

Winter 2020

## Elementary Family Fun STEAM Night



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East Rochester Elementary's Family Fun Night on Feb. 6 featured Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) learning activities, including the science of slime, computer coding, bristle bots, healthy snacks, Valentines cookies and sensory activities. This year, the Center for Missing and Exploited Children was on hand to make student IDs. What a great night of fun...and learning!

## Message from the Interim Superintendent



Dear East Rochester Community,

As you know, a New Year can bring changes. I thought this would be a great opportunity to share with you some changes that have transpired and what is on the horizon for the East Rochester Union Free School District.

### Superintendent Search:

As you are aware, my role as the District's Interim Superintendent of Schools is scheduled to end on June 30. In late January, the Board of Education appointed the Monroe 1 BOCES to assist the Board of Education in the search of your new Superintendent. In addition, the Board invited the

various stakeholders to meet with the search consultants on February 3 to hear from them the qualities that they would like to see in the next Superintendent. If you go to the District's website, erschools.org, you will see a tab entitled Superintendent Search. If you were to click on this tab you will find all of the information that you will need to familiarize yourself with the process, updates as the Board moves through the process and most importantly, the timeline as to when the Board expects to appoint the new Superintendent and the tentative start date. Based upon this timeline, it appears that the new Superintendent will not start until sometime this summer with the latest possible start date being September 1. The Board and I have discussed this and I have agreed to stay for as long it will take to find your next Superintendent. Both the Board of Education and I are committed to finding the best possible individual who will be able to continue with the work we have started since my return last May.

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### Our District's Mission

The Mission of the East Rochester School District is to prepare students to be college and career ready and to provide a quality education in a safe environment where all students develop the abilities, attitudes and values necessary for responsible, productive citizenship.

### Our Vision

The Vision of the East Rochester School District is that students will learn through the highest quality instruction which recognizes each student's strengths, talents, interests, learning styles and rates of learning, using developmentally appropriate methods.

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## ER Counts: 2020 Census

The East Rochester Union Free School District is partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau to make sure the community is accurately represented in the 2020 Census. The census, a nationwide population count taken every 10 years, officially begins April 1. Census data determines the allocation of more than \$675 billion in federal funding to states and communities for the next 10 years, as well as the apportionment of Congressional seats and redistricting at all levels of government.

Specifically, federal spending programs that impact schools and students include programs and services such as:

- Special education
- Free and reduced-price lunch
- · Reducing class size
- Classroom technology
- Teacher training
- · After-school programs
- Head Start

### Confidentiality

Census responses are safe and secure. The U.S. Census Bureau is required by law to protect all personal information, and it is strictly confidential. Your answers cannot be used against you by any court or governmental agency, including the FBI, CIA, Department of Homeland Security, or U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

### Participating in the census

For the first time, the U.S. Census Bureau will accept responses online through a secure internet response form, by phone, by mail and by an inperson interview conducted through a home visit.

Please help ensure that everyone in the East Rochester community is counted by participating in the 2020 Census.

Learn more about the 2020 Census by visiting the U.S. Census Bureau website, *census.gov*.

## After School Program Expands

The East Rochester Union Free School District applied for a grant to expand the YMCA of Greater Rochester After School Program and our efforts were successful! As a result, the program has expanded to 80 students. Students must be enrolled at ER. The fee is \$40 per week and financial assistance is available for those who qualify.

The program runs from 2:15 to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday in the Elementary Cafeteria Side A. Parents can enroll their child in the program by calling the YMCA at (585) 341-4010.

## Capital Project Update

East Rochester Union Free School District's \$9.6 million capital project approved by voters in November 2018 continues to make progress. With plans approved by the State Education Department, the District is currently requesting contractor bids (deadline March 17, 2020). The Board of Education will review and have a chance to approve the bids in March 2020. The majority of the work will be completed during the summer months in an effort to minimize disruption to the school year.

