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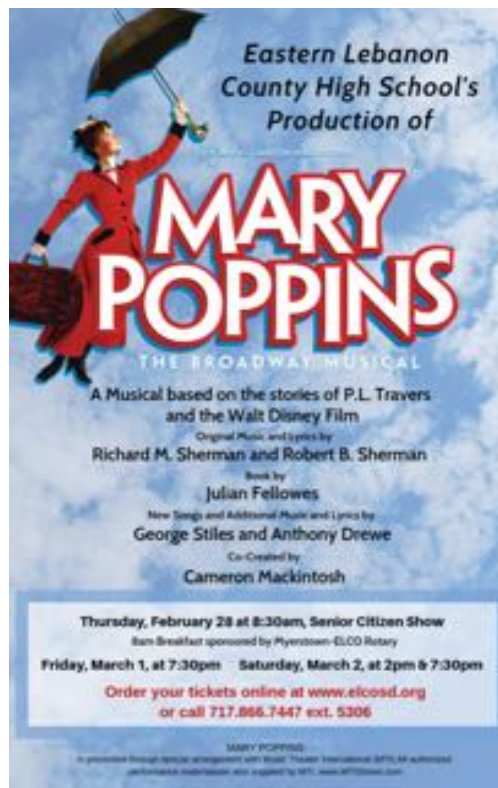
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**SPRING MUSICAL at ELCO*****Mary Poppins***

This year's high school musical, *Mary Poppins* was a magical experience! Just like the classic Disney movie, *Mary Poppins* was based on the books by P.L. Travers. This "practically perfect" musical introduced us to the troubled Banks family. Jane and Michael are in need of a nanny and Mary Poppins seems to fit the bill. Using her "magic", Mary must use all the skills she can, to bring this family together on this incredible adventure.

The cast included David Deitz as Bert, Kaylee Hackman as Mary Poppins, Jacob Hitz as George Banks, Shae Parham as Mrs. Banks, Addie Weiler as Jane, and Boston Weiler as Michael Banks. More than 100 high school students were involved in this production.

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**KINDERGARTEN 2019-2020 INFORMATION**

If you have a child who will be turning 5 years old on or before September 1, 2019, he or she is eligible to be registered for Kindergarten for the 2019-2020 school year.

A Kindergarten Orientation Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at Fort Zeller Elementary and Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at Jackson Elementary (*parents only, please*). Please attend the orientation session for the building that your child will attend. Enrollment packets containing all necessary paperwork required for your child's enrollment will be available both nights.

You may also complete the required paperwork prior to the Orientation Meeting. Enrollment 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 either elementary building or District Office no later than April 17, 2019. We understand that some forms and appointments (dental and physical exams) may not be completed by this time; however, it is important that you turn in as much information as possible by this date in order to process and plan for your child's Kindergarten Screening.

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**Eastern Lebanon County School District's Mission Statement**

***ELCO Together: One community, one school district, creating learning opportunities for each student, every day.***

**SPRING MUSICAL.... *Continued***



Great job to all who contributed their time, talent and efforts to this successful show, creating a memorable highlight to the year. Also, a special thank you to the Myerstown Rotary Club for hosting a free Senior Citizen Breakfast prior to the Senior Citizen Preview Performance of the Musical on Thursday morning, February 28<sup>th</sup>.

**KINDERGARTEN 2019-2020 INFORMATION.... *Continued***

Screening dates and times will be scheduled accordingly, upon receipt of required paperwork:

- For students living in the Fort Zeller area, your child's screening will be held either April 30 or May 1, 2019.
- For students living in the Jackson area, your child's screening will be held either May 2 or May 3, 2019.

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!

**PROFESSIONAL & SUPPORT STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR**

**Nominations Due by April 12, 2019**

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 "District News & Announcements").

Applications are due by April 12, 2019 and should be submitted to Tina Kunder in the ELCO District Office.





