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Cougar News

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SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Dr. William Cartwright

I. EXCEL AID (Expanding our Children's Education and Learning) AID

As in the previous newsletter the district has received an EXCEL Grant like many school districts in our county and state. Our grant is for \$492,000 dollars. The EXCEL Grant must be used as a building project in order to be accepted by the State Education Department. We are not looking at adding any classrooms but rather renovating existing sites and/or replacing outdated areas of our facility. We're more interested in the educational technology, energy, and health and safety aspects of the EXCEL Program. In order to develop a building project with the EXCEL grant we are looking at a project running around \$3.3 million dollars using architects and engineers as required by New York State Law and the use of building aid which is 83% reimbursable. There will be an architecture presentation on March 12, 2007 at 7:00pm during the initial stages of the Board of Education Meeting. Please come to review the EXCEL Project that night.

Some of the areas we are discussing are as follows:

1. Replace remaining original roofing
2. Upgrade more of building lights to more efficient units
3. Replace original pool (Zephyr unit) heat reclamation
4. Replace domestic hot water heat exchanger
5. Heat reclamation and make up air unit for kitchen exhaust system
6. Variable speed drives on our larger pumps
7. Upgrade remaining heating system to DDS control
8. Alternate fuel heating plant (corn) conversion
9. Telephone automated calling system
10. Add more cameras (some with sound)
11. Remote Access Door "Buzz-in" switches
12. Add more fob activated exterior doors
13. Add fob activated devices to select interior doors
14. Wireless cameras
15. Computer Network wiring upgrade
16. IP Phone System and
17. Wireless Network

II. BUDGET MEETINGS

We have begun the process of holding budget meetings and will continue until the budget is finalized in late April of 2007. Presently, the board and I have reviewed the transportation, maintenance, and athletic budgets. The Governor's Executive Budget did give us a 3.5 percent increase in state aid. The Board of Education and I will be working hard to balance the expenditure part of the budget with the estimated revenues our district will receive.

Sincerely,

Dr. William U. Cartwright
Superintendent of Schools

DATES TO REMEMBER

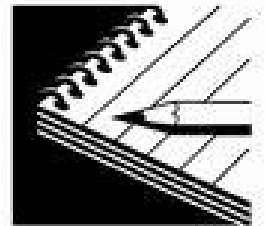
- March 7, 2007 - Kaleidoscope Concert - 7 pm
- March 12, 2007 - Architect Presentation @ BOE
Meeting for EXCEL Grant
- March 15, 2007 - Spring Conference from 3:30 to 7:30
pm 11:30 Dismissal of all students
- March 16, 2007 - Staff Development Day
- March 23 & 24 - School Musical
- April 5, 2007 - Half-Day Dismissal
- April 6-13, 2007 - Spring Recess
- April 25, 2007 - Grades 5-8 Awards Ceremony
@ 1:00 PM

ELEMENTARY NEWS

Sue Kelly, Principal

Bus Notes: There has been some improvements in the number of call-ins received on a daily basis regarding bus changes and we thank you for the help.

We ask that if you know that your child is going to ride a different bus home that you send in a note. This year we will continue to take telephone calls and ask that you call by 1:00pm. For those that send faxes you might want to call and check that the office received it. Our new fax number is 562-3698 this fax machine is located in the elementary office.



Winter apparel: When the temperatures are above freezing we do try and have outside recess. It is important that your children bring the appropriate gear to play in the snow. Sledding is very popular this time of year. Please make sure that your child has boots, snow pants, gloves and a hat. We do have some clothes available for the children to burrow if necessary.



Parent Requests: We will not be accepting parent requests for teachers for the following school year. As our numbers have decreased so have the number of faculty. Many of our grades only have two teachers which limits the number of requests we can accept. As we meet to set-up rosters we look at a variety of factors that include: academic performance, social emotional needs, personalities and also the needs of each child.

Unfortunately it is impossible to grant each parents request therefore we are not accepting any. This process is taken very seriously and we do the best to divide the students from year to year.

ELEMENTARY NEWS CONT'D.

Box Tops For Education:

Things are going well with the box tops. We get some in each and everyday. We recently purchased a printer/copier for one of the special education classrooms with our proceeds. This was greatly appreciated by the staff and students in this room.



This was the first purchase since all of the playground equipment. In the Spring we should be able to take another request.

Upcoming Events

- 3/1: 6:30 pm: Parents' Association meeting in library
- 3/5: 3rd grade NYS math exam
- 3/6: 3rd and 4th grade NYS math exam
- 3/7: 4th grade NYS math exam
- 3/7: Deer Club Bake Sale for 2nd grade
- 3/8: 4th and 5th grade NYS math exam
- 3/9: 5th grade NYS math exam
- 3/12: 6 pm: Tales for Tots in Media Center
- 3/13: 6th grade NYS math exam
- 3/14: 6th grade4 NYS math exam
- 3/15: 11:30: students dismissed early
- 3/15: 3:30-7:30: Spring Conference
- 3/16: Staff Development Day
- 3/27: 8:00-11:15: Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grades to OCP in Ogdensburg

- 4/4: Deer Club Bake Sale for 3rd and 4th grades
- 4/5: End of 3rd marking period
- 4/5: 11:30: students dismissed early
- 4/5: 6:30 pm: Parents' Association meeting in library
- 4/6 - 4/13: NO SCHOOL - SPRING RECESS
- 4/18: Report cards go home
- 4/23: 6 pm: Tales for Tots in Media Center
- 4/24: 8:15: Awards Assembly in Auditorium for grades K-4
- 4/25: 1:00: Awards Assembly in Auditorium for grades 5-6
- 4/25: 7:45-12:00: Performing Arts in Auditorium

ELEMENTARY NEWS CONT'D.