The main focus of the project is the music department, the culinary arts program, increased security with a single point of entry to the Junior/Senior High School, roof replacement, hallway tile replacement, generator replacement, and a new maintenance building.

For updates about the capital project, please visit the District website, *erschools.org*, and select "Departments" and then "Business Office."

## 2020–21 Pre–Kindergarten & Kindergarten Registration

The East Rochester Union Free School District is enrolling children for its Universal Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten programs for the 2020-2021 school year. Children who are four years old on December 1, 2020 are eligible to register for Pre-K. Children who are five years old on December 1, 2020 are eligible to register for Kindergarten.

### Walk-in registration sessions are scheduled as follows:

Monday, March 2	8:30-11:30 a.m.
Thursday, April 16	5:30-7:30 p.m. (Ice Cream Social 6:00-7:00 p.m.)
Monday, May 4	12:00-2:45 p.m.
Monday, June 1	8:30-11:00 a.m.

Parents/guardians can enter the building through the Elementary School doors. Please bring proof of residency, immunization and health records, as well as proof of each child's age. If you have any questions or need help determining which documents to bring with you, please call the District Registrar, Jennifer Flanagan, at (585) 248-6328.

**Please Note:** All students currently enrolled in Universal Pre-Kindergarten at East Rochester **DO** need to register for kindergarten.

If you have not received a registration packet or if your child will NOT be attending ER schools, please email the District Registrar at er.registrar@erschools.org. In addition, parents of all young District residents are asked to email the District Registrar to make sure your child is on our census, even if you don't plan to enroll him or her in UPK or kindergarten for 2020-21.

East Rochester Elementary will host a Pre-K Ice Cream Social for current, incoming, and prospective UPK students and their families on April 16 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Classrooms will be open and Pre-K teachers will be available to talk with families and answer any questions. Registration will also be available during this event.

## 2020–2021 Budget Development

Over the last several months, the East Rochester Union Free School District Administrative Team and the Board of Education have been working on developing a budget for the 2020-21 school year.

"We are doing our best to examine our current resources and practices in order to deliver the very best instructional opportunities for our students while maintaining fiscal responsibility to the valued taxpayers of this community," said ER's School Business Administrator Staci SanSoucie.

The East Rochester community is welcome to attend any of the upcoming meetings:

- March 10: Budget Workshop, 7:00 p.m.
- March 24: Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- April 21: Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- May 5: Public Budget Hearing, 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.

East Rochester UFSD residents will vote on the school budget and elect two candidates to the Board of Education on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

For updates about the budget, please visit the District website, *erschools.org*, and select "District" and then "Budget."

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## Message from the Interim Superintendent

### Pupil Personnel Services Director:

Prior to the Thanksgiving Break, Mrs. Jeanne Rosilio, who has served as the District's Director for Pupil Personnel Services, informed me of her intent to retire on January 31, 2020. Needless to say, Mrs. Rosilio will be truly missed. However, she has agreed to stay with us two to three days per week to serve as the District's Chairperson for the Special Education Committee, as well as the Chairperson for the Committee for Preschool.

Given the timing of Mrs. Rosilio's retirement, we began the process for conducting a search for her replacement in early December. When the posting closed on January 6, we were able to generate interest from 37 candidates. We spent a week reviewing these applicants and narrowed the pool to six candidates (all of them had experience as either a Director of PPS or served as their District's Coordinator for Special Education). After the initial round of interviews, the interview team comprised of 15 individuals including a parent, narrowed the choice to two finalists. The entire administrative team interviewed these individuals and after a great amount of discussion and background checks, the Board of Education appointed Mrs. Monica Stadler. More information introducing Mrs. Stadler can be found on page 6. You will be able to see that she is an individual who has a great amount of expertise to offer our District.

I would also like to share that the quality of the candidate pool made this appointment by far one of the toughest hiring decisions that I have had to make during my 37 years in school administration. I am extremely pleased that our process attracted such a great amount of talent and the District is fortunate to have hired Mrs. Stadler.

