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The Drowsy Chaperone:

The Ellicottville High School Drama Club is pleased to announce their upcoming production, *The Drowsy Chaperone*. While not as well-known as many of the more standard musicals, *The Drowsy Chaperone* is a relatively new show which, in 2006, won five Tony Awards as well as nine Drama Desk Awards.

The musical uses a device known as “a show within a show” where the main character, *Man In Chair* (Gabe Snyder), invites the audience to listen with him as he plays his favorite record, *The Drowsy Chaperone*, which is a little known musical from 1928. As he puts the needle down onto the record, his modest New York studio apartment magically transforms into the *Morosco Theater* in 1928 where the production is about to begin.

We are soon introduced to the wealthy, yet senile, Mrs. Tottendale (Lindsey Swalcy) and her butler, Underling (Brett Kryniski) in her mansion. Just as we learn that there is going to be a wedding that very day, the entire cast breaks into the scene including the groom, Robert Martin (Evan Quinn), his best man George (Cory Yarnes), the producer Victor Feldzieg (Meganne Chapman), his ‘travelling companion’ Kitty (Callie Rounds), two gangsters disguised as pastry chefs (Lucas Adams & Jon Hawkins), the Latin Lover Aldolpho (Gabe Hauri), the bride Janet Van der Graf (Kayleigh Coolidge), *The Drowsy Chaperone* (Rylie Aldrich), and *Trix The Aviatrix* (Kelsey Tomczak). As evidenced from the line up, you can see that we are in for a zany ride.

Rounding out the cast is: Allyson Fisher, Jaclyn Freundsuh, Hannah DeChane, Allison Calarco, Erin Quinn, Bri Winship, Sammi Van Wicklin, Joesph Freundsuh, Emily Durandetto, Ices Decker, Jaylee Evans, Kirkland Kaleta, Heli Kongats, Maddy Kilby, Gabby Squires, Abby Ploetz, Dairinn Finn, Walter Woodarek, and Emma Steffenhagen.



Also in the production are Ginna Hensel (Percussion) and Kourtney Robinson (Flute) in the Pit Orchestra, Louisa Benatovich as the Stage Manager and Alex Hunt running the light board.

The production runs Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 15-17 at 7:00 pm at

the High School. The show is Directed and Conducted by Jon Wilder with Vocal Director, Pat Waldron; Choreographer, Elizabeth Weber; Accompanist, Jamie Edwards; and Producer, Crystal Wilder. **Tickets are \$7 at the door.**

Ensuring Student & Staff Safety

In the wake of recent tragedies at schools in the United States, I have been asked: "What is ECS doing to ensure the safety of students and staff?" Please be assured that we at ECS take safety very seriously and are constantly revisiting our safety plans and procedures. But, what exactly does this mean? I would like to explain a little more of what we are doing to ensure the safety of everyone at school; from the most obvious to the less visible steps.

The most obvious step we take to ensure student safety may very well be the drills we conduct through the year. Fire drills have been around for decades and we continue to have many of these every year. More recently, we have been conducting at least four lockdown drills a year. We have already had two this year and they ran quite smoothly. After the first drill, the staff that was responsible for "sweeping" the building met to discuss observations. Small necessary changes were noted, addressed, and, when the second drill took place, the corrections were noted. We still have two more lockdown drills to run this year and will be doing so in the near future.

The next most visible aspect to ensuring student safety may, perhaps, be the new cameras at entrance doors. Visitors wishing to access the school during the school day now have to "buzz-in" and before the doors are unlocked, a staff member can actually see the person and ask questions via a camera

intercom system. In addition to these cameras, the school recently installed over 60 cameras throughout the building to assist with safety. These cameras have greater resolution, allow for magnification and have better recording/playback capabilities than previous systems.

