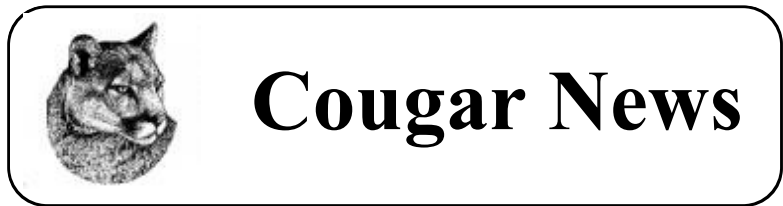


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SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Dr. William Cartwright

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

The Edwards-Knox School District has received an EXCEL Grant like many school districts in our county and state. The purpose of this grant is to provide additional funding for high need districts like ours.

How much funding is available to our district? \$492,000 dollars has been designated to our district in state funding for this coming year. 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We are not looking at adding any classrooms but rather renovating existing sites and/or replacing outdated areas of our facility.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 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 \$2.5 million dollars using architects and engineers as required by New York State Law.

Some of the areas we are discussing are as follows:

- 1. Replace remaining original roofing**
Due to budget constraints at the time not all our roofs were replaced in the last project. The original roofs are almost ten years past there Warranty and will need to be replaced within the near future.
- 2. Upgrade more of building lights to more efficient units**
During the last project we replaced the most often used lighting in hallways, public areas, with high efficiency lights that reduced our electricity demands and will save money. We should change more of our lighting, such as classroom, to this more efficient lighting. This upgrade will pay for itself in reduced electric costs.
- 3. Replace original pool (Zephyr unit) heat reclamation unit with modern unit.**
- 4. Replace domestic hot water heat exchanger** with more efficient unit. The original heat exchanger is nearing its useful life expectancy. The new ones are much more efficient and will save on fuel to heat our water.

5. **Heat reclamation and make up air unit for kitchen exhaust system.** We can take the thousands of cubic feet of air we exhaust from the kitchen hood and through a heat exchange, heat the air we have to bring in the school to replace exhausted air. This is the air that rushes in through the doors as a result of negative pressure in the building. This upgrade would benefit both in energy saving and comfort.
6. **Variable speed drives on our larger pumps** will save energy at times when full capacity is not needed which is most of the time.
7. **Upgrade remaining heating system to DDS control** for more efficient use of heat and electricity with variable speed drives on the larger pump systems. Install building management system to coordinate system from central location.
8. **Alternate fuel heating plant (corn) conversion**
9. **Telephone automated calling system**
10. **Add more cameras (with sound)**
11. **Door Buzz-in switches with monitors** and activators in certain offices
12. **Add more fob activated exterior doors** to facilitate "lock down"
13. **Add fob activated devices to select interior doors** to limit movement inside building in event of "intruder"
14. **Wireless cameras** that could easily change location to cover problem areas
15. **Network wiring upgrade** (Upgrade old wiring to Cat 5e or Cat 6 and update wiring closets)
16. **IP Phone System** to replace outdated phone system
17. **Wireless Network** for mobile connectivity from anywhere within the building

A separate informational package will be mailed in February with all the details on financing this project as well as more detailed information on the various project items. Based on the grant covering \$492,000 and with our building aid ration we anticipate no increase of taxes relating to this project. A formal meeting and vote will take place in March of 2007. If you have any questions regarding this project please feel free to give me a call.

Sincerely,

Dr. William U. Cartwright
Superintendent of Schools

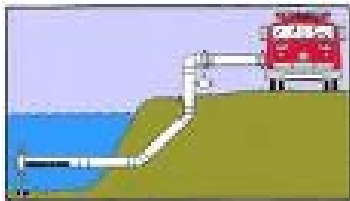
EDWARDS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT NEEDS YOUR HELP



Hey kids, do you want to help your local Fire Department, like they help you?



Do you ever wonder when you are walking or riding your bike in a certain area, by a stream, river or other source of water, what those white tubes are with the Red Caps? Did you ever go riding with your parents or friends and ask what those white pipes with the Red Caps are and they didn't really know? Well kids, you can tell your friends and family that these pipes with the Red Caps by streams, rivers and other sources of water are called DRY HYDRANTS. These are very important to your firemen and cost a lot of money to put in. You can help the firemen by not touching these or playing with these. If you see someone touching or doing something to these pipes with the Red Caps, you should tell an adult and ask them to call 911.



These pipes are used by the firemen when there is a fire to get water that could save your home, your neighbors' home, or a friend's home. If the fire truck pulls up to this pipe thinking it can get water from it and it can't, then the firemen have to act quickly to get to a source of water to put the fire out and maybe by then, they are not able to save the burning building, or whatever is burning. That could be very sad, to have someone lose their home, their car, garage, or barn, or anything else that might have been saved, if they could have gotten water from these white pipes with the Red Caps.

So, help the firemen and if you see someone fooling around these pipes, tell an adult. There is a very stiff penalty if someone is caught fooling around or destroying these pipes and be sure, the Policeman will be knocking on their door.



Be Fire Safe and have a safe and happy holiday season.

