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SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

SCHOOL BASED DENTAL CLINIC

We have recently been informed that our Dental Clinic will be in operation soon. We apologize for the delay but there were some added hurdles we had to jump over for state approval. Let me again delineate the concepts regarding the Dental Clinic.

A school-based dental clinic will be a part of the school-based health center. The school-based dental clinic is a partnership between the Edwards-Knox Central School and the Carthage Hospital, to provide primary and preventative dental care to enrolled students on school grounds during school hours. The Service will be coordinated and staffed through the University of Rochester School of Dentistry.

We already have 150 students enrolled; they may receive primary care, preventative care, and urgent dental care through the dental clinic. There is no "out of pocket" charge to the family for any services received at the school-based health center, provided the student is enrolled in the Program.

A. Who is eligible to be treated at the Mobile Dental Clinic?

Only students who are currently enroll~ in the Edwards-Knox Central School District and enrolled in the School-Based Health Clinic are eligible for services at the dental clinic.

B. What costs will you incur from your child being seen at the Dental Clinic?

There are no "out-of-pocket" costs incurred by parents from their children being treated at the clinic. Parents insurance will be directly billed by the clinic. Should parents have a "co-pay" with their particular insurance program for dental visits, the co-pay is automatically waived by the clinic.

This program is operated by the Carthage Area Hospital, partially funded by grants, and provides services to E-KCS students at no cost to the school district. The only obligation the district has is to provide space, electricity and water hook-up. The Carthage Area Hospital is accountable for staffing, equipment and supplies.

C. If your family doesn't have dental insurance, will my child be treated at the clinic?

Should there be children who do not have insurance coverage, they will not be turned away at the clinic, but their families will be urged to enroll with the Child Health Plus or Family Health Plus Insurance Program. Assistance for this enrollment will also be given to these families. Some insurance companies may require a specific dental provider be assigned. This will be addressed on individual needs.

D. I don't want to leave my family dentist. If your child attends the mobile dental clinic, does that mean he can no longer see his own dentist?

No. The clinic is designed to work in conjunction, not in competition, with your family dentist. If your child is seen at the clinic, the staff at the clinic will notify your family dentist that the clinic practitioner treated your child and what follow-up may be necessary by your dentist. You do not need to switch to the clinic's dentist for your child to enroll with the Program, unless it is a requirement of your specific insurance carrier.

E. Who has access to your child's dental clinic records?

The dental clinic records are the same as confidential medical records in a dentist's office and the school nurse, teachers, and administrators will not have access to this information.

F. What are the hours of the Dental Clinic?

The clinic will follow normal school hours, including inclement weather delays.

We welcome this opportunity.

Dr. William Cartwright
Superintendent of Schools

STANDARDS FOR PROMOTION OR RETENTION IN GRADES 5-8

- * Students who failed one core subject area (math, English Language Arts, science, reading, social studies, and foreign language) in grades 5-8 will be promoted to the next grade level. These students will be provided with academic assistance in their area of deficiency(ies) in an effort to bring their skill and knowledge to an appropriate level.
- * Students who failed two or more core subject areas in grades 5-8 will be retained at that grade level. They will repeat all courses at that grade level in order to avoid being a crossover student (taking courses at varying grade levels at the same time). Upon entering ninth grade, they will need to begin their regents courses fully and be on target for NYS testing.
- * If a student is retained prior to grade 5 and is still not meeting the necessary requirements to pass while in grades 5-8, they will be referred to the appropriate educational committee. The committees will be made up of a variety of staff including guidance counselor, administrator, alternative/special education teacher, regular education teacher, school psychologist, and other pertinent members. The committee will review the individual student's academic program, progress, and discuss options including retention as well as the need for additional services or a referral to CSE.
- * Students in grades 7-8 who attain a final average of 60-64 can attend the Edwards-Knox summer school program. Students in grades 5-6 who attain a final average below 64.9 must attend the Edwards-Knox summer school program and successfully complete the course(s). In order to be promoted, only one core subject area may be below a 65% average.
- * Students receiving a final grade average of 63% or 64% for a course will be allowed the opportunity to do extra course work to raise that grade to a 65%. There are two criteria that must be met to be afforded this opportunity: a) the student must have completed 80% of the course work and b) the extra work/assignment must be mutually agreed upon by the teacher, student, and administrator, including guidelines and due date.
- * Students in grades 7 and 8 who fall below a 60% in two or more core subject areas need to attend the Gouverneur regional summer school. In order to be promoted, only one core subject area may be below a 65% average.
 Grades 5 and 6 summer school options will be determined.
- * Students who may have experienced extenuating circumstances will have the opportunity to meet with the educational committee. The outcome will be discussed and resolved by this group.
- * Honor Roll and grade criteria for grades 5-8 are:

95 – 100	Outstanding Performance
90 – 94.9	High Honor Roll
85 – 89.9	Honor Roll
65% and above	Passing
64% and below	Failing



Schools are responsible for teaching your child. But schools can't do their job if your child is absent. Learning builds day by day. A child who misses a day of school misses a day of learning.

Research shows that children who are in school most of the time do better on state tests. Studies also show that kids who are absent more often score lower on state tests.

Being late for school hurts a child's learning, too. A student who is 10 minutes late every day will miss 30 hours of instruction during the year.

Children can copy notes or make up an assignment, but they can never get back what's most important: the discussions, the questions, the explanations by the teacher and the thinking that makes learning come alive.

Your child's success in school depends on having a solid educational background – one that can only be gained through regular school attendance.

Here's How You Can Improve Your Child's School Attendance:



Research shows that attendance is the single most important factor in school success.

- # Talk with your child about the importance of attending school regularly.
- # Avoid scheduling family trips or doctor appointments during school hours.
- # Make sure your child stays healthy by eating nutritious food and getting enough sleep and exercise.
- # Don't accept excuses for why your child "must" miss or be late for school.
- # Discuss with your child what happened at school each day.
- # Support school rules and consequences for skipping class and being tardy.
- # Show your child why education is important. Give specific examples of how education helps people succeed.
- # Lead by example. If children see parents taking off work for no real reason, they may expect to be able to do the same thing.

