

FALL 2016

# ELCO Communicator

A Newsletter for the Residents of Eastern Lebanon County School District

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Eastern Lebanon County  
School District's Mission  
Statement

***The mission of  
the ELCO School  
District is to  
prepare ALL  
students, K-12, to  
be successful for  
THEIR futures.***

## ELCO HOMECOMING COURT



*Back Row (left to right): Tyler Hill, David Stamm, Cole Reinhart, Ryan Eshleman, Michael Schaeffer, Brett Flory, Colin Landis, Austin Rhoads, Brett Bohannon*

*Front Row (left to right): Hannah Williams, Alyssa Keath, Hannah Richards, Alexis Thomas, Eve Peiffer, Grace Firestine, Sierra Swingholm, Elizabeth Foelker, Jennifer Kinsey, Natalie Fiorini*

## HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES

The ELCO High School students enjoyed a great Spirit Week during the week of October 11<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>. The week wrapped up with a beautiful Friday for the students and faculty to enjoy a fun Lawn Lunch ending with a pep rally for fall sports in the stadium. Later that evening, at the Homecoming football game, seniors Brett Bohannon and Natalie Fiorini were crowned Homecoming King and Queen.

On Saturday night, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 400 ELCO High School students and guests enjoyed a fun night of dancing and socializing during the Homecoming Dance sponsored by ELCO High School Student Council. This year's theme was '*A Night in the Big City*'. Special thanks to the administration, faculty, and staff for making this year's Homecoming festivities a big success.

**HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE****MR. JOEL WIEST**

Mr. Joel Wiest, a 1951 graduate of Myerstown High School was inducted into the ELCO Hall of Fame during the 2016 Homecoming celebration. While attending Myerstown High School, Joel was a member of Myerstown High School Band and the mixed choruses. Joel attended Lebanon Valley College, where he graduated in 1955 with a degree in Music. During his time at LVC, Joel contributed his baritone voice to "The Four Dutchmen" quartet. The group frequently traveled with a professor throughout Pennsylvania performing at various venues. In the early 1950s, the quartet landed on a television show with actress Arlene Francis. When the show was later canceled, Joel joined the United States Army.

From 1955 through 1958, Joel was a part of the United States Army. During his time in basic training at Fort Dix in New Jersey, Joel performed in a quartet on "Soldier Parade" with Arlene Francis and Richard Hayes. In 1956, Joel was selected as a charter member for the

United States Army Chorus, which performed at a variety of special events and unique locations, including the White House, the Red Rocks Amphitheater in Denver, Colorado, and the Hollywood Bowl in California. Every Monday evening, the chorus would sing at the home of General Maxwell Taylor, providing Joel an opportunity to sing for a number of foreign diplomats.

Joel's journey through the entertainment industry continued after his time in the military ended. In 1961, Joel joined "The Meadowlarks," a choral group that toured the country. This experience afforded him the opportunity to meet many individuals in entertainment, including Les Brown and Tony Martin. In fact, Tony Martin hired Joel to be his music arranger, which enabled Joel to travel throughout the Caribbean, Mexico, and the United States. Joel also spent two years backing up Debbie Reynolds for her Las Vegas and Florida shows as part of the singing group "the Gentry Four." When Joel married his wife in Las Vegas, Debbie Reynolds hosted a reception for them. Joel and his wife went on to have two daughters. His versatility in music also led to roles as the Choir Director at the Walker Chapel in Virginia in 1957 and participating in the Civic Light Opera in Los Angeles during the 1960s.

During his visits to his hometown in those years, Joel directed a show for the Myerstown Lions Club and wrote a jingle for the Lebanon Plaza Shopping Mall. His music collection includes hundreds of pieces of music he has composed for businesses, politicians, entertainers, and friends. Many of these pieces he individually composed, arranged, and performed.

In addition to his time in the entertainment industry, Joel also attended Florida State University, American University, UCLA, and University of Southern California, where he completed numerous courses in law studies and education. Joel finished his law degree in 1983 when he graduated from MidValley College of Law in Encino, California. Joel passed the California Bar Exam upon his graduation and started practicing law in California in the area of worker's compensation. In 1990, Joel moved back to the East coast and practiced law as a public defender in Washington D.C. for five years, before retiring.

