

DRESS DOWN RECIPIENTS

September—Mercy Flight

October— Honor Flight Buffalo

November—Food Pantry

December —Warm the Children

January—Eden Volunteer Fire Department

February—East Eden Volunteer Fire Department

March—Eden Emergency Squad

April—Eden Library

May—Meals on Wheels

June—Eden Community Foundation

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TOGETHER

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New Teacher Feature

Ms. Courtney Hanania, Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher

By: Sherri Stoneberg

Eden Jr/Sr High School would like to introduce our new Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher, Ms. Courtney Hanania. She attended Buffalo State College and graduated in May 2014 with a 3.9 GPA in Family and Consumer Sciences Education and also has an extensive background in

dietetics. Her passion for nutrition and a healthy lifestyle influenced her to become a FACS teacher. Some of Ms. Hanania's favorite sports and activities include cheerleading, softball, and snowboarding. Ms. Hanania's favorite food is apple crisp, especially after going apple picking. Prior to teaching in Eden, Ms. Hanania taught Family

and Consumer Sciences at Buffalo Public Schools. She really enjoys teaching at Eden and loves the staff and students and is looking forward to her future here. ✨



Mr. Brian Smith, Technology Education Department

By: Stevan Jones

The Technology Education Department is pleased to welcome Mr. Brian Smith as our new part time staff member. Brian comes to Eden after previous teaching experiences at both Junior and Senior High level classrooms throughout Western New York. This background is serving him well as he has been working in partnership with Matt Saramak. Both men enthusiastically team-teach and coordinate the Junior High

Technology Education curriculum. Brian's previous military experience is proving valuable in his new role as the assistant modified football coach. Although he is currently still meeting and learning about

Eden's students, staff members and systems he has been doing a solid job serving as the co-advisor of both the Chopper Club and the F.F.A. Club. Brian lives in Orchard Park with his wife Kelly, who is also a teacher, and their two children, Jackson and Ryan. He is an avid outdoorsman who enjoys hunting, fishing, golfing, skiing and pretty much anything else that involves being immersed in nature. We are glad to have Brian as a new team member of our department. ✨



ETA Officers 2013-14



President:	Colleen Kot, 2015
Vice President:	Mark Vona, 2015
Treasurer:	Laura Feasley, 2015
Secretary:	Terri Blasz, 2015

General Meetings & Events

November 3 - General Meeting
@ GLP, Room 29

December 8 - General Meeting
@JPs

January 5 - General Meeting @
High School, Room 124

January TBA - ETA/PTA Movie
Night

February 2 - General Meeting @
EE, Room 208

March TBA - Winter Leadership
Conference @ Hyatt Regency

March 9—General Meeting @
GLP, Room 29

April 13 - General Meeting @
High School, Room 124

May 4 - General Meeting @ EE,
Room 208

MAY TBA - NYSUT Awards
Dinner

June 1- General Meeting @ JPs

June TBA- Awards & Retirement

GLP Reps

Carol King, Head Rep, 2015

Colleen Griffin, 2016

Linda Schwanz, 2015

Main Street Reps

Kevin Witman, Head Rep, 2015

Lorry Malkowski, 2016

Amy Witman, 2015

Judy Maynard, 2015

Jr./Sr. High Reps

Paula Farrell, Head Rep, 2016

Susan Gianiodis, 2015

Carrie Hamlet, 2016

Steve Jones, 2015

Keith Kwas, 2015

Lynn Morgan, 2015

Phil Archabald, 2015

Committee Reps 2014-15

A complete listing of
committee members is
available at our website:

www.etaunion.org

**ETA DRESS
DOWN IS THE
FIRST
FRIDAY OF
EACH MONTH**

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Submissions are subject to editorial review and may be edited for clarity and length. Submission of articles and suggestions for this publication can be transmitted through ETA building reps. or via e-mail at: JRamaekers@edencsd.wnyric.org

Any information that needs to be communicated in a more timely fashion should be featured on our Website. To place information on the website contact Webmaster Lorry Malkowski



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Lorry's Links

LitPick

LitPick is a great place to find preteen and teen literature reviewed by students from all over the world. It was selected in 2013 as Best Website for Teaching and Learning by the American Association of Librarians. Discover the latest reads reviewed by students.

Use this site for a real reviewer's experience or simply to find great books. Evaluate other reviews and make a list of noteworthy reviewing techniques. Challenge your gifted ones to work on this authentic review task. This site is perfect to use for literature circles.

