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ECS Drama Club: *Mamma Mia!*

The Ellicottville Central School Drama Club is pleased to announce their upcoming production, *Mamma Mia*. This version is presented through special arrangement with Music Theater International (MTI). *Mamma Mia* is a romantic comedy contrasting the dreams and aspirations of a 70's girl and a 90's girl. Through the story-telling magic of the songs of *ABBA*, we meet Donna Sheridan (**Lindsay Swalcy**), a feisty, independent single-parent, who doesn't need a man to make her life complete; and her twenty-year old daughter Sophie (**Kelsea Tomczak**), who wants romance, babies and a big, white wedding. If only her father would give her away...

The remaining lead characters are:

Seniors: Allison Calarco as Rosie, Sylvia Ford-Grover as Lisa, Gabe Hauri as Sam Carmichael and Christian Hutchinson as Father Alexandrios.

Juniors: Lucas Adams as Eddie, Brett Kryniski as Bill Austin, Erin Quinn as Tanya, Gabe Snyder as Harry Bright and Brianna Winship as Ali.

Sophomores: Joe Freunds Schuh as Pepper.

Freshmen: Christian Swalcy as Sky.

Rounding out the cast are: **Seniors**

–Maddie Kilby and Sammi Van Wicklin;

Junior – Summer Wilson; **Sophomores**

– Toni Epps and Emma Steffenhagen;

Freshmen –Hali Fish, Katryna Jennings,

Katie Krotz. Samantha Stock, Sarah Weber

and Aaliyah Winslow; **Eighth graders**

– Abby Chudy, Shelby Colburn, Gwen

DeChane and Allison Pfeffer. Junior Alex

Hunt will be running the light board.

The production runs **Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 26th, 27th, and 28th at 7:00 pm** in The Ward at the

ELLICOTTVILLE HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

MAMMA MIA!

7pm Thursday March 26 **2020**
7pm Friday March 27
7pm Saturday March 28 **Directed by**
Pat Waldron

Ellicottville High School Auditorium
Tickets \$7 at the door Presented through special arrangement with Music Theater International (MTI).
 All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.
www.MTIShows.com

High School. The show is directed by Pat Waldron, assistant director Stacey Chapman, choreographer LaDonna

Freunds Schuh, and producer Shawne Hunt. Rehearsal accompanist is Jamie Edwards. **Tickets are \$7 at the door.**

2020-2021 Budget Will Be A Challenge

Throughout the month of March, the District will be working hard to finalize the proposed 2020-21 School Budget. A tremendous amount of work has already gone into this process and this work will continue as the Board Of Education considers all options during its Budget Worksessions. To be sure, many things will need to be taken into account in order to come up with a fiscally responsible budget. This article will explain a little more about the work we have already completed, the work that still needs to be completed, the obstacles we will face and the process we will be following.

First, we actually started some preliminary work on the 2020-21 budget back in November and December when we started having conversations about the bigger ticket items we knew we would need to consider. These items include purchasing another school van, resurfacing of the playground, and the need to consider replacing our old and overused lawn mower. These conversations continued in January as faculty and staff started submitting requisitions for the daily and annual supplies needed to provide for the educational needs of the students, as well as the needs of the facility. Textbooks, writing materials, art supplies, sheet music, physical education equipment, computers, etc. all have to be requisitioned for consideration. At the same time, we need to ensure that office, cleaning, and maintenance supplies are taken into consideration, as well as bus leases, athletic supplies / equipment, utilities, and this list goes on....

Now, we are in the process of pulling all of the requests together. As we do this, we must also keep an eye on some of the parameters (which could be considered obstacles) within which we must work. The first major parameter we have to consider is the amount of "new" money the school can generate through the tax levy. While we have all heard a great deal of talk about the tax levy being limited to a 2% increase, what is often forgotten is the fact that the levy cannot exceed the lesser of 2% or the Consumer Price Index (CPI). This year, the CPI is 1.81%. The

next parameter we have to work within is the increase in aid we will receive. This year the Governor has combined several categories of aid in his formulas; making the understanding of the aid amounts more confusing. What we are able to determine when we pull the combined amounts apart is that the Foundation Aid (the largest and least restricted form of aid) for ECS will increase by approximately \$8,100. While this may seem like a large amount of money, it is very small compared to other Districts in the area who will be seeing substantially larger increases (for example, one similar sized district in the Western New York area will see an increase of over \$240,000). In fact, the \$8,100 represents an increase of just .25% which is the minimum allowed by regulation. When you put these two parameters together, the budget challenge is even more evident. An increase in the tax levy will allow the District to raise about \$140,000. When you add the increase in Foundation Aid, the total is about \$148,100, or about \$100,000 less than what similar sized Districts in the area may be receiving.

