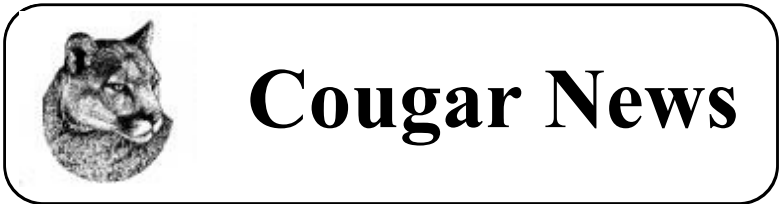


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Cougar News

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SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Suzanne L. Kelly

Dear Residents:

Over the past couple of months our District has been working closely with other area schools to determine ways to reduce costs and share services. All 18 component districts in St. Lawrence County have been working with the consultant team made up of the Rural Schools Association and Organizational Leadership Services. This study was broken into six areas which included: Demographics & Finance, Central Business Office, Transportation-Food-Facilities Management, Shared Services, Technology, Secondary Programs and Administrative Staffing and Human Resources.

Once the data is compiled, the findings will be shared with the Superintendents, Boards of Education, Staff, and Community Members. A summary review will be shared, showing trends in enrollment and expenditure/revenue projections.

Preliminary budget allocations have been received for the 2011-12 school year. The figures are upsetting and also leading us to look for new cost saving ways while preparing our budget. Our school had seen reductions in State Aid and must also deal with the loss of Federal Stimulus Funds, which will no longer be available. This will be a challenge, but our goal will remain to provide quality education for all of our students. The budget hearing will be on Tuesday, May 10, 2011 and I urge you to attend this meeting.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Kelly

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Welcome Spring

High School Guidance News Cont'd.

Linda Alford, Guidance Counselor

TERM 1 HONOR ROLL 2010-2011

GRADE 12

Outstanding Honor Roll (95.0-100)

None

High Honor Roll (90.0-94.99)

Abigail Campbell	Kurtis Ellison	Nga Sze Lau	Ashley Tupper
Kamrie Dandrow	Kaylee Hartley	Kelsi Robert	Cassie Walrath
Ashley Davison	Morton Klock	Della Rubin	

Honor Roll (85.0-89.99)

Brandon Bristol	Jodi Flanagan	Brandi Jeanette
Jonathan Davison	Makayla Harris	Ashlee Mitchell
Samantha Dziegielewski	Kelly Hedrick	Charlene Toomey

GRADE 11

Outstanding Honor Roll

Janna Fountain	Kevin McNamara	Veronica White
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High Honor Roll

Kylie Averill	Lateia Gravett	Kendra Horne
Caleb Fuller	Alexia Hawn	Kacee Stein

Honor Roll

Matthew Cook	Mariah Harris	Kyrsten Phelps
Claire Davis	Mercedes Mackin	Shelby Searles
Lucas Fuller	Ryan Meilleur	Brody White

GRADE 10

Outstanding Honor Roll

Brianna Farr

High Honor Roll

Samantha Ellison	Thomas Smith
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Honor Roll

Zachary Allen	Jesse Bullock	Tina Paro	Tyler Tresidder
Brent Archer	Katie Hale	Alison Thompson	

High School Guidance News Cont'd.

Linda Alford, Guidance Counselor

TERM 1 HONOR ROLL 2010-2011 CONT'D.

GRADE 9

Outstanding Honor Roll

Mackenzy Allen
Katelynd Hill

Kyl Huebner-Lane
Alyssa Parker

Sarah Rice
Hunter Tuttle

High Honor Roll

Kaden Dandrow

Jordan Davis

Jessey Parker

Chloe Wilson

Honor Roll

Makayla Bartocha
Ross Curley
Kyle Gotham

Nicole Hendricks
Marissa Johnson
Harleigh LeBarge

Kate Rowe
Patricia Steele
Abraham White

GRADE 8

Outstanding Honor Roll

Makenna Ashley
Molly Burger

Darrick Cutway
Richard Finnerty

Abbie Hale
Shaye Taylor

High Honor Roll

Rowena Casciaro

Megan Farr

Katelynn Smith

Michaela Wilson

Honor Roll

Kennedy Bell
Nicholas Davis
Mason Fountain

Brandon McKim
Kali Sharpstene

Raeann Thomas
Mackenzie Tresidder

GRADE 7

Outstanding Honor Roll

Catherine Curley

High Honor Roll

Jason Burke
Darian Fenton
Luke Fenton

Heather Finnerty
Anisa Hotaling
Nathan McCoy

William Smith
Noah White
Trenton White

Honor Roll

Dakotah Bacon
Makayla Bacon
Kaleb Bartocha

Destiny Durham
Rebecca Hathaway

Matthew Hummell
Kassidy Keegan

Caleb Rowe
Kelsey White
Morgan Williams

High School Guidance News Cont'd.

Linda Alford, Guidance Counselor

TERM 1 HONOR ROLL 2010-2011 CONT'D.