In closing, I again want to thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call my office or send me an email.

Sincerely,

Richard G. Stutzman, Jr. Interim Superintendent of Schools

## ER students have a blast in space

All East Rochester Elementary fifth graders have been visiting the Challenger Learning Center of Greater Rochester for years, but this year students visited the Center in its new home at Kodak Center.

Students, and teachers, look forward to this much-anticipated field trip to the Challenger Center, where they participate in a simulated mission to Mars. All



students have the opportunity to experience roles as both astronauts aboard the space shuttle and crew in mission control. Not only do students have fun, they exercise their science, technology, engineering and math skills through teamwork, problem solving and communication.





## Celebrating the Arts

From winter concerts and art shows to area music festivals and musical productions, the arts are alive and well in the East Rochester Union Free School District!

This newsletter showcases the talent of East Rochester's students through the many visual and performing arts happening at ER.

### Highlights:

- Eighth grader Isabella Alexander (1st alto/lead saxophone), 9th grader Emilia Ocasio (2nd tenor), and 9th grader Madelin Eaton (bari sax), comprise 3/5 of the Monroe County Junior High All County Jazz Band saxophone section.
- Isabella Alexander has become ER's first student to ever be named 1st chair in the All County Band and 1st chair in the All County Jazz Band. No ER student has ever attained this combined recognition during their school career, let alone in the same year. Isabella achieved this by simultaneously preparing and then performing both jazz and classical level 6 solos, the hardest-possible level of solo, as an 8th grader. On her two prepared solos, Isabella combined for a total score of 169 out of 170.
- The 2nd annual East Rochester Percussion Showcase in February featured percussion ensembles from ER, Eastridge, Victor, and the Eastman School of Music.
- More than 20 students in grades 5-12 participated in January solo festivals through the Monroe County School Music Association.
- ER's Kaleidoscope Concert on March 4 brings together all of our 6-12 musical performers in an event that is a sampling of our music program. Students perform in multiple locations throughout the auditorium, and the concert is performed without interruption. All of our ensembles perform, along with soloists and small ensembles.
- March is Music in Our School Month. Check out the upcoming events.
- Róisín Dubh, featuring current ER student musicians and alum, is opening for the famed Irish tenor Ronan Tynan at the Hochstein Performance Hall on Thursday, March 12. Tickets can be purchased through a link at ersdmusic.com.

Remember, there's always something going on in ER!

### Area All State Honors

Six East Rochester student musicians were selected via a highly competitive audition to perform as part of the 2019 Area All State honors ensembles. These ensembles are comprised of the best student musicians from our eight-county region of New York State.







For the senior high Area All State, senior Michael Raschiatore played trombone in the symphony orchestra, senior Ella Chamberlain played euphonium with the band, and junior Syd Freiberger performed in the treble choir.

Junior high (7-9) Area All State performers were ninth graders Lily Funk, Elias Francis, and Henry Fox; all were selected for voice and performed with the choirs.



## Art tradition continues

The Elementary Winter Art Show is a long standing tradition, that enables art students to submit their best works for judging and awards. Those who submit pieces to the show have the opportunity of having their work selected by the school's superintendent for placement within the







Victoria Foos

Freya Wiedrick

East Rochester School Calendar. It is a tremendous honor for those highlighted and this year had a number of amazing pieces. Students whose work were selected were invited with their families to attend a presentation where they received recognition and a certificate from Interim Superintendent Richard G. Stutzman.

The students' works will be displayed in the 2020-21 East Rochester School Calendar. These calendars are provided to parents, community members and local businesses and they will hang in almost every office within the school. The calendars are a source of great pride for the students whose work is highlighted.

# Celebrating the Arts

## Third grade to present



Third grade students, under the direction of Elementary Vocal Music Teacher Katelyn Rubert, will be presenting "Arf!", a canine musical of kindness, courage and calamity, on Thursday, April 3 at 7 p.m. in the school's Large Group Instruction (LGI) room. Admission is free. Please come see our third-graders shine.