You may be asking yourself, how does this scenario happen? In short, the District has a tremendous amount of property wealth. Last year it exceeded \$900,000,000 (yes, this is \$900 million). The State looks at this and figures that we should be able to stand on our own. However, what the State is not looking at as closely is the fact that ECS has a very low tax rate on property; in fact it is one of the lowest in WNY. This low tax rate, means the District cannot generate as much revenue as a district with a higher rate. And, while the simple answer seems like it would be to raise the tax rate, it's not that easy, because we have to work within the tax cap or CPI. It is a



frustrating cycle, but we are committed to making it work.

As we continue to work on the budget, we will have to scrutinize things more closely this year. We may have to say "no" to certain items and make difficult decisions on others. However, you can be assured, that as this process unfolds, the District will do everything in its power to provide a fiscally responsible budget that will ensure a great education for students.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob".

Robert R. Miller
Superintendent of Schools



One Open Seat on ECS Board of Education

Nominating petitions for the Ellicottville Central School District Board of Education are now available. The annual election will be held on **Tuesday, May 19, 2020** to fill the seat currently held by board member Mrs. Connie Hellwig. Nominating petitions must be filed with the District Clerk by **5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2020**.

Petitions must contain the signatures and legal addresses of at least 25 qualified voters living in the Ellicottville Central School District. A qualified voter must be a United States citizen, be at least 18 years of age, 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 candidate receiving the highest number of votes will serve a five-year term, beginning on July 1, 2020 and expiring on June 30, 2025.

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.

ECS INCOME TAX CODE: 181



The Village Mayor Visits ECS

By Ms. James

Our 8th graders were presented with an opportunity to participate in the New York State Conference of Mayors essay contest. The statewide contest addressed the topic, “If I was Mayor, I would...”. So to get started, we invited the Ellicottville village mayor, John Burrell, to come and share his experiences as the mayor. He discussed the role of local government with the students and even shared a little history about the village. The students then asked him a number of questions to help them develop their essay. Overall, it was a great experience for our 8th graders and they are looking forward to writing about what they would do for the village of Ellicottville. Hopefully, we will later be able to report on an essay winner!



Pre-K and Kindergarten

PRE-KINDERGARTEN:

If your son or daughter will be turning **4 years old by Dec. 1, 2020**, please call the Elementary Office. We will then mail you a planning paperwork packet that will need to be completed and returned to the Elementary Office. Each year New York State reviews the funding structure for the grant supported Pre-K programs. Our Pre-K program is a half day program. If our Pre-K program is again funded, acceptance letters for the program will be mailed this June. The state considers a child Pre-school age if their birth date is between December 1, 2015 and November 30, 2016. **Please contact the Elementary Office at 699-2318 (ext. 1600)** as we will be happy to answer any questions that you have at this time.

KINDERGARTEN:

Do you have a child that will be Kindergarten age this fall, but is not currently enrolled in our Pre-K program? **Please notify the Elementary Office at 699-2318 (ext. 1600)** so we may include your family in some upcoming activities this spring such as Kindergarten Screening and the annual Pre-K picnic. Our Kindergarten program is a full school day. The state considers a child Kindergarten age if they turn 5 years old before December 1, 2020.

