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Snow Pants Purchased for PreK Program



Ellicottville Elementary's Pre-K program has received a rather exciting addition this winter. Through a donation made by the Bob McCarthy Foundation the program has been able to purchase full class sets of snow pants that are to be housed in each classroom. This new addition has enabled pre-K classes to continue outdoor learning and play through Ellicottville's coldest months.

Learning during the winter months can prove especially challenging when outdoor access is limited. The benefits to outdoor play are endless. Playing outdoors invites children to explore science and nature, it creates new opportunities for social interaction and collaboration, promotes physical health and better sleep, gives young children a chance to take appropriate risks, and has been proven to lead to better learning outcomes when children return to other academic activities.

Having access to daily outdoor activities has been exceptionally exciting to the young members of Mrs. Schwartz and Mrs. Keller's classes and they are all most appreciative of how this generous donation has enhanced their winter routines.

The Bob McCarthy Foundation, a 501c3 charitable foundation, is dedicated to help level the playing field for many in our community. Since 2006 the Foundation's support for programs at ECS and many others has been made possible through generous donations from our local community.

Visit www.bobmccarthyfoundation.com

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, 2024.

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. Robert Miller,
Superintendent
5873 Route 219
Ellicottville, New York 14731

**Ellicottville Central School
Drama Club Presents**

FREAKY FRIDAY

The Musical!

**Friday, March 22 &
Saturday, March 23 2024
7:00PM**

**The Ward at Ellicottville Central School
Tickets \$7 at the door**

Based on the novel "Freaky Friday"
by Mary Rodgers & Disney Films
Book by Bridget Carpenter
Music by Tom Kitt • Lyrics by Brian Yorkey

Freaky Friday is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.MTIShows.com
Any video and/or audio recording of this production is strictly prohibited.

A Message from our Superintendent

By this time of the year, we usually have a fairly accurate estimate of funding from New York State, especially Foundation Aid, for the following year's budget. However, as I shared in the last newsletter, the Governor has proposed drastic changes to the Foundation Aid formula (a formula that has been used for the past several years), while also discontinuing the "Save Harmless" process (a process where the State did not reduce the amount of Foundation Aid a district received). **As a result, under the Governor's proposed budget, the ECS will see an approximate decrease of \$316,000 in Foundation Aid support for the 2024-25 school year.**

There are many unknowns that we are dealing with as we work on the budget such as: the Legislature intervening to negotiate a change and restore some (or possibly all) Foundation Aid; and the final estimates for increases to items such as health insurance, supplies and utilities. As we continue our work, it looks like we will most likely need to exceed the "2% Tax Cap," but we do not know by how much as this point. Please be assured that we will be doing all we can to put together a fiscally responsible budget that will ensure a quality education experience for students at ECS while being cognizant of the impact of the burden an increase in taxes can place on District residents.

I would also like to point out that it is not too late to reach out to our elected officials at the State level to advocate for the restoration of State funding for schools, but such advocacy should take place sooner than later. Please consider contacting your elected officials via e-mail or phone as follows:

The Honorable Kathy Hochul
Governor of New York State
e-mail via the following link: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/content/governor-contact-form>
Phone: 518-474-8390

New York State Senator
George M. Borello
e-mail: borello@nysenate.gov
Phone: 716-372-5740

New York State Assemblyman
Joseph M. Giglio
e-mail: GiglioJ@nyassembly.gov
Phone: 716-373-7103



Yearbook News

- Old yearbooks are available for purchase, as long as supplies last. The 2023 yearbook is \$50. Books from previous years are \$10. 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.
- The last day to reserve a yearbook will be May 31st. After that you can only get one a week after they come in, assuming there are any left after all reserved ones have had a chance to be claimed.

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

PETITIONS AVAILABLE FOR THREE (3) SEATS ON THE ELLICOTTVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Nominating petitions for the Ellicottville Central School District Board of Education are now available. The annual election will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024. Nominating petitions must be filed with the District Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 22, 2024.

The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will be assigned an unexpired term seat immediately following the election on May 21, 2024, and a five-year term beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2029. The candidate with the second-highest number of votes will be assigned a five-year term seat beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2029. The candidate with the third-highest number of votes will be assigned an unexpired term seat immediately following the election on May 21, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2026.

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, 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.

Nominating petitions and further information are available from Melissa Sawicki, District Clerk, during regular business hours (when school is in session), 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., or by calling (716) 699-2368 ext. 1300.



