

- You need to prepay for a yearbook to ensure you get one. The books are \$50 and you need to put down at least \$10 to reserve one. You may turn the money in to Mrs. Bauer. If you don't reserve a book you'll only be able to get one if there are any left after all reserved ones have been claimed or a week after the books come in. Yearbooks are scheduled to come a little earlier this year so the final prepayment date has been moved up to May 16th.
- You may purchase old yearbooks while supplies last. 2010's book is \$30. Books from previous years are \$10 apiece, while supplies last.
- The fundraiser has been completed. If you sold candy see Mrs. Bauer to find out the balance you owe for a yearbook. Any credit for selling candy counts as a down payment for the yearbook, reserving you a copy once you have completed payment.



ONE SEAT UP ON SCHOOL BOARD

One seat on the Ellicottville Central School Board of Education will be expiring at the end of this school year (June 30, 2011).

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

An election will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 to fill the seat currently held by board member Mrs. Linda McAndrew.

By 5:00 pm on Monday, April 18, 2011 each candidate must file with the District Clerk a nominating petition containing 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, 2011 and expiring on June 30, 2016.

Nominating petitions are available in District Office, between the hours of 8:00 am-3:00 pm (Monday-Friday) when school is in session.

BOYS' MODIFIED BASKETBALL TEAM FINISHES SEASON MUCH IMPROVED

By Coach Keenan

The boys' modified basketball team has wrapped up its season after working hard to develop their skills and teamwork. They have played the toughest schedule in years as six of their 10 games have been played against teams from Olean, Allegany-Limestone and Portville. In the second outing against each of these schools, the boys showed a marked improvement over their first games.

The boys have split their games with schools our size, as we defeated North Collins 21-20 and lost to West Valley 37-36. The boys then lost at North Collins, but finished their season on a winning note defeating Franklinville 34-30. Maybe the most impressive statistic is that every one

of the boys that played this year scored some points throughout the season.

The 7th grade modified team is made up with the following players: Nick Delity, Tommy Easton, Cameron Eddy, Alex Fisher, Jonas Hurlburt, Cameron Lampher-Miller, Cole Lapi, Gaega Morris, Caleb Rinko, Robert Sawicki Jr., and Dylan Sherman.

The 8th grade team consists of: Kevin Bower, Eddie Button, Derick Cuozzo, Alex Delity, Connor Schmick and Calum Watt. Nate Dunkleman started the year with us but was unable to play and was greatly missed.

I have enjoyed working with these boys and watching them grow as individuals and as a team.

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The District is taking every step it can to help reduce monthly costs as well becoming more *Green* (by reducing paper usage).

The monthly district newsletter as well as up to the minute news bulletins is available on-line at www.ellcville.wnyric.org.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact the District Office at 716-699-2368.

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Fueling Up On **ACTIVITY & GOOD NUTRITION**

By Gail Kaminski

This year's seventh grade Home and Career Skills "team players" have proved they are winners on two playing fields.

The players have been participating in the Fuel Up To Play 60 program. This is a school wellness program from the National Dairy Council, our local Dairy Council, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the NFL. The long-term goal of this program is to engage and inspire the players to take control of their health and wellness. In addition it challenges the players to team-up healthy eating and physical activity, to academic achievement. Some research studies show that physical activity before an academic setting can improve player scores. The ECS Fuel Up To Play 60 players won the challenge!

Players brainstormed ways to merge physical activity with good nutrition. The result was the "Cone Walk"! Players filled ice cream cones with fruits and low-fat cheese cubes. They then ate their nutrition-cones as they walked around the track. Players were rewarded for this winning walk by receiving mini-*Buffalo Bills*



helmets. "Go ECS! Great job team!"

This however is not the only winning accomplishment for the players. In addition to proving they have what it takes to succeed on the field of nutrition and physical activity, they also proved themselves on the field of safety.

After several weeks working on com-

pleting all skills and requirements for the American Red Cross, the players also succeeded in receiving their babysitter's training cards. They are now better prepared to care for children with health and safety as their winning goal.

The players deserve their winning double-header!