

ELLICOTTVILLE

DISTRICT • NEWSLETTER

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ECS DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS:



The Ellicottville Central School Drama Club is pleased to announce their upcoming production, *Guys & Dolls*. This version is presented through special arrangement with Music Theater International (MTI). We hope you enjoy this classic musical comedy that bursts with charm, romance, and high-energy performances. Set in the bustling streets of 1940s New York City, the story follows two colorful pairs of characters.

Nathan Detroit, a small-time gambler, is desperately searching for a location to host his infamous floating craps game, while evading pressure from his fiancée of 14 years, Miss Adelaide, who dreams of finally getting married. Meanwhile, Nathan bets the suave high-roller Sky Masterson that he can't convince the virtuous Sarah Brown, a dedicated missionary, to go on a date with him. What starts as a wager quickly turns into a heartfelt romance that challenges both their worlds.

Packed with show-stopping numbers like "Luck Be a Lady," "Sit Down, You're Rockin' the Boat," and

"Adelaide's Lament," *Guys & Dolls* is a delightful mix of humor, love, and timeless melodies that is sure to captivate audiences of all ages.

The cast members are:

Seniors: **Ryan Metzger** – as Nicely-Nicely Johnson, **Adelaide Weber** – as Sarah Brown, **Mikey Kerns** – as Arvide Abernathy, **Liam McGuire** – as Harry the Horse, **Sophia Sundeen** – as Miss Adelaide (Saturday performance), **Siyng Sun** – as Allison, **Elleanor Meacham-Williams** – as Mimi, **Alarice Krause** – projections, and Ben Edwards – sound board

Juniors: **Talyn Wyatt** – as Nathan Detroit, **Skye Wood** – as Sky Masterson, and **Grace Kwagalakwe** – as General Matilda B. Cartwright

Sophomores: **Dominic Tirado** – as Benny Southstreet, **Isabella Wilder** – as Miss Adelaide (Friday performance), **Ava Weber** – stage manager, **McKenzie Green** – mic mistress, **Ady Andrews** – stage crew, and **Ella Grundy** – stage crew

Freshmen: **Dan Kruszynski** – as Rusty Charlie, **Collin Weber** – as

Angie the Ox, **Abby Rust** – as Agatha, **Alison Antholzner** – as Martha, **Cooper Sciara** – as Calvin, **Carter Kaleta** – as Lt. Brannigan, **Eva LoGiudice** – as a hot box dancer, and **Keegan Kaleta** – stage crew

8th Graders: **Grace Griffith** – as a hot box dancer, **Cayda**

Kruszynski – as a hot box dancer, **Marshall DeChane** – as Society Max, and **Nicholas Wedvik** – as Liver Lips Louie

The production runs **Friday and Saturday, March 28th & 29th at 7:00 pm** in The Ward at the High School. The show is directed by Jon Wilder, vocal director Wendy Burch, choreographer Jenni Caruso, and producer Meghan Emborsky. Rehearsal accompanist is Jamie Edwards.

Tickets are \$7 at the door.

GUYS & DOLLS is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.MTIShows.com

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, February 17, 2025

**SCHOOL CLOSED
PRESIDENT'S DAY**

**Tuesday, February 18-
Sunday, February 23, 2025**

FEBRUARY BREAK

FORMER SUPERINTENDENT WARD RETURNS

Former Ellicottville Superintendent, Mr. Mark Ward, has returned to the district to serve as the Interim Superintendent until a full-time replacement is hired. Mr. Bob Miller, who served as the district's superintendent retired on January 1, 2025. Mr. Ward is no stranger to the district, having started at ECS in 1975 serving as a teacher, coach, AD, Principal and Superintendent.

In his role, Mr. Ward will continue to make sure the environment is safe, the district is moving forward, and we continue to meet the social, emotional and academic needs of the students. Maintaining sound fiscal management and responding to the day-to-day needs of students and staff is always an important part of the job. It will be important to work with all members of the teaching and support staff to maintain a positive working atmosphere.

