

**May/June 2007**

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# **Cougar News**



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## **SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS**

**Dr. William Cartwright**

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#### **I. BUDGET MEETINGS**

**We have finished the process of holding budget meetings and have adopted a budget of \$10,938,837. We expect a tax increase of 3% and a 9.38% increase in the budget. Basically, your property taxes are estimated to go up approximately \$7.42 on a Star reduction for a \$50,000 home in Edwards and \$7.04 on a Star reduction for a \$50,000 home in Russell. This is predicated on no change in assessed or equalization rates.**

**Much of the increase is due to the increase in health insurance, fuel, electricity, teacher and local retirement system costs. No teacher positions or programs have been cut for the 2007-2008 academic school year. We have added an LPN/Aide, a Remedial Reading Teacher for the Elementary, more technology that supports student instruction, plus new mandates by the state that relate to hiring an Internal Auditor and greater services to implement GASBY 45 accounting mandates.**

**If you have any questions regarding the budget, the annual budget report will be mailed in early May and the Annual Budget Meeting will be held on May 8, 2007 and the Annual Budget Vote is on May 15, 2007.**

**Board and I have worked hard to balance the expenditure part of the budget with the estimated revenues our district will receive from the state.**

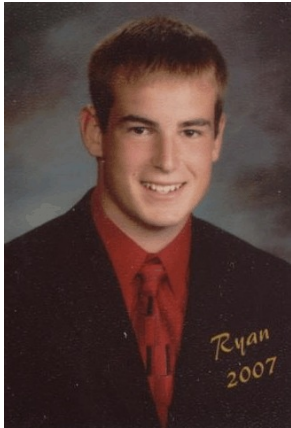
**Sincerely,**

**Dr. William U. Cartwright  
Superintendent of Schools**

## High School Guidance News

Linda Alford, Guidance Counselor

Edwards-Knox Central School is proud to announce the Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the Class of 2007.



Ryan Davis, son of Michael and Debbie Davis of Edwards, New York, is named Valedictorian with a cumulative average of 98.6596% . Ryan is a member of our National Honor Society. He serves as Treasurer for his class and was our representative for the HOBY Leadership Conference in 2005. Ryan has earned many academic awards. He has been on Outstanding High Honor roll for his entire high school career and has been named on the National Honor Roll, and the National Society of High School Scholars. Ryan has earned the United States Air Force Mathematics and Science Awards, the Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award, as well as an Edwards Alumni Science award for the highest 3 year Regents average. He has also been an integral member of our Whiz Quiz Team and has participated in the Close-Up Program.

Ryan is also an athlete at Edwards-Knox. He has been a member of our soccer, basketball, and golf teams. During his time on these teams he has earned the respect of others, being awarded Sportsmanship awards during 5 different seasons. Ryan has been All Academic in all sports 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, Awarded the United States Air Force Scholar/Athlete Award in 11<sup>th</sup> grade, and was named a Wendy's High School Heisman State Finalist. Ryan shares his enthusiasm for sports with others by volunteering time on Saturday to help coach a basketball program for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. Last year he also helped the booster club by volunteering to referee an all-day tournament for young children.

Ryan plans to study Engineering Management at Clarkson University, where he was awarded the Clarkson University's Leadership Award.

Jessica Sovie, daughter of Carolyn Sovie of Fine, New York and Charles Sovie of Edwards, New York, is named Salutatorian with a cumulative average of 95.5495% She is a member of our National Honor Society and serves as Treasurer. Jessica is active in several clubs such as Drama Club and Spanish Club. She has also participated in Close-up, has been a member of the Yearbook Staff and a member of the Prom Committee. She has served as Treasurer for several of these groups. Jessica is very active in our community. She volunteers her time to help others. Jessica has been an active member of our mentoring programs such a Big Brothers/Big Sisters as well as our school based program called E-K BUDDIES. For years she has selflessly given her free time to tutor other students, using her study periods, activity periods, or after school. As a participant of our music program, Jessica is an active member of our concert, stage, and marching bands. She has preformed NYSSMA solos and has been marching band soloist. Jessica has also participated in the Area All-State Band and the District Band. She continues her performances to the stage as a cast member for school musicals and the senior play.



Jessica has received many academic awards. She has been on Outstanding High Honor Roll for her entire academic career as well as receiving E-K awards for most effort in her science classes and the highest Regents Score on the Living Environment Exam. Jessica has also been awarded the Clarkson University's Achievement Award.

Jessica plans to attend Albany College of Pharmacy where she will study Pharmacy.



### WORKING CARD APPLICATIONS OBTAINED IN THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

Please complete your working card paperwork in May or June if you plan to work during summer vacation.



Students less than 18 years of age who are employed after school or during vacations are required to have a Working Card. This involves filling out and having a parent sign an Application for Employment Certificate and having a doctor complete a Physical Fitness Certification based upon a physical examination performed within a calendar year. A current sports physical or school physical (given to all 7th & 10th Grade Students at Edwards-Knox) is sufficient. The school nurse can complete the Physical Fitness Certification for those students who have had a physical in school.

Students must also submit a copy of their social security card, with other papers, to the Guidance Office.

The necessary forms and working cards are available from the guidance secretary. We will do our best to provide you with the proper forms and knowledge of procedures, but getting things done in a timely fashion is up to you. Please don't wait until the end of June to start this process. During mid-summer there will be times when both Mrs. French and Ms. Alford will not be available. Be sure to plan ahead!