The musical focuses on Doggie Town, a place buzzing with excitement as judges from the famous Wurstchester Dog Show are coming to spot new talent. General German Shepherd is drilling on proper etiquette and discipline, the singing Dalmatians are connecting the dots, the Boxers are toning and getting in shape. But why is Rover the mutt so sad? Join the huskies, poodles, pointers and more as they help Rover discover his special talent. This musical, in particular, was chosen according to the music difficulty, number of speaking parts and also the number of third-graders participating.

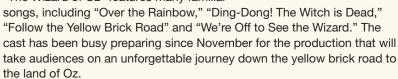
"Every student that participates in the musical gets a speaking line, a costume, and a song to sing in," says Mrs. Rubert. "No student is left out and has a chance of getting a whole new introduction into the musical theater."

Kudos to Mrs. Rubert for instilling confidence with her students and for helping them be better people while having a chance to succeed. They will be ER's "Stars of Tomorrow."

## **HS Musical** "The Wizard of Oz" March 26-28

East Rochester High School will present its spring musical, "The Wizard of Oz," for three shows, March 26 at 6:30 p.m. and March 27-28 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door.

Based on L. Frank Baum's novel and the classic 1939 film, this musical adaptation of "The Wizard of Oz" features many familiar



To commemorate the 80th anniversary of "The Wizard of Oz," a special anniversary dinner and show will be held on Thursday, March 26. The dinner will start at 5:30 p.m. and the performance at 6:30 p.m. Information about pre-sale tickets for the dinner and show will be available on the district website at erschools.org.

The musical is directed by Denise Alfieri with vocal direction by East Rochester Class of 2011 alumni Amanda Joseph and choreography by Lisa Cook. It includes approximately 27 cast members, 10 stage crew and 40 munchkins (fourth and fifth grade chorus students).

## MLA's "Into the Woods. Jr." a huge success

East Rochester Middle Level students performed the musical fairytale, "Into the Woods, Jr." on Jan. 17-18. The musical intertwines the plots of several fairytales and follows the journey of a cursed baker and his wife. The couple ventures "Into the Woods" to find the ingredients that will reverse the witch's curse and restore her former beauty: a milk-white cow, hair as yellow as corn, a blood-red cape, and a slipper of pure

gold. Along their way, they meet Cinderella, a pair of handsome princes, Little Red Riding Hood, Rapunzel, and Jack (of beanstalk fame), each one on a quest to fulfill their own wish.

The musical, which was directed by Mykel Sapienza, included 62 students from grades 6-8! The proof of their hard work was displayed by their excellent performance in this year's musical!



## New director of pupil personnel services



The East Rochester Union Free School District welcomed Monica Stadler as the new director of pupil personnel services on March 2. She replaces Jeanne Rosilio, who is retiring this year after 36 years in education, the last seven of those as the District's director of pupil personnel

Ms. Stadler served as the director of pupil personnel services for the Newark Central School District. where was an administrator and educator for 17 years. There, Ms. Stadler led and supported special education programming, oversaw programming for English Language Learners and ensured compliance, collaborated with district and building leadership to meet student and staff needs, evaluated and supported special education teachers and related service providers and developed and implemented staff training to meet student needs. Leading to her administrative role, Ms. Stadler served as assistant director of pupil services, teacher on special assignment, administrative intern and special education program supervisor. Her career in special education began in 2002 at Newark Middle School.

"We're thrilled Ms. Stadler has joined our leadership team at East Rochester," said Interim Superintendent Richard Stutzman. "We were fortunate to have a great candidate pool to work with and I am confident Ms. Stadler will be a great source of support to our staff, students and families in our special education programs and services. Thank you to the Board of Education and the interview committee for their efforts and participation in this important process."