<http://www.litpick.com/>

I Am an Artist

Become art smart with resources from the I Am an Artist site. Use the collection of videos to flip your art instruction. Search through the lesson plans and activity sheets to provide hands-on, minds-on activities for your students. Use the videos or the slide shows as an anticipatory set or "activator" to introduce a unit or lesson on a projector or interactive whiteboard.

<http://www.iamanartist.ie/forteachers/>

Veezle

Use Veezle to search for royalty free stock photos and clip art. Veezle sources its images from a variety of royalty free sites to provide you with an efficient experience. Preserved photographer notes on the images allow you to see what the photographer said about their work and any requests for credit. Veezle is quite fast to find photos, and it's free of banners and pop-ups. Please note that license details for images found on source sites marked with an asterisk should be carefully checked as some copyrighted material can slip through the search filters for these particular sites.

<http://www.veezle.com/>

Achieve the Core

Find lessons and materials to jump into Common Core. Whether you are already a Common Core whiz or just a beginner, this site will help you. Search the site by selecting subject area, grade level(s), and your role/position. Modules include a facilitator's guide, a video, and hands on activity with discussion ideas. Content includes both ELA and Math. Some lessons can be found (in ELA) that also incorporate science and social studies. Search by individual grade level or by elementary, middle school, or high school.

<http://achievethecore.org/>

Make sure you go and explore NBC Learns. You can find the link on the district's web resources page. I went to the session about this resource at the beginning of the year. This one was totally worth attending.

Check out these and many more on our website. www.etaunion.org

Lorry

Raider Recognition



- ✍ Jennifer Carriero— Recognized as the 2013-14 ECIC Division IV’s Sportsmanship Coach of the Year
- ✍ Ashly Martella-Excellence Award from Mrs. Anzalone, Superintendent
- ✍ Stephen Pierce—Breaking the NYS Girl’s Volleyball Coaching Victories Record

This is a new feature that is dedicated to recognize teachers for awards, accomplishments, etc. In order to make this new feature successful, please email any pertinent information to JRamaekers@edencsd.wnyric.org

PTA Reflections Program

PTA REFLECTIONS Arts Category

There are six arts categories—dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography and visual arts. Students may enter the National PTA Reflections Program in one or more arts categories. See each Arts Category Rules for additional entry requirements.

Take pART in PTA Reflections!

This is a great program to take part in and mention on college applications!



2014-15 Theme
"The World Would Be A Better Place If..."

Students in preschool through grade 12 submit to their PTA original works of art in dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography and visual arts. Deadline for submission is Monday, December 1, 2014!

The rules, forms and resources necessary are located in the district's on line virtual backpack. Or you can go to http://www.nyspta.org/YourPTA/YourPTA_Reflections.cfm

Please forward and questions to Betsy McDonnell (PTA Reflections Chair)
 BLMcDonnell@gmail.com

Healthy Schools

Given the growing concern about the national response to Ebola, I thought it would be important to give some background information and facts.

The Ebola virus causes an acute, serious illness which is often fatal if untreated. Ebola virus disease (EVD) first appeared in 1976 in 2 simultaneous outbreaks, one in Nzara, Sudan, and the other in Yambuku, Democratic Republic of Congo. The latter occurred in a village near the Ebola River, from which the disease takes its name.

Symptoms of Ebola virus disease

The incubation period, that is, the time interval from infection with the virus to onset of symptoms is 2 to 21 days. Humans are not infectious until they develop symptoms. First symptoms are the sudden onset of fever fatigue, muscle pain, headache and sore throat. This is followed by vomiting, diarrhea, rash, symptoms of impaired kidney and liver function, and in some cases, both internal and external bleeding (e.g. oozing from the gums, blood in the stools). Laboratory findings include low white blood cell and platelet counts and elevated liver enzymes.

Prevention and control

Good outbreak control relies on applying a package of interventions, namely case management, surveillance and contact tracing, a good laboratory service, safe burials and social mobilization. Community engagement is key to successfully controlling outbreaks. Raising awareness of risk factors for Ebola infection and protective measures that individuals can take is an effective way to reduce human transmission. Risk reduction messaging should focus on several factors:

- **Reducing the risk of wildlife-to-human transmission** from contact with infected fruit bats or monkeys/apes and the consumption of their raw meat. Animals should be handled with gloves and other appropriate protective clothing. Animal products (blood and meat) should be thoroughly cooked before consumption.
- **Reducing the risk of human-to-human transmission** from direct or close contact with people with Ebola symptoms, particularly with their bodily fluids. Gloves and appropriate personal protective equipment should be worn when taking care of ill patients at home. Regular hand washing is required after visiting patients in hospital, as well as after taking care of patients at home.
- **Outbreak containment measures** including prompt and safe burial of the dead, identifying people who may have been in contact with someone infected with Ebola, monitoring the health of contacts for 21 days, the importance of separating the healthy from the sick to prevent further spread, the importance of good hygiene and maintaining a clean environment.

