



ELLSWORTH
HIGH SCHOOL
EAGLE GAZETTE



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*HAPPY RETIREMENT
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SAYING GOODBYE



MR. FRAZIER



MRS. CROWLEY



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ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

A Happy Crash

Sam Worden

When people ask me about the M.A.T. program, I tell them that it's basically a crash-course in teaching. I began with educational psychology in June, 2009, and here I am at Ellsworth High school almost ready to graduate and begin a career as a teacher. I couldn't ask for a better introduction to teaching than that which I received here.

Cutting my teeth with Mrs. Davis and the Freshman Academy has been the perfect gradual release for me. Because the M.A.T. program is so fast-paced, I had literally written one hypothetical unit plan before beginning my internship. It took me some time just getting into the habit of planning one lesson, let alone a unit!

Teaching the same class four times a day afforded me a great opportunity to polish my technique and approach in a way I might not have had if I were struggling to keep up with four or five different preps. The daily team meetings were a wonderful way for me to see how other teachers think and work.

I've had a great time working with all of the teachers here, and especially the students.

Between classes, drama club and show choir, I have met a lot of great kids, kids who are actively involved in their educations and the community of Ellsworth High School. Even though I some times find myself exhausted and stressed beyond belief, everyone I have worked with has been so kind and generous with their time that I never felt overwhelmed or defeated. Learning here has made me even more excited to begin my teaching career. Thanks, everyone!

PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

In physical education, students are finishing tennis, lacrosse and are going to learn croquet during the first week of June. We have been very fortunate to be able to hold classes outside this spring. We all have enjoyed this incredible warm weather! Mr. Higgins and I hope that the students we had in our classes this year are active during the summer and are able to participate in a variety of activities that we covered this year in p.e.

SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

In the Life Skills room we're working on a research paper and presentation. The students were asked to create a presentation on any topic that interested them. The students are having a lot of fun with this. The students have recently created a "good friend contract" that give guidelines of classroom and friendship behavior. We are getting ready to start summer school and have a lot of fun trips and adventures planned. This was a terrific school year!

English 9 is finishing up the school year with a short story unit. They have been learning about and applying the elements of a short story. Their final project will be to create and write their own short stories.

Math students are finishing up units in Consumer Math, Algebra and Geometry.

We are thankful for another great year working with terrific kids. Enjoy the summer!

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

New Guidance Advisory Group

In an effort to improve our services and meet the needs of more students in a timely manner, we are implementing a guidance advisory group to provide ongoing feedback and suggestions regarding our traditional (as well as more innovative) programming. Our goal is to meet twice a month during lunch to discuss concerns and opportunities specific to each grade level. To that end, the group will consist of two members of each class - with close attention given to creating a diverse membership. If you are interested in participating, please stop by guidance or send your counselor an email. Our first meeting is scheduled for the second week of June.

Rotary Mentoring Project Successfully Completes Pilot Year

The Ellsworth Noontime Rotarians mentored ten EHS juniors and seniors throughout this year with regard to career and college planning. Guest speakers, interview practice, and lively discussions were key components of the lunch meetings. Students were impressed with the Rotarians' concern for their future and stories of their own career paths while Rotarians appreciated the students' emerging interviewing and networking skills as well as the

wide variety of expressed career interests. As this first year closes, the Rotary group will "send off" the senior members with a dinner at Jordan's for participants and their parents.

Meanwhile, guidance counselors are accepting applications from current sophomores for next year's program. Please pick up the appropriate materials in the guidance office if this sounds like a good match for you.

Scheduling Progressing Nicely

Most students have met with their guidance counselor at least once (and in many cases several times) in the past two weeks to create an optimal schedule for 2010/2011. We thank them for their braving the sometimes long lines and for being patient and maintaining a sense of humor. While we are still making changes based on enrollment numbers and student requests, most schedules look ready to use in the fall. We really appreciate the effort students, parents, and teachers put into thinking about the best possible courses for this next year. Students planning an internship should be sure to return the appropriate paperwork to Ms. Avery within the next few days and those still interested in an Early College course (but not yet signed up, with the necessary forms completed) should

see their counselor immediately.

