

# Eden Central School



# SCHOOL TALK

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S CORNER..

April 2011

### Celebration of Student Work

This years Celebration of Student Work will take place on Thursday, April 14th from 6:00-7:30. Our theme this year is literacy. Examples of students' work in the area of reading and writing based on several books will be on display, a scavenger hunt with questions about displays will take place, students will have the opportunity to make a book mark and each class is preparing snacks to share. Come join us for this annual event.

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### African Drummers

Our school has been invited by the Hyde Park Elementary School to attend a presentation on April 15th by a group of African Drummers. Our shared gym teacher Emmanuel Riby-Williams is a member of the group. Students will need to either bring a bag lunch or order one during the morning before we leave at 11:30. We will return in time for students to be dismissed at 2:30.

### Special points of interest:

- ✓ April 14-Celebration of Student Work 6:00-7:30
- ✓ April 15-African Drummers Presentation
- ✓ April 18-April 22-Spring Break
- ✓ May 5-VSO-1:30

### School Vacation

Our spring vacation will take place from Monday, April 18th though Friday, April 22nd. School reopens on Monday, April 25th.

### Vermont Symphony Orchestra

Four members of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra will be performing at our school on Thursday, May 5th at 1:30. This is a special event through a grant the VSO received by cooperate sponsors.

Mr. Lindgren

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## AFTERSCHOOL NEWS.....

Another year of the After School Program has almost come to an end. We have had an exciting and enjoyable year and are very much looking forward to the summer.

Our last day of this last session will be next week, Wed. April 13th. We are sorry to say that because of a smaller budget we must decrease our number of hours.

We are still planning on having a Summer Program and we will be meeting during April vacation to iron out all the details. When students return from their spring break we should have a schedule of events for the summer and our sign up forms will go home before the end of the school year.

On behalf of all of us her at the Eden After School Program, have a fun spring and we look forward to seeing you in the summer.

## NEWS FROM THE KINDERGARTEN KIDS.....

The kindergarten has been busy reading and listening to books by Theo. LeSieg, or Dr. Seuss to get ready for Celebration of Student work!! We have written many stories to share with you. We made oobleck, which was so much fun. We made a Green Eggs and

Ham and One Fish, Two Fish games for you to play. We have a circus train and a zoo for you to view. We are working with the preschool to make a Dr. Seuss Museum. Come and taste our Green Eggs and Ham that we plan to make for you next week. We are very excited to see

you all here in our gym on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. Mrs. Tobin



### From Mrs. Chauvin.....

**Come One, Come All,  
to the Celebration of Student Work.**

First Grade Highlights –

- Fall Flip Books
- Snowman Adventure Stories
- Spring Poetry
- Fairy Tale Activities
- Favorites Stories
- Scared Stories
- Responses to Literature
- Fiction/Non-Fiction Comparison
- Book Related Cooking Project
- Synonym and Antonym Cards

Second Grade Highlights –

- Personal Narratives
- Biography Posters
- Spring Poetry
- Animal Adventure Stories
- Tux Paint Illustrations
- Accelerated Reader
- Razz Kids
- Homophone Cards
- Book Related Cooking Project

We can't wait to share our work with you.  
See you there!!

### Third Grade Treats.....

The third graders have been working very hard in preparation for Celebration of Student Work. Our class is conducting an in depth author study of the famed children's author, Roald Dahl. The students are working on recreating a fantasy world that Roald Dahl molds in our minds as readers. We have writing and art projects from the books James and the Giant Peach (including our own, homemade GIANT peach and insects), The Witches, Matilda, Esio Trot and George's

Marvelous Medicine. The students have created some interactive activities that are sure to entertain readers of all ages! You'll have to come to Celebration of Student Work to enjoy our Roald Dahl's books projects in all of their splendor! Also on display will a book of poems that the third graders created this fall. Each student chose three of their own poems to submit to the book. The poems were inspired by the poetry

of famous poets such as William Blake, Robert Frost, Valerie Worth, William Carlos Williams and others. You will be amazed at the talent these young authors possess! Celebration of Student Work is a magical tradition at Eden Central School, so mark your calendars for Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30pm! See you there! Mrs. Allardyce

# Tales from Mrs. Tague.....



The first graders just got back from Antarctica and are now starting to move toward warmer weather. They have enjoyed studying the penguins and now are getting ready to learn about the farm. The students are in groups and were given a "plot" of land and now they are developing their land. The groups will be buying a house, a tractor, a silo, and some animals. Please ask your child about the unit and what they have bought for their farm.

We are now studying weather in science. We have been talking about the seasons in relation to the weather. We will look at the different types of precipitation and the importance of water to the Earth.

Thank you for attending the parent teacher conferences. It was good to have the opportunity to talk with you about your child. As always please come in or call if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Happy Spring.

Mrs. Tague



In second grade we have been learning about fractions. We have been learning about wholes, halves, and thirds. They are learning how to write and read the fractions also. We will continue with fractions throughout the last trimester.

We are now working on place value into the hundreds place. They will work on reading, writing, and expanding numbers.

I hope you all have a great spring and please call with any questions or concerns.

Until next month.

Mrs. Tague

# Focusing on Fourth Grade.....

The 4<sup>th</sup> graders have been working very hard preparing for Celebration of Student Work which is on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30. We hope you all can attend so you can see what great work our students have been doing. The focus of the night will be Literacy- Reading & Writing and there will be many great projects to share.

The 4<sup>th</sup> grade's main focus will be Poetry and our students have been reading and writing lots of poetry over the past few weeks. They have been learning how to write Haikus, Cinquains, Limericks, Couplets and Free Verse Poems. These will be displayed in books that each child is in the process of creating. These poems are really great and I am so excited for others to read them.

Each classroom is focusing on one type of book award this year and ours is the "Red Clover Award." Each 4<sup>th</sup> grader is doing a project on one of the Red Clover Books and these projects will be displayed at Celebration of Student Work. Our class will also be doing a presentation of the Red Clover Award, its history, past winners and how books are selected.

Please come celebrate all of the hard work the students at ECS do on April 14<sup>th</sup> at Celebration of Student Work. We look forward to seeing you there!

-Mrs. Elliott





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## 5/6 TEAM NEWS.....

The 5/6 team have been delving into the study of both the Civil War and the Revolutionary War in Literacy and Social Studies. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade students have studied vocabulary words about the American Revolution during Language Arts, are reading and discussing books about the war during Literacy, and studying that time period during Social Studies. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are doing the same in all subject areas, only they are studying the Civil War period.

The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Math classes are breaking into smaller multi-level groups one day per week and concentrating on specific skills within each group. This gives students a chance to work on areas that they need help with or enrichment in.

During Science, both classes have begun a study of the systems of the human body. They are conducting labs and doing activities to help them learn how these systems work.

We would like to invite parents to attend the Celebration of Student Work on next Thursday, the 14<sup>th</sup> of April. Our students have worked hard to read award winning books and fables, and have created a variety of projects. Come and see the animated, talking book characters they have created with Voki. They have also created other multimedia projects using auto collage, photo story, and desktop publishing.

Mrs. Finlay and Ms. Goodman