### **DRIVERS EDUCATION SIGN-UP CONTINUE**

We are hoping to offer driver's education again this summer. Students should sign up in the High School Guidance Office starting April 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 1<sup>st</sup> the students will be assigned by first come first served.



### **Gateways for Seniors**

Edwards-Knox Seniors participated in "Gateways 2007". This was a program offered by the Office of Educational Partnerships and was designed to give all St. Lawrence County seniors the opportunity to practice the skills needed to obtain a job.

Students experienced mock job interviews, had their resume critiqued, and had discussions about their communication skills. There were over 100 employers from the area to help with this endeavor.



## High School Guidance News Cont'd.

Linda Alford, Guidance Counselor

### SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Seniors are encouraged to continue filling out scholarship applications. Information can be found in the High School Guidance office or the E-K Guidance web page at:

[www.ekcsk12.org/guidance/scholarships.pdf](http://www.ekcsk12.org/guidance/scholarships.pdf)

Some Scholarship applications can be printed from the guidance web page at:

<http://www.ekcsk12.org/guidance/>

under local scholarship applications.



### Final Average Calculation for June 22<sup>nd</sup> Grades

(This is different from the marking period calculations)

Edwards-Knox 7 <sup>th</sup> through 12 <sup>th</sup> grade Final Honor Roll Calculation		Example:	Grade	Periods	Quality Points
Grading period averages are calculated in the following manner:		English 11	70	X 1 =	70
*All semestered courses count once (1X)		US History	85	X 1 =	85
*Full year courses meeting every day count once (1X)		Math B	75	X 1 =	75
*Half year courses meeting every day count once (½ X)		Chemistry	80	X 1 =	80
*Single period every other day (½ credit courses) count one-half (½ X)		Spanish 11	90	X 1 =	90
*BOCES Vo-Tech courses count 3 times (3X)		Health	82	X ½ =	41
*BOCES Math and Science count one-half (½ X)		Phys. Ed	90	X ½ =	45
Honor Roll is 85 - 89.99% High Honor Roll is 90 - 94.99% Outstanding High Honor Roll is 95 - 100%		Band	95	X ½ =	+47.5
				6.5	533.5
Final Averages are based on the credits earned for each class.		$\text{Quality points} \div \text{number of Credits} = \text{Final Ave.}$			
		$533.5 \div 6.5 = 82.07\% \quad \text{Term average is } 82\%$			



**May/June 2007 Newsletter Notes From Mrs. Bain:**

**CAREER EXPLORATION  
FOR 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS**

Mrs. Bain, Mrs. McBath and students in eighth grade recently participated in career exploration activities in the Family and Consumer Science class.

As a first step in the **career exploration** process students were asked to think about what activities they enjoy and what activities they are good at. A visit to Southwest Tech Vocational Center in Fowler provided students with the opportunity to learn about educational program offerings as well as the sort of work-related tasks being performed. Students examined programs in terms of tasks involving working alone or as a team member; working with machines, or computers; the pace of the work environment, and the degree of accuracy involved. Students were also encouraged to practice an "informational interview". They were given a list of sample questions to guide their inquiries. For example: What skills do students learn? Are there jobs in this region? What salary can a person earn in this job?

Students in this class also completed a computerized interest profile using software called CHOICES. The program relates a student's interests to a wide variety of career options and provides a detailed description of over 600 careers along with educational and training requirements. Students may use CHOICES again and again to research careers as well as colleges.

**STUDY TIPS FOR STUDENTS**

As the end of the school year approaches studying for quizzes and tests, and completing homework are more important than ever. Your 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and final grades will be calculated in June.

Learning how to study is a skill and will improve your academic success. Strong study habits will lead to achieving high academic goals. Many skills that lead to success in school also lead to succeed on the job. The following are tips on how to study for the remainder of the year:

Think positively. It will take effort to be prepared for your classes but you can do it. Come to class prepared. Bring the book, a pen or pencil, paper, folder and any other materials your teachers suggest. Be sure to take notes in class. It can help you concentrate while in class and provides you with valuable information for upcoming tests and quizzes.

Use your time wisely. Examine how you spend your time outside of school. Use a calendar/assignment book to write down homework and test dates. Plan for deadlines. Schedule study/homework time each day.

Make studying/homework your job. Select a comfortable spot with minimal distractions. Have the materials you need handy (pencils, pens, paper, calculator, index cards, etc.). Consider forming a study group with other members of your class. You can share notes, quiz each other, and work out questions you have with the material.

Take a break when you are spending several hours doing homework and studying.

**PARENTS CAN HELP STUDENTS STUDY**

Require your child to write down homework assignments in a daily planner or calendar. Help your child find a quiet location to study and do homework. Provide them with pens, pencils, paper, and other necessities.

Assign a minimum amount of time to spend on homework and study (the amount will vary depending on the grade your child is in.) This can prevent rushing through homework.

Require your child to show you his/her homework when he/she is finished. Edit the work for spelling and grammar errors.

Help your child use a homework folder to ensure his/her hard work makes it back to school.

Allow your child a break when he/she is spending long blocks of time on homework and studying.

## May/June 2007 Newsletter Notes From Mrs. Bain:

### **REMAINING NEW YORK STATE ASSESSMENTS FOR GRADE 8:**

Science 8: Tuesday, May 1, Performance (Lab) Assessment and  
Tuesday, May 8, Written Assessment

Social Studies 8: Tuesday, June 5, and  
Wednesday, June 6.

