



# EAST ROCHESTER UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT School District News

Summer 2023

## 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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East Rochester School Community,

I hope this newsletter finds you enjoying the summer season following what was an exciting end to the 2022-23 school year.

ER pride filled our buildings as the spring semester closed with our traditional celebrations including the UPK Grand Finale, our Kindergarten Celebration, the Fifth Grade Celebration, our MLA Alumni Connection Day, the High School Moving Up Day and High School graduation. Thank you to everyone who helped make these days special for all of our students. It's always a great experience to watch the students showcase what they've learned throughout the year and make connections with each other and our greater school community.

This summer we have students already back on campus for our Summer Learning Academy, the Fun in the Sun Program, Extended School Year, MLA High Intensity Tutoring, 7 go 8 Math Jump, MLA Summer Literacy, Jazz Enrichment, HS ELA Credit Recovery and our Summer Swim program.

Our leadership team is continuing to chart our path for improvement with projects including, but not limited to:

- Adapting curriculum with a focus on alignment to standards and inclusion of social emotional and culturally relevant practices. This work specifically includes Middle Level social studies and mathematics and secondary english language arts and mathematics. In addition, the elementary grades are working on literacy and social emotional alignment.
- Professional development focused around structured literacy implementation, community building circles and conflict resolution, equity and inclusion practices, special education practices, therapeutic crisis intervention, and safety plan enhancements in threat assessment processes and reunification planning.

During the summer months, our building will be undergoing renovations to improve the air quality in our facility. This work includes new HVAC Systems in 28 elementary classrooms.

Enjoy the remaining weeks of summer recess with family and friends. We look forward to greeting new and returning students at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year on Tuesday, September 5, 2023.

Jim Haugh  
Superintendent of Schools



## The Class of 2023 Graduates

Matthew Angora	Amara Freeman	Naiomy Pellot
Ali Aziz	Hayden Frey	Olivia Premo
Tyler Bender	Lily Funk	Jacob Price
Michael Blaggy	Jason Gaines	Luis Quinones Jr.
Jeremy Blanchard	Janessa Gallina	Brandon Rich II
Joshua Bush	Aidan Graves	Beryalis Rodriguez
Aurora Calabria	Tai'jinae Gray	Gerald Salmon
Landon Cartagena	Leah Griffith	Jonas Schattner
Kiara Coleman	Angelina Grugnale	Emma Scheg
Gage Cornelius	Lebria Hickman	Aimey Schrom
Mason Dall	Shamar Irving	Jolina Schrom
Faith Daniels	Dajania James	Manuel Sepulveda
Michael Daniels	Cassara Jones	Samara Skully
Lindsey DeRider	London Jones	Robert Slocum
Jaida Degroat	Tyrik Jones	Samuel Tanner
Jeffery DeRosa	Molly Mabb	Jayne Taylor
Xyla Earl	Jaxon Mangiavellano	Zachariah Thomas
Madelin Eaton	Dillon Mapes	Ayden Vermette
Theodore Emmings	Robert Merced	Angelo Walton
Chloe Firlit	Matthew Michalski	Isaac Williams
Briana Fitzwater	Jacen Mitchell	Riley Wing
Ryan Flanagan	J'Den Montero	Caitlyn Young
Henry Fox	Sofia Morales	Jacob Youngs
Elias Francis	Emilia Ocasio	



## Commencement: Reflecting back and looking ahead



*"May you always take advantage of the opportunities before you, be willing to challenge yourself, be willing to celebrate your successes, and be willing to give yourself grace when those opportunities don't pan out as expected."*

East Rochester Superintendent Jim Haugh inspired graduates to take advantage of opportunities, as the East Rochester Class of 2023 gathered together for graduation on Saturday, June 24.

