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ELCO Communicator

A Newsletter for the Residents of Eastern Lebanon County School District

ELCO HOMECOMING

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Homecoming King and Queen, Adam Bahney and Emily Weaver.

This year has already been very busy for the ELCO High School's Student Council. They are best known for their planning of the annual Homecoming Dance. The theme for this year's dance was "A Knight to Remember", a play on names, which was a huge success. The gym was decorated with rock walls, a purple and lavender canopy, and an actual castle for the DJ. More than 400 students were in attendance. The student council members worked from Friday morning until late at night decorating the gym.

The Council also planned Spirit Week and the pep rally. Spirit week consisted of tie-dye day, twin day, Geek-Chic day, favorite sports team day, and to end it all on a good note, blue and gold day. This year's winner for Spirit Week was the Senior Class!

Now that everything has come to a close for Homecoming, Student Council is currently working on Haunted Hallways at the High School, which will take place on Thursday, October 23rd from 7-9 p.m.

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.

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

Mr. Nelson J. Gernert, a 1979 graduate of Eastern Lebanon County High School, was inducted into the ELCO Hall of Fame during the 2014 Homecoming celebration. Nelson Gernert was born and raised in Reistville and attended the Eastern Lebanon County School District from Kindergarten through twelfth grade. He started at Schaefferstown Elementary and was in the first sixth-grade class of students to move through the "open concept" ELCO Middle School. During his four years at the ELCO High School, he



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excelled in academics and participated in basketball, cross-country and track. Upon graduation from ELCO High School, Nelson attended Penn State University where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1983. Thermacore in Lancaster, Pennsylvania hired him that same year; where he has been employed ever since.

Nelson Gernert is currently the Vice President of Engineering and Technology at Thermacore. Nelson primarily works on research and development contracts directly related to heat transfer and heat pipe technology in support of many diverse applications. His group of engineers and technicians are responsible for the development and manufacture of advanced heat transfer technologies that support military, aerospace, and commercial applications. Nelson holds patents as the inventor or co-inventor of eight different heat transfer technologies. He is the recipient of seven NASA Space Act Awards, which are presented for inventions that have helped NASA achieve its aeronautical and space goals. Nelson has authored or co-authored over 30 magazine articles and technical publications.

When not working at Thermacore, Nelson can be found on the golf course, or at home in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania gardening, cooking, exercising or just spending quality time with his family and friends. Nelson has been married to his wife, Pam, for 28 years and they have two children of whom they are very proud. His 24-year-old daughter is completing her Master's Degree in School Psychology at California University of Pennsylvania. Wade, his 19-year-old son, is following in his father's footsteps as a freshman at Shippensburg University pursuing his engineering degree.

ELCO WELCOMED THE FOLLOWING NEW STAFF TO THE DISTRICT



Left to Right: Anne Roach, Danielle Brandt, Andrew Risser, Kylie Smith, Kelsey Moll, and Sheryl Smith



Left to Right: Tiffany Doughty, Brittany Beard, Craig Soden, Trista Gardner, Lauren Eltringham, Hillary Rights



Left to Right: Jamie Kruse, Barb Risser, Justine Bewley, Dave Rhoads, Beth Helsel, Kelly Blakeslee, Kristi Kilheffer

HIGH SCHOOL FALL PLAY

1984

"I do not believe that the kind of society I describe necessarily will arrive, but I believe that something resembling it could arrive. The moral to be drawn from the dangerous nightmare situation is a simple one: Don't let it happen. It depends on you."

~George Orwell

This year's Fall Play, **1984**, will be hitting the stage on Friday, November 21st and Saturday, November 22nd at 7:30 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. **1984** is an intense drama adapted by Robert Owens, Wilton E. Hall Jr., and William A. Miles Jr. from the novel by George Orwell. Orwell depicts, with great power, the horrors of man's fate in a society where Big Brother is always watching—where everything that is not prohibited is compulsory. The play follows the relationship between Winston Smith (Senior Griffin Yeyna) and Julia (Sophomore Madelyn Morrissey) as they struggle to find a way to connect under the totalitarian government. Winston struggles with his intellectual rebellion against the party, which - if uncovered by the Thought Police - likely warrants certain death.

