

# ELLICOTTVILLE

D I S T R I C T • N E W S L E T T E R

Volume 50, Issue 4



## Honoring Our Local Heroes

### ECS Elementary Students Send Thank You Notes

By Isabella Wilder and Abigail Krause

During one of our monthly lunch meetings, we decided that the elementary school would write thank you notes for local Veterans.

On Friday, November 8, 2019, the Elementary Student Spirit Committee delivered cards to Ellicottville staff members who have served in the military. When all the cards were completed, Mrs. Hager delivered them to local VFW Posts and American Legions.

Students and staff were also able to acknowledge a Veteran that they knew by displaying a poster with information and pictures in the Elementary lobby.

The students wanted Veterans to be thanked for their service on Veterans Day.



## Capital Improvement Project



Last month's newsletter featured a two-page layout of information regarding the proposed Capital Improvement Project (CIP). In part of that layout, we relied on the old adage of "a picture is worth a thousand words," and tried to capture a good amount of the areas that would be addressed in the CIP. While all of these pictures shared a wealth of information, some items included in the proposed project cannot be simply captured by one or two pictures.

One of these items is the auxiliary water well that is required by New York State. This well is needed because the school receives its entire water supply from an on-site well. Should anything ever happen to this well, we would need a different, approved source of water. This is an item the District should include in the project for two reasons. First, it would allow the auxiliary water well to be considered for building aid from the State, potentially lowering its cost. Second, financing the well through the project would allow its cost to be distributed over a longer period of time as opposed to incurring the cost in just one year through the annual District budget process.

Another item that is hard to simply capture in just one or two pictures is the drainage of water from school property. While the picture with this article shows the end result of poor drainage on the property, there are a number of factors that work together in a "bigger" picture. Drainage from the athletic fields behind the school, at times, contributes a surplus of runoff.

*Continued on page 8...*

**ECS Ornaments Now Available from the PTO!**



**More Information on Page 6**

# Holidays at ECS...



The snow has arrived in Ellicottville, radio stations have already started playing Christmas music 24/7, Reese's peanut-butter-filled Christmas trees are available in the stores, the Hallmark Channel has started showing only holiday movies, children are making their wish lists, and homes are starting to be filled with brightly colored lights. Without a doubt, everywhere you look, it is easy to see that the holiday season is just around the corner!

Just like the surrounding community, signs of the holiday season are all around ECS. Students in the elementary are anxiously looking forward to Family Fun Night, and, I've heard from Santa himself that he plans to be here to meet with all the great students at ECS! I also know I'm looking forward to one of my favorite events of the entire school year - the Senior Citizen Holiday Dinner which is sponsored by Student Council and includes musical performances by students of all ages. And, you can be certain that students in grades 2-12 are busy practicing and putting the final touches on their performances for the holiday concerts.

What never ceases to amaze me at this time of year is how the students and staff work and interact with the local community to make the holiday season a special time for everyone. At the top of this list is Project Christmas, a program that has been a tradition at ECS for decades. Project Christmas continues to be a reality due to the generosity of local businesses, local food drives, the purchasing of gifts by people in the community, student council members shopping for and wrapping gifts, staff coordinating efforts between all groups, and the delivery of food and gifts by volunteers (community members and seniors)! Each year I am in awe of this program and how it ensures that as many people as possible have a special holiday season filled with cheer. There is no one-person that makes sure this event takes place; it is a true community effort and a perfect example of what takes place when a community works together for the good of all.

While we all have different traditions for celebrating the holidays, one thing is truly evident at ECS... we know how to come together in the true spirit of the season to make sure that everyone has the opportunity to be filled with happiness and joy!

In closing, I would like to wish each and every one of you and your families a very safe and enjoyable holiday season!



Bob Miller  
*Superintendent of Schools*



## PLEASE NOTE

**Thursday, Dec. 12, 2019**

**6:30 pm**

**District Wide Chorus  
Concert**

**Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2019**

**6:30 pm**

**District Wide Band  
Concert**

**December 23, 2019 -**

**January 3, 2020**

**Winter Break  
No School**

**Monday, Jan. 20, 2020**

**Martin Luther  
King Jr. Day  
School Closed**

**Friday, January 24, 2020**

**Rating Day - No School  
for Students**



## Middle School Library Section

With the addition of the 6th grade to our Middle School this year, the library staff decided to create a corner for books that will appeal to the interests of "Middle Schoolers". Hopefully, this will make their library needs easily accessible and the Library a friendly place! There is nothing better, as the weather gets colder, than getting lost in a good book.