SECOND MARKING PERIOD AWARDS

KINDERGARTEN

Good Neighbor

Kurtis Griggs
Jack Cote
Kyanne Jeanette

Nice Manners

Willow Frizzell
Alexis Martin
Hannah Briggs

Art

Emma Wilson
Spencer Thomas
Justin Scott

Hard Worker

Kalie Gladle
Chasen Shecton
Harley Watson

Music

Michael Shatraw
Madison Wood
Kassidy Ward

Phys. Educ. Sportsmanship

Emma Wilson
Alexis Martin
Collin Curley

GRADE 1

Most Improved

McKayla Meier
Julie Ashley
Kelsie Matthews

Hard Worker

Haleigh Reynolds
Breanna Facey
Michael Shecton

Art

Jada Flanagan
Emily Lasher
Alyssa Allen

Healthy Attitude

Jada Flanagan
Tucker Casciaro
Madison LaPoint

Music

Jordan Moore
Travis White
Peyton Dafoe

Phys. Educ. Sportsmanship

Kera Whitmarsh
Joseph Gotham
Tyler Whitmarsh

GRADE 2

Eager Reader

Cheyanna Tuttle
Karli French

Healthy Attitude

Lilly Gladle
James Rice

Art

Brooke Fenton
Zoey Bridge

Most Improved

Dawson Taylor
Kristen Kroniser

Music

Taylor Whitmarsh
Kayla Covey

Phys. Educ. Sportsmanship

Mackenzie Frary
Alaina White

FANTASTIC!

ELEMENTARY NEWS CONT'D.

SECOND MARKING PERIOD AWARDS CONT'D.

GRADE 3

Effort

Luke Fenton
Makayla Bacon

Music

Rebecca Hathaway
Heather Finnerty

Phys. Educ.

Sportsmanship
Cody Rowe
Shelbie Brothers

Citizenship

Jeffrey Gladle
Joshua Brassard

Art

Rebecca Hathaway
Heather Finnerty

GRADE 4

Effort

Rowena Casciaro
Michaela Wilson

Music

Aaron Janzen
Shaye Taylor

Phys. Educ.

Sportsmanship
Kali Sharpstene
Megan Farr

Citizenship

Danielle Griffin
Abbie Hale

Art

Darion Deon
Mackenzie Tresidder

GREAT!

GRADE 5

Effort

Kyl Huebner-Lane
Kyle Gotham

Music

Nicole Hendricks
Kate Rowe

Phys. Educ.

Sportsmanship
Ross Curley
Kate Rowe

Citizenship

Paige Gravett
Chloe Wilson

Art

Harleigh LeBarge
Marissa Johnson

Band

Derek Clark
Marissa Johnson

GRADE 6

Effort

Nicholas Wolf
Tina Paro

Music

Tyler Tresidder
Morgan Deon

Phys. Educ.

Sportsmanship
Brooke Foster
Samantha Ellison

Citizenship

Katelyn Whittingham
Ryan Gollinger

Art

Katelyn Whittingham
Kayla Howe

Band

Leah Billings
Angela Gladle

ELEMENTARY NEWS CONT'D.

GRADE 3

HONOR ROLL

Zayne Bridge
Destiny Durham
Kristen Farr
Anisa Hotaling
Brook Kroniser
Jarred Meilleur
Jordan Mouthorp
Kenda Peters

Hunter Phelps
Cody Rowe
Cheyenne Schwartzfigure
William Smith
Brandy Stein
Christopher Shecton
Trenton White

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Dakotah Bacon
Makayla Bacon
Kaleb Bartocha
Jason Burke
Catherine Curley
Darian Fenton
Luke Fenton

Heather Finnerty
Rebecca Hathaway
Zachary Laddison
Miranda Matthews
Caleb Rowe
Kassandra Whiteford

GRADE 4

HONOR ROLL

Makenna Ashley
Kennedy Bell
Darion Deon
Megan Farr
Abbie Hale

Aaron Janzen
Tucker O'Brien
RaeAnn Thomas
Mackenzie Tresidder
Michaela Wilson

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Molly Burger
Rowena Casciaro
Darrick Cutway

Richard Finnerty
Connor Gotham
Shaye Taylor

GRADE 5

HONOR ROLL

Makayla Bartocha
Gage Coffey
Amber Davis
Paige Gravett
Nicole Hendricks
Austin Holcomb
Dylon Jeanette
Marissa Johnson
Harleigh LeBarge
Jessey Parker
Desirae Parrish

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Ross Curley
Kaden Dandrow
Jordan Davis
Katelynd Hill
Alyssa Parker
Sarah Rice
Kate Rowe
Chloe Wilson

