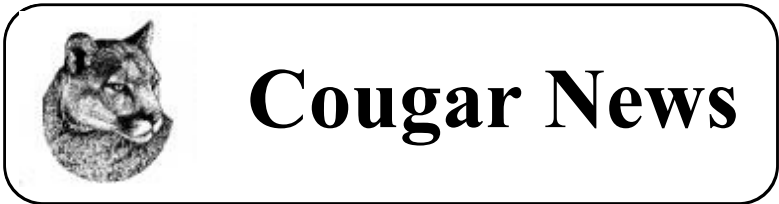


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SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Dear Residents:

I. EXCEL PROJECT

Over the past two years I have written to you many times about EXCEL Aid available to us from the State of New York. The Edwards-Knox Central School District received an EXCEL Aid grant in the amount of \$493,000. These monies were allowed to be used for construction items that had to do with safety, energy conservation, infrastructure upgrades, etc.

As you recall, two years ago we put a proposition before the district residents to utilize this grant. Many items were incorporated in this \$2.9 million dollar project, including new roofs, lighting upgrades, heating control upgrades, a new telephone system, a new pool heater, security and many other items, including a Biomass boiler. You might remember that the Biomass boiler would allow us to heat with many different types of fuel, such as corn, wood pellets, grass pellets, wood chips, etc., and would vastly reduce our dependence on fuel oil at a time when the price has wildly fluctuated. After receiving 97.6% state aid for this construction project, we would have used just \$69,000 of the \$493,000 grant. The \$69,000 would pick up the other 2.4% not covered by building aid and there would be no cost to the local taxpayers from this project.

As this was the first time the NYS Education Department ever approved a Biomass boiler project, the process of getting approval took close to two years, even though there are many throughout New England that have been in use for years. We recently secured bids from many contracting companies and unfortunately, due to many factors, this project can no longer be completed for the original \$2,900,000 price, as was originally projected. Rising costs of construction are only part of the problem. The NYS Education Department demanded many changes to the plan submitted by the architectural firm, which they considered to be essential safety measures in this project. This drove the price up even further. Lastly and certainly not the least of the problems, a consultant firm used by the architects misquoted the overall cost of the boiler by just over one million dollars. As you can imagine,

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your school board representatives were upset by these facts. They firmly relayed to the architectural firm their displeasure, as well as making it clear that the firm needs to help us solve this problem by reducing their own fees.

The district now has several choices. As all the items in this project were considered essential and many of the items would pay for themselves in energy savings over the next two to three years, the Board of Education is wrestling with how to solve this dilemma. They have decided to let the next step be determined by the district residents.

The NYS Education Department allowed the district to break the roofing portion of the project apart from the rest of the project, as they reviewed the Biomass Boiler portion. As a result, the roofing was completed last summer and at this point in time, the entire school building has new roofing that should last approximately twenty years. Therefore, the options are as follows:

- A) Scale back the Biomass Boiler power plant so that the cost comes in just under the \$2,900,000 original budget, minus the roofing costs already spent. Eliminate all other aspects of the original project. (Does not require voter approval.)
- B) Complete every other aspect of the project, EXCEPT the Biomass Boiler. This will leave approximately \$1,200,000 unspent. (Does not require voter approval.)
- C) Put a proposition to the voters to complete the original \$2,900,000 EXCEL project by adding \$1,600,000, totaling \$4,500,000 and obtain the entire scope of the original project. The local share of adding funding of \$1.6 million dollars would be approximately \$38,400, which can be taken from the remaining EXCEL Aid Grant and again, **there will be no local cost to the taxpayers of E-K.** (Requires voter approval.)

Original EXCEL Aid Grant	\$493,000
minus local share of the \$2.9 original project	- 69,000
minus local share of the \$1.6 added funding	- 38,400
EXCEL Aid Grant remaining	\$395,000

** You should know that the remaining EXCEL Aid may not be available in future Governor’s Executive budgets after 2010. Hence, this may be the last opportunity we have to use the EXCEL Aid Grant monies to pay for the local share.*

On Tuesday, May 19, 2009 the district will hold it’s Annual Budget Vote and School Board Member elections. At this Annual Meeting, there will be a separate proposition to add funding to the original EXCEL Aid Grant project from \$2,900,000 to \$4,500,000. We will be holding informational meetings through our communities to give you a detailed explanation of this plan. I hope you are available to come to one of the information sessions, which we will publish in the very near future. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions regarding this information. Additionally, John Daniels - Supt. of Buildings & Grounds, or any of our Board of Education members are available to discuss this with you as well.