## Taking An Edible Tour of China

The second grade spent the months of September and October traveling the world! Each week, students visited a different continent, and learned about the biomes, animals, landmarks and cultures of the people that live there. After visiting Asia, students were treated to an “at school field trip” where they were able to sample a variety of Chinese foods. Students loved tasting new foods, reading their fortunes, and even practicing using chopsticks!

## Elementary Perfect Attendance

### First Quarter: September–November 2019

#### KINDERGARTEN

Miss Olson – Lauren Emborsky, Jack Widger

Mr. Wilson – Erica Benjamin, Anderson Mix, Matthew Myers, Nicholas Rocco

Mrs. Woodarek – Caden Bishop, Vincent Elom, Riley Swan

#### FIRST GRADE

Mrs. Bower – Rose Benjamin, Jack Kerns, Joanna Klein, Vincent Sargente, Amelia Winship

Mrs. Keller – Carly Erlandson, Shiloh Miller, Carter Potter

#### SECOND GRADE

Ms. Auge – Aiden Schultz, Teagan Siperek

Mrs. Farnum – Myla Brennan, Caelan Myers, Charlie Norton, Reagan Pawlowski

Mrs. Peters – Dominic Mack, Audri Scott

#### THIRD GRADE

Mrs. Donoghue – Audrey Krause

Mrs. Norton – Andrew Myers, Camerie Riley

Mr. Przybyla – Kallen Halpainy, Marlee Maynard, Briyona Tarr, Nicholas Wedvik

#### FOURTH GRADE

Mrs. Gesing – Katie Lafferty, Carson Mendell, Grayson Neal, Jennifer Sliviak

#### FIFTH GRADE

Mrs. Fitzpatrick – Eli Atwater, Ryha Blalock, Ava Fuller, Parker Gebauer, Braiden Hayes, Ava Pasinski

Mrs. Moore – Adalynn Andrews, Timothy DeChane, Christopher Edwards, Reed Nazareth, McKenzie Newark, Jaiden Peters, Blake Smith

Mr. Smith – Malie Curtis, McKenzie Green, Tosh Klein, Benjamin Wedvik, Colton Wyatt

# AWESOME!

## Fifth Grade Honor Roll

*Excellent*  
**WORK!**

### First Quarter: September – November 2019

Mrs. Fitzpatrick – Amberlynn Freundsuh, Ava Fuller, Braiden Hayes, Kaiser Joesel, Abigail Krause, Eva LoGuidice, Jonah Mann

Mrs. Moore – Timothy DeChane, Christopher Edwards, Jaiden Peters, Riley Whitmer

Mr. Smith – Eliza Murray, Trinity DeChane, McKenzie Green, Tosh Klein, Jaxson LaCroix



## Important Yearbook Info

- 📖 If you want to reserve a yearbook you must put at least \$10 down. See Mrs. Bauer for details.
- 📖 Old yearbooks are available for purchase, as long as supplies last. The 2019 yearbook is \$50. Books from previous years are \$10. Contact Mrs. Bauer ([cbauer@eville.wnyric.org](mailto:cbauer@eville.wnyric.org)) for more details.
- 📖 We are selling elementary yearbooks. These are a softcover and contain grades PreK – 5. They are a pull-out of the full yearbook so they are identical to the PreK-5 section of the full yearbook. They are \$15 and you must reserve one.
- 📖 We will be selling Easter candy again this year. If you sell at least one item you have a yearbook reserved for you that you may retrieve once you have paid the balance. If you sell 30 items you get a free yearbook.
- 📖 If you are a business that would like to advertise in the yearbook contact Mrs. Bauer at [cbauer@eville.wnyric.org](mailto:cbauer@eville.wnyric.org)



# DECEMBER 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 Winter Sports Pictures	5 Book Fair 12:45 pm Senior Citizen Holiday Luncheon 7:00 pm Capital Improvements Project Information Meeting-HS Caf	6 Book Fair 5:30 pm PTO Family Fun Night	7
8	9	10 6:00 pm Board of Education Meeting (HS Library) 1:00-8:00 pm Capital Improvements Project Vote- Elem Foyer	11	12 6:30 pm District Wide Chorus Concert	13	14
15	16	17 6:30 pm District Wide Band Concert	18	19	20 Project Christmas deliveries.	21
22	23 Winter Recess - School Closed	24 Winter Recess - School Closed	25 Winter Recess - School Closed	26 Winter Recess - School Closed	27 Winter Recess - School Closed	28
29	30 Winter Recess - School Closed	31 Winter Recess - School Closed				