With only a few days on the job, it is too early to highlight major insights or observations. I enjoyed walking the halls and talking with students and staff. Visiting classrooms,

observing teachers, developing a better understanding of our programs and learning more about ECS today will be a high priority.

ECS has always been a special place for me and clearly special for the students who attend school and the staff who work here. A caring, nurturing and loving environment is embodied in all of our employees and is almost a prerequisite for employment at the Ellicottville Central School. I can remember in the past saying that we often referred to working here not as a job, but "a way of life"!

As the district continues the search process, let me assure you nothing is going to stand still. We will continue to move the district forward, always seeking the very best for all of our students. Programs may be tweaked, adjustments made and if important decisions have to be made, we will make sure they are well researched and carefully thought through.

The district is very fortunate to have a student focused Board of Education willing to find the resources and make

the decisions that benefit students. We are definitely experiencing a time period where there is a shortage of teachers (certified or not). This complicates our ability to staff classrooms and programs, but this district has left no stone uncovered to bring in high quality teachers.

While the special education needs have expanded greatly since I retired, the district has put in place the necessary programs, classrooms and staffing to accommodate the needs of our students. Historically, the district has always tried to keep our students in Ellicottville, if possible, and I see no change in that philosophy today.

Ellicottville Central School continues to be a school the community can be proud of and one that continues to meet the changing landscape of education. Parents can be confident that our staff and administration will listen and work with you whenever possible to provide the best educational opportunities for your students.

It is great to be back!

Yearbook News

- Old yearbooks are available for purchase, as long as supplies last. The 2024 yearbook is \$50. Books from previous years are \$20. Contact Mrs. Bauer for more details.
- There is an elementary yearbook. It is a PreK-5 pull-out of the regular yearbook. They are \$20. Contact Mrs. Bauer to reserve one. Previous years will not be available for the elementary yearbook.
- You need to put at least \$20 down to reserve a book. We are accepting deposits now.
- Do you have pictures you think would be great for the yearbook? Email them to cbauer@ecsny.org



Child's Name: _____

Classroom teacher _____

Elementary yearbook (\$20) _____ Full yearbook (\$60) _____

****Make check payable to ECS Yearbook****

If you want more than one of either book please indicate number on the line
TEACHERS PLEASE RETURN TO MRS. BAUER IN THE HIGH SCHOOL

1ST QUARTER HIGH HONOR ROLL & HONOR ROLL

September 5 – November 8, 2024



12th Grade

High Honor Roll

Aronson, Brianna
Ball, Elizabeth
Bless, Kathryn
Doutt, Jayden
Edwards, Benjamin
Fisher, Alivia
Fuller, Tea
Hilliman, Kade
John, Addison
Johnson, Maddox
Kerns, Michael
Marsh, Courtney
McGuire, Liam
Niesyty, Eve
Norton, Ryan
Privitera, Grace
Robinson, Kyle
Rust, Cheyenne
Smith, Carter
Sun, Siying
Sundeen, Sophia
Thomas, Layla
Tussel, Violet
Vassar, Gracie
Weber, Adelaide
Woodarek, Ava

Honor Roll

Andera, Hayden
Button, Lauren
Doherty, Owen
Leiper, Natalee
Marek, Mackenzie
Metzger, Ryan
Peters, Merek

11th Grade

High Honor Roll

Burlingame, Faith
Bush, Bianca
Byroads, Grady
Coburn, Isabelle
Crowley, Kalyn
Ficek, Drew
Finn, Teaghan
Folts, Jordan
Harber, Shyann
John, Parker
Klein, Harper
Kruszynski, Jackson
Kwagalakwe, Grace
Liskow, Alexa
Mendell, Cameron
Myers, Delaney
Nazareth, Anna
Noga, Mackenzie
Northrup, Ande