Ms. Stadler is a graduate of the State University of New York at Geneseo earning a master's degree in special education and a bachelor's degree in elementary and special education. She has her certificate of advanced study for district and building leader from the University of Rochester and several state certifications.

"I'm excited to be part of the team at East Rochester because of the dedication and connectedness of students and staff," said Ms. Stadler. "It is such a unique and special opportunity to work in one building with students of all ages."

Ms. Stadler resides in Fairport with her husband, Matt, a school counselor in Newark.

### Athletic News

### Four Fall Teams Earn Scholar-Athlete Recognition

The New York State Public High School Athletic Association recognized four of East Rochester's varsity teams as part of its Fall 2019 Scholar-Athlete program. Teams earning this honor were Girls Tennis, Field Hockey, Boys Soccer and Football (merged with Gananda). ER is proud of our fall teams and student athletes for their academic success on and off the field. Go Bombers!

### Nathan Chambers: Athlete to Watch

ER senior and athlete Nathan Chambers is part of a unique community of track and field athletes who compete in the little known sport of the Weight Throw. The athletes that compete in weight throw throughout Section V and the nation are coordinated, powerful athletes that take pride in their specialty sport. The competition in Section V is one of the strongest competitions for weight throw in the entire country. The longest throw in the country by both male and female is owned by Section V athletes. Nate is right there in Section V with the best of them. His throws are consistently in the 60 foot or more range and typically qualify him for a top three finish in the Section and by far the best throws recorded in Section V Class C. Nate's success in 2019 includes winning the Section V Indoor Track and Field in Weight Throw and Spring Track and Field in Discus. He made the Democrat and Chronicle's list of "names to know in indoor track" in December 2019 and has been named an "All Greater Rochester" athlete several times.

Nate is not only successful on the field, his success in the classroom, as a driven student and athlete is a standout of ER. Best of luck to Nate in the Track and Field events this spring and beyond.





## ER students partner with SJFC students

East Rochester students are engaged in a collaboration with St. John Fisher College (SJFC) this winter/spring. Two SJFC classes are partnering with Mark Denecke's fifth-grade students, as well as a few other fifthgrade students as part of an enrichment opportunity, to learn science and in the end to teach about a scientific concept via a science fair exhibition.

During the project, SJFC students visit ER several times to explore science with our students. Later in the semester, our students will get to tour SJFC and attend the science fair.

"St. John Fisher is a great neighbor. This project brings the excitement of really working on science along with the novelty of a college student mentor," said Mr. Denecke. "This partnership is a great way to engage our students and get them thinking about the possibilities of college."



## Sam Urzetta Alumni Classic (SUAC) Golf Tournament Set for August 7, 2020

This year's tournament (our 13th) will take place at the Lima Golf & Country Club, 7470 Chase Rd. Lima, 14485 on Friday, August 7, 2020. This event, hosted by the East Rochester Alumni Foundation, is the organization's major source of revenues used to underwrite "Excellence in Education" grants which benefit all students in the East Rochester School System. In 2019, the SUAC generated over \$20,000 for the Alumni Foundation. Since its inception in 2008, this tournament has raised in excess of \$180,000.

According to the tournament committee, "This tournament is designed to appeal to players of all levels. Our main purpose is to raise money for Foundation grants and projects and to bring lots of current and former East Rochester friends and supporters together for a fun day of golf and camaraderie." To this end, we and our partners at Lima C.C. make every effort to keep entry fees as low

as possible. We use a "Scramble" format where handicaps are not used and where the foursome's score is determined by combining the best shots made by all team members on each hole.

Registration, coffee & donuts and a Putting Contest begin at 7:15 a.m. The tournament kicks off at 9:00 AM. To accommodate approximately 200 players again this year, the tournament will be played on both the Charleston Pines and Island Oaks courses.

