



EAST ROCHESTER UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT School District News

Winter 2022

Bombers Football inspire during champion season!

The East Rochester/Gananda Varsity Football team brought home the Section V Class C Championship Block this fall, after defeating Haverling High School in double overtime! The win pushed the Bombers to 11 wins and 0 losses and a trip to the state playoffs.

The Bombers Football team went on to defeat Medina (Section VI) in the Class C Far West Regionals with a 26-24 win, pushing the team through to the semifinal matchup. After tying the game 18-18 late in the third quarter, the Bombers took the lead from Medina early in the fourth and held on to it through the end of the game.

The Bombers fell to Chenango Forks (Section IV) 39-18 to end their impressive run in the Class C semifinal game Saturday, November 27, 2021 at Cicero North High School. ER/Gananda finished with 12 wins and 1 loss on the season. 12 wins and the appearance in the state semifinal were both firsts in program history.

Congratulations to the Bombers Football team on an outstanding season. Both the Gananda and ER communities are so proud of all you have accomplished during this amazing run. Congratulations!

*"The team went through some ups and downs early on. Our work together helped get us to our championship level."
- Senior Running Back Chaunsey Gilbert*



"The team did an outstanding job on bringing together the chemistry and creating a fun environment. This was one of the most enjoyable times I have had playing sports here at ER." - Senior Receiver and Defensive Back Adrian Lotta.

Congratulations to ER Student Athletes who were selected to Democrat & Chronicle Fall 2021 All-Greater Rochester team:

Chaunsey Gilbert (Senior) - Football (Running Back/Wide Receiver)
Cole Ricci (Senior) - Football (Defensive Line)
Manny Sepulveda (Junior) - Football (Wide Receiver)
Sam Lewis (Senior) - Field Hockey (Midfield)

Congratulations to the football athletes selected for the Eddie Meath- East All-Stars Team

Cole Ricci T/DE
Carter Lathrop QB
Chaunsey Gilbert RB/FS

Congratulations to the Section V 2021 Football All-Stars, Champions and Coaches/ Players of the Year:

Section V Class C All-Star Selections

Champions Overall Record:
11-0-0 ER/Gananda

Defensive Player of the Year:
Cole Ricci ER/Gananda

Coach of the Year: Brian Touranjoe ER/Gananda

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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A letter from the Superintendent



Dear East Rochester Families,
I am happy to announce the BOE has approved our five-year education plan, entitled DiscoverER (2022-2027).

This plan establishes district goals so that we can better track outcomes for students. Our four guiding principles are detailed in the section to the right and continue to support the district's long-standing vision and mission statements, while providing a template for targeted goals that we will use to gauge the effectiveness of our work with students.

I am also happy to announce that we have kicked off several of our federally funded learning initiatives, as outlined in our proposal this fall. More information on these initiatives can be found throughout this newsletter.

In what will continue to be an ongoing plea until the workforce crisis subsides, we ask your assistance in getting the word out that we are in [search of substitutes](#) in multiple job titles including food service, cleaning staff and clerical positions. Substitutes can work in place of an employee on leave, in times of high building activities and in support of special initiatives. We offer a competitive hourly rate and great flexibility in work schedules. Please have any interested individuals contact Jen Flanagan at (585) 248-6328.

Sincerely,
Jim Haugh
Superintendent of Schools

DiscoverER (2022-27) strategic planning

East Rochester Schools' five-year DiscoverER (2022-2027) plan places an emphasis on measurable goals to align with four guiding principles- Targeted Academic Success, Social and Emotional Stability, Engagement in Education and Alignment of Systems- aimed at aligning efforts across buildings and the District by creating an ability to monitor progress and meet the standards set forth in our Mission Statement.

This plan serves as a guidance tool for our District and its stakeholder groups, and we expect our work to be centered upon these mutually agreed upon goals. We understand that the needs of our students may evolve over the course of the timeframe in this plan. To that end, we expect the District and its stakeholder groups to assess and identify the need to modify our targets with the focus on consistent improvement of the outcomes for our students.

1. Targeted Academic Success

Our district will provide an authentic, individualized, age-appropriate, inclusive, and student-centered approach to instruction, guided by realistic assessments to gauge student performance and our efforts to support their learning.



2. Social and Emotional Stability

We are committed to the holistic development of every child. While a primary focus for schools is academic achievement, we realize that social and emotional stability is essential for success in the classroom, a foundation for problem solving and an integral part of effective communication in and outside the school building.