Your friends at,

The Local Fire Department

7-12 HONOR ROLLS
OUTSTANDING HONOR ROLL (95.0-100)

Class of 2007

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

Class of 2008

Kassandra Averill
Rebecca Johnson
Keri Straw

Class of 2009

Ryan Gault
Robert Latimer
Mari Zacharek

Class of 2010

Lacey Brown
Chelsea Cutway
Timothy Gault
Danielle Mullaney
Raven Reese
Katie Stone

Class of 2011

Kamrie Dandrow
Cassie Walrath

HIGH HONOR (90.0-94.99)

Class of 2007

Dinah Billings
Emily Gault
Trisha Hogle
Amanda Thornton
Jessica White

Class of 2008

Lucas Colton
Elizabeth Flanagan
Emily Fuller
Miranda Given
Trevor Hale
Anne Hawn
Jerrica Jones
Jeanette Mullaney
Regina Reese
Kelsey Tupper

Class of 2009

Corey Aldous
Ryan Ashline
Amber Barker
Vanessa Bullock
Joshua Burke
Emily Chambers
Krystina Devito
Elizabeth Hathaway
Megan Hubbard
Steven Jones
Christopher Kirkpatrick
Steve Mackin
Sean Sullivan
Lazarus White
Leah White

Class of 2010

Travis Amo
Kyle Cassidy
Amelia Colton
Lindsey Crosbie
Alicia Dancause
Taylor Davis
Kerri Pike
Lucinda Tyler
Maraya VanBrocklin
Katelyn Ward
Megan White
Joey Zacharek

Class of 2011

Kurtis Ellison
Patricia Hathaway
Olivia Loop
Sarah Manning
Kelsi Robert
Ashley Tupper
Nikola Wolfe

Class of 2012

Janna Fountain
Alexia Hawn
Kevin McNamara
Veronica White



7-12 HONOR ROLLS CONT'D.

HONOR ROLL (85.0-89.99)

Class of 2007

Clinton Ashley
Tanya Ellis
Whitney Gollinger
Corey Lewis
Jamie Manning
Kale Panetti
Leo Reynolds
Marcus Robillard
Craig Streit
Jenna Towne

Class of 2008

Faith Beatty
Rachel Campbell
Chelsea Ellis
Joshua Kirkpatrick
Nicole Knable
Justin Little
Tasha McDougall
Nathan Pike
Omar Serrano
Miranda Typhair

Class of 2009

Brittany Ashlaw
Brandon Bressette
Amanda Clark
Mark Hewlett
Bryana Kiggins
Kendra Matthews
Racheal Mazuroski
Jenelle Parker
Jeffrey Stone

Class of 2010

Robert Burns
Brittany Colton
Christopher Colton
Krystal Cook
Danielle Gollinger
Alesha Gotham
Morganne Kiggins
Crystina Mandigo
Jesse Merkley
Dominick Moore
Nathaniel Morehouse
Ethan Panetti
Charles Paro
Joette Peacock
Adam Powers
Bridgett Reynolds
Simon White

Class of 2011

Abigail Campbell
Dylan Davis
Ashley Davison
Jonathan Davison
Makayla Harris
Ashlee Mitchell
Kathleen Stein
Holly Thomas
Joseph Thompson

Class of 2012

Kylie Averill
Claire Davis
Karl Dumoulin
Benjamin Fuller
Lateia Gravett
Mercedes Mackin
Kyrsten Phelps
Jasamin Reese
Shelby Searles

**SOUTHWEST TECH
TOP ACHIEVERS
(top 20% of their class)**

Allied Health

Britney Wilmarth

Auto Technology I

Jimmy Tresidder

Informational Tech I

Lucas Colton

Cosmetology I

Morgan LaPlante

Cosmetology II

Trisha Hogle

Criminal Justice I

Elizabeth Flanagan

Welding I

Eric Bleau
Tim Gladle
Frank Mackin
Isaac White

Welding II

Clinton Ashley



ELEMENTARY NEWS

By: Sue Kelly

Winter weather apparel:

As the snow has begun to fall and the temperatures plummet, it is important for our elementary students to wear weather-appropriate clothing. Even if a child has a short bus ride, they will still need to have coats, boots, hats, gloves, and snow pants to participate in recess. Only when the temperatures get too low will the classes stay inside. Teachers serve recess duty, so there isn't anyone to stay inside with children on a regular basis. Children may leave some of these essentials at school if they have extra supplies.

New York State English Language Arts Test Dates for Grades 3-6:

Grade 3: January 8-9
Grade 4: January 9-11
Grade 5: January 11-12
Grade 6: January 16-18

An informational packet will be sent home in mid-December outlining times, dates, and sample questions from previous years. If you didn't get one or have questions, please contact the office. Please try to schedule appointments around these dates when possible. Children seem to benefit when taking the test as a group with their regular teacher. Make-up dates are available and will be scheduled by the office.

Bus Notes:

It is not uncommon for the elementary office to get thirty bus notes in one day. Frequently, the process takes several hours to sort through. When writing a bus note for your child, it is important to remember the following information: child's full name (list siblings if applicable), date of change/s, address of change, the full name of the person's house they are going to, and the parent/s signature. By providing the office with all of the necessary information, it will help to avoid errors and also make the process flow more smoothly.