## ELCO HALL OF FAME

## 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.

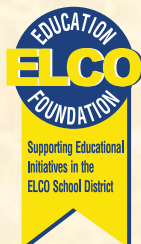
In order to be considered for selection into the ELCO School District Hall of Fame, candidates must have been a member of a class that graduated at least 10 years prior to nomination and must have attended public school within the boundaries of the Eastern Lebanon County School District. Previous nominees 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.

Nomination forms for the 2019 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 20, 2019** in order to be considered for the 2019 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 2019 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 2019 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 2019 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 Assistant Principal, no later than **Monday, May 20, 2019**, by calling 717-866-7447 ext. 2004 or by sending an email to [csoden@elcosd.org](mailto:csoden@elcosd.org) to express your interest.

## ELCO EDUCATION FOUNDATION 2018 EITC CONTRIBUTIONS

The ELCO Education Foundation wishes to thank the following businesses that made Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) donations to the Foundation in 2018. Your support has benefitted students throughout the ELCO School District at all levels. Thank you for your generosity!



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

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For more information about the Foundation please see the following page on the ELCO website <https://www.elcosd.org/domain/15>. For questions please contact Tina Kunder, Foundation Secretary by calling (717)866-7117 ext. 2313 or by email at [tkunder@elcosd.org](mailto:tkunder@elcosd.org).

## **ELCO STUDENTS OF THE MONTH – “CONGRATULATIONS!”**

### **INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

**October 2018**

Layla Martzall



Katelyn Scipioni



**November 2018**

Kenzie Eckhart



Devin Gutierrez



**December 2018**

Lila Leisey



Mackenzie Peffley



**January 2019**

Lily Schoffstall



Hunter Mehaffey



### **MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

**October 2018**

Meredith West



Jaron Garcia



**November 2018**

Carissa Bender



Caden Baer



**December 2018**

Rowan Faehling



Isaac Steele



**January 2019**

Isabel Zwally



Matthew Drupp





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**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

Sarah Kleinfelter



**October 2018**

Danika Boltz



Samuel Buckwalter



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Abbie Keath



**November 2018**

Brenden Nauman



Mason Logdahl



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Ryelle Shuey



**December 2018**

Jennifer Radu



Jacob Hitz



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Brikel Remper



**January 2019**

David Deitz



Joseph Nelson



## 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 two hundred 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 squad consists of twelve girls, led by captains Jamie Hedden, Natalie Wilson, and Jenna Helsel. The girls are coached by fourth year head coach Alysha Burkholder and assistant coach, Elizabeth Yearwood. The junior high squad consists of eight cheerleaders under the direction of Erin Snader. Congratulations to junior Jenna Helsel who was selected to cheer at the Big 33 Football Game this summer.

### Wrestling

The wrestling team finished the season with a 20-8 record. The team hosted two tournaments at ELCO this year. Congratulations to the following wrestlers who placed at the Sectional Tournament: Trenton Brubaker (6<sup>th</sup>), Stephen Wiczalkowski (6<sup>th</sup>), Carson Nell (4<sup>th</sup>), Owen Kahl (5<sup>th</sup>), Trey Donmoyer (1<sup>st</sup>), Adam Firestine (3<sup>rd</sup>), Bailey Beamesderfer (4<sup>th</sup>), Adam Koehler (5<sup>th</sup>). Also, congratulations to the following wrestlers who placed at the District 3 2A Tournament: Stephen Wiczalkowski (8<sup>th</sup>), Adam Firestine (7<sup>th</sup>), Bailey Beamesderfer (7<sup>th</sup>), Trey Donmoyer (2<sup>nd</sup>). Best of luck to Firestine, Beamesderfer, and Donmoyer as they compete in the Regional Tournament in hopes of a birth in the PIAA Tournament. Also, congratulations to Aaron Seidel who won first place at the Elizabethtown Optimist Junior High Tournament as a seventh grader.

### Bowling

The bowling team finished the season with a 21-72 record under second year head coach Frannie Slabonik. Brenden Nauman, Christian Stoudt, Andrew Moyer, Lucas Reifsnyder, Wyeth Ullom, Austen Kline, and Erin Etnoyer were the top bowlers on the team.

