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First Lego League:

ECS Teams Finish 1st, 3rd and 4th!

The ECS robotics teams recently traveled to Houghton College to compete in the qualifying round of the First Lego League Robotics Competition. Eighteen teams from the Southern Tier competed for the right to move on to the University of Rochester in December. The ECS teams finished 1st, 3rd, & 4th in the Robotic competition portion of the day. Team #3288 also won the Robot Design Award.

All three ECS teams finished in the top 5, allowing all the teams to advance to the State qualifier in Rochester on December 11th.



Team Titans GO!

Finish With A Winning 7-3 Record

The Franklinville-Ellicottville Titans football program enjoyed another successful season in 2016 as they made it back to the sectional finals at New Era Stadium. The team finished with a record of 7-3 with 2 of their losses coming to a tough Maple Grove team including the game at New Era Stadium. The Titans were led by seniors Tyler Pitner, Dooley Brennan, Marquee Peters, Austin Whitmer, Tim Knight, Micah Sexton, Preston Hutchinson, Caleb Palmatier, Jared Green, Liam Watt, Kurt Miller, and Zach Rathbun.

Throughout the season the team faced a lot of adversity in terms of injuries as they lost 3 starters for the season and another 2-3 at other points during the year. The Titans took on a 'next man up' approach as new players stepped up week to week and helped the team remain successful throughout the year. Despite ending their season on a loss to Maple Grove, the Titans have a lot to be proud of with plenty of potential going forward into next season. One thing remains consistent, and that is the support of our two great communities and the Titans would like to say thank you!

No "Bull" About It

Hamilton to Play Div. I Basketball

Senior Marissa Hamilton got a "jump" on the 2016-2017 ECS Basketball season on November 9th by signing a National Letter of Intent to play Division I basketball next year at the University of Buffalo. On hand for Marissa's signing to become a "Bull" was her mom, Tammy; several relatives; classmates; teammates; and Chad Bartoszek, who has coached Marissa the past three years at ECS. Also present were Athletic Director Karl Schwartz, Principal Robert Miller, and Superintendent Mark J. Ward.

Congratulations and best wishes to Marissa. The entire ECS community is so proud of your accomplishments!



EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

The Ellicottville Central School in compliance with New York State Law, has adopted a New York State Guide to School Emergency Response Planning for the District. The Board of Education adopted such plan on August 9, 2016.

ECS: LEAD FREE

In accordance with recent legislation, all schools in New York State were required to test for the presence of lead in water faucets or fixtures where water was used for drinking or cooking. We are pleased to announce that the District passed with flying colors! Out of the 94 samples taken only one tested above the acceptable standards (0.15 micrograms per liter) and that has since been replaced with new piping and retested. You can be assured that our school water faucets, fixtures and water is safe for consumption and use!

A full report will be posted on the District's web site.

Thankful For Our Blessings

By Mark J. Ward, Superintendent

This is the time of the year when we need to stop and reflect on so many things. While life treats no two people the same way, all of us are faced with challenges. Some are very apparent and others are not. In many ways, it is how we meet or accept those challenges that will determine everything that comes next. I have often heard the phrase, "God never gives us more than we can handle," though it sometimes seems that some people are tested more than others.

Throughout our lives everyone will be faced with many road blocks, potential heartaches or situations that just do not seem fair or right. We will be forced to navigate through places and deal with things that may seem unimaginable to other people. Right now, in our own community, one family is dealing with that type of situation and they are doing it with a deep sense of love, inner strength and determination. They have gained a tremendous amount of strength and support from their family, friends and neighbors.

Another phrase I like is "Too whom much is given, much will be required."

When you think about blessings there are many things that come to mind... here are just a few to reflect upon: parents (past and present); health; happiness; family; good friends; decent job; ability to pay your bills and provide for your family; husband, wife, friend or partner to share life with; children; people who share common

interests with you; friendships; faith; home; resources; ability to learn; appreciate diversity; love; forgiveness; job where you are appreciated; beauty of our world.

Clearly, we can add more blessings to the list, but each of us has individual experiences that will impact that list and how it impacted our life. As you look back and reflect more on your life present or past, I believe our blessings far outweigh our challenges.