OUTSTANDING

Mackenzey Allen
Kyl Huebner-Lane
Hunter Tuttle
Leonard Walrath

*GREAT
JOB!*

GRADE 6

HONOR ROLL

Jesse Bullock
Samantha Ellison
Alison Thompson
Katelyn Whittingham

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Brianna Farr
Amanda Huebner-Lane
Tyler Tresidder

OUTSTANDING

None

ELEMENTARY NEWS CONT'D.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARDS FOR K-6 FOR 2ND MARKING PERIOD (NO TARDIES, DISMISSALS, OR ABSENCES)

Makenna Ashley
Jason Burke
Catherine Curley
Collin Curley
Nicholas Davison
Darion Deon
Morgan Deon
Brianna Farr
Brooke Fenton
Darian Fenton

Grace Fenton
Luke Fenton
Heather Finnerty
Lilly Gladle
Daniel Gotham
Avery Hawn
Austin Holcomb
Brook Kroniser
Kristen Kroniser
Tyler LaPlante

Jordan Moore
Jessey Parker
Thomas Smith
Aubrey Snell
Alison Thompson
Tyler Tresidder
Leonard Walrath
Nicholas Wolf

POSITIVE BEHAVIOR ON THE BUS AWARD FOR GRADES K-6

Leah Billings
Camryn Bullock
Paige Clary
Jacob Fenlong

Jesse Fenlong
Avery Hawn
Tera Mason

Kelsie Matthews
Christina Smith
Michaela Wilson

GEOGRAPHY BEE

Darrick Cutway
Kaden Dandrow
Jordan Davis
Christopher Davison
Darion Deon
Brianna Farr
Richard Finnerty

Mason Fountain
Amanda Huebner-Lane
Kyl Huebner-Lane
Logan McCollum
Sarah Rice
Shaye Taylor

RaeAnn Thomas
Alison Thompson
Tyler Tresidder
Hunter Tuttle
Leonard Walrath
Katelyn Whittingham

TERRIFIC!

ELEMENTARY NEWS CONT'D.

LIBRARY NEWS

During their class visits to the library, second and third graders studied the author Beatrix Potter. Borrowing a Beatrix Potter kit from the BOCES school library system, students used a variety of different resources to learn about her life and how she developed her story ideas. Students discovered that Beatrix Potter grew up wealthy but lonely and used her real pet rabbit Peter as a basis for the now famous book character Peter Rabbit. They also learned that her stories originally started out as letters written to her friend Noel. He enjoyed her letters so much that he encouraged her to turn them into stories. Many of these stories we still enjoy today like the Tale of Jeremy Fisher or the Tale of Ginger and Pickles. Below are some students from Mrs. Gotham's class enjoying the masks, stuffed animals, aprons, books, and other props from the Beatrix Potter kit.



A VISITOR FROM IRAQ



On February 2, 2007, the sixth grade classes had a very special visitor. Josiah (Joe) Whittingham, a soldier in the U.S. Army, recently returned home from Iraq for a visit with his family. Joe's sister, Katelyn Whittingham, is a student in the sixth grade, and his mother is an

interpreter for the deaf at Edwards-Knox. To show their support, the sixth graders have sent cards and letters to Joe, as well as two large boxes of "goodies" at the holidays.

We were very excited to finally meet Joe! He came to our classroom to share some of his views and experiences with us and to answer questions which we had about Iraq and the war. One of his main messages was that all of us should really appreciate the freedoms and wealth that we have here. He also stressed to the students how lucky they were to be receiving an education and to value that as well.

Joe will be returning to Iraq soon and will not be home again for at least a year. We plan to continue our support with letters and packages. Our thoughts and our prayers will be with Joe and all the troops as they serve in foreign lands and at home. Joe is very proud of his job, and we are very proud of him!

GEOGRAPHY BEE 2007

Each year selected students from grades 4-8 across the United States take part in the National Geographic Bee. Questions related to geography, provided by the National

Geographic Society, are answered by students as they try to qualify as their school's winner. Participants at each school are selected by their teachers, based on exceptional interest or achievement in the area of geography or social studies.

The Edwards-Knox Geography Bee was held on January 11th. The following students participated: (4th grade): Darrick Cutway, Darion Deon, Richard Finnerty, Mason Fountain, Shaye Taylor, and RaeAnn Thomas; (5th grade): Kaden Dandrow, Jordan Davis, Kyl Huebner-Lane, Sarah Rice, Hunter Tuttle, and Leonard Walrath; (6th grade): Christopher Davison, Brianna Farr, Amanda Huebner-Lane; Logan McCollum, Alison Thompson, Tyler Tresidder, and Katelyn Whittingham; (7th grade): Karl DuMoulin, Ben Fuller, Alexia Hawn, Harlee Marschat, Kevin McNamara, and Scott Whitmarsh; (8th grade): Abigail Campbell and Cassie Walrath.

The winner of the Geographic Bee for Edwards-Knox this year was Scott Whitmarsh. He was followed by Kevin McNamara in second place and Amanda Huebner-Lane in third place. As the local winner, Scott took a qualifying test to see if he gets a chance to move on to the state level, then possibly the nationals.



Kevin McNamara, left

Scott Whitmarsh, right

We want to congratulate all participants for doing a wonderful job and for providing a stimulating hour of entertainment as we watched them rise to the challenge on some very difficult questions. We hope to see many of the participants return for next year's bee, so start studying those maps!