*Please encourage students to get plenty of sleep the night before each test and eat a good breakfast in the morning. Students will also need to bring two number 2 pencils with them to the test.*

### **AWARD CEREMONIES**

Students in grades 5 through 8 will participate in one remaining award ceremony. 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 date is Friday, June 22, 2007 at 8:00 am, last day of school. If your child is eligible to receive an award a postcard will be sent indicating the date and time of the award ceremony.

### **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. So far this year eligible students have gone to the Wild Center in Tupper Lake, the Ice skating arena in Massena, and the Thompson Park Zoo in Watertown. One more trip will be scheduled sometime in June.

### **PROGRESS REPORTS and REPORT CARDS**

Students receive a **progress report** between each report card. This is to give parents an idea of 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 date of Wednesday, May 16, 2007.

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 his/her final report card on 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

### ORIENTATION PROGRAM FOR 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS

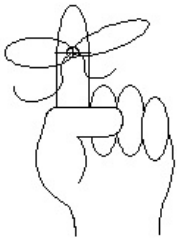
#### June



Students in grade 6 will participate in a 7-12 Grade Orientation program in June. They will have the opportunity to meet several 7<sup>th</sup> grade faculty members, get a feel for what will be required next year, and receive a list of supplies needed in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Please be on the look out for the list so you can purchase school supplies when they go on sale over the summer. The list will also be posted at Walmart.

#### August

A separate orientation program for students and parents will take place in August about a week before school begins. Students will receive a copy of their schedule, locker location, and a tour of the school. A notice of date and time will be sent home early August.



**DON'T FORGET**

**MAY 28, 2007 – MEMORIAL DAY - No School**

**JUNE 14-22, 2007 – NYS Regents Examinations**

## **EDWARDS-KNOX TEACHERS ASSOCIATION** **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

The Edwards-Knox Teachers Association created a \$500.00 scholarship to assist a graduate who has elected to pursue a career in education. The committee will make the selection based on scholarship, leadership, service, character and potential for success. The Scholarship will be presented during the student's senior year. To be eligible students must:

- Be a graduate of Edwards-Knox Central School, Edwards School, or Knox Memorial School.
- Have completed at least the first semester of the Junior year by the end of June\*.
- Hold a Grade Point Average of 3.0 or higher.
- Complete an application form. (Can be printed from EK web site or requested at the Guidance Office).
- Submit an official transcript that includes grades for all courses taken.
- Submit two letters of recommendation (one must be from a college professor).
- Proof of enrollment in the field of education or teaching (course schedule, semester bill) for the fall semester.\*
- **All documents must be postmarked no later than August 31 to the following address:**

**Edwards-Knox Central School  
% Teachers Association President  
P.O. Box 630  
Russell, NY 13684**

Documents that are hand delivered must be dated and initialed by school personnel.

\* The Scholarship recipient who is starting the second semester of the Junior year in September will wait until the Spring semester, when starting the Senior year, to receive the award. Proof of Senior year enrollment will also be necessary at that time.

**APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE  
EDWARDS-KNOX GUIDANCE OFFICE  
Or By visiting [www.ekcsk12.org](http://www.ekcsk12.org)  
(click on Pupil Services and Guidance).**

**EDWARDS-KNOX TEACHERS ASSOCIATION  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Maiden Name

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street or RFD City State Zip Code

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Knox Memorial \_\_\_\_\_ Edwards School \_\_\_\_\_ Edwards-Knox

Year of High School Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

List High School Activities, Leadership Positions and Honors by Year \_\_\_\_\_

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What college or university are you attending? \_\_\_\_\_

List College Activities, Leadership Positions and Honors by Year \_\_\_\_\_

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List Community Activities and Honors \_\_\_\_\_

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## 7-12 NEWS

Mr. Jeff Davis, Principal

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to New York City

A large percentage of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be going for three days in June to New York City again this year, as has taken place in the past two years. Our first 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip went to Boston and all have been very exciting learning experiences for our students and staff. This year's group is advised by Mrs. Sherry White and Mrs. Jennifer Tupper and a wonderful itinerary/schedule has been developed for our students and the chaperones to participate in. We hope they will enjoy the hot dogs at Yankee Stadium and the calzones in New York City.

### Senior Breakfast

We are planning a "Breakfast for a king/queen" for our seniors the day before our Memorial Day weekend, on Friday, May 25, 2007. Foods include pancakes, eggs, French toast, bagels, muffins, fruit, juice, coffee, real maple syrup, etc. No one leaves hungry and the school smells like the local diner for the entire morning. Staff are here early (6:00ish) to start cooking and a great time is had by all.

### Basic Kayaking Practice for Adults

Our school purchased (10) ten foot yellow Old Town "Otter" kayaks this past spring with 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant monies and a number of students have been shown how to use them during our 9<sup>th</sup> period enrichment class this year. We also want to show adults how kayaks can be utilized to enjoy the quiet lakes and rivers in our area and elsewhere in the north country. If you are interested in coming to a training session on kayak use on one of the following two evenings in June: Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> or Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm, please contact Mr. Davis at 347-3410 or 562-3227 (ext. 510) and you will be placed on a list to come and practice in the water of the Edwards-Knox pool after some introductory training by physical education teacher, Mrs. Lori Brewer. A swim suit, with a t-shirt for covering if you prefer, should be brought for the training and practice session. You need to call to register because we only have 10 kayaks.

