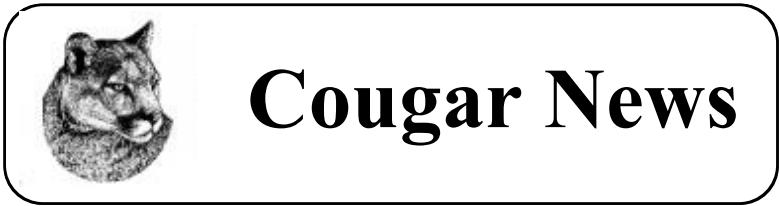


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SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Dr. William Cartwright

Dear Residents:

I. EXCEL PROJECT (Expanding our Children's Education and Learning) AID – FINAL APPROVAL RECEIVED

Edwards-Knox Central School received approval of our EXCEL Grant in late January 2009. The long delay resulted from the State Education Department thoroughly examining this novice project. The EXCEL Grant must be used as a building project in order to be accepted by the State Education Department. The project involves educational technology, energy, and health & safety aspects of the EXCEL Program. The State Education Department's mandates of several safety requirements of the biomass boiler system caused major cost increases above our original estimates.

Therefore, the bids (in March 2009) will determine if we receive the entire package of the project. We already completed the roofing last summer, so the remaining parts of the project are as follows:

1. Installation of an IP Phone System
2. Upgrade additional building lights to more efficient units
3. Replacement of original pool (Zephyr unit) heat reclamation
4. Replacement of domestic hot water heat exchanger
5. Replacement of heat reclamation and make up air unit for kitchen exhaust system
6. Installment of variable speed drives on our larger pumps
7. Upgrade of remaining heating system to DDS control
8. Installment of telephone automated calling system
9. Addition of more cameras (some with sound)
10. Installment of remote Access Door "Buzz-in" switches
11. Addition of more fob activated exterior doors
12. Addition of fob activated devices to select interior doors
13. Upgrade computer Network wiring upgrade

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SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS CONT'D.

Dr. William Cartwright

II. BUDGET MEETINGS

We are halfway through our budgetary process, and we are trying to keep our tax increase at 4%. As you know, we received a \$271,000 decrease in the Governor's Executive Budget. Consequently, we are examining every departmental budget that comes before the board and me.

The biomass boiler is tentatively scheduled to be operational in late September 2009 which will reduce our fuel costs. Also, the new IP phone system will cut costs and improve efficiency.

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 12, 2009. The Annual Budget Vote is on May 19, 2009.

III. NEW SUPERINTENDENT SELECTION

We have received twelve applications for the new Edwards-Knox Central School Superintendent search. The Board of Education is using Mr. Jack Boak, who is the Jefferson-Lewis BOCES Superintendent and the Interim St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES Superintendent, as it's facilitator.

Sincerely,



Dr. William Cartwright
Superintendent of Schools

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING REMINDERS

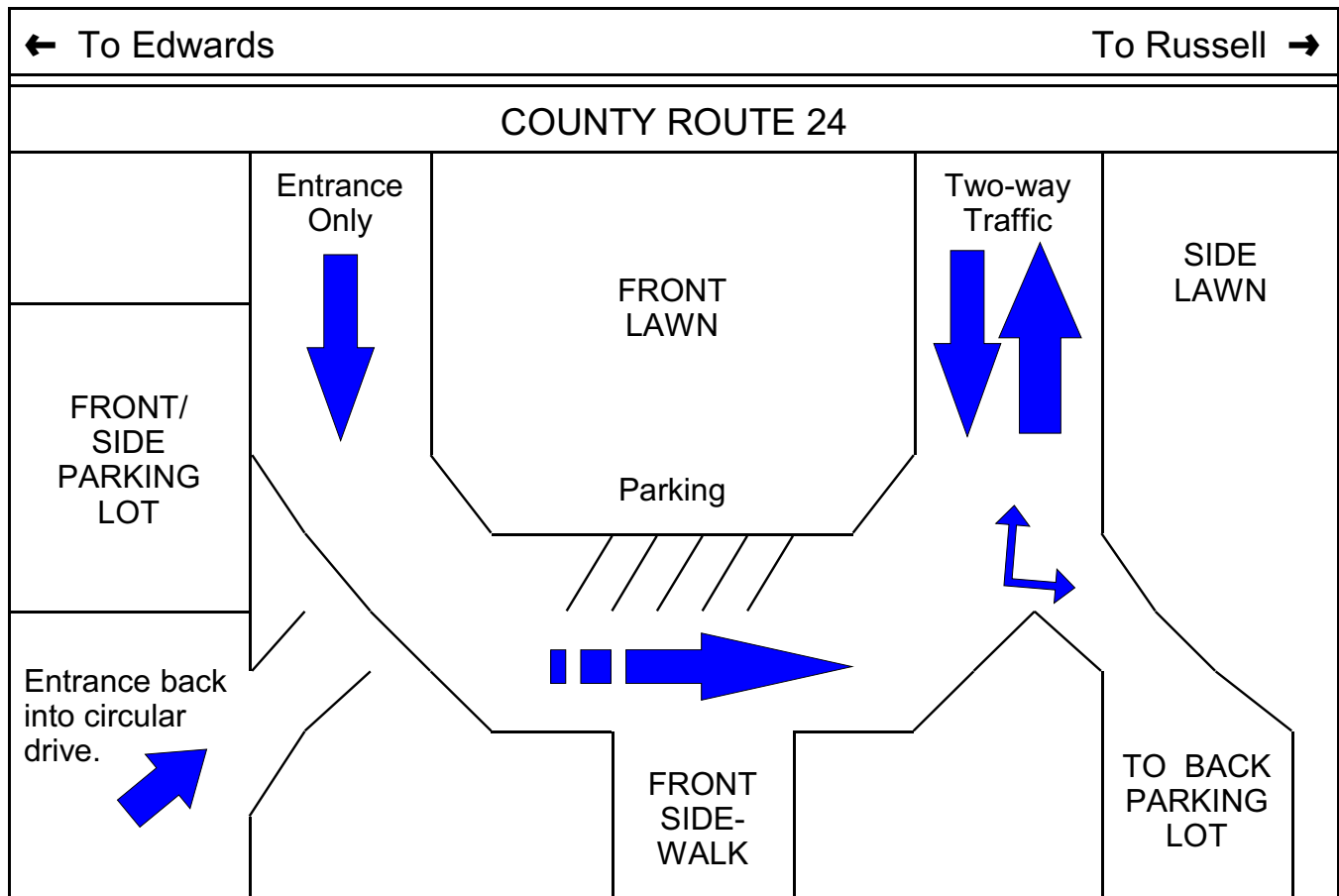
- 03/17/09 – Grandparent's Breakfast Grades K-3
- 03/18/09 – Grandparent's Breakfast Grades 4-6
- 03/19/09 – Half Day for Students – Spring Conferences – 11:30 Dismissal of Students
- 03/20/09 – Staff Development Day - No School for Students
- 04/09/09 – Contractual Half Day for Students – 11:30 Dismissal of Students
- 04/10/09 – 04/17/09 – Spring Break
- 04/20/09 – School Resumes