When you are down on yourself or your situation, if you think about it more, you can always think of someone who may be facing a more difficult situation. Try to be more thankful for what you have and it will allow you to approach life with a more upbeat and positive outlook. Sometimes it is just that positive spin that all of us need to take that will help us deal better with our own problems.

So as we enter this very special time of the year, do not allow the commercialization, Black Friday ads, shopping and parties take the true meaning out of Christmas. Be thankful for and appreciate the many blessings all of us have and do not lose sight of why we celebrate this time of the year.

From our "ECS Family" to yours, let me take this opportunity to wish you a very blessed Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

~Mark J Ward

Sweet Smelling Stocking Stuffers!

Are you looking for a good stocking stuffer for your little ones?

We may have the perfect thing for you. The class of 2020 is selling Smencils for a class fundraiser. **They are priced at just \$1.00 a piece.** While you help our class cover many costs, your kids will be super excited to see these Christmas morning!



Happy Holidays!

Christmas Break-School Closed:

Friday, December 23, 2016-

Monday, January 2, 2107

CLASSES RESUME

ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2017

Battery Recycling: Recycling containers will be in the high school and elementary offices. You may drop off button, coin or watch cell, A, AA, AAA, C, D or 9-volt batteries for recycling.



Drama Club News

One Act Plays

Twenty-two students participated in the One Act Plays under the direction of Jonathan Wilder this past October, on the new stage at ECS. Many of these students had never been in a stage production and have expressed a keen interest in joining the high school musical production in the Spring. Having had a successful start, we look forward to expanding this program with more students in next year's production.

The Little Mermaid Jr.

Our first ever 6th, 7th, and 8th grade musical turned out to be a lot of fun and an amazing experience for all involved. We had twenty-eight students performing on stage. We could not be more proud of our ECS drama students for all they learned in a short time. This show could not have happened without a great Drama team – Mrs. Wilder as director, Ms. Waldron working on music, Mrs. Weber taking over all of the dancing and Mrs. Bush with her amazing costume talent. This could not have happened without all the behind the scenes building, sound, lights, and creativity, that came together, also from family members, students, staff and friends.

We look forward to the future and performing many more musicals for our community. Thank you all for your continued support of the Drama Department.

High School Musical

TBD – audition dates will be announced soon. See Mrs. Wilder & Ms. Waldron for details. Mark your calendars – Production dates are March 30, 31 and April 1st. Hope to see you there!



**ONE
ACT
PLAYS**



The Little Mermaid Jr.



January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	School Closed: New Year's Holiday	2 Homework Club	3 Yearbook Easter Candy Brochure Sale Homework Club	4	5	6
8	Homework Club	9	7:00 pm Board of Education Meeting (HS Library) Homework Club	10	11	12
15	School Closed: Martin Luther King Jr. Day Class of 2019 Fundraiser	16 Homework Club	17 Homework Club	18	Eagle Time - 4th Grade Hosting "Dedication"	19
22	Homework Club	23	7:00 pm Board of Education Meeting (HS Library) Homework Club	24	Homework Club	25
29	Class of 2020 Fundraiser Winter Weekend Activities January 30-February 4	30 Homework Club	31		End of 2nd Marking Period 6:00 pm 6th Grade Moving Up Night 7:00 pm NHS Middle School Dance	26
					No School for Students: Superintendent's Day Solo Festival at ALCS	27
						28 Solo Festival at ALCS

ECS CALENDAR OF EVENTS



February 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Homework Club	1	2	2:00 pm Winter Weekend Pep Assembly
5	Homework Club	6	NHS Blood Drive 7:00 pm Board of Education Meeting (HS Library) Homework Club	7	8	9
12	Homework Club	13	Homework Club	14	Homework Club 6:00 pm PTO Lip Sync Talent Show	15
19	School Closed: President's Day	20	School Closed: Winter Recess	21	School Closed: Winter Recess	22
26	Class of 2018 Cookie Dough Sale Homework Club	27	Homework Club	28		23
					School Closed: Winter Recess	24
						25
						8:00 pm Winter Weekend Dance

Elementary Perfect Attendance

First Quarter: September 1–November 4, 2016

KINDERGARTEN

Miss Olson - Gabriel DeChane, Raegan Earley, Lilliana Horton, Ricky Howard, Carsten Kosinski, Calvin Pearl

Mr. Wilson – Brianna Bergeron, Marjorie Brown, Cayda Kruszynski, A.J. Myers, Lindsay Watson

Mrs. Woodarek – Rylynn Oakes

FIRST GRADE

Mrs. Bower – Carter Kaleta, Grayson Neal, Karle Northrup, Justin Weaver

Mrs. Keller – Sydney Clark, Keegan Kaleta, Carson Mendell, Sawyer Miller, Abigail Rust, Cooper Sciara, Jennifer Sliviak

Mr. Smith – Kelsey Feldbauer, Riley Northrup, Ausdynn Purdy, Matthew Rzucek, Collin Weber

SECOND GRADE

Miss Auge – Ainsley Edwards, Lauren Kovacs, Ava Pasinski.