This project could save the residents of this district a great deal of money in energy costs for many years to come and allow us to do our part in cutting our dependence on oil, while doing something better for the environment. The potential fuel savings in our budget is great. Using this year’s prices for wood chips, compared to #2 fuel oil, we could have saved an estimated \$130,000 in fuel costs. If fuel oil goes back to \$4.00 per gallon, or higher, we could save even more. I look forward to discussing this with you at one of the upcoming information meetings. **This project can be done without any local cost.**

SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS CONT’D.

How did we arrive at these estimated savings? Below are average fuel oil costs and average wood chip costs. I use the word average, as last year we could have paid as much as \$4.25 per gallon of fuel oil, had we gone with a fixed price, or as low as \$1.50/gallon. The average wood chip cost per ton is based on quotes we have received bids from a high of \$50/ton to a low of \$15/ton. All these figures are dependent on the actual prices of fuel oil and wood chips as the 2009-10 heating season approaches.

<u>FUEL OIL COSTS</u>	<u>WOOD CHIPS COSTS</u>	
65,000 gallons \$2.60/gallon*	1050 tons @ \$35.00/ton*	
\$169,000.	\$36,750.	
Difference/Savings: \$132,250		*Mode price

The wood chip bids were developed by four local contractors, all operating within a 50-mile radius of the school district. As we have not advertised for wood chip bids officially, there may be more local bidders we are not even aware of at this point in time. The idea of burning wood chips has an important impact on our local economy, by bringing work to local loggers and truckers. On any given year, we will choose between burning wood chips, switch grass, wood pellets, or corn, whichever proves to be the cheapest fuel source at the time. Fuel oil will remain our back-up fuel source with our existing boilers. The money saved by employing these alternative energies will allow the district to save jobs, help the environment, provide educational opportunities to our students regarding alternative energy and give us the greatest flexibility in choosing our fuel source, decreasing our dependence on the fluctuating fuel oil prices.

What will the maintenance costs be on the new biomass boiler? Outside sources estimate maintenance costs will range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 per year. Therefore, our conservative estimate for overall savings would be \$132,250 (stated above), minus \$1,000-\$5,000 maintenance costs = \$131,250 - \$127,250 projected annual savings. Based on our initial investigation of maintenance, we do not need any further personnel. The time our staff currently spends on our fuel oil boilers will be transferred to the time spent on the new biomass boiler. We anticipate that the biomass boiler will need to be retubed in 15-20 years as compared to that of a fuel oil boiler being 30 years. We estimate this cost to be approximately \$20,000.


We will be having a community forum on this project on May 12, 2009 in the school’s auditorium at 8:00 P.M. All are invited to attend.

II. BUDGET MEETINGS

We have finished the process of holding budget meetings and are looking at a budget of \$11.7 million dollars. We expect a tax increase of 2% and a 2.25% increase in the budget.

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 and the Annual Budget Vote is on May 19, 2009.

Sincerely



Dr. William Cartwright
 Superintendent of Schools

EDWARDS-KNOX PROUDLY ANNOUNCES THE VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN OF THE CLASS OF 2009

Mari Zacharek, daughter of Joseph and Dawn Zacharek of Edwards, New York, is named Valedictorian with a cumulative average of 96.7426%. Mari is a member of our National Honor Society and has received numerous academic awards for classroom excellence and effort as well as the Life Long Reader Award.



Mari has participated in many community activities throughout her high school career. She has served as her class treasurer for all four high school years. Mari is a member of our Drama Club and participates in many theatrical productions, having several leading roles in musicals and plays. Mari also shows great concern for others. She has participated in our BUDDIES program for the past 2 years. BUDDIES is a peer mentoring program where a high school student is paired with an elementary student to assist them with anything the young student might need. They may work on homework or other academic strengthening skills, social skills, and other fun activities that helps build a positive relation and gives the young student a good role model. Mari is a very positive influence on her "Little".

Mari has received an Augsbury/North Country Scholarship for St. Lawrence University and plans to attend there in the fall to study Creative Writing/English Literature.



Ryan Gault, son of Michael and Hope Gault of Russell, New York, is named Salutatorian with a cumulative average of 95.500%. Ryan is a member of our National Honor Society and has received numerous academic awards such as the Edwards Alumni Science Award for the highest sequential three year science Regents exam grades, the Air Force Math & Science Award, and nominations for the Bausch & Lomb Science Award and the RIT Computing Medal and Scholarship.

Ryan is an active member of our school community. He has been a member of our Spanish Club, where he served as the President for several years. He has also been a member of our soccer, baseball, and basketball teams. He is a dedicated member of these teams, showing his commitment by working hard at practice and supporting his teams in any way asked of him.

Ryan received a RIT Computing Scholarship and plans to attend Rochester Institute of Technology to study Computer Engineering.

YEARBOOK NEWS

Kathy Whitmarsh Advisor

The submission deadline for this year passed March 23 and we were able to submit everything on time. Thank you very much to my hard working staff. You will soon be able to see all the work and care they put into this year's book.

