

# ELLICOTTVILLE

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ECS DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS:

## FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

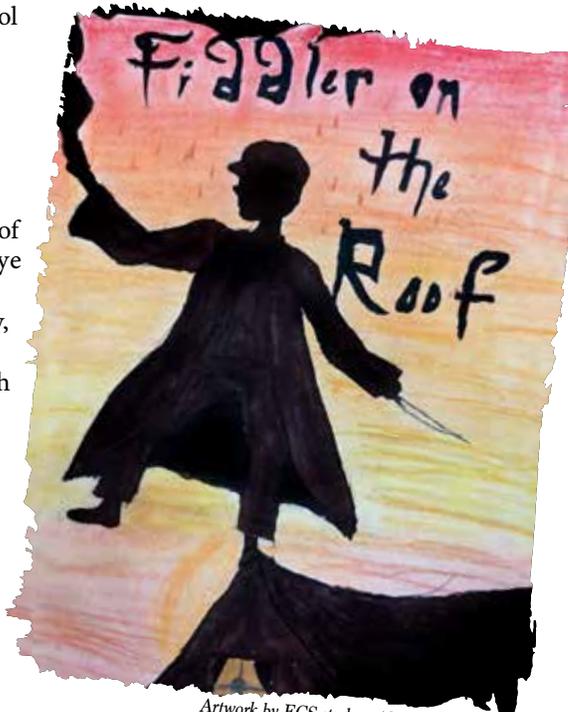
The Ellicottville Central School Drama Club is pleased to announce their upcoming production, *Fiddler on the Roof*. This version is presented through special arrangement with Music Theater International (MTI). This adaptation is set in the little village of Anatevka. The story centers on Tevye (Mikey Kerns), a poor milkman, and his five daughters (Abby Chudy, Grace Privitera, Sam Stock, Sophia Sundeen and Adelaide Weber). With the help of a colorful and tight-knit Jewish community, Tevye tries to protect his daughters and instill them with traditional values in the face of changing social mores and the growing anti-Semitism of Czarist Russia. Rich in historical and ethnic detail, *Fiddler on the Roof*'s universal theme of tradition cuts across barriers of race, class, nationality and religion, leaving audiences crying tears of laughter, joy and sadness.

The cast members are:

**Seniors:** **Katryna Jennings** - spotlight, **Katie Krotz** as Grandma Tzeitel and Rifka, **Samantha Stock** as Bielke, **Sarah Weber** as Golde, **Aaliyah Winslow** - stage crew and **Bryce Wood** - sound board.

**Juniors:** **Abby Chudy** as Tzeitel, **Shelby Colburn** as Nachum, **Gwendolyn DeChane** as the Rabbi, **Cameron Kaleta** as Mendel, **Morgan Krotz** as Yente, **Emma Lafferty** as Mordcha, and **Gabby Spross** as Sasha.

**Sophomores:** **Henry Frank** - light board, **Alarice Krause** as the constable, **Mikey Kerns** as Tevye, **Liam McGuire** as Fyedka, **Grace Privitera** as Shprintze, **Siyng Sun** as Yussel, **Sophia Sundeen** as



Artwork by ECS student Alison Antholzner

Chava and Fruma Sarah, **Colton Taylor** as Perchik, and **Adelaide Weber** as Hodel.

**Freshmen:** **Keira Baldwin** as the Fiddler and Avram, **Talyn Wyatt** as Lazar Wolf and **Skye Wood** as Motel.

The production runs Friday and Saturday, March 24th & 25th at 7:00 pm in The Ward at the High School. The show is co-directed by Wendy Burch and Elizabeth Weber, vocal director Wendy Burch, choreographer Elizabeth Weber and producer Shawne Hunt. Rehearsal accompanist is Jamie Edwards.

Tickets are \$7 at the door.

*FIDDLER ON THE ROOF* is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. [www.MTIShows.com](http://www.MTIShows.com)

### IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, March 16, 2023

P/T Conferences

Noon Dismissal

Students in grades K-12 - No PM Prek

Friday, March 17, 2023

Superintendent's Day

Staff Development

No School for Students

April 1 - 10, 2023

Spring Break

No School for Students

### TWO SEATS OPEN ON THE ELLICOTTVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL 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 16, 2023 to fill the seats currently held by board members, Mr. William Murphy and Mrs. Debra Golley. Nominating petitions must be filed with the District Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 17, 2023.