While under the rule of Big Brother, society has learned to live in fear of not only the government, but also of fellow citizens who are rewarded for reporting thought crimes. This creates tension between Winston and his coworkers, Syme (Junior, Adam Fisher) and Parsons (Sophomore, Michael Schaeffer), as well as



November 21st & 22nd @ 7:30 p.m.
Students & Senior - \$5 Adults - \$7

Tickets Available at the Door

O'Brien (Senior, Ryan Kemmerling), a member of the ruling inner party. Although their love may be illegal, they find help from a common citizen (Senior Jackie Schoener) in hopes that they may be able to live together. The cast is completed with senior, Stella Yakunin; juniors, Emily Schlegel and Megan Gregorzek; sophomores, Ian Novak and Ethan Scalese; and student stage manager, Abigail Strickler.

Tickets are only \$5 for senior citizens and students, or \$7 adults, and they will be available for purchase at the door. Hope to see you there!



ATHLETICALLY SPEAKING

The 2014 fall sports season is swiftly coming to an end and winter sports are right around the corner. During the fall season, three hundred sixty-eight middle and high school student athletes were on the athletic fields representing the ELCO community with pride and much success. Winter sports practices begin Monday, November 17. The first official date for games is Friday, December 5, 2014.

ATHLETICALLY SPEAKING CONTINUED....

Girls' Tennis

The girls' tennis team finished the season with a 5 - 9 record. Congratulations to the team for winning the County Tournament and to Sydney Nye who qualified for the District III Singles tournament. She won her first round match, but lost in the second round to the number one seed. Nye and Hannah Kercher qualified for the District III Doubles Tournament.

Field Hockey

The field hockey team finished the season with a 6 - 11 - 1 record, which matched their 2013 record. Alyssa Keath, Katie Fields, Emily Witmer, and Claire Shaak were the top leading scorers on the team. Amanda Axarlis had another great year in the nets for the Raiders. On September 24th, the 1994 section, league and district championship team was honored at halftime. Seventeen players and coaches returned for the reunion celebration. All in attendance had fun remembering the great times from twenty years ago.

Boys' Soccer

The boys' soccer team finished the regular season 11-6-1 and is ranked 14 in the District III playoff tournament. ELCO was victorious over L-S in the play-in round of the District III playoffs by a score of 3-2 in overtime and will now play #2 seed Susquehannock in the first round.

Girls' Soccer

The girls' soccer team finished the regular season 9-8 under the direction of second year head coach Derek Fulk. The team qualified for the District III playoffs and played Berks Catholic in the play-in round and unfortunately lost 2-1 to end their season and finish with a 9-9 record.

Golf

The golf team finished the season with a 22-21 record. Dave Meyer is in his sixth year as the head golf coach. Our home course is Pine Meadows Golf Complex and we also use Iron Valley for practice sessions. Congratulations to Maddie Noonan for qualifying for the District III golf tournament. A special thanks to Dave Meyer and Pine Meadows who hosted the Lancaster-Lebanon League and Lebanon County Championships.

Cross Country

The boys and girls cross-country teams finished their season with 2-19 and 4-17 records respectfully. Charles Gerberich is serving as our head coach and is assisted by Holly Hartman at the junior high level. Jonathon Garcia, Jared Harnish, and Abigail Dundore are the top runners on the boys and girls teams. Best of luck to both teams at the District Meet.

Football

The football team is currently 3-5 with two games remaining on the schedule. Quarterback Jeff Martin is having a superb year throwing the football and his top receiver is Dustin Miller. Tyler Horst and Travis Zimmerman, do the bulk of the running duties for the Raiders. Coach Miller is in his third season as the head coach.

Girls' Volleyball

The girls' volleyball team finished the regular season at 12-6 and qualified for the league and district playoffs. The Raiders lost to Elizabethtown in the first round of the league playoffs and will now enter the District III AA tournament. Best of luck to the team.

