

ELLICOTTVILLE



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A MUSICAL FABLE OF BROADWAY
BASED ON THE STORY AND CHARACTERS OF DAMON RUNYON

ELLICOTTVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL
DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS

GUYS & DOLLS

MUSIC & LYRICS BY: FRANK LOESSER
BOOK BY: JO SWERLING & ABE BURROWS

7PM FRIDAY
MARCH 28, 2025

7PM SATURDAY
MARCH 29, 2025

DIRECTOR/CONDUCTOR - JON WILDER
VOCAL DIRECTOR - WENDY BURCH
CHOREOGRAPHER - JENNI CARUSO
PRODUCER - MEGHAN EMBORSKY

THE WARD AT ELLICOTTVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL
TICKETS \$7 AT THE DOOR

Guys & Dolls is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.MTIshows.com
Any video and/or audio recording of this production is strictly prohibited.

FIRST GRADERS LIGHT THE WAY

As a culminating activity for the *Watts So Bright* science unit, first graders designed and built lighthouses. They also came up with a signal system telling the ships at sea when it is safe to come ashore.



IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, March 13th, 2025

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES - ½ DAY FOR GRADES PREK-12

Friday, March 14th, 2025

SUPERINTENDENT'S STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

WHAT'S GOING ON AT ECS?

By Mark J. Ward, Interim Superintendent

Bus Drivers

The District is in severe need of bus drivers, including two full-time positions, with a starting range of \$21-\$23 per hour (depending on experience). A signing bonus may also be provided. If you have a CDL, the District can assist you in obtaining the training for an "S Endorsement". For more information, please contact Dave Pelton, Transportation Supervisor, at 716-699-2316 (ext. 1305). An application may be filled out online by going to the District's website.

Gym Lighting

During the February break new LED lighting was installed in both gyms as part of a small project with 65% of the cost paid for by New York State. The lights were original to 2015 when the new gym was opened and clearly the upgrades were needed

Lower Wing of Elementary

We are planning to replace the lighting in the basement hallway in the elementary. The lighting is 1990's vintage and replacement is long overdue. The lighting will not cost any additional money as bids came in lower for the gym lights and we are now able to use the savings to update the basement hallway lighting.

PowerSchool Breach

We were notified in early January of a breach of information that impacted some of our personal information.

An electronic statement is being released by PowerSchool via email to explain the breach of information, however, the district plans to notify parents, students and employees by mail in an effort to make sure everyone is informed. From our indications the staff MAY have had their name, email and phone numbers breached. For students it MAY have been name, address, birthday, and social security number. We are not sure what was taken but they are offering free credit monitoring.

Budget Preparation

We are in the very early stages of the budget process, so it is too soon for any specifics. However, the outlook for any increase in state aid is very grim. It appears the Governor is going to freeze Foundation Aid which is the primary way the district receives "new aid". Until the State budget is passed the budget is still in flux. We know that to maintain the facilities, staffing and programs we have, a tax increase will be needed.

Capital Project Work

We are currently working on the planning stages of the capital project, with no tax impact, that was passed in December 2024. It is divided into two phases with the first phase already receiving State Education Dept. approval. It will focus on a new water tank to replace the original water tank installed in 1961. Bidding will take place in March and the project will take place over the summer of 2025.

Phase 2 is also being looked at more carefully as we proceed to make sure some of the key areas that need to be addressed, will be, before another major capital project is developed five years down the road.

At the time of this newsletter the Board did not have an opportunity to fine tune their thoughts as they look at some additional items from the Building Condition Survey and a closer look at other areas of the building that may need to be addressed sooner not later. If the board decides they may need additional resources to address these needs, a small capital project may be proposed this May at the same time the budget is voted on. Again, this is only in the exploratory stage.

Grades 4-7

The district is providing additional support at these four grade levels for students who have been identified based on testing below state testing standards. Mrs. Mendell and Mr. Ploetz are working closely with Mrs. Frank and Mrs. Peffer to design a program that works with students in small groups designed to reinforce classroom instruction and improve individual skills (that the students are deficient in). We started out the year in grades 4-6 and are now adding 7th grade due to the needs of our students.