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, 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 candidates (two) receiving the highest number of votes will each serve a five-year term, beginning on July 1, 2023 and expiring on June 30, 2028.

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.

# March of the Eagles

**M**arch is a unique month in the school year. For example, March can never really make up its mind... does it still want to be winter, or does it want to represent spring? On March 12th at 2:00 AM, we turn our clocks ahead (and loose an hour of sleep). It is a month that usually does not have a holiday where we close school; the exception is years when Easter comes very early in the year. For some, it is a month where “cabin fever” can set in; especially if the winter weather lingers too long. For many, March is the long stretch between February Break and Spring Break. With that being said, I also feel that March is a month with many opportunities and excitement.

We always have our first concert of the new year in March. The Middle/High School Band and Chorus concert allows our talented musicians the opportunity to showcase their hard work and accomplishments. Beyond the concert, several students from Elementary to High School will participate in the Cattaraugus County All County Band and Chorus Concerts. March is the month that preparation for the High School Musical kicks into high gear culminating with live performances at the end of the month. Spring sports all get started (despite the snow on the ground). Each year in mid-March we hold a half day of parent/teacher conferences; a great time to discuss students’ progress as we head into the last 15 weeks of the school year. It is also the month that the Board of

Education looks to finalize the creation of the following year’s budget. While it, indeed, can be a long month, it is also a busy month filled with so many important activities.

Speaking of the 2023-24 budget, it is proving to be a unique year indeed. We did not receive our official estimates for State Aid until the end of January; the latest I have seen since becoming a Superintendent. This year, ECS is estimated to receive an increase in Foundation Aid (the most flexible of the aid categories) of 3% or \$91,537. This is the minimum increase allowed this year. And, while it may seem like a large number, please keep in mind that, because of State formulas that take the property wealth of a district into account, other districts in the area will see an increase of a little over \$300,000 in foundation aid using the same 3% increase. In fact, ECS will see the smallest increase in Foundation Aid for all schools in Cattaraugus County. In addition, several other districts will see even larger increases due to the fact that they did not receive their full amount of Foundation Aid over the past several years. The State has also estimated increases in other areas of aid for ECS, but they are based on estimated costs/expenditures and are often over-estimated. I realize this may seem a little confusing at this time, but a more comprehensive report will be forth coming in upcoming newsletters after the Board of Education and Administration

can work more comprehensively on the entire budget.

I would also like to stress that we are in the process of tightening up on several of our rules / processes / procedures as outlined in the Student Agenda and Code of Conduct. We are doing this as, during the COVID Pandemic, we found it necessary to bend on a number of these items due to the unique circumstances that we all faced. As we move beyond the Pandemic, it is time to return to the rules / processes / procedures that provide important structure which, in turn, allows for more effective and efficient instruction for students. Topics that we will be addressing with students (especially at the MS/HS grades) include (but are not limited to): Academic Responsibility, School Safety, Dress Code, Tardiness/Attendance, Vaping/Loitering in Bathrooms, General Conduct Toward One Another & Teachers, etc. I would respectfully ask that you review the MS/HS Student Handbook (which includes the Code of Conduct) found under the MS/HS tab on the District Website ([www.ellicottvillecentral.com](http://www.ellicottvillecentral.com)), and that you support the School and Administration as we move forward with trying to provide a learning environment that promotes sound educational opportunities for all students.

Respectfully,

Robert Miller, Superintendent

The following information was accidentally left out of the “Science Collaboration” article in the February 2023 ECS Newsletter.

A special “Thank You” to Brianna Aronson for her hard work in planning and coordinating the Elementary-High School Science Collaboration. Miss Aronson worked very hard to ensure that the 1st graders understood and enjoyed their field trip to the High School Science Lab.

**ECS FITNESS CENTER**  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | 4-7 PM  
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY (WHEN SCHOOL IS IN SESSION)  
You MUST sign in each time you use the Fitness Center.