SAFETY CONCERN WITH THE FRONT PARKING LOT / FRONT CIRCLE AT SCHOOL

Recently there have been several instances in the front parking lot and circular driveway at the school, which we feel are a significant safety concern. You may or may not be aware that the circular drive is marked for one-way traffic on the southern end of the drive. Vehicles should be entering the driveway on the Edwards side of the circular drive and exiting the Russell side of the circular drive.

We have observed many instances of parents entering the correct side of the drive, into the front/side parking lot to drop off their children in the morning. Instead of waiting for the circular drive to clear of bus traffic, they then exit the same direction they entered, which is against the flow of traffic. As students are still unloading from buses and using the walkways in this area, we see this as a safety concern for our students. Likewise, in the afternoons, we have observed the same type of occurrences as people come to the school to pick up their children.

If you are driving your children to school and/or picking them up from school and you wish to use the front/side parking lot, it is necessary for you to wait until the bus traffic exits the circular drive and use the appropriate exit route. If this is a time constraint for you, we would suggest you use the exit by the Cougar entrance for dropping off and picking up your children. If you have questions regarding this procedure, please contact the school for clarification. The safety of all of our students is paramount and we appreciate your cooperation.



Helping Hand



Seaway Valley Council for Alcohol/
Substance Abuse Prevention, Inc.
(315) 379-1211
seawayprevention.org
Student Assistant/Project SUCCESS
Program



Working Together to Help Students Say 'No' to Smoking



In order to help young people avoid using tobacco, experts recommend that parents, teachers, and other adults in the community need to address the issue head-on and work together to keep students smoke-free. To address the powerful factors that influence kids to smoke, teachers, parents and other caring adults can take the following actions:

- **Show students how cigarette ads and images are designed to manipulate them.** Adults can reduce the powerful impact of all the cigarette ads and positive-smoking images that confront kids every day by talking with children about the ads' false ideas of glamour, maturity, coolness, and beauty, and about how the tobacco companies try to manipulate children into becoming their future addicted consumers.
- **Make your schools tobacco-free.** Adults can work together to try to make sure that the school follow effective anti-smoking policies such as:
 - ✓ Prohibiting all smoking on school property or at school events.
 - ✓ Not accepting any funding, curricula, or other materials from the tobacco industry.
 - ✓ Educating students about the short-and long-term negative consequences of tobacco use, and providing peer-pressure refusal skills.
 - ✓ Providing prevention education in kindergarten through 12th grade, with intensive education in junior high or middle school and reinforcement in high school
 - ✓ Providing tobacco-prevention training for teachers.
 - ✓ Encouraging parental support of school-based tobacco-prevention programs.
 - ✓ Offering assistance to both staff and student smokers who wish to quit.
- **Check out online resources for tips and information.** Another way to take action and keep informed is to visit the Action Center or the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids' website. The Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids' website. The Campaign's website is at www.tobaccofreekids.org and the Action Center is at <http://tfktakeaction.policy.net>.