# JANUARY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Winter Recess - School Closed	2 Winter Recess - School Closed	3 Winter Recess - School Closed	4
5	6	7 11:50 am ASVAB Test	8	9 Ski Club	10	11
12	13	14 6:00 pm Board of Education Meeting (HS Library)	15	16 Ski Club	17	18
19	20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day - School Closed	21	22	23 Ski Club	24 Rating Day - No School for Students CCMTA Solo Festival @ Allegany Limestone	25 CCMTA Solo Festival @ Allegany Limestone
26	27	28 6:00 pm Board of Education Meeting (HS Library) Budget Worksession	29	30 Ski Club	31 6:00 pm NHS Sponsored Middle School Dance	

# High School Honor & High Honor Roll

## First Quarter: September–November 2019

### High Honor Roll

#### 12th Grade

Calarco, Allison  
De Orbe, Adrian  
DeChane, Abbey  
Eddy, Brooke  
Ford-Grover, Sylvia  
Grinols, Jordan  
Hartsell, Megan  
Hutchinson, Christian  
Kaleta, McKenna  
Kilby, Madisyn  
Kongats, Heli  
Lin, Simon  
McGuire, Kaitlyn  
Moore, Cyrene  
Noga, Tyler  
Perkins, Audra  
Snyder, John  
Stuve, Megan  
Van Wicklin, Samantha

#### 11th Grade

Bomberry, Hunter  
Butler, Bryce  
Comstock-Eastlick,  
Willow  
DeKay, Ryan  
Evans, Jalee  
Fredrickson, Hayly  
Fredrickson, Logan  
Hadley, Jenna  
Hunt, Alexander  
Jennings, Caleb  
Kryniski, Brett  
Lendvay, Cameron  
Lin, Sammi  
Palmatier, Braedyn  
Pitillo, Olivia  
Ploetz, Abigail  
Rowland, Clayton  
Saunders, Sydney  
Sexton, Courtney  
Silvernail, Adam  
Snyder, Gabriel  
Steinbronner, Noah  
Tomczak, Kelsea  
White, Macy  
Wilson, Summer

#### 10th Grade

Bolya, Andrew  
De Orbe, Ignacio  
Epps, Antonia  
Foster, Leilani  
Frank, Ethan  
Gonzalez, Dalton  
Johnson, Caleb  
Kilby, Kaleb  
LoGiudice, Nicholas  
Neumann, Carly  
Pritchard, Derek  
Privitera, Aiden  
Redeye, Alexis  
Schwartz, Samuel  
Steffenhagen, Emma  
Traina, Alexander  
Woodarek, Elsa  
Wyatt, Jocelyn

#### 9th Grade

Bomberry, Tristin  
Conklin, Lita  
Czapla, Jaxon  
DeChane, Katrina  
Flagg, Christopher  
Hensel, Charles  
Jennings, Katryna  
Krotz, Katie  
Stock, Samantha  
Tupchik, Leah  
Velazquez-Garcia, Yahir  
Weber, Sarah  
Williams, Alysa  
Winslow, Aaliyah  
Wood, Bryce

#### 8th Grade

Bauer, Evan  
Benatovich, William  
Butler, Brooke  
Carls, Emmylu  
Chudy, Abby  
Colburn, Shelby  
Conklin, Gracie  
DeChane, Gwendolyn  
Edwards, Samuel  
Finn, Keelin  
Harrington, Aiden  
Kaleta, Cameron  
Kerns, Layla  
Krotz, Morgan

Lafferty, Emma  
Morlock, Isabella  
Pfeffer, Allison  
Pritchard, Tyler  
White, Kara

#### 7th Grade

Bless, Kathryn  
Button, Lauren  
Carson, Chloe  
Coburn, Tobias  
Doutt, Jayden  
Edwards, Benjamin  
Epps, Sara  
Fuller, Tea  
Hilliman, Kade  
John, Addison  
Johnson, Maddox  
Kerns, Michael  
Marsh, Courtney  
Norton, Ryan  
Peters, Xavier  
Quinn, Parker  
Robinson, Kyle  
Sundeen, Sophia  
Weber, Adelaide  
Woodarek, Ava

#### 6th Grade

Adamucci, Ava  
Andera, Patrick  
Baldwin, Keira  
Brown, Maitlin  
Burlingame, Faith  
Bush, Bianca  
Byroads, Grady  
Coburn, Isabelle  
Crowley, Kalyn  
Ficek, Drew  
Finn, Teaghan  
Folts, Jordan  
Gascon, Aidan  
Ginnitti, Emily  
Harber, Shyann  
Hayes, Kayedance  
Klein, Harper  
Kruszynski, Jackson  
Liskow, Alexa  
Mendell, Cameron  
Myers, Delaney  
Nazareth, Anna  
Noga, Mackenzie  
Northrup, Ande

O'Connell, Jordan  
Robison, Curtis  
Taylor, Adrian  
Tighe, Olivia  
Vassar, Zachary  
Velazquez-Garcia,  
Daliana  
Wedvik, Oliver  
Wilson, Lanie  
Wood, Skye