Career Day - Fall 2010 (More information to follow)

Once again, we are pleased to offer our every other year Career Day Workshop this coming October. Offering this opportunity in the fall provides students with career information needed as they progress through the school year. The Workshop will be offered to our entire student body and students will have the opportunity to attend four 25-minute presentations on various occupations. Career choices will center around those occupations available in the greater Ellsworth area, and with this in mind, we are looking for presenters who are EHS graduates or who work in the area. If you are interested in sharing information about your specific career, please call the guidance office at 667-4722 x 5504. Although we have been blessed with a strong group of area people who have been part of these programs (some for as many as the past 30 years), we are always eager to offer new career opportunities.

AFS International Club

As the school year draws to a close the members of the club and the Exchange Students are participating in all the traditions of Ellsworth High School. Pictured below are students that were sold in the Service Auction to raise funds for the Senior Class. Dressing the students up is one of those traditions.



Babi, Rosie, Thuy, Mei, Jordyn, Tomas

Another activity that EHS students have enjoyed is days in the cafeteria that celebrate the culture of our visiting exchange students. This month we celebrated two cultures Czech Republic and Japan. Below are photos of Exchange Students and AFS International Club members helping prepare the food in the cafeteria.



Kim, Giulia, Mrs. Macbeth, Blaze and Tomas prepare Czech cream puffs.

We will all miss Giulia, Tomas, Mei, Rosario and Babi when the school year is over and they return home.

This year many members of the AFS International Club will graduate in June. They have been a very active and great group of students. I will miss all of them. Abigail Piacenti, Rebecca Jordan, Taylor Jones, Alexander Keefe, Kristina Pinkham, Thuy Nguyen, Sage Dyer, Brittney Robbins, Mymy Nguyen, Tomas Brandtner, Katherine Jordan, Morgan Clement, Barbara Teuber, Cynthia Thielen, Mei Kato, Giulia

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

The excitement is mounting at Ellsworth High School as our school garden gets under way. We have had generous donations from area businesses and currently have three raised beds constructed behind the school. We hope to add two more before this year's growing season gets seriously under way. Earlier this year, a fairly large contingent of Ellsworth High School faculty and staff members took a course offered through the Hancock County Cooperative Extension Service called School Garden 101. The course covered all aspects of creating and maintaining a school garden. Subjects ranged from composting of school kitchen waste to maintaining the garden through the summer when school is not in session. The entire school will benefit from having a school garden. Fresh produce from the garden will be incorporated into the cafeteria and teachers will be able to tie the garden into their curriculum in various ways.

The Science Department is planning on planting plants in the garden that will be useful for various student laboratories. Several labs have already been designed with the garden in mind. During our study of acids and bases in Chemistry, students will be able to complete a lab where they determine the pH (acidity) of the soil. They will also be able to use extracts of vegetables grown

in the garden as indicators of acidity or alkalinity. Certain flower types are being planted so that Biology classes will have different types of flowers and leaves to study and will have a supply of leaves for the chromatography of plant pigments.

In future years, students will be able to begin seeds in class and investigate the physiological development of the seedlings as they grow. Experiments regarding nutrients, fertilizers, growing medium, water, and light can also be included into the various science courses. The garden will be a living laboratory that will supply students with materials, inspiration, and knowledge. It will benefit all subject areas and will be an avenue for interdisciplinary studies, hands-on learning, and will also help increase the awareness of wholesome eating to maintain a healthy lifestyle.