High School Guidance News

Linda Alford, Guidance Counselor

TERM 2 HONOR ROLL

GRADE 12

Outstanding

Kristina DeVito	Christopher Kirkpatrick	Robert Latimer	Rapeepat Pipatnanun
Megan Hubbard			Mari Zacharek

High Honor

Ryan Ashline	Vanessa Bullock	Elizabeth Hathaway	Bryana Kiggins
Amber Barker	Joshua Burke	James Hewlett	Lazarus White
	Ryan Gault	Steven Jones	

Honor Roll

Nicole Bice	Pamela Gravest	Kendra Matthews	Sean Sullivan
Brandon Bressette	Richard Jeanette	Racheal Mazuroski	Hayden Thomas
Emily Chambers	Joshua Jones	Audrey McDougall	Leah White
Jonathan Corbine	Anthony Law	Jordan Phelps	

GRADE 11

Outstanding

Kendra Horne	Danielle Mullaney	Katherine Stone	Katelyn Ward
Thomas Kingrey			

High Honor

Shawn Allen	Christopher Colton	Timothy Gault	Maraya VanBrocklin
Travis Amo	Chelsea Cutway	Brian Hale	Simon White
Kristina Ashley	Taylor Davis	Ashley Mattie	

Honor Roll

Adam Coffey	Aaron Lewis	Nathaniel Morehouse	Justin Shecton
Amelia Colton	Crystina Mandigo	Ethan Panetti	Zebulon Tupper
Lindsey Crosbie	Tyler McDonald	Charles Paro	Megan White
Andrew Given	Kelly McFerran	Joette Peacock	
Beth Hedrick	Dominick Moore		

GRADE 10

Outstanding

Patricia Hathaway	Cassie Walrath
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High Honor

Katelyn Church	Paige Mazuroski	Kelsi Robert	Ashley Tupper
Kamrie Dandrow	Linden McIntosh	Kaylie Shecton	Nikola Wolfe
Dylan Davis			

High School Guidance News

Linda Alford, Guidance Counselor

TERM 2 HONOR ROLL CONT'D.

GRADE 10

Honor Roll

Tessa Anson	Kurtis Ellison	Kelly Hedrick	Sarah Manning
Ashley Davison	Makayla Harris	Samantha LaPoint	Ashlee Mitchell
Jonathan Davison	Kaylee Hartley	Olivia Loop	

GRADE 9 Outstanding

Janna Fountain	Kevin McNamara	Veronica White
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High Honor

Kylie Averill	Claire Davis	Jacob Kingrey	Kacee Stein
	Alexia Hawn	Jasamin Reese	

Honor Roll

Karl Dumoulin	Caleb Fuller	Mercedes Mackin	Brody White
	Brittany Hall	Kyrsten Phelps	

GRADE 8 Outstanding

Samantha Ellison	Brianna Farr
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High Honor

Alison Thompson	Tyler Tresidder
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Honor Roll

Katie Bevins	Nicholas Davison	Amanda Huebner-Lane	Alexander McDonald
	Angela Gladle	Logan McCollum	

GRADE 7 Outstanding

Kyle Huebner-Lane

High Honor

Mackenzey Allen	Kaden Dandrow	Paige Gravett	Kate Rowe
Makayla Bartocha	Jordan Davis	Marissa Johnson	Hunter Tuttle
Ross Curley	Kyle Gotham	Sarah Rice	Leonard Walrath

Honor Roll

Gage Coffey	Bridget Ellis	Harleigh LeBarge	Abraham White
Kiana Coffey	Jesse Fenlong	Alyssa Parker	Chloe Wilson
	Dylon Jeanette	Jessey Parker	

High School Guidance News

Linda Alford, Guidance Counselor

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

Auto Technology I

Michael Reynolds

Building Trades I

Brian Hale
Charles Paro
Linden McIntosh
Simon White

Information Tech I

Shawn Allen

Information Tech II

Hayden Thomas

Cosmetology I

Kristina Ashley

Cosmetology II

Racheal Mazuroski

Criminal Justice II

Robert Latimer

Culinary Arts I

Beth Hedrick

Culinary Arts II

Allison Ryan

Early Childhood Ed I

Katelyn Ward

Early Childhood Ed II

Megan Hubbard

Environmental Tech I

Aaron Lewis
Ethan Panetti

Environmental Tech II

Anthony Law

Multi-Occupations I

Morton Klock III

Metalworking Tech I

Tyler McDonald
Zebulon Tupper

Metalworking Tech II

Joshua Jones

GREAT JOB!



PEN PALS IN FINLAND

The sixth grades were excited to have a very special visitor in September. The visitor was Mrs. Merja Jorri, a teacher from Finland! She hand-delivered letters from our pen pals. Mrs. Jorri and the EKCS sixth grade teachers have been having a pen pal letter exchange program for the past 12 years. Mrs. Jorri retired this year, and while traveling in the United States, visited Mrs. LaPoint and brought in letters to begin this year's exchange. We have learned a great deal from our Finnish friends...mostly that sixth graders in Finland aren't much different from sixth graders here.

