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Top Honors of the Class of 2018

Kourtney Robinson Earns Valedictorian; Lisa Krotz, Salutatorian

Kourtney Robinson is the daughter of Ted and Tracy Robinson. Kourtney is graduating as the valedictorian of her class with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors, with a weighted average of 113.13. She has been on high honor roll throughout her high school career. Kourtney received the Mary Elizabeth Eaton Scholarship at the NHS County Banquet.

Kourtney is Treasurer of the Class of 2018, President of French Club, and Vice President of National Honor Society. She participates in ESPRA and Jazz Band. This past year, she played in the Pit Orchestra for the musical and accompanied a Christmas Cantata. Kourtney was captain of the varsity soccer team and a peer tutor. She has spent much of her time volunteering. While in high school, she worked two ski seasons at Holimont.

Kourtney will be attending Macalester College in Saint Paul, Minnesota, where



Kourtney Robinson

she will major in math and chemistry.

Lisa Krotz is the daughter of Sara and Randy Krotz. She has earned the position of Salutatorian with a weighted average of 111.19 and will graduate with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors. She was selected into the New Vision Health Professions Program at the Olean BOCES Center for her senior year. Lisa has served as the President of Student



Lisa Krotz

Council and Treasurer of Drama Club during her senior year. She is a member of National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, Varsity Softball, Varsity Bowling, ESPRA, Peer Tutoring, Band and Chorus.

Lisa works at Watson's Chocolates, SteelBound Brewery and Distillery, and as a lifeguard at Holiday Valley Public Pools. Lisa has volunteered at the Ellicottville Historical Society during the summer, served at the Senior Citizen Dinner, accumulated over 25 hours of peer tutoring experience, and enjoys community service.

Lisa has been the recipient of the George Eastman Young Leaders Award, Clarkson University Leadership Award, Youth Citizenship Award, and the National Honor Society Distinguished Service Award. Lisa will be attending the University at Buffalo as a Daniel Ackers Scholar, where she will be majoring in Biomedical Sciences, and plans to become a trauma surgeon.

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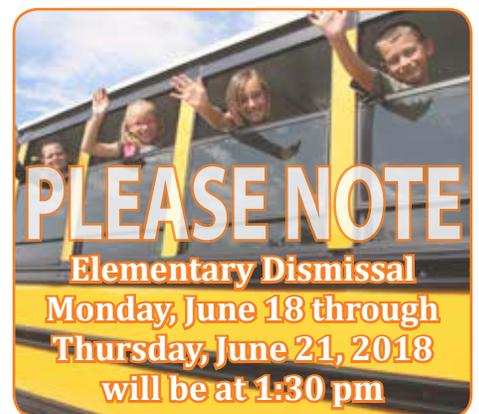
SAVE THE DATE: Friday, June 22, 2018

Baccalaureate Breakfast

8:30 am at St. Paul's Church in Ellicottville

Class of 2018 Graduation Ceremony

7:00 pm at Ellicottville Central School



PLEASE NOTE

Elementary Dismissal

**Monday, June 18 through
Thursday, June 21, 2018
will be at 1:30 pm**



Sun Safety

It's good for children and adults to spend time playing and exercising outdoors, and it's important to do so safely.

Simple Rules to Protect your Family from Sunburns

- Keep babies younger than 6 months out of direct sunlight. Find shade under a tree, an umbrella, or the stroller canopy.
- When possible, dress yourself and your children in cool, comfortable clothing that covers the body, such as lightweight cotton pants, long-sleeved shirts, and hats.
- Select clothes made with a tight weave; they protect better than clothes with a looser weave. If you're not sure how tight a fabric's weave is, hold it up to see how much light shines through. The less light, the better. Or you can look for protective clothing labeled with an Ultraviolet Protection Factor (UPF).
- Wear a hat with an all-around 3-inch brim to shield the face, ears, and back of the neck.
- Limit your sun exposure between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm when UV rays are strongest.
- Wear sunglasses with at least 99% UV protection. Look for child-sized sunglasses with UV protection for your child.
- Use sunscreen.
- Make sure everyone in your family knows how to protect his or her skin and eyes. Remember to set a good example by practicing sun safety yourself.