PLEASE

**No School/Spring Break:
Friday, April 10th through
Sunday, April 19th, 2020**

NOTE

APRIL 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 6:00 pm Board of Education Meeting (HS Library)	8	9 End of Third Marking Period	10 Spring Break - School Closed	11
12	13 Spring Break	14 Spring Break	15 Spring Break	16 Spring Break	17 Spring Break	18
19	20	21 NYS 3-8 Math Assessment 4:30 pm Board of Education Meeting (HS Library)	22 NYS 3-8 Math Assessment	23 Spring Book Fair	24 Spring Book Fair 6:00 pm Father/Daughter Dance	25
26	27	28 6:00 pm Board of Education Meeting (HS Library)	29	30 Senior Trip		

MAY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Senior Trip PTO Mother/Son Event	2 Senior Trip
3 Senior Trip	4 Senior Trip	5	6	7	8 NYSSMA Solo Festival @ Pioneer	9 NYSSMA Solo Festival @ Pioneer
10	11	12 7:00 Budget Hearing 8:00 pm Board of Education Meeting (HS Library)	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 1-8 pm Budget Vote & Board Member Election (Elem. Foyer) 6-7:30 pm PTO Math, Science & Tech Expo 8:00 pm BOE Meeting (HS Library)	20 6:00 pm HS Awards Banquet	21	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day - School Closed 10:30 am MS/HS Band Memorial Day Performance at Gazebo in Ellicottville	26	27	28 6:30 pm District Wide Chorus Spring Concert	29	30
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Fifth Grade Honor Roll ★ ★ ★

Second Quarter: November 2019–January 2020

Mrs. Fitzpatrick's Class

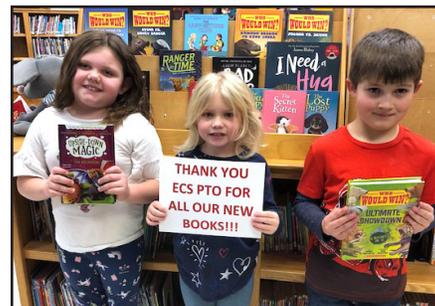
Amberlynn Freundschuh
Ava Fuller
Braiden Hayes
Kaiser Joesel
Abigail Krause
Eva LoGuidice
Jonah Mann
Ava Pasinski

Mrs. Moore's Class

Adalynn Andrews
Kristen Bless
Timothy DeChane
Christopher Edwards
Jaiden Peters
Riley Whitmer
Isabella Wilder

Mr. Smith's Class

Trinity DeChane
Ainsley Edwards
Yanieliz Velazquez-Garcia
McKenzie Green
Jaxson LaCroix
Eliza Murray
Juliana O'Connell
Ava Weber



Books, Books, & More Books!

Once again, Mrs. Keller and Ms. Olson have donated their extra book points to our Libraries. This wonderful gesture is such a special gift for all our students who competed in our reading challenge. These beautiful books will be devoured by all our students, and continue to enthrall one and all. Thank you ladies for all you do for ECS!

We are all so lucky to have you in our school!

B.U.G. Awards (*Bringing Up Grades*)

Mrs. Fitzpatrick's Class

Aimee Abrams
Rhya Blalock
Parker Gebauer
Braiden Hayes
Abigail Krause
Eva LoGuidice
Audrey Meacham-Williams
Jadyn Nevins
Ava Pasinski
Ellen Quinn

Mrs. Moore's Class

Adalynn Andrews
Rylan Benjamin
Kristen Bless
Breanna Byroads
Coleman Carls
Timothy DeChane
Christopher Edwards
Kaylin Hamed
McKenzie Newark
Jaiden Peters
Dominic Polino
Blake Smith
Riley Whitmer
Isabella Wilder

Mr. Smith's Class

Malie Curtis
Danielle Dunkleman
Jailah John
Tosh Klein
Bentley Lewis
Lilly Rutherford
Nora Santiago
Ben Wedvik
Raiddan Wilson
Colton Wyatt

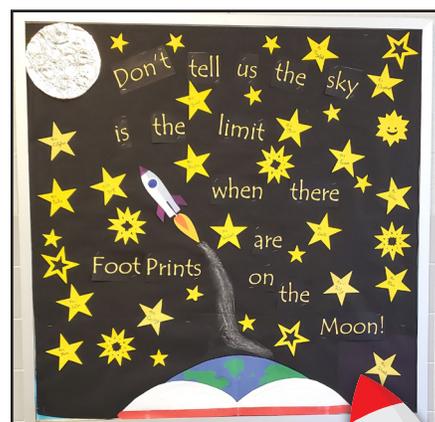
Excellent WORK!

COOL!