Valedictorian Lily Funk and Salutatorian London Jones also gave speeches, reminiscing on their shared experiences during their time together in school and offering advice as they move on to their next stage in life. "Graduation at East Rochester represents so much more than being handed a diploma. It represents leaving friends, that whether it be a few years or 14 years, have turned into family. It represents leaving the place that holds a tremendous amount of memories and growth. And it represents saying goodbye to our childhood and transitioning into a new adventure," said Lily. "Never, ever, ever, ever change who you are. Always keep a smile on your face. Live in the present and remind yourself of how lucky you are for all of your blessings." During her speech, London spoke on the welcoming and supportive nature of ER Schools saying "If I had to describe East Rochester in one word it would be small but the second word that would come to mind would be welcoming... The people here don't allow you to be a random face in the back of the classroom."

A recording of the ceremony can be viewed on the ERUFSD website, on Facebook and on Twitter. Congratulations to the Class of 2023!



## East Rochester High School Class of 2023

# Top 10 Graduates

East Rochester High School is proud to announce the Top 10 academic students of the Class of 2023. These students have shown their dedication to academics, extracurricular activities and the ER community.

**Lily Funk** - Valedictorian

**London Jones** - Salutatorian

**Riley Wing**

**Leah Griffith**

**Daja James**

**Olivia Premo**

**Elias Francis**

**Madelin Eaton**

**Kiara Coleman**

**Cassara Jones**

*Congratulations to the Top Ten Seniors for the Class of 2023! We're so proud of you, and we know you have bright, exciting futures ahead.*

## EMCC students recognized at end-of-year ceremony

Congratulations to the following ER students who were recognized during the EMCC Awards Night Ceremony at the end of the year.

Faith Daniels (Emergency Services) - District Award

Jayne Taylor (Professional Health Careers) - Donald and Maxine Davidson Memorial Scholarship

Sofia Morales (Culinary Arts) and Faith Daniels (Emergency Services) - Class Excellence Awards



# Senior Awards

Frank W. King Firemen's Memorial Scholarship - **Lily Funk**  
 The East Rochester Patrolmen's Benevolence Association Award - **Aurora Calabria and Beryalis Rodriguez**  
 Daryl Pierson Senior Award - **Faith Daniels**  
 East Rochester Chamber of Commerce Award - **Lily Funk**  
 St. Nicholas Society Prize for Excellence in Art - **Olivia Premo**  
 St. Nicholas Society Award in Memory of Sam Corea - **Elias Francis**  
 East Rochester Youth Football and Cheerleading Prize - **Aidan Graves and Manuel Sepulveda**  
 East Rochester Youth Soccer Prize - **Jayne Taylor and Matthew Michalski**  
 The East Rochester CSEA Scholarship Award - **Leah Giffith**  
 East Rochester Rotary Club Scholarship - **Cassara Jones and Leah Griffith**  
 Paul J. Cimicata Memorial Music Award - **Lily Funk**  
 Kelly Cragg Witter Memorial Award - **Lily Funk**  
 East Rochester Music Department Teachers' Award for Vocal Music - **Lily Funk**  
 East Rochester Music Department Teachers' Award for Theatre - **Henry Fox**  
 Louis Armstrong Award - **Madelin Eaton**  
 The John Philip Sousa Award for Band - **Henry Fox**  
 Gene Bouchard Award - **Mike Daniels**  
 William (Jiggs) Tando Award - **Jeremy Blanchard**  
 John T. Cira Award - **Jacob Price**  
 Mark Eddington Award - **Samuel Tanner**  
 Nicole Loddell Award - **Lily Funk**  
 Bill Boyce Award - **Landon Wollschleger and Kiara Coleman**  
 Lionel Courtemanche Award - **Madelin Eaton and Jack McCarthy**