BOCES TOP ACHIEVERS (Top 20% of their respective classes)

Alternative Education

Caleb Brimmer
Morton Klock

Environmental Technology II

Matthew Cook

Auto Technology I

Lucas Fuller

Multi-Occupations II

Thomas Smith

Cosmetology II

Kayla Powers

Metalworking Technology II

Kelsi Robert

7th & 8th GRADE SECOND MARKING PERIOD AWARDS 2010-2011

English

Teacher's Award

Tiara Allen
Catherine Curley
Megan Farr

Richard Finnerty
Abbie Hale
Madison Harris

Effort Award

Makayla Bacon
Morgan Bradish
Molly Burger

Darian Fenton
Roscoe Sprague

Supplemental English 7

Teacher's Award

Hunter Phelps

Effort Award

Nicolas Wolfe

Reading Award

Elizabeth LaPoint

Math

Teacher's Award

Joshua Brassard
Catherine Curley
Nicholas Dinino
Abbie Hale

Elizabeth LaPoint
Cassidy Rubin
Logan Whiteford

Madison Harris
Katelynn Smith
Kambree White

Effort Award

Noah White
Michaela Wilson

Science

Teacher's Award

Skylar Cross
Abbie Hale
Nathan McCoy

Cassidy Rubin
David Trimm
Logan Whiteford

Molly Burger
Darian Fenton
Cade Jones

Effort Award

Logan McIntosh
Jamie Rider
Kali Sharpstene

Social Studies

Teacher's Award

Skylar Cross
Darrick Cutway
Megan Farr

Nathan McCoy
Allison Pharoah

Heather Finnerty
Abbie Hale

Effort Award

Cade Jones
Cassidy Rubin

High School Guidance News Cont'd.

Linda Alford, Guidance Counselor

7th & 8th GRADE SECOND MARKING PERIOD AWARDS 2010-2011 CONT'D.

Spanish 1A

Teacher's Award

Darrick Cutway

Nicholas Davis

Effort Award

Abbie Hale

Cassidy Rubin

Health

Teacher's Award

Megan Farr

Effort Award

Kali Sharpstene

Seminar

Teacher's Award

Logan Whiteford

Effort Award

Kelsey White

Family/Consumer Science

Teacher's Award

Richard Finnerty

Effort Award

Erica Hendricks

Technology 7

Teacher's Award

Catherine Curley

Dylan Moore

Effort Award

Caleb Rowe

Matthew Hummell

Agriculture 7

Teacher's Award

Kelsey White

Effort Award

Madison Harris

Art 7

Teacher's Award

Catherine Curley

Heather Finnerty

Effort Award

Kassidy Keegan

Nicolas Wolfe

Junior High Chorus

Teacher's Award

Miranda Smith

Effort Award

Danielle Moore

Junior High Band

Teacher's Award

Dakotah Bacon

JH Band Award

Abbie Hale

Nicolas Wolfe

Stage Band

Teacher's Award

Connor Gotham

Effort Award

Trent White

Music 7

Teacher's Award

Kambree White

Effort Award

Cade Jones

High School Guidance News Cont'd.
Linda Alford, Guidance Counselor

Physical Education

Teacher's Award

Dakotah Bacon
 Nicholas Davis

Nathan McCoy
 Katelynn Smith

Effort Award

Darian Fenton
 Mason Fountain

Cassidy Rubin
 Nicolas Wolfe

PE/Sportsmanship Award

Logan Harris

Cooking Award

Matthew Hummell

Student of the Quarter Awards

Grade 7

Luke Fenton

Heather Finnerty

Grade 8

Skylar Cross

Abbie Hale

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 9th:

- Brock Archer** - North Country CC
- Tyler Ashley** - Mohawk Valley CC
- Darryl Backus** - SUNY Canton
- Abigail Campbell** - US Air Force
- Kamrie Dandrow** - LeMoyne C., St. Joseph's College of Nursing,
 SUNY Oswego, SUNY Plattsburgh, SUNY Potsdam Clarkson U.
- Ashley Davison** - Clinton CC
- Devan Hance** - Mohawk Valley CC
- Kaylee Hartley** - Le Moyne C., St. Joseph's College of Nursing
- Kelly Hedrick** - SUNY Canton
- Brandi Jeanette** - SUNY Canton
- Ryan Kirk** - SUNY Canton
- Samantha LaPoint** - SUNY Canton, Niagara County CC
- Olivia Loop** - SUNY Canton
- Sarah Manning** - SUNY Plattsburgh
- Paige Mazuroski** - Jefferson CC, SUNY Canton
- Ashlee Mitchell** - SUNY Potsdam, SUNY Plattsburgh, Hartwick U.
- Kaylee Sheckton** - SUNY Canton
- Ashley Tupper** - Paul Smith's C., Niagara County CC
- Cassie Walrath** - Clarkson U.