It's Never Too Late To Get Involved

The research is in and it's very clear. Anne Henderson, who has spent more than 30 years studying parent involvement in education, puts it this way: "When schools work together with families to support learning, children tend to succeed not just in school, but throughout life."

If you've never taken a very active role in your child's education, you may wonder if you're too late. You're not. It's never too late for you to become more involved with your child's education. And any time you get involved, you start helping your child – immediately!

Parent Involvement Produces

- Higher grades and test scores.
- Better attendance.
- More positive attitudes toward school.
- Better behavior.
- Higher graduation rates.
- Increased enrollment in education after high school.

Talk About School

As you sit around the dinner table, talk about how important education is. Make sure your child understands that you use the things you learned in school on the job. Let him know that, just as you do your best at work every day, you expect him to his best in school. But how can you avoid those "What did you do in school today?" "Nothing" conversations? Try asking more specific questions:

What . . .

- was the most important thing you learned today?
- new assignments did you get?
- do you think your history teacher will ask on the test?

Pay attention to what comes home in your child's backpack. If you know there's been a school assembly, you can ask questions related to it. Share information about your own day. Sometimes just hearing about Mom's or Dad's day will give a child "permission" to talk about his own day at school.

Change Your Definition of 'Volunteer'

So you don't have time to be a room mother. Does that mean you can't be a school volunteer? Not according to Joyce Epstein of Johns Hopkins University. She says a volunteer is "anybody, anytime, any place, who supports school goals or children's learning." That means you can consider yourself a "school volunteer" if you:

Read aloud with your child every day. Think your teen is too old for read-aloud? Try it – you may be surprised. Or listen to audio books when you're in the car or at home.

Set aside a regular time and place for homework – and enforce it by turning off the television and not answering the phone.



Let your child know that effort – not intelligence – is the real key to success in school.

Visit the library together regularly. It's just as important when your child is a teenager as it was when she was a toddler. It's also the least expensive way to promote reading.

Keep close track of how well your child is doing in school. One U.S. Department of Education resource reports that children are more likely to complete homework when parents supervise their work.

FRIENDS Help FRIENDS Be Drug Free!

- Do fun drug-free activities together, such as playing sports, going to movies, or just hanging out and talking.
- Support each other in saying no to alcohol, tobacco, and other dangerous drugs.
- Tell your friends that you're there for them if they need to talk about problems. Then be a good listener.
- Stay away from places where drugs might be used.
- Refuse to lie or cover up for a friend on drugs. A real friend wouldn't support a friend's drug use.
- If a friend has a drinking or drug problem, talk to him or her about it. You can't force someone to get help, but you can encourage a friend to find a counselor.
- If you can't convince a friend to get help, discuss it with an adult you trust – your parents, your friend's parents, a teacher, coach, minister, or counselor at your school.

5 Ways to Say "No"

- Be strong and clear: "No way. I just don't do that stuff."
- Make a joke: "Nope, I prefer my brown eyes to your red ones."
- Give a reason: "I'm going to the mall later with my Mom."
- Be polite and don't make a big deal about it: "No thanks."
- Just leave: "Sorry, I've got to go."

I PLEDGE TO BE DRUG FREE

I pledge to not use tobacco, alcohol, and illegal drugs, and to not abuse legal drugs. I understand that using and abusing drugs creates dangerous risks for my health and well-being, and for the safety of myself and others. I respect myself and my dreams for the future and promise to do my best to make smart decisions.

Signature

Date

**EDWARDS-KNOX CENTRAL
GRADES 7-12
2005-2006 Honor Rolls - Grading Period Term 1**

Class Of 2006

OUTSTANDING (95.0-100)

AMANDA HEWLETT
MEREDITH HURLEY
CRYSTAL KINGREY
ALYSSA WHITE

HIGH HONOR (90.0-94.99)

AMBER GLADLE
LACEY LEROUX

HONOR ROLL (85.0-89.99)

BETSEY BANKS
JUSTIN BRASSARD
STEVEN BULLOCK
MISTY ENSLOW
KRYSTAL FORBES
BRANDY GOLLINGER
KAITLIN HEWLETT
SAMANTHA HORN
LAWRENCE LAROCK
DUSTIN MOORE
JESSICA MULLANEY
LORRAINE PAIGE
AUNDREA SOVA
ROGER TRESIDDER



Class Of 2007

OUTSTANDING

RYAN DAVIS
TRACY HOGLE

HIGH HONOR

MEGAN BRISTOL
EMILY GAULT
TRISHA HOGLE
KEEGAN LITTLE
BRIDGETTE MCGRAW
KALE PANETTI
JESSICA SOVIE
MICHAELE WEBB
JESSICA WHITE

HONOR ROLL

DINAH BILLINGS
RYAN BREWER
TANYA ELLIS
RYAN HORNE
JAMIE MANNING
BRANDI O SHEA
PATRICIA PHELPS
KENDRA POMERVILLE
LEO REYNOLDS
ROBERT REYNOLDS
JENNA TOWNE
BRITNEY WILMARTH



Class Of 2008

OUTSTANDING

KASSANDRA AVERILL
ELIZABETH FLANAGAN
MIRANDA GIVEN
KERI STRAW
KELSEY TUPPER

HIGH HONOR

FAITH BEATTY
CHELSEA ELLIS
EMILY FULLER
ANNE HAWN
REBECCA JOHNSON
JERRICA JONES
SAUSHA PIERCE
NATHAN PIKE
REGINA REESE

HONOR ROLL

RACHEL CAMPBELL
KAITLIN CLARK
CALEB COLTON
TREVOR HALE
RACHEL HATCH
JOSHUA KIRKPATRICK
NICOLE KNABLE
FRANKLIN MACKIN
TASHA MCDOUGALL
JEANETTE MULLANEY
KEVIN STEIN

