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Where the Jobs Are ...

CAREER DAYS MAY 30 & 31

By Mark J. Ward, Superintendent

In an effort to highlight the skills, training, education and jobs that our students will be competing for, the school is sponsoring a Career/Job Awareness Program for students in grades 4-12. We believe it is our job to educate our students (and parents) about the job market they will be facing, the skills they will need, and where the jobs will be.

The importance of education is greater now than ever before. A high school diploma is only the beginning of your educational career. Learning beyond high school is a must whether it is on the job, two-year degree, certificated program or a four-year degree. The changing world demands that we continue to learn as we are faced with rapid changes and informational overload.

**Promoting
21st Century
Skills Awareness
for Grs. 4-12**

As a school, the NYS Education Department has challenged us to prepare our students for college or the job force. This means that graduates must have algebra math skills and reading, writing and communication skills that will allow them to directly enter the job force. This means that

students will have to meet higher standards of achievement and performance in order to graduate from high school.

We have said this before, but the world young people will and are facing is far different than it was 10, 20 or 30 years ago. Technology, communication and the global economy have changed the landscape forever and we must prepare our students to compete far beyond Ellicottville, Cattaraugus County or even New York State. Most of the manufacturing jobs of the past no longer exist. With technology, many people are now able to work at home and communicate across the world. This new global economy means that ECS students will be competing with students from India, China, Russia, England, Philippines and nations all across the globe.

With this said, we believe that our school must educate our students and parents on these changes so our students are able to establish realistic goals based on the economic realities of today. Many jobs students will have some day have not even been developed yet! The important thing is to understand where the jobs will be and the skills that employers are looking for. Research is telling us that people will change jobs eight or more times in their life, so change and flexibility is guaranteed!

Students must know not only where jobs will be but what skills and qualities

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**COME ONE,
COME ALL!**

**Ellicottville Science
and Technology
Exposition**

**Tuesday, May 15th
6-8 p.m.**

High School Cafeteria

*Robotics Demonstration,
Egg Drop Competition,
Science Fair Projects,
Hands-On demonstrations,
Integration of CORE writing
in Science classes and more!*

**SPECIAL FEATURE
THIS YEAR: KIDS ZONE**

*A hands-on section
for elementary students
to build, create and discover!*

Please turn to
**Detailed 2012-13
Budget Bulletin**
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Budget Hearing
Tuesday, May 8, 2012
7:30 p.m.
High School Cafeteria

**Budget Vote & Board
Member Election**
Tuesday, May 15, 2012
1-8 p.m., Elementary Foyer

Congratulations to OUR NTHS INDUCTEES

We are honored to announce that two of our Seniors have been inducted into the National Technical Honor Society at the Olean BOCES Center. Katelynn Andera and Kaitlyn Riethmiller (shown in photo with Mr. Bob Miller, ECS 6-12 Principal) were recognized for their outstanding achievement in the New Visions Health Professions Program. Both girls met the initial criteria with a 90% or higher GPA, positive attitude, and exceptional attendance. The New Visions program is a highly selective course of study for seniors within Cattaraugus County. Students wishing to be considered for the program have to apply for it and be interviewed. The final selection of participants can be quite competitive, as only 12 within the entire county are accepted. Students are afforded to the opportunity to explore various areas of the health care field while earning both high school and college credits, such as JCC Anatomy and Physiology. The New Visions program is held at Olean General Hospital, and, in addition to taking demanding courses, students shadow professionals in the medical field. Congratulations to Katelynn & Kaitlyn!



CAREER DAYS,

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employers are looking for in their employees. Local and area businesses, colleges and government agencies will all play a role in the two-day program. Older students will select from a list of presenters, while younger students will be provided 3-4 presentations focusing on a range of career and skill awarenesses.

We often hear about 21st century skills but what are they? They are much different skills than students were expected to have an understanding about in the past. They go way beyond English, math, science and social studies knowledge. Employers, educators and research studies have developed a list of work place skills that many people seem to agree on. Here are the skills that appear most often:

- Problem solver
- Think and work creatively
- Manage and access information
- Apply technology
- Adapt to change
- Be flexible
- Work independently
- Self-directed learner
- Interact with others
- Work effectively with diverse groups
- Manage, plan and produce results
- Global awareness
- Critical thinking

THE PTO NEEDS YOU!

Are you willing to help plan and organize activities to support and enhance the experience of ECS students? The PTO is in need of new members to continue to provide activities such as the Dime Carnival, Field Day, Family Fun Night, and more!

During our upcoming monthly meetings we will be planning the rest of the year's activities as well as making important decisions concerning next year's operations and electing new officers and chairpersons. Anyone who joins the PTO will be eligible to vote at the May and June meetings. To be on our official member list, with voting rights and to be eligible to hold a leadership position, you must:

1. Be a parent or guardian, grandparent or responsible relative of a student at Ellicottville Central School, or a school employee.
2. Pay annual membership dues of \$2. Memberships are valid for the current fiscal year of the PTO which shall end on June 30th.

Please return the following information to Diana Olson, PTO president.



_____ YES, I would like to be an official member of the PTO.

(Please enclose \$2 annual dues for the 2011-2012 school year.)

Name: _____

Check one: ___ parent/guardian/responsible adult of _____

___ school employee

Email address: (for meeting minutes, electronic copy of our by-laws, etc).

Phone number: _____

Other comments: _____



Animal Science: PROFESSIONAL DOG TRAINING

Animal Science students from Ellicottville Career and Technical Center got a look into the world of professional dog training at its best, from the President of Southtown's Working Dog Club and professional dog trainer, Noelle Nasca of Hamburg, NY.

Noelle demonstrated the various levels of dog training for obedience or sport. "You need to have a trusting and good relationship with your dog to be successful" she stated. Noelle demonstrated the sport of Schutzhund with her dog, Uta, a Belgian Malinois. The sport of Schutzhund teaches the dog protection and bite work with protective clothing worn by the trainer. Noelle explained that sports such as this are misunderstood by many people. Contrary to what people think, protection and bite work is not a sport for an aggressive dog, or to teach a dog aggression. Dogs used for this MUST have stable temperaments, and are well trained and possess self control.

She explained that dogs in protection sports are trained to bite the specialized sleeve and that it is a reward, like using a ball. Her dog, Uta, demonstrated how she loved the game. The minute she saw the sleeve, the dog was noticeably excited, as it was time for fun! Noelle let the students try the sleeve on and a few students got the opportunity to see what a sleeve bite was like.

It was an amazing learning experience and the Animal Science instructor, Miss Ellis, hopes the students will remember this information and continue to educate others on how to be a responsible dog owner. This field trip solidified the information students learn and apply in the Animal Science program on a daily basis with the dogs that they work with in class. Consistency, patience and a little knowledge goes a long way in building a great relationship with your dog.



Pictured (l-r) are Mrs. Ellis, Animal Science Instructor at the Ellicottville Career Tech Center; Jessica Schwartz, ECS student; and Noelle Nasca, professional dog trainer.



ARTISTS CHOSEN FOR JURIED EXHIBIT

These talented ECS students have works of art that will be on display in the High School Juried Exhibition at the Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts at St. Bonaventure University. They were chosen from over 300 entries from 20 area schools! Congratulations to Caitlyn Toth, Gwen Brown, Patrick Snyder, Izzy Brown, Karley Brooks and Emily Timkey. Missing from photo: Zaryan Evans.

ECS GRAD RUNS IN BOSTON MARATHON

Jamie Emerson, ECS Class of 1989, ran in the Boston Marathon on Monday, April 16th.

The race started with 22,426 runners. Jamie completed the race in 4 hours, 18 minutes and 8 seconds. He came in 12,080 place; 7,922 out of the males and 1,468 in his division (40-44 year olds).

Congratulations to Jamie on his personal accomplishment and on representing the Ellicottville Community in such a positive way.