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

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 **Wednesday, March 23, 2011 from 8:00 - 11:15am. Sign up in the guidance office by March 12.**

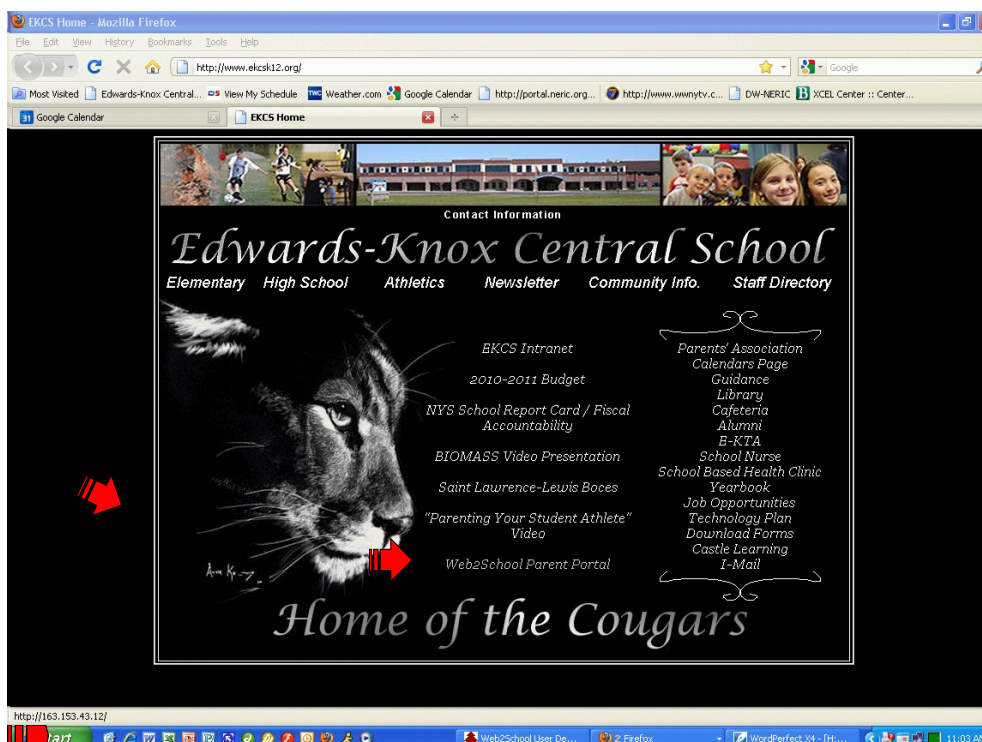
PARENT'S OF 5th - 12th GRADE STUDENTS:

Check out the New Parent Portal to see your 5th-12th grade student's progress reports and report cards.

Go to the EKCS Home page and click on Web2School Parent Portal. ➡

➡ Usernames and Passwords were mailed home in February.

Contact the High School Guidance Office if you lost, forgot, or did not receive your Username and Password.



High School Guidance News Cont'd.

Linda Alford, Guidance Counselor

Check out the Guidance Web Page: www.ekcsk12.org/guidance

Click on the 7-12 Guidance page to find great information about graduation requirements, SAT and ACT testing information, college search links, financial aid & scholarship information, career exploration, military links, honor roll, Regents exam schedule, guidance calendar for upcoming events and more! It changes often so be sure to refresh your page!

HOB YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE FOR SOPHOMORES

The HOBY leadership conference is a wonderful leadership building opportunity and Edwards-Knox will nominate one 10th grade student to attend. The Conference will be held June 3-6 at SUNY Oswego. There is no cost to the student to attend, however, you will be required to provide your own transportation. Part of the cost for you to attend will be paid for by Edwards-Knox.

HOBY (Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership) seeks to recognize and develop leadership potential. HOBY motivates and develops future leaders, preparing them for positions in their schools and helping them to expand the talents that will serve them and their communities well in the future. HOBY goes about fulfilling its purpose through a seminar designed to teach students to think critically, to enhance their leadership skills, and learn more about free enterprise, including democracy, volunteerism, and service to their communities.

Leadership seminars give ambassadors hands-on practice at being a leader through participation in leadership, team building activities, icebreakers, simulations, and motivational experiences.

Shortly, I will be asking sophomores if they would be interested in representing Edwards-Knox at this wonderful event. Please discuss this and encourage your 10th grader to ask for a chance to be nominated!

ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

By: Ronald Burke

Upcoming Events

- 3/4: 6:00 pm - Parents' Association meeting in library
- 3/9: end of 25 week progress reporting
- 3/14-3/18: Book Fair
- 3/15: 11:30 - students dismissed early
- 3/15: 3:30-7:30 - Elementary Spring Conferences
- 3/21: Staff Development Day - no school for students
- 4/7: 6:00 pm - Parents' Association meeting in library
- 4/8: end of 3rd marking period
- 4/8: 11:30 - students dismissed early
- 4/11-4/15: no school - Spring Break
- 4/21: report cards go home
- 4/22: no school - Good Friday
- 4/28: Awards Assemblies: 8:30 for grades K-4 and 1:00 for grades 5-8

It is hard to believe that we are now past the half-way point in the school year! In the sense of renewal that is found in spring, parents are encouraged to continue their efforts in helping their children succeed academically. With the anticipated arrival of warmer temperatures and longer days, it can be difficult to keep a child's focus on completing homework, studying for tests, and reading for pleasure.

It also remains important to stay in contact with your child's teacher. In so many ways, a child's success in school is a result of the partnership between the home and the school. Even as we approach spring, there is still time for us to work together to insure that each child is able to reach his or her potential.

Bus Passes

For the safety and security of children, we **cannot** accept bus passes over the phone. Bus passes may be faxed to the elementary office at 562-8134 by 1:00 pm. By requiring a written note or faxed copy of a note, we are able to better insure that each child is bussed to the proper and safe location.