Samuel J. Brody Memorial Scholarship Award - **Jacen Mitchell**  
 Maddy Walsh Award - **Lead Griffith**  
 Alex Bosso Memorial Award - **Manuel Sepulveda**  
 Outstanding Girl Athlete Award - **Lily Funk**  
 East Rochester Teachers' Association Prizes - **Aidan Graves and Riley Wing**  
 Leonard Shieffelin Memorial Award - **Madelin Eaton**  
 Josephine Furman Clark Prize - **London Jones**  
 Dexter Perkins History Prize - **Olivia Premo**  
 Ann Marie VanGelder Scholarship - **Aurora Calabria**  
 The Harriet Babcock Memorial Prize - **Dajania James**  
 Carmella Loria Reading Award - **Gerald Salmon**  
 The Antonio and Adelia Naccarella Memorial Award - **Samara Skully**  
 Dr. Howard Maffucci Leadership and Vision in Technology Award - **Ryan Flanagan**  
 The Alex Pacilio Memorial Award - **Madelin Eaton**  
 The Warren Knapp Excellence in Mathematical Studies Award - **Riley Wing**  
 The Blossom Award - **London Jones**  
 The David Rovitelli Vision in Technology Award - **London Jones**  
 The Obourn Award given in honor and remembrance of Lewis C. Obourn and Constance O'Brien Obourn - **Elias Francis**  
 East Rochester PTO Prizes - **Lily Funk and Dajania James**  
 East Rochester Retired Teachers' Prize - **Henry Fox and Jacen Mitchell**  
 The East Rochester American Legion Post 1917 Award for Sciences and Mathematics - **Riley Wing**  
 The Mark and Himiko Gurecki Award - **Aimey Schrom**  
 Urban Suburban Award - **Kiara Coleman and Dajania James**  
 Francis, Julio and Katherine Marcucci Memorial Award - **Aidan Graves**

The Frederic Ferrin Public Service Award - **London Jones**  
 Joseph M. Yacono Memorial Award - **Samara Skully**  
 East Rochester High School Senior Class Scholarship - **Aurora Calabria**  
 The Reginald E. Spring Memorial Technology Award - **Samuel Tanner**  
 Cindy Pittinaro Memorial Prize - **Dajania James**  
 The M & T Bank Scholarship Award - **Kiara Coleman**  
 John Reitz Student Leadership and Helping Skills Award - **Cassara Jones**  
 Harold E. and Phyllis M. Shurn Memorial Award - **Matthew Michalski**  
 Susan B. Gonzalez Award - **Leah Griffith**  
 Mark Byron Furman Prizes - **Faith Daniels and Kiara Coleman**  
 American Red Cross Senior Award - **Faith Daniels**  
 The Adam Weinstein Public Service Award - **Madelin Eaton**  
 Elizabeth Ann Clay Memorial Award - **Olivia Premo and Lily Funk**  
 William T. Clay Memorial Science Award - **Leah Griffith and London Jones**  
 New York State Scholarship for Academic Excellence - **Lily Funk, London Jones and Riley Wing**  
 The East Rochester American Legion Post 1917 Boy's State Scholarship Award - **Riley Wing**  
 The Mark Florack Award - **Zariah Eldridge**  
 The Hagreen Family Award - **Samuel Tanner**  
 Monroe County Executive's Community Service Award - **Lily Funk**  
 Heidi Prong Award - **Lily Funk**  
 Sonny Reid Award - **Eli Tanner**  
 Ed Specia Wrestling Award - **Jordan Lampman**

## Outstanding Senior

East Rochester Union Free School District Senior Lily Funk is a leader academically, athletically and musically-earning her the prestigious honor of Monroe County Board of Cooperative Educational Services' Outstanding Senior for the East Rochester Class of 2023.



Lily has proved herself as incredibly bright and hardworking during her time at East Rochester High School. She is a member of the Student Council and National Honor Society. Lily was involved in athletics throughout her high school career, playing Varsity Basketball for all four years and leading the team as captain during her junior and senior year. She also was a member of the Girls Tennis team during her freshman and sophomore year, and joined the Field Hockey team during her senior year. She is a talented vocalist who performs with Róisín Dubh and Select Choir and plays in the high school band and jazz band. Lily has also participated in the Music Department's Electric Coffee House. Lily will attend Connecticut College to study environmental science. She plans to play basketball for the school, as well.