Finishing the Year Strong!

It is hard to believe that the end of the school year is almost here. It seems like just yesterday we were welcoming students to the 2017-18 school year! ...And, now, final exams are just around the corner and members of the Class of 2018 are eagerly anticipating graduation.

Looking back over the year, ECS experienced a tremendous amount of success. From sports teams and Drama Club productions to robotics competitions and, most importantly, classroom achievements; the students at ECS have once again proven they are an extremely talented and hard working group. The students' drive to succeed does not "just happen;" it is a trait that is instilled by parents and family and further cultured by the staff at the school. It is a team effort and, I may be biased, but I think that ECS is second to none when it comes to student achievement!

As we head into the final weeks of the school year, I know that students will continue to try their hardest while parents and teachers provide encouragement to study hard and finish the year strong! This will set the stage for the 2018-19 school year, but that is another story to be continued later...

For now, my hope is that students are able to relax as they prepare to take on next year at ECS, or in the case of graduates, the next phase of your journey in life, whether it is college, the military or the workforce. Your work and studies at ECS have prepared you for success! **Congratulations and Best Wishes to the Class of 2018!**

Have a Safe and Enjoyable Summer!

Robert R. Miller, Superintendent

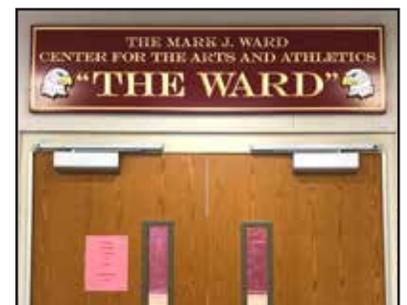


"The Ward" Legacy Lives On

On behalf of the Ellicottville Central School Board of Education, staff, students and community we would like to congratulate Mr. Mark J. Ward on the official dedication of The Mark J. Ward Center for the Arts and Athletics "The Ward".

"The Ward" was officially dedicated on Monday, May 14, 2018 with faculty and students in attendance.

Congratulations, Mr. Ward!



Continued Top Honors: *Andelain Wilson, Hannah DeChane & Kirkland Kaleta*

Andelain Wilson is the daughter of Scott and Susan Wilson. She is ranked third in her class academically and will graduate with an Advanced Regents Diploma, with a weighted average of 107.47.

Ande has been Vice President of her class, President of National Honor Society, and Secretary of Spanish Club. She has also been involved in cheerleading, soccer, band, and ESPRA.

While in high school, she worked at Watson's Chocolates. She has accumulated over 180 hours of community service

through town and highway cleanups, decorating the town of West Valley for Christmas, donating/transporting/organizing donations for the Teacher's Desk, volunteering as a Summer Soccer Camp Coach, volunteering at the Kindergarten/1st Grade Homework Club, and other various school activities. Ande plans to attend Hilbert College, where she will major in Business Management.

Hannah DeChane is the daughter of Thomas and Terra DeChane. Hannah is ranked fourth in her class, with a weighted average of 107.38 and is the class Secretary. Hannah is a member of National Honor Society, Drama Club, Peer Tutoring, and ESPRA. She was also a part of Jazz Band and the Secretary of the French Club. Hannah has also been on high honor roll for



Andelain Wilson Hannah DeChane Kirkland Kaleta

her entire high school career.

During high school, Hannah worked at the Great Valley Summer Program and the Great Valley Berry Patch. She volunteered her time teaching religion classes with her mother, helping at the museum in Ellicottville, and aiding in running the donation sale for Heifer International with the French Club.

Hannah plans to attend SUNY Geneseo with a major in Sociology.