Class Of 2009

OUTSTANDING

RYAN GAULT
MARI ZACHAREK

HIGH HONOR

RYAN ASHLINE
EMILY CHAMBERS
KRYSTINA DEVITO
ELIZABETH HATHAWAY
STEVEN JONES
CHRISTOPHER KIRKPATRICK
ROBERT LATIMER
SEAN SULLIVAN
MARK WEIR

HONOR ROLL

BRANDON BRESSETTE
VANESSA BULLOCK
JOSHUA BURKE
BRYANA KIGGINS
RYAN SLOAN
LEAH WHITE
LAZARUS WHITE



Class Of 2010

OUTSTANDING

TRAVIS AMO
LACEY BROWN
DANIELLE MULLANEY
JOSEPH ZACHAREK

HIGH HONOR

AMELIA COLTON
KRYSTAL COOK
LINDSEY CROSBIE
CHELSEA CUTWAY
TAYLOR DAVIS
TIMOTHY GAULT
DANIELLE GOLLINGER
KERRI PIKE
RAVEN REESE
KATHERINE STONE
MARAYA VANBROCKLIN
KATELYN WARD
MEGAN WHITE

HONOR ROLL

KRISTINA ASHLEY
DAVID BULLOCK
KYLE CASSIDY
ALICIA DANCAUSE
ALESHA GOTHAM
MORGANNE KIGGINS
JESSE MERKLEY
CHARLES PARO
JOETTE PEACOCK
BRIDGETT REYNOLDS
LUCINDA TYLER

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Class Of 2011

OUTSTANDING

KAMRIE DANDROW
PATRICIA HATHAWAY
SARAH MANNING
CASSIE WALRATH

HIGH HONOR

ABIGAIL CAMPBELL
KURTIS ELLISON
OLIVIA LOOP
KELSI ROBERT
MICHAEL TRAVIS
ASHLEY TUPPER
NIKOLA WOLFE

HONOR ROLL

DARRYL BACKUS
MIRANDA BEVEL
DYLAN DAVIS
JONATHAN DAVISON
MAKAYLA HARRIS
ASHLEE MITCHELL
DUSTIN SOVIE
KATHLEEN STEIN
HOLLY THOMAS
JOSEPH THOMPSON
JERRED WILSON

**GREAT
JOB!**

THE DAY THE GINGERBREAD MEN RAN AWAY FROM KINDERGARTEN!



Kindergarteners making baking, and anticipating a "Gingerbread Man."



We searched offices and classrooms, saw crumbs and noticed the delicious smell of gingerbread everywhere, but the gingerbread men were nowhere to be found!

Dr. Cartwright saw his shadow.



Mrs. Hamilton's pet mouse seemed to know more than he would say.

Mrs. French sent us on our way, hoping to "make our day":

All the people in the cafeteria helped us look all around, but the gingerbread men were nowhere to be found.



Back in the classroom, after a long day, we read about other gingerbread men, who ran away.



Then we went to look at our own, handmade gingerbread men, who will always stay in Kindergarten!

7-12 NEWS
Jeff Davis, Principal

Excuses for Absences

Parents and students please remember... when a student is absent from school due to illness or for some other reason they have one day only to bring in an excuse for their absence. If on the second day after an absence from school they have not brought in their excuse, they will be assigned a detention. This is specified in our student handbook and must be followed because we must have excuses on file in the high school office. It is a state law. Please remember to send your son or daughter in with their excuse for each absence the day they return to school so they do not forget and get a detention as a result.

Proper Attire for Winter Weather

With the onset of winter we would like to remind students and parents that it is a good idea for students to wear warm clothing to school, layers work best, because all classrooms are not the same temperature. Normally our average temperature is approximately 70 degrees but based on teacher preference we may have rooms at 68 or 73 degrees. Please remind students to wear a light top and maybe a sweater or sweatshirt so they can add or subtract as necessary to be most comfortable in each classroom. Remember... their clothing must be appropriate for school or they will have to spend the day in the In School Suspension Room.

School Dress

Our Planning Team of 10 teachers, who meet each day 1 in our six day cycle, have been discussing topics such as cell phone use and our school dress code. Regarding the dress code, we have researched what schools around the country have been doing in their buildings and writing in their Student Handbooks and Code of Conduct as procedures and policies with regard to student dress.

We have found that a very clear line of distinction of what is acceptable and what is not has been spelled out for parents and students so that there is consistency and a standard for all to use as a guide.

Such distinctions as shorts and skirts that do not go below the extended fingertips with shoulders down, at the sides of the person wearing such outfits, or shoulder straps that are two fingers in width including the index finger and the middle finger of the person wearing the strapped outfit, have helped districts to clarify acceptable dress.

We are working to develop wording we can agree upon, which we will then present to the student government representatives and community members and parents and finally our Board of Education members for their input and approval. If you have any thoughts or comments please contact Mr. Davis in the High School at 562- 3227 Extension 510.

Big Brothers & Big Sisters

We have begun our Big Brothers/Big Sisters program for the new year and are finalizing some of the matches to complete our roster of 16 students, eight "littles" and eight "bigs". Older students work with our middle level students as mentors to participate in activities such as cooking in the Home Economics room, crafts, homework help and other activities decided by the students and approved by the administration. We are even considering a "tubing party" at Titus Mountain or Dry Hill. It should be a fun year for the students participating in this rewarding club.

High School Guidance News

Linda Alford, Guidance Counselor

COLLEGE/MILITARY ACCEPTANCES FOR SENIORS

Making plans for the future is an exciting time for our seniors. I am proud of the work they have done and continue to do. Please help me congratulate the following seniors who have already received their acceptances. This is a list that the guidance office is aware of as of December 8th

Mindy Oatman: SUNY Canton

Seniors are encouraged to bring a copy of their acceptance letters to the Guidance Office.

ACT/SAT TESTING DATES & REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Seniors who are planning to go to college and have not yet taken or would like to retake the SAT or the ACT test should consider doing so as soon as possible. Juniors who would like to take these tests are encouraged to wait until May or June of this year. The registration deadlines and their test dates are listed below. Registration materials may be picked up in the Guidance Office or from their web sites.