Grandparents' Breakfast

The annual Grandparents' Breakfast is scheduled for Wednesday, March 16 for students in grades k-2 and Thursday, March 17 for students in grades 3-6. Doors to the cafeteria will open at 8:15 for this special event.

Book Fair

The Parents' Association is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair from March 14 through March 18 in the Media Center. The Book Fair is open during normal school hours.

ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

By: Ronald Burke

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.

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 2011-2012 School Year

The Edwards-Knox Elementary School will be holding their Kindergarten screening on Wednesday, May 25 and Thursday, May 26, 2011.

If you have a child who will turn five by December 1, 2011, please call the Edwards-Knox Elementary School Office at 562-8132 to set up an appointment for the Kindergarten screening.

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

UNIVERSAL PREKINDERGARTEN 2011-2012 School Year

Any child in the Edwards-Knox Central School District who is or will be four years old on or before December 1, 2011, 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 562-8132 to request an application be sent to you.

If you have any questions, you may call 562-8132 and speak with Sherry Shattuck in the Elementary Office; ask for Joni Macaulay; or call Joni at home at 287-4517.

ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

By: Ronald Burke

FIRST MARKING PERIOD AWARDS

KINDERGARTEN

Good Neighbor

Heidi Moore	Maryann Durham	Joseph Payne	Alexis Murdock
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Hard Worker

Asa Douglass	Cadey Wheat	Thomas Brabaw	Faith White
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Nice Manners

Jacob McDougall	Elizabeth Perry	Ema Gotham	Lyndon Briggs
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Music

Bailey Bratton	Maryann Durham	Michael Dinino
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Art

Asa Douglass	Cadey Wheat	Ema Gotham
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Physical Education Sportsmanship

Kayleigh Allen	Deilia Paro	Leanne Hall
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GRADE 1

Most Improved

Ryan Daniels	Jacob Spencer	Nicholas Gladle	Donovan Cota
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Healthy Attitude

Mackalaster Sawyer	Brock Sharlow	Charlotte Mongillo	Hannah Duffy
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Hard Worker

Kaden Sharpstene	Halee Lennon	Kale Harper
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Music

Jace Robert	Caleb Bowman	Walker Typhair
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Art

Taylor Daniels	Bethany Gotham	Kale Harper	Donovan Cota
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Physical Education Sportsmanship

Cooper MacKay	Tyler Scott	Cierra Besaw
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ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

By: Ronald Burke

FIRST MARKING PERIOD AWARDS CONT'D.

GRADE 2

Eager Reader

Zebulon Douglass
Cameron Rowe

Healthy Attitude

Alyssa Collier
Benjamin LaPoint

Art

Morgan Wheat
Maiya Clary

Most Improved

Hannah Hotaling
Joey Griffin

Music

Kolby Barbarito
Danielle Snyder

Phys. Educ. Sportsmanship

Avery Whitford
Brielle Stone

Grade 2

Great Attitude in Computer Class

Shea Ciciarelli
Zebulon Douglass
Chad Facey

Lucy Frary
Hannah Hotaling
Benjamin LaPoint

Hailey Matthews
Devin Peabody
Cameron Rowe

Jason Snyder
Emily Tresidder
Morgan Wheat

GRADE 3

Effort

Joseph Hart
Skyler Sanford
Brooke Hotaling

Citizenship

Holden Carlin
Abigail Paro

Music

Samuel Smith
Rachel Vachev

Art

Morghan White
Timothy Hathaway

Physical Education Sportsmanship

Rylee Gotham
Timothy Hathaway

Grade 3

Great Attitude in Computer Class

Alexis Bass
Logan Blackmer
Joseph Flanagan
Jonathan Gotham
Leeann Gotham
Rylee Gotham

John Griffin
Valaree Hale
Abigail Hart
Joseph Hart
Timothy Hathaway

Ethan LaRose
Samuel LaRue
Jack Lennon
Abigail Paro
Connor Snell

Braydyn Sturtevant
Rachel Vachev
Ethen White
Morghan White
Tristan Whitney

GRADE 4

Effort

Joseph Gotham
Carly Frary

Citizenship

Zachary Scott
Blake Bidwell

Music

Harley Watson
Camryn Bullock

Art

Koryn Rowe
Karigan Harris

Physical Education Sportsmanship

Braydyn McCottery
Carly Frary

ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

By: Ronald Burke

FIRST MARKING PERIOD AWARDS CONT'D.