2ND QUARTER HIGH HONOR ROLL & HONOR ROLL

November 13, 2023 – January 25, 2024

12th Grade

High Honor Roll

Dalaya Alexander
Evan Bauer
William Benatovich
Brooke Butler
Christopher Calarco
Emmylu Carls
Abby Chudy
Shelby Colburn
Jase Curtis
Adrynn Dederick
Samuel Edwards
Keelin Finn
Zoe Goode
Cameron Kaleta
Layla Kerns
Morgan Krotz
Emma Lafferty
Aaron LoGiudice
Cora Norton
Allison Pfeffer
Gabrielle Spross
Isabelle Woodmancy

Honor Roll

Owen Chudy
Gracie Conklin
Edward Doherty
Lennon Halloran
Aiden Harrington
Audrey Hurlburt
Jaida Mendell
Madison Potter

11th Grade

High Honor Roll

Hayden Andera
Kathryn Bless
Owen Doherty
Jayden Douth
Benjamin Edwards
Alivia Fisher
Tea Fuller
Addison John
Maddox Johnson
Michael Kerns
Alarice Krause
Courtney Marsh
Eve Niesyty
Ryan Norton
Marek Peters
Kyle Robinson
Cheyenne Rust
Siyng Sun
Sophia Sundeen
Adelaide Weber
Ava Woodarek

Honor Roll

Brianna Aronson
Elizabeth Ball
Lauren Button

Natalee Leiper

Ryan Metzger

Grace Privitera

Carter Smith

Gracie Vassar

10th Grade

High Honor Roll

Faith Burlingame
Bianca Bush
Grady Byroads
Isabelle Coburn
Kalyn Crowley
Drew Ficke
Teaghan Finn
Jordan Folts
Parker John
Harper Klein
Jackson Kruszynski
Grace Kwagalakwe
Cameron Mendell
Delaney Myers
Anna Nazareth
Mackenzie Noga
Ande Northrup
Jordan O'Connell
Makayla Potter
Curtis Robison
Olivia Tighe
Oliver Wedvik
Lanie Wilson
Skye Wood

Honor Roll

Patrick Andera
Kyle Clawges
Aiddan Gascon
Alexa Liskow
Daliana Velazquez-Garcia

9th Grade

High Honor Roll

Adalynn Andrews
Eli Atwater
Kristen Bless
Timothy DeChane III
Trinity DeChane
Christopher Edwards
Ava Fuller
Kaiser Joesel
Tosh Klein
Jaxson LaCroix
Jonah Mann
Eliza Murray
Juliana O'Connell
Yanieliz Velazquez-Garcia
Ava Weber
Benjamin Wedvik
Riley Whitmer
Isabella Wilder

Honor Roll

Coleman Carls
Malie Curtis
Ella Grundy
Reed Nazareth
Jadyn Nevins
Ava Paskinski
Ellen Quinn
Dominic Tirado

8th Grade

High Honor Roll

Alison Antholzner
Zachary Brennan
Rian Johnson
Daniel Kruszynski
Coleman Milks
Sawyer Miller
Cooper Sciarra
Collin Weber

Honor Roll

Holden Basher
Isabella Czamara
Keegan Kaleta
Juleana Lyon
Grayson Neal
Karle Northrup
Nigel Poulin
Abigail Rust

7th Grade

High Honor Roll

Marjorie Brown
Gabriel DeChane
Marshall DeChane
Grace Griffith
Carsten Kosinski
Cayda Kruszynski
Andrew Myers
Lillian Pearl
Camerie Riley
Patricia Ross
Briyona Tarr
Stella Tupchik
Ella Weber

Honor Roll

Cooper Coolidge
Audrey Krause
Marlee Maynard
Nicholas Wedvik

6th Grade

High Honor Roll

Allyana Andrews
Myla Brennan
Liam Dahlman
Rowan Decker
Maggie Faulkner
Thomas Green
Ty Howard
Clinton Northrup
Charlie Norton

Reagan Pawlowski

Aston Seeley

Teagan Siperek

Honor Roll

Harley Andera
Kaiya Baker
Caleb Czamara
Joseph Freaney II
Layla Gearhart
Mason LaCroix
Axel Moore
Caelan Myers
Skyler Samborski
Griffen Sciarra
Audri Scott
Bentley Ward

5th Grade

Mrs. Moore's Class

Liberty Bishop
Violet Bly
Noah Bunk
Evelyn Earley
James Helie
Caroline Sun
Vander Travis

Mr. Smith

Jameson Burlingame
Oliver Johnson
Quinn Kell
Shiloh Miller
Braylon Van Buren

B.U.G. (Bringing Up Grades) Awards

Mrs. Moore's Class

Rose Benjamin
Liberty Bishop
Violet Bly
Noah Bunk
Evelyn Earley
Jaelyn Eganski
Carly Erlandson
James Helie
Jack Kerns
Mason Puszc
Caroline Sun
Gunnar Tirado
Vander Travis
Amelia Winship

Mr. Smith's Class

Robert Blouvet
Taylor Erlandson
Jacob Frank
Sophia Joesel
Arianah Kelley
Jase Moss
Carter Potter
Theron Rust
Leah Studley
Isaac Kruse

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Elementary Principal/Director of Curriculum
Mr. Erich Ploetz
6-12 Principal

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ORGANIZATION
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Olean, NY 14760
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Or CURRENT RESIDENT



2ND GRADE STUDENTS SHOW LEADERSHIP SKILLS BY LEADING THE LEARNING IN PRE-K



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