

WINTER 2016

ELCO Communicator

A Newsletter for the Residents of Eastern Lebanon County School District

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SPRING MUSICAL at ELCO

***GUYS AND DOLLS* MARCH 4TH & 5TH**

Guys and Dolls is a musical romantic comedy involving the unlikeliest of Manhattan pairings: a high-rolling gambler and missionary, a showgirl dreaming of the straight-and-narrow and a crap game manager who is anything but. Set in the hustle and bustle of Manhattan, *Guys and Dolls* tells of con-man Nathan Detroit's efforts to find a location for his illegal, but notorious, crap game. In addition to his occupational struggles, Nathan has found himself one step closer to the altar, much to the happiness of his fiancée, Miss Adelaide (played by Victoria Hackman). He has promised her that one day they will get married and he will leave this life behind, just as soon as he finds a location for this game. Nathan (portrayed by Samuel Krupenya) has to find a new home for his crap game quickly - but he doesn't have the dough to secure the one location he finds. Enter Sky



Masterson (as performed by Michael Schaeffer), a high-rolling gambler willing to take on any honest bet with a high enough reward attached. Nathan bets Sky that he can't take the "doll" of Nathan's choosing to Havana, Cuba with him on a date. When Sky agrees to the bet, Nathan chooses uptight Evangelist Sergeant Sarah Brown (played by Mallory Beard), head of Broadway's Save-a-Soul Mission. Sky thinks he's been duped, but he's in for even more of a surprise when his efforts to woo Sarah

KINDERGARTEN 2016-2017 INFORMATION

REGISTRATION

If you have a child who will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2016, he or she is eligible to be registered for Kindergarten during the 2016-2017 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 School or Jackson Elementary School beginning the week of **January 25, 2016 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 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 15, 2016. 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 April 25 through April 28, 2016. 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.

Spring Musical....*Continued*

are so successful that he falls in love with her himself! *Guys and Dolls* takes us from the crowded streets of Times Square to the dance clubs of Havana to the sewers of New York City as it demonstrates the great lengths to which a guy will go when he truly falls in love with a "doll." *Guys and Dolls* features some of Frank Loesser's most memorable tunes, including the hilarious "Adelaide's Lament," the romantic "I've Never Been in Love Before," the exuberant "If I Were a Bell" and the classic "Luck be a Lady."

This year's show features over ninety ELCO High School students. This performance showcases the acting and vocal talents of students David Deitz as Nicely-Nicely Johnson, Nicholas Shanfelder as Benny Southstreet, Luke Reinhart as Rusty Charlie, and Luke Seyfert as Arvide Abernathy.

The Myerstown-ELCO Rotary Club will be hosting a special senior citizen breakfast and performance scheduled on Thursday, March 3rd. Breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m. in the ELCO High School Cafeteria. The show will begin at 9:00 a.m. Free tickets are available in the high school office for seniors living in the district.

Additional performances are scheduled for Friday, March 4, 2016 and Saturday, March 5, 2016, at 7:30 p.m.. Tickets cost \$8 for students and senior citizens and \$10 for adults. You can preorder tickets by calling the high school office at (717) 866-7447 during working hours, or (717) 866-7447 ext. 5306 after school hours, or by visiting the ELCO School District webpage at www.elcosd.org.

EASTERN LEBANON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL in
agreement with MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL
proudly presents



A Musical Fable of Broadway

Based on a Story and Characters of Damon Runyon

Music and Lyrics By:

FRANK LOESSER

Book by:

JO SWERLING and ABE BURROWS

"Guys and Dolls" is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.MTIShows.com

Free Senior Citizen Performance March 3, 2016 at 9:00 A.M.

With an 8 A.M. breakfast sponsored by the Myerstown Rotary

Evening Performances:

Friday, March 4, 2016 at 7:30 P.M.

Saturday, March 5, 2016 at 7:30 P.M.

Tickets can be purchased at www.elcosd.org.

Order by phone at 717-866-7447 (daily 7 A.M. – 3 P.M.)

or 717-866-7447 ext. 5306 (during non-school hours.)

Ticket Prices: \$10 adults \$8 students/sr. citizens

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 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, which is 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. Once nominated, that candidate will be considered for five (5) consecutive years and need not be nominated each year; nominated individuals may have pertinent material added to their application as long as the information is submitted by the deadline for all nominations as stated below. In the event an individual is not selected within five (5) years of being nominated, a new nomination form must be submitted for future consideration.

ELCO HALL OF FAME...Continued**Nominations Due by May 13th**

Nomination forms for the 2016 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 **Friday, May 13, 2016** in order to be considered for the 2016 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 2016 ELCO Hall of Fame inductee will be chosen.