**Mark Your Calendars:
School Closed
Friday, May 25, 2012**



Third Quarter 5-12 HONOR ROLLS LISTED

HIGH HONORS

Grade 12 - Katelynn Andera, Billie Jo Bliss, Joshua Bower, Karley Brooks, Mark Flanagan, Ashley Golley, Elizabeth Havers, Connor Hellwig, Donald Prentice Jr., Kaitlyn Riethmiller, Cedella Sergel, Clarissa Toner, Courtney Wilson

Grade 11 - Alyssa Costello, Nicholas DeChane, Rachel McMahon-Eagan, William Murphy, Cam Musall, Ciara Peters, Danna Scharf, Alex Steinbronner, Madison Szaicher, Caitlin Toth, Rachel Welch, Shannon Wilson, Luke Zlockie

Grade 10 - John Alzate, Courtney Antholzner, Gwendolyn Brown, Isabella Brown, Ashley Charlesworth, Jordan Curtis, Sierra DeChane, Alijah Fox, Fletcher Macomb, Natalia Palombi, Chantel Perez, Kara Piscitelli, Jesse Pollock, McKenzie Robinson, Monica Rubeck, Julia Schwartz, Lorenzo Smith, Emily Timkey, Cory Tomblin, Emily Uhrinek, Samantha Uhrinek, Elizabeth Wendel, Megan Westfall, Camereon Wilson, Sarah Wojtowicz

Grade 9 - Hannah Doro, Zaryan Evans, Alessia Filutze, Patrick McMahon-Eagan, Alex Paddock, Jocelyn Steffan, Hunter Steffenhagen, Shelby Swalcy, Olivia Venezia, Calum Watt, Aidan Wilson, Finn Wilson, Molly Woodarek, Alexis Woodin

Grade 8 - Courtney Charlesworth, Brenna Cole, Hunter Cooper, Elijah Dechane, Thomas Easton, Caitlyn Golley, Kaleigh Hunt, Cole Lapi, Jaelee Macomb, Cheyenne Maybee, Quinn O'Rourke, Max

Paddock, Lindsey Robinson, Robert Sawicki Jr., Kaitlyn Smith, William Timkey, Shelby Toth, Leah Westfall, Kevin Woodin

Grade 7 - Jenna Aldrich, Katherine Barry, Aaron Blank, Emma Chew, Hannah Chew, Marissa Hamilton, Madison Harris, Shelby Imhoff, Noehah Knight, Benjamin Marsh, Jacob Marsh, Victor Rieman, Tarah Scharf, Jayden Slaughenhaupt, Madison Swalcy, Liam Watt

Grade 6 - Rylie Aldrich, Brooke Andera, Jackson Bacon, Griffin Chudy, Christian Colbert, Evelyn Cortez, Hannah DeChane, Kirkland Kaleta, Lisa Krotz, Halie Mowery, Samuel Riley, Kourtney Robinson, Mitchell Sexton, McKenna Stayer, Noah Stuve, Andelain Wilson, Walter Woodarek

HONORS

Grade 12 - Joshua Bordini, Samantha Brooks, Zakary Fisher, Jessica Howard, Levi Kent, Laszlo Neuwirth, Jaimee Olson, Michaela Pierce, James Snider

Grade 11 - Courtney Bradley, Breanna Coolidge, Carl Herman, Janae Hamilton, Trevor Kilby, Alexander Murphy, Kate Seiflein, Patrick Snyder, Liza Wienk

Grade 10 - Hailey Musall, Liam O'Rourke, Michaela Pierce, Courtney Scanlan, David Toner, Christopher Wojtowicz

Grade 9 - Kevin Bower, Dominic Campbell, Amber Davies, Rebecca Hagon

Grade 8 - Nicholas DiDonato, Alex Fisher, Annmarie Prentice, Caleb Rinko-

Shelby Spell, Jasmine Valentine, Stone Wilson, Morgan Zlockie

Grade 7 - Haylee Adams, Jordon Andrews, Brooke Coolidge, Nolan Dunkleman, Jerrett Gebauer, Sydney Smith, Robert Spell

Grade 6 - Lucas Foster, Triston Georgianni, Zachary Golley, Deric Leiper, Courtney Levine, Joran Lyford, Mickala Michael, Hunter O'Stricker, Evan Palmatier, Alex Pangborn, Allison Raecher, Parker Rieman

GRADE 5 HONOR ROLL

Mrs. Fitzpatrick - Meganne Chapman, Kayleigh Coolidge, Alana Curtis, Ned Hartsell, Ginna Hensel

Mrs. Moore - Malorie Chamberlain, Elissa Cole, Brennan Finn, Lucas Goodin, Samantha Karns, Logan Knab, Zackary Krotz, Sierra Maybee, Garland Schumann

GRADE 5 B.U.G. AWARDS

Mrs. Fitzpatrick - Audrianna Atkinson, Meganne Chapman, Kayleigh Coolidge, Alana Curtis, Allyson Fisher, Ned Hartsell

Mrs. Moore - Malorie Chamberlain, Elissa Cole, Kobee Decker, Lucas Goodin, Samantha Karns, Logan Knab, Cole Light, Sierra Maybee, Garland Schumann, Timothy Venturin

3RD QUARTER PERFECT ATTENDANCE

KINDERGARTEN

Mrs. Bower - Jacob Atwater, Dylan Timblin

Miss Olson - Mason Perks

Mrs. Simpson - Alex Bergan, Balen Frick

Mr. Wilson - Brooke Butler, Jaida Mendell, Alex Newark

FIRST GRADE

Ms. Gemza - Alexander Silvernail

Mrs. Peters - Breana Andrews

Mr. Smith - Zachary Clark, Jackson Decker, Katie Krotz, Allison Rowland, Christian Swalcy, Sarah Weber

SECOND GRADE

Mr. Hintz - Andrew Bolya,

Marissa Clark, Aedin Greene, Matthew Ives, Jallyssa Lafferty

Mrs. Polasik - Joshua Coolidge, Kaleb Kilby, Star Light, Emma Steffenhagen

THIRD GRADE

Mrs. Donoghue - Morganne Chapman, Willow Comstock, Kamrin Greene, Rexx Paddock, Braedyn Palmatier, Kelsea Tomczak

Mr. Przybyla - Kolby Aldrich, Jianna Flora, Jenna Hadley, Alex Hunt, Justin Imhoff, Noah Lehr, Harrison Newark, Carwyn Schumann

Mrs. Woodarek - Patrick Dineen, Aidan Joyce, Emery Lafferty, Erin Quinn, Courtney Sexton, Jarett Slaughenhaupt,

Kimberly Weaver, Coryn Yarnes

FOURTH GRADE

Mr. Delity - Noah Greene, McKenna Kaleta, Niklas Logel, Hunter Puszcz, John Snyder

Mrs. Tomblin - Austin Atkinson, Allison Calarco, Ila Decker, Abaigeal Donoghue, Madisyn Kilby, Megan Stuve

FIFTH GRADE

Mrs. Fitzpatrick - Meganne Chapman, Kayleigh Coolidge, Ned Hartsell,

Mrs. Moore - Kobee Decker, Zackary Krotz, Cole Light, Timothy Venturin





DARIEN LAKE 'READ TO RIDE' CHALLENGE

Each year, Darien Lake sponsors "Read to Ride," a program that encourages students to take a little time from their busy schedules to pick up a book and read. Each student must read for seven hours to be eligible to receive a free ticket. 122 ECS students accomplished this goal and will be able to visit Darien Lake Theme Park in July for a fun day on the rides. Congratulations to all our young readers!

PRE K HAT DECORATING NIGHT / PARADE

A sure sign of spring is the Pre K Parent/Child Hat Decorating Night and Hat Parade! After working with the help of mom and/or dad to transform their plain hats, the Pre K students modeled their creations during a Hat Parade throughout the classrooms and school.



Students Making THEIR MARK ON THE WORLD

We all know that Ellicottville Central School has a long standing academic tradition of producing top notch students and leaders. This year, the tradition continues! As we approach the final quarter of the school year, we have received word on many students' accomplishments ...

Each year, more than 1.5 million students across the country take the Preliminary SAT / National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Tests (PSAT / NMSQT). This test provides a dual purpose; it is an opportunity for students to "practice" taking a test similar to the SAT, and it also serves as an avenue for students to be entered into the National Merit Scholarship program. Getting into the scholarship program is highly competitive, as only 3% of all the students taking the exam are invited to participate. This year, we are honored to announce that **Rachel McMahon-Eagan and Patrick Snyder** have both met the requirements to participate in the National Merit Scholarship program based on their high test scores. Great Job!

Each year the NYS Education Depart-

ment, offers scholarships for Academic Excellence to students across the state. Selection for Ellicottville students was based on the cumulative average of several select Regents Exams. We are pleased to announce that **Kaitlyn Riethmiller and Erin Bohn** have each been selected to receive one of these scholarships.

This past winter, **Hannah Doro** competed in the New York state ski racing championships. Based on her results of the season in NYSSRA races, she was the third place girl from the western half of

New York State. She competed for four days at Gore Mountain, Toggenburg and Song and won 5th place in New York!

This earned her a spot to compete in USSA Junior Olympics in Maine in March against approximately 70 other contestants from the Northeast. At Sugarloaf, Maine she earned 21st place in the slalom and 17th place in the giant slalom. Great job Hannah!

Congratulations to all these students on jobs well done! You have all represented ECS with pride!



WARM WEATHER DRESS CODE REMINDER

As the nice weather is upon us, many students are starting to wear summer attire. Unfortunately, the staff has been seeing too many articles of clothing that do not meet the dress code. More specifically, we have seen shorts and skirts that are too short, pants with too many holes cut into them, and shirts that are inappropriate.