## HIGH SCHOOL FALL PLAY

### *More Than Meets the Eye*

November 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 p.m.  
Students & Senior Citizens - \$5  
Adults - \$7

Tickets Available at the Door



The ELCO High School proudly presents *More Than Meets the Eye*, a three-act comedy written by Fred Carmichael. The play centers around a successful children's author named Stanley Nichols, played by Nicholas Shanfelder. Stanley secretly publishes the stories under the "pen name" of Grandma Letty.

Hiding this secret has become a daily event for Stanley's wife, played by Natalie Fiorini, who finds herself lying to her closest friend, Emma Flesher. His niece (Bethany Hartmoyer) struggles to keep the secret from her boyfriend (Ethan Scalese) and maid (Faustina Falk). Stanley's publisher, played by Michael Schaeffer, contacts Stanley to inform him that he has been voted "Grandmother of the Year" and a reporter, played by Madelyn Morrissey, and a photographer, played by Luke Reinhart, besiege his house. Afraid that exposure as a juvenile writer will jeopardize the chances of his serious novel career, Stanley is forced to create a "grandma".

The play will hit the stage of the ELCO High School Auditorium on November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens. All tickets will be available at the door.



## ATHLETICALLY SPEAKING

The 2016 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 much success. Winter sports practices will begin on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. The first official date for games is Friday, December 9, 2016.

### Girls' Tennis

The girls' tennis team finished the season with a 5-10 record. Congratulations to Kelsey Stubblebine and Jennifer Kinsey who qualified for the District III Doubles Tournament but, unfortunately, lost their first round match. A record twenty-one girls were out for the team this year!

### Field Hockey

The field hockey team finished the season with an 11-7-1 record. The team qualified for the District III Playoffs, but lost 5-0 in the first round to Schuylkill Valley. Congratulations to the team, which won the Team Academic Award with a combined 3.86 GPA. Kendra Bicksler, Emily Witmer, Katie Fields, Hannah Williams, Alyssa Keath and Abbie Keath were selected as Section 3 All-Stars.



**ATHLETICALLY SPEAKING CONTINUED....****Boys' Soccer**

The boys' soccer team finished the regular season with a 14-2-2 record and were co-champions of Section 3 with Lancaster Mennonite. The Raiders were ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in the AA District III Tournament and played #5 Oley Valley in the quarterfinals, but lost 3-1. Evan Gettler, Justin Kimmet, Clay Hain, Joe Ginder and Matt Berger were selected as Section 3 All-Stars. Congratulations to Kirk Keppley who was named Section 3 Coach of the Year.

**Girls' Soccer**

The girls' soccer team finished the regular season 18-0 and champions of Section 3 in the Lancaster-Lebanon League. They lost to Hempfield 5-0 in the first round of the League Playoffs. The team was seeded 5<sup>th</sup> in the District III Tournament and won 2-2, 4-2 in penalty kicks to Twin Valley in the first round and lost to #4 Manheim Central 1-0 to finish the incredible season with a 19-2 record. Ryelle Shuey, Julia Nelson, Emma Strickler, Eve Peiffer, Emily Bidelsbach, Jenna Oliviero and Kiersten Sweigart were named Section 3 All-Stars. Congratulations to Derek Fulk who was named Section 3 Coach of the Year.

**Golf**

The golf team finished the season with a 35-7 record and placed second in the section. The Raider Golf Team won the Lebanon County Tournament with Cody Tobias, Ryan Woelfling, Blaine Weaver, and Danika Boltz scoring for the Raiders. Cody Tobias won the tournament. Congratulations to Cody Tobias and Danika Boltz who qualified for the District III Tournament.

**Cross Country**

The boys' and girls' cross-country teams finished their season with 5-5 and 6-4 record, respectfully. Charles Gerberich serves as the head coach with Holly Hartman assisting at the junior high level. Congratulations to Nick Madigan who placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and Lily Brubaker who won the Lebanon County Meet. Lily also placed 19<sup>th</sup> and medaled at the Lancaster-Lebanon League Championship Meet. Nick Madigan, Ryan McAllister, Cole Nelson, and Lilly Brubaker were named Section 2 All-Stars. The boys' team was named the winner of the Section 2 Sportsmanship Award. Congratulations to Lily Brubaker who placed 6<sup>th</sup> and Ryan McAllister who placed 17<sup>th</sup> at the District III Cross Country Meet and qualified for the PIAA Meet.