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 January 31st:



Dinah Billings: SUNY Canton, North Country CC
 Ryan Brewer: Clarkson University
 Kurt Covey: Marine Corp.
 Joe Cutwa: SUNY Canton
 Tanya Ellis: SUNY Canton
 Emily Gault: Cedar Crest College
 Whitney Gollinger: SUNY Canton
 Tracy Hogle: Tiffin University
 Keegan Little: SUNY Potsdam
 Craig Streit: SUNY Canton
 Jessica White: College of St. Rose, SUNY Potsdam

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

ASVAB TESTING FOR JUNIORS

The **ASVAB** (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) **Career Exploration Program** is designed to help students learn more about themselves and the world of work, to identify and explore potentially satisfying occupations, and develop an effective strategy to realize their goals.

The ASVAB Career Exploration Program is a tool to help make career decisions. The program centers on:

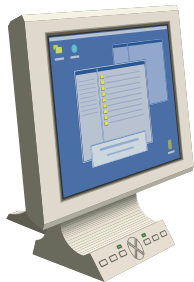
- Identifying interests, skills, and work-related values
- Matching interests and skills with occupations
- Learning where and how to get information on different careers
- Developing career decision-making skills_____



Juniors will participate in this program at school on Tuesday, March 27, 2007 from 8:00 - 11:15am.

College Admissions Testing Information

College entrance tests may need to be taken by seniors who are planning to go to college. Students who have not yet taken or would like to retake the SAT or the ACT test, you 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 on-line. For more information check out the following web pages, www.collegeboard.com for the SAT and www.act.org for the ACT.

The college board has made changes to 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.

Students who receive testing modifications and wish to pursue approval for modifications on the SAT or ACT 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

ACT Registration

Deadline*	Test Date
March 9, 2007	April 14, 2007
May 4, 2007	June 09, 2007

Test Fee: \$29.00**
Optional Writing Test Fee: \$14.00

SAT Registration

Deadlines*	Test Dates
Feb. 02, 2007	Mar. 10, 2007
Mar. 29, 2007	May 5, 2007
Apr. 27, 2007	Jun. 2, 2007

Test Fee : \$ 41.50**

* Registration materials must be postmarked by this date.

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

The CEEB/ACT HIGH SCHOOL CODE NUMBER : 334949 is needed for test registration. Students are encouraged to start the registration form early and seek out Ms. Alford's assistance if needed to complete it. Please plan ahead.

DRIVERS EDUCATION SIGN-UP

We are hoping to offer driver's education again this summer. Students should sign up in the High School Guidance Office starting April 2nd. Students can sign-up until June 1, 2007. The class will be filled by oldest to youngest student until June 1, 2007. Any student who is signed up prior to this date and doesn't make the class list will be put on an alternate list based on their age. If there are still seats available in the class after June 1st the students will be assigned by first come first served.



High School Guidance News Cont'd.

Linda Alford, Guidance Counselor

Edwards-Knox Central 2006-2007 School Year - 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

Outstanding Honor Roll (95.0-100)

Class of 2007

Ryan Brewer
Megan Bristol
Ryan Davis
Tracy Hogle
Keegan Little
Brandi O'Shea
Jessica Sovie

Class of 2008

Kassandra Averill

Class of 2009

Ryan Gault
Mari Zacharek

Class of 2010

Lacey Brown
Chelsea Cutway
Taylor Davis
Raven Reese
Katie Stone

Class of 2011

Kamrie Dandrow
Patricia Hathaway
Cassie Walrath

Class of 2012

no one

High Honor (90.0-94.99)

Class of 2007

Tanya Ellis
Emily Gault
Trisha Hogle
Kale Panetti
Jenna Towne
Britney Wilmarth

Class of 2008

Faith Beatty
Lucas Colton
Elizabeth Flanagan
Emily Fuller
Miranda Given
Anne Hawn
Rebecca Johnson
Jerrica Jones
Jeanette Mullaney
Regina Reese
Keri Straw
Kelsey Tupper

Class of 2009

Corey Aldous
Ryan Ashline
Vanessa Bullock
Joshua Burke
Krystina Devito
Elizabeth Hathaway
Christopher Kirkpatrick
Robert Latimer
Sean Sullivan

Class of 2010

Travis Amo
Kyle Cassidy
Amelia Colton
Alicia Dancause
Tim Gault
Danielle Mullaney
Joette Peacock
Kerri Pike
Adam Powers
Maraya VanBrocklin
Megan White
Joey Zacharek

Class of 2011

Dylan Davis
Kurtis Ellison
Olivia Loop
Sarah Manning
Ashlee Mitchell
Ashley Tupper
Nikola Wolfe

Class of 2012

Kylie Averill
Janna Fountain
Brittany Hall
Alexia Hawn
Kevin McNamara
Jasamin Reese
Brody White
Veronica White

PHENOMENAL

High School Guidance News Cont'd.

Linda Alford, Guidance Counselor

Edwards-Knox Central 2006-2007 School Year - 2nd Quarter Honor Roll Cont'd.