Therefore, at this time, we are asking for parents' help. Please remind your child that if he / she comes to school in clothes that do not meet the established dress code; they will be asked to change, will be sent home, or will face disciplinary actions.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

WRITERS BRING HOME AWARDS

On March 1, 2012, eight ECS students in grades 9-12 participated in the Allegany-Cattaraugus County Principals' Association annual Angelo Melaro Writing Contest. The 9th and 10th graders wrote an essay based on the following prompt: *Conflict is created when the will of an individual opposes the will of the majority. Validate the statement by referring to an example from a work of literature and history or your life.* The prompt for the 11th and 12th grade essay was: *Is the ideal hero a person who follows all the rules or a person who breaks all the rules? Choose a literary hero and defend your choice by deciding which category he/she fits into.*

The essays were then scored regionally by grade level, with just over 30 essays at each level. Awards were presented on Tuesday, March 20th at the Premier Banquet Center, Olean, NY. Ellicottville was well represented at this awards banquet, as Josh Bordini brought home 3rd place in the 12th grade division, while Caitlyn Toth garnered top honors for her 1st place essay for 11th grade!

The ECS students that participated in the contest were: Finn Wilson, Olivia Venezia, McKenzie Robinson, Sierra DeChane, Caitlin Toth, Alex Steinbronner, Mark Flanagan and Josh Bordini.

Congratulations to all ECS writers on a job well done!





2012-2013 School Budget:

LIVING WITH NEW TAX CAP & FUNDING GAP

By Mark J. Ward, Superintendent

The economic circumstances across our nation continue to impact the State's ability to fund education. Our school is continuing to deal with a large loss in aid which directly impacts our ability to fund operational increases. We were able to make the numbers work this year by reducing staff, small tax increase and project the use of some fund balance to make up the loss of \$586,837 in revenue. We have gradually adjusted our staff (15 less positions) and operation over the past four years to the point where this year's budget is actually less than the 2008-09 budget!

This fiscally conservative approach has positioned us well to deal with the large funding gap sighted below. However, it is becoming increasingly difficult to "find ways" to maintain programs and not impact taxes. With rising costs of insurance, retirement payments, fuel and nearly everything else we have had to take an in depth look at everything. This budget reflects some dramatic cuts in classroom supplies that the staff quickly made when asked. Everyone has pitched in to try and keep costs down.

This year's funding gap reached \$586,837

- Decrease in State Aid ... over \$47,000
- Loss of ARRA funding ... \$117,000
- Gap Elimination ... \$422,837

Proposition 1, the basic budget for 2012-13 of \$10,641,795 represents a 1.5% increase in spending with an estimated \$158,141 increase in the tax levy. This will result in a 2.7% increase, but falls within the criteria established by new 2% tax cap law. The final tax levy will be finalized in early August.

Exemptions to the ECS tax levy calculation include the following:

- Increases above 2% to the Employee Retirement System
- Local share of principal and interest on capital expenditures (buildings, buses)
- Tax base growth due to construction, improvements and additions as determined by State's Department of Tax and Finance

The above three items plus 2% of the 2011-12 tax levy provides the amount of money that the District can levy in 2012-13 under the new tax cap regulations.

Voters will also be asked to approve **Proposition 2** which is a proposal to lease two 35 passenger buses for five years at an annual cost of \$16,350. **Proposition 3** will be the yearly request of the Ellicottville Memorial Library for funds to help support the community library. This year's \$28,000 request represents a \$500 increase over last year. To be approved, all three propositions require a simple majority vote.

Over the past four months the Board and administration have worked on developing a spending plan that will deal with reduced revenue while making every effort to maintain programs and educational opportunities for our students. We believe that the plan we have presented before you will do exactly that!

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BUDGET HEARING
Tuesday,
May 8, 2012
7:30 p.m.
H.S. Cafeteria



BUDGET VOTE & BOARD MEMBER ELECTION
Tuesday, May 15, 2012
1-8 p.m.
Elementary Foyer

2012-2013 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS,

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BUDGET/PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

- Due to decreased enrollment in next year's Kindergarten and First Grade we have reduced the number of sections from seven to five which resulted in the elimination of two teaching positions.
- District will lease two new 35 passenger buses for five years. This is something new for ECS.
- One 7-12 science teaching position was eliminated and with the retirement of our Home Economics/Business teacher that position will also be reduced.
- Good news! The cafeteria is in the black! (See article in June for details)
- A new "Honors" US History and 11th English Program that will be implemented in September
- We plan to start offering Music Theory I & II (they were part of the curriculum in the 90's)
- Elimination of summer school
- District has received E-rate funding (\$220,000 project) to install wireless internet throughout the building with much needed new wiring, switches and routers (local share \$50,000 in 2012-13)
- All extracurricular activities will be maintained

- All interscholastic sports programs will be maintained
- We are presently developing a new hands on project based math course for sophomores and juniors
- We are looking to develop several 20 week math electives for students
- We are working with Jamestown Community College and Genesee Community College to strengthen our college level offerings by considering on-line courses offered by our staff

While the district will survive the tax cap this year, we are running out of places to adjust without dramatically impacting the educational programs at ECS. Reducing staff, cutting supplies, putting off purchases and using fund balance will only work so long and we have trimmed to the point where the next thing to look at will be programs impacting the quality of education we offer our students. State aid has not kept pace, while the cost of operating our school continues to go up.

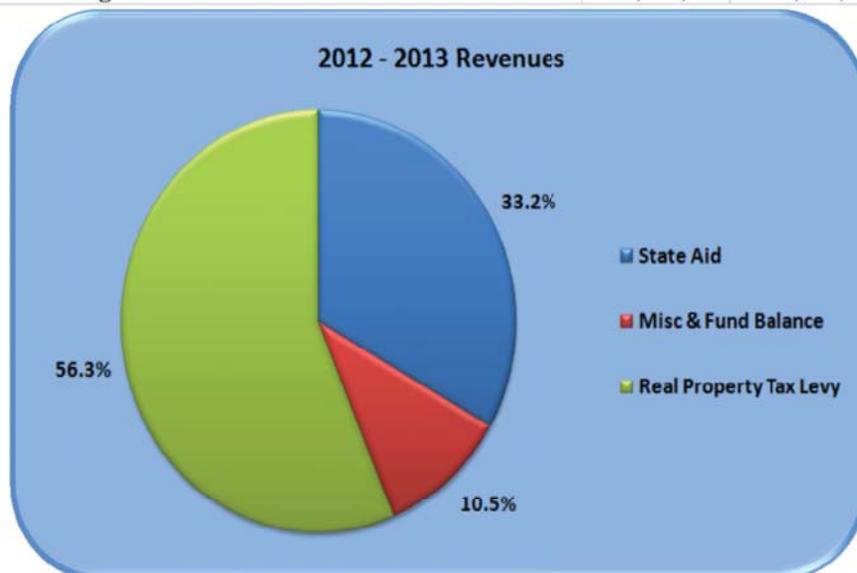
We are confident that we are proposing a well balanced and carefully developed budget that will continue to offer our students quality instruction, small classes, a variety of educational opportunities and a balanced number of extracurricular activities and interscholastic sports. We are dedicated to providing our students with an educational experience that will prepare them for college or give them the skills to be successful in the work force. If you have any questions about the budget please feel free to contact any Board member or Mr. Ward at mward@eville.wnyrc.org or call 699-2368



Ellicottville Central School

SUMMARY OF REVENUES

	2011-12	2012-13
Foundation Aid	\$2,601,950	\$2,617,561
Gap Elimination Adjustment	(\$462,531)	(\$418,742)
Textbook/Software/Library	39,451	39,244
Hardware/Technology	69	0
Special Education Excess Cost	73,316	294,616
Building Aid	436,619	436,619
Transportation Aid	195,784	129,741
BOCES & Revenue Refund	420,906	453,610
Federal Medicaid Reimbursement	10,000	10,000
Federal Stimulus Funds (ARRA)	117,000	0
Total Federal & State Sources	\$3,432,564	\$3,562,649
Interest & Tax Penalties	38,850	38,850
Student Fees, Sales, Refunds, Misc.	6,000	6,000
Non-Resident Student Tuition	40,000	45,000
E-Rate Refunds	18,000	18,000
Reserves	400,000	400,000
Appropriated Fund Balance	698,208	582,512
Payment In Lieu of Taxes	17,500	14,265
Total Local Sources	\$1,218,558	\$1,104,627
Real Property Tax levy	\$5,816,378	\$5,974,519
Total Projected Basic Budget Revenues	\$10,467,500	\$10,641,795
Appropriation for Public Library	\$27,500	\$28,000
Bus Lease		\$16,350
Total Budget Revenues	\$10,495,000	\$10,686,145