Soup Bowl Fundraiser: March 29th

The "Soup Bowl Fundraiser" will take place on Sunday, March 29, 2020 from noon until 3:00pm in support of the Ellicottville Skatepark. This event, which will help raise funds to construct a permanent concrete skatepark in Ellicottville's Village Park, is a truly unique community fundraiser. Upon arrival to the event, attendees will get to choose a one-of-a-kind ceramic bowl handmade by local ECS students, created under the direction of ECS art instructor Deb McGowan. Fill your bowl with samples of soups, chilis, salads and more. The bowl you choose is the bowl you get to take home!



Blast Off!!!



By: Mrs. Illig

Cheers to our ECS students who fueled the class rockets with their reading minutes as they soared up to the moon! Applause to Isabella Wilder and Jaxson LaCroix, our flight attendants, who filled our morning announcements with silly moon jokes, and beguiling poetry. Best of all were the book talks, grades 1-5, shared by students with their fellow listeners. Thanks to all for making this a memorable reading celebration. Special thanks to Mr. Edwards and his production staff for all their inciting help!

PTO Update and Upcoming Events



Talent Show A Success!

Congratulations to the following students who performed in the PTO Talent Show on February 12th: Danielle Dunkleman, Eliza Murray, Trinity DeChane, Juliana O'Connell, Isabella Wilder, Chloe Carson, Elleanor Meachum-Williams, Eva LoGiudice, Amberlynn Freundsuh, Christopher Edwards, Raiddan Wilson, Tosh Klein, Grayson Neal, Edward Youmans, Ainsley Edwards, Rylie Button, Peyton Pierce, Jocelyn Stokes, FaeLynn Hirsch, Katie Lafferty, Ady Andrews, Jaxson LaCroix, Timothy DeChane, Kaleighann Kimmel, Shyann Harber, Emily Ginnitti, Keira Baldwin, Gwen DeChane, Izzy Coburn, Harper Klein, Ava Adamucci, Bianca Bush, Delaney Myers, and Jordan O'Connell.

Thank you to Clark's Market and Deli, Tea Bar, Cupcaked, and Watson's for supporting the Talent Show. Each of these businesses teamed up with the PTO and donated gift cards as prizes for the students who participated.

Upcoming Events:

- **PTO Meeting and Basket Making**- Friday, March 6th, 3:00pm in Miss Olson's classroom
- **PTO Meeting**- Thursday, April 2nd 5:30pm in the elementary art room

★BOGO Books★

- **Spring Book Fair "Buy 1 Get 1 Free"** – Thursday, April 23rd and Friday, April 24th 8:00am-3:30pm and 5:30-7:30 during Father/Daughter Dance.



PTO Dime Carnival!

This year's Dime Carnival will be held on **Friday, March 13th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm.** The event will be 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 basket raffle for sale at \$1 each or 12 for \$10. Food and drinks will be available to purchase during the event.

If you would like to donate a gift certificate or a basket to the basket raffle, help the PTO out by volunteering your time or donating desserts for the cake walk please contact **Diana Olson** at **378-6698** or **ecspto@eville.wnyric.org**.

We look forward to seeing you at the Dime Carnival!

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Keep Collecting Those Box Tops!

Please continue to send in Box Tops with your child. We are keeping a running tally through May, the grade who brings the most wins a treat. You also can always send your Box Tops in to the elementary office or drop them off at our two local drop off locations, the Great Valley Post Office or TOPS in Ellicottville.



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

Be Sure to Visit Our Website: <http://www.ellicottvillecentral.com>



Ellicottville Central Schools

Embracing Change, Celebrating Success, Surpassing Expectations



E-Mail



Grades



Directory



Calendar

High School Honor & High Honor Roll

Second Quarter: November 2019–January 2020

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
Nuzzo, Evelyn
Perkins, Audra
Smith, Makenna
Snyder, John
Stuve, Megan
Stuve, Reena
Van Wicklin, Samantha

11th Grade

Bomberry, Hunter
Butler, Bryce
Comstock-Eastlick,
Willow
Evans, Jalee
Fredrickson, Hayly
Fredrickson, Logan
Hadley, Jenna
Hunt, Alexander
Imhoff, Justin
Jennings, Caleb
Krist, Gavin
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