3. Engagement in Education

For a school to succeed in its mission, we must have all stakeholder groups regularly involved in dialogue about student performance. We will strive to create and enhance learning partnerships that focus on student empowerment, giving families a voice in our curriculum review process, and our community engaging in and supporting academic initiatives.

4. Alignment of Systems

As an organization we will have streamlined communication, processes and procedures that govern our operations. Strategic initiatives including curriculum, technology, budgeting, infrastructure, and long-range planning will be focused on outcomes for students and staff.

Utilizing a goals template that is uniform across the District, each building and department is creating targeted goals and objectives to align with each of the Guiding Principles. Buildings and departments will identify goals to accomplish; determine the metric used to track and measure progress and, eventually, success; provide action steps to accomplish the goal; and provide a projected timeline with checkpoints and an ultimate due date.

A continued focus on diversity, equity and inclusion

ER Schools continue to focus on promoting more inclusive practices across our school community, with a goal for all students to feel a sense of belonging and for them to see themselves within and through the opportunities offered.

In an effort to continue this work and deepen our understanding of Culturally Responsive-Sustaining Education, the district has identified key stakeholders to attend multiple sustained professional learning opportunities throughout the year, allowing us to build internal capacity for continued diversity, equity and inclusion work. Participants will begin to work strategically to share their knowledge with colleagues over time.

Co-Facilitation & Coaching of Culturally Responsive Sustaining Education: 4th Cohort

A team of nine administrators, teachers and support staff began this six day journey in November, with sessions facilitated by Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES in conjunction with the NYU Metro Center-IESC. Throughout the sessions, participants focused on how race, identity, power, and

privilege create education barriers that have historically created educational inequities for marginalized children and families.

SAANYS Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Cohort

A team of seven administrators, teachers and parents began this nine session opportunity in October, with sessions facilitated by Dr. Luvelle Brown, Superintendent of the Ithaca City School District, in partnership with the School Administrators Association of NYS (SAANYS). The cohort meets once per month to engage in conversations that include cultivating a culture of equity, evaluating systems with an equity lens, and how to make equity a part of everyday practice.

We are confident that these opportunities will lead to continued and sustained efforts of ensuring culturally responsive practices throughout our school and our community.



Challenger Mission returns to space

East Rochester Elementary fifth-graders have been visiting the Challenger Learning Center of Greater Rochester for years, but last year the Challenger Mission moved to a virtual format due to COVID. This year, however, students were able to return to the Challenger Center at its new home at Kodak Center to participate in a simulated mission to Mars! Students had the opportunity to experience roles as both astronauts aboard the space shuttle and crew members in mission control during their time at the Center. Not only did the students have a blast blasting-off, they also exercised their science, technology, engineering and math skills through teamwork, problem solving and communication.



Chess Club is spreading the word

Chess Club ambassadors have been finding opportunities during the school day to engage fellow students in chess! The group says they have seen an increased interest in chess since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, as more people turn to board games for entertainment. In response, members of the chess club began to organize “bughouse” competitions during free periods, where students who are not part of the team, but have an interest in playing, are able to compete against one another in fast-paced, partner matches. While different from the traditional time-controlled, over-the-board games played during the interscholastic matches, bughouse has proven itself as a way to bring new individuals to the club.

One message the team hopes to get across throughout their outreach efforts: Anyone can play chess. While the game may be difficult, it is easier to learn and get better at as part of a group, and students can join the team at any point throughout the school year!

Recently, when the MLA club hosted the interscholastic chess league match on February 1, the team came out on top against McQuaid, with a final score of 65-60. They hope to continue their streak during the next interscholastic match on March 1. Then, at the end of April, the MLA and High School teams will compete in an all-day tournament with many of the teams who make up the Monroe County Chess League, which currently includes over 100 schools. Good luck to both teams!

MLA students volunteer throughout town

Our Middle Level students spent time within the village November 10, 2021 raking leaves for community members. Our staff observed positive interactions between our students and grateful homeowners, with some neighbors coming outside to thank the students for their hard work. Seventh-grade MLA students were joined by School Resource Officer Walsh as they made their way through the neighborhood.