Cheerleading

This year the varsity squad cheered at all football games and home soccer games. The junior high squad cheered at all home football and soccer games. Ashley Huttenstine is in her first year as the head coach and is assisted by Alysha Burkholder and Vanessa Risser serves as the junior high coach.

ATHLETICALLY SPEAKING CONTINUED....

The daily athletic schedule can be heard by calling the athletic office at 717-866-7447. Select option 3, then 4, then 1 to receive the message that will list the athletic activities, postponements or cancellations for the day. You may also follow the ELCO Athletic Department on Twitter to get updates of scores, postponements, and other important information about all the ELCO sport teams. The account is **@_dbohannon**

Winter sports will begin practice on Monday, November 17, 2014 with the first games of the season occurring on Friday, December 5, 2014. Student-athletes are reminded to complete their physical paper work and submit it to Athletic Trainer, Adam Zurick ASAP. **ELCO will hold winter physicals on Tuesday, October 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the High School.**

ELCO EDUCATION FOUNDATION**THANK YOU!!****DONATIONS
2014 EITC CONTRIBUTIONS**

The ELCO Education Foundation wishes to thank the following businesses that made Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) donations to the Foundation totaling \$27,000 thus far, during 2014.

Fulton Bank - Giant Food Stores

Susquehanna Bank - Wengers of Myerstown

For more information about making an EITC donation to the Foundation, please see the following page on the ELCO website http://www.elcosd.org/pages/ELCO/district_information/ELCO_Foundation or contact Tina Kunder via email at tkunder@elcosd.org or phone at (717) 866-7117 ext. 2313.

**ONLINE SCHOOL STORE**

The holidays are right around the corner!

Items currently available include T-shirts, Crewneck Sweatshirts, Hooded Sweatshirts, Beanies, Golf Hats, Nylon Shell Jackets, and Backpacks.

To access the online school store, log on to the ELCO website www.elcosd.org.

- Choose Quick Links
- Select Web Store

Items can be delivered to one of the school buildings to avoid shipping charges OR you may choose to have the item(s) shipped to your home with standard shipping costs!



WWW.ELCOSD.ORG

LEBANON PROJECT FOR THE NEEDY

High school student, Christian Stahl is currently working on a project to raise funds to provide groceries to needy families in Lebanon County. He has plans to distribute 100 bags of groceries to the needy at the YMCA Depot in Lebanon on Christmas Eve morning. He has established a Facebook page entitled "*Lebanon Project for the Needy*" with a goal of raising \$5000 this year.



MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

- ❖ The ELCO Music department would like to invite all community members to our winter **Holiday Concerts** in December. The concert season will start off on Tuesday, December 9th with 5th grade and Tuesday, December 16th for 4th grade. Both of these concerts will take place in the Intermediate School Gymnasium at 7 p.m. under the direction of Mrs. Holly Serio and Mr. Mike Stauffer. The Middle School Holiday Concert will take place on Thursday, December 11th at 7 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. This concert will feature the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade choruses under the direction of Mrs. Melodie Fair; as well as the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade bands conducted by Mr. Craig Devore. We will finish up our concert season with the ELCO High School Chorus, Concert Choir and Concert Band on Sunday, December 21st starting at 2 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. The theme for this year's holiday concert is "White Out". All concerts are free of charge.
- ❖ The ELCO Band Boosters will once again sponsor the **ELCO Band Holiday Craft Show** on **Saturday, December 6th from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the High School**. This year's craft show will feature over 50 vendors selling an assortment of hand made crafts. Admission to the craft show is \$1.00. There will also be door prizes, food, and other contests. There are still a few spots open if you would like to participate as a vendor at this year's craft show. Please contact Mr. David Fair dfair@elcosd.org if you are interested. All proceeds benefit the ELCO High School Band Boosters.
- ❖ The ELCO High School Marching Band has had a terrific season entertaining crowds with their rendition of Queen's greatest hits. The crowds sang along to Bicycle Race, Bohemian Rhapsody, Crazy Little Thing Called Love, and Don't Stop Me Now. **The Raider Band will also be performing in the Schaefferstown Halloween Parade** October 25th, the **Lebanon Holiday Parade** November 22nd, and the **Myerstown Holiday Parade** November 29th. Come out and support the band!