### Honor Roll

#### 12th Grade

Adamic, Caleb  
Bogue, James, Jr.  
Donoghue, Abaigeal  
Earley, Camryn  
Hauri, Gabriel  
Logel, Niklas  
Nuzzo, Evelyn  
Ploetz, Nathaniel  
Rust, Jacob  
Smith, Makenna

#### 11th Grade

Adrich, Kolby  
Chudy, Wyatt  
Flora, Jianna  
Hadley, Jake  
Ireland, Xander  
Joyce, Aidan  
Krist, Gavin  
Quinn, Erin  
Swalcy, Lindsay  
Tomsick, Jillian

#### 10th Grade

Bush, Maddox  
Carls, Cecelia  
Clark, Marissa  
Coolidge, Joshua  
Ficek, Harley  
Freundschuh, Joseph  
Grant, Rylee  
Haskell, Isabella  
Hurlburt, Mandy  
Jacobson-Coolidge,  
Hannah  
Marsh, Lucas  
Ruiz, Emilee  
Venturin, Courtney

#### 9th Grade

Andrews, Breana  
Ballard, Jacob  
Fish, Hali  
Hawkins, Madeline  
Huffman, Chloe  
Murray, Aidan  
Quinn, Ryah  
Romero, Kayla  
Rowland, Allison  
Silvernail, Alexander  
Swalcy, Christian  
Vassar, Natalie  
Wyatt, Caedon

#### 8th Grade

Carney, Mikaya  
Dederick, Adrynn  
Goode, Zoe  
Lewis, Bailey  
LoGiudice, Aaron  
Spross, Gabrielle

#### 7th Grade

Flagg, Alyssa  
Johnson, Jacob  
Leiper, Natalee  
Metzger, Ryan  
Peters, Merek  
Privitera, Grace  
Rust, Cheyenne  
Rzucek, Hailey  
Scott, Louise  
Smith, Carter  
Vassar, Gracie  
Winship, Madisyn

#### 6th Grade

Baker, Nevaeh  
Button, Kaden  
Howard, Brogan  
John, Parker  
Palmatier, Camden



January 24, 2020: Rating Day, No School for Students

# 2019 Fall Sports Report



## Girls' Varsity Soccer

By Coach Tammy Eddy

**CCCA Class C East League Champions!** The Girls' Varsity Soccer team won their first ever class C League Championship this year. We finished the league season with an undefeated record of 8-0-2. Our overall record was 10-4-3 with losses to class B Olean, Falconer, and finally Maple Grove. This team of 22 players had an awesome season, stepping up to face Class C Schools for the 2nd year in a row. We were ranked #1 overall in class C schools in Section VI, unfortunately, our season ended in the first playoff game vs. Maple Grove. The team is made up of seniors, Abby Donoghue, Megan Hartstell, Madisyn Kilby, Camryn Earley, Kaitlyn McGuire, Megan Stuve, Allison Calarco, Evelyn Nuzzo, and Brooke Eddy. Juniors, Hayly Fredrickson, Courtney Sexton, Sammi Lin, Logan Fredrickson, and Olivia Pitillo. Sophomores, Elsa Woodarek, Mandy Hurlburt, Jocelyn Wyatt, Carly Neumann, Marissa Clark, Emilee Ruiz, Harley Ficek, and freshman Alysa Williams. Post season honors are as follows First Team League All-Stars: Mandy Hurlburt, Emilee Ruiz, Logan Fredrickson and Brooke Eddy. 2nd Team League All-Stars: Hayly Fredrickson, Jocelyn Wyatt and Kaitlyn McGuire. Honorable Mention: Megan Hartsell, Camryn Earley and Alysa Williams. Team Sportsmanship Award: Elsa Woodarek. *Congratulations on a great season, best of luck to our seniors!*



## FE Titans Football

By Coach Jason Marsh

The 2019 FE Titans football team finished the regular season with a 7-0 record. The regular season started off with an outstanding week 1 victory over Class C Allegany-Limestone, and concluded with a 49-6 victory over Salamanca. In between those wins, the Titans rambled off 5 other wins versus opponents

such as: Randolph, Clymer/Sherman/Panama, John F. Kennedy (Cheektowaga), Bolivar-Richburg, and Cattaraugus-Little Valley. One of the highlights for the Titans was a week three match-up versus the defending Class D State Champions Clymer/Sherman/Panama. CSP entered the game ranked #1 in the State, and were upset by the Titans by a score of 24-8.