Miss Klahn – Coleman Carls, Chloe Conklin, Ava Fuller, McKenzie Green, Dylan Russell, Nora Santiago, Raiddan Wickham

Mrs. Peters – Eli Atwater, Kristen Bless, Calum Farnum, Caramarie Giannicchi, Sarah Hart, Jadyne Nevins, Justin Pearl

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GO!

Fifth Grade Honor Roll

First Quarter: September 1–November 4, 2016

Mrs. Fitzpatrick – Shelby Colburn, Adrynn Dederick, Cameron Kaleta, Emma Lafferty, David Thompson, Kara White

Mrs. Moore – Evan Bauer, Emmylu Carls, Abby Chudy, Samuel Edwards, Mia Giannicchi, Aiden Harrington, Emma Krzanak

Ms. Cole – William Benatovich, Brooke Butler, Keelin Finn, Zoe Goode, Layla Kerns, Morgan Krotz, Cora Norton

Excellent WORK!

“Meeting the Challenge”



YEAR BOOK INFO

- **Old yearbooks are available** for purchase, as long as supplies last. The 2016 yearbook is \$50. Books from previous years are \$10. Contact Mrs. Bauer (cbauer@eville.wnyric.org) for more details.
- **If you are a local business** that would like to put an ad in the yearbook we are accepting ads now. Please contact Mrs. Bauer (cbauer@eville.wnyric.org) for more information.
- **In order to get a yearbook** you must reserve one before May 31st by putting at least \$10 down. Checks should be made out to ECS Yearbook.
- **Selling Easter candy for the fundraiser** will help earn money toward a yearbook. If you sell 30 items you will receive a free yearbook. If you sell less than 30 items you will get \$1 toward the yearbook for each item you sell. The fundraiser will be held in January.
- **If you have great pictures of students or staff** that you would like to see included in the yearbook please email them as a jpg attachment to cbauer@eville.wnyric.org.

ECS FITNESS CENTER

**Open to the Public
from 4–7 PM**

**Mondays, Wednesdays
& Thursdays**

(when school is in session)

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High School Honor & High Honor Roll

First Quarter: September 1–November 4, 2016

HONOR ROLL

TWELFTH GRADE

Haylee Adams, Jenna Aldrich, Aaron Blank, Brooke Coolidge, Nicholas Foster, Jerrett Gebauer, Summer Kelley, Jacob Marsh, Kayla Stoehr

ELEVENTH GRADE

Griffin Chudy, Emilee Delity, Lucas Foster, Halie Mowery, Phuong Nguyen, Noah Stuve

TENTH GRADE

Brenden Chudy, Jessica Jimerson, Michael McGuire, Abigail Siebert, Gabrielle Squires

NINTH GRADE

Robert Dungan, Gabriel Hauri, Niklas Logel, Kaitlyn McGuire, Evelyn Nuzzo, Audra Perkins, Adam Shingler, Makayla Tarr

EIGHTH GRADE

Jose Azcarate, Willow Comstock-Eastlick, Madison Delity, Jianna Flora, Brianna Freaney, Jake Hadley, Ashley Hall, Justin Imhoff, Leif Jimerson, Gavin Krist, Katelyn Lendvay, Mallory Little, John Pfeffer, Konner Pierce, Erin Quinn, Clayton Rowland, Lindsay Swalcy, Courtney Venturin, Brianna Winship, Coryn Yarnes

SEVENTH GRADE

Joshua Coolidge, Harley Ficek, Logan Grinols, Isabella Haskell, Matthew Ives, Lucas Marsh, Victoria Pearl, Daniel Pfeffer, Alexander Traina

