

FALL 2015

ELCO Communicator

A Newsletter for the Residents of Eastern Lebanon County School District

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THE MISSION OF THE EASTERN LEBANON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Is to prepare ALL students, K-12, to be successful for THEIR future.

ELCO HOMECOMING



ELCO Homecoming Court

Homecoming King & Queen: Jacob Kline & Meredith Balsbaugh

Girls: Amanda Axarlis, Abigail Musser, Jill Gattens, Emerson Brown, Chandelle Keller, Anna Enck, Meredith Balsbaugh, Julie Stahlman, Lori Weaver, Megan Gregorzek

Boys: Tucker Brown, Jeremy Habowski, Linden Bennetch, Kyle Yoders, Dylan Stoops, Austin Fuller, Jacob Kline, Nate Hostetter, James Bidelsbach, Gavin Hain

Announcers for Homecoming were: Madison Harnish (Senior Class President) and Erika Bopp (Student Council President).

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE



Mr. Donald R. Brown

The 2015 ELCO Hall of Fame inductee is Mr. Donald R. Brown. Donald grew up in Myerstown and graduated in 1948 from Myerstown High School. After graduation from high school, he attended Ursinus College and earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in History in 1952. He earned his first graduate degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana where he received his Master in Arts degree in American

ELCO WELCOMED THE FOLLOWING NEW STAFF TO THE DISTRICT



Left to Right:

(Back Row) Taryn Tenaglia, James Thomas, Megan Lieberwirth, Samantha Roy, & Randon Weaver

(Front Row) Erin Shaffer, Ashley Haldeman, Amanda Burris, Susan Racek, & Madelyn Saunders

***(Missing from the Photo)**
Ashley Deibler

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE...CONT'D

History in 1954. Yet Donald Brown had more to accomplish as he continued his education at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, earning his Master of Science degree in Library Science in 1957. From May of 1954 through May of 1956, Mr. Brown served in the U.S. Army and is a veteran of the Korean War. Donald graduated from the U. S. Army's Counter-Intelligence School at Fort Holabird in August of 1954. He was posted at the Fifth Army Headquarters in Chicago and at Fort Snelling in Minnesota. After serving our country and completing his degrees, Donald Brown began his career in 1957 at the Detroit Public Library as their Chief Reference Librarian; in 1961 he moved to Western Michigan University as Chief Reference Librarian and Associate Professor; and started in 1970 as the Assistant Director of Collection Management at the State Library of Pennsylvania where he remained until he retired in 1991.

Donald R. Brown's real passion is postcards. Mr. Brown is the Founder of the Institute of American Deltiology located in ELCO's backyard on West Main Avenue in Myerstown. Donald began collecting postcards as a young boy in 1943 and has been collecting them for over 70 years. His hobby turned

passion has allowed him to amass close to one million postcards of varying forms making it one of the largest collections of postcards in the country. Mr. Brown recently signed a deed of gift to transfer his collection to the Trust archives at the University of Maryland. It is his hope that this collection will be used to help future historians study popular cultures of various time periods, as well as, provide a glimpse into the many facets of American life.

In 1995, Donald Brown received the "History Section Award" from the American Library Association. He is a Founding Member and Chair of the Local History Committee of the American Library Association and has presented numerous workshops on this topic. He is the chief editor and author of "Lebanon County: A Postcard History," "Saga of the Tulpehocken: A Postcard View," and "Myerstown and Eastern Lebanon County," which is a part of Arcadia Publishing Firm's "Postcard History Series." Mr. Brown has had various articles written about him. Two of the more prominent articles are entitled, "Profile: The Well-Posted Collector" and "Donald R. Brown and the Institute of American Deltiology," the latter being published in *Pennsylvania Heritage* in the winter of 2015.

HIGH SCHOOL FALL PLAY *SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE*

This year's fall play will be hitting the ELCO stage November 13th and 14th at 7:30 p.m. A total of 16 high school performers have put together a compilation of five comedic short plays under the title "*Something for Everyone*."