# 2ND QUARTER HIGH HONOR ROLL & HONOR ROLL

November 11, 2022 – January 26, 2023

## 5th Grade

### *Mrs. Frank's Class*

Harley Andera  
Harrison Cornelius  
Liam Dahlman  
Rowan Decker  
Maggie Faulkner

### *Mrs. Moore's Class*

Allyana Andrews  
Caelan Myers  
Reagan Pawlowski  
Aston Seeley

### *Mr. Smith's Class*

Layla Gearhart  
Ty Howard  
Charlie Norton

## BUG Awards:

### *Mrs. Frank's Class*

Harley Andera  
Myla Brennan  
Liam Dahlman  
Maggie Faulkner  
Ryan Kent  
Carter Milks  
Andrew Mix  
Jack Pearl  
Aiden Schultz  
Aidan Zeher

### *Mrs. Moore's Class*

Jayden Adcock  
Allyana Andrews  
Alyvia Burlingame  
Thomas Green  
Paisley Nelson  
Reagan Pawlowski  
Aston Seeley

### *Mr. Smith's Class*

Emma Wallace  
Kaiya Baker  
Clinton Northrup  
Jason Winship  
Bentley Ward  
Elijah Caulkins  
Payton Butcher  
Mason LaCroix  
Oliver Daniels  
Dominic Mack  
Joseph Freaney

## 6th Grade

### *High Honor Roll*

Marjorie Brown  
Gabriel DeChane  
Marshall DeChane  
Carsten Kosinski  
Cayda Kruszynski

Andrew Myers  
Lillian Pearl  
Whitney Powers  
Camerie Riley  
Patricia Ross  
Briyona Tarr  
Stella Tupchik  
Ella Weber  
Nicholas Wedvik

### *Honor Roll*

Kaegan Bauer  
Cooper Coolidge  
Brody Erlandson  
Grace Griffith  
Ricky Howard II  
Audrey Krause  
Marlee Maynard  
Benjamin McCarthy  
Calvin Pearl  
Mario Polino

## 7th Grade

### *High Honor Roll*

Alison Anholzner  
Zachary Brennan  
Isabella Czamara  
Audrianna Finch  
Rian Johnson  
Daniel Kruszynski  
Carson Mendell  
Coleman Milks  
Sawyer Miller  
Nigel Poulin  
Matthew Rzucek  
Cooper Sciara  
Collin Weber

### *Honor Roll*

Kelsey Feldbauer  
Camden Howard  
Keegan Kaleta  
Katie Lafferty  
Grayson Neal  
Karle Northrup  
Riley Northrup  
Meegan Olson  
Abigail Rust  
Colton Schumacher  
Jocelyn Stokes

## 8th Grade

### *High Honor Roll*

Adalynn Andrews  
Kristen Bless  
Timothy DeChane  
Trinity DeChane  
Christopher Edwards  
Ava Fuller  
Kaiser Joesel

Tosh Klein  
Jaxson LaCroix  
Jonah Mann  
Juliana O'Connell  
Nora Santiago  
Yanieliz Velazquez-Garcia  
Ava Weber  
Benjamin Wedvik  
Isabella Wilder

### *Honor Roll*

Eli Atwater  
Breanna Byroads  
Coleman Carls  
Malie Curtis  
Ainsley Edwards  
McKenzie Green  
Dominic Polino  
Blake Smith  
Riley Whitmer

## 9th Grade

### *High Honor Roll*

Faith Burlingame  
Grady Byroads  
Isabelle Coburn  
Kalyn Crowley  
Drew Ficek  
Teaghan Finn  
Jordan Folts  
Parker John  
Harper Klein  
Jackson Kruszynski  
Cameron Mendell  
Anna Nazareth  
Mackenzie Noga  
Ande Northrup  
Jordan O'Connell  
Makayla Potter  
Olivia Tighe  
Oliver Wedvik  
Skye Wood

### *Honor Roll*

Patrick Andera  
Bianca Bush  
Alexa Liskow  
Delaney Myers  
Curtis Robison  
Lanie Wilson

## 10th Grade

### *High Honor Roll*

Kathryn Bless  
Jayden Doult  
Benjamin Edwards  
Sara Epps  
Tea Fuller

Maddox Johnson  
Courtney Marsh  
Cheyenne Rust  
Siying Sun  
Sophia Sundeen  
Adelaide Weber

### *Honor Roll*

Hayden Andera  
Lauren Button  
Michael Cleary  
Tobias Coburn  
Owen Doherty  
Alivia Fisher  
Michael Kerns  
Liam McGuire  
Elleanor Meacham-Williams  
Christopher Polino  
Parker Quinn  
Ava Woodarek

## 11th Grade

### *High Honor Roll*

Evan Bauer  
William Benatovich  
Brooke Butler  
Emmylu Carls  
Abby Chudy  
Shelby Colburn  
Jase Curtis  
Gwendolyn DeChane  
Adrynn Dederick  
Edward Doherty  
Samuel Edwards  
Keelin Finn  
Zoe Goode  
Cameron Kaleta  
Layla Kerns  
Morgan Krotz  
Emma Lafferty  
Aaron LoGiudice  
Gabrielle Spross