Frequently, we are receiving telephone calls and even faxes right up to 3:00 pm for bus changes. This seriously increases the chances of the information not getting to the right person on time. The elementary students begin to prepare for departure shortly after 3:00 Monday through Thursday and at 2:30 on Fridays. We are asking that all changes be given to the office by 1:00 pm each day to allow for the process to work.

ELEMENTARY NEWS CONT'D.

By: Sue Kelly

Telephone Calls:

In order to not interrupt the education of our students, the office will be taking a message for the employee required and placing a "return the call slip" in their box. Calls will be put through to the classrooms only during the planning period of a teacher. We realize it is important for parents to communicate with staff, but also hope you understand that teachers cannot stop their instruction to discuss an individual concern nor can they talk in front of the children.

Feel free to send in a note requesting that a teacher call you due to a concern. This would be a better situation where the teacher can speak freely and be able to communicate what it going on. The teacher might even suggest that a parent conference may be more beneficial.

Tales for Tots:

Reminder of dates for 2007: 2/12, 3/12, 4/23, and 5/21. We will meet in the Media Center at 6:00 pm.

Tips for Listening Well and Following Directions:

Children who don't pay attention will have a difficult time in both life and school. This activity will help your child improve his/her ability to listen, understand, and follow directions more carefully.

Practice this process at home when giving your child directions: * **Take turns speaking.** Only one person can talk at a time. The first speaker talks about something while the other listens. Then have the child repeat what you said. If they don't have it correct, repeat the same phrase until they are able to repeat it correctly. Only then can they speak about something else. * **Focus on the speaker.** Look at your child and nod while he/she speaks. Focus full attention on them. Have them try this while you speak.

Upcoming Events

1/1: No School	2/1: 6:30 pm: Parents' Assoc. meeting in library
1/4: 6:30 pm: Parents' Assoc. meeting in library	2/6: 1:00: K-4 Awards Assembly in Auditorium
1/8: 3 rd grade ELA exam	2/7: 8:15: 5-8 Awards Assembly in Auditorium
1/9: 3 rd and 4 th grade ELA exams	2/7: Deer Club Bake Sale for 1 st grade
1/10: 4 th grade ELA exam	2/12: 8:15: 4 th grade to OCP in Gouverneur
1/11: 4 th & 5 th grade ELA exams	2/12: 6 pm: Tales for Tots in Media Center
1/12: 5 th grade ELA exams	2/13: 8:30: 6 th grade to OCP in Gouverneur
1/15: NO SCHOOL	2/19-2/23: NO SCHOOL - MID-WINTER RECESS
1/16: 6 th grade ELA exam	
1/17: 6 th grade ELA exam	
1/18: 6 th grade ELA exam	
1/26: End of 2 nd marking period	
1/26: 11:30: students dismissed early	
1/31: Report cards go home	
1/31: Deer Club Bake Sale for kindergarten	

ELEMENTARY NEWS CONT'D.

By: Sue Kelly

FIRST MARKING PERIOD AWARDS

KINDERGARTEN

Good Neighbor

Grace Fenton
Carly Frary
Rylee Gotham

Hard Worker

Bryan Trombley
Collin Curley
Riannon Holly

Nice Manners

Ian McIntosh
Kassidy Ward
Michael Shatraw

Music

Jade Bell
Kyanne Jeanette
Alexis Klock

Art

Alexis Martin
Justin Fenlong
Camryn Bullock

Physical Education

Sportsmanship

Spencer Thomas
Koryn Rowe
Camryn Bullock

GRADE 1

Most Improved

Robert Mogel
Peyton Dafoe
Joseph Gotham

Healthy Attitude

Nadine Camidge
Tyler Whitmarsh
Travis White

Hard Worker

Haven Gotham
Alyssa Allen
Katrina Thornton

Music

Briana Tulip
Madison LaPoint
Katharine Hebb

Art

Haven Gotham
Kelsie Matthews
Alexa White

Physical Education

Sportsmanship

Jordan Moore
Madison LaPoint
Matthew Hall

GRADE 2

Eager Reader

Joshua Cote
Brooke Fenton

Most Improved

Austin Shatraw
Damian Sharlow

Healthy Attitude

Emma-Lee Gotham
Levin McIntosh

Music

Shaylyn DeVito
Lilly Gladle

Art

Tera Mason
Cheyanna Tuttle

Physical Education

Sportsmanship

Jacob Fenlong
Taylor Whitmarsh

FANTASTIC

ELEMENTARY NEWS CONT'D.

By: Sue Kelly

FIRST MARKING PERIOD AWARDS

GRADE 3

Effort

Miranda Matthews
Heather Finnerty

Citizenship

Rebecca Hathaway
Dakotah Bacon

Music

Kenda Peters
Caleb Rowe

Art

Darian Fenton
Destiny Durham

Physical Education

Sportsmanship

Luke Fenton
Caleb Rowe

GRADE 4

Effort

RaeAnn Thomas
Molly Burger

Citizenship

Mason Fountain
Darrick Cutway

Music

Darion Deon
Trennan McCollum

GRADE 4 CONT'D.

