

## SPRING MUSICAL at ELCO "Cinderella"

March 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>

The ELCO High School musical and the Royal Family would like to invite you to attend a royal ball! Please join us for this year's musical production of *Cinderella*. This family-friendly production is set to the wonderful music of Rodgers and Hammerstein and features over sixty high school students including: LeeAnna Capretti as Cinderella, Jacob Bernat as the Prince, Hannah Hentz as the Queen, Joseph Naughton as the King, Nick Wood as Lionel the Royal Steward, Jackie Schoener as the step-mother, Hannah Baker and Alena Chekanov as the stepsisters, and Mallory Beard as the fairy godmother.



Please join us on March 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Tickets are \$10.00 for adults/\$8.00 for students and senior citizens. Tickets can be ordered by calling 717-866-7447 ext. 5335.

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## KINDERGARTEN 2014-2015 INFORMATION REGISTRATION



If you have a child who will be 5-years-old on or before September 1, 2014, he or she is eligible to be registered for Kindergarten during the 2014-2015 school year. A packet containing all necessary paperwork required for your child to begin Kindergarten in the fall may be picked-up at either Fort Zeller Elementary or Jackson Elementary School beginning the week of February 3-7, 2014 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily. Or, if you prefer you may download the documents from the website. They can be found from the following location: District Information - Student Registration – Kindergarten Students.

It is requested that all forms be completed and returned to your respective elementary school office no later than April 7, 2014. We understand that some forms and appointments (dental and physical exams) may not be completed by this time, however, this date will allow ample time for processing of information prior to your child's kindergarten screening which will occur during the week of Monday, April 28 through Thursday, May 1, 2014. Please try to have as much paperwork completed as possible and necessary appointments scheduled! Upon returning the required paperwork, you will receive the date and time of your child's kindergarten screening.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact one of the elementary schools: Fort Zeller Elementary - (610) 589-2575 or Jackson Elementary - (717) 866-2624. We are glad to help!

### EASTERN LEBANON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT'S MISSION STATEMENT

*To provide quality educational opportunities for all students so that, as citizens, they can successfully meet the challenges and responsibilities of the future.*

## **2014-2015 TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION**

**TRANSPORTATION REQUEST FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED ANNUALLY** (for transportation to and/or from any location other than home). The form can be found on the district website, under “*Departments*” and “*Transportation*”. The deadline for 2014-15 transportation requests is: **July 11, 2014.**

## **ELCO HALL OF FAME**

*The Eastern Lebanon County School District Hall of Fame* seeks to recognize individuals who have achieved noteworthy and outstanding accomplishments in their chosen fields and who will serve as role models for students currently enrolled in the ELCO School District. Individuals who are selected to the ELCO School District Hall of Fame are recognized at various events during ELCO’s Homecoming activities in the fall of each year. Additionally, a commemorative plaque signifying the individual’s selection is hung on the “ELCO Hall of Fame” wall located in the main hallway of the ELCO High School.

In order to be considered for selection into the ELCO School District Hall of Fame, candidates must have been a member of a class that graduated at least 10 years prior to nomination and must have attended public school within the boundaries of the Eastern Lebanon County School District. Previous nominees have demonstrated outstanding records of performance in a profession, business, occupation, and/or public service.

Nomination forms for the 2014 ELCO School District Hall of Fame will be available in the coming weeks on the school district’s website and in the ELCO High School main office. Nomination forms and supporting documentation must be submitted to the High School office by **Thursday, May 15, 2014** in order to be considered for the 2014 Hall of Fame selection. After this date a selection committee, comprised of individuals representing the school community, will review all received nomination forms and the 2014 ELCO Hall of Fame inductee will be chosen.

## **PROFESSIONAL STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR**

The purpose of the Eastern Lebanon County Professional Staff Recognition Program is to highlight the outstanding efforts and accomplishments of professional staff members who consistently demonstrate excellence in their respective assignment. The program serves to honor those staff members who consistently implement appropriate methods and strategies, which are proven to be effective, while advancing the goals and objectives of the school District. Professional staff recognized through this program will be those who demonstrate a commitment to the educational profession and to enhancing the status of the profession.