ACT(American College Testing)

Tests of the American College Testing Program are required or accepted by most colleges. Students should carefully check the catalog of each prospective college to determine whether the examinations are required.

<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Test Date</u>
April 8, 2006	March 3, 2006
June 10, 2006	May 5, 2006

Test Fee: \$29.00

Optional Writing Test Fee: \$14.00

Late Fee: \$ 47.00

Fee waivers may be available in the Guidance Office for students who qualify for a reduced or free lunch.

SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test)

<u>Registration Deadlines*</u>	<u>Test Dates</u>
Dec. 22, 2005	Jan. 28, 2006
Feb. 24, 2006	Apr. 1, 2006
Apr. 3, 2006	May 6, 2006
Apr. 28, 2006	Jun. 3, 2006

* Registration materials must be postmarked by this date.

Fee : \$41.50

Late Registration Fee \$61.50

THE COLLEGE BOARD CHANGES THE SAT

The SAT is no longer an aptitude test, it's now an achievement test that will measure Reading, Writing, and Math skills. There will also be a new top score. The old SAT top score was 1600. The new top score will be 2400.

CEEB/ACT HIGH SCHOOL CODE NUMBER : 334949

Arrangements for special testing situations for students with learning disabilities may be made by contacting the CEEB or the American College Testing Program. Paperwork needs to be filed well in advance of the desired test date for modifications. Contact Ms. Alford for more details.

For more information check out the following web page:

For SAT - www.collegeboard.com

For ACT - www.act.org

For students who receive testing modifications and wish to pursue approval for modifications on the SAT test must file paperwork with the testing agencies approximately 5 weeks prior to the registration deadlines. Please contact the High School Guidance Office for this paperwork.

GUIDANCE WEB PAGE

Parents and students are encouraged to visit the Edwards-Knox web page and check out the **Guidance** link. Mr. Schryver is working with the Guidance Office to create a useful page with important links to the following information:

Careers

Colleges

Financial Aid and Scholarships

College Entrance Test sites

And much more

This site is under construction and is always being updated. Visit often!

PLANNING FOR NEXT YEAR FOR 9th - 11th GRADE STUDENTS

Starting in January all 9th through 11th grade students will meet with Ms. Alford regarding their schedules for next year. Students will be called from a study hall to review their school records, discuss the current school year and plan for next year. We will then send a copy of this plan to parents asking you to review it with their student. Parents are encouraged to contact Ms. Alford if you would like to make changes to this plan or if they would like to meet with her.

GRADING PERIOD CALCULATIONS



Edwards-Knox 7th through 12th grade Honor Roll Calculation and Senior Privileges	Example:	Grade	Periods	Quality Points	
Grading period averages are calculated in the following manner: *All semestered courses count twice (2X) *Full year courses meeting every day count once (1X) *Half year courses meeting every day count once (1X) *Single period every other day (½ credit courses) count one-half (½ X) *BOCES Vo-Tech courses count 3 times (3X) *BOCES Math and Science count one-half (½ X) Honor Roll is 85 - 89.99% High Honor Roll is 90 - 94.99% Outstanding High Honor Roll is 95 - 100% Final Averages are based on the credits earned for each class.	English 12	70	X 2 =	140	
	PreCalculus	75	X 1 =	75	
	Physics	80	X 1 =	80	
	French IV	90	X 1 =	90	
	Health	82	X 1 =	82	
	Phys. Ed	90	X ½ =	45	
	Band	95	X ½ =	+47.5	
				7	559.5
		<u>Quality points ÷ number of periods = Term Ave.</u>			
		559.5 ÷ 7 = 79.93% Term average is 79%			

REPORT CARD AND PROGRESS REPORT DATES

For the 2005-2006 school year report cards will be distributed to students in home room on the following dates:

Wednesday, December 21

Wednesday, February 1

Thurs., March 9: Spring Conference from 3:30-7:30pm: report cards available to parents

Friday, March 10

Thursday, April 20

Wednesday, May 17

Friday, June 23



K-8 COUNSELOR NEWS
MEG BAIN, COUNSELOR

AWARD CEREMONIES

In an effort to create a Middle Level environment that supports positive behavior and academic achievement, students in grades 5 through 8 will participate in three remaining award ceremonies. Some of the awards that students can earn include honor roll, citizenship, effort, positive bus conduct, and perfect attendance. Students can also earn certificates in special areas such as art, music, band, physical education, etc. The dates are tentatively set for:

Tuesday, February 7, 2006 at 1:00 pm

Wednesday, April 26, 2006 at 8:15 am

Friday, June 23, 2006 at 8:00 am, last day of school.

Ceremonies are planned approximately one week after report cards are sent home. If your child is eligible to receive an award a postcard will be sent with your child's report card indicating the date and time of the award ceremony.

Report Card Dates

Students are given report cards four times each year. Grades on the report card are used to calculate a final grade at the end of the year. You can expect your child to bring you a report card on the following dates:

Wednesday, February 1, 2006

Thursday, April 20, 2006

Friday, June, 23, 2006

Students who fail two or more core courses are in danger of repeating the grade. Core courses include: ELA, Math, Social Studies, Science, and Spanish.