### 2007 Cougar Yearbook

We currently have less than 80 yearbooks in reserve. We expect delivery to be mid-May. Yearbook orders will be taken until all those in reserve are gone. If you haven't ordered one yet and want one, you need to do so. Orders can be placed on-line with a credit card or online check at [www.shop.jostens.com](http://www.shop.jostens.com). Forms are also available in the High School office. The cost for online ordering is \$35 plus \$1 for handling fee. The cost at school is \$35 made payable to E-K Yearbook. Don't miss out on your opportunity to get a 2007 Cougar Yearbook. If you have any questions, please call the High School office.

### Commencement and Practice

The 21<sup>st</sup> Commencement of Edwards-Knox Central School will be on Saturday, June 23, at 7 pm in the Edwards-Knox gymnasium. Graduation practice will be on Friday, June 22, beginning at 9:30 am. ALL graduating seniors need to be present at practice and should plan to be here until approximately noon. Students will be released to go to work or home after all criteria has been met. Students will also be given their cap and gown after practice. More information will be given to seniors in May.

## 7-12 NEWS

### Mr. Jeff Davis, Principal

#### Dress Code

Reminder to students and parents about proper clothing and attire to wear to school, particularly when the weather does get warmer . . . The four basic criteria Mr. Davis uses are as follows:

No midriff exposed/showing

Tops cannot be lower in the back than 4" below the base of one's neck where the neck meets the shoulders

No cleavage showing

Skirts/shorts/skorts cannot be shorter than the ends of one's fingertips when the shoulders are relaxed and the arms are held down at one's side

In addition, no clothing or hats can have alcohol or drug references.

Failure to comply and wear proper clothing will result in a student being sent to the In-School Suspension room for the day or until a parent/guardian brings in proper clothing for the student to change into so they can return to their regular class schedule.

#### Mr. Bresett Update

Mr. Bresett, Earth Science teacher, has been out all year due to a medical condition. Some staff have visited with him and he looks great and has a positive spirit. We wish him well and hope he can return to our school soon.


#### Bus Infractions . . . A continuing concern

We are experiencing an increase in the number of bus referrals again this year. We address such issues as disrespect towards the driver, monitor or other students, as well as bullying-type behaviors such as teasing and name calling and a general disregard for the rules that have been established to ensure a safe and peaceful ride to and from school for all students. Riding a bus to school is a privilege and should not be taken for granted. Students who are violating bus rules and being inappropriate such as swearing or being uncooperative towards the driver will be put off the bus for one or more days and parents will be expected to transport their child for the time transportation is denied. Edwards-Knox Principals support our drivers and the job they have is a very difficult one. Inappropriate behaviors will not be tolerated on our buses and consequences such as losing one or more days of bus riding privilege will be the result of a failure to comply and follow the simple rules. As for seating arrangements on a bus . . . we have seating arrangements on all buses so we can provide a ride to and from school for everyone with as few distractions to the driver as possible.

# 7-12 NEWS

## Mr. Jeff Davis, Principal

### RESERVED CALENDAR DATES (subject to change)

- |              |   |  |
|--------------|---|--|
| May 9        | Spring Concert I                                  |  |
| May 11       | End of 4 <sup>th</sup> Interim Report Period      |  |
| May 16       | Interim Reports distributed to students           |  |
| May 16       | Spring Concert II                                 |  |
| May 19       | Junior / Senior Prom                              |  |
| May 28       | Memorial Day - No School                          |  |
|              |   |  |
| June 5       | Interscholastic Modified Athletic Banquet         |  |
| June 6       | Interscholastic J. V. & Varsity Athletic Banquet  |  |
| June 6       | Elementary Concert                                |  |
| June 12 & 13 | Final Exams                                       |  |
| June 14 - 22 | Regents, RCTs and Proficiency Exams               |  |
| June 22      | Grades 5 - 8 Awards Assembly / Last Day of School |  |
|              | Report Cards distributed to students              |  |
| June 23      | Commencement                                      |  |



# ELEMENTARY NEWS

Sue Kelly, Principal

## Playground Use:

The students are excited to be able to use the playground again. For the safety of everyone, students may not wear any form of open-toed shoes or sandals while playing on the equipment. Make sure that your child brings sneakers to school to be able to change for recess.

The kindergarten classes got their introduction to the playground. The physical education staff demonstrated proper use and safety with the children. This was an exciting event and marks another milestone in their growth.



## Teacher Requests:

This is the first year that we are not accepting teacher requests. At many of the grade levels there are only two staff. We do carefully consider how students are placed at each grade. It is also important that we put a mixture of students with varying social, emotional, and academic abilities and needs in all rooms.

As parents, we all want the best for our own child, and this is certainly understandable. However, we must look at 40 students and plan for their success. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

## Field Trips:

Each teacher is responsible for planning their own field trip. The end-of-the-year activities var greatly depending on age and curriculum studied. The trips are meant to be a positive experience for everyone and for the group to grow together as a whole.

Each grade level has a set procedure for the number of chaperones and how they are chosen. Unfortunately, we can't always take all the parents who would like to attend. We do ask that if you are participating on a scheduled field trip that you don't bring younger children along that may distract from the focus of the day.