The night will begin with *Check Please*, a comedy by Jonathan Rand. Here we find senior Adam Fisher and junior Madelyn Morrissey struggle through a series of blind dates that go from bad to worse. Each zany date leaves Adam and Madelyn looking for the check! *Check Please* is followed by *DMV Tyrant* by Christopher Durang. Here we find senior Austin Fuller, a customer who is running out of options, meeting sophomore Faith Smith, window 7, who seems more interested in her novel than in helping Austin renew his license. *Hard Candy*, by Jonathan Rand, lets the audience sit in on a series of interviews for a job at Banff Enterprises. These applicants will do everything it takes to get a job including blackmail and hypnotism. Act I concludes with *Man of the House* by Robert Blair. Here we find junior Michael Scheaffer, play a B&E specialist who finds robbing the Mason house more difficult than he planned. A series of uninvited guests including long lost relatives and a high school romance continually show up and mistake the burglar for Harry Mason, the owner of the house. Michael is forced to spend more time acting as a family counselor than robbing the place.

In Act II, we find ourselves in Grandma's garden for *The Day Grandma Got Mad and Squashed the Tomatoes* by



November 13th & 14th @ 7:30 p.m.
Students & Senior - \$5 Adults - \$7

Tickets Available at the Door

Bradley Hayward. Allison, played by Madelyn Morrissey, decides to invite her boyfriend Erik, sophomore Nicholas Shandfelder, to her weekly visit to Grandma's house in hopes to gain her approval. Grandma, played by junior Faustina Falk, may be a kind-hearted lady, but Erik can't seem to get on her good side. Problems erupt when Erik mentions the pasta sauce that shan't be named which puts Grandma's prize-winning tomatoes in jeopardy.

So come join us on November 13th and 14th for a night of comedy at the ELCO High School Auditorium. Tickets are available at the door and cost \$7 for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens.



ATHLETICALLY SPEAKING

The 2015 fall sports season is swiftly coming to an end, and winter sports are right around the corner. During the fall season, approximately three hundred fifty middle and high school student athletes were on the athletic fields representing the ELCO community with pride and a lot of success. Winter sports practices begin Monday, November 16 and the first official date for games is Friday, December 4, 2015.

ATHLETICALLY SPEAKING CONTINUED....**Girls' Tennis**

The girls' tennis team finished the season with a 6 - 8 record. Congratulations to Sydney Nye who qualified for the District III Singles Tournament and won her first round match but lost in the second round to the number two seed. Nye and Kelsey Stubblebine qualified for the District III doubles tournament.

Field Hockey

The field hockey team finished the season with a 5 - 11 - 2 record. Alyssa Keath, Katie Fields, and Emily Witmer were the top leading scorers on the team.

Boys' Soccer

The boys' soccer team finished the regular season 12-6 and is ranked 15 in the District III playoff tournament. ELCO will play Palmyra in the play-in round of the District III playoffs and if they win, will play the number 2 seed.

Girls' Soccer

The girls' soccer team finished the regular season 14 - 4 and won the Section III Championship. They lost to Hempfield 1-0 in the first round of the league playoffs. The team is seeded 6th in the District III Tournament. Congratulations to Derek Fulk who was named Section III Coach of the year. Best of luck to the Lady Raiders in the post-season.

Golf

The golf team finished the season with a 35-7 record and placed second in the section. Dave Meyer is in his seventh year as the head golf coach. Congratulations to Cody Tobias who medaled at the District III Golf Tournament and qualified for the PIAA Regional Tournament.

Cross Country

The boys and girls cross-country teams finished their season with 10-11 and 2-19 records respectfully. Charles Gerberich is serving as our head coach and is assisted by Holly Hartman at the junior high level. Congratulations to Jared

Harnish who won the Lebanon County Meet and placed 7th at the Lancaster-Lebanon League race. He has qualified for the District III meet.

Football

The football team is currently 3-4 with three games remaining on the schedule. Quarterback Jeff Martin is having a superb year throwing the football and his top receiver is Andrew Olsen. Tyler Horst and Travis Zimmerman, do the bulk of the running duties for the Raiders. Coach Miller is in his fourth season as the head coach. Congratulations to Jeff Martin for surpassing the 6,000 yard passing mark for his career.

Girls' Volleyball

The girls' volleyball team finished the season with a 10-8 record. The Raiders were led by seniors Lexi Rogers and Chandelle Keller

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. Alysha Burkholder is in her first year as the head coach and is assisted by Elizabeth Yearwood and Vanessa Risser who serve as junior high coaches.