SIXTH GRADE

Hali Fish, Chloe Huffman, Olivia Knab, Ryah Quinn

HIGH HONOR ROLL

TWELFTH GRADE

Ethan Blank, Robert Castillow, Emma Chew, Hannah Chew, Marissa Hamilton, Madison Harris, Shelby Imhoff, Noah Knight, Jay Magara, Benjamin Marsh, Heather Nicholson, Pranav Patel, Kaili Perkins, Andee Pierce, Victor Rieman, Aidan Rozler, Haley Saunders, Tarah Scharf, Sydney Smith, Robert Spell, Madison Swalcy, Liam Watt, Dylan Wilson

ELEVENTH GRADE

Rylie Aldrich, Kailin Auman, Tomara Bowen-Collateta, Evelyn Cortez, Hannah DeChane, Emily Durandetto, Zachary Golley, Kirkland Kaleta, Lisa Krotz, Ana Lopez, Alex Pangborn, Kourtney Robinson, Ashlee Ruiz, Mitchell Sexton, Daniel Tupchik, Anelain Wilson, Walter Woodarek

TENTH GRADE

Louisa Benatovich, Meganne Chapman, Elissa Cole, Kayleigh Coolidge, Brennan Finn, Allyson Fisher, Ned Hartsell, Ginna Hensel, Linnea Jimerson, Logan Knab, Zackary Krotz, Sierra Maybee, Abigail Sonnenberg

NINTH GRADE

Allison Calarco, Adrian de Orbe, Abbey DeChane, Abaigeal Donoghue, Brooke Eddy, Julianna Giannicchi, Megan Hartsell, McKenna Kaleta, Madisyn Kilby, Simon Lin, Cyrene Moore, Gracie Rounds, John Snyder, Samantha Van Wicklin

EIGHTH GRADE

Kolby Aldrich, Saily Bolya, Bryce Butler, Jalee Evans, Dairinn Finn, Hayly Fredrickson, Logan Fredrickson, Jenna Hadley, Alexander Hunt, Xander Ireland, Caleb Jennings, Aidan Joyce, Brett Kryniski, Kayla Krzanak, Cameron Lendvay, Sammi Lin, Calista Rounds, Sydney Saunders, Courtney Sexton, Orry Shattenberg, Adam Silvernail, Gabriel Snyder, Noah Steinbronner, Kelsea Tomczak, Jillian Tomsick, Macy White, Summer Wilson

SEVENTH GRADE

Isabella Bacon, Andrew Bolya, Maddox Bush, Cecelia Carls, Marissa Clark, Ella Crane, Ignacio de Orbe, Leilani Foster, Ethan Frank, Hannah Jacobson-Coolidge, Kaleb Kilby, Nicholas LoGiudice, Mikhayla Miller, Carly Neumann, Aiden Privitera, Alexis Redeye, Emilee Ruiz, Samuel Schwartz, Emma Steffenhagen, Elsa Woodarek, Jocelyn Wyatt

SIXTH GRADE

Breana Andrews, Olivia Bacon, Zachary Clark, Lita Conklin, Jaxon Czapla, Katrina DeChane, Gavin Dietrich, Christopher Flagg, Charles Hensel, Katryna Jennings, Katie Krotz, Errol Moore, Aidan Murray, Giancarlo Nuzzo, Kayla Romero, Jessi Rust, Erik Shattenberg, Alexander Silvernail, Selena Smith, Christian Swalcy, Leah Tupchik, Yahir Velazquez-Garcia, Sarah Weber, Alysa Williams, Bryce Wood, Caedon Wyatt

COMMUNITY WALK HOURS

Ellicottville Central School will host a Walk Program for community members until **April 28th**.

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.

ELLCOTTVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL SKI CLUB

*Let's Hit
the Slopes!*

NEW THIS YEAR

***On-Line Registration and Payment now Available.**

ECS students may now register for Ski Club by going directly to the Holiday Valley Website. We will be sending login in instructions and information to all parents so that you can take advantage of this new quick and easy way to sign your child/children up and then pay for Ski Club.

No Internet at Home... No Problem....

We will have computers set up in both the Elementary and High School offices for parents to use if needed to register for Ski Club. Please feel free to stop in and use these computers.

And, as always, you may use paper forms. These forms are now available at the ECS School Offices and may be filled out and returned to the ECS High School Office with the full payment. All checks should be made out to Win-Sum Ski Corporation.