This year's Editor, Co-Editor and Treasurer were Chris Kirkpatrick, Steve Jones and Mari Zacharek. I can tell you these three put in many, many hours of work and were extremely dedicated. I would like to extend them an enormous thank you!!!!

Others students who participated were Daniel Mullaney, James Hewlett, Jeff Stone, and Robert Latimer helped with selling donuts. I am very thankful for the hours that these people put in as well. Many did not start at the beginning like the former students, but did contribute a lot of hours once they joined.

Thank you to all who contributed pictures and to all who bought yearbook ads to support us. We couldn't do it without you. Thank you also to Dawn Zacharek and Crystal Whitford for your assistance.

The yearbook is all color again this year and I believe you will really enjoy it. It has been a special year for me, as this was the first time I was the sole advisor. I did miss the extra help and I can really appreciate all Crystal did last year.

There are still about 10 copies left for sale and they cost \$45. It is my understanding that we can't get any more, however I have been told that in the past, Josten's did send us some extra. They said that is not a promise for every year though, so if you want one you should get your order in soon.

Help our School Get Free Equipment!



Log on to www.pricechopper.com to register your **Price Chopper AdvantEdge** card for our school code 1 8 6 7 5.

This will automatically earn credit for the school every time you use your *AdvantEdge* Card. If you signed up for our school last year, you do not need to re-register.

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

<http://www.ekcsk12.org/guidance/senior/pages/scholarship/ektascholarship.pdf>

K-8 COUNSELOR NEWS

Michelle Cummings, Counselor

CAREER EXPLORATION FOR 8TH GRADERS

Mrs. Cummings, Mr. Remington, Mr. Montgomery and students in eighth grade recently participated in career exploration activities in the Family and Consumer Science & Health classes.

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 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 4th 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.

K-8 COUNSELOR NEWS

Michelle Cummings, Counselor

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 25, 2009 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 on a hike and ice skating in Massena. One more trip will be scheduled sometime in June.

REMAINING NEW YORK STATE ASSESSMENTS FOR GRADE 8:

Science 8:

Thursday, April 30, Performance (Lab) Assessment
 Tuesday, May 5, Written Assessment

Social Studies 8:

Tuesday, June 2
 Wednesday, June 3

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.

ORIENTATION PROGRAM FOR 6TH 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 7th grade faculty members, get a feel for what will be required next year, and receive a list of supplies needed in 7th 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 Wal-Mart.

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.

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 28, 2009.

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, 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 (and Spanish for 8th graders). Contact the principal, guidance counselor, or teacher if you have any questions about your child's academic progress.

HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE NEWS

Linda Alford, High School Guidance Counselor
Guidance Web Page is www.ekcsk12.org/guidance/

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 April 23rd:

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

Corey Aldous - Clarskon University
Amber Barker - SUNY Potsdam
Vanessa Bullock - Herkimer CC
Joshua Burke - Marine Corps
Seth Carr - SUNY Canton, North Country CC
Emily Chambers - Wells College, Houghton College, D'Youville
Amanda Clark - SUNY Potsdam, SUNY Canton
Dan Corbine - North Country CC
Krystina DeVito - SUNY Canton, SUNY Potsdam, D'Youville
Jake Enslow - US Army
Ryan Gault - Rochester Inst. Of Tech.
Stacie Hale - Utica College, D'Youville, SUNY Canton
James Hewlett - Herkimer CC
Mark Hewlett - North Country CC
Megan Hubbard - SUNY Canton, Axia College of Univ. of Phoenix
Steven Jones - SUNY Canton, SUNY Potsdam
Robert Latimer - SUNY Canton
Chris Kirkpatrick - SUNY Canton, Clarkson University
Josh Ouellette - SUNY Canton
Jenelle Parker - Herkimer CC, SUNY Canton, North Country CC
Brad Phillips - Marine Corps
Jeff Stone - Morrisville, SUNY Plattsburgh
Leah White - SUNY Canton
Mari Zacharek - St. Lawrence University

HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE NEWS CONT'D.

Linda Alford, High School Guidance Counselor

Gateways for Seniors

Edwards-Knox Seniors participated in "Gateways 2009". This program is offered by the Office of Educational Partnerships and is designed to give all St. Lawrence County seniors the opportunity to practice the skills needed to obtain a job. On April 29th students will experience mock job interviews, have their resume critiqued, and have discussions about their communication skills. There will be over 100 employers from the area to help with this endeavor.

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

Some Scholarship applications can be printed from the guidance web page at <http://www.ekcsk12.org/guidance/> under local scholarship applications.

Loop Scholarship Applications are available on the guidance web page: www.ekcsk12.org/guidance/applications/loopscholarship.pdf.