K-8 COUNSELOR NEWS

Michelle Cummings, 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: Tuesday, May 5, 2009 at 1:00 pm and Thursday, June 25, 2009 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 receive a report card on the tentatively scheduled dates:

Friday, April 24, 2009 and
Thursday, June, 25, 2009

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.

HOMESCHOOL 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 went on a hike. Eligible students from the second marking period are going snow tubing at Titus Mountain after the break.



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 for your child on the tentatively scheduled dates: Thursday, March 19, 2009 and Thursday, May 28, 2009.

HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION FOR 8TH GRADERS AND PARENTS

This evening program is scheduled for Wednesday, March 4th 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 5th if we experience severe weather on March 4th.

K-8 COUNSELOR NEWS

Michelle Cummings, Counselor

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:

March 4 & 5	Grade 3 Math
March 2 – 4	Grade 4 Math
March 5 & 6	Grade 5 Math
March 9 & 10	Grade 6 Math
March 11 & 12	Grade 7 Math
March 11 & 12	Grade 8 Math
April 28 & 30	Grade 4 Science
April 30 & May 5	Grade 8 Science (Lab and Written)
June 2 & 3	Grade 8 Social Studies



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

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| March 4 | H. S. Orientation for 8 th graders |
| March 17 | Donkey Basketball game (Seniors) |
| March 19 | Spring Conference from 3:30 to 7:30 pm
11:30 Dismissal of all students |
| March 20 | Staff Development Day - No school for students |
| April 8 & 9 | Musical |
| April 9 | End of 3 rd Interim Report Period
11:30 Dismissal of all students |
| April 10-17 | Spring Recess |
| April 22 | Interim Reports mailed to home |
| May 5 | Grades 5-8 Award Ceremony (1:00) |

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| March 6 | Graduation Announcements delivered |
| March 11 | Winter Sports Awards |
| March 19 | Kaleidoscope Concert - 7 pm |
| March 29 | State Lifeguard Test |

7-12 News

Jeff Davis, Principal



Do You Still Need to Order Your Graduation Supplies?

Visit our website and order online at:

www.nygrad.com

Josten's
201 West Genesee St.
PMB 311
Fayetteville, NY 13066
(315) 458-3871

Josten's will be here on March 6 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 6 as well. Don't forget this very important date!

YEARBOOK NEWS

The **2009 Cougar Yearbook** is nearing it's deadline date for completion. Yearbook orders will only be taken for a short time more. Orders can be placed on-line at www.shop.jostens.com. The cost is \$45. Personalization is no longer an option.

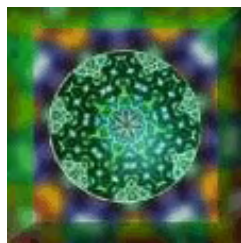


If you have any pictures you would like to share with the yearbook, please contact Kathy Whitmarsh in the cafeteria.

We would really like some pictures of the 2008 Marching Band.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

The following students were chosen to participate in Jr. High All-County Music Festival this year: Chorus - Harlee Marschat, Katie Bevins & Michelle Whitmarsh; Band - Kylie Averill, Janna Fountain, Alexia Hawn & Brittany Hall. Kacee Stein played in the orchestra. 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, and by teacher recommendation. Congratulations to these students.



The Instrumental Music Department will present the annual Kaleidoscope Concert on **March 18th**. 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.

April 1st our Senior High Band and Chorus will travel to Albany for 'Music in Our Schools' month.

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 February 12th:

Seth Carr - SUNY Canton
Emily Chambers - Wells College, Houghton College
Amanda Clark - SUNY Potsdam, SUNY Canton
Vanessa Bullock - Herkimer CC
Joshua Burke - Marine Corps
Dan Corbine - North Country CC
Krystina DeVito - SUNY Canton, SUNY Potsdam
Jake Enslow - US Army
Stacie Hale - Utica College, D'Youville
James Hewlett - Herkimer CC
Mark Hewlett - North Country CC
Steven Jones - SUNY Canton
Robert Latimer - SUNY Canton
Chris Kirkpatrick - SUNY Canton, Clarkson U
Jenelle Parker - Herkimer CC, SUNY Canton
Brad Phillips - Marine Corps
Jeff Stone - Morrisville, SUNY Plattsburgh
Leah White - SUNY Canton
Mari Zacharek - St. Lawrence U.

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



Stop by the Guidance Web Page:
www.ekcsk12.org/guidance

Click on the Senior High Guidance page to find great information about graduation requirements, SAT and ACT testing information, college search links, career exploration, military links, honor role, Regents exam schedule, guidance calendar for upcoming events and more! It changes often be sure to refresh your page!

High School Guidance News Cont'd.

Linda Alford, Guidance Counselor

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 24, 2009 from 8:00 - 11:15am.** Sign up in the guidance office by **March 12.**

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 1st. Students can sign-up until June 1, 2009. The class will be filled by oldest to youngest student until June 1, 2009. 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.



DON'T MISS THIS IMPORTANT SIGN-UP DATE!!