Nominations may be made by parents, administrators, and/or colleagues. Applications may be found in the office at each school building or downloaded from the ELCO website and are due by April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Please send completed applications to Tina Kunder, ELCO District Office, 180 ELCO Drive, Myerstown, PA 17067.

## READ ACROSS AMERICA

The elementary schools will be bustling with Dr. Seuss Activities the week of **March 3-7**. They will be participating in activities to promote the love of reading in conjunction with Read Across America. Activities will take place with guest readings, fun-filled events, and a few surprises too. Stay tuned to the school's website and newsletters for details.

Remember this quote by Dr. Seuss, "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go"? **Happy Read Across America Week!**

## CELEBRATE THE ARTS DISTRICT-WIDE ART SHOW

**Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> 5-9 p.m. - ELCO High School**

Celebrate the Arts District-Wide Art Show will take place on Tuesday May 20, 2014 from 5-9 p.m. at the ELCO High School. Students from grades K-12 will be exhibiting their artwork. Other special exhibits will include: Digital Photo Contest Winners, Veterans History Projects including portraits of the veterans, and pre-K artwork from children in the Kiddie Corner classes.

Senior art students will be exhibiting their "Senior Shows" in the library, with a student reception from 6-7 p.m.

Enjoy Hresko's BBQ beginning at 4 p.m. with Cabaret Music from 5:30-7 p.m. in the cafeteria. The Jazz Band and ELCO ROCS performance will take place in the High School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

This event is free and open to the public. Do not miss the opportunity to experience the vitality and creativity of ELCO students.

## SENIOR VOLUNTEER TAX PROGRAM

The ELCO School District will, again, offer an opportunity for retired senior citizen homeowners who are 60 years of age or older, to participate in the senior volunteer tax work-off program.

The program allows retired senior citizens to volunteer up to 76 hours at \$7.25 per hour, for a tax credit totaling a maximum of \$550. Participants may continue to volunteer after reaching 76 hours but will not receive tax credit for those hours. Tasks may include selling tickets at athletic events, tutoring children, assisting with drama productions, serving as an advisor to student groups, working as substitute custodians, or grounds keeping within the district.

A criminal history and child abuse background check is required for anyone working in a public school. The cost of the background checks is \$10 each for a total of \$20 per person.

Applications must be submitted annually and are available on the website by choosing the "**District Information**" link and "**Volunteering within the District**" or by contacting Tina Kunder at (717) 866-7117 ext. 2313.

Reminder: Applicants must submit a new application each year even if they were previously enrolled in the program.



## ELCO RAIDERS WEB STORE - ONLINE SCHOOL STORE

Why not keep warm this winter and show your school spirit at the same time. Check out the hooded sweatshirts and long sleeve shirts available through the online school store. Log onto the ELCO Website and choose "**Quick Links**" then "**Web Store**" to be redirected.



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## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

### INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

CONGRATULATIONS!