The Ray Loop Scholarship is available for anyone who meets the following criteria:

1. Is a graduating senior or a graduate of Edwards-Knox, or Knox Memorial.
2. Have an average of at least 85% or a cumulative average of 2.5 GPA
3. Studying Theology or a medical field (to be determined by the committee)

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. These forms can be picked up in the High School Guidance Office. A current sports physical or school physical (given to all 7th & 10th Grade Students at Edwards-Knox) is sufficient to meet the physical requirement. The school nurse can help with the completion of the Physical Fitness Certification for those students who have had a physical in school.



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. Finerty and Ms. Alford will not be available. Be sure to plan ahead!



Students must also submit a copy of their social security card, with the required completed forms, to the Guidance Office.

HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE NEWS CONT'D.

Linda Alford, High School Guidance Counselor

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 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.



Final Average Calculation for June 25th Grades

(This is different from the marking period calculations)

Edwards-Knox 7th through 12th grade Final Honor Roll Calculation

Grading period averages are calculated in the following manner:

- *All semestered courses count once (1X)
- *Full year courses meeting every day count once (1X)
- *Half year courses meeting every day count one-half (½ X)
- *Single period every other day (½ credit courses) count one-half (½ X)
- *BOCES Vo-Tech courses count 3 times (3X)
- *BOCES Math and Science count one-half (½ X)

Honor Roll is 85 - 89.99%

High Honor Roll is 90 - 94.99%

Outstanding High Honor Roll is 95 - 100%



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

	Example:	Grade	Credits	Quality Points	
	English 11	70	X 1	= 70	
	US History	85	X 1	= 85	
	Math B	75	X 1	= 75	
	Chemistry	80	X 1	= 80	
	Spanish 11	90	X 1	= 90	
	Health	82	X ½	= 41	
	Phys. Ed	90	X ¼	= 22.5	
	Phys. Ed	92	X ¼	= 23	
	Band	95	X ½	= 47.5	
Quality points ÷ number of Credits = Final Ave. 534 ÷ 6.5 = 82.15% Term average is 82%					

7-12 NEWS

Mr. Jeff Davis, Principal

8TH GRADE TRIP TO CLEVELAND

A large percentage of our 8th graders will be going for three days in June to New York City, New York, this year, as part of our 8th grade trip that has taken place each of the past five years. Our 8th grade trips have included going to Boston, Cleveland, Ohio and New York City. All have been very exciting learning experiences for our students and staff. This year's group is advised by Mrs. Melissa Brown. An exciting itinerary/schedule has been developed for our students and the chaperones to participate in. This is a great opportunity for our 8th grade students and we thank our Board of Education for supporting these trips.

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/skortos 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.

RESERVED CALENDAR DATES (subject to change)

May 8 & 9	Musical
May 16	Junior / Senior Prom
May 12	Annual Budget Hearing
May 16	End of 4 th Interim Report Period
May 19	Budget Vote/Celebration of the Arts
May 20	Spring Concert I
May 28	Interim Reports distributed to students
May 22-26	Memorial Day weekend - No School
June 3	Spring Concert II
June 4	Senior Awards
June 12 & 15	Final Exams
June 16 - 24	Regents, RCTs and Proficiency Exams
June 15	Grades 7 - 8 Awards Assembly / Last Day of School
	Report Cards distributed to students
June 27	Commencement

7-12 NEWS CONT'D.

Mr. Jeff Davis, Principal

<u>2009 COUGAR YEARBOOK</u>	<u>COMMENCEMENT AND PRACTICE</u>
<p>We currently have 8 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 only be made through Kathy Whitmarsh. The cost for ordering is \$45. Don't miss out on your opportunity to get a 2009 Cougar Yearbook. If you have any questions, please call the High School office.</p>	<p>The 23rd Commencement of Edwards-Knox Central School will be on Saturday, June 27, at 7 pm in the Edwards-Knox gymnasium. Graduation practice will be on Friday, June 26, beginning at approximately 9:00 am. ALL graduating seniors must be present at practice and should plan to be here until approximately noon (no exceptions). 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.</p>

Regents Examination Schedule for June 2009							
June 16 Tuesday	June 17 Wed.	June 18 Thursday	June 19 Friday	June 22 Monday	June 23 Tuesday	June 24 Wed.	June 25 Thursday
8:15 a.m.	8:15 a.m.	8:15 a.m.	8:15 a.m.	8:15 a.m.	8:15 a.m.	8:15 a.m.	
Geometry	Comprehensive English: Session One	Comprehensive English: Session Two	Regents in Global History & Geography	<i>Second Language Proficiency Examinations</i> French Italian German Latin Spanish	<i>Comprehensive Regents Examinations</i> French Italian German Latin Hebrew Spanish	Physical Settings/ Physics RCT in U.S. History and Government	Rating Day
12:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m.		
Regents in U.S. History and Government	Physical Setting/ Earth Science Physical Setting/ Chemistry RCT in Mathematics	Living Environment RCT in Reading	Integrated Algebra RCT in Science	RCT in Writing RCT in Global Studies	Mathematics B	<u>Uniform Admission Deadlines</u> Morning Exams: 10:00 a.m. Afternoon Exams: 2:00 p.m.	