Some groups request a bag lunch be packed to help keep cost at a minimum. The cafeteria is always willing to pack a lunch for any student interested. These brown bags include a sandwich of their choice, usually ham, turkey, or PB&J, a fruit, a drink, and a treat of some sort. The cost is whatever you pay on any regular day. Teachers do take orders for these lunches with each trip. If you pack a lunch, please do not send any glass bottles or any food that requires preparation.

## ELEMENTARY NEWS CONT'D.

Sue Kelly, Principal

**Homework Excellence Trip:** The middle level group of sixty students visited the Thompson Park Zoo. They were treated to a behind the scenes tour, a classroom lesson on animals and a factual scavenger hunt. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and manage to learn a few interesting facts.



Seen here are Kurtis Ellison, John Davison and Dylan Davis standing inside of the eagles nest.

Shown is Carrie White the Thompson Park Zoos educator and presenter.



**The Petting Zoo:** Mr Gault and his fabulous FFA students held the Petting Zoo again this year. All of the students from PreK-6 grade enjoyed their experience. There was a wide variety of animals at the petting including Houdini the mouse, Cappuccino the hedgehog. Duke the dog, goats, rabbits, a donkey, gerbils, a chicken, fish and a pig. The visit was topped off with a horse drawn wagon ride around the school parking lot.



Kennedy Bell holds Houdini.



Kylie Averill and Brody White holding rabbits with Elizabeth Cherry looking on.

Scott Whitmarsh holds onto Duke.



## ELEMENTARY NEWS CONT'D.

Sue Kelly, Principal

### KINDERGARTEN SCREENING 2007-2008 School Year

The Edwards-Knox Elementary School will be holding their Kindergarten screening on Wednesday, May 23 and Thursday, May 24, 2007.

If you have a child who will turn five by December 1, 2007, please call the Edwards-Knox Elementary School Office at 562-3284 or 347-3410 to set up an appointment for the Kindergarten screening.

Please note you will need to bring your child's birth certificate, social security card, immunization record, and completed registration form to your scheduled Kindergarten screening appointment.

### UNIVERSAL PREKINDERGARTEN 2007-2008 School Year

Any child in the Edwards-Knox Central School District who is or will be four years old on or before December 1, 2007, is eligible to attend the Edwards-Knox Universal Prekindergarten program.

If you have a child who is eligible and who wishes to attend the Prekindergarten program, please call the Elementary Office at 562-3284 to request an application be sent to you.

If you have any questions, you may call 562-3284 or 347-3210 and speak with Sherry Shattuck in the Elementary Office; dial Ext. 113 directly for Joni Macaulay; or call Joni at home at 287-4517.

The Gouverneur Elk's Lodge 2035 generously donated individual dictionaries to each third grade student. Representatives Mr. Swem and Mr. Burt presented the children with their dictionaries and bookmarks. This is one of the many ways the Elk's Club helps the community.



Mrs. Gotham's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Class



Mr. Cassidy's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Class

## ELEMENTARY NEWS CONT'D.

Sue Kelly, Principal

### Upcoming Events

- 5/1: 4<sup>th</sup> grade Science Test
- 5/2: 4<sup>th</sup> grade Science Test
- 5/3: 6:30 pm: Parents' Association meeting in Library
- 5/16: progress reports go home
- 5/16: Deer Club Bake Sale for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades
- 5/21: 8:00: 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades to OCP in Massena
- 5/21: 6 pm: Tales for Tots in Media Center
- 5/23: 8:00-3:00: Kindergarten Screening
- 5/24: 8:00-12:00: Kindergarten Screening
- 5/28: NO SCHOOL - MEMORIAL DAY
- 6/7: 6:30 pm: Parents' Association meeting in Library
- 6/21: 8:15: K-4 Awards Assembly in Auditorium
- 6/21: 6:30 pm: Kindergarten Graduation in Auditorium
- 6/22: 8:00: 5-6 Awards Assembly in Auditorium
- 6/22: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