Progress Reports

Students receive a progress report between each report card. This is to give parents an idea how their child is doing before the actual report card comes out. You can expect a progress report from your child on the following dates:

Wednesday, December 21, 2005

Friday, March 10, 2006

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

STATE ASSESSMENTS

New York State has implemented an assessment program for students in grades 3 through 8 in the areas of English Language Arts (ELA) and Math. Grades 4, 5 and 8 will continue to be assessed in additional areas: Grade 4 -Science, Grade 5-Social Studies, and Grade 8-Social Studies and Science. Students should be sure to get plenty of sleep the night before a test and eat a good breakfast in the morning. They will also need to bring two #2 pencils to the test. The tentative assessment dates are as follows:

January 9 & 10	Grade 5 ELA
January 10 – 12	Grade 4 ELA
January 12 & 13	Grade 3 ELA
January 17-19	Grade 6 ELA
January 18 & 19 AM	Grade 8 ELA
January 18 & 19 PM	Grade 7 ELA
March 6 & 7	Grade 3 Math
March 7-9	Grade 4 Math
March 9 & 10	Grade 5 Math
March 14 & 15	Grade 6 Math
March 15 & 16 AM	Grade 7 Math
March 15 & 16 PM	Grade 8 Math
May 2 & 3	Grade 4 Science (Written and Lab)
May 3 & 4	Grade 8 Science (Lab and Written)
June 7 & 8	Grade 8 Social Studies



ELEMENTARY CORNER

By: Sue Kelly, Principal

A reading tip:

Sometimes it is hard to know what books are “new” and “popular” when purchasing a book for your child. There is a website available that provides suggestions for children of all ages. Visit www.ala.org/ala/librariesandyou/recomreading/recomreading.htm. This service is provided by the American Library Association.

New York State testing will be in full force during the month of January. All students in grades three through six will be administered the State English Language Arts exam. The dates are: January 9-10 for grade 5; January 10-12 for grade 4; January 12-13 for grade 3; and January 17-19 for grade 6.

All students in grades three through six will receive a parents packet full of information and actual practice questions. These will be sent home in Friday folders. Please don't hesitate to contact the elementary office for further details.

Please be certain to send in boots, hats, gloves/mittens, and snow pants with your child daily. As long as the temperatures aren't too frigid, we do try to have recess outside. The children do love to play on the snow hill and without the proper dress, they may not do so. Children who don't have boots or snow pants remain in the plowed areas while outside.

DICTIONARY DONATIONS

Our third grade students received an early holiday gift during this time of good will. Mr. Junior Swim represented the Gouverneur Elks Lodge #2035 and donated dictionaries to all of Mr. Cassidy's, Mrs. Gotham's, and Mr. Edick's reading classes. We are grateful to be able to give the students a dictionary of their own.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 2: No School for Students
Jan. 3: Students Return from Recess
Jan. 4: Deer Club Bake Sale for 3rd Grade
Jan. 5: 7 pm: Parents' Association Mtg.
Jan. 9: 5th grade English Language Arts test
Jan. 10: 5th grade English Language Arts test
Jan. 10: 4th grade English Language Arts test
Jan. 11: 4th grade English Language Arts test
Jan. 12: 4th grade English Language Arts test
Jan. 12: 3rd grade English Language Arts test
Jan. 13: 3rd grade English Language Arts test
Jan. 16: no school for Martin Luther King Day
Jan. 17: 6th grade English Language Arts test
Jan. 18: 6th grade English Language Arts test
Jan. 18: Deer Club Bake Sale for 1st grade
Jan. 19: 6th grade English Language Arts test
Jan. 27: 11:30 am: students dismissed early
Jan. 27: end of 2nd marking period

Feb. 1: report cards sent home
Feb. 2: Kim Forbes' class to Canton
Feb. 2: 7 pm: Parents' Association Mtg in Library
Feb. 7: 1 pm: grades 5-8 Awards Assembly in Auditorium
Feb. 8: 8:15: grades 4 and 6 to OCP performance in Ogdensburg
Feb. 9: 8:30 am: Awards Assembly for grades K-4 in Auditorium
Feb. 13: 6 pm: Tales for Tots in Media Center
Feb. 20-24: no school for Mid-Winter Recess

PERSONAL ITEMS

Over the holidays students often get new toys, games, and electronic devices they want to bring into school. Just a reminder, each student is responsible for his or her own items; and we can't ensure that the item won't get accidentally broken or come up missing.

LUXURY LIMO RIDE

What a thrill: 27 lucky students received a ride of a lifetime for their work in the PTA fundraiser challenge! After an exciting ride in the limo, both groups of students had a meal out at McDonald's.



THUMBS UP TO 100% HOMEWORK PROGRAM

The first trip for students in grades five through eight who achieved 100% homework completion for the ten-week block was a blast! Our students were treated to a special viewing of the movie "Chronicles of Narnia." They were the first people to see the movie in St. Lawrence County as it is the opening night for the film across the state!

The group of 29 students were also treated to popcorn and soda compliments of the 21st Century Grant. Challenge your middle school child to earn any or all of the next three rewards!

Movie goers included: grade 5: Zach Allen, Amanda Huebner-Lane, Alexander McDonald, and Tyler Tresidder; grade 6: Kylie Averill, Janna Fountain, Caleb Fuller, Alexia Hawn, Andrew Loeffler, Mercedes Mackin, Shelby Searles, and Kacee Stein; grade 7: Rachelle Chambers, Michela Chapin, Katelyn Church, Kamrie Dandrow, Ashley Davison, Kurtis Ellison, Makayla Harris, Patricia Hathaway, Kelsi Robert, Kathleen Stein, Joseph Thompson, Ashley Tupper, Cassie Walrath, and Nikola Wolfe; and grade 8: Danielle Gollinger, Beth Hedrick, and Kerri Pike.

ART NEWS

There are some new artworks that have been selected for display in the elementary office.

Four first grade students created oil pastel drawings of "In the Woods:" Travis Bresett, Levin McIntosh, Jacob Fenlong, and Taylor Whitmarsh.

Four tempera paintings by fourth grade artists were selected with the theme of "The Fall:" Mrs. Koser's class: Kate Rowe and Makenzie Gollinger and Mr. Foster's class: Jesse Fenlong and Ross Curley.

SIXTH GRADE NEWS



The sixth grade social studies classes "visited" Ancient Greece recently and competed in the Olympics. Students represented their city-state and competed in contests involving discus throw, javelin throw, wrestling, chariot racing, and long jump. The winner of each event received an olive leaf wreath and the honor of being an Olympic winner. Everyone enjoyed this chance to relive an exciting piece of ancient history.

It was also a nice connection to our recent trip to Lake Placid to watch a Women's Bobsled and Women's Skeleton World Cup competition. We are anxious to watch the upcoming Winter Olympics in February now that we know more about them. Go Team USA!!!