GRADE 5

Effort

Hanna LeBarge
Breanna Facey

Citizenship

Seneca Wright
Remington Steele

Music

Travis White
Alexa White

Art

Emily Lasher
McKayla Meier

Physical Education Sportsmanship

Tyler Whitmarsh
Alexa White

Chorus

Haven Gotham

GRADE 6

Effort

Kristen Kroniser
Emma-Lee Gotham

Citizenship

Christina Smith
Taylor Whitmarsh
Brooke Fenton

Music

Kara Davis
TiLeigh Sturtevant

Art

Tyler Jandreau
Tera Mason

Physical Education Sportsmanship

Quincie Parker
Mackenzie Frary

Band

James Rice

Chorus

Bailey Coffey

GRADE 3

HONOR ROLL

Karissa Backus
Eagen Baker
Logan Blackmer
Jordan Collett
Lloyd Douglass
Joseph Flanagan

Jonathan Gotham
Leeann Gotham
Rylee Gotham
Mohammad Habbal
Joseph Hart

Timothy Hathaway
Samuel LaRue
Erich Lottie
MaKayla Meilleur
Connor Snell

Rachel Vachev
Thorne VanBrocklin
Ethen White
Katelyn White
Luke Whiteford
Tristan Whitney

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Nolan Blandin
Dominick Dinino
Valaree Hale

Abigail Hart
Ethan LaRose

Abigail Paro
Justin Perry

Samuel Smith
Morghan White

GRADE 4

HONOR ROLL

Camryn Bullock
Collin Curley
Riannon Holly

Kyanne Jeanette
Cole Morehouse

Sydney Streeter
Bryan Trombley

Corey Vater
Trevor White
Austin Whitmarsh

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Blake Bidwell
Carly Frary

Parker Harper
Koryn Rowe

Justin Scott
Zachary Scott

Spencer Thomas

ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

By: Ronald Burke

FIRST MARKING PERIOD AWARDS CONT'D.

GRADE 5 HONOR ROLL

Julie Ashley	Taylor Dean	Kelsie Matthews	Remington Steele
Sharon Carlin	Jaimie Griffin	Jordan Moore	Tyler Whitmarsh
Peyton Dafoe	Madison LaPoint	Haleigh Reynolds	

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Alyssa Allen	Avery Hawn	McKayla Meier	Logan Toohey
Alexavier Champagne	Katharine Hebb	Ashley Robidoux	Briana Tulip
Joshua Flanagan	Hanna LeBarge	Katrina Thornton	

OUTSTANDING

Jada Flanagan	Haven Gotham	Emily Lasher	Travis White
Kacee French	Tanner LaPlant	Alexa White	

Great Typing Skills - Grade 5

Taylor Dean	Jaimie Griffin	Emily Kerr	Haleigh Reynolds
Breanna Facey	Connor Grimshaw	Tanner LaPant	Briana Tulip
Joshua Flanagan	Matthew Hall	Dylan Petrie	Tyler Whitmarsh
Hannah Gladle			

Quest Atlantis Expert

Zeb Curtis	Jordan Moore	Logan Stevens	Logan Toohey
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GRADE 6 HONOR ROLL

Paige Clary	Lilly Gladle	Daniel Gotham	Dylon Peabody
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HIGH HONOR ROLL

Ciara Bates	Mackenzie Frary	James Rice	Christina Smith
Jacob Fenlong	Karli French	Arael Scott	James Smith
Brooke Fenton			Cheyanna Tuttle

OUTSTANDING

Alaina White

ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

By: Ronald Burke

FIRST MARKING PERIOD AWARDS CONT'D.

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

Mercedes Beck	Landen Harris	Kaygen Peters	Connor Snell
Adam Brown	Abigail Hart	Mallory Robinson	Danielle Snyder
Camryn Bullock	Joseph Hart	Koryn Rowe	Brielle Stone
Hannah Connors	Jared Lottie	Skyler Sanford	Emily Tresidder
Ethan Cross	Heidi Moore	Justin Scott	Faith White
Hannah Duffy	Joseph Payne	Zachary Scott	Mason White
Dalton Fenton			

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

Julie Ashley	Heather Finnerty	Tera Mason	Ross Sprague
Makenna Ashley	Kacee French	Quincie Parker	TiLeigh Sturtevant
Matthew Bellinger	Daniel Gotham	Kenda Peters	Katrina Thornton
Jason Burke	Haven Gotham	Jeremiah Randall	Logan Toohey
Mitch DeVito	David Hart	James Rider	Travis White
Breanna Facey	Avery Hawn	Cody Rowe	Trenton White
Brooke Fenton	Kristen Kroniser	Miranda Smith	Kera Whitmarsh
Darian Fenton	Brandon McKim	Aubrey Snell	Morgan Williams
Luke Fenton			Michaela Wilson

GEOGRAPHY BEE

Richard Finnerty - winner



Blake Bidwell	Haven Gotham	Zachary Scott
Jason Burke	Abbie Hale	James Smith
Richard Dafoe	Parker Harper	Katelynn Smith
Jacob Fenlong	Kassidy Keegan	Shaye Taylor
Luke Fenton	Emily Lasher	Spencer Thomas
Heather Finnerty	Tera Mason	Briana Tulip
Jada Flanagan	Daniel Pharoah	Alaina White
Mason Fountain	James Rice	Alexa White
Kacee French	Caleb Rowe	Trenton White

YEARBOOK NEWS

Kathleen Whitmarsh, E-K Yearbook advisor

Yearbooks should be in around the end of May. There are only about **29 yearbooks** left to purchase and they have to be bought through the school, I believe the website sales closed January 31, 2011. The cost is \$45.00 and they are on a first come - first serve basis.

If you have any pictures of the senior play that you would like to share we would appreciate it. If you have any sports pictures, or any other picture to share, please let me know. If photos of the senior play are not submitted by someone soon, that event will not get in the yearbook. At this time, I have tried every avenue I am aware of and we have none.

Please make any checks to E-K yearbook. Thank you for your continued support.

