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ECS DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS:

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

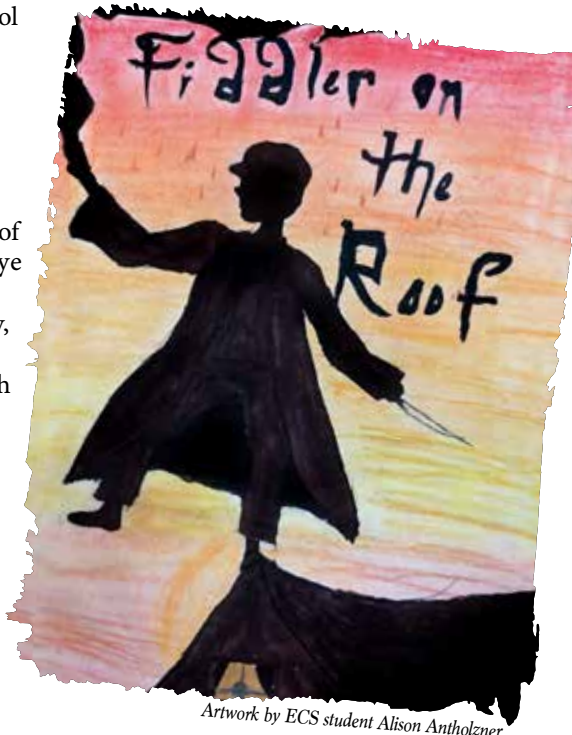
The Ellicottville Central School Drama Club is pleased to announce their upcoming production, *Fiddler on the Roof*. This version is presented through special arrangement with Music Theater International (MTI). This adaptation is set in the little village of Anatevka. The story centers on Tevye (Mikey Kerns), a poor milkman, and his five daughters (Abby Chudy, Grace Privitera, Sam Stock, Sophia Sundeen and Adelaide Weber). With the help of a colorful and tight-knit Jewish community, Tevye tries to protect his daughters and instill them with traditional values in the face of changing social mores and the growing anti-Semitism of Czarist Russia. Rich in historical and ethnic detail, *Fiddler on the Roof*'s universal theme of tradition cuts across barriers of race, class, nationality and religion, leaving audiences crying tears of laughter, joy and sadness.

The cast members are:

Seniors: Katryna Jennings - spotlight, Katie Krotz as Grandma Tzeitel and Rifka, Samantha Stock as Bielke, Sarah Weber as Golde, Aaliyah Winslow - stage crew and Bryce Wood - sound board.

Juniors: Abby Chudy as Tzeitel, Shelby Colburn as Nachum, Gwendolyn DeChane as the Rabbi, Cameron Kaleta as Mendel, Morgan Krotz as Yente, Emma Lafferty as Mordcha, and Gabby Spross as Sasha.

Sophomores: Henry Frank - light board, Alarice Krause as the constable, Mikey Kerns as Tevye, Liam McGuire as Fyedka, Grace Privitera as Shprintze, Siying Sun as Yussel, Sophia Sundeen as



Artwork by ECS student Alison Antholzer

Chava and Fruma Sarah, Colton Taylor as Perchik, and Adelaide Weber as Hodel.

Freshmen: Keira Baldwin as the Fiddler and Avram, Talyn Wyatt as Lazar Wolf and Skye Wood as Motel.

The production runs Friday and Saturday, March 24th & 25th at 7:00 pm in The Ward at the High School. The show is co-directed by Wendy Burch and Elizabeth Weber, vocal director Wendy Burch, choreographer Elizabeth Weber and producer Shawne Hunt. Rehearsal accompanist is Jamie Edwards.

Tickets are \$7 at the door.

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.MTIShows.com

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, March 16, 2023

P/T Conferences

Noon Dismissal

Students in grades K-12 - No PM Prek

Friday, March 17, 2023

Superintendent's Day

Staff Development

No School for Students

April 1 - 10, 2023

Spring Break

No School for Students

TWO SEATS OPEN 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 16, 2023 to fill the seats currently held by board members, Mr. William Murphy and Mrs. Debra Golley. Nominating petitions must be filed with the District Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 17, 2023.