### THIRD MARKING PERIOD AWARDS

#### KINDERGARTEN

##### Good Neighbor

Corey Vater  
Dezaray Foy  
Austin Whitmarsh

##### Nice Manners

Lakoata Schwartzfigure  
Madison Wood  
Trevor White

##### Art

Timothy Hathaway  
Grace Fenton  
Koryn Rowe

##### Hard Worker

MaKayla Meilleur  
Brenna Bidwell  
Zachary Scott

##### Music

Riannon Holly  
Alexis Martin  
Collin Curley

##### Physical Education

##### Sportsmanship

Rylee Gotham  
Cole Morehouse  
Carly Frary

#### GRADE 1

##### Most Improved

Alyssa Allen  
Travis White  
Marcus Dent

##### Hard Worker

Jared Sharlow  
Zoie Smith  
Tanner LaPlant

##### Art

Peyton Dafoe  
Katrina Thornton  
Haleigh Reynolds

##### Healthy Attitude

Emily Kerr  
Alexa White  
Briana Tulip

##### Music

Madison LaPoint  
Avery Hawn  
Haven Gotham

##### Phys. Ed. Sportsmanship

Jaimie Griffin  
Julie Ashley  
Nadine Camidge

## ELEMENTARY NEWS CONT'D.

Sue Kelly, Principal

### GRADE 2

#### Eager Reader

Paige Clary  
Alaina White

#### Healthy Attitude

Mackenzie Fray  
Jordan Jeanette

#### Art

Arael Scott  
James Rice

#### Most Improved

Matthew Colton  
Zoey Bridge

#### Music

Taylor Whitmarsh  
Zoey Bridge

#### Phys. Ed. Sportsmanship

Brittney Bidwell  
Kara Davis

### GRADE 3

#### Effort

Kelsey White  
Zayne Bridge

#### Music

Zachary Laddison  
Destiny Durham

#### Phys. Ed. Sportsmanship

Kenda Peters  
Catherine Curley

#### Citizenship

Kaleb Bartocha  
Kassandra Whiteford

#### Art

Luke Fenton  
Caleb Rowe

### GRADE 4

#### Effort

Trennan McCollum  
Kennedy Bell

#### Music

Skylar Cross  
Sierra Powers

#### Phys. Ed. Sportsmanship

Mykailia-Leigh Fletcher  
Darion Deon

#### Citizenship

Miranda Smith  
RaeAnn Thomas

#### Art

Darrick Cutway  
Mason Fountain

### GRADE 5

#### Effort

Kiana Coffey  
Kaden Dandrow

#### Music

Kiana Coffey  
Makayla Bartocha

#### Phys. Ed. Sportsmanship

Hunter Tuttle  
Bridget Ellis

#### Citizenship

Marissa Smith  
Derek Clark

#### Art

Hunter Tuttle  
Jesse Fenlong

#### Band

Kaden Dandrow  
Austin Brown

# GREAT JOB!!

## ELEMENTARY NEWS CONT'D.

Sue Kelly, Principal

### GRADE 6

#### Effort

Samantha Ellison  
Christopher Davison

#### Music

Michelle Whitmarsh  
Christopher Davison

#### Phys. Ed. Sportsmanship

Brianna Farr  
Brant Hewlett-Sero

#### Citizenship

Jesse Bullock  
Zachary Allen

#### Art

Annabelle Royce  
Zachary Allen

#### Band

Logan McCollum  
Brant Hewlett-Sero

## ELEMENTARY HONOR ROLLS

### GRADE 3

#### HONOR ROLL

Makayla Bacon  
Kaleb Bartocha  
Kristen Farr  
Rebecca Hathaway  
Anisa Hotaling  
Jordan Mouthorp  
Kenda Peters  
Allison Pharoah  
Hunter Phelps

Cody Rowe  
Christopher Shecton  
William Smith  
Brandy Stein  
Kelsey White  
Trenton White  
Kassandra Whiteford  
Timothy Whiteford

#### HIGH HONOR ROLL

Dakotah Bacon  
Jason Burke  
Catherine Curley  
Darian Fenton  
Luke Fenton  
Heather Finnerty  
Zachary Laddison  
Miranda Matthews  
Caleb Rowe

### GRADE 4

#### HONOR ROLL

Makenna Ashley  
Kennedy Bell  
Rowena Casciaro  
Darion Deon  
Megan Farr

Aaron Janzen  
Daniel Pharoah  
Miranda Smith  
RaeAnn Thomas

#### HIGH HONOR ROLL

Molly Burger  
Darrick Cutway  
Richard Finnerty  
Connor Gotham  
Abbie Hale  
Shaye Taylor  
Mackenzie Tresidder  
Michaela Wilson

# FANTASTIC!

## ELEMENTARY NEWS CONT'D.

Sue Kelly, Principal

### ELEMENTARY HONOR ROLLS CONT'D.

#### GRADE 5

##### HONOR ROLL

Makayla Bartocha  
Gage Coffey  
Dylon Jeanette  
Marissa Smith  
Alyssa Parker  
Desirae Parrish  
Kate Rowe  
Chloe Wilson

##### HIGH HONOR ROLL

Mackenzie Allen  
Ross Curley  
Kaden Dandrow  
Katelynd Hill  
Jessey Parker  
Leonard Walrath

##### OUTSTANDING

Jordan Davis  
Kyl Huebner-Lane  
Sarah Rice  
Hunter Tuttle

#### GRADE 6

##### HONOR ROLL

Jesse Bullock  
Brooke Foster  
Victoria Colon  
Alex Parrish  
Tina Paro  
Alison Thompson  
Katelyn Whittingham

##### HIGH HONOR ROLL

Samantha Ellison  
Amanda Huebner-Lane  
Tyler Tresidder

##### OUTSTANDING

Brianna Farr

**WOW!**

### PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARDS FOR K-6 FOR 3<sup>RD</sup> MARKING PERIOD (NO TARDIES, DISMISSALS, OR ABSENCES)

Makenna Ashley  
Sean-Kennedy Bates  
Jason Burke  
Skylar Cross  
Jordan Davis  
Nicholas Davison  
Jesse Fenlong  
Bridget Gladle  
Lilly Gladle

Daniel Gotham  
Haven Gotham  
Katelynd Hill  
Tyler LaPlante  
Elizabeth LaPoint  
Jordan Moore  
Alyssa Parker  
Jessey Parker  
Tina Paro

Kenda Peters  
Chasen Shecton  
Thomas Smith  
Zoie Smith  
Alison Thompson  
Tyler Tresidder  
Leonard Walrath  
Timothy Whiteford