Throughout the school year, ECS has a safety committee that meets to review current plans/procedures, and recommend changes/updates. This committee is comprised of administrators, teachers, support staff and Board of Education members. One of the items this committee developed in conjunction with support from county, state and local resources is a flip chart that every staff member has. This flip chart allows staff to very quickly access information including detailed steps of how to proceed with various emergency situations. This flip chart is discussed often at faculty meetings, where questions are clarified, suggestions made, etc. Speaking of meetings on safety, a good portion of the upcoming staff development day on March 16th will be devoted to this very topic. In addition to meetings at the school, superintendents in the area will also be meeting with law enforcement to learn more about what we can do, discuss various plans/programs, etc.

Within the school, we also recognize the importance of focusing on students and their needs. Guidance counselors and the school psychologist stand ready to meet with students as needed and offer help and support. If necessary, they may conduct a



threat assessment to determine the level of help a student needs. We are also always looking to learn how we can best help students in this area. Administration and staff members are registered for some upcoming workshops this spring regarding best practices for helping students experiencing emotional stress. I would also like to let parents know that you can ALWAYS reach out to the school to request assistance for your child/children or to report a concern.

Ellicottville is a special and tight knit school community that has always worked hard to ensure the safety of students and staff. Continued planning, awareness and learning will help to ensure that Ellicottville remains a safe place. If you ever have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 699-2368 extension 1301.

Robert R. Miller
Superintendent of Schools

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**School Will Be Closed
on March 16th
for Superintendent's Day**

Two Board of Education Seats Available

Nominating petitions for the Ellicottville Central School District Board of Education are now available. **The annual election will be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2018** to fill the seats currently held by board members Mr. Roger Spell and Mr. William Murphy. **Nominating petitions must be filed with the District Clerk by 5:00p.m. on Monday, April 16, 2018.**

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, at least 18 years of age, and 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 two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will each serve a five-year term, beginning on July 1, 2018 and expiring on June 30, 2023.

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.

Odyssey of the Mind Teams



Students Hard at Work Preparing for Competition

Four dedicated Odyssey of the Mind teams are meeting and working after school and Saturdays to prepare solutions to this year's Odyssey of the Mind problems.

Coach McGuire's team, **Triathlon Travels** (Chloe Carson, Jayden Doutt, Liam McGuire, Mackenzie Noga, Xavier Peters, Adrian Taylor and Adelaide Weber), is designing a team powered vehicle that must curl, joust, and travel a race course with some humorous coaching and commentary.



Coach Blakesslee's team, **Classics Mockumentary** (Bianca Bush, Tobias Coburn, Teaghan Finn, Tea Fuller, Kayedance Hayes, Mike Kerns and Anna Nazareth), will be performing an unusual take about a classic story, with some interviews of original and not-so-original characters. Who is telling the truth? The judges will decide!



Coach Lafferty's team, **Animal House** (Adrynn Dedrick, Audrey Hurlburt, Katie Krotz, Emma Lafferty, Allison Pfeffer, Sara Weber and Kara White), is hard at work building their balsa wood structure to hold as much weight as they can place on it in 8 minutes, while performing a skit about the structure and how it happened to get to where it is.



Coach McNeil-Wedvik's team, **Stellar Hangout** (Kiera Baldwin, Katie Bless, Grady Byroads, Kyle Robinson, Olivia Tighe, Oliver Wedvik and Skye Wood), is going to have the judges laughing over their interpretation of what happens when space travelers meet in an intergalactic hangout. Their performance promises to be transformational!



CREATIVITY

2018 CCAA Roll-Off Results

Strong Finishes for Both Boys and Girls ECS Teams

Bylle Lanes in Bradford, Pennsylvania hosted this year's CCAA Boys and Girls Roll-Off Tournaments in February.

The Boy's Team finished in First Place while the Girl's Team finished Fourth. We had a strong showing by several members of both teams, several taking home individual honors. Way to go Eagles!

Pictured (Clockwise): Boys Roll-Offs Champions (Front, L-R): Alex Hunt, Adam Delity and Coach Diana Olson. Back, L-R; Lucas Adams, Justin Imhoff, Kolby Aldrich and Jamison Caldwell.