Following the regular season, the Titans entered the Class D sectional playoffs as the number 1 seed, and prevailed in a semi-final match-up versus Salamanca 35-0. The Titans advanced to the Section VI Class D championship game where they faced Clymer/Sherman/Panama. The Titans fought hard and played with pride, but came up short to a very solid CSP team by a score of 22-0. The Titans finish their season as Section 6, Class D Runner-Up and an 8-1 record. Great season Titans!

The Titans this year outscored their opponents by an average of 32 points per game. They also out gained their opponents by an average of 339 yards per game to 95 yards per game. The 2019 FE Titans were led by seniors: Niklas Logel, Jordan Grinols, Jordan Peplinski, Gabe Huari, and Logan Fuller from Ellicottville, and Zack Wolfer, Nolan Palmatier, Tyler Clear, Kameron Ramadhan, and Devin Neamon from Franklinville.



## Boys' Varsity Soccer

By Coach Matt Finn

The Boys Varsity Soccer Team started its Fall 2019 season with our traditional campout at the school, but this year, we had some uninvited guests, a few coyotes lurking around, to keep us on our toes. It was then that we knew that it would be an interesting season to say the least.

These Eagles ended their season with a 9-10 record. After placing 3rd in the league, our record was only enough to secure a number 7 seed in the playoffs. After defeating Silver Creek 4 – 1 in a pre-quarter final game, the team was off to Bennett High School in Buffalo to play the number 2 seeded team. The Eagles fought for every ball in a 2 – 1 win, and they were awarded with a Sectional Semi-Final re-match game with Randolph at Eden High School. The Cardinals had already defeated the Eagles twice in the regular season by the scores of 4-1 and 2-1 so they knew that they had work to do.

The Eagles took the game to overtime, but unfortunately, with 5 minutes left to go in the second overtime, Randolph found the back of the net and the Eagles season ended. It was a great ride to the Section 6 Class C Semi-Final game, a new place for the Boys

*Continued on next page...*

Soccer program as they had only participated in the Class D playoffs until this season.

Some of the players were awarded post season League Awards. Noah Steinbroner was named League Defensive MVP. Jack Snyder and Bryce Butler were First Team League All-Stars. Simon Lin and Caleb Jennings were named Second Team League All-Stars. Justin Imhoff, Jamison Caldwell, and Nathaniel Ploetz were named to the League Honorable Mention Team.

The team members included; Manager: Jackson Kruszynski. Sophomores: Isaac Alexander, Aiden Privitera, Sam Schwartz, Kaleb Kilby, Ignacio deOrbe. Juniors: Bryce Butler, Noah Steinbroner, Caleb Jennings, Jamison Caldwell, Justin Imhoff, Alex Hunt, Mitchell Azcarate, Kolby Aldrich, Blaise Konarski. Seniors: Jack Snyder, Adrian deOrbe, Simon Lin, Nathaniel Ploetz

The team would like to thank Jackson Kruszynski for his help this year, the fans for coming out to support us, and the parents for being such an integral part of our soccer world.



## Girls' Varsity Volleyball

By Coach Katie Auge

The Varsity Volleyball team consisted of four seniors (Heli Kongats, Makenna Smith, Reena Stuve, Sammi Van Wicklin,) two juniors (Jenna Hadley, Jillian Tomsick), and one freshman (Allison Rowland). Senior Makenna Smith led the team in both assists and aces. Senior Heli Kongats led the team in blocks. Freshman Allison Rowland led the team in digs. Our overall record at the end of playoffs was 7-13. After our regular season ended, we were ranked #6 in the playoffs. We played Holland (ranked #3) in the first round of playoffs. Even though we were the underdog, we truly came together and played the best that we had all year. This season, when we talked, moved, played with energy, and stayed positive, we found great success.

Coach Auge encourages all volleyball players (Modified, JV, and Varsity) to attend some volleyball camps in the off-season. The more you play, the better you will become!

## PTO NEWS



**BUY**  
BOX TOPS PRODUCTS

Look for the logo. You can find it on hundreds of products you know and love.



**SCAN**  
YOUR RECEIPT

No more clipping. Tap the scan button and snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.



**EARN**  
CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL

It's that easy! Box Tops earnings are identified and automatically updated online.

### KEEP COLLECTING THOSE BOX TOPS!

The PTO recently held a Box Tops contest for grades Pre-K through 5th grade. Mrs. Schwartz's Pre-K class won the contest by bringing in 224 Box Tops. Together we have collected \$183.30 so far this school year. Please continue to save your Box Tops as we will have more contests throughout the year. You can always send your Box Tops in to the elementary office or drop them off at our two local drop off places, the Great Valley Post Office or TOPS in Ellicottville. Many Box Tops expire 12/31/19, please send those in before they expire. Also don't forget to add the Box Tops app on your phone to be able to submit your digital Box Tops.

## FAMILY FUN NIGHT!

Friday, December 6th from 5:30-7:30pm.