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.

The candidates (two) receiving the highest number of votes will each serve a five-year term, beginning on July 1, 2023 and expiring on June 30, 2028.

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

March of the Eagles

March is a unique month in the school year. For example. March can never really make up it's mind... does it still want to be winter, or does it want to represent spring? On March 12th at 2:00 AM, we turn our clocks ahead (and loose an hour of sleep). It is a month that usually does not have a holiday where we close school; the exception is years when Easter comes very early in the year. For some, it is a month where "cabin fever" can set in; especially if the winter weather lingers too long. For many, March is the long stretch between February Break and Spring Break. With that being said, I also feel that March is a month with many opportunities and excitement.

We always have our first concert of the new year in March. The Middle/High School Band and Chorus concert allows our talented musicians the opportunity to showcase their hard work and accomplishments. Beyond the concert, several students from Elementary to High School will participate in the Cattaraugus County All County Band and Chorus Concerts. March is the month that preparation for the High School Musical kicks into high gear culminating with live performances at the end of the month. Spring sports all get started (despite the snow on the ground). Each year in mid-March we hold a half day of parent/teacher conferences; a great time to discuss students' progress as we head into the last 15 weeks of the school year. It is also the month that the Board of

Education looks to finalize the creation of the following year's budget. While it, indeed, can be a long month, it is also a busy month filled with so many important activities.

Speaking of the 2023-24 budget, it is proving to be a unique year indeed. We did not receive our official estimates for State Aid until the end of January; the latest I have seen since becoming a Superintendent. This year, ECS is estimated to receive an increase in Foundation Aid (the most flexible of the aid categories) of 3% or \$91,537. This is the minimum increase allowed this year. And, while it may seem like a large number, please keep in mind that, because of State formulas that take the property wealth of a district into account, other districts in the area will see an increase of a little over \$300,000 in foundation aid using the same 3% increase. In fact, ECS will see the smallest increase in Foundation Aid for all schools in Cattaraugus County. In addition, several other districts will see even larger increases due to the fact that they did not receive their full amount of Foundation Aid over the past several years. The State has also estimated increases in other areas of aid for ECS, but they are based on estimated costs/expenditures and are often over-estimated. I realize this may seem a little confusing at this time, but a more comprehensive report will be forth coming in upcoming newsletters after the Board of Education and Administration

can work more comprehensively on the entire budget.

I would also like to stress that we are in the process of tightening up on several of our rules / processes / procedures as outlined in the Student Agenda and Code of Conduct. We are doing this as, during the COVID Pandemic, we found it necessary to bend on a number of these items due to the unique circumstances that we all faced. As we move beyond the Pandemic, it is time to return to the rules / processes / procedures that provide important structure which, in turn, allows for more effective and efficient instruction for students. Topics that we will be addressing with students (especially at the MS/HS grades) include (but are not limited to): Academic Responsibility, School Safety, Dress Code, Tardiness/Attendance, Vaping/Loitering in Bathrooms, General Conduct Toward One Another & Teachers, etc. I would respectfully ask that you review the MS/HS Student Handbook (which includes the Code of Conduct) found under the MS/HS tab on the District Website (www.ellicottvillecentral.com), and that you support the School and Administration as we move forward with trying to provide a learning environment that promotes sound educational opportunities for all students.

Respectfully,



Robert Miller, Superintendent

The following information was accidentally left out of the "Science Collaboration" article in the February 2023 ECS Newsletter.

A special "Thank You" to Brianna Aronson for her hard work in planning and coordinating the Elementary-High School Science Collaboration. Miss Aronson worked very hard to ensure that the 1st graders understood and enjoyed their field trip to the High School Science Lab.



ECS FITNESS CENTER
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | 4-7 PM
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY (WHEN SCHOOL IS IN SESSION)
You MUST sign in each time you use the Fitness Center.