Lily accompanied Superintendent Haugh to the 28th Annual Dr. Michael C. O'Laughlin Outstanding Senior Recognition Dinner on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 to be recognized. Congratulations Lily!

## Salute to Black Scholars

Seven students from East Rochester High School have been selected by the Urban League of Rochester as 2023 Black Scholar honorees. The Urban League of Rochester Black Scholars program has provided academic recognition, college readiness assistance, and scholarship incentives to students who achieve and maintain a "B" or better average throughout high school.

### Congratulations to the Black Scholar Honorees for East Rochester High School:

- Cassara Jones
- Dajania James
- Elias Francis
- Faith Daniels
- Jacen Mitchell
- Kiara Coleman
- London Jones

A ceremony was held to recognize all of the Black Scholar honorees on June 5, 2023.



Not pictured: London Jones and Kiara Coleman



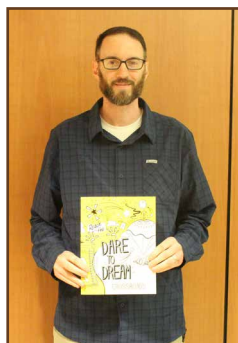
## Yearbook dedication tradition continues

Each year, the district selects a Yearbook Dedication Recipient and a Yearbook Recognition Recipient at the MLA and the high school level.

The senior class chooses recipients for the Senior High School, based on the influence each has had on the lives of the seniors throughout their high school years. The recipients have helped seniors to learn, grow and thrive during their time at East Rochester High School.

- This year's High School Yearbook Dedication went to Mrs. Cook. As a teacher who has worked with the ER community for over 28 years, she has become very reliable to her students inside and outside the classroom.
- This year's High School Yearbook Recognition went to Mrs. Baliva. She is a teacher who takes the time to make sure your day is great and she also makes sure that you get whatever you need to be successful both on the court and in the classroom.

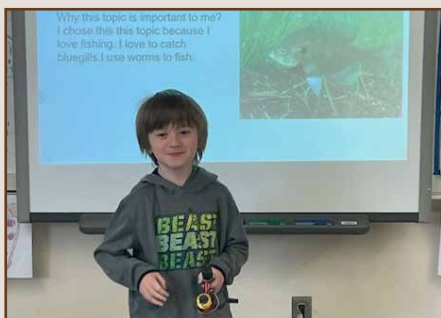
Students and staff select the MLA recipients based on their dedication to MLA. This year's yearbook was dedicated to Counselor Adam Laycock and Teacher Erin Hagreen.



## Student Presentations

Second grade students in Ms. Coccia's class had the opportunity to teach their class on a topic of their choosing during 5 minute end-of-year presentations this June.

Ms. Coccia helped students write about the topics they chose, then students planned their presentations in school and rehearsed at home. Students covered a wide range of topics including fractions, strong internet passwords, fishing, cursive, origami and soccer. Well done to all of our talented second grade presenters!



## Avoid the "Summer Slide"

East Rochester Elementary students are encouraged to participate in the 2023 Summer Learning Challenge to avoid the summer slide! The goal of the challenge is to keep students reading (or being read to), and practicing math facts (or counting). Student participation will be tracked weekly from June 26 through August 1. Participating students will receive special recognition this fall when they return to school! It is so important for children to continue to read and practice math facts over the summer months. Let's make it fun!

## Moving Up Day

ERHS celebrated Moving Up Day with the traditional MUD ceremony at the end of May.

Seniors were celebrated throughout the festivities, including the recognition and crowning of the MUD Court. Freshmen, Sophomore and Junior classes also challenged each other during the song challenge, performing a song that showed class spirit and a song that recognized the Class of 2023. Juniors also toasted to the seniors, during the annual "passing of the spade."



Also recognized during the ceremony were the 2023 Gagashoan Yearbook dedication and recognition recipients. Toward the end of the ceremony, teachers and staff surprised students with a flash mob! To watch a video of the flash mob, visit the ER Schools YouTube Channel.