Veterans return for special ceremony

ER welcomed back veterans from our community with the return of the annual in-person Veterans Day assembly. Third-grade classes were in attendance and a video of the ceremony was made available to other grades later that day. Third-grade teacher Angela Nelson's daughter, Army National Guard Specialist Amanda Nelson, sang “The Star-Spangled Banner” and “God Bless America,” then gave a speech to our students about what Veterans Day stands for and provided a small glimpse into her work as an Army Medic.



Sixth-grade students sign daily motto in ASL

As part of a Social Emotional Learning (SEL) lesson, the entire sixth-grade class gathered in the auditorium to say their daily motto together in American Sign Language.

Students developed the idea to learn the motto in sign language following a lesson about early communication during the stone age. Students made a connection to current day American Sign Language during the lesson. As students learned more about sign language during the SEL lesson, they discovered that Rochester has one of the highest populations of individuals with hearing impairments due to the locality of the National Institute of the Deaf (NTID) and the Rochester School for the Deaf.

Students were assisted in the exercise by student teacher, Andy Goings, who had taken sign language classes in college. Thank you to Andy for helping our students with this project!

Visit the MLA website to watch the video of students using ASL to share their daily motto.

Motto:

I am loved and valued.
I am strong, wise and kind.
I will take care of myself
and then take care of others,
every single day of my life.
We are MLA!
We are ER!

Celebrating Black Scholars

Congratulations to ER's Black Scholars, who were recognized during the 37th Annual Early Recognition Virtual Ceremony: Salute to Black Scholars Program held by the Urban League of Rochester on December 15, 2021!

Black Scholars are high school students of African descent who have maintained at least a "B" average throughout their high school years. The Early Recognition Ceremony recognizes and encourages students to continue to prosper academically, to be inducted in the Urban League of Rochester's Black Scholars Honor Society. The distinction provides honorees with helpful programming and scholarship opportunities in their senior year and attracts over 1,300 student honorees and their families.

Congratulations to the following students, who have met the academic criteria for the Urban League Black Scholars Early Recognition Program:

- Kayla Blackman
- Felyna Charles
- Kiara Coleman
- Faith Daniels
- Michael Daniels
- Carli Daniels
- Zariah Eldridge
- Elias Francis
- Marlo Henry
- Marvin Irving
- Dajania James
- Cassara Jones
- London Jones
- Destiny June
- Symora Keene
- Adrian Letta
- Breanna Lockett
- Liat Mekonnen
- Marie Mekoyo-Bakou
- Jacen Mitchell
- Zaveon Pittman
- Nia Robinson
- Zachariah Thomas
- Caleb Wilcox

You can watch a recording of the ceremony on East Rochester Jr./Sr. High School website, under "news".

Scholar Athletes honored

Each season, NYSPHSAA recognizes varsity teams and players who excel both athletically and academically. For a team to qualify, 75% of the team must have a term GPA above 90%. Athletes can also qualify individually by obtaining a 90% or higher term GPA. Five out of the seven varsity teams earned Scholar Athlete Team Awards this fall, with the following incredible grade point averages:

Girls Soccer - 93% Girls Volleyball - 95%
Boys Soccer - 93% Field Hockey - 97%
Girls Tennis - 97%

ER Tennis Athlete Selected as Section V Athletics Scholarship Winner

Congratulations to Olivia Raschiatore on being recognized as the winner of the Section V Athletics Fall 2021 Scholarship for Section V Girls Tennis!



National Honor Society inducts new students

Fifteen new members were inducted into East Rochester High School's National Honor Society on December 1, 2021. Families were invited to a ceremony, during which faculty advisor for the organization, Lisa Cook, was joined by current NHS members to recognize and induct the new members.

2021 inductees include:

Kiara Coleman
Faith Daniels
Madelin Eaton
Elias Francis
Lily Funk
Aidan Graves
Leah Griffith
Dajania James

Cassara Jones
London Jones
Matthew Michalski
Sofia Morales
Olivia Premo
Samara Skully
Riley Wing

Congratulations to the newest members of the National Honor Society! A recording of the ceremony is available for viewing on the East Rochester Jr./Sr. High School website, under the ["Clubs and Activities">"NHS" tab.](#)



Diversity Ambassadors lead student roundtables

Mid-January, sixteen Diversity Ambassadors visited social studies classrooms in grades 9-12 to hold in-class, roundtable dialogues. The Diversity Ambassadors planned and engaged in conversations with their peers as a way to learn what work needs to be done in the district and to encourage others to become involved. After introductions, students discussed identity, experiencing cultural differences in school, racial awareness, implicit bias and the importance of coming together to have respectful conversations about controversial topics.

