

WINTER 2017

# 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

*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 at ELCO *Les Miserables*

Eastern Lebanon County High School is pleased to present their 2017 musical, *Les Miserables*, based on the novel by Victor Hugo.

*Les Miserables* is set in France during the nineteenth century. The musical begins with Jean Valjean's release from years of imprisonment. Valjean is hopeful to begin a new life, but is constantly reminded of his past. Valjean breaks parole, leaving his name and his past behind him. Inspector Javert is determined to find Valjean and return him to prison. Javert spends years chasing Valjean, refusing to believe the ex-convict is capable of becoming a righteous man.

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Eastern Lebanon County  
High School  
is proud to present

## Les Misérables School Edition

Performed entirely by students

MARCH  
10 & 11  
7:30 pm

St. Citizen Performance for  
ELCO Residents is 3/7/17 @ 9:30am  
Rotary sponsored breakfast  
begins at 8am

Tickets on sale now!  
Adults \$10.  
Students \$8.  
Seniors \$8.

A musical by  
ALAIN BOBBLIN and  
LUCIE FENEL  
Book by  
BOB FOSTER  
Lyrics by  
BOB FOSTER  
Music by  
ALAN BOBBLIN  
Directed by  
JAMES M. HARRIS  
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call 717.866.7447

If calling after school hours please use extension 5306

## KINDERGARTEN 2017-2018 INFORMATION

If you have a child who will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2017, he or she is eligible to be registered for kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year.

A Kindergarten Orientation meeting will be held on March 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the ELCO Middle School Forum (*parents only, please*). Enrollment packets containing all necessary paperwork required for your child's enrollment will be available at this meeting.

You may also complete the required paperwork prior to the Orientation Meeting. Enrollment information packets are available at both K-2 buildings (Fort Zeller or Jackson Elementary School), as well as the District Office. This same information may also be downloaded from the ELCO website under "*District Information*".

**All enrollment forms are to be completed and returned to the DISTRICT OFFICE no later than April 29, 2017.** 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 take place during the week of May 1-4, 2017.** 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.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact: Fort Zeller Elementary (610) 589-2575, Jackson Elementary (717) 866-2624, or the District Office (717) 866-7117. We are glad to help!

## Spring Musical....*Continued*



*Michael Schaeffer  
as  
Jean Valjean*



*Luke Reinhart  
as Inspector  
Javert*



*David Deitz  
as  
Marius*



*Kayla Light  
as  
Eponine*



*Libby  
Foelker  
as Cosette*

During the Paris student uprising of 1832, Javert finds himself trapped. He is released from his captivity by Valjean. Javert wrestles with his ideals and own moral decency as Valjean confronts the demons of his past and his hopes for the future.

Music Theatre International describes the production as “epic, grand and uplifting. Les Miserables School Edition packs an emotional wallop that has thrilled audiences all over the world.” This production, performed entirely by students, is licensed by Music Theatre International and Cameron Mackintosh.

The Rotary Club will be hosting a special senior citizen breakfast and performance scheduled on Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m. in the ELCO High School Cafeteria. The show will begin at 9:30 a.m. Any senior citizen interested in attending the breakfast and the show should pick up a free ticket from the High School Office.

Additional performances are scheduled for Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for students/senior citizens and \$10 for adults. You can preorder tickets by calling the high school office 717-866-7447 during working hours, by calling 717-866-7447 ext. 5306 after school hours, or by visiting the ELCO School District webpage at [www.elcosd.org](http://www.elcosd.org).

## 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 on page 3. 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**

Nomination forms for the 2017 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 **Monday, May 15, 2017** in order to be considered for the 2017 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 2017 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 2017 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 2017 ELCO School District Hall of Fame inductee. If you are interested in serving on either of these committees, please contact Mr. Craig A. Soden, High School Dean of Students, no later than **Monday, May 15, 2017**, by calling (717)866-7447 ext. 2004 or by sending an email to [csoden@elcosd.org](mailto:csoden@elcosd.org) to express your interest.

**PROFESSIONAL & SUPPORT STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR****Nominations Due by April 12<sup>th</sup>**

The purpose of the Eastern Lebanon County Professional & Support Staff Recognition Program is to highlight the outstanding efforts and accomplishments of staff members who continue to demonstrate excellence in their respective assignment. The program serves to honor those members who consistently implement appropriate methods and strategies, which are proven to be effective, while advancing the goals and objectives of the school district.

Nominations may be made by parents, administrators, and/or colleagues. Applications may be found in the office at each school building or online at [www.elcosd.org](http://www.elcosd.org) (located under "News & Announcements"). Applications are due by April 12<sup>th</sup>.