Honor Roll (85.0-89.99)

Class of 2007

Courtney Averill
Dinah Billings
Corey Lewis
Marcus Robillard
Cole Streit
Craig Streit
Joe Tebo
Amanda Thornton
Jessica White

Class of 2008

Chelsea Ellis
Kyle Fountain
Tim Gladle
Kyle Gravett
Trevor Hale
Greg Lanphear
Shawn Lewis
Justin Little
Tasha McDougall
Sausha Pierce
Nathan Pike
Don Reynolds
Miranda Typhair

Class of 2009

Amber Barker
Brandon Bressette
Seth Carr
Emily Chambers
Amanda Clark
Megan Hubbard
Steven Jones
Bryana Kiggins
Steve Mackin
Jenelle Parker
Jeffrey Stone
Lazarus White
Leah White

Class of 2010

Ashley Chapin
Christopher Colton
Lindsey Crosbie
Danielle Gollinger
Beth Hedrick
Morganne Kiggins
Dominick Moore
Nathaniel Morehouse
Lucinda Tyler
Katelyn Ward
Simon White

Class of 2011

Ashley Davison
Jonathan Davison
MaKayla Harris
Samantha LaPoint
Holly Thomas
Joseph Thompson
Jerrold Wilson

Class of 2012

Elizabeth Cherry
Claire Davis
Karl DuMoulin
Benjamin Fuller
Jacob Kingrey
Harlee Marschat
Kyrsten Phelps
Alora Ryan
Kacee Stein

AWESOME!

Southwest Tech Top Achievers (top 20% of their class)

Allied Health

Britney Wilmarth

Cosmetology II

Trisha Hogle

Welding II

Clinton Ashley

Auto Technology I

Jimmy Tresidder

Criminal Justice I

Caleb Colton
Elizabeth Flanagan

Early Childhood Educ. I

Jeanette Mullaney

Informational Tech I

Lucas Colton

Welding I

Tim Gladle
Frank Mackin
Isaac White

Environmental Tech. I

Justin Little

High School News Cont'd.



Inside Starmites
by Victoria Colon



Coming this March, the high school is performing a musical play called, "Starmites."



Some of the main characters in this year's musical are Eleanor, played by Megan Bristol (grade 12), Shakgra played by Devan Hance (grade 8), Space Punk played by Chris Kirkpatrick (grade 10) and Eleanor's mother, played by Kelsey Tupper (grade 11).

The story is about a shy teenager, Eleanor, who has built a fantasy world around the characters in the science fiction comic books she collects. The forces of good and evil clash, but the world is saved in the end, thanks to Eleanor's courage.



After school and even on weekends, the cast is devoted to practicing and memorizing lines. Each cast member is thrilled about the up coming production.



You will love this galactic comedy. Please watch for more information and plan on attending March 23rd and 24th. You won't be disappointed.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

FRI., MARCH 23, 2007

SAT., MARCH 24, 2007



K-8 Counselor News

Meg Bain, Counselor

AWARD CEREMONIES

In an effort to continue a Middle Level environment that supports positive behavior and academic achievement, students in grades 5 through 8 will participate in two 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 remaining dates are tentatively set for: Wednesday, April 25, 2007 at 1:00 pm and Friday, June 22, 2007 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 tentatively scheduled dates: Wednesday, April 18, 2007 and Friday, June, 22, 2007

Students in grades 5-8 who fail two or more core courses are in danger of repeating the grade. Core courses include: ELA, Reading, Math, Social Studies, and Science. Contact the principal, guidance counselor, or teacher if you have any questions about your child's academic progress.

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 tentatively scheduled dates: Thursday, March 15, 2007 and Wednesday, May 16, 2007.

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:

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|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| March 5 & 6 | Grade 3 Math |
| March 6-8 | Grade 4 Math |
| March 8 & 9 | Grade 5 Math |
| March 13 & 14 | Grade 6 Math |
| March 13 & 14 | Grade 7 Math |
| March 13 & 14 | Grade 8 Math |
| May 1 & 2 | Grade 4 Science |
| May 1 & 8 | Grade 8 Science (Lab and Written) |
| June 5 & 6 | Grade 8 Social Studies |

K-8 Counselor News Cont'd.

Meg Bain, Counselor

HOMEWORK EXCELLENCE REWARD PROGRAM

Parents, encourage your children in grades 5-8 to complete all their homework each night. These students are eligible to participate in a reward program at the end of each marking period. Eligible students from the first marking period took a trip to the Wild Center in Tupper Lake. Eligible students from the second marking period went ice skating at the arena in Massena and had a pizza party.

HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION FOR 8TH GRADERS AND PARENTS

This evening program is scheduled for Tuesday, March 6th at 6:30 pm in the auditorium. Students and parents will learn about graduation requirements, department course offerings, and more. Students will also receive a list of the 9th grade classes proposed for them. The program will be held on Thursday, March 8th if we experience severe weather on March 6th.

VISIT TO SOUTHWEST TECH

All 8th grade students are invited to spend the morning at the Career and Educational center at Southwest Tech on Tuesday, March 27. This program is presented to our students as a career exploration experience in conjunction with the Family and Consumer Science class.

This visit will allow students to observe the career educational programs available at Southwest Tech as well as to gain insight into common work related tasks (e.g. working with computers, working with hands, working alone or in groups, degree of accuracy required to do the job, working with people, working with machines, use of creativity/imagination on the job, etc).

HELPING YOUR CHILD STAY ORGANIZED

The amount of work expected in middle school can be daunting to a child. Here are some ways to help your child get or stay organized:

Use the planner provided to track assignments, activities, project due dates, and test dates, etc.