### *Honor Roll*

Dalayla Alexander  
Jacob Atwater  
Gracie Conklin  
Aiden Harrington  
Audrey Hurlburt  
Emmett Jacobson-Coolidge  
Bailey Lewis  
Jaida Mendell  
Cora Norton  
Allison Pfeffer  
Hunter Smith  
Dylan Timblin  
Isabelle Woodmancy

## 12th Grade

### *High Honor Roll*

Breana Andrews  
Jacob Ballard  
Lita Conklin  
Katrina DeChane  
Bryan Grundy  
Madeline Hawkins  
Katrinya Jennings  
Katie Krotz  
Kayla Romero  
Alexander Silvernail  
Selena Smith  
Samantha Stock  
Leah Tupchik  
Yahir Velazquez-Garcia  
Sarah Weber  
Alysa Williams  
Aaliyah Winslow  
Bryce Wood

### *Honor Roll*

Tristin Bomberly  
Zachary Clark  
Gavin Dietrich  
Hali Fish  
Emmett Gebauer  
Errol Moore  
Aidan Murray  
Giancarlo Nuzzo  
Ryah Quinn  
Allison Rowland  
Christian Swalcy  
Cody Wickham



# Author and illustrator of POWER POEMS for Giraffes

pay a visit to ECS

On February 3, 2023, international author and poet Katie Benatovich and amazing illustrator Carey Ann Welch visited ECS for our Reading Celebration. To the delight of our elementary students, the creators shared their new book *Power Poems for Giraffes* and their special guest, a large stuffed giraffe called Bella. Katie Benatovich co-authored the book of poems with Charity Burlingame. Carey Ann Welch designed and illustrated the book and created corresponding posters, bookmarks, and stickers for our students. Katie, Charity, and Carey Ann are parents of Ellicottville Central School students. Their visit was warmly received by all!

*Power Poems for Giraffes* is a book of poetry which was designed for elementary-aged children. It includes eleven different languages and stresses the importance of multilingualism. The authors and illustrator wanted to instill a love of poetry in young readers as well as an appreciation for kindness and interconnectedness across the world. Their book is a resource for educators and families. Each of the poems in the book are accompanied by a social emotional learning (SEL) activity written by Charity Burlingame.

Katie and Carey provided an interactive and engaging presentation to students in grades K-5. They read three poems with students and described the creative

writing process. The poems selected were: "Respect"; "My Favorite Color is Humanity"; and "Holding Hands Across the Ocean." Students were invited to become writers themselves, author poems and to send messages of kindness and good wishes to students in an orphanage in Uganda.

Copies of the book *Power Poems for Giraffes* were donated to each of the elementary classrooms and the elementary library by **The Rotary Club of Ellicottville Foundation for Youth** with sets of accompanying

Connection Cards designed by Neal Steward, the final member of the Giraffe Team. Resources and related materials are available through the Giraffe Team's website. The website is expanding as new resources are added. This includes amazing audio and video versions of the poems for students and families to experience and enjoy.

To emphasize the importance of social emotional learning, the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) at Ellicottville Elementary School generously donated 25 books recommended by the Giraffe Team to the ECS elementary library. The

books will be used by teachers to support and instill social emotional learning at Ellicottville Central School for years to come.

For more information about *Power Poems for Giraffes*, please visit the website [treetopspublishing.com/giraffe](http://treetopspublishing.com/giraffe).



# 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADERS LIGHT THE WAY



As a culminating activity for the Watt's So Bright science unit, first graders planned, designed and constructed lighthouses. They also came up with signal systems to communicate with ships at sea.



## NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

Requests for transportation of non-public school children should be submitted to the Ellicottville Central School District Superintendent's Office by April 1, 2023.

Regulations require that the district transport students to non-public schools when a student resides within 15 miles of the non-public school. The 15 miles is measured from the home of the student to the non-public school.