#### October 2013

Ashely Yoh, daughter of William & Marcie Yoh



Jeremy Eck, son of Tim & Heidi Eck



#### November 2013

Kayla McAllister, daughter of Michael & Andrea McAllister



Ryan Daub, son of Mike & Heather Daub



#### December 2013

Shae Parham, daughter of Barry & Holly Parham



Riley Keppley, son of Kirk & Ginny Keppley



#### January 2014

Georgia Martin, daughter of Leevon & Jennifer Martin



Jeremy Kline, son of Charles & Heidi Kline



### MIDDLE SCHOOL

#### October 2013

Courtney Henry, daughter of Jennifer Henry & Allen Peiffer



Wyatt Drenning, son of Katrina & Jason Drenning



#### November 2013

Vivian Lattanze, daughter of Christopher & Stacey Lattanze



Clark Lovell, son of Jennifer & Jeffrey Lovell



**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH...Continued**

**December 2013**

Julianna Bowers,  
daughter of Derek &  
Anita Bowers



Tyler Shott, son of  
Brian & Donna Shott



**January 2014**

Katie Fields, daughter of  
Greg & Kristi Fields



Garrett Noone, son of  
Dr. Thomas Noone &  
Dr. Cindy Flanagan



**HIGH SCHOOL**

**September 2013**

Margo Keller, daughter of  
Joel & Sharon Keller



Phillip Kline, son of  
Charles & Heidi Kline

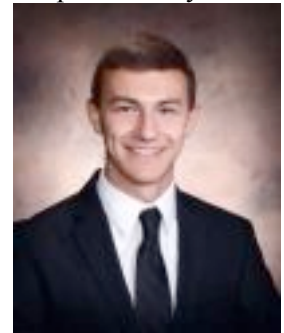


**October 2013**

Lisa Koppenhaver,  
daughter of Michael &  
Greta Koppenhaver



Jacob Bernat, son of  
Joseph & Randy Bernat



**November 2013**

Amber Hartranft, daughter  
of Martin & Jodi Hartranft



Joseph Naughton, son of  
Kenneth & Susan Naughton



**December 2013**

Kathleen Gilbertson,  
daughter of John & Roche  
Gilbertson



Nicolas Wood, son of  
Kerry & Pauline Wood





## ATHLETICALLY SPEAKING

As the winter season winds down, let's take note of what has been happening with the sports programs here at ELCO. We have approximately two hundred twenty students participating on our winter teams. All of these athletes are growing and learning through participation in athletics. The varsity activities we offer through the winter months are cheerleading, bowling, indoor track, wrestling, and basketball for girls and boys. We also offer wrestling, basketball, and cheerleading on the junior high level.

### Cheerleading

ELCO's cheerleading squad can be seen and heard at the boys' basketball games. The squad consists of sixteen girls, of which eight are new to the sport. Lisa Liskey serves as the head coach.

### Wrestling

The wrestling team should finish in second or third place in the section, this year. They placed second at the Delco Duals going 4-1 and won their own tournament in December going 6-0. Wes Bankus was named Game Time PA Athlete of the week in December going 11-0 in the two dual match tournaments over the holiday vacation.

### Bowling

Bowling is having a great season under the direction of second year head coach Mike Rittle. The team is currently in second place behind a strong Northern Lebanon team. Top bowlers for ELCO are Joe Rittle, Josh Rittle, Rachel Rittle (all children of head coach Mike Rittle), Ryan Stone, Christopher Johns, and Derrik Mowrer.

### ***Congratulations to:***

- Sydney Nye for placing third in the Lancaster-Lebanon League Singles Tennis tournament and qualifying for the District III tournament.
- Sydney Nye and Hannah Kercher for qualifying for the District III Tennis Doubles Tournament and winning their first round match.
- The girls' volleyball team for winning the Lancaster-Lebanon League Section III Championship and qualifying for the League and District III playoffs.

### Indoor Winter Track & Field

Indoor track is under the direction of first year head coach Mitch Davis. The team participated in Invitational Meets at Kutztown University and Penn State University. This program serves as a tune-up for the upcoming spring track season.

### Girls' Basketball

The girls' basketball team is currently in first place of Section Three of the Lancaster-Lebanon League. They should have no problem qualifying for the league and district playoffs. Kathleen Gilbertson, Cheyenne Hassler, Sydnie Parker, Victoria Sweatlock, and Brittany Hartman are the five seniors on this year's team.

### Boys' Basketball

The Raider boys' team is much improved and having a good season, led by head coach Brad Connors. Seniors, this year are Austen Davis, Derek Miller, Brayden Smith, and Tyler Starry. Sophomores, Colton Lawrence and Caleb Buchmoyer lead the Raiders in scoring.

### Spring Sport Physicals

Before we know it, the snow and cold temperatures will be gone. Flowers will begin to bloom, temperatures rise, and the ELCO spring sports teams will be starting to practice. Come out and support our athletic teams during the spring season.

Physicals for spring athletes will be posted on the ELCO website. Girls should report at 5:30 p.m. and boys at 6 p.m. with their completed physical form and \$25. Athletes who have already received a physical for either fall or winter do not need to attend. To be recertified for the spring season, athletes should report to the school nurse or athletic trainer during the school day for updated height, weight, and blood pressure.