## Congrats NTHS Inductees!

Seven East Rochester students who participate in programs at the Monroe One Eastern Monroe Career Center were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society this spring! Five juniors and one senior were inducted into the society for the first time, joining one senior who was inducted for their second year. Congratulations to juniors Lily Jackson (Culinary Arts), Joseph Markajani (Criminal Justice), Alyssa Roberts (Cosmetology), Asher Russell (Emergency Services) and Carli Daniels (Emergency Services), and seniors Riley Wing (New Vision Medical Careers) and Faith Daniels\* (Emergency Services).

\*second year inductee

## Cinco de Mayo meal

The Culinary class at ERHS has teamed up with the Food Services team to create a fun meal for students in celebration of Cinco de Mayo!

Food Service Director Matt Cusimano and Culinary Teacher John Fee worked together to coordinate the joint project between the second-year culinary class and the Food Service department.

Students in the class used products provided by Food Services to help prepare Chicken Carnitas, marinating and searing the chicken before delivering it back to the kitchen. The kitchen then finished the cooking process and served the meal to students for a fun treat on Cinco de Mayo. The meal was a hit throughout the building!





## Students showcase talent during Electric Coffeehouse

Students and families gathered in the auditorium this June for the 20th Annual Electric Coffeehouse! Our talented student musicians lit up the stage with solo acts, group performances and even original songs. To end the evening, all of the performers came together for a tribute to Tina Turner, performing "Simply the Best" to the sound of the crowd clapping along. Thank you to everyone who helped make this night a success and congratulations to all of the performers!



## Athletic Wrap

Congratulations to our senior athletes who earned 500-point and 1000-point plaques during their time in East Rochester!

### 500 Point Plaques

Faith Daniels  
Michael Daniels  
Ryan Flanagan  
Aidan Graves  
Angelina Grugnale  
Lebria Hickman  
Matthew Michalski  
Jacen Mitchell  
Jacob Price  
Jayme Taylor  
Riley Wing



### 1000 Point Plaques

Madelin Eaton  
Teddy Emmings  
Lily Funk  
Leah Griffith  
Manuel Sepulveda  
Samara Skully



Congratulations to our spring athletic teams who have earned Scholar Athlete status including Boys Tennis, Softball and Girls Track and Field!

### ER Athletes Compete in States

The following ER Track and Field Athletes attended States to compete in the NYSPHSAA State Track and Field Championships.

Junior Jalen McCoy competed in the 200 m, 400m and 4x100m Relay races.

Senior Manny Sepulveda competed in the 100m and 200m races and the Long Jump.

Senior Jacen Mitchell, Sophomore Jordan Nunn, Senior Mike Daniels and Sophomore Clinton Robinson competed in the 4x100 Relay.

**Congratulations to Manny Sepulveda, who brought home the State Champion title in the Long Jump!** Last year, Manny placed first in the Triple Jump at th States Championship. This was both Manny and Jalen's second trip to States and the first time for all other participants.

## Shining a Light on Student Artwork

The Art Awards Initiative was set up several years ago to recognize students and promote the Visual Arts program in the district. Superintendent Haugh selected students from all grade levels to be recognized this year. Their artwork will be featured in the 2023-24 school calendar!

### Students recognized during the spring art show include:

Ava Maine - 2nd  
Kiera Karpen - 2nd  
Eviana Botticelli - 3rd  
William Burkle - 3rd  
Kylie Page - 4th  
Jack O'Hara - 4th  
N. Wiedrick - 4th  
Arry Lewis - 6th  
Hannah Williams - 8th  
Jacob Herb - 6th  
Mackenzie Boyer - 5th  
Madelyn Broker - 6th  
Mariia Humeniuk - 8th  
Ollie Miles - 7th  
Patrick McGarvey - 7th  
Sloan Sowinski - 7th