This program will be monitored, adjusted, and evaluated to make sure it is effective in addressing the needs of our students

2ND QUARTER

HIGH HONOR ROLL & HONOR ROLL

November 2024 - February 2025



12th Grade

High Honor Roll

Bless, Kathryn
Doutt, Jayden
Edwards, Benjamin
Fisher, Alivia
Fuller, Tea
John, Addison
Johnson, Maddox
Kerns, Michael
Marsh, Courtney
McGuire, Liam
Niesyty, Eve
Norton, Ryan
Robinson, Kyle
Rust, Cheyenne
Sun, Siying
Sundeen, Sophia
Thomas, Layla
Woodarek, Ava

Honor Roll

Aronson, Brianna
Ball, Elizabeth
Button, Lauren
Doherty, Owen
Marek, Mackenzie
Privitera, Grace
Smith, Carter
Tussel, Violet
Vassar, Gracie
Weber, Adelaide

11th Grade

High Honor Roll

Burlingame, Faith
Bush, Bianca
Byroads, Grady
Coburn, Isabelle
Crowley, Kalyn
Ficek, Drew
Finn, Teaghan Marie
Folts, Jordan
Harber, Shyann
John, Parker
Klein, Harper
Kruszynski, Jackson
Kwagalakwe, Grace
Liskow, Alexa
Mendell, Cameron
Myers, Delaney
Nazareth, Anna
Noga, Mackenzie
Northrup, Ande
O'Connell, Jordan
Potter, Makayla
Tighe, Olivia
Wedvik, Oliver
Wilson, Lanie
Wood, Skye

Honor Roll

Andera, Patrick
Curtis, Kristopher
Robison, Curtis Lee

10th Grade

High Honor Roll

Andrews, Adalynn
Atwater, Eli
Bless, Kristen
DeChane, Timothy III
DeChane, Trinity
Edwards, Ainsley
Edwards, Christopher
Fuller, Ava
Green, McKenzie
Grundy, Ella
Klein, Tosh
LaCroix, Jaxson
Mann, Jonah
Murray, Eliza
Nevins, Jady
O'Connell, Juliana
Weber, Ava
Wedvik, Benjamin
Wilder, Isabella

Honor Roll

Byroads, Breanna
Carls, Coleman
Curtis, Malie
Quinn, Ellen
Smith, Blake
Tirado, Dominic
Whitmer, Riley

9th Grade

High Honor Roll

Antholzner, Alison
Brennan, Zachary
Finch, Audrianna
Howard, Camden
Johnson, Rian
Kaleta, Keegan
Kruszynski, Daniel
Lafferty, Katie
Milks, Coleman
Miller, Sawyer
Sciara, Cooper
Weber, Collin

Honor Roll

Basher, Holden
Button, Rylie
Czamara, Isabella
Kaleta, Carter
Lyon, Juleana
Northrup, Karle
Northrup, Riley
Olson, Meegan
Pierce, Trenton
Rust, Abigail

8th Grade

High Honor Roll

Coolidge, Cooper
DeChane, Gabriel
DeChane, Marshall
Griffith, Grace
Kosinski, Carsten
Krause, Audrey
Kruszynski, Cayda
Maynard, Marlee
Mendell, McKenna
Myers, Andrew
Pearl, Lillian
Perks, Taylor
Riley, Camerion
Ross, Patricia
Tarr, Briyona
Tupchik, Stella
Weber, Ella
Wedvik, Nicholas

Honor Roll

Bauer, Kaegan
Brown, Marjorie
Meyer, Rae Ann
Powers, Whitney

7th Grade

High Honor Roll

Andera, Harley
Andrews, Allyana
Brennan, Myla
Dahlman, Liam
Decker, Rowan
Faulkner, Maggie
Gearhart, Layla
Green, Thomas
Howard, Ty
Myers, Caelan
Parmenter, Everett
Pawlowski, Reagan
Seeley, Aston
Siperek, Teagan
Wallace, Emma

Honor Roll

Baker, Kaiya
Czamara, Caleb
Daniels, Oliver
LaCroix, Mason
Niesyty, Hope
Norton, Charlie
Sciara, Griffen

6th Grade

High Honor Roll

Bishop, Liberty
Bly, Violet
Bunk, Noah
Burlingame, Jameson
Earley, Evelyn
Frank, Jacob

Helie, James
Joessel, Sophia
Johnson, Oliver
Kell, Quinn
Klein, Joanna
Miller, Shiloh
Sun, Caroline
Travis, Vander

Honor Roll

Benjamin, Rose
Blouvet, Robert
Eganski, Jaelyn
Erlandson, Carly
Erlandson, Taylor
Kerns, Jack
Potter, Carter
Rust, Theron

5th Grade

Mr. Smith's High Honor Roll:

Logan Grover
Jaxon Helie
Aliya Mendell
Anderson Mix
Eli Norton
Simone Phillips
Nathan Siperek

Mr. Smith's Honor Roll:

Emmary Adcock
Maya Bickell
Londyn Butcher
Kaiden Daniels
Lilliana Farnham
Quinnley LaCroix

Mrs. Moore's Honor Roll:

Caden Bishop
Lauren Emborsky
Matthew Myers
Nicholas Rocco
Paisley Rublee
Grant Wallace
Anna Zeher

Mrs. Moore's BUG: (Bringing Up Grades)

Phoebe Berglund
Caden Bishop
Lauren Emborsky
Lillian McCarthy
Kenzie Mendell
Matthew Myers
Emmit Pierce
Paisley Rublee
Orion Seitz
John Smith
Riley Swan
Grant Wallace
Anna Zeher



Mrs. Sarah Lafferty – New Staff Member

We are excited to welcome Mrs. Sarah Lafferty to the “ECS Family” as a special education teacher in our 12-1-3 classroom. Mrs. Lafferty is originally from Springville but now lives with her husband and four children (one serving in Military) in Hamburg, N.Y. She is a graduate of Oswego State College and is currently attending the University of Buffalo. She comes to the district with 6 years of teaching experience in elementary and special education.