10th Grade

Clark, Marissa
De Orbe, Ignacio
Epps, Antonia
Foster, Leilani
Kilby, Kaleb
LoGiudice, Nicholas
Pritchard, Derek
Privitera, Aiden
Schwartz, Samuel
Steffenhagen, Emma
Traina, Alexander
Venturin, Courtney
Woodarek, Elsa
Wyatt, Jocelyn

9th Grade

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

8th Grade

Bauer, Evan
Benatovich, William
Carls, Emmylu
Carney, Mikaya
Chudy, Abby
Colburn, Shelby
Conklin, Gracie
Edwards, Samuel
Finn, Keelin
Harrington, Aiden
Kaleta, Cameron
Kerns, Layla
Lewis, Bailey
Pfeffer, Allison
Pritchard, Tyler
White, Kara

7th Grade

Bless, Kathryn
Button, Lauren
Doutt, Jayden
Fuller, Tea
John, Addison
Johnson, Maddox
Kerns, Michael
Leiper, Natalee
Marsh, Courtney
Quinn, Parker
Robinson, Kyle
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
Ginnitti, Emily
Hayes, Kayedance
Klein, Harper
Kruszynski, Jackson
Mendell, Cameron
Myers, Delaney
Nazareth, Anna
Noga, Mackenzie
Northrup, Ande
O'Connell, Jordan
Robison, Curtis
Tighe, Olivia
Vassar, Zachary
Velazquez-Garcia,
Daliana
Wedvik, Oliver
Wilson, Lanie
Wood, Skye

Honor Roll

12th Grade

Bogue, James, Jr.
Fuller, Logan
Hauri, Gabriel
Logel, Niklas
Ploetz, Nathaniel

11th Grade

Chudy, Wyatt
DeKay, Ryan
Flora, Jianna
Freaney, Brianna
Hadley, Jake
Kryniski, Brett
O'Stricker, Colby
Quinn, Erin
Swalcy, Lindsay
Tomsick, Jillian

10th Grade

Bolya, Andrew
Coolidge, Joshua
Dimpfl, Kyleigh
Ficek, Harley
Frank, Ethan
Freundschuh, Joseph
Gonzalez, Dalton
Grant, Rylee
Grinols, Logan
Haskell, Isabella
Hurlburt, Mandy
Jacobson-Coolidge,
Hannah
Johnson, Caleb
Neumann, Carly
Ruiz, Emilee

9th Grade

Andrews, Breana
Ballard, Jacob
Clark, Zachary
Fish, Hali
Gebauer, Emmett
Hawkins, Madeline
Murray, Aidan
Quinn, Ryah
Romero, Kayla
Rowland, Allison
Smith, Selena
Swalcy, Christian
Vassar, Natalie
Velazquez-Garcia, Yahir
Wyatt, Caedon

8th Grade

Curtis, Jase
Dederick, Adrynn
Halloran, Maddex
Krotz, Morgan
LoGiudice, Aaron
Morlock, Isabella
Perks, Mason

7th Grade

Carson, Chloe
Coburn, Tobias
Edwards, Benjamin
Fisher, Alivia
Flagg, Alyssa
Hilliman, Kade
McGuire, Liam
Metzger, Ryan
Morlock, Noah
Norton, Ryan
Rzucek, Hailey
Vassar, Gracie
Winship, Madisyn

6th Grade

Button, Kaden
Gascon, Aidan
Harber, Shyann
Liskow, Alexa
Robison, Curtis



ECS School Calendar

2020-21



July 2020						
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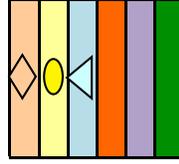
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2020-2021 District Calendar