Key facts:

- Ebola virus disease (EVD), formerly known as Ebola hemorrhagic fever, is a severe, often fatal illness in humans.
- The virus is transmitted to people from wild animals and spreads in the human population through human-to-human transmission.
- The average EVD case fatality rate is around 50%. Case fatality rates have varied from 25% to 90% in past outbreaks.
- The first EVD outbreaks occurred in remote villages in Central Africa, near tropical rainforests, but the most recent outbreak in West Africa has involved major urban as well as rural areas.
- Community engagement is key to successfully controlling outbreaks. Good outbreak control relies on applying a package of interventions, namely case management, surveillance and contact tracing, a good laboratory service, safe burials and social mobilization.
- Early supportive care with rehydration, symptomatic treatment improves survival. There is as yet no licensed treatment proven to neutralize the virus but a range of blood, immunological and drug therapies are under development.
- There are currently no licensed Ebola vaccines but 2 potential candidates are undergoing evaluation.

Courtesy of World Health Organization, September 2014

Tammy Orcutt

ETA Treasurer's Report

Eden Teachers Association
Financial Statement for : September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014

Statement of Financial Position			
Checking Account		\$	32,677
TOTAL CASH ASSETS		\$	32,677
less liabilities		\$	-
NET ASSETS		\$	32,677

Statement of Revenue and Expenses				
Revenue Accounts	adopted budget	actual to date	budget remaining	
Member dues	\$ 19,000	\$ 19,491	\$	491
Newsletter/Website	\$ 2,800	\$ 840	\$	(1,960)
Vote cope refund	\$ 2,300	\$ 5,355	\$	3,055
Misc social collection	\$ 150	\$ 245	\$	95
Fundraiser/donations	\$ 800	\$ 1,415	\$	615
Other			\$	-
Total Revenue	\$ 25,050	\$ 27,346	\$	2,296
Expense Accounts				
Committees	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,163	\$	337
Conferences	\$ 4,600	\$ 4,694	\$	(94)
Affiliation Dues	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$	-
Social Dinners	\$ 3,050	\$ 4,012	\$	(962)
Donations/Public Relatio	\$ 2,885	\$ 1,228	\$	1,657
Stipends	\$ 15,800	\$ 17,850	\$	(2,050)
Clerical	\$ 850	\$ 260	\$	590
Meetings	\$ 1,000	\$ 836	\$	164
Scholarship	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$	-
Newsletter/Website	\$ 110	\$ 119	\$	(9)
Misc	\$ 350	\$ 428	\$	(78)
			\$	-
Total Expenses	\$ 31,720	\$ 32,165	\$	(445)
		\$	(4,819)	

Unclaimed Retirement Money



New York State Teachers' Retirement System

NYSTRS.org

The following information was recently provided to NYSTRS' participating employers. As a Retirement System delegate, it is important you are aware of these issues.

Delegate News
Issue No. 2014-6
July 2014

Help Wanted: Money Waiting to be Claimed

The Retirement System is asking for your help locating the owners of unclaimed and abandoned funds held by NYSTRS. You can assist us by publicizing the existence of these funds with your active and retired employees.

Please direct current and former employees to NYSTRS.org. By selecting the [Unclaimed Funds](#) link at the bottom of the home page, visitors will be directed to two lists: Unclaimed Accounts and Abandoned Accounts. Both lists are alphabetical by last name and display last known teaching location.

Funds typically become unclaimed or abandoned when memberships expire due to insufficient service. Members who have not achieved vested status, as determined by their tier, must work the equivalent of 20 or more full-time days in a school year — in a capacity reportable to this System — at least once every seven years in order to keep their membership active.

When memberships cease, NYSTRS makes every effort to contact these former members and advise them their contributions are refundable. However, in many cases we do not have a current address on file and have been unable to obtain a new one. As a result, the funds are transferred to the unclaimed or abandoned accounts and held there, earning no interest, until claimed.