Following the success of the conversations at the high school level, Diversity Ambassadors planned discussions for MLA classrooms in February. Teachers were asked to remain inside the classroom as a presence, but to remain outside of the circle to allow for student-only dialogue.

Prior to the classroom dialogues, the Diversity Ambassadors participated in an all-day training workshop to learn dialogue skills and practice co-moderating difficult conversations, led by Co-advisor Dr. Jenna Rossi (Chair of American Studies and African American Studies at St. John Fisher College) and her colleague Dr. Jebaroja Singh (Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology, Anthropology, Women & Gender Studies at St. John Fisher College).

"Engaging in conversations to raise awareness about racism and privilege, as well as sharing personal experiences with these topics is courageous and meaningful work," says Co-advisor Jenna Rossi. "I am honored to be working with the Diversity Ambassadors at East Rochester."

Diversity Ambassadors will attend a faculty meeting to share their experiences at both the high school and MLA, with the goal of using these discussions to help in the decision making process moving forward.

"It has been the greatest honor of my educational career to be able to advise this group of students with the positive changes being made within the district and community," says ER High School Principal and Diversity Ambassadors Co-advisor Casey van Harssel. "They are helping me learn what it truly means to lead a learning environment for all students."



Celebrating the Arts

Winter art show awards

The elementary winter art show is a long standing tradition that enables art students in grades 2-8 to submit their best works for judging and awards. Those who submit pieces to the show have the opportunity to have their work selected by the school's superintendent, Jim Haugh, to be featured in the East Rochester school calendar. It is a tremendous honor for those highlighted, and this year had a number of amazing pieces. Students whose work was selected received recognition and a certificate, and their work will be displayed throughout the 2022-23 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.



Congratulations to:

Amelia Taylor- 2nd grade	Alexandra Campbell- 5th grade
Madalyn Stephens- 2nd grade	Samad Ellington- 6th grade
Trinity Brewer- 3rd grade	Stella Wisnowski- 6th grade
Remi Ugine- 3rd grade	Elizabeth Grbic- 7th grade
Ky'Azia Capriotti- 4th grade	J'Veon Johnson Jr.- 7th grade
Ranae Larkin- 4th grade	Madalynn Fioravanti- 8th grade
Brody Eckerson- 4th grade	Kya Capriotti- 8th grade
Jackson D'Agostino- 5th grade	

Performing at the County Office Building

The ER Jazz Band and Select Choir visited the Monroe County Office Building in December to perform as part of the County Executive's Holiday Concert Series. County Executive Adam Bello spent December hosting schools to share their holiday spirit and musical talents with Monroe County residents through a series of concerts held during the day each Tuesday throughout the month.



"It was an incredible experience to be able to go on our first performance field trip in two years, and to perform for such an appreciative crowd of parents, elected officials, county employees, and others," says Mark Gowman.

Students were introduced by county legislators Howard Maffucci, who also happens to be a former ER principal and superintendent, and John Burns Baynes, a graduate of the ERHS Class of 1971. The two legislators represent part of East Rochester in the Monroe County legislature.

Sounds of the season

Students in grades 3-12 welcomed families back inside the auditorium to celebrate the holidays through live music this December! A recording of 3-5 Winter Concert can be found under the "News" tab on the Elementary School website.

Recordings of concerts for grades 6-12, including the 6-12 Vocal Concert and the 6-12 Instrumental Concert, can be found on the Jr./Sr. High School website, by clicking the "Clubs and Activities" tab.



ERHS presents: Once Upon a Mattress

East Rochester High School is happy to announce the return of the spring musical! The school was two weeks away from production on the Wizard of Oz when schools closed in March of 2020. Now, after two years without a production, the school is more than ready to perform Once Upon a Mattress in front of a live audience. The performance will include a small cast of sixteen students.

Once Upon a Mattress is a story about a prince who cannot marry because his mother, the Queen, declares nobody is suitable... that is, until Princess Winnifred comes into the scene. The show debuts March 31 and, pending COVID protocols, will include Dinner and a Show. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. with the performance following at 6:30. Performances will also be held at 7 p.m. Friday, April 1 and Saturday, April 2, 2022. Show tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door.