Kirkland Kaleta is the daughter of Leanne and John Kaleta. She has achieved the 5th highest average in her grade, with a weighted average of 107.26, and will graduate with an Advanced Regent's Diploma. She was on high honor roll throughout her high school career. Kirkland has lead a busy school career, as she

actively participated in multiple sports and clubs year round. She is proud to have been a member of National Honor Society, Student Council, ESPRA, Quiz Bowl, Yearbook and Drama club. Kirkland is equally proud for being a captain of varsity track and field her junior year as well as playing on the varsity soccer team since 10th grade. Besides extracurricular and athletics, Kirkland has spent a good deal of time volunteering and performing community service for school functions. Over the course of her high school years, Kirkland has worked at Holiday Valley as a ski instructor, customer service representative, and a cater server. Kirkland plans on attending Jamestown Community college tuition free then transferring to Buffalo State for Engineering.

Trap Team News

The Ellicottville Trap team wrapped up its season of the Eastern Conference Scholastic Trap League. Award winners were honored at the Franklinville Conservation Club. The NRA presented a generous Foundation Grant to the team to help defer the cost of participation for students and families.

Pictured from left to right: Colby O'Stricker – Male High Score, Aidan Murray – Most Improved, Caleb Ploetz, Nathan Ploetz, Nathan Niesty – Team Trophy, and Elizabeth Jacobson-Coolidge – Female High Score.



PTO News



SAVE YOUR BOX TOPS!

Please save your Box Tops over the summer, as the PTO will hold a contest when we return to school in the fall. Please be sure to watch for expiration dates (there will be some that expire at the end of June and August). You can always send your Box Tops in to the elementary office or drop them off at the Great Valley Post Office.

FIELD DAY

Information about this year's PTO Field Day will be sent home with elementary students. Students in grades Pre-K–5th will be receiving a Field Day t-shirt purchased by the PTO and several local businesses. Thank you to the many businesses in our community that were willing to be a sponsor for these shirts.



St. Jude Children's
Research Hospital

TAB CONTEST WINNER

Congratulations to Mrs. Moore's 5th grade class on winning this year's PTO Tab Contest! They were able to enjoy a nice treat of ice cream sandwiches. Thank you to all of the crew at Central Station in Salamanca (Jake Link, Mike Link, Guy Nash, Vickie Waite, Billie Jo Andrews, Jason Rickert and customers), the Ellicottville American Legion, and other local businesses for donating their tabs to our students. Please continue to save your tabs from cans over the summer as well. Tabs can come from any aluminum cans such as pop, water, pet food, soup cans, etc. We will hold a contest again next spring to donate the tabs to WPIG radio station. They donate the money from the tabs to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

Class of 2018 Future Plans



Rylie Aldrich

Jamestown Community College
Digital Graphics

Kailin Auman

Medaille
English

Vaughn Bomberly

Fort Lewis College
English

Elliot Bowen

Alfred University
History

Tomara Bowen-Collateta

Keuka College
Social Work

Griffin Chudy

Alfred State College
Sports Management

Evelyn Cortez

Niagara University
Criminal Psychology

MacKenzie Czapla

University of Pittsburgh-Bradford
Undecided

Hannah DeChane

Geneseo
Sociology

Ices Decker

Savannah College of Art &
Design
Graphic Design

Emilee Delity

Alfred State College
Agricultural Technician

Emily Durandetto

Niagara County Comm. College
Psychology

Seth Epps

Jamestown Community College
Accounting

Lucas Foster

Alfred State College
Heavy Equipment Operation

Zachary Golley

Employment

Austin Grinols

Erie Community College
Undecided

Elizabeth Jacobson-Coolidge

College of Env. Sci. & Forestry
Natural Resources Mgt.

Kirkland Kaleta

Jamestown Community College
Engineering

Lisa Krotz

University at Buffalo
Biomedical Science

Zachary Kurtis

Monroe Community College
Mechanical Engineering

Deric Leiper

Brockport
Finance

Joran Lyford

University of Oregon
Animal Science

Halie Mowery

Jamestown Community College
Sonography

Frank Neff

Employment

Robert Neumann

Medaille
Sports Management

Hunter O'Stricker

Jamestown Community College
Industrial Equipment Tech.

Evan Palmatier

Jamestown Community College
Education

Alex Pangborn

University of Pittsburgh-Bradford
Psychology

Evan Quinn

Fredonia
Education-History

Allison Raecher

Employment

Parker Rieman

St. John Fisher College
Education & American Studies

Samuel Riley

Jamestown Community College
Industrial Equipment Tech.