2ND QUARTER HIGH HONOR ROLL & HONOR ROLL

November 11, 2022 – January 26, 2023

5th Grade

Mrs. Frank's Class

Harley Andera
Harrison Cornelius
Liam Dahlman
Rowan Decker
Maggie Faulkner

Mrs. Moore's Class

Allyana Andrews
Caelan Myers
Reagan Pawlowski
Aston Seeley

Mr. Smith's Class

Layla Gearhart
Ty Howard
Charlie Norton

BUG Awards:

Mrs. Frank's Class

Harley Andera
Myla Brennan
Liam Dahlman
Maggie Faulkner
Ryan Kent
Carter Milks
Andrew Mix
Jack Pearl
Aiden Schultz
Aidan Zeher

Mrs. Moore's Class

Jayden Adcock
Allyana Andrews
Alyvia Burlingame
Thomas Green
Paisley Nelson
Reagan Pawlowski
Aston Seeley

Mr. Smith's Class

Emma Wallace
Kaiya Baker
Clinton Northrup
Jason Winship
Bentley Ward
Elijah Caulkins
Payton Butcher
Mason LaCroix
Oliver Daniels
Dominic Mack
Joseph Freaney

6th Grade

High Honor Roll

Marjorie Brown
Gabriel DeChane
Marshall DeChane
Carsten Kosinski
Cayda Kruszynski

Andrew Myers
Lillian Pearl
Whitney Powers
Camerie Riley
Patricia Ross
Briyona Tarr
Stella Tupchik
Ella Weber
Nicholas Wedvik

Honor Roll

Kaegan Bauer
Cooper Coolidge
Brody Erlandson
Grace Griffith
Ricky Howard II
Audrey Krause
Marlee Maynard
Benjamin McCarthy
Calvin Pearl
Mario Polino

7th Grade

High Honor Roll

Alison Antholznier
Zachary Brennan
Isabella Czamara
Audrianna Finch
Rian Johnson
Daniel Kruszynski
Carson Mendell
Coleman Milks
Sawyer Miller
Nigel Poulin
Matthew Rzucek
Cooper Sciara
Collin Weber

Honor Roll

Kelsey Feldbauer
Camden Howard
Keegan Kaleta
Katie Lafferty
Grayson Neal
Karle Northrup
Riley Northrup
Meegan Olson
Abigail Rust
Colton Schumacher
Jocelyn Stokes

8th Grade

High Honor Roll

Adalynn Andrews
Kristen Bless
Timothy DeChane
Trinity DeChane
Christopher Edwards
Ava Fuller
Kaiser Joesel

Tosh Klein
Jaxson LaCroix
Jonah Mann
Juliana O'Connell
Nora Santiago
Yanieliz Velazquez-Garcia
Ava Weber
Benjamin Wedvik
Isabella Wilder

Honor Roll

Eli Atwater
Breanna Byroads
Coleman Carls
Malie Curtis
Ainsley Edwards
McKenzie Green
Dominic Polino
Blake Smith
Riley Whitmer

9th Grade

High Honor Roll

Faith Burlingame
Grady Byroads
Isabelle Coburn
Kalyn Crowley
Drew Ficek
Teaghan Finn
Jordan Folts
Parker John
Harper Klein
Jackson Kruszynski
Cameron Mendell
Anna Nazareth
Mackenzie Noga
Ande Northrup
Jordan O'Connell
Makayla Potter
Olivia Tighe
Oliver Wedvik
Skye Wood

Honor Roll

Patrick Andera
Bianca Bush
Alexa Liskow
Delaney Myers
Curtis Robison
Lanie Wilson

10th Grade

High Honor Roll

Kathryn Bless
Jayden Doult
Benjamin Edwards
Sara Epps
Tea Fuller

Maddox Johnson
Courtney Marsh
Cheyenne Rust
Siying Sun
Sophia Sundeen
Adelaide Weber