**Football**

The football team is currently 4-4 with two games remaining on the schedule. Quarterback Kyle Knight and running back Tyler Horst are having a superb year leading the offense. Billy Petruska is the main man leading the lineman to allow the offense to be successful. Coach Miller is in his fifth season as the head coach and finds numerous ways to teach his players lessons, both on and off the field, using books and articles to teach life-long lessons.

**Girls' Volleyball**

This girls' volleyball team finished the season with a 6-12 record. Carli Sholl, Maddie Stone, and Maddie Sweatlock were selected as Section All-Stars.

**Cheerleading**

This year, the varsity squad cheered at all football games and home boys' soccer games. The junior high squad cheered at all home football and soccer games. Alysha Burkholder is in her second year as the head coach and is assisted by Elizabeth Yearwood. Vanessa Risser serves as the junior high coach.

The daily athletic schedule can be heard by calling the athletic office at (717)866-7447. Select options 3, 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 for updates on scores, postponements, and other important information about all the ELCO sports teams. The account is @\_dbohannon

Winter sports will begin practice on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, with the first games of the season occurring on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Student-athletes are reminded to complete their physical paperwork and submit it to Athletic Trainer, Adam Zurick, ASAP. ELCO will hold winter physicals on Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 5 p.m. in the High School.

Congratulations to Ashli Shay and former head coach and Phys Ed teacher, Mike Seigfried as they will be inducted into the Central Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at the Days Inn in Lebanon. A special shout out to 1997 ELCO graduate Steph George who was recently inducted into the Radford University Hall of Fame for the sport of golf.

## ELCO WELCOMED THE FOLLOWING NEW STAFF TO THE DISTRICT



*Back Row: Danielle Seldomridge, Valerie Sweatlock, Rebecca Zimmerman  
Middle Row: Paulina McFadden, Sarah Stuart, Warren Zimmerman  
Front Row: Dianne Booth, Allison Wagner, Shawnta Fladd*



*Back Row: Alejandrina Mata, Kirsten Whitman, Robyn Wentzel,  
Billie-Jean Martin, Rene Zimmerman  
Middle Row: Jamilly Lugo-Vargas, Julie Righter, Jenna Gagliano  
Front Row: Ashley Driver, Janelle Kramer, Sandra McCloud*





## MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS



The ELCO Raider Marching Band has had a wonderful fall season performing at the football games, parades, and the Lebanon County Band Exhibition. This year's field show was entitled "Guardians of the Galaxy" and featured the mixtape tunes of *Escape*, *Spirit in the Sky*, *Hooked on a Feeling*, and a percussion section feature, *Groot's Pursuit*.

The band is led onto the field by junior drum major Hailey Seyfert. Section leaders include: Marissa Kemmerling, Amanda VanOverbeke, Sarah Simion, Makayla Arnold, Cody Speicher, Maddi Morrissey, Clark Lovell, Chance Leed, Ethan Gregorzek and Faustina Falk.

The Music Department has also been busy preparing for the upcoming holiday concerts and performances. The holiday concert dates and times are as follows:

- December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. – Middle School Concert held at the High School Auditorium
  - December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. - Intermediate School 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Concert held at the Intermediate School Gymnasium
  - December 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. - High School Holiday Concert held at the High School Auditorium
- \*Featuring the ELCO Raider Chorus, Concert Choir, ROCS, and Band.



## ART DEPARTMENT NEWS

There are six ELCO High School art students who are hoping to win the prize for their school. They have signed up to participate in Lebanon County's annual billboard design contest. In an attempt to promote safe driving, this group is spending time outside of class to brainstorm some creative concepts and appealing designs that will successfully catch the attention of other young drivers and change distracted driving norms. The group will find out if their completed design has been chosen for a billboard in Lebanon County by the end of December.

## 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 2015.

## 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*

**WWW.ELCOSD.ORG**

## 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

***DISTRICT POLICIES...Continued***

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](http://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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## **The ELCO Communicator**

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## **HOLIDAY CONCERT SCHEDULE**

December 8: MS Holiday Concert (7 p.m. @ HS)

December 13: IS Holiday Concert (7 p.m. @ IS)

December 18: 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.	12:20 p.m.
MS	7:35 a.m.	12:30 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.	11:45 a.m.	1:30 p.m.

*\*Weather Related Dismissals – no PM Kindergarten*

### **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.
Elementary	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.