Individual Winners

(L to R): Jared Kibbee, Dunkirk (High Handicap Game – 257); Jamison Caldwell, Ellicottville (High Handicap Series – 699); Alex Nelson, Southwestern (High Scratch Series – 590); Connor Wright, Gowanda (High Scratch Game – 233)

Girls Bowling

Team: (Front, L-R; Abby Ploetz, Dairinn Finn, and Kelsea Tomczak. Back, L-R; Ashlee Ruiz, Macy White and Emily Durendetto.



SAVE-The-Date!
WINTER SPORTS
BANQUET
MARCH 19, 2018
at 6:00 PM

PLEASE
School Will Be Closed
for Spring Break from
March 30th through
April 8th, 2018
NOTE

Modified Basketball Update

By Coach Keenan

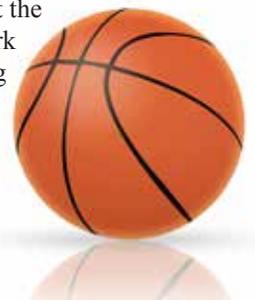
The Boy's Modified Basketball team concluded its season with a combined 7th and 8th grade record of 3 wins against 19 losses. This was a group that had several players with little or no experience, and it took them some time to develop some basketball skills. Several players showed great growth throughout the season and worked hard to learn new skills quickly.

Once again we were a combined team with two 7th grade players, Ben Fisher and Zach Westfall from West Valley. These two joined Aidan Murray, Braylon Wyatt, Zach Clark, Yahir Velazquez-Garcia, Errol Moore, Gian Nuzzo, Koda Curtis, Liam Jimerson, Gavin Dietrich and Tristen Farnum to make up the 7th grade roster.

Seventh grader, Jaxson Czapl was asked to "play up" with the 8th grade

squad due to a shortage of boys available from that grade. Jaxson was joined by Isaac Alexander, Dalton Gonzalez, Maddox Bush, Andrew Bolya, and Josh Coolidge. 9th grader Hunter Bomberry also joined this group and showed the most improvement of any of the players learning very quickly in his first year of organized basketball.

I hope the 8th graders work hard in the off season and wish those that want to play JV ball next year the best of luck. I am also hopeful that the 7th graders also work on their skills during the off season and I look forward to seeing them again next year.



Perfect Attendance Award!

***Congratulations to the following
2nd quarter, elementary students:***

KINDERGARTEN:

Miss Olson – Reagan Pawlowski, Isabelle Perkins, Audri Scott.
Mr. Wilson – Trevor Beeson, Myla Brennan, Emma Kovacs, Paisley Nelson, Aiden Schultz.
Mrs. Woodarek – Bianca Davies, Thomas Green, Leona Hill, Mason LaCroix, Amanda Teeft.

FIRST GRADE:

Mrs. Bower – Marjorie Brown, Tareyn Foster, Grace Griffith, Whitney Powers.
Mrs. Keller – Kallen Halipainy, Logan Hansen, Cayda Kruszynski, Ella Weber, Nicholas Wedvik.
Mr. Smith – Marshall DeChane, John Freundsuh, Andrew Myers, Deegan Newark, Taylor Perks, Stella Tupchik.

SECOND GRADE:

Miss Auge – Angus Howard, Carter Kaleta, Sawyer Miller, Grayson Neal, Matthew Rzucek, Jennifer Sliviak.
Miss Klahn – Tobias Beeson, Zachary Brennan, Jersie Czapl, Gabriel Fusco, Keegan Kaleta, Katie Lafferty, Cooper Sciara, Collin Weber.
Mrs. Peters – Kelsey Feldbauer, Daniel Kruszynski, Carson Mendell, Coleman Milks, Karle Northrup, Jackson Tomsick.