MLA's Frozen Jr. is a huge success

Students at the Middle Level Academy journeyed to Arendelle during their performance of Disney's Frozen Jr. in January, putting a spin on the beloved Disney movie. Students did an amazing job bringing emotion to the stage, inspiring laughs and even a few tears. The cast began rehearsing in October, learning the music and choreography. Although it was challenging to perform while masked, it was also informative, and allowed the students to hone their talents. "Against all odds, this wonderful group of students came together and made something truly magical..." said ER Vocal Music Instructor and Frozen Jr. Director Mykel Sapienza. "...friendships, memories and, of course, an awesome musical!"

Thank you to everyone who attended the performances, if you were unable to attend in person you can find the recorded performance on the ER MLA website.



LETRS training promotes growth in teachers and students

Using federal funding, the District has begun training elementary teachers in LETRS, with the goal over the next three years to train all teachers in grades upk-5. LETRS is a comprehensive professional development course that provides educators with the background, depth of knowledge, and tools to teach language and literacy skills to every student. The course addresses four critical outcomes for effective literacy instruction: understanding the science of reading, converting research to practice, enhancing teacher effectiveness, and transforming instruction.

ER is engaging in a blended learning model consisting of synchronous, virtual workshops, reading, asynchronous online work and bridge-to-practice opportunities in the classroom, to allow for flexibility and ease of course completion. Teachers, such as Second Grade AIS Teacher Kristina D'Ercole, focus on sounds, decoding, encoding, recalling irregular words, phonological awareness and tying it all together!

"I cannot believe the reading growth we have seen with our students," says D'Ercole. "Their confidence and willingness to learn to read has improved immensely. Not only are our students learning, so are their teachers. We are all in this together!"

By understanding the "why" behind science and evidence-based research, our teachers can better know how to aid students in learning to read.



Budget development

East Rochester administrators and the Board of Education held their first Budget Workshop for the 2022-23 school year budget, Tuesday, February 1. Topics included a look at the NYS Executive Budget Proposal, East Rochester's estimated state aid, the tax cap, instructional technology and an update to expense and revenue figures.

Additional workshops are scheduled for March 1 and April 2, 2022. A Public Hearing on the Budget will be held Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 7 p.m. and the Budget Vote will take place from 7 a.m. - 9 p.m. Tuesday, May 17, 2022 in the Multi-purpose Room.

More information on the 2022-23 budget will be provided in the April Community Newsletter. Updated information can also be found on the district website, under the Budget section (http://erschools.org/district/budget/2022-2023_budget).

Children's Institute highlights

East Rochester is continuing to partner with the Children's Institute this year, using federal funding to further the discussion on "A Whole Child Development Needs Assessment."

Children's Institute presenters Elizabeth Devaney and Dawn Breitung joined administrators to review the findings of the action plan the District had determined when working with the Children's Institute three years ago. The team also assessed the effectiveness of the plan, what had changed and how to map out the years ahead. Teacher leaders were joined by Andrea Bertucci and Elizabeth DeVaney of the Children's Institute during Curriculum Council meetings, where they discussed Trauma Informed Social Emotional Learning.



Board of Education nominating petitions

Nominating petitions to run for the Board of Education are available March 1 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 board candidates through Monday, April 18, 2022, 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 17, 2022, and eligible to serve in accordance with the law. For more information, please call or email Mrs. Adler at 248-6302 x1 or Kristen.Adler@erschools.org.

Supporting the ERPTO

Together as parents and guardians, we are all members of the PTO! Our efforts are geared toward supporting our school community including staff, teachers, students and our parents. PTO membership is open to any parent, faculty, or staff member from the East Rochester School District.

Following the success of the recent PTO sponsored events, the school community is reminded of the various initiatives and events provided by the PTO throughout the school year and the fact that these initiatives and events rely on money raised, partially, through donations. Donations are particularly important with the organizational changeover to a PTO, as there is no longer an annual cost for membership to support the funding.

To learn more about what the organization does to support ER Schools, please visit our newly developed PTO website.

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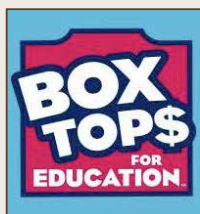
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Earning through Box Tops

All you need is your phone! Download the Box Tops app, shop as you normally would, then use the app to scan your store receipt within 14 days of purchase.