FIRST MARKING PERIOD AWARDS

KINDERGARTEN

Good Neighbor

Tanner LaPlant
Jared Sharlow
Julie Ashley

Hard Worker

Kelsie Matthews
Emily Lasher
Joseph Gotham

Nice Manners

Zarina Hernandez
Briana Tulip
Katrina Thornton

Music

Katharine Hebb
Sydney Coffey
Travis White

Art

Avery Hawn
Emily Lasher
Kacee French

Phys. Ed. Sportsmanship

Avery Hawn
Briana Tulip
Joshua Flanagan

GRADE 1

Most Improved

Matthew Colton
David Hart
Michael Hollenbeck

Healthy Attitude

Emma-Lee Gotham
Zoey Bridge
Kayla Covey

Hard Worker

Levin McIntosh
Brittney Bidwell
Kristen Kroniser

Music

Alaina White
Aubrey Snell
Brooke Fenton

Art

Jacob Fenlong
Brittney Bidwell
Taylor Whitmarsh

Phys. Ed. Sportsmanship

Cheyanna Tuttle
Bailey Coffey
Brooke Fenton

GRADE 2

Eager Reader

Miranda Matthews
Darian Fenton

Most Improved

Cody Rowe
Dane Ames

Healthy Attitude

Hunter Phelps
Caleb Rowe

Music

Brandy Stein
Kenda Peters

Art

Makayla Bacon
Darian Fenton

Phys. Ed. Sportsmanship

Brook Kroniser
Heather Finnerty

FIRST MARKING PERIOD AWARDS CONT'D.

GRADE 3

Effort

Mitch DeVito
Tiara Allen

Citizenship

Jeremiah Randall
Aaron Janzen

Music

Darrick Cutway
Richard Finnerty

Art

Rowena Casciaro
Keegan Chapin

Phys. Ed. Sportsmanship

Molly Burger
Megan Farr

GRADE 4

Effort

Tamara Watson
Martin Reese

Citizenship

Chloe Wilson
Leonard Walrath

Music

Marissa Johnson
Mackenzey Allen

Art

Sarah Rice
Ross Curley

Phys. Ed. Sportsmanship

Jessey Parker
Kyl Huebner-Lane

GRADE 5

Effort

Devon Allen
Zachary Allen
Brianna Kroniser

Citizenship

Sam Fifield
Angela Gladle
Victoria Colon

Music

Darin Bresett
Samantha Ellison

Art

Angela Gladle
Alison Thompson

Phys. Ed. Sportsmanship

Amanda Huebner-Lane
Alison Thompson

Chorus

Samantha Ellison

GRADE 6

Effort

Tiffany Aldridge
Kacee Stein
Jasamin Reese

Citizenship

Brittani Hart
LaTeia Gravett
Brittany Hall

Music

Kevin McNamara
Claire Davis

Art

Jayson Lowery
Alexia Hawn
Janna Fountain

Phys. Ed. Sportsmanship

Shelby Searles
Caleb Fuller

Band

Alexia Hawn
Ben Fuller

ELEMENTARY HONOR, HIGH HONOR & OUTSTANDING HONOR ROLLS

GRADE 3

<u>HONOR ROLL</u>		<u>HIGH HONOR ROLL</u>	
Tiara Allen	Marissa Marshall	Makenna Ashley	Darion Deon
Nicholas Davis	Tucker O'Brien	Derek Barker	Richard Finnerty
Mitch DeVito	Daniel Pharoah	Kennedy Bell	Connor Gotham
Megan Farr	Cassidy Rubin	Molly Burger	Abbie Hale
Mason Fountain	Kali Sharpstene	Rowena Casciaro	Mackenzie Tresidder
Danielle Griffin	Miranda Smith	Darrick Cutway	Michaela Wilson
Erica Hendricks	Shaye Taylor		
Aaron Janzen	RaeAnn Thomas		
Logan McIntosh			

GRADE 4

<u>HONOR ROLL</u>		<u>HIGH HONOR ROLL</u>	
Austin Brown	Harleigh LeBarge	Mackenzy Allen	Marissa Johnson
Gage Coffey	Robert McBroom	Kaden Dandrow	Kate Rowe
Kiana Coffey	Cortney Morehouse	Jordan Davis	Hunter Tuttle
Ross Curley	Alyssa Parker	Kyl Huebner-Lane	Leonard Walrath
Kyle Gotham	Jessey Parker		
Paige Gravett	Desirae Parrish		
Nicole Hendricks	Sarah Rice		
Katelynd Hill	Tamara Watson		
Dylon Jeanette	Chloe Wilson		

GRADE 5

<u>HONOR ROLL</u>	<u>HIGH HONOR ROLL</u>	<u>OUTSTANDING</u>
Leah Billings	Zachary Allen	None
Darin Bresett	Brianna Farr	
Jesse Bullock	Amanda Huebner-Lane	
Samantha Ellison	Tyler Tresidder	
Logan McCollum		
Annabelle Royce		
Thomas Smith		
Alison Thompson		
Nicholas Wolf		

GRADE 6

HONOR ROLL

Claire Davis
Kyrsten LeRoux
Shelby Searles
Brody White

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Kylie Averill
Janna Fountain
Alexia Hawn
Kevin McNamara

OUTSTANDING

None

**PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARDS FOR K-6 FOR 1ST MARKING PERIOD
(NO TARDIES, DISMISSALS, OR ABSENCES)**

Alyssa Allen	Samantha Ellison	
Devon Allen	Brianna Farr	Jessey Parker
Mackenzzy Allen	Brooke Fenton	Alex Parrish
Zachary Allen	Darian Fenton	Desirae Parrish
Makayla Bacon	Ryan Gollinger	Cody Rowe
Travis Bresett	Haven Gotham	Kate Rowe
Zoey Bridge	Kyle Gotham	Marissa Smith
Austin Brown	Joseph Hamilton	Brandy Stein
Amber Davis	Alexia Hawn	Alison Thompson
Jordan Davis	Katelynd Hill	Tyler Tresidder
Kara Davis	Tyler Jandreau	Leonard Walrath
Christopher Davison	Kevin McNamara	Brody White
Nicholas Davison	Jordan Moore	Travis White
Karl DuMoulin	Cortney Morehouse	Taylor Whitmarsh
Destiny Durham	Alyssa Parker	

POSITIVE BEHAVIOR ON THE BUS FOR GRADES K-6

Christopher Davison	Tanner LaPlant	Harleigh LeBarge
Abbie Hale		

LIBERTY PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM

The Liberty Partnerships Program (LPP) of Associated Colleges of the St. Lawrence Valley is a program of the Bureau of Liberty Partnerships of the New York State Education Department. Participating colleges are: SUNY Canton, Clarkson University, SUNY Potsdam and St. Lawrence University. There are 57 LPP programs in New York State.