Use different colored binders or folders (one for each subject) to store papers and handouts.

Check supplies. Middle school students waste time trying to find needed supplies. Avoid this by keeping supplies in one place. Have your child tell you when he/she needs more of something.

Have your child determine how much time he/she plans to spend on school work before taking a break. Use a timer to help your child stay focused. You can try using a timer for phone and computer time too.

7-12 NEWS

Jeff Davis, Principal

Early Dismissals and Bus Passes

There have been several parents come in or call in to have students excused without any note or prior notification. It helps us all if parents send in a note stating the student will be dismissed at a certain time and for whatever reason. This way their dismissal is on the daily attendance sheet and teachers know they aren't skipping class.



To help defray confusion, Early Dismissal notes and Bus Pass notes need to be brought into the H. S. Office before 8:30 am. Please have both bus numbers, if changing buses, on the request to ride to someone else's house.

Reserved High School Calendar Dates



March 2	End of 3 rd Interim Report Period
March 3	Cheerleading Competition at E-K
March 5	Graduation Announcements delivered
March 6	H. S. Orientation for 8 th graders
March 7	Kaleidoscope Concert - 7 pm
March 15	Spring Conference from 3:30 to 7:30 pm 11:30 Dismissal of all students
March 16	Staff Development Day - No school for students
March 19	Interim Reports distributed to students (If parents did not pick them up)
March 23 & 24	Musical
March 31	State Lifeguard Test
April 5	End of 3 rd Marking Period 11:30 Dismissal of all students
April 6-13	Spring Recess
April 9-13	Senior Trip to Florida
April 18	Report Cards distributed to students
April 25	Grades 5-8 Award Ceremony (1 pm)
April 27	Talent Show (tentative)

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Fayetteville, NY 13066
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Josten's will be here on March 5 during lunch to distribute Graduation announcements to those who have ordered them. If you have a senior who has not ordered their's yet, there is still time to do so. The representative will have order forms on March 5 as well. Don't forget this very important date!

“STARMITES”is coming!

The EK drama club will be presenting the musical, “Starmites” on March 23 and 24 at 7:00pm. Haven’t heard of it? Many people haven’t, but it did appear on Broadway in 1989 and was nominated for 6 Tony awards including Best Musical. A re-make of it was presented in 2001.

The story surrounds shy teenager, Eleanor, who has built a fantasy world around the characters in the science fiction comic books she collects. Eleanor, played by Megan Bristol, and her mother, played by Kelsey Tupper, are soon transported into this fantasy world containing Space Punk (Chris Kirkpatrick) and his band of Starmites (Emily Gault, Alexandria Simpson, Maraya Vanbrocklin), the evil ShakGraa (Devan Hance) and his Droids (Jenna Towne, Amelia Colton). They encounter Diva, Queen of Innerspace (also played by Kelsey Tupper) and her Banshees, “weird women with dangerous hairdos”(Kaitie Clark, Miranda Given, Danielle Mullaney, Veronica White, Mari Zacharek, Alicia Dancause, Alesha Gotham.

The show is directed by Carol Strome, with choreography by Karen Whittingham. Many other teachers, staff members and students are involved in producing the sets, costumes, hair and make-up, publicity, box office, lighting, sound and pit band. We hope you will come and enjoy the finished product in March!

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There are occasions when a student appears to act in an "Atypical" or "unusual" manner. When this occurs, we have a procedure that is followed which is outlined in our Teacher Handbook. Please review the procedure below. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Davis at 562-3227, ext. 510.

PROCEDURE FOR ADDRESSING A STUDENT ACTING IN AN UNUSUAL AND ATYPICAL MANNER

1. If a student is acting in an abnormal manner, not typical of the student's regular behavior, ask some specific questions of the student, such as "Are you not feeling well?" or "Are you sick?" or "Did you take some type of medication today for an illness?"
2. Alert an administrator or designee if the student cannot respond in a normal/typical manner with clear, calm speech using correct sentences and assembling thoughts in a logical manner.
3. The administrator will come to the room to see the student and/or take him/her to the office for an assessment of the student's condition.
4. The school nurse will be notified by the administrator.
5. If it is believed the student is behaving in an abnormal or unusual way, the school nurse, or nurse practitioner if the student is enrolled in the health clinic, will be utilized to examine the student outside of a classroom, in the nurse's office, or health clinic or in some other more private location.
6. If the student's vital signs, such as heart rate, pulse, breathing, eye movement, and pupil size, are not consistent with the information on the student's medical records it will be noted in the nurse's logbook.
7. At this point the parents will be contacted and if necessary they will take the student home. If the student drives to school, he/she will be required to leave his/her vehicle on school grounds until someone else can drive the vehicle to the student's home.
8. Parents of students who are not enrolled in the school Health Clinic may be advised to seek additional attention through their family doctor or the parent can come to school and enroll his/her child for purposes of immediate evaluation.
9. If a similar situation occurs a second time in school the administration will contact the State Hotline Registry to report the situation.
10. If a student becomes violent toward himself/herself or others, acting in a very threatening or intimidating manner, the teacher or administrator will remove the other students from the room. The school counselor or school psychologist will be called in to assist, or if necessary, the State Police or County Sheriff's Department will be called for assistance. In addition, staff members on the same floor will be contacted for assistance and involvement as necessary.