- SCHOOL CLOSED - Independence Day Holiday
- Superintendent's Day (no school for students)
- First Day of School for Students
- SCHOOL CLOSED - Labor Day
- Superintendent's Day (no school for students)
- SCHOOL CLOSED - Columbus Day
- End of 1st Marking Period
- SCHOOL CLOSED - Veteran's Day
- Parent/Teacher Conference (1/2 day of school for students K-12)
- Parent/Teacher Conference (1/2 day of school for students K-12)
- SCHOOL CLOSED - Thanksgiving Recess
- NO SCHOOL - Winter Recess
- SCHOOL CLOSED - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Regents Exams
- End of 2nd Marking Period
- Rating Day (no school for students)
- SCHOOL CLOSED - President's Day
- February Break
- Parent/Teacher Conference (1/2 day of school for students K-12)
- Superintendent's Day (no school for students)
- NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
- End of 3rd Marking Period
- SCHOOL CLOSED - Memorial Day
- Regents Exams
- Last day of school for students/End of Marking Period
- Superintendent's (no school for students)
- Graduation Day
- STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS (no school for students)
- SCHOOL CLOSED
- SCHOOL RECESS
- END OF MARKING PERIOD
- PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES (1/2 day of school for students grades K-12)
- RATING DAY (no school for students)



SUPERINTENDENT'S DAYS: 4 (9/1, 10/9, 3/19, 6/25)
RATING DAY: 1 (1/29)

**If no emergency days are used, teachers will not report on Friday, May 28, 2021 and/or Friday, June 25, 2021.

Approved by the ECS Board of Education - February 25, 2020

Ensuring Everyone's Health

ECS Planning to Combat the Coronavirus

The Coronavirus (aka COVID-19) is a serious health concern that is sweeping the globe. New information and guidance is literally becoming available everyday as health experts around the world are working furiously to contain and limit the potential impact of this virus. And, while Ellicottville seems small and removed from this threat, we MUST be vigilant in our efforts.

Currently, ECS will be taking the following steps to best ensure everyone's health:

- We are purchasing additional hand sanitizer for the dispensers located throughout the school.
- Sanitizing stations will be monitored regularly.
- We will be certain to have sanitizing solution placed in locations that do not have wall mounted dispensers.
- We will be posting information on the school's website and updating as new information becomes available.
- We will be sanitizing surfaces (desks / tables, door knobs, chairs, water fountains, etc.) that students use.
- We will be disinfecting bus seats after each use.
- We will continue to follow "in-season" influenza precautionary measures.
- We will maintain open lines of communication with local, state and federal health organizations for guidance.

While the school is working hard to be proactive in its response to Coronavirus, there are several things each of us can do to protect ourselves and one another. The following steps are recommended by the New York State Department of Health:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick (one recommendation is 6 feet).
- Stay home when you are sick (and do not return to school or work until you are fever free for 24 hours).
- Cough or sneeze into your arm or sleeve whenever possible, (if you have to cover your cough or sneeze with your hands or tissue, wash your hands immediately).
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

In reviewing the above steps, one of the most important items we can stress is that students should remain at home when sick. This can be especially important (and difficult) when there is an exciting event at school that a child wants to attend. However, in such situations this is even more important, as the guidance mentions that communicable disease can easily be spread at "large" community gatherings.

Please be assured that the District will follow established procedures and policies related to communicable diseases. We will strive to keep parents and the community informed as necessary. Please visit our webpage at www.ellicottvillecentral.com for general updates and information. If a situation warrants, we will reach out to you immediately via a letter or phone call.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.



Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19



Reading Is Far Out!

During our SPACE themed 2020 Reading Celebration, Mrs. Katie Benatovich was one of our mystery readers. She brought the joys of the book *Penguinaut to Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st Grade and 2nd Grade*. Penguinaut Orville is an intrepid penguin explorer inspired by his uncle Pengy to think big. Orville made a rocket and went to the Moon by himself only to find that he would enjoy the adventure more with his friends – every adventure is better sharing it with a friend or two or three!

We also had other amazing star-gazing mystery readers: Mr. Blair Wood, Mr. Karl Schwartz, Mr. Chris Keenan, Mrs. Maren Bush, Mrs. Sandy Tomblin, and Mr. Bob Miller, to name a few—all sharing their love of books, reading and learning. All students in Pre-K through 5th Grade had mystery readers. Wow! Thank you to everyone who took time to read aloud to our students!

We would also like to thank all the jokes, stories and out of this world facts from Mrs. Pam Illig and her helpers Jackson LaCroix and Isabella Wilder. Special thanks to Mr. Chris Edwards for working us into the morning announcements. Mrs. Pfeffer took care of our book prizes and helped the winners select books.