O'Connell, Jordan
Potter, Makayla
Tighe, Olivia
Wedvik, Oliver
Wilson, Lanie
Wood, Skye
Wyatt, Talyn

Honor Roll

Adams, Dakari
Andera, Patrick
Baldwin, Keira
Brown, Maitlin
Curtis, Kristopher
Robison, Curtis
Vassar, Zachary

10th Grade

High Honor Roll

Andrews, Adalynn
Atwater, Eli
Bless, Kristen
Byroads, Breanna
Carls, Coleman
Curtis, Malie
DeChane III, Timothy
DeChane, Trinity
Edwards, Ainsley
Edwards, Christopher
Fuller, Ava
Green, McKenzie
Grundy, Ella
Klein, Tosh
LaCroix, Jaxson
Mann, Jonah
Murray, Eliza
Nevins, Jadyn
O'Connell, Juliana
Quinn, Ellen
Tirado Dominic
Weber, Ava
Wedvik, Benjamin
Wilder, Isabella

Honor Roll

Benjamin, Rylan
Joesel, Kaiser
John, Jailah
Nazareth, Reed
Smith, Blake
Whitmer, Riley

9th Grade

High Honor Roll

Antholzner, Alison
Brennan, Zachary
Johnson, Rian
Kaleta, Keegan
Kruszynski, Daniel
Lafferty, Katie

Milks, Coleman
Miller, Sawyer
Sciara, Cooler
Weber, Collin

Honor Roll

Basher, Holden
Button, Rylie
Czamara, Isabella
Feldbauer, Kelsey
Howard, Camden
Kaleta, Carter
Lyon, Juleana
McGonnell, Grayson
Northrup, Karle
Northrup, Riley
Pierce, Trenton
Rust, Abigail

8th Grade

High Honor Roll

Coolidge, Cooper
DeChane, Gabriel
DeChane, Marshall
Erlandson, Brody
Griffith, Grace
Horton, Lilliana
Kosinski, Carsten
Krause, Audrey
Kruszynski, Cayda
Maynard, Marlee
Mendell, McKenna
Myers, Andrew
Pearl, Lillian
Powers, Whitney
Riley, Camerie
Ross, Patricia
Tarr, Briyona
Tupchik, Stella
Weber, Ella
Wedvik, Nicholas

Honor Roll

Bauer, Kaegan
Brown, Marjorie
Butcher, Christian
Evans, Ayden
McCarthy, Benjamin
Meyer, Rae Ann
Pearl, Calvin
Perks, Taylor
Watson, Lindsay

7th Grade

High Honor Roll

Andera, Harley
Andrews, Allyana
Dahlman, Liam
Decker, Rowan
Faulker, Maggie

Gearhart, Layla
Green, Thomas
Howard, Ty
LaCroix, Mason
Myers, Caelan
Niesyty, Hope
Parmenter, Everett
Pawlowski, Reagan
Seeley, Aston
Siperek, Teagan

Honor Roll

Baker, Kaiya
Brennan, Myla
Daniels, Oliver
Freaney II, Joseph
Norton, Charlie
Sciara, Griffen
Wallace, Emma

6th Grade

High Honor Roll

Bishop, Liberty
Bly, Violet
Bunk, Noah
Burlingame, Jameson
Earley, Evelyn
Frank, Jacob
Helie, James
Joesel, Sophia
Johnson, Oliver
Kell, Quinn
Kerns, Jack
Klein, Joanna
Miller, Shiloh
Moss, Jase
Sun, Caroline
Travis, Vander

Honor Roll

Benjamin, Rose
Blouvet, Robert
Erlandson, Taylor
Jensen, Hunter
Kelley, Arianah
Potter, Carter
Rust, Theron
Teft, Amanda
Tirado, Gunnar
Van Buren, Braylon

5th Grade

Mrs. Moore's Class

Caden Bishop
Lauren Emborsky
Matthew Myers
Nicholas Rocco
Paisley Rublee
Grant Wallace
Anna Zeher



Sixth Graders Visit the Challenger Learning Center



On December 4th, the sixth-grade class visited the Challenger Learning Center at St. Bonaventure University. One task was designing a rocket that would hit target, while following a budget. In small groups they decided on a design and what materials they would use. After building their rocket, they launched them toward a target. After their “test launch”, they got to make final adjustments for their actual launch, with one group winning the award for closest to the target. In addition, the class got to fly on the space shuttle into Comet Halley’s tail.