ELEMENTARY CORNER

By: Sue Kelly, Principal

GEOGRAPHY BEE 2009

Edwards-Knox once again held a Geography Bee in January. The Bee, sponsored by the National Geographic Society, is held annually across the nation. It is open to students in grades 4-8. Students are chosen based on exceptional interest or achievement in geography or social studies. Students who competed this year are:

- Grade 4- Alaina White, Karli French, Cheyanna Tuttle, Jacob Fenlong
- Grade 5- Darian Fenton, Luke Fenton, Dakotah Bacon, Trenton White, Heather Finnerty, Jason Burke
- Grade 6- Richard Finnerty, Mason Fountain, Darion Deon, Darrick Cutway, Garrad Rusho, Abbie Hale
- Grade 7- Kaden Dandrow, Sarah Rice, Savannah Bondellio, Kyl Huebner-Lane, Dylan Sharpstene, Josh LaPlatney
- Grade 8- Samantha Ellison, Tyler Tresidder, Brianna Farr, Amanda Huebner-Lane, Jesse Bullock, Alison Thompson, Brent Archer, Chris Davison

The winner of this year's competition, after a very exciting final round, was Amanda Huebner-Lane. Garrad Rusho placed second and Alison Thompson placed third. As winner, Amanda took a test provided by the Geographic Society. The results of that test will determine if she advances further to the State Bee, then possibly on to the National Bee. We will keep our fingers crossed for her!



CONGRATULATIONS TO
EVERYONE WHO WAS
CHOSEN TO COMPETE!!!
YOU ARE ALL WINNERS!

Alison Thompson, Amanda Huebner-Lane, & Garrad Rusho

ELEMENTARY CORNER

By: Sue Kelly, Principal

Upcoming Events

- 3/2: 9:40: grade 4 math test
- 3/3: 8:40: Pre-K to grade 2 to OCP in Gouverneur
- 3/3: 9:40: grade 4 math test
- 3/4: 8:05: grade 3 math test
- 3/4: 9:40: grade 4 math test
- 3/5: 8:05: grade 3 math test
- 3/5: 1:00: grade 5 math test
- 3/5: 6:30 pm: Parents' Association meeting in library
- 3/6: 1:00: grade 5 math test
- 3/9: 9:00: grade 6 math test
- 3/9: 6:00 pm: Tales for Tots in media center
- 3/9: 7:00 pm: Board of Education meeting in library
- 3/10: 9:00: grade 6 math test
- 3/13: end of 25 week progress reporting
- 3/14 - 3/20: Book Fair
- 3/19: progress reports go home
- 3/19: 11:30: students dismissed early
- 3/19: 3:30-7:30 pm: Spring Conferences
- 3/20: Staff Development Day
- 3/23: 7:00 pm: Board of Education meeting in library
- 3/26: 9:30: assembly for PK to grade 6

- 4/2: 6:30 pm: Parents' Association meeting in library
- 4/6: 7:00 pm: Board of Education meeting in library
- 4/9: end of 3rd marking period
- 4/9: 11:30: students dismissed early
- 4/10-4/17: NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK
- 4/20: 7:00 pm: Board of Education meeting in library
- 4/22: 6:30 pm: Tales for Tots in media center
- 4/24: report cards go home
- 4/28: grade 4 science test
- 4/30: grade 4 science test

TEACHER REQUESTS

Again this year, 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 35-50 students per grade level and plan for their success. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

ELEMENTARY CORNER

By: Sue Kelly, Principal

Field Trips

Each teacher is responsible for planning their own field trip. The end-of-the-year activities vary 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 a 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.

KINDERGARTEN SCREENING **2009-2010 School Year**

The Edwards-Knox Elementary School will be holding their Kindergarten screening on Wednesday, May 20 and Thursday, May 21, 2009.

If you have a child who will turn five by December 1, 2009, please call the Edwards-Knox Elementary School Office at 562-3284 or 562-3210 to set up an appointment for the Kindergarten screening.

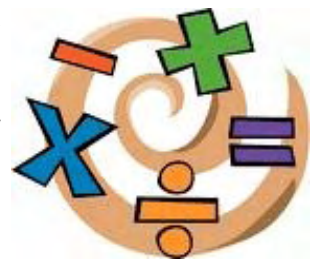
Please note you will need to bring your child's birth certificate, social security card, immunization record, and completed registration form to your scheduled Kindergarten screening appointment.



NYS Math Test

Parents, after the February break, please be sure to look out for a packet that gives a random sample of math problems for the appropriate grade level. This gives you a chance to see how the tests are set up. Please discuss these with your children and help them feel comfortable with their abilities.

As always, we ask that you not schedule any appointments during the testing times. Make sure your children eat a good breakfast and get plenty of rest.



ELEMENTARY CORNER

By: Sue Kelly, Principal



UNIVERSAL PREKINDERGARTEN 2009-2010 School Year

Any child in the Edwards-Knox Central School District who is or will be four years old on or before December 1, 2009, 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 562-3210 and speak with Sherry Shattuck in the Elementary Office; dial Ext. 113 directly for Joni Macaulay; or call Joni at home at 287-4517.