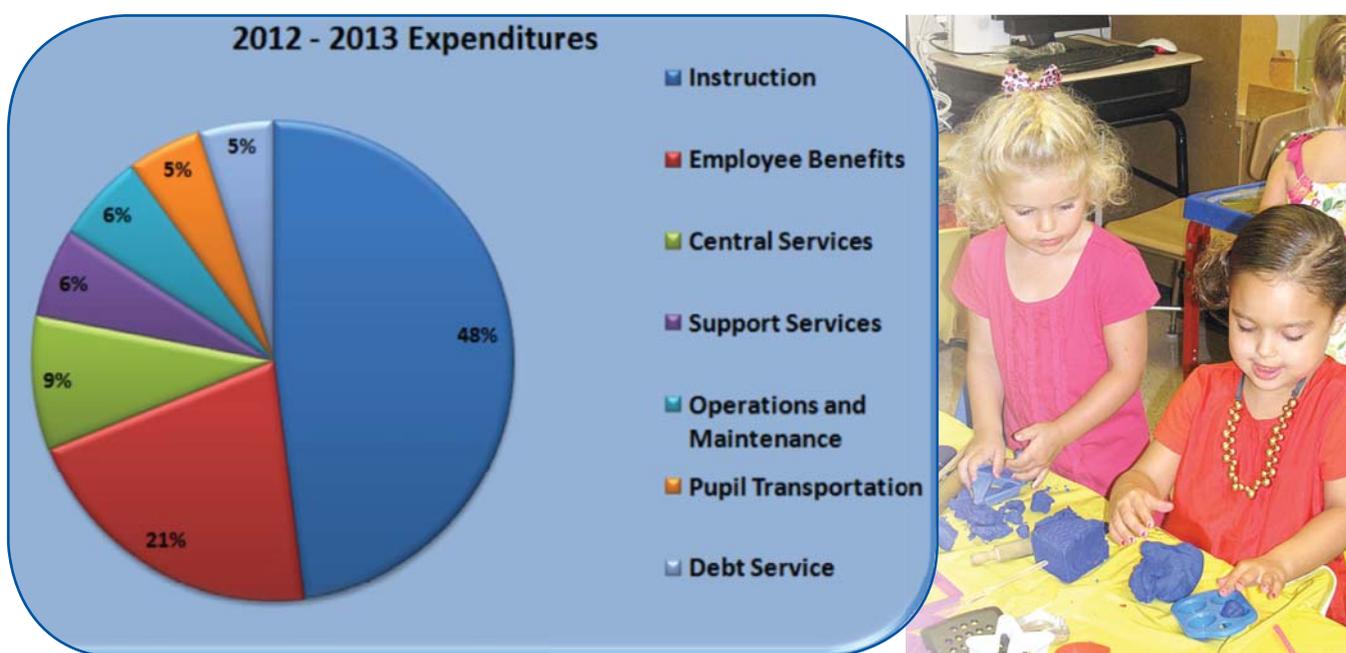


Proposed Budget 2012-2013

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

Expenditures are explained in greater detail on the following pages.

	2011/12	2012/13
Instruction	\$5,056,712	\$5,070,696
Employee Benefits	2,158,094	2,260,111
Central Services	861,080	920,741
Support Services	724,555	681,614
Operations and Maintenance	587,378	602,414
Pupil transportation	515,714	542,052
Debt Service	553,967	554,167
Interfund Transfer	10,000	10,000
Total Proposed Expenditures	\$10,467,500	\$10,641,795



PROPOSITONS (Voted as separate line items)	2011/12	2012/13
Proposition 1 Basic Budget	\$10,467,500	\$10,641,795
Proposition 2 Public Library	27,500	28,000
Proposition 3 Bus Lease		16,350
TOTAL BUDGET EXPENDITURES	\$10,495,000	\$10,686,145



BOCES EXPENSE

The total of budgeted services to be purchased from BOCES is \$2,121,686. This amount is included in the Expenditure Summary above. BOCES costs are blended throughout the budget under instruction, instructional support services, and central services. A portion of these expenditures will be aidable at our BOCES aid ratio of 36.1%. BOCES shared services enable small rural districts to provide specialized programs for students as well as staff development.

INSTRUCTION

48% of the total budget is directly related to the teaching and learning process. Salaries for teachers and support staff, classroom equipment and supplies, textbooks and special education are included in this section of the budget.

	2011/12	2012/13
Teaching - Regular Day School	\$3,154,720	\$3,043,037
<i>Includes salaries for teachers and support staff, classroom equipment and supplies, conferences and textbooks.</i>		
Handicapped Students	933,031	1,077,769
<i>Provides for BOCES special education classes and related services for the Committee on Special Education.</i>		
Curriculum Development	2,815	2,815
BOCES/Occupational Education	597,344	589,003
<i>BOCES aidable shared service teachers, support services and Career and Technical Educational Programs.</i>		
Supervision/Staff Development	352,657	351,972
<i>Salaries for administration and clerical staff, expenses related to instructional improvement.</i>		
Summer School	16,145	6,100
<i>Driver Education</i>		
Total Instruction	\$5,056,712	\$5,070,696

DEBT SERVICE

The District is currently paying for the Middle School addition, High School renovations and the boiler replacement. These projects continue to receive 65% State Aid on the Debt Service each year. Both projects will receive 65% state aid return on the total cost.

	2011/12	2012/13
Principal payment on high school addition	\$365,000	\$380,000
Principal payment on boilers	25,000	25,000
Interest payment on high school addition	148,169	134,482
Interest on boilers	15,798	14,685
Total Debt Service	\$553,967	\$554,167



EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

The items listed below comprise 21% of the budget and are either prescribed by law or have been negotiated with employee bargaining units. As a public school system, retirement benefits to all employees are mandated, as well as Social Security and Workers' Compensation.

	2011/12	2012/13
NYS Employees' Retirement System	\$198,344	\$206,941
NYS Teachers' Retirement System	394,273	414,772
Social Security	473,818	489,208
Unemployment Insurance	12,400	21,066
Health Insurance	1,036,235	1,078,650
Workers' Compensation	43,024	49,474
Total Employee Benefits	\$2,158,094	\$2,260,111

INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES

This area of the budget is designed to provide our students with a variety of support services that will enhance their educational experiences. 6% of the total budget is reflected in the services and student opportunities listed below. These are very important to the academic, physical, emotional and psychological development of our students.

	2011/12	2012/13
Guidance Services	\$144,132	\$148,508
<i>program</i>		
Library/AV	45,222	44,937
<i>Covers cost of operating the elementary and high school libraries. This includes books, magazines, library materials and audio visual equipment.</i>		
Computer/Technology/CAI/Networking	200,440	141,516
<i>Costs associated with technology equipment, supplies, software and technology support staff. Also includes BOCES costs associated with the network, broadband and distance learning.</i>		
Health Services	62,655	64,830
<i>Includes salary of the nurse, school doctor, supplies and other costs associated with the health office.</i>		
Psychological Services	61,828	61,368
<i>BOCES shared-service school psychologist, student testing expenses and supplies.</i>		
Extra-curricular Activities	30,051	30,051
<i>Salaries of advisors and expenses for student activity groups such as Student Council, Language Club, etc.</i>		
Interscholastic Athletics	180,227	190,404
<i>Includes coaching salaries, officials fees, equipment & supplies for all sports programs.</i>		
Total Support Services	\$724,555	\$681,614



CENTRAL SERVICES

This area of the budget provides the funds for the business and management operations of the district. Included are salaries of administrative and clerical personnel. Insurance, legal, auditing, mailing, financial, data processing, and public information services are also included. 9% of the overall budget is contained within this budget function. A large percentage of the BOCES costs are aidable at 36.1% (for every dollar spent we receive 36 cents back in aid the following year).

	2011/12	2012/13
Board of Education/District Clerk/Meetings	\$16,000	\$14,500
Superintendent's Office	183,567	183,567
<i>Administrative and clerical salaries, supplies and expenses.</i>		
Business Office/Audit/Tax Collection	181,968	186,899
<i>Administrative and clerical salaries, supplies & equipment as well as contractual expenses for auditing, printing and mailing tax bills.</i>		
Public Information/Printing/Mailing	75,020	74,750
<i>Includes costs of all printing, duplication, student agendas, postage and the District Newsletter.</i>		
Legal/Insurance/Dues/Misc.	90,800	90,800
<i>Legal counsel, all property, student accident, and liability insurance, as well as dues and membership fees for required professional affiliations.</i>		
Property Tax Refunds	3,500	3,500
<i>Refunds mandated by the Real Property Tax Office due to assessment changes.</i>		
BOCES Administrative Charges	310,225	366,725
<i>The costs of BOCES salaries, building maintenance, debt service and administration of group insurance plans through BOCES. Also included are on-line charges and support for network services. New IPA (wireless network)</i>		
Total Central Services	\$861,080	\$920,741



OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

This part of the budget supports the maintenance of all district facilities, athletic fields and other outdoor areas 6% of the budget is committed to staff salaries, utility costs, contractual services, supplies and materials for general maintenance and repair of equipment and facilities.

	2011/12	2012/13
Salaries	\$261,766	\$263,146
Equipment	15,000	24,208
Contract Expenses/Repairs	58,100	55,350
<i>Includes the regular contractual services required for operation of the physical plant, including minor repairs and improvements to meet program needs.</i>		
Supplies	55,512	62,710
Utilities	197,000	197,000
<i>District costs of heating, electricity, and telephone services.</i>		
Total Operations & Maintenance	\$587,378	\$602,414

TRANSPORTATION

The district expends 5% of the total budget to provide regular daily transportation for our students as well as for those attending various special education programs, in Salamanca, Olean, and Randolph, CTE Programs at the BOCES North Center and non-public school transportation.