The ELCO School District is looking for anyone from the community who would be willing to help plan the events for the 2016 ELCO School District Hall of Fame. The District is also seeking community members who would be willing to serve on the selection committee to review the nominees and ultimately be involved in the selection of the 2016 ELCO School District Hall of Fame inductee. If you are interested in serving on either of these committees, please contact Mr. Richard R. Sweger, Jr., High School Assistant Principal, no later than **Friday, May 13, 2016**, by calling 717-866-7447 ext. 2004 or by sending an email to rsweiger@elcosd.org to express your interest.

PROFESSIONAL STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR**Nominations Due by April 15th**

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 (*located under "News & Announcements"*) and are due by April 15th.

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

SENIOR VOLUNTEER TAX PROGRAM**Applications Due by June 30th**

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 are required for anyone working in a public school. Both can be acquired at no cost when choosing "Volunteer".

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

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH





INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

CONGRATULATIONS!

October 2015		November 2015	
Sunshine Krill, daughter of Kristine & Harvey Krill	Stephen Confair, son of Wendy & Robert Confair	Tara Bewley, daughter of Justine & Jason Bewley	Reygan Shaak, daughter of Rebecca & Christopher Shaak
			
December 2015		January 2016	
Kaelin Etherson, daughter of James & Elizabeth Etherson	Joshua Zimmerman, son of Jason & Christine Zimmerman	Ali Bender, daughter of Christa & Andrew Bender	Ethan Fulk, son of Jessica & Brian Fulk
			




MIDDLE SCHOOL

October 2015		November 2015	
Julia Macchione, daughter of Kristen & Charles Macchione	Mitchell Gray, son of Ruthanne & Greg Gray	Palak Maniani, daughter of Nita Kaur & Paul Singh	Ethan Balderrama, son of Sheri & John Balderrama
			

December 2015		January 2016	
Elizabeth Lattanze, daughter of Stacey & Christopher Lattanze	Daniel Henry, son of Emma Henry & Kyle Henry	Skyler Atkinson, daughter of Kendra & William Atkinson and Donna & Terry Baker	Joseph Landis, son of Kori & Matthew Landis
			

HIGH SCHOOL

October 2015		November 2015	
Amanda Axarlis, daughter of Sandra & Ted Axarlis	Tucker Brown, son of Sherry & Geoffrey Brown	Jessica Chekanov, daughter of Aleksandra Chekanov	Luke Seyfert, son of Beth & Paul Seyfert
			

December 2015		January 2016	
Emerson Brown, daughter of Karen & Jason Brown	Nathanael Hostetter, son of Donna & Kevin Hostetter	Chandelle Keller, daughter of Sharon & Joel Keller	Austin Fuller, son of John Fuller & Lauri Kollar
			



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 one hundred ninety students participating on our winter teams. All of these athletes are growing and learning through participation in athletics. The varsity activities that we offer through the winter months are cheerleading, bowling, wrestling, and girls and boys basketball. We also offer wrestling, basketball, and cheerleading on the junior high level. Unfortunately, this year we were unable to find coaches to field a winter track team.

Cheerleading

The cheerleading squad can be seen and heard at the boys' basketball games. This winter season we had ten seniors on the squad, which consists of sixteen girls. The squad is coached by first year head coach Alysha Burkholder and the assistant coach is Elizabeth Yearwood.

Wrestling

The wrestling team finished the dual meet season with a 20-4 record and qualified for the District III AAA tournament. The team lost in the first round to Cedar Cliff. The team placed first at the Delco Duals going 5-0 and finished second in their own tournament on January 2nd. Congratulations to Ryan Rolon who won the Lancaster-Lebanon League Championship in the heavyweight division. Good luck to all the wrestlers that will advance into individual post-season competition.

Bowling

The bowling team is having a great season under the direction of fourth year head coach Mike Rittle. The team finished second place in the section but has advanced to the League Team Tournament. The team has also qualified for the Team Regional Tournament. Top bowlers for ELCO are Joe Rittle, Ryan Stone, Jacob Hitz, Aaron Deitz, Dylan Landuyt, and Josh Pagan. Best of luck to the entire team as they continue their season and post-season competition.

Girls' Basketball

The girls' basketball team finished the regular season with a 15-7 record. The girls have qualified for the District III Tournament and will play Susquehannock in the first round on February 17th. The team consisted of one lone senior, Chandelle Keller. The girls' team has a bright future.



Boys' Basketball

The boys' team completed the regular season with a 19-3 record finishing in second place of Section 3 and qualified for the League Playoffs. Unfortunately, the team lost to McCaskey but will host a first round District III playoff game against Steel High on Tuesday, February 16th beginning at 7 p.m. Congratulations to Colton Lawrence who eclipsed the 1,000-point mark in his career and became the all-time leading scorer in ELCO boys' basketball history. The team consisted of two other seniors also, Caleb Buchmoyer and Dylan Stoops.