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

**SENIOR VOLUNTEER TAX PROGRAM****Applications Due by June 30<sup>th</sup>**

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.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS OF THE MONTH!**

### **INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL**

#### **October 2016**

Kalyn Baker,  
daughter of Shannon  
& Greg Baker



Kyle McDonnell, son  
of Kristi & Brian  
McDonnell



#### **November 2016**

Shelby Neuin,  
daughter of Crystal &  
Jason Neuin



Kody Boyer, son of  
Carrie & Dan Boyer



#### **December 2016**

Chloe Heft, daughter  
of Holly & Chris Heft



Aiden Balderrama,  
son of Sheri & John  
Balderrama



#### **January 2017**

Abigail Landis,  
daughter of Kori &  
Matt Landis



Camden Marquette,  
son of Erin & Brian  
Marquette



### **MIDDLE SCHOOL**

#### **October 2016**

Georgia Martin,  
daughter of Jennifer &  
LeeVon Martin



Matthew Blair, son of  
Karen & Douglas Blair



#### **November 2016**

Audrey Bowers,  
daughter of Anita &  
Derek Bowers



Zachary Bender, son of  
Jackie & Shawn  
Bender





**December 2016**

Grace Ginder,  
daughter of Julie &  
Daniel Ginder



James Antonucci, son  
of Reth & Jim  
Antonucci



**January 2017**

Molly Gray, daughter  
of Ruthanne & Greg  
Gray



Virdicio Chekanov,  
son of Aleksandra &  
Pavel Chekanov



**HIGH SCHOOL**

**October 2016**

Alyssa Keath, daughter of  
Rachelle & Karl Keath



Collin Landis, son of  
Kori & Matthew  
Landis



**November 2016**

Kayla Light, daughter of  
Brandon Light & Erin  
Daly



Brett Flory, son of  
Pam & Gene Flory



**December 2016**

Faustina Falk, daughter  
of Wendy & Jeffery  
Falk



Alex Puglio, son of  
Theresa & Michael  
Puglio



**January 2017**

Kelsey Stubblebine,  
daughter of Dorothy &  
Thomas Stubblebine



Quinten Weaver, son  
of Shelby & Dean  
Weaver



## ATHLETICALLY SPEAKING

As the winter season winds down, let's take note of what has been happening with the sports programs 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 we offer through the winter months are cheerleading, bowling, wrestling, indoor track & field, and girls' and boys' basketball. We also offer wrestling, basketball, and cheerleading on the junior high level.

### Cheerleading

The cheerleading squad can be seen and heard at the boys' basketball games. This winter season consists of sixteen girls. The squad is coached by second year head coach Alysha Burkholder and the assistant coach is Elizabeth Yearwood.

### Wrestling

The wrestling team finished the regular season with a 17 - 7 record. Head Coach Chad Miller recorded his 300<sup>th</sup> career win on Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> with a win over Annville-Cleona. 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 fifth year Head Coach Mike Rittle. The team, consisting of seven bowlers (Joe Rittle, Ryan Stone, Jacob Hitz, Dylan Landuyt, Andrew Stoner, Brett Bohannon, and Josh Pagan), finished the regular season with a 68-23 record, placing third in the section. The team has several bowlers that should qualify for post-season competition.

### Girls' Basketball

The girls' basketball team finished the season with an 8 - 13 record. The year has been filled with injuries including senior Alexis Thomas who missed the entire year with a knee injury, sophomore Rylelle Shuey who missed all but two games with an ankle injury, and Julia Nelson who missed a few games with a concussion.

### Boys' Basketball

The boys' team finished the season with an 8-14 record. Congratulations to Mason Bossert who eclipsed the 1,000-point mark in his career on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> against Annville-Cleona.

### 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.

### College Bound:

We have several seniors that have decided to continue their education and play a sport at the collegiate level. Listed below are the senior's that have already committed. Several others will decide in the next few months.

Kyle Knight: Lock Haven University  
(Football/Sports Management)

Tyler Horst: Bloomsburg University  
(Football/Criminal Justice)

Cole Miller: Potomac State (Baseball/Outdoor Recreation)

Jenna Oliverio: Alvernia University  
(Soccer/Nursing)

Emma Strickler: Lebanon Valley College  
(Soccer/Undeclared)

Adam Omar: Penn State Berks (Soccer/Undeclared)

Ryan Stone: Robert Morris (Bowling/Sports Management)

### 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 will be held on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria. Athletes should report with their completed physical form and \$25. Players who have already received a physical for either fall or winter do not need to report. To be recertified for the spring season, they should 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
- For updated weekly sports schedules, cancellations, postponements or any athletic event questions, call the athletic office by dialing (717) 866-7447 and choosing option. 3, 4, and finally option 1.



## MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

In January, ELCO was host to 224 students from 65 school districts for the annual PMEA District 7 Chorus Festival. Under the direction of conductor, Dr. Ryan Beeken of IUP, the students enjoyed a weekend of music, food, dancing and performing.

Friday afternoon the students were required to audition for PMEA Regional Chorus. Four ELCO students were chosen: Libby Foelker (Senior), Kayla Light (Senior), Nick Shanfelder (Junior), Luke Reinhart (Junior).



## CELEBRATE THE ARTS DISTRICT-WIDE ART SHOW

***Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> - 5-9 p.m. - ELCO High School***

The Elco School District *Celebrate the Arts Show* will take place on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5-9 p.m. in the High School. The theme for much of the visual art this year is Pop Art, an art movement that drew inspiration from popular culture, everyday objects and utilized bright, bold color. The event will feature the visual artwork of all students in the district (K-12) who participate in 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; as well as Business and Technology displays. Hresko's B-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

### High School Art News:

A group of six high school students worked together on a creative concept and design for a billboard contest about distracted driving. They competed with schools from all over the county. Their design was judged by a group of high school students from York County, followed by an adult group of judges.