	2011/12	2012/13
Salaries	\$290,403	\$290,403
<i>Salaries for all bus drivers and mechanics.</i>		
Equipment	15,000	17,000
Insurance/Utilities/Contractual	64,311	74,988
<i>Insurance for vehicles and utility expenses for the bus garage.</i>		
Contract Transportation	20,000	20,000
<i>Contract transportation as required by education law for students with special needs and for students attending non-public schools.</i>		
Supplies	42,500	44,661
<i>Includes parts for repairs and supplies for bus garage maintenance.</i>		
Fuel/Oil/Tires	83,500	95,000
Total Transportation	\$515,714	\$542,052



ECS 2012-2013 Proposed Budget

	Budget Components			2011-2012	2012-2013	Inc (Dec) \$
	Administrative	Capital	Instructional	Total	Total	
GENERAL SUPPORT						
Board of Education	\$14,500	-	-	\$16,000	\$14,500	(\$1,500)
Central Administration	183,567	-	-	183,567	183,567	-
Finance	186,899	-	-	181,967	186,899	4,932
Legal/Personnel/Public Info	52,924	-	-	54,559	52,924	(1,635)
Central Services-Operation of Plant	-	\$602,414	-	587,378	602,414	15,036
Central Printing	-	74,750	-	75,020	74,750	(270)
Insurance/Refunds/Dues/Unclassified	70,800	3,500	-	74,300	74,300	-
BOCES Central Data/Admin/Capital	333,801	-	-	275,667	333,801	58,134
TOTAL GENERAL SUPPORT	\$842,491	\$680,664	-	\$1,448,458	\$1,523,155	\$74,697
INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT						
Curriculum/Supervision/Inservice	\$276,051	-	-	\$283,608	\$276,051	(\$7,557)
Staff Development	-	-	\$84,836	88,009	84,836	(3,173)
Instructional Program-Teaching	-	-	4,709,809	4,685,136	4,709,809	24,673
Instructional Program - Media/Tech	-	-	186,453	245,622	186,453	(59,169)
Guidance/Health/Psychological	-	-	274,706	268,615	274,706	6,091
Co-Curricular/Interscholastic Activities	-	-	220,455	210,278	220,455	10,177
TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT	\$276,051	-	\$5,476,259	\$5,781,268	\$5,752,310	(\$28,958)
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION						
District Transportation	-	-	\$542,052	\$515,714	\$542,052	\$26,338
TOTAL STUDENT TRANSPORTATION	-	-	\$542,052	\$515,714	\$542,052	\$26,338
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS						
NYS Teacher Retirement System	\$41,527	-	\$373,245	\$394,274	\$414,772	\$20,498
NYS Employee Retirement System	33,587	\$45,855	127,499	198,343	206,941	8,598
Social Security	50,806	29,034	409,368	473,818	489,209	15,391
Worker's Compensation	5,873	15,592	28,009	43,024	49,474	6,450
Unemployment Insurance	1,500	900	18,666	12,400	21,066	8,666
Health Benefits	88,222	59,883	930,545	1,036,235	1,078,650	42,415
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$221,515	\$151,264	\$1,887,332	\$2,158,094	\$2,260,111	\$102,018
TRANSFER TO OTHER FUNDS		\$10,000		\$10,000	\$10,000	
TOTAL TRANSFER TO OTHER FUNDS		\$10,000		\$10,000	\$10,000	
DEBT SERVICE						
MS/HS renovation & construction		\$514,483		\$513,169	\$514,482	\$1,313
Boilers Interest & Principal		39,685		40,798	39,685	(\$1,113)
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE		\$554,168		\$553,967	\$554,167	\$200
TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET	\$1,340,057	\$1,396,096	\$7,905,643	\$10,467,500	\$10,641,795	\$174,295

Explanation of Three Part Budget Presentation - Chapter 436 of the Laws of 1997 require public school boards of education to present the proposed budget in three parts. As a result, this presentation is organized around the following components; administrative, capital, and program:

Administrative Component: Includes expenses associated with the operation of the school board, superintendent's office, and business office. Includes salaries and benefits for all certified administrators and supervisors who

spend a majority of their time performing administrative duties, consulting costs not directly related to instructional programs, and all other activities that are administrative in nature.

Capital Component: Includes debt service for all facilities financed by bonds and notes of the district, lease expenditures, costs resulting from judgments in tax certiorari proceedings, awards from court judgments, administrative orders and settled claims, cost of construction, acquisition,

reconstruction, rehabilitation, and improvements of school buildings, all expenses associated with custodial and maintenance salaries and benefits, service contracts, supplies, utilities, maintenance, and repair of school facilities.

Program Component: Includes salaries/benefits of teachers and any school administrator or supervisor who spend a majority of their time performing teaching duties, and all transportation operating expenses.



FOUR CANDIDATES VYING FOR SCHOOL BOARD

Melissa Foster is a lifelong resident of Ellicottville Central School District. She lives in Great Valley with her husband, Kenny, and their sons, Nicholas and Lucas, who attend ECS.

Melissa is employed by the NYS OPWDD as a Program Coordinator in the Integrated Employment Services Program. Her position entails providing employment training and employment opportunities for people who have developmental disabilities. Previously, she was employed at a NYS operated residential program in Great Valley for teenage boys as a English / Reading Teacher and Education Coordinator. In this capacity, she worked regularly with NYSED Regulations and GED Regulations to plan the education programs, while providing positive education opportunities for the youth in the program.

Melissa brings strong academic qualifications to the board. Melissa obtained a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education at SUNY Geneseo, a Reading Masters/ Certification from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and an Education Administration Masters/ Certification from Niagara University. This educational training has provided Melissa with knowledge about education trends and student needs.

Melissa has been active in the community for many years. She is a member and past president of the ECS PTO, working with the others to rejuvenate the Parent/Teacher group. She is a member of the Great Valley Volunteer Fire Department where she actively participated as a member of the Great Valley Regatta committee since 1992. She is also a member of the Cattaraugus County Youth Bureau Board and a past member of the Ellicottville/ Great Valley Ambulance Service.

Melissa hopes to be given the opportunity to share her love of education and be a part of ensuring a bright future for the children who attend ECS!

My name is **Clarence Bickell** and I am honored to be announcing my candidacy for a seat on the Board of Education. I have lived in Great Valley all my life and graduated from Ellicottville Central School in 1998.

For the past two years, I have been employed by Jerry Musall in the building construction business.

I am a member of the Great Valley Volunteer Fire Company and have served as President for the past three years. As a taxpayer and life-long resident, I will bring a conservative fiscal approach to the position and will provide a new voice from the community for education.

I am asking for your vote on May 15th.

My name is **Roger Spell** and I am running for the Ellicottville Central School Board of Education. I live in the village of Ellicottville with my wife Mary, daughter Shelby who is currently in the 8th grade, and son Robert who is in the 7th grade. The kids



Melissa Foster

participate in school activities such as cheerleading, student council, soccer, basketball, Odyssey of the Mind and Robotics. As a co-owner of The Barn Restaurant I can see how important the school is to local business owners and parents alike.

I have been active in the community working with the Ellicottville Pee Wee Football program for the last five years, helping with the ECS boys' modified basketball team and coaching three years for the elementary basketball program.

For the last five years I have been on the ECS school board, serving the last year as the Vice President. During that time, the school board has been able to maintain a relatively flat budget. This has been possible because of the hard work and dedication of the district employees.

We have also been very fortunate to have a dedicated and hard-working administration at ECS. Working with this administration and the other members of the board of education has been a very rewarding experience, an experience that I would very much like to continue.

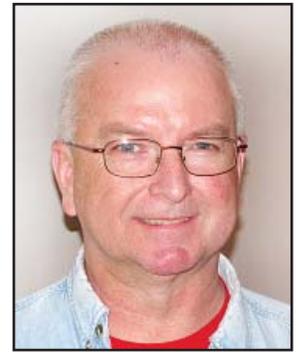
Hello, my name is **Aimee Kilby**. I am a 1994 graduate of ECS and have resided in Great Valley ever since. Presently, I reside on Davies Road, in the town of Humphrey, with my husband, Jack, and our two children Madisyn (4th grade) and Kaleb (2nd grade). I enjoy volunteering with Girl Scouts and Relay for Life, supporting ECS sports and fundraiser events, and camping/boating with my family.

I attended Alfred State College majoring in Accounting and went on to St. Bonaventure University to earn a Masters degree in Business Administration.

I have worked for Cattaraugus County for the past 10 years. Over this time, I have had the responsibility to develop and monitor budgets ranging from \$40,000 to \$4,000,000; communicate and be a liaison between contract agencies and government agencies; lead a department in a complete billing software upgrade; and managed various grants and oversaw numerous grant applications. I am currently employed as a Sr. Accountant for the Cattaraugus County Treasurer's office, where I complete tasks related to accounts payable, accounts receivable, year-end reporting and preparing for the annual audit.

I feel my educational background and work experience will enable me to aid the district in making decisions to ensure that the students of Ellicottville Central School continue to receive a solid educational foundation on which to build their future.