Kourtney Robinson

Macalester College
Math & Chemistry

Ashlee Ruiz

University of Pittsburgh-Bradford
Nursing

Mitchell Sexton

Fredonia
Finance

Janel Stuve

Geneseo
Biology

Noah Stuve

St. Bonaventure University
Computer Science

Daniel Tupchik

University at Buffalo
Pharmacology

Deni Whitmore

Jamestown Community College
Psychology

Andelain Wilson

Hilbert College
Business Management

Walter Woodarek

Alfred State College
Welding

ECS Budget Vote and BOE Election Results

BASIC BUDGET - PROPOSITION #1

Resolved: That the Board of Education of the Ellicottville Central School District in the County of Cattaraugus, State of New York, **BE AND IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXPEND THE SUM OF \$12,753,502** for the 2018/2019 school year budget. *The Basic Budget will provide funds for all educationally related services and the maintenance of our school building.*

YES 342 NO 53

SCHOOL BUS LEASE - PROPOSITION #2

Resolved: This proposition will authorize the Board of Education of the Ellicottville Central School District in the County of Cattaraugus, State of New York, to levy an additional (not to exceed) \$36,000 to lease 2 IC CE (66 passenger) 2019 International School Buses for each of the next five years (five annual payments) commencing with the 2018/2019 school year.

YES 346 NO 46

ELLCOTTVILLE MEMORIAL LIBRARY TAX - PROPOSITION #3

Resolved: Shall the proposition be approved authorizing the Board of Education of the Ellicottville Central School District to levy taxes annually in the amount of \$31,164 and to pay over such monies to the trustees of the Ellicottville Memorial Library.

YES 293 NO 99

BOE MEMBER ELECTION VOTING

The candidates receiving the two highest numbers of votes will each serve a five-year term, beginning on July 1, 2018 and expiring on June 30, 2023.

158 Erin Cornelius 100 Clayton Silvernail
52 Ellen Fenton (Write-in Candidate)
212 Debra Golley Donn Hensel – 1 vote
210 William Murphy

JUNE							2018
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
					1 8:00 am Darien Lake HS Band Competition	2 7:00 pm PROM	
3	4 Gr. 4 & Gr. 8 Science Test (Written) 6:00 pm Spring Sports Banquet	5 8:15 am RE Global History & Geography 7:00 pm Board of Education Meeting (HS Library)	6	7 7:00 pm Club Jazz	8	9	
10	11 1:15 pm 5th Grade Play and Eagle Time 2:00 pm MS Awards Ceremony Last Day of Classes Gr.7-12 7:00 pm 5th Grade Play	12 Local & Regents Exams	13 Local & Regents Exams	14 Local & Regents Exams	15 Local Exams	16	
17	18 Local & Regents Exams 8th Grade Trip to Washington, D.C. 1:30 pm Dismissal for Elementary Students	19 Local & Regents Exams 8:00 am PTO Elementary Field Day 1:30 pm Dismissal for Elementary Students 7:00 pm Board of Education Meeting (HS Library)	20 Local & Regents Exams 1:30 pm Dismissal for Elementary Students	21 Local & Regents Exams Last Day of School, 1:30 pm Dismissal for Elementary Students	22 8:30 am Baccalaureate Breakfast 7:00 pm Graduation	23	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	

French Students Travel to Quebec, Canada

By Louisa Benatovich

The Canadian province of Quebec is home to the only fortified city in North America. Encircled by a wall, one might think that the Quebecois would be snobby and standoffish. This couldn't be further from the truth. Nineteen Ellicottville Central School French students partnered with Brocton High School for the trip of a lifetime. Little did they know that their journey would break down more walls than the city is known for.

Upon arrival in Quebec, we were greeted by Steeve, our tour guide. Quebecois to the core, he never tired of our incessant questions about his homeland. After a good night's sleep at the Hotel Clarendon, the group took on Old Quebec. We toured with Steeve for several hours; him explaining the history behind the churches and statues, us listening as best we could without being too distracted by all the new sounds and smells. We explored the upper and lower parts of this magnificent city, popping into shops and enjoying the poutine (a traditional Canadian dish of french fries, cheese curds and topped with brown gravy). After visiting Quebec's citadelle and attempting to move a cannon, we journeyed to the mall. It was like we were back in the States again.