Get ready for an exciting night! Family Fun Night is back, and it is sure to be a fun way to start the holidays. What you will find:

- ★ Book BINGO
- ★ Letters to the Troops
- ★ Crafts
- ★ Stories with Mrs. Clause
- ★ Pictures with Santa
- ★ Popcorn
- ★ Book Fair
- ★ Santa's Secret Workshop

**We will have pizza and water available for sale!**

**\*\* Letters to the Troops-** If you have an address for a friend or family member that is currently serving overseas this holiday season and would like them to receive some extra cheer; please send their address to the elementary office, Attention: PTO. \*\*

**New this year we will have a Chinese Auction!**

Tickets will be \$1 each or 12 for \$10.

There are some great baskets to win!

**November PTO apparel orders will be available for pick up.**

**Other PTO items will be for sale including New ECS ornaments (Only \$5 each!)**



### Get Involved!

Come find out what the PTO is doing and get involved. PTO continues to help K-12 students and the surrounding community. These activities can't be done without all of the volunteers! If you would like more information please feel free to attend any of our meetings or email Diana Olson at [ecspto@eville.wnyric.org](mailto:ecspto@eville.wnyric.org).

# Capital Improvement Project...Continued from Pg. 2



This runoff, in conjunction with the many repairs needed to the elementary parking lot, results in water being directed back towards the school. Architects and engineers would work together to implement a drainage system that would better direct the water away from the school in a responsible manner.

There is also a picture in the November layout that could use a little more explanation. It is the picture of the High School Kitchen. The intent of this picture is to show the cramped space in the kitchen facilities. While the “footprint” of the cafeteria has essentially remained the same since the building was built, over time, much of the equipment has increased in size. Currently, if a person opens the doors to the oven, he/she is not able to back up and turn around to set the

contents down. Instead he/she either needs to pass the contents to another person, or raise/lower the contents so that a second person can close the oven doors. Neither of these situations is safe when someone is handling hot food/pans.

And, speaking of the kitchen/cafeteria... While the picture of the freezer condenser shows how badly a new unit is needed, it does

not capture the very poor condition of the other components of the freezer. We also know that seals on the freezer door and between the wall and floor panels are creating excessive frost and ice buildup issues within the unit. In addition to the freezer, we are dealing with old equipment that is outdated and is constructed and/or installed inconsistently with today’s codes. While we currently attempt to address and/or repair these items, it is clear that repairs will no longer suffice as a solution. It is not efficient nor cost effective to try to “find” the funds for a major repair or replacement of these items. Much like the auxiliary water well, incorporating these items that need to function properly in the CIP would enable the District to

distribute the cost over a longer period of time as opposed to incurring those costs within a one-year cycle.

Please keep in mind that the items in this article are just part of the proposed \$8.4 million CIP. The proposed Capital Improvements Project, 2019 will be paid for using available State Building Aid funding, with the remainder to be paid for through the local tax levy. Retiring debt service from payments on past capital improvements will be used to offset some of the local share and help minimize the tax impact (i.e. at the end of the 2019-20 school year, the District will make final payments on the Capital Project which included the addition of the middle school wing). In the end, on average, district homeowners can expect an estimated annual tax increase of about \$17.76 per \$100,000 full/equalized home value.

On Thursday, December 5th the District will be hosting a Public Information Meeting in the High School Cafeteria. Additional information about various aspects of the project will be shared and there will be an opportunity for people to ask questions about the project. The public vote on the CIP will be held on **Tuesday, December 10th**. Voting will take place in the **Elementary School Foyer from 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM**.

## Exploring Buffalo Art

On Friday, November 1, 2019, ESPRA members teamed up with high school art students for a field trip to Buffalo where they visited Dog Ears Bookstore and Café as well as Buffalo Arts Studio. Dog Ears is a non-profit organization in South Buffalo which acts as a pillar of the community, providing educational programs for all ages, as well as a warm place to spend time surrounded by books. The Arts Studio is a gallery, education center, and work space for artists. It too is a pillar of the surrounding community, acting as a place for people to view and enjoy art exhibits, take art classes, and work in a community of artists. While visiting, we viewed exhibits by Phyllis Thompson and Paloma Barhaugh-Bordas, both New York artists. We were able to explore actual studio space where many artists were working and artwork in progress was displayed. We interacted with several of the artists who were happy to interact with our students. What a great day! This was the second collaboration between ESPRA and the Art Department!



# ELLCOTTVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL SKI CLUB

*Let's Hit  
the Slopes!*

Forms are now available in the ECS School Offices and may be filled out and returned to the ECS School Offices with the full payment. Online registration will be available again this year, please check with ECS Elementary and HS Offices for promo code. All checks should be made out to Win-Sum Ski Corporation. Applications not turned in to ECS will not be available for ECS Club rates. Students applying for combo passes who are not in the lesson portion of the ski program must still go through the school in order to receive the ECS combo pass rate. All combo pass pictures must be paid for in advance with the receipt initialed by Mr. Erich Ploetz. Registration for any of the plans must take place at ECS first. Please fill out the paperwork in advance. Processing of applications will be handled in the ECS School Offices. **Ski Program Package prices are as follows:**

- |                         |              |   |
|-------------------------|--------------|---|
| <b>Plan I</b>           | <b>\$75</b>  | Thursday night lift and lesson with a bonus day in March! <b>(Student owned equipment)</b>                          |
| <b>Plan II (Ski)</b>    | <b>\$152</b> | 8 weekly lessons and ski equipment rental package for Thursday Nights, with a bonus day in March!                   |
| <b>Plan III (Board)</b> | <b>\$152</b> | 8 weekly lessons and snowboard equipment rental package for Thursday Nights, with a bonus day in March!             |
| <b>Plan IV</b>          | <b>\$155</b> | Night Combo Pass (Unlimited night skiing only.) Includes 8 Thursday Night Lessons. <b>(Student owned equipment)</b> |
| <b>Plan V</b>           | <b>\$215</b> | Combo Pass (unlimited day and night skiing, includes 8 Thursday Night Lessons) <b>(Student owned equipment)</b>     |

**(Unlimited Rentals are available for skis and Snowboards for \$77.00)** Helmet rentals are available for the season for \$17.00.



### ECS SKI CLUB REMINDER:

All ECS students joining Ski Club this year must have a conduct code paper signed and on file with the school in order to take advantage of the schools' program through Holiday Valley. This paper is in addition to the paperwork or online paperwork to purchase the Club programs through Holiday Valley.



## Science Trip to Allegany State Park...

The students from the environmental science classes and Envirothon team went on a field trip on Thursday, October 17 to Allegany State Park. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation was doing a pheasant release in the area. The students helped Logan West and the ASP staff in releasing Ring Necked Pheasants that had been raised at the DEC Pheasant Propagation Facility near Ithaca.

Students participating were: Lucas Adams, Kolby Aldrich, Jose Azcarate, James Bogue, Allison Calarco, Willow Comstock-Eastlick, Abby DeChane, Camryn Earley, Christian Hutchinson, Kaitlyn McGuire, Harrison Newark, Tyler Noga, Braedyn Palmatier, Jordyn Sage, Kelsea Tomczak, and Courtney Venturin.

While at the meeting point for the Pheasant release, the students were fortunate to see a former student from ECS that currently works for NYSDEC at the Randolph Fish Hatchery. Mr. Tobias Widger was releasing some of the larger breeding Trout stock into Quaker Lake. The students had a chance to see the release and ask Mr. Widger some questions.

Thanks to Mr. West and staff for this opportunity.



# Environmental Forest Biology Class Trip

## *ECS Students Travel to SUNY-ESF in Syracuse*

At SUNY-ESF in Syracuse, a variety of projects provide environmental monitoring data in relation to research associated with atmospheric deposition, climate change, and water quality. The information gained with this research is submitted to the college's Environmental Monitoring web page that uses data obtained from ESF's Department of Environmental and Forest Biology (EFB) and provides real-time environmental information. This is an example of how ESF's current research is used to evaluate and monitor real life issues.

On Tuesday, October 29th, students from Mr. Hall's EFB 120 class attended a tour of the Syracuse campus at SUNY-ESF. Students attending were Allison Calarco, Abby DeChane, Kaitlyn McGuire, and Tyler Noga.

The day began with a Campus tour of the classroom buildings that included the Gateway building engineered for energy efficiency and low environmental impact. The tour continued through several classroom buildings, greenhouses and labs.

Two of the programs highlighted were The American Chestnut Research and the Restoration Project that the college is working on for the development of blight-resistant American Chestnut Trees. The project's goal is to reintroduce a population



of these resistant trees back into forest ecosystems of New York and then the rest of the eastern United States.

The Roosevelt Wild Life Collection, honors President Theodore Roosevelt and was established in 1919. A portion of the over 10,000 specimens of birds, mammals, freshwater and marine fishes, reptiles and amphibians are in the Gateway Center. The collection supplies specimen loans to researchers and educators and is a reference for public queries.

The morning tour was followed by a systems lab with the students working with other students from the Rochester and Syracuse schools in attendance. The

Systems Lab included the Hydrosphere, Lithosphere, Atmosphere and their interactions.

During lunch the students had a presentation from a graduate of ESF that has been working in Yellowstone with the National Park Service.