Fourth Graders Study Native American Culture

In fourth grade, students comprehensively study the State of New York. One of the units of study includes the study of the first New Yorkers. In December, fourth graders visited the Seneca Iroquois National Museum in Salamanca. On this field trip students were able to extend a greater understanding of what they were learning about the Hodínöhšö:ni:h in the classroom. Students enjoyed viewing artifacts,

hearing stories of Iroquois history, and becoming immersed in the culture for a brief period of time. Then, students were encouraged to create their own

Native American project connected to the Iroquois. Students’ projects included long houses, model villages, dream catchers, and more.



Yearbook News



- Old yearbooks are available for purchase, as long as supplies last. The 2024 yearbook is \$50. Books from previous years are \$20. 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.
- You need to put at least \$20 down to reserve a book. We are accepting deposits now.
- Do you have pictures you think would be great for the yearbook? Email them to cbauer@ecsny.org

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

Reading Buddies



Every week Mrs. Romance's class joins together with Mrs. Bower's first grade class for some reading fun! This is a wonderful opportunity to build community and connection among different age groups and abilities. The older students practice their leadership skills while helping the younger students along in their reading journey. Reading buddies can help students develop a more positive outlook on reading when they read with a buddy!

PETITIONS AVAILABLE FOR TWO (2) SEATS 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 20, 2025. Nominating petitions must be filed with the District Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 21, 2025.

The candidate with the second-highest number of votes will be assigned a five-year term seat beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2030. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will be assigned an unexpired term seat immediately following the election on May 20, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

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.

Nominating petitions and further information are available from Kristen Pearl, District Clerk, during regular business hours (when school is in session), 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., or by calling (716) 699-2368 ext. 1300.

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, 2025.

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. Mark J. Ward,
Interim Superintendent
5873 Route 219
Ellicottville, New York 14731



English Class off to Jamestown for Research & Resources

ENG 1510 students visited Jamestown Community College to explore research techniques and resources, gaining valuable insights for academic success. During the trip, they also stopped at the Lucille Ball statues in Celoron, enjoying a quick moment to appreciate the legacy of the comedy icon and her ties to the area.



NEW INDUCTEES TO THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Special Congratulations to our ECS Eagles inducted into the Ellicottville National Honor Society on January 16, 2025 at the Great Valley Fireman's Clubhouse. We had an excellent ceremony with each student giving an induction speech which

displayed their scholarship, service, leadership, and character. The night was accompanied by a delicious meal made by Mrs. Williams and her cooking staff. Students inducted were: Faith Burlingame, Bianca Bush, Kalyn Crowley, Drew Ficek, Teaghan Finn,

Jordan Folts, Harper Klein, Jackson Kruszynski, Liam McGuire, Delaney Myers, Ande Northrup, Jordan O'Connell, Olivia Tighe, Oliver Wedvik, and Skye Wood

These students were joined with last year's members for a wonderful

evening of dinner followed by the ceremony. Prior members include: Kathryn Bless, Jayden Doult, Benjamin Edwards, Téa Fuller, Maddox Johnson, Michael Kerns, Courtney Marsh, Eve Niesyty, Siying Sun, and Sophia Sundeen.



ECS STEM LAB

Exciting learning is taking place in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) classroom in our elementary. This learning space is designed to enhance the educational experience for our students, offering them an opportunity to engage in hands-on learning across multiple disciplines.

The new STEM classroom is equipped with modern tools and resources, including interactive technology, building kits, and specialized equipment. These resources are intended to foster critical thinking, problem-solving, and creativity, all of which are key components of a well-rounded STEM education. The space allows students to explore various scientific concepts, experiment with engineering projects, and develop technological skills that are becoming increasingly essential in today's world.

In addition to the classroom's physical setup, the curriculum has been tailored to provide age-appropriate challenges that promote inquiry and collaboration. Students are guided through engaging activities that encourage teamwork and communication, skills that are vital for success both inside and outside the classroom.

We are excited to see the positive impact this new STEM classroom will have on our students, helping them develop a strong foundation in the STEM fields.

We look forward to seeing the many ways our students will grow and thrive in this new learning environment.



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