Art

Aaron Janzen
Abbie Hale

Physical Education

Sportsmanship

Jeremiah Randall
Miranda Smith

GRADE 5

Effort

Harleigh LeBarge
Tamara Watson

Citizenship

Bridget Gladle
Sarah Rice

Music

Mackenzzy Allen
Marissa Johnson

Art

Jordan Davis
Leonard Walrath

Physical Education

Sportsmanship

Mackenzzy Allen
Sarah Rice

GRADE 6

Effort

Brooke Foster
Ryan Gollinger

Citizenship

Leah Billings
Angela Gladle

Music

Katelyn Whittingham
Jesse Bullock

Art

Tyler Tresidder
Brianna Farr

Physical Education

Sportsmanship

Brianna Kroniser
Jesse Bullock

Band

Alison Thompson
Logan McCollum

AWESOME

ELEMENTARY NEWS CONT'D.

By: Sue Kelly

ELEMENTARY HONOR, HIGH HONOR AND OUTSTANDING HONOR ROLLS

GRADE 3

HONOR ROLL

Makayla Bacon
 Kaleb Bartocha
 Jason Burke
 Destiny Durham
 Luke Fenton
 Jarred Meilleur
 Kenda Peters
 Allison Pharoah
 Hunter Phelps
 Cheyenne Schwartfigure
 William Smith
 Brandy Stein
 Kelsey White
 Trenton White

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Dakotah Bacon
 Catherine Curley
 Darian Fenton
 Heather Finnerty
 Rebecca Hathaway
 Anisa Hotaling
 Miranda Matthews
 Jordan Mouthorp
 Caleb Rowe
 Cody Rowe
 Kassandra Whiteford

GRADE 4

HONOR ROLL

Makenna Ashley
 Kennedy Bell
 Darion Deon
 Mitch DeVito
 Mason Fountain
 Aaron Janzen
 Logan McIntosh
 Tucker O'Brien
 RaeAnn Thomas
 Mackenzie Tresidder
 Michaela Wilson

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Molly Burger
 Rowena Casciaro
 Darrick Cutway
 Megan Farr
 Richard Finnerty
 Connor Gotham
 Abbie Hale
 Shaye Taylor

GRADE 5

HONOR ROLL

Austin Brown
 Ross Curley
 Bridget Gladle
 Paige Gravett
 Harleigh LeBarge
 Cortney Morehouse
 Evan Searles
 Tamara Watson

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Kaden Dandrow
 Jordan Davis
 Katelynd Hill
 Austin Holcomb
 Dylon Jeanette
 Marissa Johnson
 Alyssa Parker
 Jessey Parker
 Desirae Parrish
 Chloe Wilson

OUTSTANDING

Mackenzzy Allen
 Kyl Huebner-Lane
 Sarah Rice
 Kate Rowe
 Hunter Tuttle
 Leonard Walrath

GRADE 6

HONOR ROLL

Jesse Bullock
 Samantha Ellison
 Ryan Gollinger
 Logan McCollum
 Tina Paro
 Alison Thompson
 Katelyn Whittingham

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Brianna Farr
 Amanda Huebner-Lane
 Tyler Tresidder

OUTSTANDING

None

ELEMENTARY NEWS CONT'D.

By: Sue Kelly

PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARDS FOR K-6 FOR 1ST MARKING PERIOD (NO TARDIES, DISMISSALS, OR ABSENCES)	<u>POSITIVE BEHAVIOR ON THE BUS FOR GRADES K-6</u>	
<p>Leah Billings Austin Brown Kiana Coffey Joshua Cote Catherine Curley Collin Curley Ross Curley Richard Dafoe Jordan Davis Kara Davis Brianna Farr Connor Gotham Daniel Gotham Paige Gravett David Hart Marissa Johnson Elizabeth LaPoint</p>	<p>Cortney Morehouse Alyssa Parker Jessey Parker Caleb Rowe Kate Rowe Koryn Rowe Miranda Smith Aubrey Snell Dawson Taylor RaeAnn Thomas Alison Thompson Mackenzie Tresidder Tyler Tresidder Leonard Walrath Michelle Whitmarsh Tyler Whitmarsh Emma Wilson</p>	<p>Cortney Morehouse Alyssa Parker Jessey Parker Caleb Rowe Kate Rowe Koryn Rowe Miranda Smith Aubrey Snell Dawson Taylor RaeAnn Thomas Alison Thompson Mackenzie Tresidder Tyler Tresidder Leonard Walrath Michelle Whitmarsh Tyler Whitmarsh Emma Wilson</p>

MATHLETICS

On November 18, 2006, 12 fifth and sixth grade students participated in the Mathletics competition at Clarkson University. They spent the afternoon working on very challenging math problems, trying to solve more correctly than students from Ogdensburg, Potsdam, and Brushton. Congratulations to these students for a job well done and especially to Jesse Bullock who took third place in the Lower Division.



ELEMENTARY NEWS CONT'D.