FIRST GRADE ARTWORK – THE MONA LISA

First grade artists at ELCO learned about *The Mona Lisa* created by artist Leonardo Da Vinci. They could not decide if Mona Lisa was smiling in the portrait so the artists brainstormed ideas of where to take Mona Lisa to make her smile! Ideas included an amusement park, the movies, the pool, the circus, the North Pole, and many more! First grade artists used their knowledge of the elements of art (in particular line, shape, and color) to create details showing the place they would take her. Each artist mounted their own work. Artists also reflected upon their learning and wrote about their artwork and the places they took Mona Lisa.

Check out some of the finished pieces that will be featured at ELCO's Celebrate the Arts in May 2015.

ASBESTOS RE-INSPECTION NOTICE

In accordance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), Eastern Lebanon County School District has conducted inspections of all the school district buildings for the presence of Asbestos Containing Building Materials (ACBM). An asbestos management plan for each building was developed detailing the location and condition of all ACBM along with the short-term actions to be taken to protect building occupants. These management plans are available for review by any interested person in either the District Administration Office or at the individual school during normal working hours. AHERA regulations require a re-inspection every three years by an accredited building inspector. This triennial inspection was conducted in November 2012.

DISTRICT POLICIES**STUDENT RECORDS**

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students who are 18 years of age or older ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days after the day the Eastern Lebanon County School District receives a request for access.

Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal a written request that identifies the records they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA.

Parents or eligible students who wish to ask the District to amend a record should write the school principal clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it should be changed. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

3. The right to provide written consent before the school discloses personally identifiable information (PII) from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the school as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel) or a person serving on the school board. A school official also may include a volunteer or contractor outside of the school who performs an institutional service of function for which the school would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the school with respect to the use and maintenance of PII from education records, such as an attorney, auditor, insurance representative, medical or educational consultant, or therapist; a parent or student volunteering to serve on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee; or a parent, student, or other volunteer assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Upon request, the school discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll, or is already enrolled if the disclosure is for purposes of the student's enrollment or transfer.

4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the [School] to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

*Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202*

DISCLOSURES WITHOUT CONSENT

FERPA permits the disclosure of PII from students' education records, without consent of the parent or eligible student, if the disclosure meets certain conditions found in §99.31 of the FERPA regulations. Except for disclosures to school officials, disclosures related to some judicial orders or lawfully issued subpoenas, disclosures of directory information, and disclosures to the parent or eligible student, §99.32 of the FERPA regulations requires the school to record the disclosure. Parents and eligible students have a right to inspect and review the record of disclosures. A school may disclose PII from the education records of a student without obtaining prior written consent of the parents or the eligible student –