THIRD GRADE:

Mrs. Donoghue – Eli Atwater, Kristen Bless, Ava Fuller, Reed Nazareth.
Mrs. Norton – Aimee Abrams, Malie Curtis, Danielle Dunkleman, Eliza Murray, Jadyne Nevins, Ava Pasinski.
Mr. Przybyla – Christopher Edwards, Parker Gebauer, Lauren Kovacs, McKenzie Green, Nora Santiago, Benjamin Wedvik.

FOURTH GRADE:

Mr. Delity – Faith Burlingame, Bianca Bush, Patrick Hesse, Brogann Howard, Chevy Kelley, Anna Nazareth, Ande Northrup, Makayla Potter, Skye Wood.
Miss Stormer – Drew Ficek, Delaney Myers, Owen Quinn, Oliver Wedvik, Hunter Woodarek.
Mrs. Tomblin – Kohl Bryant, Kaden Button, Kristopher Curtis, Jackson Kruszynski, Cameron Mendell, Camden Palmatier.

FIFTH GRADE:

Mrs. Fitzpatrick – Alyssa Flagg, Tea Fuller, Ryan Metzger, Parker Quinn, Kyle Robinson, Louise Scott.
Mrs. Moore – Kathryn Bless, Chloe Carson, Benjamin Edwards, Natalee Leiper, Liam McGuire, Laurena Mooney, Ryan Norton, Cheyenne Rust, Colton Taylor, Ava Woodarek.



Important Yearbook Information



The school year will end before you know it:

- 📷 Old yearbooks are available for purchase, as long as supplies last. **The 2017 yearbook is \$30.** Books from previous years are \$10. Contact Mrs. Bauer (cbauer@eville.wnyric.org) for more details.
- 📷 **You need to put at least \$10 down to reserve a yearbook.** If you do not reserve one then you can purchase them a week after they come in, if there are any left after all reserved ones have had a chance to be claimed.
- 📷 If you sold Easter candy, you have a yearbook reserved for you. **If you sold 30 items, your book is free.** If you sold less than 30 items, you will get a dollar off for each item you sold.
- 📷 If you have great pictures you have taken that you think might be good for the yearbook, email them to Mrs. Bauer at cbauer@eville.wnyric.org.




SAVE-The-Date!
NHS BLOOD DRIVE
APRIL 24, 2018



Quiz Bowl Team

ECS Performs Well Again This Year at Portville

The ECS Quiz Bowl Team did a great job at the Scholastic Challenge in Portville this year. Participating in the senior division, the team of Parker Rieman, Kirkland Kaleta, Louisa Benatovich, Madisyn Kilby, and Alex Hunt had a narrow loss in the quarter finals. They showed great sportsmanship and had a fun day!

Picture, L-R: Parker Rieman, Louisa Benatovich, Alex Hunt, Madisyn Kilby and Kirkland Kaleta.

Eagle's Nest News

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Eagle's Nest is a certified program, through the CRLA organization. CRLA is the College Reading and Learning Association. We are the first high school in New York State to earn this certification. Any tutor who completes the training and tutors a minimum of twenty-five hours will be internationally certified. Many colleges are affiliated with the CRLA organization so certified tutors will often be able to join the tutoring staff at their college without going through the training process.

OUR NEWEST TEAM MEMBERS

Two tutors have earned their CRLA tutoring certification, Gabe Snyder and Sammi Lin. To earn certification, a student must complete one year of training, which is every Tuesday from 3-4. In addition, the student must complete twenty-five hours of tutoring. This is a lot of work on top of an already busy schedule of academics and sports. **Congratulations Gabe and Sammi!**



WANT TO BE A TUTOR?

We are no longer taking applications to be a tutor for this year but keep us in mind for next year.

NEED TO BE TUTORED?

Are you worried about your grades? See Mrs. Bauer about getting a tutor.

PTO Update



Please Send in Your Box Tops!

The PTO is always collecting Box Tops! Send your Box Tops in to the school or you can drop them off at TOPS in Ellicottville and at the Great Valley Post Office.