## ELEMENTARY NEWS CONT'D.

Sue Kelly, Principal

### POSITIVE BEHAVIOR ON THE BUS AWARD FOR GRADES K-6

Kennedy Bell  
Brenna Bidwell  
Brittney Bidwell  
Hannah Briggs  
Shelbie Brothers  
Camryn Bullock  
Kayla Covey  
Dylan Cross  
Skylar Cross  
Darrick Cutway

Joseph Gotham  
Kyle Gotham  
Katelynd Hill  
Tyler Jandreau  
Madison LaPoint  
Emily Lasher  
Tera Mason  
Kelsie Matthews  
Cody Rowe  
Kate Rowe

Arael Scott  
Justin Scott  
Zachary Scott  
Evan Searles  
Shania Searles  
Marissa Smith  
Logan Thornton  
Corey Vater  
Kera Whitmarsh  
Tyler Whitmarsh

# AWESOME!

### JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Our school participated in a very special community service program to raise funds for the American Heart Association. We're joining the fight against our nation's No. 1 and No. 3 killers-cardiovascular disease and stroke.

On March 29<sup>th</sup> and March 30<sup>th</sup>, our school held our JRFH event. These events are held nationwide to help students learn about the benefits of regular physical activity and heart health while they raise funds to support vital research and educational programs.

The money we raised will help people in our community learn how to avoid heart disease and stroke and live longer, healthier lives. Students will receive thank you gifts based on how much they collected.

We would like to thank all family and friends who supported this program by making a donation. Our school raised over \$3,700.00 for the AHA. The money contributed will fund research that will save more lives each year . . . maybe your own or that of someone in your family. Our efforts truly make a difference!

Thank you for your support.  
Lori Brewer, Lisa Lane, & Ken Montgomery  
Physical Education Staff

## ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULES

### VARSITY SOFTBALL

4/21 @ Harrisville  
 4/23 LISBON  
 4/25 HEUVELTON  
 4/28 Tournament @ H-D  
 5/1 @ Morristown  
 5/3 HERMON-DEKALB  
 5/5 @ Colton-Pierrepoint  
 5/7 CLIFTON-FINE  
 5/8 HARRISVILLE  
 5/11 @ Lisbon  
 5/12 Tournament @ Lisbon  
 5/15 @ Heuvelton  
 5/17 HAMMOND  
 5/21 MORRISTOWN

### VARSITY BASEBALL

4/21 @ Harrisville  
 4/23 LISBON  
 4/25 HEUVELTON  
 5/1 @ Morristown  
 5/3 HERMON-DEKALB  
 5/7 CLIFTON-FINE  
 5/8 HARRISVILLE  
 5/11 @ Lisbon  
 5/12 @ IHC  
 5/15 @ Heuvelton  
 5/17 HAMMOND  
 5/21 MORRISTOWN

### MODIFIED SOFTBALL

4/23 @ Lisbon  
 4/25 @ Heuvelton  
 5/1 MORRISTOWN  
 5/3 @ Hermon-DeKalb  
 5/7 @ Clifton-Fine  
 5/8 @ Harrisville  
 5/11 LISBON  
 5/15 HEUVELTON  
 5/18 CLIFTON-FINE  
 5/21 @ Morristown  
 5/23 HERMON-DEKALB  
 5/29 HARRISVILLE

### MODIFIED BASEBALL

4/23 @ Lisbon  
 4/25 @ Heuvelton  
 5/1 MORRISTOWN  
 5/3 HERMON-DEKALB  
 5/7 @ Clifton-Fine  
 5/8 @ Harrisville  
 5/11 LISBON  
 5/15 HEUVELTON  
 5/18 CLIFTON-FINE  
 5/21 @ Morristown  
 5/23 @ Hermon-DeKalb  
 5/29 HARRISVILLE

### GOLF

4/30 Clifton-Fine / Heuvelton @ Massena Country Club  
 5/2 Madrid-Waddington @ Partridge Run Golf Course  
 5/4 Norwood-Norfolk @ Partridge Run Golf Course  
 5/7 Tupper Lake @ Tupper Lake Country Club  
 5/9 Madrid-Waddington @ Waddington Golf Course  
 5/11 Heuvelton / Clifton-Fine @ Partridge Run Golf Course  
 5/14 Norwood-Norfolk @ Raymondville Golf Course  
 5/18 Tupper Lake & E-K @ Salmon River - Ceder View Golf Course  
 5/23 All Teams - Sectional Play @ Massena Country Club  
 5/25 All Teams - Sectional Play @ Massena Country Club



## CAFETERIA NEWS

Kathleen Whitmarsh, Cook/Manager



Dear Residents:

It hardly seems possible we are already to the May/June newsletter.

First I would like to let you know by the time you read this letter it should be possible for you to go online and look up your student's account. You should also be able to add money to a student's account if you choose to do it this way. If you have question about how to check accounts feel free to contact me and I will do my best to walk you through it. If you use Paypal on E-bay you may use your Paypal account to put money on accounts, you may use your bank card, a debit card, or a credit card. The service of putting money on accounts using Nutrikids does cost. It will figure up how much for you, and if you choose not to do it, just cancel or close it out.

I would also like to make you aware that the school will be serving breakfast and lunch again this summer. Meals are open and **free** to any student 18 years old and younger. We feed hot lunches, with the choice of sub or peanut butter if you do not like the hot meal. Please pass the word around.

Just a reminder, all lunch accounts need to be paid before student get out of school for the summer. Any money on the account will roll over for next year.

