Adopt a Highway
Pictured left to right: Amy Steger, Judy Maynard, Jacquelyn Bonfante, Kelly Grimaldi, Madison Weber, Morgan Theophilus, Michelle Berne, Denise Uhlman, and Colleen Kot

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2019 Retirement Party
Congratulations Retirees!

Karen Inman

It is a beautiful thing when a career and a passion come together*. This truly sums up Karen Inman’s dedication during her 18 years teaching at Eden Elementary. Karen has enriched the minds and lives of her students, first in 3rd grade and then in 4th. Although the educator “bug” didn’t bite her until later in life, her prior life experience, a BA in political science and M.S. in plant and soil science, was quite a lucky addition to Eden. Her school spirit is beyond measure, whether she was serving as the founding advisor of the Eden Garden Club, demonstrating her “unique” acting talents in many PARP reading skits, or bringing Ms. Frizzle to life in her classroom! Karen not only poured her heart and soul into teaching, but she also created and nurtured many strong bonds with her colleagues as well, serving as an ETA Rep, Political Action Rep and always working together with her third grade and now fourth grade teammates. So, as you retire Karen, in the words of Ms. Frizzle, “Take chances, make mistakes, get messy! WAHOOOOO!”

Cathy Jeffers

Cathy has been teaching Music at the 6LP since the 2000-01 school year. Cathy Maggs Jeffers is a member of a large musical Eden family and a proud Eden graduate (1976). She earned her Early Childhood, Elementary Education certification with a concentration in music as part of SUNY Geneseo’s class of 1980. She added a Masters from Fredonia in 1985. Before joining the Eden faculty, Cathy also worked at Head Start for 6 years and 8 years at Southtowns Catholic School. Cathy is an active member in the community with Eden United Methodist Church performing with her cello in various groups and Wedding ensembles as well as directing Children’s Choir and Vacation Bible School there.

During her time at 6LP, in addition to teaching music classes to lively, enthusiastic 4-8 year olds, Cathy has directed 20 second grade musicals and Kindergarten celebrations. These performances always include every child in the grade level. She has served as Chair of the Music department. At 6LP, Cathy has been a part of numerous committees including scheduling, character education, Field Day, and Reading night. She has participated in several hiring committees and is an integral part of the Kings and Queens of Character Education program and a teacher with the K-Lab Academic support team. Her quiet leadership, in ways big and small, will be missed next year at 6LP.
Colleen Kot

After 35 years as a Physical Education Teacher at Eden CSD, Colleen Kot is looking forward to retirement. Throughout her career she has built quite a resume and been an active member of our school community. She held positions as a coach at the Intramural through Varsity level (i.e. swimming, track, softball, volleyball), served on several committees (i.e. District APPR, Shared Decision Making, DOSA), as well as ETA positions (i.e. Grievance, negotiations, health care, building rep, vice president and president). In more recent years, Colleen has taken on the role as coordinator for the District Wellness Committee and has been the front runner to promote positive healthy habits among her colleagues. Although Colleen is retiring from the classroom, her passion for education will continue. She is planning on becoming a swim official and working with her church in the capacity of Caregiver Instructor for their Ministry Program. Colleen states that perhaps she’ll sub on occasion but will mostly enjoy hanging out with her grandkids, Austin and Dallas, and doing “whatever, whenever I want.”

Lorry Malkowski

Lorry Malkowski has been an integral part of Eden CSD for 23 years. Lorry has worn many hats in that time. Teaching mentor, union representative, and musical stage manager just scratch the surface. One of Lorry’s many strengths is that she brings her content to life for all of her students. Ask any former student about their favorite memories and sixth grade science is sure to be on that list. Lorry has made a lasting impression on those who have had the pleasure to work with her. She has brightened our days for many years and to say she will be missed is an understatement.

Tim Wade

Tim Wade has spent the last 26 years as a Special Education Teacher. Throughout that time, Tim has made a positive impact on countless students, athletes and colleagues. Tim dedicated his career to helping others in the classroom and on the field of play. Tim came to work with a smile on his face and a spring in his step. His positive outlook was contagious. During his time at Eden, he also coached Soccer, Football, Track and Lacrosse. He had the distinct honor of being chosen by the student body as “Teacher of the Year”.

Tim chose Special Education because he wanted to make a difference in young people’s lives. Mission accomplished Tim! It is amazing to see the number of former students who come back to visit him to just say “thanks”. Tim plans on enjoying his retirement with his wife Leslie and the great outdoors. Tim loves Eden and he has loved working here. He is especially grateful he found his way to ECS 26 years ago, and for all the friendships he has made along the way. Things will not be the same without Mr. Wade. He will be missed dearly. Congratulations on your retirement Tim.
Lorry Malkowski has been teaching in Eden for 23 years and all but one of those years has been in 6th grade science. She has served as Building and Head Building Rep, and currently represents the District at the NYS Retirement conference every year. On top of these time-consuming roles, she is also our union’s web site coordinator and has been chosen to receive the ‘Best in Class’ award twice. Lorry is one of the first people our members go to with questions and for support, and she is always willing to stand in solidarity. We are proud to have her on our team.
# Pension & Retirement Education Program (PREP)

No matter how far along you are in your career, careful financial and retirement planning are critical. A NYSTRS PREP seminar can help members of all ages. Tailor the program to fit your needs! Stay the full day or just attend the modules that help you most: NYSTRS benefits; financial planning; Social Security; estate planning; retirement—a new beginning; filing for retirement; and the retirement process. Seminars run 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; check in begins at 8 a.m., and you can see the full day’s schedule on our website’s Retirement Planning > Pension & Retirement Education Program page. It’s free and your spouse/companion can attend too, but you must make a reservation in advance.