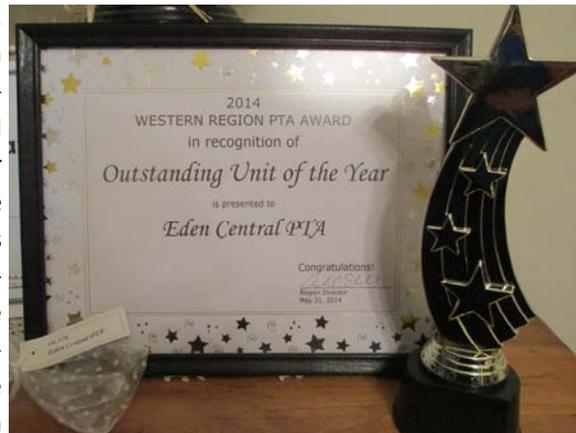
Congratulations to Eden Parents and Teachers

Eden Central PTA Honored With National Award for Leadership and Excellence in Family Engagement

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (Aug. 28, 2014) — National PTA® has recognized Eden Central PTA with the 2014 Phoebe Apperson Hearst [Outstanding Family-School Partnership Award](#) for its leadership and dedication to building strong family-school partnerships. Named after National PTA co-founder Phoebe Apperson Hearst, the award is the highest honor presented by the association to recognize local PTAs that have effectively implemented the National Standards for Family-School Partnerships and demonstrated outstanding success in engaging families. Eden Central PTA was selected to receive the award among PTAs from across the country.

“Research shows that when families and schools work together, student achievement increases, schools improve and communities grow stronger,” said Otha Thornton, president of National PTA. “Eden Central PTA has put strong practices into place that involve families in the life of the school, and its efforts are making a substantial, positive impact on student success and school improvement. We are pleased to recognize the hard work and achievements of Eden Central PTA with the 2014 Phoebe Apperson Hearst Outstanding Family-School Partnership Award.”

Eden Central PTA dedicated its efforts during the 2013-2014 school year to helping families understand the changes occurring in their school as a result of the implementation of the Common Core State Standards. Eden Central PTA collaborated with the school's principals and the district's curriculum coordinator Kelly Morgan-Larosa. Among this team's efforts, they hosted a Common Core Parent Information Night to provide parents an overview of the standards, explain the advantages of the standards, and empower them with strategies to support their children at home. The association also hosted three “Parent Academies,” which were informal meetings to answer questions. Additionally, the district's curriculum coordinator offered six “Curriculum Coffee Breaks” for teachers to provide them an opportunity to come together to problem solve and celebrate success. In the spring, the PTA hosted “Experience a Common Core Instruction Night,” which was a workshop for parents to experience first-hand the instructional shifts under the Common Core.



Eden Central PTA also is committed to engaging families in advocating for their children and school. The association organized two letter-writing campaigns during the 2013-2014 school year, encouraging families and community members to write to their local and state policymakers to stop budget cuts to education.

“We are using the power of family-school partnerships and our collective voice to speak up for every child to ensure that students have access to learning opportunities that will support their success,” said Tiffany Kwas, immediate past-president of Eden Central PTA.

In addition to being recognized with the 2014 Phoebe Apperson Hearst Outstanding Family-School Partnership Award, Eden Central PTA also has been honored with the 2014-2016 National PTA School of Excellence designation for its achievements in family engagement. For more information about the National PTA School of Excellence program, visit PTA.org/Excellence. ✨

President's Message

“Our Class Room Matters-Respect Public Schools”

I would like to thank everyone for participating in the September Day of Action. Please remember to incorporate the pledge: “I will strive to create a positive supportive learning environment and educational experiences for all students and pledge to respect each of my students as a unique person, not a test score”, into your classroom and the community. Head building reps have more posters if you lost yours and want to hang up more than one.

As you have probably been hearing on the news, NYSUT has been very active in the primaries and the upcoming elections in November. Never have politics had a bigger impact on our professions. Here is a list of WNY NYSUT Endorsements:

Governor- No endorsement

Comptroller- Thomas DiNapoli

Attorney General- Eric Schneiderman

House of Representatives-

CD 23 Martha Robertson

CD Louise Slaughter

CD 26 Brian Higgins

NY State Senate

SD 57 Catherine Young, SD 60 Marc Panepento (NYSUT Member), SD Elaine Altman (NYSUT Member), SD 62 Johnny Destino, SD 63 Tim Kennedy

NY State Assembly

AD 141 Crystal Peoples-Stokes, AD 142 Michael Kearns, AD 143 Mark Mazurek, AD 144 Jane Corwin, AD 145 John Ceretto, AD 146 Raymond Walters, AD 147 David DiPietro, AD 148 Joseph Giglio, Ad 149 Sean Ryan, Ad 150 Barrie Yochim.

Election Day November 4th

Respectfully,

Colleen Kot, President, ETA