NURSE'S CORNER

Melissa Brown, School Nurse



Attention 5th graders:



The New York State Department of Health **requires** students who are **entering 6th grade** and who are **11 years of age** or older to receive an immunization called **Tdap**. This is a scheduled booster shot that also protects against pertussis (whooping cough). Please arrange for this immunization to be given to your child and a copy of this record mailed or faxed to the School Nurse **prior** to the start of 6th grade.

The New York State Department of Health is also requiring that all students who enroll in the 6th grade are immunized against varicella (chicken pox). You must submit proof of this immunization **or** documented history of disease from your child's physician. Parental recall is not acceptable. Call the School Nurse with any questions.

Dental Certificate Requirement



As of September 2008 The New York State Department of Education will be requesting a dental certificate from any student entering pre-K, Kindergarten or First grade. This certificate from your dentist should be presented to the School Nurse before your child enters school in the Fall. You may mail or fax this to the School Nurse.

Dental Clinic

The School Based Dental Clinic is now here on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. You must enroll your child each year if you wish to utilize the clinic. Deadline for enrollment for this year is April 21, 2008. You may have enrollment packets sent home. Call the School Nurse to request this packet.



The New York State Lions SEE (Screening Eyes Early)



The Edwards Lions Club will have a digital photo screener available at kindergarten registration. This is an in depth vision screening and is free of charge. The screening provides instant photographs of your child's eyes to determine the presence of eye disorders. No physical contact is made with your child and no eye drops are needed. Consent forms are in the kindergarten screening packet. This is an excellent opportunity made available to our school.

Required school physicals

Physicals are required by New York State on all students entering grades pre-K, Kindergarten, 2,4,7,and 10. You may have this physical done at your own physician, the School Based Health Clinic or with the School Physician Andrew LaFrance, FNP. The school physician will be here once more in May. Call the School Nurse if you would like to set up an appointment.



NURSE'S CORNER CONT'D.

Melissa Brown, School Nurse

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Superintendent of Schools

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Jr.-Sr. H.S. Principal
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AUTHORIZATION FOR ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

To be completed by the parent or guardian:

I request that my child _____ grade _____ receive the medication as prescribed below by our licensed health care provider. The medication is to be furnished by me in the **original** labeled contained from the pharmacy. Medications are to be delivered to the school nurse by the **parent**. Understand that the school nurse, or other designated person in the case of the absence of the school nurse, will administer the medication.

Signature of Parent / Guardian: _____ Date _____

Address: _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

To be completed by the licensed health care prescriber:

I request that my patient, ast listed below, receive the following medication:

Name of Student _____ Date of Birth _____

Diagnosis _____

Name of Medication _____

Prescribed dosage, frequency and route of administration: _____

Time to be taken during school hours: _____

Duration of treatment _____

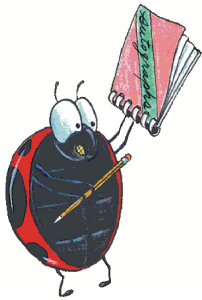
Possible side effects: _____

Name of Licensed Prescriber (please print): _____

Prescriber's signature: _____ Date: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

EDWARDS-KNOX PARENTS' ASSOCIATION



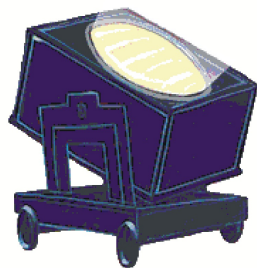
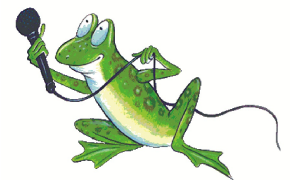
The Scholastic Book Fair, "Lights! Camera! Book Fair!" was held in the Media Center this spring. This new location gave us more room for set up and much better lighting. Hopefully we can continue to use this space because Scholastic sends us more and more goodies for our book fair every year! We would like to extend a sincere THANK YOU to the many volunteers that made the Book Fair a success again this year. This includes the many people helping the students, cashing out sales, organizing, planning and cleaning up.