I urge everyone to exercise their right to vote on May 15th and, if I am your choice for a position on the school board, I will continue to pursue what is in the best interest of our children, the community and the taxpayers.



Roger Spell



Aimee Kilby



Clarence Bickell

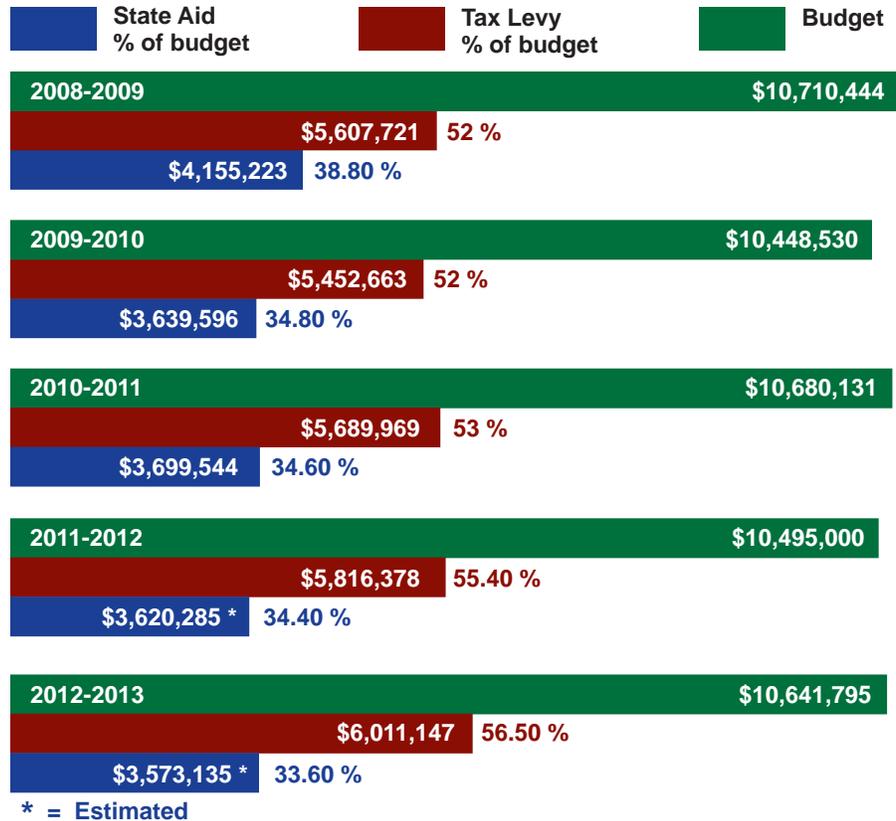


5-Year Budget History: Steady Decline in State Aid

During the past five years, the District budget has actually gone down .6% !

The tax levy over that same period of time has only increased 7%. This means your tax bill has gone up an average of 1.4% a year, which includes this year's proposed budget. In fact, if you look at the bar graph, the 2009-10 tax levy actually went down \$155,058! These numbers reflect conservative fiscal management based on reduced spending, use of reserves and the reduction of staff.

We want to draw your attention to the decrease in State Aid that the District continues to be experiencing. In 2008-09 the District received 38.8% of the budget in State Aid. We are projecting State Aid to be 33.6% in 2012-13.



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 \$10,641,795** for the 2012/2013 school year budget.

The Basic Budget will provide funds for all of the educationally related services, and the maintenance of our school building.

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 \$16,350 to lease 2 (35 passenger) 2013 International Buses for each of the next five years commencing with the 2012/2013 school year.**

ELLCOTTVILLE MEMORIAL LIBRARY - Proposition #3

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 \$28,000** in tax money to support the Ellicottville Memorial Library.

BOARD MEMBER ELECTION VOTING

Ellicottville Central School Board of Education Member Election May 15, 2012: The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will serve a five-year term, beginning on July 1, 2012 and expiring on June 30, 2017. The candidate with the second highest number of votes will serve a one-year term to fill out the remainder of the term left vacated by the resignation of Mrs. Mary Ellen Campbell (July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013).

Vote for TWO (2) (Please check):

_____ Melissa Foster

_____ Roger Spell

_____ (Write-in Candidate)

_____ Clarence Bickell

_____ Aimee Kilby



NYS School Report Card Fiscal Accountability Supplement for Ellicottville Central School District

New York State Education Law and the Commissioner's Regulations require the attachment of the NYS School Report Card to the public school district budget proposal. The regulations require that certain expenditure ratios for general education and special education students be reported and compared with ratios for similar districts and all public schools. The required ratios for this district are reported below.

2009-2010 School Year		General Education	Special Education
This School District	Instructional Expenditures	\$6,003,295	\$1,137,694
	Pupils	578	54
	Expenditures Per Pupil	\$10,386	\$21,068
Similar District Group	Instructional Expenditures	\$7,931,685,291	\$3,040,144,023
	Pupils	818,103	112,811
	Expenditures Per Pupil	\$9,695	\$26,949
Total of All School Districts in NY State	Instructional Expenditures	\$30,088,158,593	\$11,362,166,093
	Pupils	2,709,505	422,576
	Expenditures Per Pupil	\$11,105	\$26,888
Similar District Group Description: Average Need/Resource Capacity			

Instructional Expenditures for General Education are K-12 expenditures for classroom instruction (excluding Special Education) plus a proration of building level administrative and instructional support expenditures. These expenditures include amounts for instruction of students with disabilities in a general education setting. District expenditures, such as transportation, debt service, and district-wide administration, are not included.

The pupil count for General Education is K-12 average daily membership plus K-12 pupils for whom the district pays tuition to another school district. This number represents all pupils, including those classified as having disabilities and those not classified, excluding only students with disabilities placed out of district. For districts in which a county jail is located, this number includes incarcerated youth to whom the district must provide an education program.

Instructional Expenditures for Special Education are K-12 expenditures for students with disabilities (including summer special education expenditures) plus a proration of building-level administrative and instructional support expenditures. District expenditures, such as transportation, debt service, and district-wide administration, are not included.

Instructional Expenditures Per Pupil is the simple arithmetic ratio of Instructional Expenditures to Pupils. The total cost of instruction for students with disabilities may include both general and special education expenditures. Special education services provided in the general education classroom may benefit students not classified as having disabilities.

2009-2010 School Year	This School District	Similar District Group	Total of All School Districts in NY State
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$18,040	\$18,262	\$19,921



FRANCE: TRIP OF A LIFETIME

By Mme Whistler, ECS French Teacher

On April 2, after many months of planning, twelve French students, four Ellicottville parents and I, Mme Whistler, excitedly boarded a plane in Buffalo to begin a ten day tour to some of the most beautiful and historically famous places in France.

Paris and our wonderful French guide, Thierry, greeted us. We all ordered a quick lunch (in French), before getting on a bus to head to the Loire Valley, the starting point of our adventures. Our first stop was a 200 year old, family owned goat farm, with over 300 hundred goats. We learned how cheese is made and tasted samples. The cheese industry in France boasts

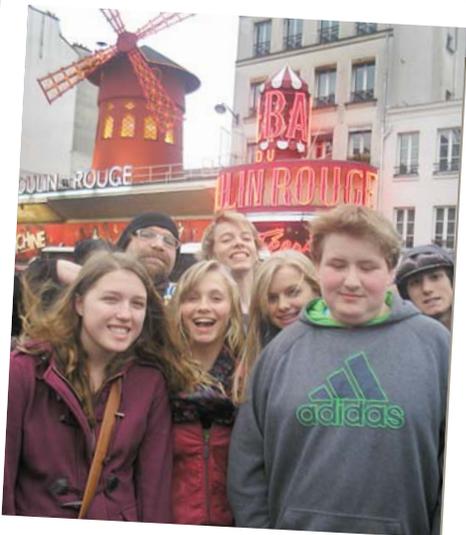
over 300 types of cheese. Our second stop of the day was a 500-year-old family owned winery. We learned how wine is made with a visit to the wine caves and the students enjoyed a tasting of sparkling grape juice. On to Tours (a medieval town with timbered houses) and the hotel, dinner and a walking tour to see where Joan of Arc, at the age of 14, bought her armor before she lead the French troops to victory against the English.

Visits to two 16th century Chateaux, Chambord (400 rooms, 362 fireplaces) and Chenonceau (built over the river Cher) highlighted our next day. During a lunch stop in the town of Amboise, where Leonardo daVinci spent the last three years of his life, we had free time to explore stores, stroll the streets of the beautiful town and “parler” French. At dinner we all enjoyed escargots.

On day three, we marveled at the miracle of Mont-Saint-Michel, in Brittany. The abbey built on a rock in the sea is over 1,300 years old. Pilgrims came from all over Europe, as do tourists today, to visit this site. After stopping to buy local specialty cookies and candy we left for the beautiful port town of St. Malo, arriving at high tide to the delight of all. Walking on the walls that surround the town is a favorite pastime. After enjoying a dinner of crepes, famous in this area, we had time to explore.