In this simulation, part of the class was in Mission Control, while the other part “flew” on the space shuttle conducting experiments. They two groups had to talk to each other to problem solve and share information to successfully complete the experiments on board the space shuttle. The ultimate goal was to rendezvous with Comet Halley and launch a probe into its gaseous tail to collect data for analysis. Since the class had just finished their Science Unit about the Solar System, this trip was the perfect final learning experience.



Pre-K and 5th Grade classes enjoyed a fun-filled snowy day together out on the playground!

Thank you community for your support!

Ellicottville Central School District
December 10, 2024
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
PROJECT 2024

PROPOSITION NO. 1—CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT 2024

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to-wit:
 RESOLVED, that (a) the Board of Education (the “Board”) of the Ellicottville Central School District, Cattaraugus County, New York (the “District”) is hereby authorized to undertake a proposed Capital Improvements Project, 2024 (the “Project”) consisting of the partial reconstruction, renovation and the construction of improvements and upgrades to various District buildings and facilities and the sites thereof, to implement various health, safety, accessibility and Code compliance measures and various other measures that are included and generally described in (but are not to be limited by) the Project Plan that was referred to in the public notice of the vote on this Proposition, and to expend therefor an amount not to exceed \$4,530,000; (b) a tax is hereby voted in an amount not to exceed \$4,530,000 to finance the estimated maximum cost of the Project, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by the Board; (c) in anticipation of such tax, obligations of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$4,530,000, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on such obligations as the same shall become due and payable; and (d) New York State Building Aid funds expected to be received by the District in connection with the Project are anticipated to offset a substantial part of such costs, and such funds, to the extent received, shall be applied to offset and reduce the amount of taxes herein authorized to be levied

VOTE RESULTS

YES 62 NO 1

PROJECT
CHRISTMAS

The Project Christmas committee would like to thank the Ellicottville Central School community for their continued and very generous support. This past December, the program was able to help over 30 Ellicottville Central School District families. We are all so fortunate to live in a community where support is available when it is needed.

Best wishes to everyone, for a very Healthy and Happy 2025!





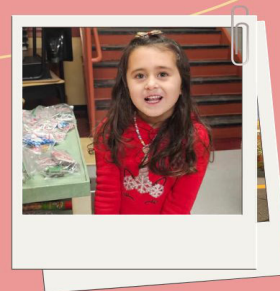
Pre-Kindergarten Registration is Now Open!

If you are the parent/guardian of a child turning 4 years old by December 1, 2025 and have interest in enrolling your child in our Full-Day Pre-K Program, please contact Mrs. Kosinski in the Elementary Office at 716-699-2318 ext. 1600 or via email at ckosinski@ecsny.org.

Each year, New York State reviews the funding structure for the grant supported Pre-K programs. If our Pre-K program is again funded the district will notify you by mail.

The state considers a child pre-school age if their birth date is between December 1, 2020, and November 30, 2021. In order for your child to be considered for our program, a Pre-K application will need to be filled out and returned to the Elementary Office.

If you have any questions or need assistance with this application process, please feel free to call the Elementary Office.



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, EXT. 1600 SO WE MAY INCLUDE YOUR FAMILY
IN ANY UPCOMING ACTIVITIES THIS SPRING SUCH AS
KINDERGARTEN SCREENING. OUR KINDERGARTEN
PROGRAM IS A FULL SCHOOL DAY. THE STATE
CONSIDERS A CHILD KINDERGARTEN AGE IF THEY
TURN 5 YEARS OLD BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2025.