As in the past, we would like to thank Paul Hull, Mark Reed and the custodial staff for their assistance with the fair. Thank you to the National Honor Society and other student volunteers that helped us out. Many thanks go to Ms. Kelly, Ms. Shattuck, and Mrs. Bailey. THANK YOU to the teachers who schedule time out of their busy day to bring the students to the Book Fair and to the parents and grandparents who support this effort by purchasing books for their children. Thank you to anyone we have failed to mention – your time and talents are greatly appreciated!

Not only does the Book Fair help raise funds to purchase essential classroom and library resources, it encourages reading among our students. 100% of the proceeds from this Book Fair and all Parents' Association fund raisers benefit OUR CHILDREN. The Parents' Association fund also pays for various activities such as end-of-the year field trips, D.A.R.E., Banana Splits, DEER Club, and playground equipment.

Please remember that your involvement is essential. If you are interested in volunteering for future events, please come to our monthly meeting held at 6:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month in the school Library. For more information, you can contact the Parents' Association President Abbie Tresidder at 562-3457.

Coming soon....the Parents' Association is currently constructing a web page for the Edwards-Knox website!!



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 able 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.

SAFETY CONCERNS AND SUMMER ATTIRE

With the nicer weather we tend to get students wearing sandals that they seem to have difficulty walking in. Please remember many of our students have to go up and down the steps to get to the cafeteria or other specials. It is always a concern when younger students are wearing flip flops and don't always hold onto the railings. Please keep this in mind as your children go out the door.

Everyone is excited to wear shorts to school with the warmer temperatures. We ask that students don't wear clothes that are distracting to others. Our handbook provides guidelines for appropriate dress. As a reminder, students are not to wear halter tops or bare back shirts.

If a student is wearing an outfit that seems inappropriate, they will be sent to the office. A discussion will take place and, if necessary, parents will be called. In the past, we have had students wearing shorts and midriff tops that were distracting to other students. If students are busy talking about what someone is wearing, they obviously aren't learning. Your help is greatly appreciated.

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 CONT'D.

By: Sue Kelly, Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 5/1: 8:50-2:15: Mrs. Vachev's class to SUNY Potsdam
- 5/5: Awards Assemblies: 8:15 for grades K-4 and 1:00 for grades 5-8
- 5/7: 6:30 pm: Parents' Association meeting in library
- 5/12: 7:00 pm: Board of Education Hearing
- 5/19: 12:00-8:00 pm: Board of Education Vote
- 5/19: 6:00 pm: Tales for Tots in media center
- 5/19: 6:30 pm: Celebration of the Arts
- 5/20 & 5/21: 8:00-3:00: Kindergarten Screening in media center
- 5/22 - 5/26: NO SCHOOL
- 5/28: 10:20: grades 4-6 to OCP in Gouverneur
- 5/29: Progress reports for grades 5-6 go home
- 6/4: 6:00-7:00 pm: Parent Workshop on Yello Dyno in downstairs cafeteria
- 6/4: 6:30 pm: Parents' Association meeting in library
- 6/8: 7:00 pm: Board of Education meeting
- 6/12: 8:00-2:00: 4th grade to Canton Cornell Co-op Farm
- 6/17: 8:05-3:00: 4th grade to Wilder Farm in Malone
- 6/22: 7:00 pm: Board of Education meeting
- 6/24: 8:15: K-4 Awards Assembly in auditorium
- 6/24: 6:00 pm: Kindergarten Graduation in auditorium
- 6/25: 8:00: Grades 5-8 Awards Assembly in auditorium
- 6/25: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!!



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.

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.

TERM 3 HONOR ROLL FOR 7TH - 12TH GRADES

GRADE 12

Outstanding Honor Roll (95.0-100)

Samantha Blacker

High Honor Roll (90.0-94.99)

Joshua Burke
 Krystina DeVito
 Pamela Gravett
 Megan Hubbard
 Joshua Jones
 Christopher Kirkpatrick
 Robert Latimer

Anthony Law
 Steven Mackin
 Audrey McDougall
 Rapeepat
 Pipatnanun
 Leah White
 Mari Zacharek

Honor Roll (85.0-89.99)

Vanessa Bullock
 Brandon Church
 Jonathan Corbine
 Jake Enslow
 Elizabeth Hathaway
 James Hewlett

Steven Jones
 Daniel Matthews
 Joshua Ouellette
 Hayden Thomas
 Donald Ward
 Mark Weir

GRADE 11

Outstanding Honor Roll (95.0-100)

Raven Reese Katherine Stone

High Honor Roll

(90.0-94.99)

Travis Amo
 Lacey Brown
 Kyle Cassidy
 Chelsea Cutway
 Taylor Davis
 Danielle Mullaney
 Katelyn Ward

Honor Roll (85.0-89.99)