In Normandy the bond between France and America will never be forgotten. At La Pointe du Hoc, we visited a battlefield, which US Rangers attacked during WWII. The German bunkers and bomb holes made our history lessons come alive. As we walked through the bunkers and later visited Omaha Beach and the American cemetery we were told by our guide, Thierry, how thankful the French will always be for our sacrifices. On to Rouen (a medieval city), to visit the magnificent Cathedral, from the 11th century. What luck! The bishop was leading a mass. We all were teary-eyed with the splendor of the cathedral, so beautifully lit, and sounds of a gorgeous chorus.

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Traveling to France were: Kevin Bower, Patrick Snyder, Elizabeth Wendel, Jordan Curtis, Courtney Scanlan, McKenzie Robinson, Jessica Wojtowicz, Sarah Wojtowicz, Chris Wojtowicz, Jesse Pollock, Gabe Ling, Eric Oliverio, Mme Whistler, Bryan Bower, Cyndi Snyder, Louise Wendel and Tammy Curtis.



Hats Off to Our SOLO FESTIVAL STUDENTS

On Saturday, January 29th Mrs. Waldron, Mrs. Weller and Mrs. Wilder accompanied 60 students from Ellicottville Central School to participate in the Cattaraugus County Solo Festival held at Allegany-Limestone school. Our students prepared an individual solo, memorized scales and worked diligently on sight-reading and sight-singing skills. Each student had a given time to perform for one judge and was given comments on their performance and an overall score.

Students that participated in this festival are:

Elementary Band students: Rylie Aldrich, Jackson Bacon, Hannah DeChane, Austin Grinols, Kirkland Kaleta, Lisa Krotz, Joran Lyford, Hunter O'Stricker, Kourtney Robinson, Mitchell Sexton, Noah Stuve, Ande Wilson, Walter Woodarek, Malorie Chamberlain, Meganne Chapman, Kayleigh Coolidge, Kobee Decker, Allyson Fisher, Ned Hartsell, Ginna Hensel, Logan Knab, Zach Krotz, Sierra Maybee, Megan Hartsell and Cyrene Moore.

Middle and High School Band students: Karley Brooks, Alessia Filutze, Ashley Charlesworth, Patrick Snyder, McKenzie Robinson, Shannon Wilson, Finn Wilson, Jesse Pollock, Courtney Antholzner, Hunter Steffenhagen, Becca Hagon, Megan Westfall, Alijah Fox, Shelby Spell, Shelby Swalcy, Madison Harris, Kaitlyn Smith, Lindsey Robinson, Jenna Aldrich, Leah Westfall, Shelby Imhoff, Kaleigh Hunt, Katie Barry and Courtney Charlesworth.

Middle and High School chorus: Courtney Charlesworth, Alyssa Costello, Paige Enderby, Quinn O'Rourke, Jocelyn Steffan, Nick Delity, Courtney Antholzner, Hunter Steffenhagen, Alessia Filutze, Kaitlyn Smith, Sam Brooks, Elizabeth Wendel, Ciara Peters, Bre Coolidge, Cedella Sergel, Tanner Gregory, Josh Bower, Max Paddock, Calum Watt, Alissa Gregory, Beth Curtis, Marissa Hamilton.

Also, coming up on Friday, May 11th the following students will attend the NYSSMA solo festival held at Pioneer Central School.

Elementary Band students: Rylie Al-

drich, Jackson Bacon, Hannah DeChane, Austin Grinols, Kirkland Kaleta, Joran Lyford, Hunter O'Stricker, Parker Rieman, Kourtney Robinson, Jonah Rust, Mitchell Sexton, Janel Stuve, Noah Stuve, Ande Wilson, Walter Woodarek, Malorie Chamberlain, Meganne Chapman, Elissa Cole, Kayleigh Coolidge, Kobee Decker, Allyson Fisher, Ned Hartsell, Ginna Hensel, Logan Knab, Zach Krotz, Sierra Maybee, Abbey DeChane, Megan Hartsell, Madysyn Kilby, Cyrene Moore, Jack Snyder, and Ainsley Watt.

Middle and High School Band

students: Kaleigh Hunt, Ashley Charlesworth, Alessia Filutze, Katie Barry, Becca Hagon, Courtney Charlesworth, McKenzie Robinson, Kaitlyn Smith, Jesse Pollock, Madison Harris, Courtney Antholzner, Megan Westfall and Leah Westfall.

Middle and High School Chorus students: Courtney Antholzner, Courtney Charlesworth, Bre Coolidge, Alessia Filutze, Liam O'Rourke, Quinn O'Rourke, Ciara Peters, Kaitlyn Smith, Jocelyn Steffan, Calum Watt and Elizabeth Wendel.

All ECS students did a wonderful job and we are very proud of them!

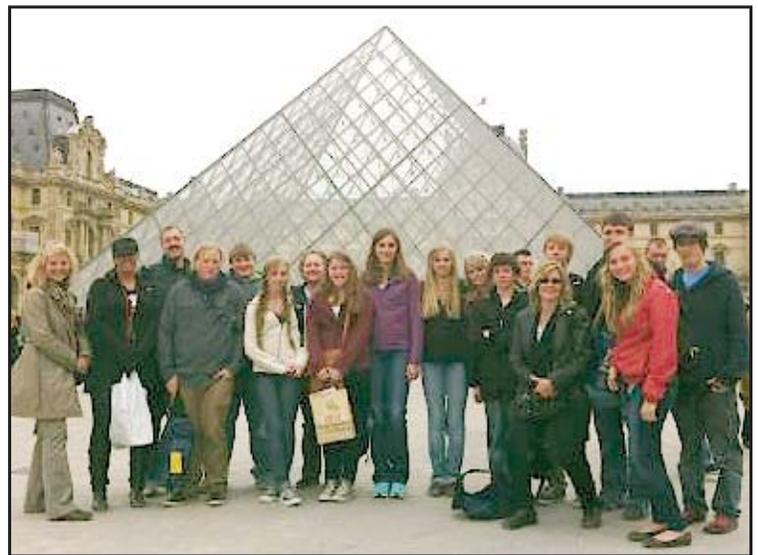
FRANCE TRIP, *continued from page 19*

The next morning we left for Giverny to visit the home of the French Impressionist artist, Claude Monet. We strolled his gardens, stood on his footbridge and walked through his home. All this we would see later in his paintings in The Musée d'Orsay in Paris. Our

afternoon was spent in Versailles, visiting the Chateau of Louis XIV and Louis XVI and biking miles in the gardens. Our guide, Thierry, has many friends and was able to get us by tourist lines hours long at every stop.

Our last three days were in the beautiful city of Paris. We had a two hour pétanque lesson (French bocce) in the Luxembourg gardens from a former French champion. We walked the Latin Quarter and the Marais. We enjoyed seeing the Mona Lisa and Venus de Milo in the Louvre, took a boat ride on the Seine, went up the Eiffel Tower, visited Notre Dame Cathedral and the Arc de Triomphe. We saw how perfume is made, ate French pastries, went to Montmartre and visited Sacré Coeur, shopped on the Champs Elysees, visited Musée d'Orsay and had a guided three hour city tour. We all had a wonderful evening in a Guinguette (restaurant and dance hall) on the Marne River. Did we teach the French a few new steps!

I can only end by saying THE BEST TRIP EVER! I am so proud of my students who spoke French on the tour. They were so polite, well behaved, and eager to learn about history, art, French, and experience what France has to offer. Thierry, our guide, said as we left, "I love them!" The parents were a great addition and behaved well also. For my next trip ...





ELEMENTARY & JUNIOR HIGH ALL COUNTY



All County took place on February 10th & 11th, in Randolph, for the Elementary Chorus, Elementary Band, and Junior High Band. At the Elementary and Junior High level, students are selected through their teacher's recommendation. Great job, everyone! ECS is proud of our music students!

Elementary Chorus: (upper right) Lisa Krotz, Alex Pangborn, Evan Quinn, Brooke Andera, Deni Whitmore, Hailey Mowery, Hannah DeChane, Griffin Chudy, Deric Leiper, Emilee Delity.

Elementary Band (lower left): Ginna Hensel, Kobee Decker, Rylie Aldrich, Jackson Bacon, Hunter O'Stricker, Kourtney Robinson, Mitchell Sexton, Noah Stuve, Ande Wilson, Walter Woodarek.

Junior High Band (upper left): Leah Westfall, Kaleigh Hunt, Hunter Steffanhagen, Becca Hagon, Courtney Charlesworth, Eli DeChane, Katie Barry, Madison Harris and Will Timkey.

BAND THANKS MATTRESS SALE SUPPORTERS

On Saturday, April 14th, members of the High School Band held a mattress fundraiser for their upcoming trip to Darien Lake for a Band competition. Several students put on mattress costumes and walked through town and danced on the front lawn of the school to entice people to come take a look at the merchandise on sale. This sale was a huge success - thank you to all who came and supported our fundraiser!



JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH ALL-COUNTY

On March 9th, & 10th, students traveled to Cattaraugus-Little Valley for Junior High Chorus, Senior High Chorus, and Senior High Band. At the Senior High level, students have to perform a solo in order to be included in the All County groups. Ellicottville had a large number of students participating in each of the All County groups. At the festivals, a couple of our students were chosen for solos, and all of our students were successful in representing ECS in a mature and capable manner. Their concerts at the end of the weekend were fantastic and only prove how much talent we have here at ECS!

Junior High Chorus (top photo): Marissa Hamilton, Jocelyn Steffan, Hunter Steffenhagen, Courtney Charlesworth, Paige Enderby, Kaitlyn Smith, Nick Delity, Randy Hutchison, Max Paddock, Quinn O'Rourke, Calum Watt.

Senior High Chorus (middle photo): Sam Brooks, Bre Coolidge, Ciara Peters, Cedella Sergel, Elizabeth Wendel, Beth Curtis, Ashley Golley, Tanner Gregory, Josh Bower, Connor Hellwig

Senior High Band (bottom photo): Becca Hagon, Alessia Filutze, Courtney Antholzner, McKenzie Robinson, Ashley Charlesworth, Patrick Snyder, Jesse Pollock, Karley Brooks, Shannon Wilson, Alijah Fox, Megan Westfall, Finn Wilson



Music Department Upcoming Events

NYSSMA Solo Festival
Friday, May 11th
@ Pioneer Central School

H.S. Band Competition
Friday, May 18th @ Darien Lake

Elementary Spring Concert
Thursday, May 24th @ 7 p.m.

ECS Band Memorial Day
Performance @ Gazebo
Monday, May 28th

MS/HS Spring Concert
Thursday, May 31st @ 7 p.m.

Club Jazz
Thursday, June 7th @ 7 p.m.



ECS SPRING 2012 SPORTS SCHEDULE

BOYS' VARSITY BASEBALL

April 5	@ West Valley	4:30 pm
April 7	vs. Catt/Little Valley	TBD
April 9	@ Hinsdale	4:30 pm
April 11	@ Randolph	4:30 pm
April 13	vs. West Valley	4:30 pm
April 16	@ Forestville	4:30 pm
April 18	vs. Chautauqua Lake	5:00 pm
April 20	@ Maple Grove	4:30 pm
April 24	vs. Hinsdale	4:30 pm
April 25	@ Pine Valley	4:30 pm
April 28	@ Dietrick Park Westfield Academy	1:00 pm
May 1	vs. Franklinville	4:30 pm
May 3	vs. Forestville	4:30 pm
May 5	@ Chautauqua Lake	11:00 am
May 7	vs. Maple Grove	4:30 pm
May 10	vs. Archbishop Walsh	4:30 pm
May 11	vs. Pine Valley	4:30 pm
May 14	vs. Westfield Acad.	4:30 pm
May 16	@ Franklinville	4:30 pm
May 17	vs. Silver Creek	4:30 pm

BOYS' JV BASEBALL

April 16	vs. Portville	5:00 pm
April 18	@ Chautauqua Lake	5:00 pm
April 20	vs. Maple Grove	4:30 pm
April 27	vs. Westfield Acad.	4:30 pm
May 2	@ North Collins	4:30 pm
May 4	vs. Pine Valley	4:30 pm
May 5	vs. Chautauqua Lake	11:00 am
May 7	@ Maple Grove	4:30 pm
May 11	@ Pine Valley	4:30 pm
May 12	@ North Collins	10 am
May 14	@ Westfield Acad.	5:00 pm
May 16	vs. North Collins	4:30 pm
May 17	@ Portville	5:00 pm

BOYS' MODIFIED BASEBALL

April 19	vs. Allegany-Limes.	5:00 pm
April 26	vs. Franklinville	4:30 pm
May 5	@ Olean	10 am
May 12	vs. North Collins	10 am
May 15	@ West Valley	4:30 pm
May 17	@ Franklinville	4:30 pm
May 24	@ Salamanca	4:30 pm
May 31	@ Dunkirk	4:30 pm
June 2	vs. Catt/Little Valley	10 am
June 5	@ North Collins	4:30 pm
June 7	vs. West Valley	4:30 pm

GOLF

April 19	vs. Portville	4:00 pm
April 23	@ Randolph	4:00 pm
April 24	@ Salamanca	4:00 pm
April 25	@ Portville	3:30 pm

April 30	@ Catt/Little Valley	3:30 pm
May 2	@ Franklinville	4:00 pm
May 3	vs. Archbishop Walsh	4:00 pm
	vs. Franklinville	
May 7	vs. Salamanca	4:00 pm
May 10	vs. Portville	3:30 pm
May 14	Sectional Qualifier	9:00 am
May 16	vs. Catt/Little Valley	3:30 pm
May 21	Sectional Tourn.	9:00 am
May 24	3-Man League Tourn.	9:00 am

GIRLS' VARSITY SOFTBALL

April 5	@ West Valley	4:30 pm
April 9	vs. Salamanca	4:30 pm
April 11	@ Pioneer	4:30 pm
April 13	vs. West Valley	4:30 pm
April 14	@ Salamanca	11:00 am
April 16	@ Forestville	4:30 pm
April 18	vs. Chautauqua Lake	5:00 pm
April 20	@ Maple Grove	4:30 pm
April 25	@ Pine Valley	4:30 pm
April 27	@ Westfield Acad.	5:00 pm
May 1	vs. Franklinville	4:30 pm
May 3	vs. Forestville	4:30 pm
May 5	@ Chautauqua Lake	11:00 am
May 7	vs. Maple Grove	4:30 pm
May 11	vs. Pine Valley	4:30 pm
May 14	vs. Westfield Acad.	4:30 pm
May 16	@ Franklinville	4:30 pm
May 18	vs. Pioneer	4:30 pm

GIRLS' JV SOFTBALL

April 10	vs. Catt/Little Valley	4:30 pm
April 16	vs. Forestville	4:30 pm
April 18	@ Chautauqua Lake	5:00 pm
April 20	vs. Maple Grove	4:30 pm

April 27	vs. Westfield Acad.	4:30 pm
April 28	@ Catt/Little Valley	10 am
May 2	@ North Collins	4:30 pm
May 3	@ Forestville	4:30 pm
May 4	vs. Pine Valley	4:30 pm
May 5	vs. Chautauqua Lake	11:00 am
May 7	@ Maple Grove	4:30 pm
May 11	@ Pine Valley	4:30 pm
May 12	@ North Collins	10 am
May 14	@ Westfield Acad.	5:00 pm
May 16	vs. North Collins	4:30 pm

GIRLS' MODIFIED SOFTBALL

April 19	vs. Allegany-Limes.	5:00 pm
April 26	vs. Franklinville	4:30 pm
May 3	vs. Salamanca	4:30 pm
May 5	@ Olean	10 am
May 9	@ Allegany-Limes.	4:30 pm
May 10	@ Catt/Little Valley	4:30 pm
May 15	@ West Valley	4:30 pm
May 17	@ Franklinville	4:30 pm
May 24	@ Salamanca	4:30 pm
May 29	vs. Olean	4:30 pm
June 2	vs. Catt/Little Valley	10 am
June 7	vs. West Valley	4:30 pm

TRACK (combined with West Valley)

April 24	@ Salamanca	4:30 pm
April 28	@ Olean Invitational	10 am
May 1	vs. Randolph	4:30 pm
May 5	@ Pioneer Inv.	10 am
May 8	vs. Cassadaga Valley	4:30 pm
May 15	@ Portville	4:30 pm
May 19	Super 8 Meet	4:30 pm
May 19	Pentathlon/Steeple	10 am
May 25-26	CCAA League Meet	TBA

MAY 14TH MEETING TOPIC: MERGING MORE SPORTS WITH WEST VALLEY

The School Board, administration and coaching staff will hold an informational meeting on Monday, May 14th at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the merging of more athletic opportunities for our students and schools. We have completed two years of a very successful merger in football and are currently entering our second year in boys and girls track.

We have found that the relationship between the schools has been mutually beneficial and positive across the board. We are looking to expand opportunities for all students. The next step we are exploring is looking at modified programs and possibly some JV sports for the fall of 2012.

The meeting will allow us to discuss current ideas, review our experience, seek input, review logistics and consider long range thinking for the sports programs of both schools.



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Twelve Members Join ...



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY CHAPTER

On April 12, 2012, 12 students were inducted into the Ellicottville Central School Chapter of the National Honor Society. Nicholas DeChane, Connor Hellwig, Rachel McMahon-Eagan, William Murphy, Cam Musall, Ciara Peters, Alex Steinbronner, Madison Szpacher, Caitlin Toth, Rachel Welch, Shannon Wilson and Luke Zlockie.

The ceremony was held at the Great Valley Fireman's Clubhouse and included a candle-lighting ceremony during which inductees took a pledge to uphold the four pillars of the National Honor Society: scholarship, leadership, character, and service. In addition, the new inductees honored their parents with a carnation and a heart-felt thank you.

Parents and students were then treated to a dinner that was prepared by Mrs. Vicky Williams and Mrs. Michelle Stuve.