FIRST MARKING PERIOD AWARDS

KINDERGARTEN

Good Neighbor

Gage Dean
Kolby Barbarito
Halee Lennon

Nice Manners

Jeffrey Bush
Danielle Snyder
Shea Cicciarelli

Art

Emily Tresidder
Morgan Wheat
Avery Whitford

Hard Worker

Amanda Rusho
Brielle Stone
Cameron Rowe

Music

Jacob Cleary
Danielle Snyder
Avery Whitford

Phys. Educ. Sportsmanship

Hailey Matthews
Devin Peabody
Chad Facey

GRADE 1

Most Improved

Carter Wright
Ethen White
KatelynWhite
Skyler Sanford

Hard Worker

Michael Shatraw
Samuel LaRue
Valaree Hale

Art

Dominick Dinino
Justin Perry
Abigail Paro

Healthy Attitude

Jared McDougall
Connor Snell
Morghan White
Abigail Paro

Music

Samuel Smith
Luke Whiteford
Skyler Sanford

Phys. Educ. Sportsmanship

Dominick Dinino
Jack Lennon
Shawna Shecton

ELEMENTARY CORNER

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FIRST MARKING PERIOD AWARDS CONT'D.

GRADE 2

Eager Reader
Camryn Bullock
Carly Frary

Healthy Attitude
Trevor White
Collin Curley

Art
Justin Fenlong
Alexis Martin

Most Improved
Austin Whitmarsh
Joseph Miller
Karigan Harris

Music
Koryn Rowe
Carly Frary

Phys. Educ. Sportsmanship
Justin Scott
Carly Frary

GRADE 3

Effort
Julie Ashley
Breanna Facey

Music
Alyssa Allen
Travis White

Phys. Educ. Sportsmanship
Matthew Hall
Alexa White

Citizenship
Madison LaPoint
Seneca Wright

Art
Madison LaPoint
Travis White

GRADE 4

Effort
Cheyanna Tuttle
Lilly Gladle

Music
Taylor Whitmarsh
Matthew Colton

Phys. Educ. Sportsmanship
Emma-Lee Gotham
Kara Davis

Citizenship
MyKenzie Toohey
Daniel Gotham

Art
Taylor Whitmarsh
Mackenzie Frary

GRADE 5

Effort
Heather Finnerty
Kristen Farr

Music
Rebecca Hathaway
Kenda Peters

Phys. Educ. Sportsmanship
James Rider
Caleb Rowe

Citizenship
Justin Frank
Kassandra Whiteford

Art
Heather Finnerty
Dakotah Bacon

Band
Trenton White
Cheyenne Schwartzfigure

Chorus
Destiny Durham
Nicolas Wolfe

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FIRST MARKING PERIOD AWARDS CONT'D.

GRADE 6

Effort

Skylar Cross
Darrick Cutway

Music

Kennedy Bell
Cassidy Rubin

Phys. Educ. Sportsmanship

Megan Farr
Miranda Smith

Citizenship

Logan Harris
Shaye Taylor

Art

Skylar Cross
Keegan Chapin

Band

Makenna Ashley
Shaye Taylor

HONOR & HIGH HONOR ROLLS

GRADE 3

HONOR ROLL

Julie Ashley
Camden Burwell
Nadine Camidge
Sharon Carlin
Peyton Dafoe
Marcus Dent
Joshua Flanagan
Matthew Hall
Avery Hawn
Katharine Hebb
Madison LaPoint
Hanna LeBarge
Kelsie Matthews
Dylan Petrie
Haleigh Reynolds
Katrina Thornton
Briana Tulip
Tyler Whitmarsh

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Alyssa Allen
Jada Flanagan
Kacee French
Haven Gotham
Tanner LaPlant
Emily Lasher
Logan Toohey
Alexa White
Travis White

GRADE 4

HONOR ROLL

Jarrett Bullock
Paige Clary
Kayla Covey
Alexander D'Agostino
Kara Davis
Shaylyn DeVito
Lilly Gladle
Jordan Jeanette
Hayleigh LeBarge
Tera Mason
Levin McIntosh
Quincie Parker
James Rice
Arael Scott
Dawson Taylor
Hunter Thomas

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Matthew Colton
Jacob Fenlong
Brooke Fenton
Mackenzie Frary
Karli French
TiLeigh Sturtevant
Cheyanna Tuttle
Alaina White

GRADE 5

HONOR ROLL

Makayla Bacon
Kristen Farr
Allison Pharoah
Hunter Phelps
Christopher Shecton
William Smith
Timothy Whiteford
Morgan Williams

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Dakotah Bacon
Jason Burke
Darian Fenton
Luke Fenton
Rebecca Hathaway
Anisa Hotaling
Caleb Rowe

OUTSTANDING

Catherine Curley
Heather Finnerty
Trenton White

ELEMENTARY CORNER

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HONOR & HIGH HONOR ROLLS

GRADE 6

HONOR ROLL

Connor Gotham
Kennedy Bell
RaeAnn Thomas
Mackenzie Tresidder
Michaela Wilson

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Makenna Ashley
Rowena Casciaro
Darrick Cutway
Richard Finnerty
Abbie Hale
Shaye Taylor