Shawn Allen
 Ashley Chapin
 Amelia Colton
 Lindsey Crosbie
 Nicole Durham
 Andrew Given
 Danielle Gollinger
 Brian Hale
 Nathan Johnson

Thomas Kingrey
 Aaron Lewis
 Ashley Matthie
 Tyler McDonald
 Nathaniel Morehouse
 Ethan Panetti
 Zebulon Tupper
 Maraya VanBrocklin
 Megan White
 Simon White

GRADE 10

Outstanding

Honor Roll

(95.0-100)

Kamrie Dandrow

High Honor Roll

(90.0-94.99)

Kaylee Hartley
 Patricia Hathaway
 Nikola Wolfe

Honor Roll (85.0-89.99)

Mariah Brazeau
 Seth Brown
 Katelyn Church
 Dylan Davis
 Ashley Davison
 Jonathan Davison
 Kurtis Ellison

Makayla Harris
 Morton Klock
 Sarah Manning
 Paige Mazuroski
 Kelsi Robert
 Ashley Tupper

GREAT JOB!!

TERM 3 HONOR ROLL FOR 7TH - 12TH GRADES

GRADE 9

<u>Outstanding Honor Roll (95.0-100)</u>	<u>High Honor Roll (90.0-94.99)</u>	<u>Honor Roll (85.0-89.99)</u>
Janna Fountain	Kylie Averill	Madeline Clark
Kevin McNamara	Claire Davis	Benjamin Fuller
Veronica White	Karl Dumoulin	Brittany Hall
	Caleb Fuller	Cameron Koster
	Alexia Hawn	Mercedes Mackin
	Jacob Kingrey	Kyrsten Phelps
	Jasamin Reese	Alora Ryan
	Shelby Searle	Kacee Stein

GRADE 8

<u>Outstanding Honor Roll (95.0-100)</u>	<u>High Honor Roll (90.0-94.99)</u>	<u>Honor Roll (85.0-89.99)</u>
Brianna Farr	Samantha Ellison	Brent Archer
	Alison Thompson	Amanda Huebner-Lane
	Tyler Tresidder	Katie Bevins
		Nicholas Davison
		Tina Paro

GRADE 7

Outstanding Honor Roll (95.0-100)

Mackenzzy Allen	Hunter Tuttle
Kyl Huebner-Lane	Abraham White
Sarah Rice	

High Honor Roll (90.0-94.99)

Makayla Bartocha
 Ross Curley
 Kaden Dandrow
 Jordan Davis
 Kyle Gotham
 Paige Gravest

Katelynd Hill
 Marissa Johnson
 Alyssa Parker
 Kate Rowe
 Chloe Wilson

Honor Roll (85.0-89.99)

Savannah Bondellio
 Derek Clark
 Gage Coffey
 Kiana Coffey
 Bridget Ellis

Jesse Fenlong
 Dylon Jeanette
 Jessey Parker
 Desirae Parrish
 Marissa Smith
 Leonard Walrath

TOP ACHIEVERS AT SOUTHWEST TECH

Auto Technology I

Michael Reynolds

Building Trades I

Adam Coffey
 Linden McIntosh
 Simon White

Cosmetology I

Kristina Ashley
 Ashley Matthie

Multi Occupations I

Morton Klock III

Environmental Tech I

Aaron Lewis

Ethan Panetti

Metalworking Tech I

Tyler McDonald
 Zebulon Tupper

Information Tech I

Shawn Allen

Information Tech II

Hayden Thomas

Criminal Justice II

Robert Latimer

Culinary Arts II

Allison Ryan

Early Childhood

Education II

Megan Hubbard

Environmental Tech II

Anthony Law



CAFETERIA NEWS

KATHLEEN WHITMARSH, COOK/MANAGER



Hello Everyone:

Here we are already with the last newsletter for the year 2008-2009.

I am waiting for the regulations to come out, set forth by Governor Patterson for the next school year. I have heard little things here and there, but really don't know what will be passed and what won't.

Again this year we will have free summer food for breakfast and lunch. Anyone may come; you do **not** need to be participating in school, or an activity. If you babysit and want to feed the children free with no dishes to do, load them in the car and come on up. You can have lunch too, but if you are over 18 it will cost the price the state sets for the meal plus tax. I will travel to Syracuse April 8, 2009 to find out the new regulations governing this year's summer food program.

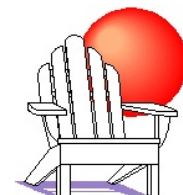
The St. Lawrence Plaindealer is now printing our menus for the week in the Russell News. My goal is to reach as many people as possible and share as much information as I can regarding the cafeteria operations.