- To other school personnel within the educational agency or institution whom the school has determined to have legitimate educational interests. This also includes contractors, consultants, volunteers, or other parties to whom the school has outsourced institutional services or functions (including, but not limited to, legal counsel, auditors, insurance carriers, educational consultants, medical consultants, and therapists), provided that the conditions listed in §99.31(a)(1)(i)(B)(1) - (a)(1)(i)(B)(2) are met. (§99.31(a)(1))
- To officials of another school, school system, or institution of postsecondary education where the student seeks or intends to enroll, or where the student is already enrolled if the disclosure is for purposes related to the student's enrollment or transfer, subject to the requirements of §99.34. (§99.31(a)(2))
- To authorized representatives of the U. S. Comptroller General, the U. S. Attorney General, the U.S. Secretary of Education, or State and local educational authorities, such as the State educational agency in the parent or eligible student's State (SEA). Disclosures under this provision may be made, subject to the requirements of §99.35, in connection with an audit or evaluation of Federal- or State-supported education programs, or for the enforcement of or compliance with Federal legal requirements that relate to those programs. These entities may make further disclosures of PII to outside entities that are designated by them as their authorized representatives to conduct any audit, evaluation, or enforcement or compliance activity on their behalf. (§§99.31(a)(3) and 99.35)
- In connection with financial aid for which the student has applied or which the student has received, if the information is necessary to determine eligibility for the aid, determine the amount of the aid, determine the conditions of the aid, or enforce the terms and conditions of the aid. (§99.31(a)(4))
- To State and local officials or authorities to whom information is specifically allowed to be reported or disclosed by a State statute that concerns the juvenile justice system and the system's ability to effectively serve, prior to adjudication, the student whose records were released, subject to §99.38. (§99.31(a)(5))
- To organizations conducting studies for, or on behalf of, the school, in order to: (a) develop, validate, or administer predictive tests; (b) administer student aid programs; or (c) improve instruction. (§99.31(a)(6))
- To accrediting organizations to carry out their accrediting functions. (§99.31(a)(7))
- To parents of an eligible student if the student is a dependent for IRS tax purposes. (§99.31(a)(8))
- To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena. (§99.31(a)(9))
- To appropriate officials in connection with a health or safety emergency, subject to §99.36. (§99.31(a)(10))
- To agency caseworkers or other representatives of State or local child welfare agencies, or tribal organizations who have the right to access a student's case plan and when such agency or organization is legally responsible in accordance with State or tribal law, for the care and protection of the student.
- Information the school has designated as "directory information" under §99.37. (§99.31(a)(11)). The District may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised the District that it may not disclose such directory information in accordance with District procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow the District to include this type of information from your child's education records in certain school publications. Examples include:

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- A playbill, showing your student's role in a drama production;
- The annual yearbook;
- Honor roll or other recognition lists;
- Graduation programs; and
- Sports activity sheets indicating height and weight of team members.

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks. In addition, two federal laws require local educational agencies (LEAs) receiving assistance under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) to provide military recruiters, upon request, with the following information – names, addresses and telephone listings – unless parents have advised the LEA that they do not want their student's information disclosed without their prior written consent.

If you do not want this information released, you must send written notice annually to the office of the Superintendent before August 15. The following information regarding students is considered directory information: (1) student's name, (2) participation in officially recognized activities and sports, (3) address, (4) telephone listing, (5) weight and height of members of athletic teams, (6) electronic mail address, (7) photograph, (8) degrees, honors, and awards received, (9) date and place of birth, (10) major field of study, (11) dates of attendance, and (12) grade level.

ATTENDANCE REGULATIONS

Regular attendance ensures the continuity of the educational process, development of proper habits, the feeling of mastery through success, interest in school, a sense of responsibility, and those important character-building aspects, which have a positive effect upon later life. It is essential that parents and school authorities plan for anticipated absences together whenever possible. This will assure fulfillment of the school's aim to help pupils accept responsibility for their actions.

Excused Absence (*Absence due to illness, death in the family, a family emergency, or educational or family travel*): All decisions regarding family emergencies, or educational or family travel shall be made by the building principal. All family excuses must have proper written approval in order to be excused.

Unexcused Absence (*Under 17 years of age*): All absences that are not excused will be considered unlawful. Unexcused absences will include, but not be limited to, reasons such as non-approved travel, failure to attend without being ill, accumulated lateness (tardiness), non-approved work, remaining out of school to complete school work (unless given prior written approval by the building principal or attendance director), etc.

- **First Offense** (*Three [3] days of unlawful absence*): Official notice to parent.
 - **Second Offense** (*Any additional unlawful absence after first offense*): Prosecution.
- *All offenses shall be dealt with individually (case by case) by the school administration.*

REGULATIONS ON STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**Free Education and Attendance**

- A. All persons residing in the Eastern Lebanon County School District between the ages of 6 and 21 years of age are entitled to a free and full education in the District's public schools.
- B. Parents and guardians of all children between the ages of 8 and 17 are required by the compulsory education law to ensure that their children attend an approved education institution, unless legally excused. Students who have not graduated may not be asked to leave school merely because they have reached 17 years of age if they are fulfilling their responsibilities as students. A student may not be excluded from the public schools nor from extracurricular activities because of being married or pregnant.