Tinbit Shoda - 5th  
Vincent Frye - 8th  
William Paratore - 5th  
Alina Blaga - 10th  
Amira Leach - 9th  
Brianna Fitzwater - 12th  
Elijah Tanner - 10th  
Eliza Page - 9th  
Emma Scheg - 12th  
Joshua Bush - 12th  
Korinth Lee - 9th  
Maya DiPane - 11th  
Olivia Premo - 12th  
Rhiannon Harper - 9th  
Samuel Tanner - 12th  
Shay Wald - 10th

## ER ensembles place at Darien Lake Music Festival

Congratulations to our performers in Wind Ensemble, HS Jazz Band and HS Select Choir on outstanding performances at the Darien Lake Music Festival! Out of a possible 100 points, Select Choir earned a 96.9 for third place out of two dozen choirs; the HS Wind Ensemble earned a score of 97.6 for first place in their division; and ER Jazz earned a 99.0, which not only earned first place in the HS jazz division, but received the Grand Judges Award for the highest overall score of the day! This is the fifth time an ER music ensemble has received this award- the third for ER Jazz- and the first time since 2016.

ER Jazz also received Outstanding Section awards for rhythm section and saxophone section, and Outstanding Soloist awards for senior Madelin Eaton on baritone saxophone; senior Lily Funk on vocals; and ninth grader Raegan Skellie-Hill on drums.

Congratulations also go to our students in the 7th & 8th Grade Jazz Band, ER Jazz and Róisín Dubh on three outstanding (windy, train-interrupted) performances at Fairport Canal Days!

### ER music groups selected for 2023 NYSSMA Conference

Róisín Dubh and the East Rochester High School Percussion Ensemble have been selected to perform at the 2023 NYSSMA Conference and will perform at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center on Friday, December 1 at 12 p.m. Congratulations!

## Elementary music ensembles impress during Seabreeze Music Days

Fourth and Fifth grade students went to Seabreeze for Music Days in early June, where they impressed the judges with outstanding performances! Fourth and fifth grade chorus scored a 97 and fifth grade band scored a 98, and both groups placed with Outstanding ratings. Congratulations!!

## ER teams up with feature consultants

### Culturally Relevant Curriculum in Action with Dr. Jevon Hunter

Using federal funding, East Rochester Schools have been enhancing curriculum to ensure inclusivity of practices and resources. In order to fully engage in this work, and meet the demands put forth in the NYSED Framework for Culturally Responsive Teaching, the District is collaborating with Dr. Jevon Hunter from Buffalo State University to assist with professional development and student training opportunities. Dr. Hunter offered faculty and staff three action oriented book study seminars in the 2022-23 school year. These 1-hour virtual book study seminars allowed staff to delve deeper into the following texts: Culturally Responsive Teaching and the Brain; Start Here, Start Now; and The Civically Engaged Classroom. Each seminar was carefully crafted to meet participant needs and allow for collegial discussion and exploration of a multitude of topics relevant to the implementation of more inclusive practices.

Dr. Hunter also facilitated an end of year curriculum and instruction workshop that was designed to (re)introduce CRE curricular and instructional approaches, strategies, and techniques to implement in curriculum. Moving forward, Dr. Hunter will be directly supporting curriculum work this summer using his inquiry model to begin the process of transforming units of study across grade levels and subject areas for the 2023-24 school year. Finally, Dr. Hunter will also support a number of other summer work days including but not limited to administrator training, teacher leadership training, and new faculty/staff orientation.

### Pathstones Project

This year teachers had the opportunity to partner with Kesha James and Shane Wiegand of the Pathstones Foundation Antiracist Curriculum Project to integrate their inquiry into the existing curriculum. The Antiracist Curriculum Project supports schools with co-creation, implementation, and evaluation of curriculum that allows learners to explore and interpret their local history through rich primary sources. Moving forward, the district will work with Pathstones to provide continued professional development and support to integrate additional inquiries at multiple grade levels across the district.