LPP works closely with individual school districts in the rural communities of the North Country to develop programs most suited to their own needs: College Visits allow students to determine a suitable college of choice. Job Shadowing exposes students to careers of interest. Work Mentoring at local places of business demonstrates the skills and experience needed to succeed in a specific job. Learn & Serve Grants encourage community service and incorporate an educational component. Cultural Activities provide enrichment outside the classroom which exposes students to cultural and intellectual opportunities. The LPP Project Coordinator monitors students' progress, tutors, counsels, and offers support to students who need a helping hand. The Liberty Tutor Project brings college students to participating schools to work with individuals or groups of students. Additional projects are developed through the collaborative efforts of LPP and the community to meet the needs of individual students.

Edwards-Knox Central School LPP meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:15 am to 3:12 pm in room 407. Claudia MacDonald is the LPP coordinator. (She also works in two other schools - Parishville-Hopkinton on Wednesdays and Fridays and Morristown on Mondays) Students enrolled in LPP may come to the LPP room with a pre-signed pass during study halls or lunch to work on homework, receive academic assistance from Claudia or one of the St. Lawrence University student tutors, play games, use one of the computers or to visit.

This year, six LPP participants attended a Youth Leadership Workshop at SUNY Canton to hear motivational speaker, Josh Shipp. The students were happy to see a couple of former LPPers: Aaron Kellogg (now attending school in Harrisville and Brittany Disotell (attends school in Morristown) who were also attending that workshop.

In October, a small group of LPP'ers went on a field trip to St. Lawrence University where we joined Morristown LPP'ers on a hike followed by a game of ultimate Frisbee. We dined at Dana dining hall where the Mayhem Poets entertained us with free-form poetry. We visited the new Student Union and Brewer Bookstore. We also watched the Shenandoah Shakespeare Express' production of 'Much Ado About Nothing'.

LPP offers an opportunity for students in grades 7-12 at Edwards-Knox to feel they are an integral part of the student body. Typically, LPP students are not in any remedial programs; they are students who often 'fall between the cracks'. The requirement for membership is the student's desire to become a member. Currently we have a full membership of 30 students.

You are cordially invited to stop by room 407 on Tuesdays or Thursdays to visit LPP, check us out or ask questions. Thank you, Claudia MacDonald.

UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES TO REMEMBER HIGH SCHOOL

January Events -

Jan. 3	School Resumes
Jan. 8	Booster Club meeting @ 7 in the Library
Jan. 16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - NO SCHOOL
Jan. 20 & 23	Mid-Year / Final Exams as deemed necessary
Jan. 24 - 27	Regents, RCT's and Proficiency Exams as scheduled
Jan. 27	End of 2 nd Marking Period / 11:30 Dismissal of ALL students
Jan. 30	Start of Second Semester

February Events -

Feb. 1	Report Cards distributed to students
Feb. 7	Grade 5-8 Awards Ceremony at 1 pm
Feb. 8	Kaleidoscope Concert at 7 pm
Feb. 16	8 th Grade Parent Night at 6:30 pm
Feb. 20 - 24	Mid-Winter Recess

NEWS FROM MR. CURTIS' CLASS

Winter has settled in and all of us in the classroom are well into our daily routines. In November, our class prepared a Thanksgiving dinner for the Senior class. The meal included turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, squash, rolls, coleslaw, fresh vegetables, dip, pumpkin pie, apple crisp, chocolate cake, punch and lemonade. No one left the table hungry.

In December, our class enjoyed a Christmas trip with Mrs. Lavender's class to Watertown where we all had lunch and watched a movie. We also attended the annual Christmas dance at the Potsdam American Legion where we got to see old friends from other Special Ed classes throughout the county.

Our next undertaking is to develop a School and Community Cookbook. This is where we would like everyone to help us. In order for this to be a true community cookbook we need to get recipes from as many different people as possible. Recipes can be sent into school with your student, addressed to Mr. Curtis' class. Our goal is to get at least 500 recipes. The target date for completion of our cookbook is late May. Each person who contributes will have his or her name included with the recipe in the book. We are looking for recipes in the following categories; Appetizers, Soups/Stews, Main dishes, Breads and Rolls, Cakes and Cookies, Desserts, and Miscellaneous.

Please use the following form to submit recipes. Make sure all directions are written out (such as pan size, baking temp and time and the order that ingredients are mixed).

Mr. Curtis' Recipe Collection Form

Recipe from the kitchen of: _____

Measuring Abbreviations to use:

TSP = Teaspoon

PT = Pint

OZ = Ounce

TBSP = Tablespoon

QT = Quart

LG = Large

C = Cup

LB = Pound

SM = Small

Category: _____

Name of Recipe: _____

Ingredients: _____

Directions: _____

Break Those Winter Blues

The Edwards Lions Club will be hosting a Mid-Winter Festival on March 4, 2006. They will be having a Chicken



BBQ, Chili Cook-Off, Tug-O-War contest, Snow

Softball Game and a Snow Sculpture Contest for the younger kids. Events will take place on the Lions field at the end of Hall Road. More events may also take place.