I am going to try a special Menu for May this year. I've titled it "Taste of May", but it is really kind of a "Taste of the World." I have written in a second choice, but we will still have our usual Peanut butter & Jelly, Subs, Wraps, Hot subs, Hot Wraps, Yogurt Parfaits and Chef Salad as a choice for meals too. You can also get all the rest of the sides that go with our meals. We usually have tossed salad, a hot vegetable, fresh carrots, canned fruit, fresh fruit, soup (sometimes made fresh and sometimes canned), and several other items. You will also get milk and a bread choice every day. Sometimes the bread is in the form of a roll, like on hamburger day.

It is not too late to fill out a meal application. If you are laid off, have a cut in pay, reduced income of any kind, or an addition to the family, it could change your status and allow you to get lunch or breakfast at a reduced price (\$.25) or even free of charge. Meal applications are available on our website, or you can call me and I'll send one home with your child, or drop it in the mail.

I do hope you enjoy the spring and summer and I hope to see you all at the summer food program. ***Have a great summer.***

Kathy Whitmarsh
Cook Manager
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kwhitmar@ekcsk12.org





“Taste of” MAY 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.

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Cafeteria Manager
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Russell, NY 13684

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

**1 Fish
on a Bun
French Fries
Milk
Fruit**

4 Goulash
Peas
Bread
Milk
Fruit

**5 Taste of
Germany**
Kielbasa or
Hot Dog on a Bun
German Potato Salad
Broccoli Salad
Milk Fruit

**6 Chicken
Nuggets**
French Fries
Green Beans
Bread
Milk Fruit

**7 Taste of
Mexico
Taco Day**
Rice Cheese
Lettuce Corn
Tomatoes Onions
Milk Fruit

**8 Tomato
Soup**
Grilled Cheese
Sandwich
Carrots
Milk
Fruit

11 Pizza
Green Beans
Milk
Fruit

**12 Sloppy Joe
on a Bun**
Chips
Carrots
Milk
Fruit

**13 Taste of
Carribbean**
Jerked Chicken or
Chicken Patty
Rice Corn
Bread Milk
Ice Cream

**14 Chicken
Patty/Bun**
French Fries
Corn
Milk
Pears

**15 Chicken
Noodle Soup**
Tuna or Egg Salad
Sandwich
Fresh Carrots
Milk Fruit

**18 Chicken
Nuggets**
French Fries
Green Beans
Bread
Milk
Fruit

**19 Taste of
Breakfast**
French Toast
Sausage
Hash Browns
Ice Juicee or Fruit
Milk

**20 Spaghetti/
Meatballs**
Peas
Bread
Milk
Fruit

**21 Chicken
Fajitas**
Lettuce/Cheese
Onions/Peppers
Corn
Milk
Fruit

**22
Unused Snow
Day
No School**

**25 MEMORIAL
DAY**

**26
Unused Snow
Day
No School**

**27 Taste of
China**
Chicken Nuggets
Sweet & Sour
Lo Mein Noodles
Peas Bread
Milk Fruit

**28 Taste of
Italy**
Lasagna or
Pizza
Tossed Salad
Bread
Milk Fruit

**29 Fish
on a Bun
French Fries
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.



JUNE 2009 MENU

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri
<p>1 Pizza Green Beans Bread Milk Fruit</p>	<p>2 Hamburger Patty/Bun French Fries Corn Milk Fruit</p>	<p>3 Chicken Nuggets Mac & Cheese Peas Bread Milk Fruit</p>	<p>4 Hotdog on a Bun French Fries Corn Milk Fruit</p>	<p>5 Chicken Noodle Soup Tuna or Egg Salad Sandwich Fresh Carrots Milk Fruit</p>
<p>8 Goulash or Chicken Patty Green Beans Bread Milk Fruit</p>	<p>9 Rib-B-Q or Hamburg/Bun Carrots Milk Ice Cream/Fruit</p>	<p>10 Hotdog/ Bun French Fries Corn Milk Fruit</p>	<p>11 Taco Day Lettuce, Cheese, Rice, Corn Bread Milk Fruit</p>	<p>12 Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwich Milk Fruit</p>
<p>15 Hamburg/ Bun Corn Milk Fruit</p>	<p>16 Chicken Patty/Bun Buttered Pasta Carrots Milk Pears</p>	<p>17 Grilled Cheese or Corn Dog Peas Bread Milk Fruit</p>	<p>18 Pizza Tossed Salad Milk Fruit</p>	<p>19 Fishburger on a bun French Fries Green Beans Milk Fruit</p>
<p>22 Chicken Nuggets Peas Bread Milk Fruit</p>	<p>23 Hotdog/ Bun French Fries Corn Milk Fruit</p>	<p>24 Pizza Green Beans Bread Milk Fruit</p>	<p>25</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>HAPPY SUMMER VACATION!!</p>

DON'T FORGET - There will be free Breakfast and free Lunch this summer for anyone 18 or younger.

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