### Tim Brown

Also using federal funding, the district has partnered with Tim Brown of Solution Tree to focus on equity and access for all students by redesigning our Multitiered Systems of Support (MTSS) in the district. In collaboration with district staff and BOCES, Mr. Brown has helped to facilitate new learning and development of systems around professional learning communities that support student success at the K-8 level.

In addition, Mr. Brown has also supported secondary work on shifting grading practices. The teams explored what a grade should represent and discussed what factors teachers could use to determine student grades. Moving forward, the faculty and staff will continue to build their capacity around best practices in grading to support equity, access, and support for all students.

## Classrooms utilizing new technology

This year, teachers had the opportunity to pilot new technology within their classrooms! After a pilot process comparing multiple interactive panels, a survey collecting information on the performance of the boards and reflection with BOCES and what is working in other districts, East Rochester made the decision to bring a new form of technology called Boxlight boards into our classrooms. These new boards proved to be cost effective and useful for our classroom teachers during their everyday instruction.

Features of this new technology include, but are not limited to, support of up to 20 single-point users with 360 degree Touch capabilities that help drive collaborative learning, classroom apps that make daily tasks easier, a smooth and responsive touch experience that feels like writing directly on a whiteboard.

The Boxlight Mimio Pro Series 4, a 75 inch interactive LCD display, will be purchased using ESSA and CRSA funds to replace the 12-year-old Smartboards in 50 classrooms in the elementary school during the summer of 2023. 13 additional Boxlight Mimio Pro Series LCD displays will be installed into Middle Level Academy classrooms over the summer.

## An update on LETRS training

Using federal funding, the District has been training elementary teachers in Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS), with the goal to train all teachers in grades UPK-5. 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. The overarching goal of the professional learning program is to provide all teachers with the essential foundations for teaching structured literacy.

Training began in the 2021-22 school year with Cohort A and to date eleven teachers have completed both the synchronous and asynchronous components of the training. We plan to have approximately 40 staff members trained by the end of 2023-24. The next steps include continued professional development for staff around the implementation of structured literacy; integrating science of reading aligned screening assessments into our benchmarking program; using data from assessments to support students' literacy needs; and aligning our literacy curriculum resources with the science of reading to support high quality Tier 1 instruction and success for all students.

## Decodable readers support literacy

Using federal funds, East Rochester Schools purchased a wide variety of decodable readers aligned to the science of reading, to support the implementation of structured literacy lessons. Decodable readers (books) are simple books written for the beginning reader and encourage children to sound out words using decoding strategies. These readers directly support the work teachers have been doing with LETRS at the elementary school. Many of the readers were purchased to support high quality Tier 1 reading but others were purchased to support Tier 2 and Tier 3 or struggling readers as well.

The readers arrived in December 2022 and teachers began using them during Tier 1 instruction at our earliest primary levels. These readers will continue to be cataloged in our system and faculty and staff will receive further training and support for their full implementation across grade levels in the 2023-24 school year.





## Congratulations to ER's retirees

Congratulations to our retirees, and thank you for the time you dedicated to help make ER soar!

Bill Kelleher  
Susan Mulcahy  
Rosemary Pleninger  
Roxanne Willard  
Kevin Cafalone  
Emily Perez



## Meet the new ERPTO Board

**Jessica Ingham & Rebecca Zelazny:** Co-president

**Nicole Vosburgh:** Vice President

**Elysia Stahl:** Treasurer

**Janette Abernathy:** Secretary



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## Volunteer with the ERPTO!

The ERPTO is looking for volunteers to help expand the active play initiative this summer! This will extend the fun sidewalk play area that was started last year going further around the back of the building. Anyone interested in helping out in the month of August please email [erpto2021@gmail.com](mailto:erpto2021@gmail.com). Thank you all for your continued support this school year!



## Join us for the 2023 Sam Urzetta Alumni Classic



The 2023 Sam Urzetta Alumni Classic golf tournament will be taking place on Monday, August 7th. This annual event is not only the primary fund-raising event each year for the East Rochester Alumni Foundation, it is also a wonderful opportunity for East Rochester alumni and the community to gather.