### Girls' Basketball

The girls' basketball team is currently 21-7. They have placed second in Section 4 of the Lancaster Lebanon League and second in the League Tournament. The Raiders are seeded 4<sup>th</sup> in the District 3 4A Tournament and won their quarter-final game; but unfortunately, lost the next two which placed them 4<sup>th</sup> in District 3 4A and have qualified for the PIAA Tournament. Ryelle Shuey, Julia Nelson, and Jordan Rosengrant serve as the team captains. Congratulations to Head Coach, Ashli Shay as she recorded her 100<sup>th</sup> career win on January 22<sup>nd</sup> with a win at Octorara.

### Boys' Basketball

The boys' basketball team finished the season with a 14-12 record and placed second in Section Four of the Lancaster-Lebanon League. They also qualified for the league playoffs. The Raiders were seeded 6<sup>th</sup> in the District 3 4A Tournament in which they lost their first game, won their first consolation game and then lost their next game to end their season, finishing 6<sup>th</sup> in the tournament. Braden Bohannon, Bryce Coletti, and Zach Hackman served as the team captains.

### Swimming

ELCO does not offer the sport of swimming but student-athletes can compete as individuals in hopes of qualifying for league and district meets. Danika Boltz, Dawson Hartranft, and Adam Stickler competed for ELCO this season. Dawson Hartranft is a home school student who qualified for the District Meet in the 200 IM and the 500 Freestyle race.

**ATHLETICALLY SPEAKING...Continued****Indoor Winter Track & Field**

We have nine boys and nine girls involved with the winter track team. They participated at the Franklin & Marshall and Lebanon Valley College Invitational Meets this season. Michael Harnish serves as the head coach and is assisted by Kelsey Thorley.

**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, February 26<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria. Athletes 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 on scores, postponements, and other important information about the ELCO Athletic Department. The account is @\_dbohannon
- You may also call all the athletic office by dialing (717) 866-7447 and choose option 1 and option 4.

**ALUMNI VOLLEYBALL GAME**

All former ELCO volleyball players (boys and girls) who are interested in playing in the ELCO vs. Lebanon Alumni Volleyball Game should contact Coach Dissinger ([pdissinger@elcosd.org](mailto:pdissinger@elcosd.org)). **The event will be held Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at Lebanon High School.** The event will run from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Gym doors will open at 5:15 for warm-up. Additional information can be found on the Facebook group, *ELCO and Lebanon Volleyball Alumni Game*. Come out for a chance to see former teammates and rivals; and rekindle your volleyball skills. There will be seating available for family and friends.

**ART DEPARTMENT NEWS** - Congratulations to Senior, Gavin Brown and Junior, Julia Badolato, both National Art Honor Society students, who won the Lebanon County Center for Traffic Safety billboard design contest. The district will be rewarded \$1,000 to go toward safe driving projects and each student will be rewarded \$100 for winning first place. Their design was chosen from a panel of judges including local business owners, traffic safety professionals, marketing professionals, representatives from State Farm Insurance and students from Adams County. Look for their design to be featured on a billboard on 501 Northbound in Myerstown in April!

**ELCO 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. Clearances are required for anyone working in a public school. They 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.

## **EASTERN LEBANON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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**The ELCO Communicator**

Eastern Lebanon County School District  
180 ELCO Drive  
Myerstown, PA 17067

### **2018-2019 School Year Calendar Adjustments due to Inclement Weather**

#### **Make-up Dates:**

February 15, 2019 for January 31, 2019  
April 23, 2019 for February 12, 2019  
May 24, 2019 for February 20, 2019

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

***Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> - 5-9 p.m. - ELCO  
Intermediate School***

The Elco School District *Celebrate the Arts Show* will take place on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> from 5-9 p.m. in the Intermediate School. The event will feature the visual artwork of students in the district (K-12) who participate in art classes. Senior art students will be showcasing their work in the Intermediate School Library and National Art Honor Society students will be auctioning artwork to benefit their art scholarship fund. In addition to the artwork, there will be cross-curricular displays and live music from student performers. Food will be available from the Blazing Swine food truck.

#### **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.