LIBRARY

News from the EHS Library

The president of the Maine Association of School Libraries held a regional meeting at the Ellsworth High School Library in May. The meeting was attended by the Library Staff from EHS, EEMS, Blue Hill Consolidated, Brooksville, Deer-Isle Stonington, Bucksport, Holbrook School in Holden, Surry School, and Mount Desert Island High School. Edna Mae Constock delivered the new Maine State School Librarian's Handbook which was recently published. The Librarians shared news and information from their libraries and school districts. Mrs. Macbeth demonstrated Destiny which can be viewed by clicking on "Library" on the EHS Webpage. Mount Dessert Island High School Library also has Destiny. The Librarians were interested in seeing the on-line "e-books" books available from Ellsworth High School. You can read an ebook by going to the EHS Website, clicking on Library, choosing the Destiny database and typing ebook in the search window. EHS is the first school in the area to have ebooks.

SUMMER READING

Looking for a Summer Reading Pick?

It's hard to believe that this school year has come to a close. Many parents are left wondering, "How can I ensure that my child is still learning this summer?" One of the most important steps a parent can take in ensuring that their child continues to grow academically over the summer is to encourage them to keep reading. Take your child book shopping this summer or to a local library. Both places would be able to recommend books that fit your child's interest and that are appropriate for their reading and grade level. Another great resource is the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), which publishes a top ten best books each year. The YALSA 2010 Best Book List is posted below:

Demon's Lexicon by Sarah Rees Brennan
The Orange Houses by Paul Griffin
The Great Wide Sea by M.H. Herlong
The Reformed Vampire Support Group
by Catherine Jinks
Alligator Bayou by Donna Jo Napoli
Stitches: A Memoir by David Small
When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead
Marcelo in the Real World by Francisco X. Stork
Lips Touch: Three Times by Laini Taylor
Written in Bone by Sally Walker

A link to the YALSA website: <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/booklist-sawards/bestbooksya/topten2010.cfm>

WORLD LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT



French students have delved into art and drama this month. French I had fun acting out a French version of “Snow White”, and French 2 is working on a series of short comedic plays also in the target language. French 4 finished and thoroughly enjoyed LE PETIT PRINCE and is now creating a mural depicting their favorite scenes from the book with important quotes. French 3 will be doing presentations on French regions this week, including something interesting from that region (folklore, music, food, dance, etc) The presentations will be entirely in French.

Here are a few pictures of the Cinco de Mayo celebration in Mrs. Corson’s classes. Spanish I and II made maracas, and Spanish IV made and

destroyed a giraffe piñata! I would like to wish all my students a wonderful summer and my seniors the best of luck as they enter the next phase of their lives!



souvenir T-shirts about a Spanish-speaking country. The mosaics and T-shirts will be on display on the third floor after June 1.



Have a great summer everyone!

Mrs. Taniashvili’s Latin students are putting the finishing touches on their Roman mosaics. They really have produced works of art! The Spanish 1B students have created

Sound Familiar?

"My kid would never do something like that."

"At 18 they're almost adults... why shouldn't they be able to drink?"

"If they're going to drink anyway, at least at home they're safe."

Many parents think and say things like this. As our kids approach some of the landmark events in their lives, like prom and graduation, we are tempted to bend the rules a little. But while youth drinking may seem harmless at first glance, things can quickly go wrong, and far too often they do. The good news is that you can do something about it.

What's the big deal? Take a look at the facts...

- Only 4% of Maine parents believe their kids may have consumed alcohol in the past month, but 28% of Maine teens reported that they had.
- Teenage drinking plays a major role in risky sexual behaviors, disability and even death.
- Youth may drink less frequently, but are more likely to binge.
- Youth that drink before they're 21 are more likely to become addicted and it can damage their brains. Waiting lowers the risk.
- There are serious legal consequences if you provide alcohol to minors or host parties where minors are drinking, including fines and even jail time.



What can you do? Be the superheroes and protectors they need...

- Talk to your kids about the dangers of drinking. Let them know that you expect them not to drink and what will happen if they do. Be clear and enforce those rules.
- Get to know your teen's friends and their parents. Know where they hang out and who they're hanging out with.
- Check in with them when they get home and see how their night went.
- Set a good example. If you drink, do so responsibly. Don't make it seem fun, funny, or glamorous.

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