ECS MUST review all applications, therefore, applications not completed on-line or through the ECS office 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 (either on-line or in the office) in order to receive the ECS combo pass rate. All combo pass pictures must be paid for in advance.

Again, registration for any of the plans must take place through ECS first (either the on-line website or in the office). You CANNOT register directly at Holiday Valley.

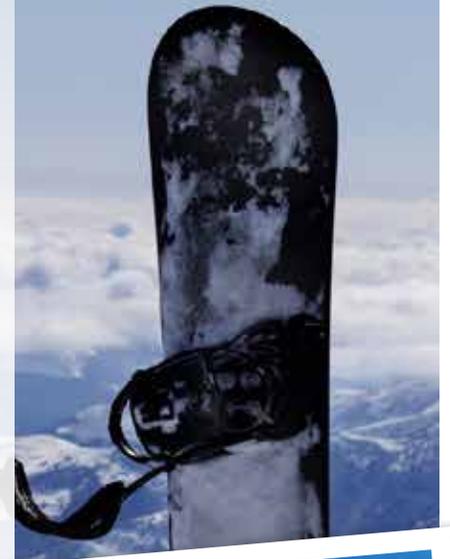
Plan I	\$70.00	Thursday night lift and lesson with a bonus day in March! (Student owned equipment)
Plan II (Ski)	\$134.00	8 weekly lessons and ski equipment rental package for Thursday Nights, with a bonus day in March!
Plan III (Board)	\$147.00	8 weekly lessons and snowboard equipment rental package for Thursday Nights, with a bonus day in March!
Plan IV	\$148.00	Night Combo Pass (Unlimited night skiing only.) Includes 8 Thursday Night Lessons. (Student owned equipment)
Plan V	\$208.00	Combo Pass (unlimited day and night skiing, includes 8 Thursday Night Lessons) (Student owned equipment)

(Unlimited Rentals are available at a cost of \$77.00 for skis and \$94.00 for Snowboards) Helmet rentals are \$13.00 for 8 week programs and \$23.00 for unlimited.

If any students are interested in joining a mid week two day ski trip to Stowe, VT, contact Mr. Hall. (February break, preliminary cost estimate \$350 which includes transportation, lodging, lift tickets, and meals.)



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Fighting Cancer Through Fundraising

Samantha Van Wicklin Honored

Samantha (Sammi) Van Wicklin, daughter of Mr. Robert and Melanie Van Wicklin was honored on November 15, 2016 in Buffalo, NY on National Philanthropy Day by the Association of Fundraising Professionals Western New York Chapter (AFP) as the **Outstanding Young Philanthropist**. Her story is an inspiration for others who may want to help in some way to make a difference.

Sammi, is a Freshman here at ECS and has been fundraising for Roswell Park Cancer Institute since 2012 after she found out that her mother's friend had cancer. Wanting to do something to help her, she and her father joined The Ride For Roswell.

Since then, Sammi has raised over \$86,000 for cancer research at Roswell Park. During the past five years, she has been one of the Top 10 fundraisers (out of over 8,000 riders) for three years in a row. This year she also led a team to raise additional money in honor of Sister Margaret Carney, former President of St. Bonaventure University, who was being treated at Roswell Park.

When Sammi first started she set her goal at \$100 and was worried about reaching this level. That year she raised more than \$4,000. The next year she set a goal of \$5,000 and raised close to \$7,000. In 2014, when her dad was deployed to Afghanistan, she set a goal at \$10,000 and raised over \$22,000, and in 2015 she decided to beat that amount and raised over \$23,500. This year her goal was to raise \$25,000 and form a team of 20 people to raise an additional \$35,000. Sammi raised



almost \$30,000 making her the fifth highest fundraiser out of more than 7,000 rides and Team SBU #CarneyStrong raised almost \$51,000, ranking tenth out of more than 650 teams.

The vast majority of Sammi's donors have never given to Roswell Park before she asked, and are from all over the country-including Alaska and Hawaii-with others from France and England.

At ECS, Sammi is an honor roll student, plays percussion in the band, plays volleyball and softball and when she is not fundraising she enjoys skiing, paddle boarding, reading and traveling. Her efforts are quite amazing when you keep in perspective her age and what an impact she has had already! Congratulations Sammi!