OUTSTANDING

Molly Burger

PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR 2ND MARKING PERIOD FOR GRADES K-4

Julie Ashley	Lilly Gladle	Jordan Moore	Logan Toohey
Kody Burwell	Daniel Gotham	Justin Perry	MyKenzie Toohey
Mersaydez Carpenter	Abigail Hart	Cameron Rowe	Cheyanna Tuttle
Carly Frary	David Hart	Justin Scott	Taylor Whitmarsh
Lucy Frary	Joseph Hart	Zachary Scott	Tyler Whitmarsh
Mackenzie Frary	Tanner LaPlant	Austin Shatraw	
Kacee French	Erich Lottie	Michael Shatraw	
Karli French	Jared McDougall	Connor Snell	

PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR 2ND MARKING PERIOD FOR GRADES 5-8

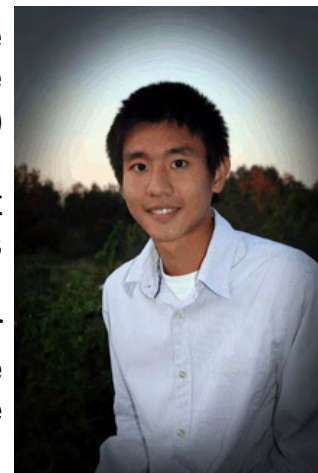
Kaleb Bartocha	Bridget Ellis	Tyler LaPlante	Suzanne Stein
Jadilynn Bullock	Luke Fenton	Trennan McCollum	Leonard Walrath
Jesse Bullock	Heather Finnerty	Christopher Moore	Tamara Watson
Jason Burke	Bridget Gladle	Jeremiah Randall	Kambree White
Kiana Coffey	Cody Gladle	Cody Rowe	Kelsey White
Dylan Cross	Kyle Gotham	Kate Rowe	Trenton White
Skylar Cross	Logan Harris	Miranda Smith	Ashlee Whitmarsh
Amber Davis	Kristina Klock	Thomas Smith	
Nicholas Davison	Brianna Kroniser	Brandy Stein	

FANTASTIC!



AFS NEWS

The AFS student exchange program is alive and well here at Edwards-Knox! This year we have only one student, Rapeepat (“Nes”) Pipatnanun. Nes, from Thailand, is living with the family of Kelly and Bill Stone. He is having a wonderful year at school and with his family; he even loves the snow! AFS is currently looking for host families for the next school year. Hosting an exchange student can open a whole new world for you and your family, as well as promoting peace in the world. If you are interested in finding out more about the program, call Margie LaPoint (386-4771).



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S P R I N G !



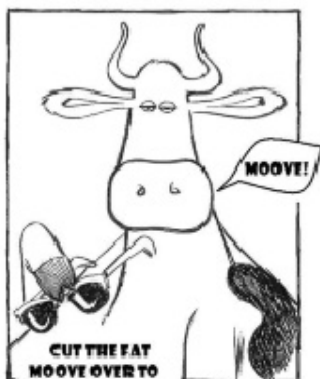


CAFETERIA NEWS

KATHLEEN WHITMARSH, COOK/MANAGER



Mooove to 1% or Less Milk!



All milks are terrific sources of vitamins and minerals to build strong bones. But in whole and 2% milk these nutrients come with big doses of artery-clogging saturated fat. Fat free (skim) and 1% (low-fat) have all the important nutrients without all the heart-unhealthy fat. 9 out of 10 people like the taste of low and non-fat milks in blind taste tests, so make the mooove to 1% or less!

Other good sources of bone strengthening calcium include:

Almonds, Broccoli, Collards & Other Leafy Greens, Fortified Tofu & Soymilk, and Sesame Seeds.

Please remember you can go on-line completely free of charge and check your student's account at any time. Just go to the www.ekcsk12.org website. Find the cafeteria bar and click. Find the small green bar that says **MyNutriKids.com** and click on that. Then where the balloons are, you can enroll for the first time. Just follow the steps. If you need assistance please call me and I will help you. My Number is 562-8326 ex. 507.



We do have a wellness group and a wellness policy in place. If any parents are interested in becoming active on the committee please contact Lori Brewer at the school. In 2004 the government made a law that all schools must have a wellness policy in place by June 2006. We did comply and do have our policy in place.

Part of the proposal in that law was to go from whole milk to 2% milk and by 2009 to not have above 1% milk fat in our cafeterias. There is a whole 1% milk campaign going on right now as you can see above. With 1% and Skim milk, we are being told, you get as many healthy vitamins as with higher fat milk and miss all those extra fat calories.

I do hope we all remember to eat healthy, be happy, and play and exercise together .

Have a wonderful Spring!