Swimming

ELCO does not offer the sport of swimming but students can compete as individuals in hopes of qualifying for League and District Meets. Emma Flesher and Danika Boltz competed for ELCO this season. Emma qualified for the Lancaster-Lebanon League Meet in the 500-meter freestyle race.

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 held on Tuesday, March 1st beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria. Athletes should report with their completed physical form and \$25. Those who have already received a physical for either fall or winter do not need to report. To be recertified for the spring season, athletes need to complete and submit the recertification form, which can be picked up in the Main Office or Athletic Trainer's room.

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.

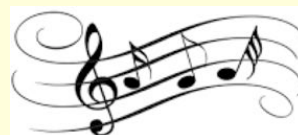
ATHLETICALLY SPEAKING.... *Continued***ELCO Coaching Vacancies:**

- JV Girls' Soccer Coach for the 2016 fall season
- Junior High Football Coaches for the 2016 fall season

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

- Congratulations to the following students who traveled to Central York, in October, to compete with about 600 students for a position in this year's PMEA District Chorus Festival. Five of our eight participating students earned a seat in this elite ensemble:

Libby Foelker - Junior - Soprano 2
Jessica Chekanov - Senior - Alto 1
Kayla Light - Junior - Alto 2
Mallory Beard - Senior - Alto 2
Michael Schaeffer - Junior - Bass 1



Those students then participated in a festival on February 5th & 6th at Hempfield High School under the direction of guest conductor, Dr. Mitos Andaya of Temple University. In addition to the concert on February 6th at 5 p.m., the students also auditioned for PMEA Regional Chorus while at the festival (a requirement for all participants).

- Congratulations to Senior Ben Burkhart, who qualified for the PMEA District 7 Band at Dallastown High School. Ben then attended the District 7 Band Festival held at Lebanon High School on January 29th & 30th.

**CELEBRATE THE ARTS
DISTRICT-WIDE ART SHOW**

Tuesday, May 24th 5-9 p.m. - ELCO High School

The Elco School District *Celebrate the Arts Show* will take place on Tuesday, May 24th from 5-9 p.m. in the High School. The event will feature the visual artwork of all students in the district (K-12) who participate in the art classes. Senior art students will be showcasing and selling their work in the High School Library with a "meet and greet the artists" from 6-7 p.m.

Additional features include "ROCS" and Jazz Band Performance at 7:30 p.m. in the High School Auditorium and Business and Technology displays. Hresko's Bar-B-Q will, again, be available for everyone's enjoyment. We hope that you will be able to attend this event to support and honor the creativity of the students of the Elco School District.

ART DEPARTMENT NEWS

Kindergarten art students learned about tinting. The students added white to either blue or purple tempera paint and discovered that adding white made the color lighter. They practiced their cutting and collaging skills by cutting out the bear and details like earmuffs and scarves to go on their bear. The adorable face was drawn with marker. Each artist signed their name and the year they finished the artwork (2016). Reflections of learning are mounted on the back of the artwork.



PHYS ED DEPARTMENT NEWS

For the 6th year in a row, Cathy Shaak, our Central PA United State Tennis Association (USTA) representative and one of ELCO boys' and girls' tennis coaches; once again spent the first week of 2016 with our 3rd thru 5th grade students. During PE class, students were introduced to the lifetime sport of tennis. Students enjoyed the opportunity to experience fun skills, mini games and the energy and excitement from our instructors!



Joining coach Cathy were daughter Maddy Shaak, 2013 ELCO Graduate who attends West Chester University and is currently captain and their number two singles player; and her niece Claire Shaak, 2015 ELCO graduate who attends Washington & Jefferson College where she is continuing her athletics as a collegiate field hockey player.

Our students at the Intermediate School and Miss Slabonik, thank them for taking time to share their knowledge and love of the game with our students.

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MYERSTOWN-ELCO ROTARY

"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"



SERVICES PROVIDED BY ROTARY

- ELCO Student Sponsor:
 - Scholarships for College-Bound Seniors
 - Student of the Month Breakfasts
 - Rotary Youth Leadership Conference (RYLA)
 - Breakfast Recognition for First Responders, Enlisted in Military, Active Seniors
- Support Senior Citizens in the ELCO District by Providing Free Breakfast Prior to School Musical
- Support Given to: Local Libraries, Fire Companies, & Needy Families
- Donated 400 Thanksgiving Turkeys to Local Needy Families in Lebanon County
- Sponsor International Well Project in El Salvador
- Sponsor Three Children at the Mortel Foundation (Haiti)
- Participant and Sponsor in the Myerstown Parade/American Heart Walk

ELCO EDUCATION FOUNDATION 2015 EITC CONTRIBUTIONS

THANK YOU!!

The ELCO Education Foundation wishes to thank the following businesses that made Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) donations to the Foundation.

Ephrata National Bank
Fulton Bank - UHS of Delaware, Inc.
Waste Management - 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 at tkunder@elcosd.org or (717) 866-7117 ext. 2313.