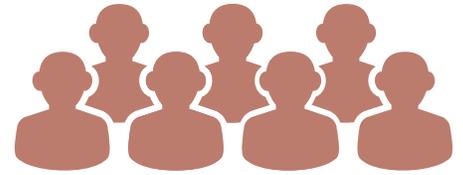
Spring 2018 Events:

- **Dime Carnival:**
Friday, April 13th (5:30pm-7:30pm)
- **Mother/Son Dance:**
Friday, May 11th (6:00pm)
- **Science Exposition:**
Tuesday, May 15th (6:00pm-7:00pm)
- **Field Day:**
June 19th (8:30am-10:30 am)

BOGO BOOKS

SPRING BOOK FAIR:

Our “Buy 1 Get 1 Free” Spring Book Fair will be held on Thursday, April 26th and Friday, April 27th 8:00am-3:30pm and on Friday, April 27th 5:30-7:30 during the Daddy Daughter Dance.



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 you can email **Diana Olson** at dolson@eville.wnyric.org.



PTO Dime Carnival!

This year's Dime Carnival is being held on **Friday, April 13th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm**. This event will be held in the High School Cafeteria and Gymnasium. We will be using tickets for the games again this year and they will be sold 10 tickets for \$1. We will also have tickets for our themed basket raffle for sale at \$1 each or 12 for \$10. If you would like to help the PTO out by volunteering your time, donating desserts for the cake walk, or donating clean glasses, plates, and cups for the dime pitch, please contact Diana Olson at 378-6698 or via email at dolson@eville.wnyric.org.

We look forward to seeing you at the Dime Carnival!

3rd Annual Talent Show Another Huge Success!

Our 3rd Annual PTO Talent Show was a huge success! We had almost 20 students in grades 4-8 who participated. We had students sing, play instruments, lip sync, hula hoop, dance, and perform comedy acts. Each participant received a box of Starburst candy and a \$5 SubWay gift card.

Thank you to Mr. LaCroix and Mrs. Weller for all of their help making the Talent Show go smoothly! This year's participants were:

1. Alivia Fisher – Dancing to “Too Good at Goodbyes”
2. Katie Krotz - Singing “Road Less Traveled” by Lauren Elena (acapella)
3. David Freundsuh & Christopher Flagg – “It’s Raining Tacos” Lip Sync
4. Laurena Mooney – Cheering Dynamite
5. Sophia Sundeen – Singing “Stone Cold” by Demi Lovato
6. Jackson Kruszynski – Snare Drum Solo
7. Bianca Bush – Playing “Edelweiss” on the piano
8. Natalee Leiper & Adelaide Weber - Singing and playing the piano “Lost Boy” by Ruth B
9. Mackenzie Noga - Rapping “Alphabet Aerobics”
10. Chloe Carson – Singing “Winter Wrap Up”
11. Ava Woodarek – Singing “Perfect” by Ed Sheeran
12. Harper Klein & Izzy Coburn – Singing “Lost Boy” by Ruth B
13. Jayden Douth – Singing “Momma’s Broken Heart” by Miranda Lambert
14. Grace Privitera & Mrs. Weller – Clarinet & Percussion Duet
15. Jayce Pearl – Donald Trump Impression
16. Gwendolyn DeChane – Dancing with HulaHoop to “Thunder” by Thunder Dragons

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Charity Basketball Game

ECS Faculty vs. Catt. Co. Sheriff's Office

On Thursday, February 15, ECS Faculty came out to challenge representatives from the Cattaraugus County Sheriff's Office in a charity basketball game to benefit Shriner's Hospital in Erie, PA. Each year, the ECS Student Council chooses a charitable foundation to support via student activities. This year, our Student Council selected Shriner's Hospital, and our basketball game and bake sale generated over \$600! Thank you to the Cattaraugus County Sheriff's Basketball Team, our ECS faculty who came out to support the event, and our local patrons! It was an enjoyable event, and our Eagles won!