Honor Roll

Hayden Andera
Lauren Button
Michael Cleary
Tobias Coburn
Owen Doherty
Alivia Fisher
Michael Kerns
Liam McGuire
Elleanor Meacham-Williams
Christopher Polino
Parker Quinn
Ava Woodarek

11th Grade

High Honor Roll

Evan Bauer
William Benatovich
Brooke Butler
Emmylu Carls
Abby Chudy
Shelby Colburn
Jase Curtis
Gwendolyn DeChane
Adrynn Dederick
Edward Doherty
Samuel Edwards
Keelin Finn
Zoe Goode
Cameron Kaleta
Layla Kerns
Morgan Krotz
Emma Lafferty
Aaron LoGiudice
Gabrielle Spross

Honor Roll

Dalayla Alexander
Jacob Atwater
Gracie Conklin
Aiden Harrington
Audrey Hurlburt
Emmett Jacobson-Coolidge
Bailey Lewis
Jaida Mendell
Cora Norton
Allison Pfeffer
Hunter Smith
Dylan Timblin
Isabelle Woodmancy

12th Grade

High Honor Roll

Breana Andrews
Jacob Ballard
Lita Conklin
Katrina DeChane
Bryan Grundy
Madeline Hawkins
Katryna Jennings
Katie Krotz
Kayla Romero
Alexander Silvernail
Selena Smith
Samantha Stock
Leah Tupchik
Yahir Velazquez-Garcia
Sarah Weber
Alysa Williams
Aaliyah Winslow
Bryce Wood

Honor Roll

Tristin Bomberly
Zachary Clark
Gavin Dietrich
Hali Fish
Emmett Gebauer
Errol Moore
Aidan Murray
Giancarlo Nuzzo
Ryah Quinn
Allison Rowland
Christian Swalcy
Cody Wickham



Author and illustrator of **Power Poems for Giraffes**

pay a visit to ECS

On February 3, 2023, international author and poet Katie Benatovich and amazing illustrator Carey Ann Welch visited ECS for our Reading Celebration. To the delight of our elementary students, the creators shared their new book *Power Poems for Giraffes* and their special guest, a large stuffed giraffe called Bella. Katie Benatovich co-authored the book of poems with Charity Burlingame. Carey Ann Welch designed and illustrated the book and created corresponding posters, bookmarks, and stickers for our students. Katie, Charity, and Carey Ann are parents of Ellicottville Central School students. Their visit was warmly received by all!

Power Poems for Giraffes is a book of poetry which was designed for elementary-aged children. It includes eleven different languages and stresses the importance of multilingualism. The authors and illustrator wanted to instill a love of poetry in young readers as well as an appreciation for kindness and interconnectedness across the world. Their book is a resource for educators and families. Each of the poems in the book are accompanied by a social emotional learning (SEL) activity written by Charity Burlingame.

Katie and Carey provided an interactive and engaging presentation to students in grades K-5. They read three poems with students and described the creative

writing process. The poems selected were: "Respect"; "My Favorite Color is Humanity"; and "Holding Hands Across the Ocean." Students were invited to become writers themselves, author poems and to send messages of kindness and good wishes to students in an orphanage in Uganda.

Copies of the book *Power Poems for Giraffes* were donated to each of the elementary classrooms and the elementary library by **The Rotary Club of Ellicottville Foundation for Youth** with sets of accompanying Connection Cards designed by Neal Steward, the final member of the Giraffe Team. Resources and related materials are available through the Giraffe Team's website. The website is expanding as new resources are added. This includes amazing audio and video versions of the poems for students and families to experience and enjoy.

To emphasize the importance of social emotional learning, the **Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)** at Ellicottville Elementary School generously donated 25 books recommended by the Giraffe Team to the ECS elementary library. The

books will be used by teachers to support and instill social emotional learning at Ellicottville Central School for years to come.

For more information about *Power Poems for Giraffes*, please visit the website treetopspublishing.com/giraffe.