By: Sue Kelly

LIBRARY NEWS

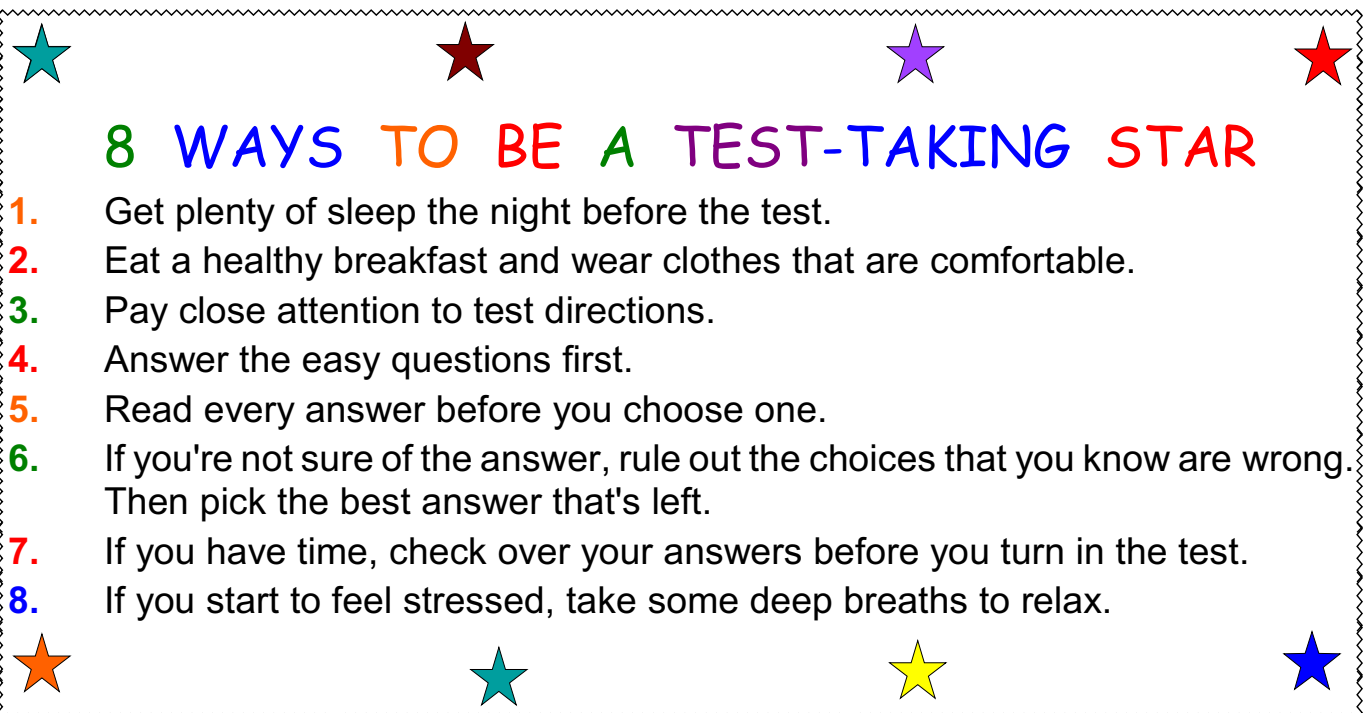
During Children's Book Week, November 13-17, 2006, elementary students at E-K were busy tracking book mice. Pictures of famous mice from popular children's storybooks were artistically displayed in the hallway outside the library. A heartfelt thanks to Ms. Spellicy, Tiffany Aldridge, Chelsey Lambert, and Sundi Bigarel from Mrs. Lavender's classroom for coloring these beautiful illustrations!

When students visited the library, they were encouraged to go out and view the gallery of mice portraits and try to match the illustrations with the book titles listed for them on a sheet of paper.

The winners of this **Matching Mouse Portrait Contest** were Kyl Huebner-Lane, Ross Curley, Shaye Taylor, Harleigh LeBarge, Bridget Ellis, Kaden Dandrow, and Victoria Colon. Each winner was given the prize of a chapter book.

Some of the mystery mice were characters from the well-known books Stuart Little, If you Take a Mouse to School, Angelina, and Ralph S. Mouse.

Students were also treated to a surprise book quote each morning over the announcements. It was their job to listen to the quote being read and guess the book title. Winners were announced each day, and they, too, received a free book.



8 WAYS TO BE A TEST-TAKING STAR

1. Get plenty of sleep the night before the test.
2. Eat a healthy breakfast and wear clothes that are comfortable.
3. Pay close attention to test directions.
4. Answer the easy questions first.
5. Read every answer before you choose one.
6. If you're not sure of the answer, rule out the choices that you know are wrong. Then pick the best answer that's left.
7. If you have time, check over your answers before you turn in the test.
8. If you start to feel stressed, take some deep breaths to relax.

7-12 News

Jeff Davis, Principal

Holiday Concerts

The Elementary / Middle level and High School concerts in the middle of December were very good. Thanks to Mrs. Curley, Ms. Strome and Mr. Ziemba for their directorship of our talented choral and instrumental students.

Outstanding Results

Congratulations to all teachers who have assisted our eighth grade students on their ELA (English Language Arts) and Math tests in the past few years. Edwards-Knox has been recognized by a Research Team at Syracuse University as being Exemplary with regard to our 8th grade test results. Contributions have been made to this effort by not only Val Paro, seventh and eighth grade ELA teacher, and Jon Hogle, Math 7 & 8 teacher, but also remedial and resource staff as well as teachers in fourth, fifth and sixth grades and their support staff. We are one of sixty-three schools of the 3000 in New York State to be recognized for excellent testing results in grade 8 ELA and Math. Keep up the great work students and staff.