The afternoon included two separate lab tours that included the Hydraulic Lab in the Environmental Engineering Class Building and that was followed by a tour and presentation in the Paper Sciences and Bioprocess Engineering Lab Building.

A very informational and full day for the class!

# ECS Students Engage in Positive Activities

## *Wellness Day Highlighted by Award-Winning Singer/Songwriter Jared Campbell*

On Tuesday, November 19th, Jared Campbell, an award-winning singer/songwriter from upstate New York, performed two shows at ECS, one for PreK through 4th Grade, and another for 5th- 12th grades. Jared's songs are designed to highlight a story and provide personal motivation for students, and is delivered in a humorous, highly engaging manner. Jared's powerful messages were supported by wellness and affirmation activities in select classes throughout the day.

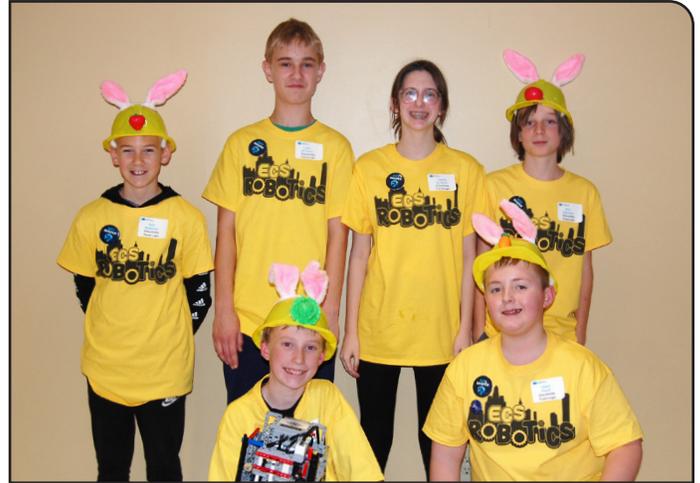


# ECS Victorious at Robotics Competition!

On Saturday, November 16th, the Ellicottville Middle School robotics teams competed in the Lego League Robotics Qualifying Tournament at Houghton College. Twenty Seven teams from the Southern Tier competed for the right to move onto the next round at the University of Rochester. We are very excited to share that of those twenty seven team, the ECS Teams finished in 1st, 2nd and 3rd place! Congratulations on a job well done!



The **Disco Bricks Team** of Aiden Harrington, Sam Edwards, Gabrielle Spross, Aaron Logiudice, and William Benatovich, and Christopher Edwards finished 3rd in Robot Performance and 2nd in Core Values. (And... a special thanks to Madisyn Kilby and Abaigeal Donoghue for volunteering as student coaches for the Disco Bricks team!)



The **Fuzzy Logic Team** of Kyle Robinson, Ben Edwards, Toby Coburn, Liam McGuire, Sophia Sundeen, and Jayce Pearl finished 2nd in Robot Performance.



The **Tech No Logic Team** of Kara White, Courtney Marsh, Gracie Vassar, Tyler Pritchard, Maddox Johnson, and Chris Polino won the Robot Performance Award and the Grand Champion Trophy.

## Fire Prevention Week

In October, our elementary students celebrated Fire Prevention Week. This is a yearly celebration where students are educated on fire safety awareness. In partnership with our local fire departments (Ellicottville/Great Valley), students participated in hands-on learning as they navigated through the fire/emergency vehicles and listened to on presentations from our very own firefighters! A special thank-you to our local fire departments for their dedicated work helping keep our students and community safe!



**Ellicottville Central School**  
5873 Route 219  
Ellicottville, NY 14731  
[www.eville.wnyric.org](http://www.eville.wnyric.org)

NON PROFIT  
ORGANIZATION  
U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
Permit No. 1825  
Olean, NY 14760  
**ECRWSS**

**Board Members**

Robert Van Wicklin, President  
William Murphy, Vice President  
Carl Calarco  
Shana Chudy  
Debra Golley  
Connie Hellwig  
Leonard Zlockie

**POSTAL PATRON LOCAL  
Or CURRENT RESIDENT**

**Administration**

Mr. Robert Miller, Superintendent  
Mr. Erich Ploetz, 7-12 Principal  
Mrs. Maren Bush, Elementary Principal / Director of Curriculum



# Katy the Snowplow

The State D.O.T. provided a safety program for the kindergarteners revolving around a book – Katy and the Big Snow. After listening to the story in Library with Mrs. Pfeffer, Ed and Tim from the D.O.T drove Katy the Snowplow into our parking lot. The children were eager to investigate the large truck and learn about its workings. Then the focus shifted to the importance of remaining a safe distance away from plows when they come down the street. A heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped put on such a great program for our little eagles!