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News From Mr. Curtis' Class

We have had a very busy first half of the school year. We have attended a Halloween dance, a Christmas dance, and spent a day in Watertown shopping and going out to lunch. Our students held a very successful fall flower bulb fundraiser and would like to thank everyone who purchased flower bulbs from us.

We have been notified that the Campbell Soup Label for Education program has changed the way that they are accepting labels. They now no longer want the entire label, only the proof of purchase (UPC) or the cap/cover from bottles or jars.

Following is a list of acceptable products that can be used for The Labels for Education program.

1. [Campbell's®](#)
2. [Campbell's® Soup At Hand®](#)
3. [Campbell's® Chunky™ Soup](#)
4. [Campbell's® Healthy Request](#)
5. [Campbell's® Supper Bakes®](#)
6. [Campbell's® Select™](#)
7. [Campbell's® Soup to Go!](#)
8. [Franco-American®](#)
9. [Pepperidge Farm®](#)
10. [Swanson®](#)
11. [Market Day®](#)
12. [V8® beverages](#)
13. [Prego® Pasta sauces](#)
14. [Campbell's® Foodservice](#)



These UPC's can still be dropped in the "Big Soup Can" in front of the library, in the elementary hallway.



Lastly, our cookbook that we have been collecting recipes for is almost ready to go to print. Hopefully we will be selling it around Easter.

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LIBERTY PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM

Students who participate in the Liberty Partnerships Program (LPP) statewide (51 programs assisting 14,000+ students) share a 93% graduation rate, a 1.7% dropout rate, 78% go to college, and 95% are promoted. Locally, LPP is in Brasher, Canton, Colton-Pierpont, Hermon-DeKalb, Heuvelton, Lisbon, Lowville, Madrid-Waddington, Morristown, Potsdam, Parishville-Hopkinton, and Watertown Central Schools.

Students join LPP of their own volition, with the Coordinator's approval. They commit to 'doing better' when they join LPP, finishing home work, talking to the LPP coordinator, playing games (Scrabble, Boggle, Sorry, Monopoly, Risk...all present opportunities to learn), working with tutors from area colleges, performing community service, going on field trips (climbing the wall at St. Lawrence University, Shakespeare plays, classical or jazz concerts)...these are some of the things LPP participants do when they join LPP.

Edwards-Knox Central School's LPP Coordinator is Claudia MacDonald. She comes to EKCS on Tuesdays and Thursdays (9:15 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.). The LPP room is 407. Claudia works with students, the administration and teachers to insure that LPP students graduate from high school.

You are welcome to 'drop in' at your convenience to meet Claudia, ask questions, make suggestions, and/or talk to her about LPP students.



Science Fair 2007
March 15th

The Science Fair at the March 15th Open House is for all interested 5th - 8th grade students. All projects will be displayed on the second floor of the school at the open house and prizes will be awarded for 1st-3rd place and honorable mention at an assembly announced at a later date. Projects must be turned in by Tuesday, March 13th at 3:12 pm. See any science teacher for more information.

The AP Biology and Physics classes will have "hands-on" science demonstrations in the cafeteria from 5-7 pm. Please stop in and take a look.

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MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

The following students were chosen to participate in Jr. High All-County Music Festival this year: Kamrie Dandrow, Cassie Walrath, Ashley Davison, and Abbey Campbell. Top instrumental music students are chosen from school districts within St. Lawrence County to form one concert band and one orchestra. It is an honor to be chosen to play in these very prestigious groups. Selection was determined by performance at solo festival in 2006, and by teacher recommendation. Congratulations to these students.

Congratulations to Jessie Sovie who was selected to perform with *Northern Symphonic Winds* on February 11th. The Northern Symphonic Winds is a professional band consisting of members who are Crane music faculty and area instrumental teachers (including Mr. Ziemba and Mrs. Curley), and other professionals. There are approximately 60 members. Selected music students have been invited to perform a march with this ensemble. Congratulations to Jessie.

The Instrumental Music Department will present the annual Kaleidoscope Concert on Wednesday, March 7 at 7 pm. Each of the major instrumental ensembles will perform one piece. Performing ensembles include: High School Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, Jr. High Concert Band, Stage Band and Sixth Grade Band. There will also be several small ensembles (flute ensemble, clarinet choir, percussion ensemble and saxophone trios). This promises to be a very enjoyable concert with lots of variety.

Soon, the Cougar Marching Band will begin planning for their 2007 Marching season. This year, we will be wearing new, lighter weight, quite flashy uniforms, replacing the heavy, 12-year old uniforms that we have been wearing. We have a great time every summer, and hope to have strong participation this year!

The **2007 Cougar Yearbook** is nearing it's deadline date for completion. Yearbooks can still be ordered. We have approximately 100 in surplus. These will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Orders can be placed in person at the High School Office or on-line at www.shop.jostens.com. The cost is \$35 and you must get one on order now if you plan to receive one in May.



CAFETERIA NEWS

Kathleen Whitmarsh, Cook/Manager



I did have our SMI (School Meals Initiative) review in October. I received the findings in January and want to pass some of them on to you. The school meals initiative is something the government does to make sure schools are serving healthy foods within guide lines.