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any assistance. Have a wonderful Spring and Summer.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Whitmarsh  
Cook Manager





# MAY 2006 MENU

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
Kathy Whitmarsh 562-8326 ex.507 Fax: 562-2477 <a href="mailto:kwhitmar@ekcsk12.org">kwhitmar@ekcsk12.org</a> P.O. Box 630 2512 Co. Rt. 24 Russell, NY 13684	<b>1 Chicken Nuggets</b> Peas Bread Milk Fruit	<b>2 Pizza Burger</b> Green Beans Milk Fruit	<b>3 Hamburg or Hotdog / Bun</b> Pasta Salad Corn Milk Fruit Ice Cream	<b>4 Fish on Bun</b> French Fries Milk Fruit
<b>7 Ravioli</b> Peas Bread Milk Fruit	<b>8 Hotdog/Bun</b> French Fries Broccoli Milk Fruit	<b>9 Crispy Chicken</b> Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Bread Milk Fruit	<b>10 Taco Day</b> Rice Corn Milk Fruit	<b>11 Tomato Soup</b> Grilled Cheese Sandwich Milk Fruit
<b>14 Pizza</b> Green Beans Milk Fruit	<b>15 Sloppy Joe on a Bun</b> Chips Carrots Milk Fruit	<b>16 Goulash</b> Peas Bread Milk Apple Crisp	<b>17 Chicken Fajitas</b> Lettuce Corn Milk Pears	<b>18 Chicken Noodle Soup</b> Tuna or Egg Salad Sandwich Fresh Carrots Milk Fruit
<b>21 Pizza</b> Green Beans Milk Fruit	<b>22 French Toast</b> Ham Hash Browns Milk Ice Juicee or Fruit	<b>23 Spaghetti</b> Peas Bread Milk Fruit	<b>24 Chicken Patty/Bun</b> French Fries Corn Milk Fruit	<b>25 Tomato Soup</b> Grilled Cheese Sandwich Milk Fruit
<b>28 Memorial Day</b>  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>  Breakfast Every Day: Cereal, Milk, Juice, Toast	<b>29 Hamburg on a Bun</b> French Fries Corn Milk Fruit	<b>30 Chicken Nuggets</b> Peas Bread Milk Fruit	<b>31 Lasagna</b> Tossed Salad Bread Milk Fruit	<b>PREPAYMENTS                      HAPPILY                      ACCEPTED</b>
<b>Some Days:</b> Bagels/cream cheese, English Muffins, Danish, fresh fruit, breakfast bars, donuts, eggs	<b>Please remember                      to pay any                      charges before                      the end of the                      school year.</b>	Peanut Butter & Jelly And Subs offered <b>everyday</b> as a choice. Milk, Fruit, Veg. Everyday. <b>Chef Salad Most Days</b>		<b>Breakfast 7:45 am</b> <b>Lunch: 11am to 1pm</b> Lunch Pk-3 is \$1.35 4-12 is \$1.60 Breakfast if \$.65

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# JUNE 2006 MENU

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
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<b>4 Pizza</b> Green Beans Milk Fruit	<b>5 Hamburg                      on a Bun</b> French Fries Corn Milk Fruit	<b>6 Chicken                      Nuggets</b> Peas Bread Milk Fruit	<b>7 Macaroni &amp;                      Cheese</b> Broccoli Bread Milk Fruit	<b>8 Chicken                      Noodle Soup</b> Tuna or Egg Salad Sandwich Fresh Carrots Milk Fruit
<b>11 Pizza</b> Green Beans Bread Milk Fruit	<b>12 Rib-B-Q                      on a Bun</b> Carrots Milk Ice Cream/Fruit	<b>13 Hotdog/                      Bun</b> French Fries Corn Milk Fruit	<b>14 Spaghetti</b> Green Beans Bread Milk Fruit	<b>15 Tomato                      Soup</b> Grilled Cheese Sandwich Milk Fruit
<b>18 Hamburg                      on a Bun</b> Corn Milk Fruit	<b>19 Chicken                      Patty/Bun</b> Sunflower Seeds Carrots Milk Pears	<b>20 Grilled                      Cheese</b> Peas Bread Milk Fruit	<b>21 Pizza</b> Vegetable Milk Fruit	<b>22</b>  <b>SUMMER                      VACATION</b>
<b>25</b> 	<b>26</b> 	<b>27</b> 	<b>28</b> Breakfast 7:45 am Lunch: 11am to 1pm Lunch Pk-3 is \$1.35 4-12 is \$1.60 Breakfast if \$.65	<b>29</b> 

**DON'T FORGET** – There will be **FREE** Breakfast and **FREE** Lunch **this summer for anyone 18 or younger.**

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## BOOSTER CLUB NEWS

Are you looking for Edwards-Knox Cougar merchandise?

Check out the school store at:

[www.fieldhouse.com/edwards-knox](http://www.fieldhouse.com/edwards-knox)

or go to

[www.ekcsk12.org](http://www.ekcsk12.org)

and click on "School Store"

They have a wide range of products available, including items for the following teams/clubs:

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Golf

Cheerleading

Softball

Marching Band

OR

you can order items with just the school logo, rather than a specific sport or club. Every purchase benefits the E-K Booster Club, who provides items and financial assistance to our sports programs. If you have the chance, check out the baseball field's new netting provided by the Boosters.



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