Our reading celebration was concluded when Ms. Reann Ehman (ECS alumnus) of St. Bonaventure visited to award the top prize: a visit to the Challenger Center at Bonas to study space! First grade took the top prize this year! Thank you, teachers and parents, for all your support along the way!

Thank you, PTO, for the generous contribution of space books to use as prizes!

The ECS Reading Celebration was brought to you by Dr. Marie Davis, Mrs. Katie Benatovich, Miss Regina Vandenburg, and Mrs. Pam Illig with help from countless others.

Go, ECS READERS! Keep reading, and always shoot for the stars!



Non-Newtonian Fluid

ECS Second Graders Experiment With Oobleck

By: Mrs. Farnum

Do you know what a non-Newtonian fluid is? If you are a second-grade student at ECS you sure do! Students in the second grade are hard at work becoming budding scientists. After classifying objects according to their properties, they explored matter further by changing its phase. After making butter, ice cream and even root beer floats, they experimented with Oobleck. Mixing cornstarch and water, they created a Non-Newtonian fluid; a fluid that changes its viscosity when the force applied on it changes. This unit of study was one to remember!



Making sure everyone is counted... Census 2020

In the near future the United States Government will be conducting the 2020 Census, and every household in the country will be asked to participate. This year, every household will have the option of responding on-line, by mail or by phone.

Responding to the census helps communities get the funding they need and helps businesses make data-driven decisions that grow the economy. Census data impacts our daily lives, informing important decisions about funding for services and infrastructure in your community, including health care, senior centers, jobs, political representation, roads, schools, and businesses. More than \$675 billion in federal funding flows back to states and local communities each year based on census data.

When you receive your invitation to participate, please be sure to do so. Your information will help ensure that Ellicottville Central School and the surrounding community receives its fair share of funding and a representative voice!

CENSUS 101: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The 2020 Census is closer than you think!
Here's a quick refresher of what it is and why it's essential that everyone is counted.

Everyone counts.

The census counts every person living in the United States once, only once, and in the right place.

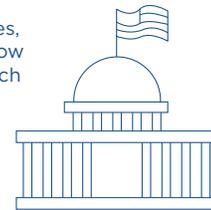


It's in the Constitution.

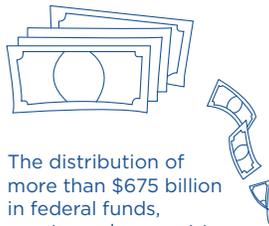
The U.S. Constitution mandates that everyone in the country be counted every 10 years. The first census was in 1790.

It's about fair representation.

Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets.



It's about \$675 billion.



The distribution of more than \$675 billion in federal funds, grants, and support to states, counties, and communities are based on census data.

That money is spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works, and other vital programs.

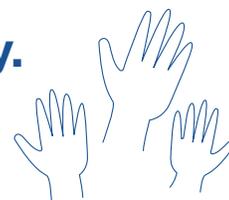


It's about redistricting.

After each decade's census, state officials redraw the boundaries of the congressional and state legislative districts in their states to account for population shifts.

Taking part is your civic duty.

Completing the census is mandatory: it's a way to participate in our democracy and say "I COUNT!"



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MS Spelling Bee

Adrian Taylor 2020 Champion!

Another exciting spelling bee was held in The Ward on Tuesday, February 11, 2020. The top spellers in grades 6-8 competed for a chance not only to be our school champion, but to move on to the regional bee which this year will be held at LeRoy High School. The bee lost only four spellers in the first round and only one to the second round. After six rounds, only eight spellers remained of the original twenty-eight. Those spellers included Ava Adamucci (grade 6), Keira Baldwin (grade 6), Abby Chudy (grade 8), Gwen DeChane (grade 8), Emily Ginnitti (grade 6), Kayedance Hayes (grade 6), Jordan O'Connell (grade 6), and Adrian Taylor (grade 6). This round only held one word, abated. This word caused all but Adrian to falter. Once he spelled this correctly, he then needed to spell the championship word (the next word on the list), which was scattering. Adrian confidently spelled both words and was announced as Ellicottville Middle school's spelling champion of 2020.



No School for Students on Friday, March 20, 2020
Staff Development Day!