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 I 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.

7-12 News

Jeff Davis, Principal

Code of Conduct / Dress Code

Our Code of Conduct has been updated as has our 6-page summary of the entire document. Some noted changes occur in the "Dress Code" section where we have clarified what the principal and staff members use as a "yard stick" to determine if an individual's attire is appropriate or not. Criteria includes:

- bare midriffs are not to be seen
- no cleavage exposed
- shorts, skirts and dresses must be at a minimum to the ends of one's fingertips when one's arms and fingers are extended downward with shoulders horizontal

We have also stated to students and put in our Code of Conduct that footwear needs to be appropriate for the weather of the season. Example: wearing flip flops may be comfortable for someone to wear, but we have had our fire alarms engage in the winter months and we, by law, have to exit the building. An emergency evacuation would result in students walking to the bus garage, this would be extremely uncomfortable as well as dangerous in cold and snowy weather. We have rules for student safety and ask that parents assist us in helping students be safe.

We have also stated we do not want pajamas worn to school unless permission is granted by the principal in advance, such as Senior Spirit week.

We sent home a copy of our Summary of our Code of Conduct with all 7-12 students. If you want a copy of the 46 page Code of Conduct, call Mr. Davis at 562-3227 or 347-3410.

UPCOMING DATES FOR GRADES 7-12

January 2, 2007	School resumes after Christmas break
January 15	No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 19 & 22	Mid-Year / Final Exams
January 23 - 26	Regents, RCT's and Proficiency Exams
January 26	11:30 Dismissal of ALL students
January 29	Start of 2 nd Semester
January 31	Report Cards distributed to students
February 7	Grades 5-8 Awards Assembly
February 19 - 23	No School - Mid-Winter Recess

ART NEWS

Mrs. Lazovik, Instructor

The After School Art Group started the year with an exciting invitation. Marcia Cotton, assistant to the librarian, asked the students to work together to create Kwakiutl masks. We learned that the Kwakiutls are the Native Americans who lived in the Northwest (Washington state and Canada) and also created huge totem poles. We learned that the masks were used for traditional dances that were acted out to tell a story. The masks that were made were a killer whale, an eagle, an owl, a beaver, a thunderbird, a frog, a wolf, a raven, and a bear.

Pictures below are:

1st Row: Mrs. Cotton, Brant Hewlett-Sero, Tyler Tresidder, Dylon Jeanette, Marissa Johnson, Michelle Whitmarsh, Brianna Farr, Kyl Huebner-Lane, Ross Curley, and Lenny Walrath.

2nd Row: Ketelynd Hill, Sarah Rice, Terry Hall, and Alex Parrish.

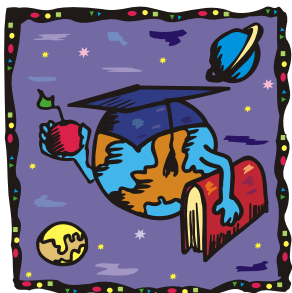
Missing: Liz Hathaway, student assistant, Dan Curtis, Logan Thornton, and Harleigh LeBarge.



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 4th

Dinah Billings: SUNY Canton, North Country CC
 Kurt Covey: Marine Corp.
 Emily Gault: Cedar Crest College

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

College entrance tests may need to be taken by seniors who are planning to go to college. If you need to 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. For more information check out the following web pages, www.collegeboard.com for the SAT and www.act.org for the ACT.

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.

The college board has made 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.

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.

ACT	
<u>Registration</u>	
<u>Deadline*</u>	<u>Test Date</u>
March 9, 2007	April 14, 2007
May 4, 2007	June 09, 2007

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

Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)	
<u>Registration</u>	
<u>Deadlines*</u>	<u>Test Dates</u>
Dec. 20, 2006	Jan. 27, 2007
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.

High School Guidance News Cont'd.

Linda Alford, Guidance Counselor

GUIDANCE WEB PAGE

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

- Careers
- Colleges
- Financial Aid and Scholarships
 - We are working on printable
 - Local Scholarship applications
- College Entrance Test sites
- And much more



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

NEW YORK STATE'S COLLEGE SAVINGS PROGRAM - 529



Have you heard about the 529 College Savings Program? It is a program for saving money for college and can be set up with as little as \$25.00 and can be started at a very young age. There are also state tax benefits for this program. You can get a flyer in the high school guidance office or visit their website: www.ny529atwork.com

DID YOU KNOW.....



.....that FAFSA stands for "Free Application of Federal Student Aid"? This is the form used to apply for federal financial aid called a PELL Grant.

....that the amount of a PELL Grant for 1st year college students was as much as \$4050 for the 2006-2007 school year

..... that you can fill out and send many college applications and also the FAFSA on-line? The FAFSA web site is www.fafsa.ed.gov



.....that to fill out the FAFSA on-line you must first apply for an electronic PIN number? You can do this from the FAFSA web site www.fafsa.ed.gov or you can go directly to the PIN web site at www.pin.ed.gov

..... that a Merit Award is an award based on demonstrated academic excellence, professional promise, and personal merit?