The Sugar Shack, a maple syrup farm and dinner destination, welcomed us with fiddle music, spoon-playing, traditional French-Canadian dancing, and fun. We



dined on meat pie, chicken, egg, soup, baked beans, sausage, and crepes. Maple syrup was added to all but the water. The next day, we breakfasted at Chez Marie, a small rural establishment known for their exquisite homemade bread and maple butter. We visited St. Anne's Cathedral, admiring the beauty of its stained glass windows and mosaics. It was haunting to see the ceiling-high shelves filled with crutches, cancer treatment masks, and wheelchairs. After, we journeyed to a family owned copper workshop. We all drew an image on a thin sheet of the metal and extruded it with tools. Boasting our new creations, we drove to the Montmorency Falls. Standing on the bridge, we watched the anxiety-

inducing brown water rush into white froth. After some free time (and lots of shopping) in Old Quebec, we were taken to a tower reenactment. Two women, dressed as British captains, treated us as new army recruits. We split into four teams, playing various games to earn points. After a lovely dinner and nighttime ferry ride, it was time to say good bye to our beloved tour guide. The Quebec Trip had been a wonderful opportunity for Mme. Whistler's students to practice their French, and broaden their world view. As Ellicottville students exited the bus, tearfully embracing their newfound Brocton friends, they knew that Quebec, the accent of the north, had changed them for good.

EGG DROP COMPETITION



On May 15th, twenty students competed in the annual egg drop competition at the 2018 Ellicottville Science Exposition. This year, three Earth Science students' designs successfully survived the 80 foot drop.

Congratulations to Alex Hunt, Noah Steinbroner, and Jacob Rust, as well as, a job well done to all of the competitors.





Guest Speaker at ECS

On Wednesday April 18th, students in Ms Brierton's Earth Science classes, SUPA Earth System Science class and 6th grade students in Ms. Cole's, Mrs. Sexton's and Mrs. Palmatier's classes attended a guest speaker presentation on the changes to the Helheim Glacier in Greenland. The guest speaker was a graduate student from the University at Buffalo, Carolyn Roberts. After the presentation, Carolyn presented a glacier model with the students and she answered questions. The guest speaker proved to be an experience for students to see real world changes on global glaciers. Carolyn also spent a lunch period with the SUPA Earth Science students discussing her research on lunar rilles. The following is a write-up of her experiences.

Carolyn Roberts, Ph.D. student in the Geology department, University at Buffalo (expected 2019). She received a M.S in Geology, from University at Buffalo in 2014 and a B.S in Earth Science, with an Astronomy concentration, from Central Connecticut State University, in 2009.

Carolyn enjoys using remote sensing to learn about physical processes on Earth and other planetary bodies. She is currently examining the elevation records of Greenland outlet glaciers using highly accurate laser altimetry data and Digital Elevations Models. Her previous research topics include mapping lunar lava tubes, and determining landing sites in lunar polar regions. She is the Vice President of the UB Geology Graduate Student Association (GGSA), and co-chairs the GGSA's outreach and tutorials committees. If she could (safely) travel to & explore any planetary body, Carolyn would choose Titan.



Celebrating Earth Day

First Grade Visits Botanical Gardens

First Grade classes were able to celebrate Earth Day in a rather unique way this year. Using money from the Tony Casetta Fund, the First Grade was able to take an Earth Day Field Trip to the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens. Classes engaged in a guided tour of the gardens filled with interesting facts about the various plants. They learned about the importance of plants and how important it is to take care of the Earth. Following the tour, the classes were able to participate in an art activity where each student was able to design his/her own succulent garden. Students acted as horticulturalists, adding succulents, stones, gems, and colored sand to their mini-gardens.



THANK YOU!

The Class of 2020 would like to say "Thank You!" to everyone who supported the Hot Dog fund-raiser on May 15, 2018.



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