## **ATHLETICALLY SPEAKING...*Continued***

- Chandelle Keller who was selected as the MVP for Section III of the Lancaster-Lebanon League in the sport of volleyball. Chandelle was also selected as one of the Lancaster Newspapers' Fall Sports All-Stars.
- The girls' soccer team for winning the Lancaster-Lebanon League Section III Championship and qualifying for the League and District III playoffs.
- Amber Hartranft who was selected as the MVP for Section III of the Lancaster-Lebanon League in the sport of girls' soccer.
- The ELCO field hockey team for receiving the Lancaster-Lebanon League All-Academic Team Award with an overall cumulative GPA of 3.70. This also qualified them for the PA High School Field Hockey Coaches Association (PHSFHCA) All-Academic Team Award.
- Cameron Strause for being named Offensive Back of the Year in Section III.
- Steven Rhoades being named Offensive Lineman of the Year in Section III.
- Derek Miller being named Defensive Back of the Year in Section III.

### **Social Networking:**

- Please follow ELCO Athletics on Twitter to get updates of scores, postponements, and other important information about the ELCO athletic department. The account is **@\_dbohannon**
- To find out the updated weekly sports schedule, cancellations, or postponements, call the athletic office. To access the system, dial 866-7447, option 3, 4, and then option 1. Please call this number if you have any athletic event questions.

### **ELCO Coaching Vacancies:**

- Junior High Track & Field Coach for the 2014 spring season.

## **DID YOU KNOW**



### *Pennsylvania Association*

for the Gala, praised them for their willingness to do whatever was asked of them, for asking insightful questions, giving good suggestions, and for making guests feel special through their interactions with them. Our students truly were great ambassadors of today's teens. A job so exceptionally well done can only be summed up in one way, "**BRAVO**"!!

## **ELCO FCCLA SERVES COMMUNITY**

ELCO High School's FCCLA club (Family Career and Community Leaders) and Family and Consumer Science students recently volunteered their time for the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala of the Lebanon County Community Concert Association. Fourteen students, Mrs. Wherley, and Mrs. Ocker assisted setting up, cleaning up, greeting patrons, and serving hors d'oeuvres to the 800+ attending the celebration held in Lebanon High School's new atrium. We can all be "ELCO Proud" of these students who worked tirelessly for six hours. Kathleen Hetrick, co-chair

## STUDENTS WORK TO SAVE ENDANGERED TIGERS

For the majority of fourth graders, the most important animal in their day is the one they take for a walk or play with after school. But for a group of students in Kristi Fields' and Tara Perlaki's classes, tigers have taken over the top spot. These students are participating in the Albert M. Greenfield UNLESS contest, sponsored by the Philadelphia Zoo. The contest asks students to create a campaign to help save Sumatran tigers that are endangered by the loss of rainforest due to the harvesting of oil palm trees. The trio of Madion Almquist, Emma Fox, and Madelyn Strickler explain what this project is all about; "We are learning that palm oil is in a lot of lotions, shampoos, soaps and food. The people are chopping down trees from the forest to get the palm oil and this is taking away the tigers' home and food. The tigers are eating dirt instead of food."



The Sumatran tigers are located nearly half a world away in Indonesia, but these students know that their work is important no matter how far their words need to travel. "The goal of our project is to stop companies from using deforestation to get palm oil," said Alec Hartzell. The ultimate goal of the contest is to use students' creativity to convince companies to change their plan of attack in securing the palm oil they need. The responsibility falls on the people who are buying the products, as well. Jaydon Grumbine shared, "People need to look for products that don't have palm oil in them, and get companies to use sustainable palm oil." Though adults are normally responsible for making decisions on what to buy, kids have learned that they have the power of persuasion and can use various ways to get their message across. "I've learned that many animals, like tigers, are dying because people are cutting down their home to make foods," said Rylan Brown.

Like most school projects, working together is at the heart of the assignment for this group. When asked about her favorite part of the project, Emma Fox adds, "I enjoy working with my friends to help save the tigers." The students have given plenty of effort, both individually and together as a group, even staying after school hours on select days to work! Through it all the focus has remained the same. Madelyn Strickler said the project is important because, "If we didn't save the tigers, they would be left without food and homes." For their efforts, students were able to participate in a Skype session with zoo representatives from Philadelphia. In April the winning contest projects will be announced in each age group. The students' project includes a video, which the students are working on with the help of Dave Hull on the music, lyrics, and editing. Mrs. Fields explains, "The students are creating a music video to share with our school, family and friends. Hopefully this will make people aware of the need to look for palm oil in the products they use everyday, and to encourage companies to get their palm oil without destroying forests in the process. Our students will help protect animals in other parts of the world. It's a message that the students are very passionate about sending to others."