.... that a TAP Award, which is New York State's tuition assistance program, was as much as \$5,000?

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DID YOU KNOW CONT'D.....



....that Grants are financial aid that a student does not need to pay back?

Ms. Alford is available to ask general financial aid questions. If you have specific financial aid questions you should contact the financial aid officer at the college you may attend.

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. Students will talk about required courses, as well as elective courses in many areas, including Advanced Placement and college courses for older students. We will then send a copy of this plan to parents asking them to review it with their student. Parents are encouraged to contact Ms. Alford if changes to this plan are desired or if they would like to meet with her.

To kick off this planning, our sophomores had a presentation by the staff at Southwest Technical Center, BOCES, to inform them of the wonderful opportunities available for them to choose for next year. At that time they were invited to visit the campus, on December 8th, to have a first hand experience of the unique classrooms and programs they could study there.



High School Guidance News Cont'd.

Linda Alford, Guidance Counselor

REPORT CARD AND PROGRESS REPORT DATES

For the 2006-2007 school year Progress Reports and Report Cards will be distributed to students in home room of the day on the following dates:

Wednesday, November 15

Wednesday, December 20

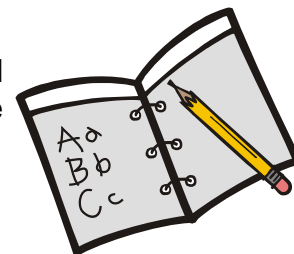
Wednesday, January 31

*Thursday, March 15: Spring Conference from 3:30-7:30pm: report cards available to parents. Students will receive grade reports on Friday in home room.

Wednesday, April 18

Wednesday, May 16

Friday, June 22 - Students will pick up their report cards in home room.



7TH AND 8TH GRADE PROMOTION POLICY

7th and 8th grade students who fail two or more core courses will repeat the grade level unless they attend and pass summer school. Core courses include: English, Math, Social Studies, and Science.

GRADING PERIOD CALCULATIONS

Edwards-Knox 7th through 12th grade Honor Roll Calculation and Senior Privileges

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 (½X)

*BOCES Vo-Tech courses count 3 times (3X)

*BOCES Math and Science count one-half (½ X)

* Science lab grades to not count for honor roll .

They are calculated into course average.

Honor Roll is 85 - 89.99%

High Honor Roll is 90 - 94.99%

Outstanding High Honor Roll is 95 - 100%



Example:	Grade	Periods	Quality Points
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

Quality points ÷ number of periods = Term Ave.

559.5 ÷ 7 = 79.93% Term average is 79%

Final Averages are based on the credits earned for each class.



CAFETERIA NEWS

Kathleen Whitmarsh, Cook/Manager



It hardly seems possible by the time you read this the holidays will be behind us, and we will be concentrating on upcoming tests.

I haven't heard the findings on the State reviews I had in November. I will have to report on them in the next letter.

I want to thank everyone who is trying to keep student accounts in the black. I know it is hard to keep track of how much your children eat and when they are out of money, but as we work together, it's so much better than it was, and we're continuing to improve. We tell students at the register when their funds are getting low, we try to send out bills and give out bills, but I want you to know you may e-mail me or call me at any time and I can let you know your student's balance. My e-mail is kwhitmar@ekcsk12.org

As the new year begins, it is time to try to get back to eating healthy.

I started offering 12 grain bread that anyone can have instead of white bread, for breakfast or lunch. There is double the fiber which helps make you feel full. I try to offer fresh fruit every day, as well as a variety of canned fruit to pick from. I do this in hopes each student will find some fruit he/she will like. I offer Skim Milk, and 2% Milk in white and 1% milk in Chocolate. I want the students to get enough food (and unfortunately eating healthier is more expensive) and not get all the extra fats and salts that are not good for them. The other problem we have is that the government does not provide as much to work with so it takes a bigger budget to provide for students. Also what the government does provide is not always as healthy as if we purchased the same food with lower fat, or fresh.

I have also changed it so any student who wants soup can have it with their meal, any day we have soup. It used to only go with your meal if you have a sandwich or sub. It now goes with any meal.

I would also like to remind you that the USDA is encouraging people to stay away from **trans fats**. These are usually found in stick margarine (Oleo), microwave popcorn, baked goods,(cookies, pie crust, pizza dough, hamburger buns, crackers) and other such items. However as you stay clear of them be sure to check out the whole picture and do what is best for you

Did you know that when comparing **1 tablespoon of stick Margarine (80% fat), 1 tablespoon of Margarine in the tub (60%), and 1 tablespoon of butter;**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Calories</u>	<u>Sat. Fat</u>	<u>+ Trans Fat</u>	<u>= Total Fat</u>	<u>cholesterol</u>
1 tablespoon of stick Margarine (80% fat):	100	2G	3G	5g	0% DV
1 tablespoon of Margarine (tub)	60	1g	0.5g	1.5g	0% DV
1 tablespoon of butter	100	7g	0g	7g	10% DV

In the example above we see that tub margarine is really best for you even though it has some trans fats. It is less in calories, has only a small amount of trans fat, has less fat than any of the others, and 0 cholesterol.