1ST GRADERS LIGHT THE WAY



As a culminating activity for the Watt's So Bright science unit, first graders planned, designed and constructed lighthouses. They also came up with signal systems to communicate with ships at sea.



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, 2023.

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

Yearbook News



- Old yearbooks are available for purchase, as long as supplies last. The 2022 yearbook is \$30. 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

FUN IN THE SNOW

First Graders enjoyed a morning of snow time fun. They had fun sliding, climbing and swinging on the playground as well as making snow angels and rolling down the hills. What a fantastic time!



**SAVE THE
DATES IN
MAY:**

CONCERT CHANGES FOR MAY - MORE DETAILS TO COME IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER

MAY 18TH @ 6:30 PM K-5TH GRADES BAND AND CHORAL CONCERT (ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES K-5TH)

MAY 23RD @ 6:30 PM 6TH - 12TH GRADES BAND AND CHORAL CONCERT

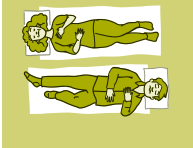
Emotional Wellness Checklist

Emotional wellness is the ability to successfully handle life's stresses and adapt to change and difficult times. Here are tips for improving your emotional health:



BUILD RESILIENCE

People who are emotionally well, experts say, have fewer negative emotions and are able to bounce back from difficulties faster. This quality is called resilience. Learning healthy ways to cope and how to draw from resources in your community can help you build resilience.



REDUCE STRESS

Everyone feels stressed from time to time. Stress can give you a rush of energy when it's needed most. But if stress lasts a long time—a condition known as chronic stress—those “high alert” changes become harmful rather than helpful. Learning healthy ways to cope with stress can also boost your resilience.



GET QUALITY SLEEP

To fit in everything we want to do in our day, we often sacrifice sleep. But sleep affects both mental and physical health. It's vital to your well-being. When you're tired, you can't function at your best. Sleep helps you think more clearly, have quicker reflexes and focus better. Take steps to make sure you regularly get a good night's sleep.



BE MINDFUL

The concept of mindfulness is simple. This ancient practice is about being completely aware of what's happening in the present—of all that's going on inside and all that's happening around you. It means not living your life on “autopilot.” Becoming a more mindful person requires commitment and practice. Here are some tips to help you get started.



COPE WITH LOSS

When someone you love dies, your world changes. There is no right or wrong way to mourn. Although the death of a loved one can feel overwhelming, most people can make it through the grieving process with the support of family and friends. Learn healthy ways to help you through difficult times.



STRENGTHEN SOCIAL CONNECTIONS

Social connections might help protect health and lengthen life. Scientists are finding that our links to others can have powerful effects on our health—both emotionally and physically. Whether with romantic partners, family, friends, neighbors, or others, social connections can influence our biology and well-being.

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E Embracing
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C Celebrating
Success

S Surpassing
Expectations



ELLICOTTVILLE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

SAVE THE DATE

ECS ALUMNI BANQUET

Saturday, July 15, 2023

Tannenbaum Lodge
Upper Holiday Valley
Ellicottville, New York

*More information will be
in the April Newsletter.*

PTO NEWS

Upcoming Events:

- **Spring Book Fair "Buy 1 Get 1 Free"**
April 20th & April 21st
(During King and Princess Dance)
- **Dime Carnival**
Friday, May 19th, 5:30pm-7:30pm



ECS Walking Program

Ellicottville
Central School
will host a Walk
Program for
community
members thru

Thursday, March 30, 2023. 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.



HELP WANTED - SUBSTITUTES NEEDED:

The Ellicottville Central School District is currently accepting applications for the following substitute positions: Teachers (both certified and non-certified), School Nurse, Teacher Aides, Cleaners, Bus Drivers and Cafeteria Workers. EOE.

Interested applicants may call the district office for an application (716-699-2368 ext. 1300) between the hours of 8:00 am – 4:00 pm when school is in session. You may also apply on-line at: <https://ellicottvillecentral.recruitfront.com/JobOpportunities>

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