This will be the third year that the tournament has been held at Ravenwood Golf Club in Victor. The ERAF is again offering two options for golfers. There is an 18-hole morning tournament and a 9-hole afternoon tournament. Both sessions will share a lunch buffet between the two events.

The morning session is the 18-hole tournament with a shotgun start at 8 AM. This session has been completely filled! Thanks to all who are participating.

The afternoon session is the 9-hole tournament with a 2 PM shotgun start. This session still has team slots available and the cost is \$100 per golfer. As with the morning session, the afternoon session has awards for the first 3 places and participants will enjoy hand-passed appetizers after golf.

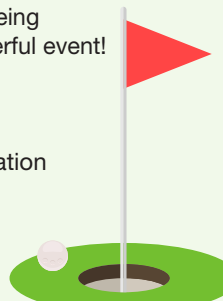
If you have never taken part in this event, please consider joining us this year. You will not be disappointed! What a great opportunity to spend time with friends, family and neighbors while helping the East Rochester Alumni Foundation raise funds that support not only the East Rochester School district and students, but ultimately support the greater East Rochester community, as well!

To secure your slot at the tournament, please go to the East Rochester Union Free School District website, select "Alumni" and then "Upcoming Events" or get in touch with an East Rochester Alumni Foundation golf committee member (Chris Argento, Jerry Cilento, Pam Narsisian, Patty Pullano, John Quinzi, Tom Quinzi, Lee Ann Riesenberger, and Helen Tortorici). You can also email Tom Quinzi at [tnquinzi@gmail.com](mailto:tnquinzi@gmail.com).

We look forward to seeing everyone at this wonderful event!

### Recent Grants:

8th grade trip to DC  
6-12 Ice cream celebration  
Science Olympiad  
Trip to Boston  
Senior Bash



## Congratulations tenure recipients

During the May Board of Education meeting, the board unanimously approved the recommendation to grant Jordan Koch, Sarah Callahan and Staci SanSoucie tenure.

Congratulations to Jordan, Sarah and Staci, and thank you for your dedication to the ER School District. The tenure recipients were recognized during the June Board of Education meeting.





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## Summer Swim Pass information

The Kate Gleason Pool will be open to East Rochester Union Free School District residents this summer! Swim passes are now available for purchase online, at <https://erschools.cr3.rschooltoday.com/public/home/>.

Season swim passes are available to East Rochester School District residents for a one-time fee that allows unlimited access to swimming from Monday, June 26 through Sunday, August 20. A punch pass provides 15 open swim passes. Family passes can only be used for immediate family members. Children must be at least 13 years old to attend open swim time unaccompanied.

Open swim hours will be held Monday through Friday from 1 p.m. through 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 12 p.m. through 4 p.m. More information is available on the district website, under Athletics. Swim Lessons will be held in two week sessions beginning July 10. Lessons will run through August 18, and will be held between 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

## ER Summer Meal Program returns

The ER Summer Meal Program returns this year, with free breakfast and lunch available for anyone ages 18 and under. The program will run Monday-Friday through August 18. Meals are available for dine-in at the District's Jr./Sr. Cafeteria, with breakfast available from 7:30-9:30 a.m. and lunch available from 10:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.



## UPK/K registration

ERUFSD is enrolling children for its UPK and Kindergarten programs for the 2023-2024 school year. Children who are four years old on December 1, 2023 are eligible to register for Pre-K and children who are five years old on December 1, 2023 are eligible to register for Kindergarten. The district also offers a Young K full-day program for students who are young at the grade level, to provide a bridge year between the half-day Pre-K program and full-day Kindergarten program. If you have any questions, please call the District Registrar, Michele Griffith, at (585) 248-6306. If you need a registration packet, please email the District Registrar at [er.registrar@erschools.org](mailto:er.registrar@erschools.org). We encourage families to register as soon as possible, to help the District plan for the 2023-24 school year.