Description	Gov. regulation	Our average
<u>Cholesterol</u> should be below 150 mg and our meal average for the week was 54mg.		
Sodium	below 1500 mg	was 1489
Fiber	5 mg	7.98
Iron	4.2	5.32
Calcium	370	603.46
Vitamin A (RE)	285	801.8
Vitamin A (IU)	1426	4009
Vitamin C	17	22.32
Protein	15g	31.91
Total Fat (%Kcals)	below 30%	27.52%
Sat. Fat (% Kcals)	below 10%	9.40%

The fat decreased from the last SMI January 16, 2001 from 35.79% to 27.52%, and the saturated fat decreased from 11.81% to 9.40%. We are on the right road, but it is a never ending battle. One of the ways I decreased the fat was to quit deep frying. We now only bake our food. We serve a lower fat milk, and I get a reduced fat pizza. One problem I do have is to get people to eat fruit and vegetables. They are so important to our vitamins and health, and so hard to get people to eat.

I introduced last year a 12 grain bread choice for anyone wishing to have the healthier bread. It has grown in popularity but white bread is still students first choice. I chose to go with the more expensive better bread and give a choice rather than the cheaper wheat bread which does not increase the fiber that much, but many times is sweeter and higher in calories. I do post signs in the cafeteria's encouraging people to eat fruits, vegetables and drink milk.

I try to have a fresh fruit choice almost every day. I do need to stay in my budget guidelines though and it is getting harder to purchase the more expensive breads, fruits, and vegetables. The government did not give any turkey this year, and no ham until Dec. No pork and only ground beef for beef.

It used to be the government gave powdered milk, eggs, butter, dried potatoes, beef, and a lot more stuff. At that time they didn't charge for what they give you like they do now. Nothing is free. Most of the food we have I have to purchase from Renzi's. I also have to pay all wages and many other expenses. We charge \$1.60 for 4-12 and \$1.35 for pk – 3. I have to make sure I do not spend more than what I make, so even though the government wants us to eat healthier, they are not making a way for schools to do much more than they are.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, and thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Whitmarsh
Cook Manager








MARCH 2007 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>Lunch: Pre-k - 3 is \$1.35 4-12 is \$1.60 Breakfast is \$.65 Prepayments happily accepted.</p>	<p>1 BBQ Chicken Macaroni Salad Tossed Salad Bread Milk Fruit</p>	<p>2 Fishburger French Fries Milk Clodhoppers/ Extreme Fruit Fruit</p>
<p>5 Pizza Green Beans Milk Fruit</p> 	<p>6 Ham & Cheese Melt/ Bun California Veggies Toasted Sunflower Seeds Milk Fruit</p>	<p>7 Taco Day Rice, Lettuce & Cheese Corn Milk Fruit</p>	<p>8 Macaroni & Cheese Peas Bread Milk Fruit</p>	<p>9 Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwich Milk Fruit</p>
<p>12 Chicken Patty/Bun Green Beans Milk Fruit</p>	<p>13 Sloppy Joe on a bun Chips Carrots Milk Fruit</p>	<p>14 Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Bread Green Beans Milk Fruit</p>	<p>15 Hamburg/ Bun Gold Fish Carrots Milk Fruit</p>   <p>½ day dismissal</p>	<p>16 Staff Development Day No school for students</p>
<p>19 Sausage Sub Side of Rotini/Sauce Green Beans Milk Fruit</p>	<p>20 Reuben or Grill Cheese Sandwich Carrots Milk Pineapple</p>	<p>21 Hot dogs on a bun Baked Beans Peas Milk Fruit</p>	<p>22 Chicken Fajitas Lettuce, Cheese Corn Milk Pears</p>	<p>23 Vegetable Soup Egg Salad or Tuna Sandwich Fresh Carrots Milk Fruit</p>
<p>26 French Toast Egg Hash Browns Milk Ice Juicee & Fruit</p>	<p>27 BBQ Pork /Bun Gold Fish Peas Milk Fruit</p>	<p>28 Goulash Green Beans Bread Milk Fruit</p> 	<p>29 Ham Dinner Baked Potatoes Corn Sweet Potatoes Bread Milk Dessert or Fruit</p>	<p>30 Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwich Milk Fruit</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. Soup everyday.</p>			<p>Breakfast: 7:45 A.M.</p> 	<p>Lunch: 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.</p>

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APRIL 2007 MENU

MON	TUES	WED	THUR S	FRI
<p>2 Chicken Nuggets Peas Bread Milk Fruit</p>	<p>3 Ham & Cheese Melts Gold Fish Carrots Milk Apple Crisp</p>	<p>4 Hamburg/Bun Pasta Salad Milk Fruit</p>	<p>5 Hotdogs/Bun French Fries Carrots Milk Fruit 11:30 dismissal</p>	<p>6 SPRING RECESS </p>
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<p>30 Scrambled Egg Sausage Blueberry Muffin Hash Brown Milk Ice Juicee & Fruit</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>Breakfast Every Day Cereal, Milk, Juice Some Days: Bagels/ Cream Cheese, English Muffins, Danish, fresh fruit, breakfast bars, donuts, eggs</p>	<p>Lunch: Pre-K - 3 is \$1.35 4-12 is \$1.60 Breakfast if \$.65 Prepayments happily accepted.</p>
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