7-12 NEWS

Michelle Varian, Principal

Important Dates to Remember

March 9, 2011	End of the 25 week progress
March 15, 2011	Spring Conferences – 3:30 – 7:30, <u>ALL</u> students dismissed at 11:30 a.m.
March 21, 2011	NO SCHOOL, Staff Development Day
April 8, 2011	End of 3 rd Marking Period, <u>ALL</u> students dismissed at 11:30 a.m.
April 11-15, 2011	NO SCHOOL – SPRING BREAK
April 22, 2011	NO SCHOOL – SPRING BREAK
April 28, 2011	5 – 8 Awards Assembly (1:00 p.m.)

2010 – 11 Testing Schedule

Grades 7 – 8

English Language Arts Test	Grade 7 and 8	Tuesday, May 3 rd - Friday, May 6 th
	Make-up dates:	Wed., May 4 th – Wed., May 11 th
Math	Grade 7 and 8	Wed., May 11 th - Friday, May 13 th
	Make-up dates:	Thursday, May 12 th – Wed., May 26 th
Science (performance test)	Grade 8	Tuesday, May 31 st - Friday, June 3 rd
Science (written test)	Grade 8	Monday, June 6 th
	Make-up dates:	Tuesday, June 7 th – Wed., June 8 th

AP Exams

AP Calculus	Wednesday, May 4 th
AP Biology	Monday, May 9 th

7-12 NEWS

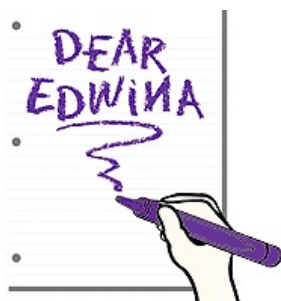
Michelle Varian, Principal

Mid-year Thoughts

I have completed my first semester at Edwards-Knox Central School and in that time have begun to learn about the people in this community. Many staff members have commented on what an awesome place this is to work and what great students we have in our school. I have been able to attend many after school functions and see parents in attendance that care about their children, who are supportive and want what is best for them. I see many grandparents at the same school functions that raised their children in this community and now see their children raising the next generation here as well. I see pride in these families.

I would like to challenge the community to take a hard look at the test score results from last year that their children received on the state tests and rally around our efforts in school to raise these results. We offer Academic Intervention Services to help our students, Math, Science, and English Labs to work on weaknesses and receive extra support, and Homework Club on Tuesdays and Thursdays (if they are in the Junior High). Our teachers are collecting benchmark measurements that assess how the students are progressing. This data is being used to identify students who need even more help. When you receive that phone call that says your child is not completing their homework or we are having problems with behavior in school that is interfering with learning, we need you to stress to your child how important school is. If you have a concern with a report grade, call that teacher to find out what seems to be the issue. Emphasize to your child that **failure is not an option**.

The state exams that your children take will provide a snap shot of how we are doing academically at E-KCS. **Motivation to do well** on the test is one of the first challenges we need to address with our children. I talked to a student the other day who asked why she had to go into a math lab. I told her that through the teacher's efforts she had been identified as needing extra help to do well on the Math test at the end of the year. Her response was that she has always failed the test. I simply told her that was not acceptable. Her teacher asked me later what I said to this student because she has been working harder in class since our chat. My question to you is, "is it that simple?" Do we just need to let our students know what we expect? Do we follow through with our expectations? Do we hold our children accountable to meet those expectations? When I say "we" I am referring to the team of people who care about your children; teachers, parents, grandparents, community members, administrators, coaches, and other staff members in our school. Let's **raise that level of pride** we have in our children by seeing an improvement in achievement on the state tests in May and June!



EKCS Spring Musical "Dear Edwina"
Friday & Saturday April 1st and 2nd at 7pm
Fun for the whole family!

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Music Department News March 2011

The Music Department would like to recognize all the students were chosen and participated in the All-County Music Festival this year. All-County Festival A was held January 15th at Crane in Hosmer Hall. All-County Festival B was held February 5th at Ogdensburg Free Academy. It is an honor to be selected to perform in one of these elite groups made up of the best musicians at each grade level throughout St. Lawrence County. Students are selected based on their performance at the NYSSMA Solo Festival and through teacher recommendation. Congratulations to all these students on such a prestigious honor!



Junior High Orchestra:
Mackenzie Tresidder, Catherine Curley, and Heather Finnerty

Junior High Band: Makenna Ashley, Dakotah Bacon, Jason Burke, Darrick Cutway, Destiny Durham, Darian Fenton, Richard Finnerty, Connor Gotham, Miranda Smith, Morgan Williams, and Nicolas Wolfe

Elementary Chorus: Jarrett Bullock, Bailey Coffey, Kara Davis, Karli French, Aubrey Snell, and TiLeigh Sturtevant.

Junior High Chorus: Chantelle Graveline, Madison Harris, Anisa Hotaling, Kenda Peters, and Miranda Smith.

Senior High Chorus: Darryl

Backus, Samantha LaPoint, and Charlene Toomey.