Please send requests to:

Ellicottville Central School  
 ATTN: Mr. Robert Miller, Superintendent  
 5873 Route 219  
 Ellicottville, New York 14731

## Yearbook News



- Old yearbooks are available for purchase, as long as supplies last. The 2022 yearbook is \$30. Books from previous years are \$10. Contact Mrs. Bauer for more details.
- There is an elementary yearbook. It is a PreK-5 pull-out of the regular yearbook. They are \$20. Contact Mrs. Bauer to reserve one. Previous years will not be available for the elementary yearbook.
- The last day to reserve a yearbook will be May 31st. After that you can only get one a week after they come in, assuming there are any left after all reserved ones have had a chance to be claimed.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Classroom teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Elementary yearbook (\$20) \_\_\_\_\_

Full yearbook (\$60) \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Make check payable to ECS Yearbook\*\***

If you want more than one of either book, please indicate number on the line

**TEACHERS, PLEASE RETURN TO MRS. BAUER IN THE HIGH SCHOOL**

# FUN IN THE SNOW

First Graders enjoyed a morning of snow time fun. They had fun sliding, climbing and swinging on the playground as well as making snow angels and rolling down the hills. What a fantastic time!



**SAVE THE DATES IN MAY:**

**CONCERT CHANGES FOR MAY - MORE DETAILS TO COME IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER**

**MAY 18TH @ 6:30 PM K-5TH GRADES BAND AND CHORAL CONCERT (ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES K-5TH)**

**MAY 23RD @ 6:30 PM 6TH - 12TH GRADES BAND AND CHORAL CONCERT**

# Emotional Wellness Checklist

Emotional wellness is the ability to successfully handle life's stresses and adapt to change and difficult times. Here are tips for improving your emotional health:



## BUILD RESILIENCE

People who are emotionally well, experts say, have fewer negative emotions and are able to bounce back from difficulties faster. This quality is called resilience. Learning healthy ways to cope and how to draw from resources in your community can help you build resilience.



## REDUCE STRESS

Everyone feels stressed from time to time. Stress can give you a rush of energy when it's needed most. But if stress lasts a long time—a condition known as chronic stress—those “high alert” changes become harmful rather than helpful. Learning healthy ways to cope with stress can also boost your resilience.



## GET QUALITY SLEEP

To fit in everything we want to do in our day, we often sacrifice sleep. But sleep affects both mental and physical health. It's vital to your well-being. When you're tired, you can't function at your best. Sleep helps you think more clearly, have quicker reflexes and focus better. Take steps to make sure you regularly get a good night's sleep.



## BE MINDFUL

The concept of mindfulness is simple. This ancient practice is about being completely aware of what's happening in the present—of all that's going on inside and all that's happening around you. It means not living your life on “autopilot.” Becoming a more mindful person requires commitment and practice. Here are some tips to help you get started.



## COPE WITH LOSS

When someone you love dies, your world changes. There is no right or wrong way to mourn. Although the death of a loved one can feel overwhelming, most people can make it through the grieving process with the support of family and friends. Learn healthy ways to help you through difficult times.



## STRENGTHEN SOCIAL CONNECTIONS

Social connections might help protect health and lengthen life. Scientists are finding that our links to others can have powerful effects on our health—both emotionally and physically. Whether with romantic partners, family, friends, neighbors, or others, social connections can influence our biology and well-being.

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Mr. Erich Ploetz, 6-12 Principal  
Kathryn Mendell, Elementary Principal/Director of Curriculum

**E** Embracing  
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**C** Celebrating  
Success

**S** Surpassing  
Expectations



## ELLICOTTVILLE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

**SAVE THE DATE**

### ECS ALUMNI BANQUET

Saturday, July 15, 2023

Tannenbaum Lodge  
Upper Holiday Valley  
Ellicottville, New York

*More information will be  
in the April Newsletter.*

### PTO NEWS

#### Upcoming Events:

- **Spring Book Fair "Buy 1 Get 1 Free"**  
April 20th & April 21st  
(During King and Princess Dance)
- **Dime Carnival**  
Friday, May 19th, 5:30pm-7:30pm



## ECS Walking Program

Ellicottville  
Central School  
will host a Walk  
Program for  
community  
members thru

**Thursday, March 30, 2023. 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.**



## HELP WANTED - SUBSTITUTES NEEDED:

The Ellicottville Central School District is currently accepting applications for the following substitute positions: Teachers (both certified and non-certified), School Nurse, Teacher Aides, Cleaners, Bus Drivers and Cafeteria Workers. EOE.

Interested applicants may call the district office for an application (716-699-2368 ext. 1300) between the hours of 8:00 am – 4:00 pm when school is in session. You may also apply on-line at: <https://ellicottvillecentral.recruitfront.com/JobOpportunities>

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