So you see it is important to read labels and become educated about the foods we eat and drink. Well I will close and leave you thinking about and looking at labels a little more I hope.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Whitmarsh
Cook Manager



JANUARY 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>2 Pizza Peas Milk Fruit</p>	<p>3 Chicken Fajitas Corn Chips Corn Milk Ice Cream</p>	<p>4 Spaghetti/ Sauce Bread Tossed Salad Milk Fruit</p>	<p>5 Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwich Milk Fruit</p>
<p>8 Pizza Green Beans Milk Fruit</p>	<p>9 Chicken Patty/Bun Tossed Salad Milk Fruit</p>	<p>10 Hamburg/ Bun Pasta Salad Milk Fruit</p>	<p>11 Chicken Dinner Mashed & Gravy Cranberry Sauce Corn Bread Milk Apple Crisp</p>	<p>12 Fishburger Cole Slaw Milk Fruit</p>
<p>15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day No School</p>	<p>16 Sloppy Joe on a bun Chips Green Beans Milk Fruit</p>	<p>17 Hot dogs on a bun Baked Beans Carrots Milk Fruit</p>	<p>18 Taco Day Rice Corn Milk Fruit</p>	<p>19 Pizza Carrots Milk Fruit</p>
<p>22 French Toast Scrambled Eggs Hash Brown Milk Ice Juicee Fruit</p>	<p>23 BBQ Pork on a bun French Fries Peas Milk Fruit</p>	<p>24 Goulash Tossed Salad Bread Milk Fruit</p>	<p>25 Chicken Nuggets Broccoli Bread Milk Fruit</p>	<p>29 Chicken Soup Egg Salad or Tuna Sandwich Fresh Carrots Milk Fruit</p>
<p>29 Pizza Green Beans Milk Fruit</p>	<p>31 Chicken Nuggets California Veggies Bread Milk Fruit</p>	<p>31 Ham & Cheese Melt/ Bun Corn Milk Fruit</p>	<p>Lunch: Pre-k - 3 is \$1.35 4-12 is \$1.60 Breakfast is \$.65 Prepayments happily accepted.</p>	<p>11:30 dismissal Breakfast Every Day Cereal, Milk, Juice Some Days: Bagels/ Cream Cheese, English Muffins, Danish, fresh fruit, breakfast bars, donuts, eggs</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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FEBRUARY 2007 MENU

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	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 Sloppy Joe on a bun Chips Green Beans Milk Fruit</p>	<p>2 Fishburger bun French Fries Carrots Milk Fruit</p>
<p>5 Pizza Green Beans Milk Fruit</p>	<p>6 French Toast Scrambled Egg Hash Browns Milk Ice Juicee or Fruit</p>	<p>7 Chicken Nuggets Green Beans Bread Milk Fruit</p>	<p>8 Taco Day Rice, Lettuce, Cheese Corn Milk Fruit</p>	<p>9 Chicken Noodle Soup Tuna or Egg Salad Sandwich Fresh Carrots & Celery Sticks Milk Fruit</p>
<p>12 Ravioli Peas Bread Milk Fruit</p>	<p>13 Ham & Cheese Melt ClodHoppers California Veggies Milk Fruit</p>	<p>14 Hotdogs/ Bun ♡ ♡ French Fries Carrots Milk Fruit ♡ ♡</p>	<p>15 Crispy Chicken Mashed Potatoes Cranberry Sauce Corn Bread Milk Ice Cream Fruit</p>	<p>16 Pizza Carrots Milk Fruit</p>
19	20	21	22	23
	<h2 style="margin: 0;">MID-WINTER RECESS</h2>			
<p>26 Corn dog Sun Flower Seeds Green Beans Milk Fruit</p>	<p>27 Chicken Patty/Bun Carrots Milk Fruit</p>	<p>28 Sloppy Joe/Bun Chips Corn Milk Fruit</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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From the K-8 Counselor Meg Bain, Counselor

High School Orientation

High School Orientation for 8th graders and their parents will be held in the evening on Wednesday, March 7th at 6:30PM in the auditorium. Students and parents will learn about graduation requirements, school policies, math and science sequencing, and other high school course offerings. Each student will receive a folder of information and tentative Freshman year classes.

STATE ASSESSMENTS

New York State will continue the 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:

November 15 & 16	Grade 5 Social Studies
January 8 & 9	Grade 3 ELA
January 9, 10, & 11	Grade 4 ELA
January 11 & 12	Grade 5 ELA
January 16, 17, & 18	Grade 6 ELA
January 16 & 17	Grade 7 ELA
January 16 & 17	Grade 8 ELA
March 5 & 6	Grade 3 Math
March 6, 7, & 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 (Written and Performance)
May 1	Grade 8 Science (Performance)
May 8	Grade 8 Science (Written)
June 5 & 6	Grade 8 Social Studies

MIDDLE LEVEL AWARD CEREMONIES

In an effort to continue rewarding Middle Level accomplishments and supporting positive behavior and academic achievement students in grades 5 through 8 will again participate in four award ceremonies this year. 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. We have already held one ceremony, the remaining ceremonies are scheduled as follows.

Wednesday, February 7, 2007 at 8:15 am

Wednesday, April 25, 2007 at 1:00 pm

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 indicating the date and time of the award ceremony.

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