Anyone wishing to participate or get more information can call Crystal Whitford, President of the Lions Club, 562-8228 after 5 pm. Chicken BBQ orders will be



taken from January 4th to February 17th. Forms will be available in the

Russell and Edwards Post Offices or call 562-8228. For a



cost of \$7.00 you get half-a-chicken, baked beans, potato or macaroni salad and a roll. This will be take-out ONLY.

Orders can be placed by calling 562-8228. Orders will be available for pick up at the Lions field after 1 pm. Get your

tug-o-war team and softball team together, dress warm and come have a good time! More information will follow in the local newspapers.

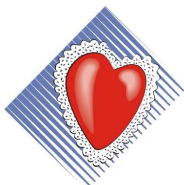
CAFETERIA NEWS
January-February 2006
Kathleen Whitmarsh, Cook Manager

I do hope everyone has had a wonderful holiday. It hardly seems possible it is almost 2006. I remember the big Y2K scare and what would happen when it change from the 1900's to 2000. Imagine that was 6 years ago.

We will have a breakfast change when your students return to school in January. We can no longer sell al-a-carte items for breakfast. This means if your student would like breakfast he/she needs to take 1 juice, 1 milk and at least 1 other item. You may take 2 items.

This is what the government considers a breakfast. You will no longer be able to come in and purchase just juice. Nor will you be able to purchase a graham cracker and a milk. I am sorry about this. It has been decided not to serve al a Carte items at breakfast any more. I will not be able to sell extra Juice or milk or cereal or anything else.

I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable holiday season and I look forward to seeing you all in 2006!





JANUARY MENU



Mon



Tues



Wed



Thur



Fri








<p>2 January 24-27, 2006 Regents' Examinations Jan 27 - Early Dismissal</p>	<p>3 Pizza Peas Milk Peaches</p>	<p>4 Turkey Gobbler/Bun French Fries Corn Milk Ice Cream</p>	<p>5 Spaghetti/Sauce Bread Tossed Salad Milk Applesauce</p>	<p>6 Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwich Milk Fruit</p>
<p>9 Pizza Green Beans Milk Peaches</p>	<p>10 Chicken Parm/Bun Tossed Salad Side of Spaghetti Milk Applesauce</p>	<p>11 Hamburg on a Bun Pasta Salad Milk Pears</p>	<p>12 Turkey Dinner Mashed & Gravy Sweet Potatoes Cranberry Sauce Bread Milk Cake or Fruit</p>	<p>13 Fishburger Bun Cole Slaw Milk Fruit</p>
<p>16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</p>	<p>17 Sloppy Joe on a bun Chips Green Beans Milk Fruit</p>	<p>18 Hot Dogs/Bun Baked Beans Carrots Milk Pears</p>	<p>19 Taco Day Rice Corn Milk Fruit Cocktail</p>	<p>20 Pizza Carrots Milk Fruit</p>
<p>23 French Toast Scrambled Eggs Hash Brown Milk Ice Juicee</p>	<p>24 BBQ Pork/Bun French Fries Peas Milk Fruit</p>	<p>25 Goulash Tossed Salad Bread Milk Fruit</p>	<p>26 Chicken Nuggets Broccoli Bread Milk Pineapple</p>	<p>27 Chicken Soup Egg Salad or Tuna Sandwiches Fresh Carrots Milk Fruit 11:30 Dismissal</p>
<p>30 Pizza Green Beans Milk Peaches</p>	<p>31 Chicken Nugget Calif. Veggies Bread Milk Pineapple</p>	<p>Pre-payments Happily Accepted</p>	<p>Breakfast Every Day: Cereal, Milk, Juice Some Days: Bagels/Cream Cheese, English Muffins, Danish, Fresh Fruit, breakfast bars, donuts, eggs.</p>	<p>Breakfast: 7:45 A.M.</p> <p>Lunch: 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.</p>
<p>Kathy Whitmarsh, Cafeteria Manager 562-8326, ex. 507 Fax: 562-2477 kwhitmar@ekcsk12.org P.O. Box 630, 2512 Co. Rt. 24, Russell, NY 13684</p>			<p>Peanut Butter & Jelly and subs offered every day as a lunch choice. Milk, fruit, & vegetable every day. Chef Salad Tue. & Thur. Trail Mix most days</p>	

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FEBRUARY MENU

♥♥ Mon
♥♥ Tues
♥♥ Wed
♥♥ Thur
♥♥ Fri

<p>Kathy Whitmarsh Cafeteria Manager 562-8326, ex. 507 Fax: 562-2477 kwhitmar@ekcsk12.org P.O. Box 630 2512 Co. Rt. 24 Russell, NY 13684</p>	<p>Breakfast Every Day: Cereal, Milk, Juice Some Days: Bagels/ Cream Cheese, English Muffins, Danish, fresh fruit, breakfast bars, donuts, eggs.</p>	<p>1 Corn Dog Tossed Salad Bread Milk Fruit</p>	<p>2 Sloppy Joe on a bun Chips Green Beans Milk Fruit</p>	<p>3 Fishburger Bun French Fries Carrots Milk Fruit</p>
<p>6 Pizza Green Beans Milk Ice Cream</p>	<p>7 Scrambled Egg Sausage Pattie Hash Browns Blueberry Muffin Milk Ice Juicee or Fruit</p>	<p>8 Chicken Nuggets Green Beans Bread Milk Pineapple</p>	<p>9 Taco Day Rice Corn Milk Fruit Cocktail</p>	<p>10 Chicken Noodle Soup Egg Salad or Tuna Sandwich Carrots/Celery Stix Milk, Fruit</p>
<p>13 Ravioli Peas Bread Milk Peaches</p>	<p>14 Ham & Cheese Melt/Bun Chips Calif Veggies Milk Fruit</p>	<p>15 Chili Dogs/ Bun French Fries Carrots Milk Pears</p>	<p>16 Crispy Chicken Mashed Potatoes Sweet Potatoes Bread Milk Ice Cream</p>	<p>17 Pizza Carrots Milk Fruit</p>
<p>20</p> 	<p>21</p> 	<p>22</p> 	<p>23</p> 	<p>24</p> 
<p>Mid-Winter Recess</p>				
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