Student Responsibilities

- A. Student responsibilities include regular school attendance, conscientious effort in classroom work, and

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conformance to school rules and regulations. Most of all, students share with the administration and faculty, a responsibility to develop a climate within the school that is conducive to wholesome learning and living.

- B. No student has the right to interfere with the education of fellow students. It is the responsibility of each student to respect the rights of teachers, students, administrators, and all others who are involved in the educational process.
- C. Students should express their ideas and opinions in a respectful manner.
- D. It is the responsibility of the students to conform with the following:
 1. Be aware of all rules and regulations for student behavior and conduct themselves in accordance with them. Students should assume that until a rule is waived, altered, or repealed in writing, it is in effect.
 2. Volunteer information in matters relating to the health, safety, and welfare of the school, community, and the protection of school property.
 3. Dress and groom to meet fair standards of safety and health, and not to cause substantial disruption to the educational processes.
 4. Assist the school staff in operating a safe school for all students enrolled therein.
 5. Comply with Commonwealth and local laws.
 6. Exercise proper care when using public facilities and equipment.
 7. Attend school daily and be on time to all classes and other school functions.
 8. Complete work when absent from school.
 9. Pursue and attempt to complete, satisfactorily, the courses of study prescribed by the Commonwealth and local school authorities.

Report accurately and not use indecent or obscene language in student newspapers and publications.

NOTIFICATION LETTER FOR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS

The Eastern Lebanon County School District uses an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach for managing insects, rodents and weeds. Our goal is to protect every student from pesticide exposure by using an IPM approach to pest management. Our IPM approach focuses on making the school building and grounds an unfavorable habitat for these pests by removing food and water sources and eliminating their hiding and breeding places. We accomplish this through routine cleaning and maintenance. We routinely monitor the school building and grounds to detect any pests that are present. The pest monitoring team consists of our building maintenance, office, and teaching staff and includes our students. Pest sightings are reported to our IPM coordinator who evaluates the "pest problem" and determines the appropriate pest management techniques to address the problem. The techniques can include increased sanitation, modifying storage practices, sealing entry points, physically removing the pest, etc.

From time to time, it may be necessary to use pesticides registered by the Environmental Protection Agency to manage a pest problem. A pesticide will only be used when necessary, and will not be routinely applied. When a pesticide is necessary, the school will try to use the least toxic product that is effective. Applications will be made only when unauthorized persons do not have access to the area(s) being treated. Notices will be posted in these areas 72 hours prior to application and for two days following the application.

Staff and parents or guardians of students enrolled in the school may request prior notification of specific pesticide applications made at the school. To receive notification, you must be placed on the school's notification registry. If you would like to be placed on this registry, please notify Douglas Dresch, Eastern Lebanon County School District, 180 ELCO Drive, Myerstown, PA 17067. Please include your email address if you would like to be notified electronically.

If a pesticide application must be made to control an emergency pest problem, notice will be provided by telephone to any staff, parent or guardian who has requested such notification in writing. Exemptions to this notification include disinfectants and anti-microbial products; self-containerized baits placed in areas not accessible to students, and gel type baits placed in cracks, crevices or voids. If you have any questions, please contact the Director of Buildings and Grounds at 717-866-7117 ext. 2306.

ANNUAL PUBLIC NOTICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES AND PROGRAMS, SERVICES FOR GIFTED STUDENTS, AND SERVICES FOR PROTECTED HANDICAPPED STUDENTS

Notice to Parents - According to state and federal special education regulations, annual public notice to parents of children who reside within a school district is required regarding child find responsibilities. School districts (SDs), intermediate units (IUs) and charter schools (CSs) are required to conduct child find activities for children who may be eligible for services via Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For additional information related to Section 504/Chapter 15 services, the parent may refer to Section 504, Chapter 15, and the Basic Education Circular entitled Implementation of Chapter 15. Also, school districts are required to conduct child find activities for children who may be eligible for gifted services via 22 Pa Code Chapter 16. For additional information regarding gifted services, the parent may refer to 22 PA Code Chapter 16. If a student is both gifted and eligible for Special Education, the procedures in IDEA and Chapter 14 shall take precedence. This notice shall inform parents throughout the school district, intermediate unit, and charter school of the child identification activities and of the procedures followed to ensure confidentiality of information pertaining to students with disabilities or eligible young children. In addition to this public notice, each school district, intermediate unit, and charter school shall publish written information in the handbook and on the web site. Children ages three through twenty-one can be eligible for special education programs and services. If parents believe that the child may be eligible for special education, the parent should contact the Director of Pupil Services. Children age three through the age of admission to first grade are also eligible if they have developmental delays and, as a result, need Special Education and related services. Developmental delay is defined as a child who is less than the age of beginners and at least 3 years of age and is