Kathleen Whitmarsh (Kathy)
Cook Manager
562-8326- Ex. 507

1-877-201-3694, EXT. 507



MARCH 2009 MENU

Mon

Tues

Wed

Thur

Fri

Did you see the free and reduced meal application on page 7? If you qualify for these lunches, our school receives many benefits. Please apply or call us to discuss your eligibility.

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

Breakfast Every Day
 Cereal, Milk, Juice
Some Days: Bagels/
 Cream Cheese,
 English Muffins,
 Danish, fresh fruit,
 breakfast bars, donuts,
 eggs.

**Prepayments
 Happily
 Accepted**

2 Pizza
 Green Beans
 Milk
 Fruit

3 Hot Sausage
 on a bun
 Onions/Peppers
 Broccoli Salad
 Carrots
 Milk Fruit

**4 Chicken
 Nuggets**
 Buttered Pasta
 Peas Bread
 Milk Fruit

5 Taco Day
 Rice, Lettuce,
 Cheese
 Corn
 Milk
 Fruit

6 Fishburger
 French Fries
 Milk
 Fruit

9 French Toast
 Sausage
 Hash Browns
 Milk
 Fruit & Ice Juicee

**10 Sloppy Joe
 on a bun**
 Chips
 Carrots
 Milk
 Fruit

**11 Spaghetti/
 Sauce**
 Meatball Bread
 Green Beans
 Milk Fruit

**12 Turkey
 Dinner**
 Mashed Potatoes
 Cranberry Sauce
 Peas Bread
 Milk Fruit

**13 Tomato
 Soup**
 Grilled Cheese
 Sandwich
 Milk
 Fruit

16 Goulash
 Green Beans
 Bread
 Milk
 Fruit

**17 Hotdog
 on a Bun**
 French Fries
 Peas
 Milk Fruit
**Grandparent's
 Breakfast K-3**

**18 Hamburger
 on a bun**
 3 Bean Salad
 Corn
 Milk Fruit
**Grandparent's
 Breakfast 4-6**

19 Pizza
 Green Beans
 Bread
 Milk Fruit
**½ Day for
 Students - Spring
 Conferences
 11:30 Dismissal**

**20 STAFF
 DEVELOPMENT
 DAY**
**NO SCHOOL
 FOR STUDENTS**

23 Ravioli
 Bread
 Peas
 Milk
 Fruit

**24 Chicken
 Patty**
 Green Beans
 Bread
 Milk
 Fruit

25 Calzone
 Tossed Salad
 Milk
 Fruit

26 Pork Dinner
 Mashed Potatoes
 Sweet Potatoes
 Bread Milk
 Ice Cream Fruit

**27 Chicken
 Noodle Soup**
 Tuna or Egg Salad
 Sandwich
 Carrot Sticks
 Fruit Milk

**30 Hamburger
 on a Bun**
 Tortilla Chips &
 Salsa Corn
 Milk Fruit

**31 BBQ Rib
 on a bun**
 French Fries
 Peas
 Milk Fruit

Check your child's lunch account balance by logging onto www.myNutrikids.com. You can ask the computer to send you an automatic "low balance" e-mail when your child's account reaches a certain level that you set.

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.

Breakfast: 7:45 A.M.
Lunch: 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.



Menu subject to change without notice.



APRIL 2009 MENU

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri
<p>Check your child's lunch account balance by logging onto www.myNutrikids.com. You can ask the computer to send you an automatic "low balance" e-mail when your child's account reaches a certain level that you set.</p>		<p>1 Calzone Tossed Salad Fruit Milk</p>	<p>2 Taco Day Rice Lettuce Cheese Corn Milk Fruit</p>	<p>3 Pizza Green Beans Milk Fruit</p>
<p>6 Goulash Green Beans Bread Milk Fruit</p>	<p>7 Sloppy Joe Chips Peas Milk Fruit</p>	<p>8 Hotdogs on a bun French Fries Corn Milk Fruit</p>	<p>9 Chicken Patty/Bun Chips Carrots Milk Fruit ½ Day for Students 11:30 Dismissal</p>	<p>10  SPRING BREAK</p>
<p>13 </p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 </p>
SPRING BREAK				
<p>20 Pizza Green Beans Milk Fruit</p>	<p>21 Chicken Nuggets Buttered Pasta Carrots Milk Fruit</p>	<p>22 Hot Dog on a bun French Fries Corn Milk Fruit</p>	<p>23 Turkey Dinner Mashed & Gravy Sweet Potatoes Carrots Bread Cranberry Sauce Milk Fruit</p>	<p>24 Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwich Milk Fruit</p>
<p>27 French Toast Sausage Hash Brown Milk Fruit or Ice Juicee</p>	<p>28 Hamburger on a bun Corn French Fries Milk Fruit</p>	<p>29 Pizza Roll French Fries Carrots Milk Fruit</p>	<p>30 Chicken Fajita Rice, onions, peppers, lettuce, & cheese Corn Milk Fruit</p>	<p></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>Peanut Butter & Jelly and subs offered every day as a lunch choice. Milk, fruit, & vegetable every day. Chef Salad Tue & Thur. Trail Mix most days.</p>		<p>Breakfast: 7:45 A.M. Lunch: 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.</p>

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