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, or postponements 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 16th with the first games of the season occurring on Friday, December 4th. 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 27 at 5 p.m. in the High School.**

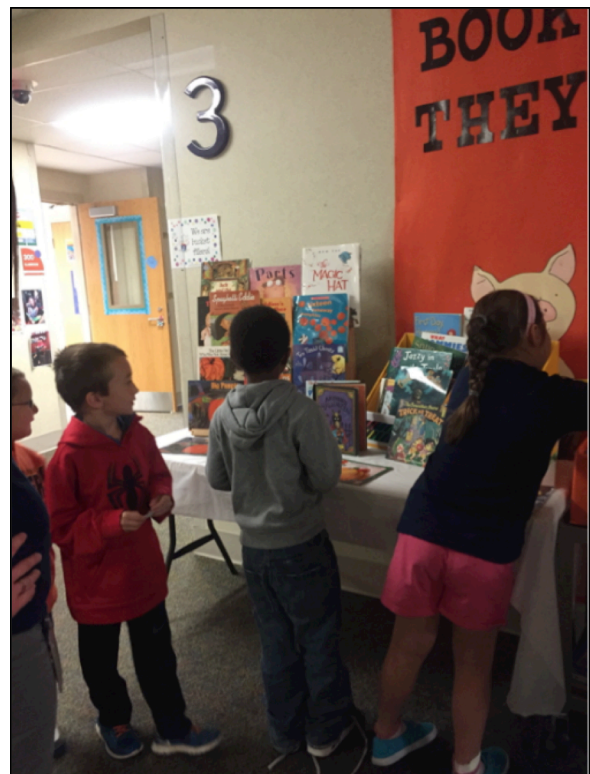
BOOKS FOR BUCKET FILLERS

This year at Fort Zeller, The Promoting Literacy Team has started a free book program to promote independent reading at home and at school. The team consists of the following teachers: Sara Faust, Jan Ogurcak, Pat Hall, Angela Rodriguez, Suzanne Lucky, Jamie Yocum, Heather Miller, and Michelle Longenecker. Students buy books with tickets that are given to them for making good choices and doing their best. Each class has an opportunity to purchase their books once a week. Thus far, students have purchased over 600 books. The children look forward to selecting their books and are excited about reading them. Leading research shows that to be better readers, children need to read. Our goal is to "get books in kids hands" and promote the value and love of reading everyday.

If you would like to support this program, we accept gently used or new books. Funds will also be accepted to purchase supplies and books to continue this beneficial program. Books may be dropped off in the Fort Zeller lobby or contact Michelle Longenecker at mlongenecker@elcosd.org, Sara Faust at sfaust@elcosd.org, or Pat Hall at phall@elcosd.org.

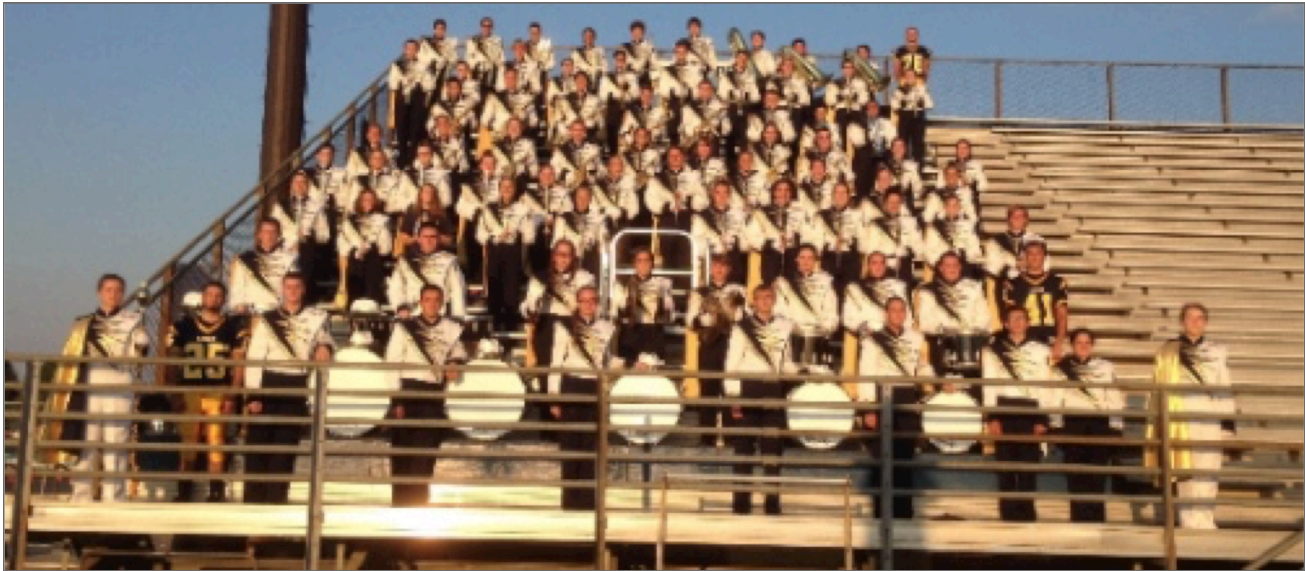


Second grade students shopping for books.