The app will identify Box Tops products on your receipt and automatically credit your school's earnings online. Twice a year, your school will receive a check and can use that cash to buy whatever it needs! Visit the Box Tops app or website for more details and to see a full list of participating retailers, and contact Box Top Program Coordinator Michelle Michalski at tulip_929@yahoo.com with any questions you may have.



The East Rochester Alumni Foundation is pleased to announce details for the 2022 Sam Urzetta Alumni Classic

- Purpose:
 - To bring Alumni together in an event based on the exceptionally strong ER golf tradition
 - To raise funds in support of ER Schools and ultimately the greater ER community
- Date: Monday, July 25 (follows the ERFD Carnival Long Weekend)
- Location: Ravenwood Golf Club (RGC), an award winning facility with some of the best golf in the Finger Lakes region (<https://www.ravenwoodgolf.com>)
- Options: In order to accommodate more golfers and to provide an option for a less intensive experience, there will be two events: 18-hole morning tournament and 9-hole afternoon tournament.
Both share:
 - Lunch buffet in between the two events
 - Open golf range prior to start
 - "Visage GPS" installed in modern electric carts
 - 4 - person team scramble
 - Closest to the pin skill contests
- Option 1: 18-hole Tournament, Cost: \$125/golfer, includes
 - 8 AM shotgun start
 - Awards for first 3 places
 - Breakfast sandwich at registration
- Option 2: 9-hole Tournament, Cost: \$100/golfer, includes
 - 2 PM shotgun start
 - Awards for first 3 places
 - Hand passed appetizers after golf
- Other opportunities to participate
 - Tickets will be available to purchase for Sam's "targeted" raffle of major prizes
 - Putting contest
 - Mulligan hole
- Adult beverages will be available for purchase directly from RGC

Working with Ravenwood's expert staff, we will work to ensure safe and truly enjoyable events. Registration is now open. Space will be limited to the first 34 foursomes to sign up for each of the morning (18-hole) and afternoon (9-hole) options, so please register as soon as possible to secure your spot in this year's tournament. Registration forms will be emailed to previous participants who shared email addresses. It can also be found on the Alumni website (http://erschools.org/alumni/s_u_a_c) and in the District Office.

Thank you,
Tom Quinzi '80
ERAF, President
tnquinzi@gmail.com



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If you shop on Amazon, you can easily contribute to the Alumni Foundation! Simply sign up at smile.amazon.com by selecting the East Rochester Alumni Foundation to start generating donations, at no cost to you.

Alumni Grants

Class of 2024 National Aquarium in Baltimore
Science Olympiad
MLA Peanut Butter and Jelly Factory - students support the Open Door Mission

Welcoming our new SRO

East Rochester Schools has a new School Resource Officer! SRO John Vicaretti began in early December, taking the reins from Officer Walsh who began his road patrol position with the ER Police Department.

John, who has worked in law enforcement for 29 years, came to ER after spending the last nine years as Sergeant with the ER Police Department. He is working exclusively in the school in his new role as SRO, and he is looking forward to the change of pace and the new challenge that will come with it. Having raised two children himself- a 19-year-old and a 23-year-old who went to Brockport Central- John says he enjoys working with the students, as well as the friendly, small community feel in East Rochester that comes with getting to know people within the community quickly.

If you see John around the District, be sure to introduce yourself and welcome him to ER!





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PreK and Kindergarten registration



grade level. It is intended to give children a bridge year between our half-day Pre-K program and our full-day Kindergarten program.

The East Rochester Union Free School District is enrolling children for its Universal Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten programs for the 2022-2023 school year.

Children who are four years old on December 1, 2022 are eligible to register for Pre-K. Children who are five years old on December 1, 2022 are eligible to register for Kindergarten.

The district also offers a full-day Young Kindergarten program for students who are young at the

Registration packets were mailed out or sent home with Pre-K students the week before February break. Information regarding the registration process was included in the mailing. Families can return the packets by mail, at the school's single point of entry or in the black mailbox outside the district office.

Families will need to provide proof of residency, immunization and health records, as well as proof of each child's age. If you have any questions or need additional support with the registration process, please contact the District Registrar, Michele M. Griffith, at (585) 248-6306 or via email at er.registrar@erschools.org.

Please Note: All students currently enrolled in Universal Pre-K 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 them in UPK or Kindergarten for the 2022-23 school year.**

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