The 2020 entry fee is yet to be confirmed but will be the same as 2019's entry fee of \$100.00 per player if at all possible. Your entry fee will include greens fees, a cart, free coffee & donuts, a clubhouse drink ticket, separate tee and door prizes, free driving range privileges, a fabulous buffet lunch and a donation to the East Rochester Alumni Foundation. On the day of the tournament, a putting contest, mulligan purchases, "skins" game and a giant raffle will be available to players for additional charges. "Lunch Only" tickets will be available for \$25.00 per ticket. We will attempt to accommodate foursome preferences with regard to course

# SAM URZETTA ALUMNI CLASSIC (SUAC) GOLF TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY, AUG. 7, 2020 LIMA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

7470 CHASE ROAD, LIMA, NY 14485

REGISTRATION, COFFEE, DONUTS AND PUTTING CONTEST AT 7:15 A.M.

TOURNAMENT START TIME AT 9 A.M.



If you are planning a class reunion for 2020, please consider holding it the weekend of Aug. 7-9 so you can include the 13th annual SUAC on your schedule of reunion events.

selection. To avoid course and banquet delays, a maximum of 55 foursomes will be registered. Early registrants will be given priority in regard to course selection.

Foursomes who have registered and paid by June 30, 2020 will be automatically entered in our "Early Bird" drawing. The winning foursome, drawn of tournament day, will receive a full refund of their foursome's Entry

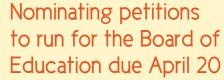
## Early registration is encouraged and will be greatly appreciated!

Registration forms will be available on or about April 1, 2020 on this website and at the ERUFSD District Superintendent's Office, the East Rochester Town/Village Office or at the Lima C.C. Pro Shop. For "Lunch Only" tickets please contact Carl Tobin at ctobin@frontiernet.net or at (585) 526-6120.

To preserve the nature of this event, at least one member of each foursome must be an East Rochester Alum, a current or former E.R. Teacher/administrator/Staff Member, an E.R. resident, local business owner/operator, ERUFSD student or Alumni Foundation Sponsor.

This years Distinguished Alumni Award (DAA) will be presented during the awards banquet which follows the tournament. The recipient will be selected by the Alumni Foundation at its April 20th board meeting. The Foundation will accept DAA nominations through Friday, April 5, 2020. Please visit www.erschools.org/alumni/distinguished\_alumni\_award for further guidance.

PLEASE NOTE: We are looking for individuals who might be interested in becoming members of the Tournament Committee or are interested in serving as volunteers on August 7th. If you wish to help, have a question, are interested in becoming an Event Sponsor please contact Carl Tobin at ctobin@frontiernet.net or at (585) 526-6120.



Interested in running for the Board of Education? The East Rochester Union Free School District announces

petitions for candidates for the Board of Education are available. The two seats currently held by Jennifer Majewski Lesinski and Matt Hogan will expire on June 30, 2020.

Candidates wishing to run for the ER Board of Education with new three-year terms beginning on July 1, 2020 can obtain a nominating petition from the District Clerk, Kristen Adler, in the District Office, 222 Woodbine Avenue, during regular hours 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or on the district website, *erschools.org*. Petitions will be accepted for new board candidates through April 20, 2020 by 4:00 p.m. by Mrs. Adler.

Candidates must be a qualified voter of the district, 18 years of age or older, a legal resident of the district for at least one year prior to the election on May 19, 2020, and eligible to serve in accordance with the law.

For more information, please call or email Mrs. Adler at 248-6302 or Kristen. Adler@erschools.org.



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Grades 6-12 Winter Instrumental concert

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March 26-28	High School Musical, "The Wizard of Oz" (see page 5)	
April 3	3rd Grade Musical, 7:00 p.m.	
May 7	Grades 3-12 Vocal Music Concert, 7:00 pm	
May 12	Grades 4-8 Instrumental Spring Concert, 7:00 pm	
May 14	HS Instrumental Spring Concert + PTA Distinguished Service Awards, 7:00 pm	
May 21	Moving Up Day	
May 23	ER Memorial Day Commemoration, 10:30 am	