considered to have a developmental delay when one of the following exists:

(i) The child's score, on a developmental assessment device, on an assessment instrument which yields a score in months, indicates that the child is delayed by 25% of the child's chronological age in one or more developmental areas. (ii) The child is delayed in one or more of the developmental areas, as documented by test performance of 1.5 standard deviations below the mean on standardized tests. Developmental areas include cognitive, communicative, physical, social/emotional and self-help. For additional information regarding Early Intervention Services you may contact IU13 at (717) 606-1601.

Evaluation Process - Each school district, intermediate unit, and charter school has a procedure in place by which parents can request an evaluation. For information about procedures applicable to your child, contact the school, which your child attends. Parents of preschool age children, age three through five, may request an evaluation in writing by addressing a letter to the intermediate unit staff at 1020 New Holland Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17601.

Consent - School entities cannot proceed with an evaluation, or with the initial provision of special education and related services, without the written consent of the parents. For additional information related to consent, please refer the Procedural Safeguards Notice which can be found at the PaTTAN website, www.Pattan.net or on the ELCO School District website. Once written parental consent is obtained, the district will proceed with the evaluation process. If the parent disagrees with the evaluation, the parent can request an independent education evaluation at public expense.

Program Development - Once the evaluation process is completed, a team of qualified professional and parents determine whether the child is eligible. If the child is eligible, the individualized

education program team meets, develops the program, and determines the educational placement. Once the IEP team develops the program and determines the educational placement, school district staff, intermediate unit staff, or charter school staff will issue a notice of recommended educational placement/prior written notice. Your written consent is required before initial services can be provided. The parent has the right to revoke consent after initial placement.

Confidentiality of Information -

The SDs, IUs and CSs maintain records concerning all children enrolled in the school, including students with disabilities. All records are maintained in the strictest confidentiality. Your consent, or consent of an eligible child who has reached the age of majority under State law, must be obtained before personally identifiable information is released, except as permitted under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). The age of majority in Pennsylvania is 21. For additional information related to student records, the parent can refer to the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). This notice is only a summary of the Special Education services, evaluation and screening activities, and rights and protections pertaining to children with disabilities, children thought to be disabled, and their parents. For more information or to request an evaluation or screening of a public or private school child contact your child's building principal or the Director of Pupil Services. For preschool age children, information, screenings and evaluations requested, may be obtained by contacting the Intermediate Unit.

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HOLIDAY CONCERT SCHEDULE



December 9: IS 5th Grade Holiday Concert (7 p.m.)

December 11: MS Holiday Concert (7 p.m. @ HS)

December 16: IS 4th Grade Holiday Concert (7 p.m. @ IS)

December 21: HS Holiday Concert (2 p.m. @ HS)



WEATHER AND DELAY INFORMATION

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

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 administrative assistant.

Early Dismissal:

HS	7:30 a.m.	12:35 p.m.
MS	7:35 a.m.	12:45 p.m.
IS	8:45 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
K-2	9:00 a.m.	1:30 p.m.
AM Kdg.	9:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
PM Kdg.	11:45 a.m.	1:30 p.m.

Two-Hour Delay:

HS	9:30 a.m.	2:20 p.m.
MS	9:35 a.m.	2:30 p.m.
IS	10:45 a.m.	3:15 p.m.
K-2	11:00 a.m.	3:30 p.m.
AM Kdg.	11:00 a.m.	12:45 p.m.
PM Kdg.	1:45 p.m.	3:30 p.m.