As valuable lessons have been learned, these students will be able to look back and be proud of what they've accomplished, whether they are deemed contest winners or not. "In doing this project the students were able to work collaboratively for a cause and get close to the subject. All of these students started to look at their ingredients at home and realized how many products have palm oil. The students really gained a respect for the animals and the environment surrounding them." Mrs. Perlaki sums up the experience that these children will not soon forget. For the tigers' sake, we hope it's a message that companies and consumers will remember, as well.



## TOYS FOR TOTS

Kiddie Corner Club, FCCLA, and the Family and Consumer Sciences classes sponsored a toy drive for Toys for Tots. Lillian Gardner president of Kiddie Corner Club, shows the collection of 58 toys she presented, along with a check to the Marines organization for \$806.00. Thank you to Enterprise Cable Group and BS Cable Company for your generous donations to the cause.



## MUSICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Several middle school students recently took part in the Lebanon Valley College Middle School Band Festival, which was held on the campus of LVC in January.  
Hana Angley, Julia Angstadt, Makayla Arnold, Jennifer Axarlis, Hunter Bailey, Emily Bidelsbach, Danika Boltz, Samuel Buckwalter, David Deitz, Ethan Gregorzek, Erik Heck, Jacob HItz, Chance Leed, Clark Lovell, Dana Lovell, Kaylin Nolt, Garrett Noone, Jessica Osterhouse, Amaya Phillips, Hailey Seyfert, Sarah Simion, Sara Smith, Christian Spitler, Kalynn Sullivan, Cherish Weaver, Zachary Whelan and Megan Yoder
- The following high school instrumental music students performed in the Lancaster-Lebanon Music Educators' Association County Band Festival, held on February 1<sup>st</sup> at Cedar Crest High School.  
Jacob Bernat, Benjamin Burkhart, LeeAnna Capretti, Laura Fiorini, Travis Houtz, Philip Kline, Hunter McMullan, Micah Musser, Joseph Naughton and Rebecca Seaman.
- High school band student Jacob Bernat successfully auditioned for the PMEA District VII Band Festival, held on February 7 and 8 at Central Dauphin East High School. He also qualified to perform in the PMEA Region V Band Festival. Regional Band will be held on March 14 and 15 at Big Spring High School. His instrument is the tenor saxophone.
- High school music students, Olivia Burkhart and Benjamin Burkhart have been selected to perform in the Lancaster-Lebanon Music Educators' Association County Orchestra Festival, to be held February 22<sup>nd</sup> at Conestoga Valley High School.
- The following fifth and sixth grade students have recently been selected to participate in the District VII Elementary Song Fest, to be held April 5<sup>th</sup> at the Annville-Cleona High School.  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Grace Ginder, Cassie Johnson, Cate Liskey and Anissa Machamer  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Gavin Greene, Kaylee Hackman, Janet Keens and Chance Petruska.
- The following seventh and eighth grade instrumental music students will be performing in the upcoming Lancaster-Lebanon Music Educator's Middle School County Band Festival at Conestoga Valley High School on April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.  
Sarah Bassegio, David Deitz, Sarah Simion, Cody Speicher and Megan Yoder

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## **WEATHER AND DELAY INFORMATION**

Information on ELCO delays, closings, and early dismissals will be available on local radio and television stations.

You may also choose to be a part of the ELCO Notification System, which will generate an email whenever a closing, delay or early dismissal takes place. To register, log onto the ELCO website, select "**Quick Links**" and choose "**ELCO Notification System**".

ELCO also uses "**Global Connects**" which generates a phone call to the designated number(s) when school is delayed, closed or if there is an early dismissal. If you wish to change/add your contact number(s), please notify your child's building office.

## **WEATHER MAKEUP DATES**

As of February 10, 2014, the following student weather makeup days have been approved:

April 21, May 23, June 6 and June 9.