On December 9, 2024, students from Mrs. Romance's and the 12:1:3:1 class participated in the annual Shop with a Cop event. Prior to the event, students created wish lists and traded names with their classmates for a gift exchange. Along with Officer Amber, the schools resource officer, students and staff traveled to Walmart to complete their shopping trip. The generosity of the organizations who sponsor this event allowed students to purchase supplies to wrap the gifts and have lunch at Tim and Bonnie's! Smiles were had by all as the afternoon also included a game of bowling and an impromptu dance party!

To culminate the event, students and staff from both classrooms came together on December 11th to share lunch and complete their gift exchange! Students were full of smiles and laughter and demonstrated appreciation for the gifts that were purchased for them by their classmates. There was no better way to end the festivities than with some Christmas karaoke lead by Officer Amber!

Thank you to the Bob McCarthy Foundation, the Ellicottville Police Officers Association, and Dina's for sponsoring this wonderful event for our students.



NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION



Requests for transportation of non-public school children should be submitted to the Ellicottville Central School District Superintendent's Office by April 1, 2025. Regulations require that the district transport students to non-public schools when a student resides within 15 miles of the non-public school. The 15 miles is measured from the home of the student to the non-public school.

Please send requests to:
 Ellicottville Central School
 ATTN: Mr. Mark J. Ward, Interim Superintendent
 5873 Route 219
 Ellicottville, New York 14731



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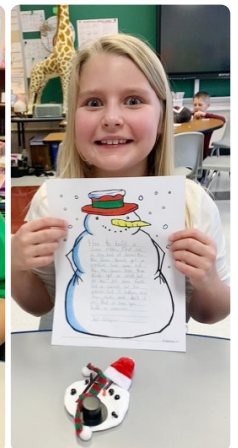
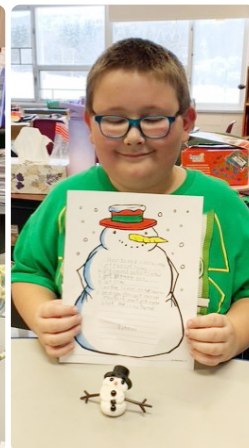
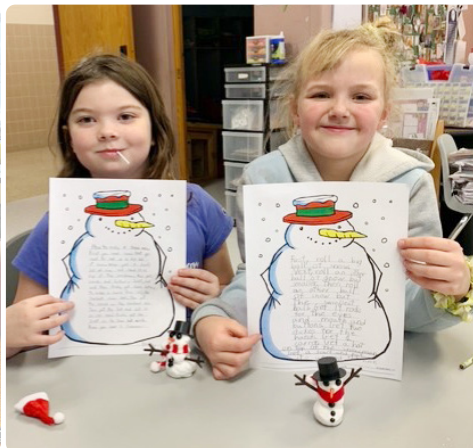
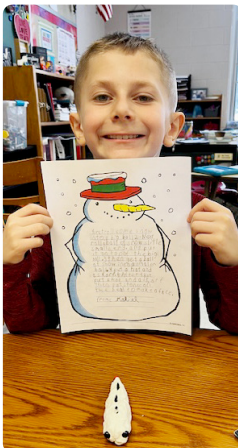
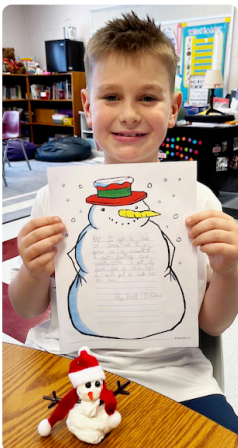


**SURPASSING
EXPECTATIONS**



How to Build a Snowman

Our little eagles worked with Ms. Michelle Conroy on writing “How to Build a Snowman” prior to the holiday break. They used their own directions to build their snowmen! There were a few non-traditional creations among them!



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