Kaleidoscope Concert:

The Instrumental Music Department will present the annual Kaleidoscope Concert on Wednesday, March 23rd at 7:00pm. Each of the major instrumental groups will be performing one piece. These groups include: Senior High Concert Band, Senior High Jazz Ensemble, Junior High Band, Junior High Stage Band, and Sixth Grade Band. This will be a concert full of enjoyable variety.

Music in our Schools Month:

March is Music in our Schools Month! Music in our Schools Month is a month dedicated to recognizing the importance of a music education in creating well-rounded students and to remind us all that school is where all children should have access to performing and making music. The study of music contributes to young people's development through heightened skills in listening, reading, self-expression, and creativity.

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Music Department News March 2011 Cont'd.

Active involvement in the arts is essential to the development of our children. In addition to creating well-rounded individuals, studying and performing music reaps many positive benefits. Besides gaining experience and enjoyment from performing, students have the potential to: improve math and reading skills, develop fine motor skills, learn cooperation and teamwork, develop self-discipline, develop responsibility, learn commitment, learn organization, and develop self-confidence through performance. Involvement in a music education teaches students planning, persistence, perseverance, and time management; skills required for success. Research shows instruction in music and the arts has a positive impact on brain development, test scores, study habits, and a student's commitment to school. Studies show that schools with the most access to and support for music and the arts have the highest graduation rates.

The Edwards-Knox Music Department is proud to have 167 students participating in the instrumental music program from grades 5-12!

Upcoming Music Department Events:

Kaleidoscope Concert (Bands 6th-12th Grade): Wednesday, March 23rd at 7pm
Marching Band Interest Meeting: April TBA
NYSSMA Solo and Ensemble Festival: April 29th and April 30th
7th-12th Spring Concert: Wednesday, May 25th at 7pm
4th-6th Spring Concert: Wednesday, June 1st at 7pm





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Homecoming Week 2011

by Miranda Smith



This year our school held our first annual "Homecoming"! Throughout the week of January 18th-21st, the Student Government created a variety of activities where each class competed against each other. Each grade, level 7-12th, decorated halls, made floats, created banners and cheers. The Homecoming theme was Cougars vs. Pirates, to build excitement for the upcoming basketball games against Harrisville.

Throughout the week there was a different theme for each day: Tuesday was plaid day, Wednesday was crazy hats and shades day, Thursday was twin day and Friday was retro day.

Friday afternoon, we had a pep rally to show off the awesome floats, banners, and cheers each class created, and to recognize all the basketball players and cheerleaders. On Saturday, we held a Homecoming dance. The Homecoming king was Brandon Bristol and the Homecoming queen was Kelly Hedrick.

The Student Government and each grade levels put a lot of effort into this week. Also, the students had a lot of fun. We are looking forward to next year's Homecoming.



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Michelle Varian, Principal

Winter Olympics 2010

by Miranda Smith

On December 21st, 2010, our school held the Winter Olympics. This day was designed to bring all students and staff for a day to have fun before going on our holiday break. The event was hosted and organized by our Student Government.

There were many different challenges that students from each grade level participated in. There were the all-time favorites: tug-of-war, musical chairs, obstacle course, balloon pop, gift wrap, pie eating, marshmallow contest, reindeer pull, and many new challenges.

This year the Senior Class of 2011, walked away with the trophy; however, the Freshmen Class of 2014, made winning a difficult task! This was an exciting day for all students and staff!!



CAFETERIA NEWS

KATHLEEN WHITMARSH, COOK/MANAGER



Here we are submitting articles in the March and April newsletter already.

On January 13, 2011, USDA issued new guidelines for the National school breakfast and lunch program. Some of the new proposed rules limits the total servings of starchy vegetables (potatoes, peas, corn, lima beans) to 1 cup per week. This means the elimination of these items from breakfast (hash, hash browns) and limits us to two servings per week at lunch. It is possible that we can only offer juice for breakfast one day a week and the rest of the time we must offer fruit. The government is not increasing the amount of money they allot for this, so more than likely we will serve government canned fruit for breakfast. It is our hope that by serving fresh tossed salad, fresh vegetables, and fruits each day, everyone can find a fruit and a vegetable they like.

I want to make you aware that some real changes may have to happen in the coming year. We continue to struggle to provide healthy choices every day, while trying to keep costs down. We may soon be required to make children take extra items to constitute a meal, even if it is an item they don't want. It is possible the required food on the tray will change, forcing students to take more fruits and vegetables, and not letting juice fulfill a fruit requirement.

I also want to make you aware that there is a policy in place that **does not allow you to charge over 3 days without a payment**. That amount totals about \$7.75. We are no longer allowed to give the main lunch if you owe more than that amount and we then serve either peanut butter or cheese sandwiches.

Your child's lunch account balance can be found online at www.mynutrikids.com. This is a free service. You may also set it up to e-mail you if the balance is low, or you can call me at anytime to find out student balances at 562-8130 X 1507. However, we will be sticking to the Board of Education Policy for students owing more than 3 charges. I understand this situation is difficult for the students, the cashiers and myself, so please try to keep your money on your child's account, send money in with the child, or send a bag lunch. Even better would be to fill out a meal application if you can't pay the price for meals to qualify for free or reduced meals. Our school receives many benefits if you qualify for the program.