(Pictured from left to right) Jordan Weitzel, Chase Lutz, Elejandro Eckert, and Katie Bochenek.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS



- The ELCO Raider Band Boosters' 25th Annual Craft Show will be held at ELCO High School on Saturday, December 5th from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Over 100 vendors will be on-hand presenting their wares for your perusal. Admission for adults is \$2.00 per person. Entrance will be through the loading dock doors at the back of the High School. Kauffman's Chicken BBQ will be on sale, as well as other concessions that will be available in the High School Cafeteria. All proceeds go to benefit the ELCO Raider High School Band.
- The ELCO Music Department will be presenting a number of holiday concerts for your enjoyment.
 - ❖ The Intermediate School will start off with their 5th grade and advanced band concert on Tuesday, December 8th at 7 p.m. followed by a 4th grade and beginner band concert on Tuesday, December 15th at 7 p.m. Both concerts will be held at the Intermediate School.
 - ❖ The Middle School choruses and bands will present their holiday concert in the High School Auditorium on December 10th starting at 7 p.m. The high school band, chorus, and concert choir will round out the holiday concert series with their concert entitled "*Hope*" on Sunday, December 20th at 2 p.m.
- The ELCO Raider Band has enjoyed a wonderful fall marching band season with their show entitled "*Rock the Classics*". They opened the field-shows with "*Jump*", by Van Halen featured on their 1984 album followed by "*Any Way You Want It*" released in 1980 by Journey on their Departure album. Our rendition featured the Raider Band Drumline. The third number changed tempo a bit by featuring a popular tune "*Take It Easy*" by the Eagles from their debut album, Eagles, in 1972. The Raider Band ended their show with one of Aerosmith's greatest hits, "*Dream On*", featuring senior Ben Burkhart on trombone. This song debuted on their first album, Aerosmith in 1973.
 - ❖ The band was led on the field by senior Drum Majors Tori Hackman and Sara Quillan. Section leaders include: Madison Harnish, Macey Dundore, Jill Gattens, Emily Schlegel, Mallory Beard, Maddi Morrissey, Rebecca Tice, Ben Burkhart, Nate Hostetter, Luke Seyfert and Faustina Falk.

- The ELCO Raider Band will also be performing in the Schaefferstown Halloween Parade on October 31st, the Lebanon Holiday Parade on November 21st, and the Myerstown Holiday Parade on November 28th. All band alumni are welcome to perform with the band for the Myerstown Holiday Parade. Please wear your band jacket. You may march with us for the entire parade or just a few blocks. We will be playing the old standards of Jazzy Ole' St. Nick and Frosty the Snowman. Please meet the band behind the Myerstown UCC Church by 4 p.m. or hop in along the way!
- The 2015 Raider Band staff includes: Percussion Instructor, Mr. Mark Doll; Marching Instructor Mr. Kristofer Miller, our Assistant Director Mr. Craig DeVore; and Band Director Mr. David Fair. The Raider Band would like to thank our Band Boosters, the ELCO School Board, Faculty, Staff, and Administration for all of their support.



Students from the Middle School Creative Crew are painting fall scenes on the windows at Stoneridge Towne Centre in Myerstown. In the picture above, Cole Wenrich and Emily Light are standing with Cole's great-grandfather, Richard Snyder, who resides at Stoneridge.

ART DEPARTMENT NEWS

Because October is National Drug Prevention month, some of the 5th grade students in Mrs. Auchenbach's Intermediate School Art classes created artwork about why it is important to remain drug free, as part of a calendar contest sponsored by the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office. Congratulations to the following 5th grade students: Samantha Nelson, Tyler Fake, and Megan Shepherd whose artwork was chosen to move on to the state-wide competition as a chance to have their drawings featured in a 2016 Drug Free Calendar.



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 8: IS 5th Grade Holiday Concert (7 p.m. @ IS)
December 10: MS Holiday Concert (7 p.m. @ HS)
December 15: IS 4th Grade Holiday Concert (7 p.m. @ IS)
December 20: 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 ***"Blackboard Connect"*** 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.	12:35 p.m.
IS	8:45 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
Elementary	9:00 a.m.	1:30 p.m.
AM Kdg.	9:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
PM Kdg.	Does not report	

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.