This is the second consecutive year that ELCO has won first place! The high school will be presented with a check for \$1,000 and each student in the group will receive a check for \$100. Once the design is finalized, there will be a reveal and presentation of awards at a school board meeting. Look for their billboard in Lebanon County this coming Spring!



## PHYS ED DEPARTMENT NEWS

For the 7th year, Cathy Shaak, our Central PA United State Tennis Association (USTA) representative and one of ELCO's boys' and girls' tennis coaches; once again spent the first week of 2017 with our 3-5 grade ELCO Intermediate students. During PE, 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 Sydney, 2016 ELCO graduate who attends Penn State Harrisburg where she is continuing her athletics as a collegiate tennis player as their number one singles player.

Our students at ELCO IS and Miss Slabonik, thank you for taking time to share your knowledge and love of the game with our students. Students are looking forward to the after-school tennis program offered in February.





## READING PUBLIC MUSEUM FIELD TRIP HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

On Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> the social studies department sponsored a field trip to the Reading Public Museum for students enrolled in world history classes. The visit included tours of three permanent exhibits in the Ancient Civilizations, Latin America and Arms and Armor galleries; as well as, highlights from a rotating exhibit on illuminated manuscripts. Additionally, the students were introduced to a collection of exquisite glass blown sculptures by contemporary artist Dale Chihuly as part of a special showing of his Venetian collections on temporary loan to the museum. After lunch, students viewed “Tale of the Maya Sky, a planetarium show which referenced Latin American artifacts in a pictorial representation of creation myth stories as portrayed through Mayan astronomy.

Student’s impressions of the museum experience were positive and connected to their classroom learning. Chance Leed noted the difference between the affluent Egyptian mummy Nefrina’s wooden sarcophagus and the plaster material of one of a lower-class citizen. He also recalled the story of Isis the Egyptian God of Life as portrayed in the ancient artifact. The Mayan ballgame in the Latin America collection was especially intriguing to Adam Johnson as he said that was “quality” portrayed in the vicious antics of the endgame. While Dylan Martin articulated the duality of the Mayans view of the universe in terms of good and bad, happiness and sorrow without which the world would end. Jalissa Nolt commented, “The Olmec actually valued the average man unlike other civilizations we’ve studied.” The planetarium show highlighted aspects of the Mayan collection. Monica Arnold described the ballgame in Mayan astronomy with the victorious sun and moon twin brothers defeating the spirits of the underworld. Some students were able to connect primary source class readings to actual artifacts. Bethany Hartmoyer pointed out peacock feathers in a Persian helmet in the Arms and Armory gallery remembering the reference from her studies.

Finally, and most awe-inspiring, the Chihuly sculptures left a lasting impression. Vivian Lattanze pointed out that the artist “wanted the art to be open and not behind glass.” Students freely walked around exquisite glass sculptures without any barriers. Kayla Henson thought “the art was elegant and the true beauty of thinking outside the box. “Finally, Meagan Yoder said, “We’ve never seen any sort of art, or even glass-blown art like these pieces. We are very glad we got the opportunity to see the exhibit.”



## ELCO EDUCATION FOUNDATION 2016 EITC CONTRIBUTIONS

The ELCO Education Foundation wishes to thank the following businesses that made Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) donations to the Foundation. Your support has benefitted students throughout the ELCO School District at all levels. Thank you for your generosity!

**THANK YOU!!**

**Avalon Insurance Company  
BB&T Bank  
Brightbill Body Works, Inc.  
Ephrata National Bank  
First Citizens Community Bank  
Fulton Bank  
Waste Management**

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](http://www.elcosd.org/pages/ELCO/district_information/ELCO_Foundation) or contact Tina Kunder at [tkunder@elcosd.org](mailto:tkunder@elcosd.org) or (717) 866-7117 ext. 2313.





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## **The ELCO Communicator**

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## **MYERSTOWN-ELCO ROTARY**

***"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"***



### **SERVICES PROVIDED BY ROTARY**

- Sponsor Students-Of-The Month for Breakfast
- Sponsor Seven Students to Attend RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards)
- Sponsor Senior Citizens' Breakfast Prior to the High School Musical Preview
- Sponsor National Night Out
- Support Local Libraries
- Support Local Fire Companies
- Sponsor High School Student Scholarships
- Support Needy Families at Christmas
- Participate in The Myerstown Community Parade
- Support the Susan Byrnes Health Education Center for Students at the middle school
- Support Sharing Cupboard & Lebanon County Food Banks
- Support On-Fire Youth Ministries in Myerstown
- Major Sponsor of The American Heart Association Heart Walk
- Provide Matching Funds for Contributions to The Rotary Foundation
- 500 Turkeys Donated to Needy Families at the Annual Thanksgiving Raffle

**Just A Few Of the Ways the Rotary Supports the  
ELCO School District & Community!**