At E-K we have tried to keep lunch fun and enjoyable and at the same time make it healthy. We don't sell snack foods on the line and this was a decision our school board made in 2000. I am proud to say they have stuck to it. They have not caved in to financial pressures to use it to supplement our lunch program. We are ahead of guidelines with serving nothing about 1% milk, and serving whole grain rolls and bread. We serve fresh fruit and vegetables every day and not an overabundance of baked goods.

I did want to make you aware that some mandates are not in our control, and new guidelines can be very strict. I will continue to work to serve healthy and nutritious meals for your child/ren, at an affordable price, keeping in mind the cost to the taxpayers.

I hope you all enjoy an early Spring as we enter the last part of the school year.

Kathleen "Kathy" Whitmarsh
School Cook/Manager
562-8130- Ex. 1507



MARCH 2011 MENU

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
<p>Peanut Butter & Jelly and subs offered every day as a lunch choice. Milk, fruit, & vegetable every day. Chef Salad Tues. & Thur. Trail Mix most days.</p>		<p>Kathy Whitmarsh Cafeteria Manager 562-8130, Ext. 1507 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>Prepayments Happily Accepted</p>
	<p>1 Sheperd's Pie (Hamburger, Mashes Potatoes, Corn) Bread Milk Fruit Ice Cream</p>	<p>2 Pillsbury Pancake Sausage Hash Browns Milk Fruit</p>	<p>3 Taco Day Shell, Taco Meat, Lettuce, Cheese, & Rice Corn Milk Fruit</p>	<p>4 Fishburger/ Bun Fresh Veggies Milk Fruit</p>
<p>7 Chicken Nuggets French Fries Peas Bread Milk Fruit</p>	<p>8 Sloppy Joe/ Bun Chips Carrots Milk Fruit</p>	<p>9 Pizza Burger Green Beans Bread Milk Fruit</p>	<p>10 Turkey Dinner Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Cranberry Sauce Bread Milk Fruit</p>	<p>11 Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwich Milk Fruit</p>
<p>14 Chicken Nuggets Peas Bread Milk Fruit</p>	<p>15 Chicken Patty on a Bun Green Beans Milk Fruit ½ day dismissal</p>	<p>16 Hotdogs/ Bun Peas Milk Fruit Grandparents' Breakfast K-2</p>	<p>17 Hamburger/ Bun Corn Milk Fruit Grandparents' Breakfast 3-6</p>	<p>18 Pizza Green Beans Milk Fruit</p>
<p>21 Staff Development Day No School for Students</p>	<p>22 Ravioli or Tuna Casserole Bread Peas Milk Fruit</p>	<p>23 Meatball Subs French Fries Green Beans Milk Fruit</p>	<p>24 Chicken Fajitas Rice, Lettuce, & Cheese Corn Milk Fruit</p>	<p>25 Vegetable Soup Tuna or Egg Salad Sandwiches Carrot Sticks Milk Fruit</p>
<p>28 Hamburger/ Bun Tortilla Chips/ Salsa or Cheese Corn Milk Fruit</p>	<p>29 Tangerine Chicken Rice Broccoli Milk Fruit</p>	<p>30 BBQ Pork on a bun Cole Slaw Green Beans Bread Milk Fruit</p>	<p>31 BBQ Chicken Dinner Tossed Salad Sweet Potatoes Bread Milk Watermelon and Fruit Salad</p>	<p>Breakfast: 7:45 A.M. Lunch: 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.</p>

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APRIL 2011 MENU

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<p>Breakfast: 7:45 A.M. Lunch: 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.</p>		<p>April Showers bring May Flowers</p>		<p>1 Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwich Milk Fruit</p>
<p>4 Hamburger/ Bun Corn Milk Fruit</p>	<p>5 Hotdogs/ Bun Peas Milk Fruit</p>	<p>6 New Orleans Chicken Corn, Rice Bread Milk Fruit</p>	<p>7 Turkey Dinner Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Sweet Potatoes Cranberry Sauce Carrots Bread Milk Fruit</p>	<p>8 Fishburger/ Bun Carrots/ Fresh Veggies Milk Fruit</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>18 Pizza Green Beans Milk Fruit</p>	<p>19 Chicken Nuggets Buttered Pasta Carrots Milk Fruit</p>	<p>20 Hotdogs/ Bun French Fries Peas Milk Fruit</p>	<p>21 Taco Day Shell, Taco Meat, Lettuce, Cheese, & Rice Corn Milk Fruit</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Spring Break Day</p>
<p>25 French Toast Sausage Hash Brown Milk Fruit</p>	<p>26 Chicken Patty on a Bun French Fries Milk Fruit</p>	<p>27 Pizza Roll/ Sauce Tossed Salad Milk Fruit</p>	<p>28 Chicken Fajitas Rice, Lettuce, peppers, onions & Cheese, Corn Milk Fruit</p>	<p>29 Chicken Noodle Soup Tuna or Egg Salad Sandwiches Carrot Sticks Milk Fruit</p>

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March 15, 2011 - 1/2 Day Dismissal for Students

March 16, 2011 - Grandparents' Breakfast Grades K-2

March 17, 2011 - Grandparents' Breakfast Grades 3-6

March 21, 2011 - Staff Development Day. No School for Students

April 11-15, 2011 - Spring Break

April 22, 2011 - Spring Break Day

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