## Summer 2019 Schedule of PREP Seminars

Make reservations at NYSTRS.org using your MyNYSTRS account (see the “Tools” tab) or by calling (800) 348-7298, Ext. 6180, weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

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Note: Seminars are not designed for one-on-one retirement counseling, but you are able to schedule a benefits consultation year-round online or by calling NYSTRS.

**RESERVATIONS:** We begin taking reservations for our three PREP schedules during the year in mid-September (fall), mid-December (winter-spring), and mid-May (summer). Seminars often fill up, so book early.

When calling, you must provide your EmpID or Social Security number, email address and home phone number (and the same information for your spouse/companion if she is a member and will attend too).

Please bring your latest Benefit Profile with you to the seminar. If you make a reservation but cannot attend, please call the number above to cancel (or cancel using your MyNYSTRS account) so we can offer this reservation to another member.
Updates
from the Teacher Center

It’s almost July and you are ready to take a break from the classroom. This is a great time to take advantage of the Teacher Center’s tools to prepare your room for September. Have you made your free posters? What about book binding? Don’t forget the lamination. Everything you need to decorate or add to your classroom is right there, including a work area and someone to help you.

Not all of the summer courses are full yet. Have you taken a look at what’s available? There are new topics as well as instructors. A new feature that Joe Winiecki has started is making the course lists for the entire school year viewable so you can plan out your time with what will be available. Check out the catalogs for each season if you haven’t already: Summer Course Catalog. There’s something for everyone.
REMINDER - The Erie-Catt Teacher Center 2019-2020 Course Catalog is out! Click the links to visit the Summer of 2019, Fall of 2019, and the Winter/Spring of 2020 course offerings webpages. Check out the Courses! Summer Registration opens June 12th, 2019!

ECTC Summer 2019 Course Catalog
Summer Registration opens on June 12th, 2019
*New course added*

ECTC Fall 2019 Course Catalog
Fall Registration OPENS September 11th, 2019
* Email notifications will be sent out in early September regarding Fall 2019 Courses and Fall 2019 Registration
**Additional courses may be added at a later date

ECTC Winter/Spring 2020 Course Catalog
Winter/Spring 2020 Registration OPENS December 11th, 2019
* Email notifications will be sent out in Late November regarding Winter/Spring 2020 Courses and Winter/Spring 2020 Registration
**Additional courses may be added at a later date

NEW ****Course Registration Information****NEW
Individuals may register for as many courses as they like. If an individual registers for more than 3 courses, they will be placed on a waiting list for any courses beyond their first 3 registrations. Individuals will be notified of the status of their course registration. Contact the Center if you have questions.
Orleans Niagara Teacher Center presents
Niagaras Exploration of Technology in Education Conference

August 20, 2019: 8:30am–3:00pm
In collaboration with Niagara University College of Education and Orleans/Niagara BOCES, the Orleans-Niagara Teacher Center would like to invite you to a fun-filled, interactive day all about educational technology. This year's program will focus on STEAM related tech tools and activities. The event will include a keynote, 75-minute hands-on breakout sessions, a flash share out, and prize giveaways. The event will be held at Niagara University.

Cost is only $30. Participants are eligible for 6 hours of CTLE credit.
Food trucks will be available on-site at your own expense.

Agenda
8:30: Registration outside St. Vincent’s Hall room 407
9:00–9:35: Opening remarks and keynote in St. Vincent’s Hall room 407
9:45–11:00: Session 1
11:10–12:25: Session 2
12:30–1:15: Lunch (food trucks will be on site)
1:20–2:35: Session 3
2:40–3:00: Closing remarks and prize giveaways in St. Vincent’s Hall. Must be present to win!

Registration Information

Please send payment of $30 to ON Teacher Center, 4124 Saunders Settlement Rd, Sanborn, 14132. Checks payable to O/N BOCES.
Orleans-Niagara Teacher Center
For more information, please contact Cheryl Herman, cherman@onboces.org.
Protect Your Loved Ones with Union-Endorsed Benefits

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NYSUT Member Benefits endorses a variety of crucial insurance programs that provide important protection for NYSUT members and their families, including life, auto and home, disability, long-term care, dental and vision plans, and more.

The Power of the Union

Regardless of whether you’re participating in one of our endorsed insurance programs; legal or financial services; or many shopping, entertainment or travel offerings, NYSUT members receive a quality product and enjoy the “Power of the Union” behind them.

The “Power of the Union” should serve as a steadfast reminder to all NYSUT members that we are your advocate. Unlike when purchasing products available to the general public, NYSUT Member Benefits is here if you ever have any issues or concerns with our endorsed programs. You aren’t just a member to us... you are part of our union family.

Member Benefits is here to offer assistance with the student loan crisis. Visit our website for more information.

To learn more about Member Benefits-endorsed programs & services, visit memberbenefits.nysut.org or call 800-626-8101.

For information about contractual endorsement arrangements with providers of endorsed programs, please contact NYSUT Member Benefits.
President's Message

Congratulations and best wishes to our retirees Colleen Kot, Karen Inman, Lorry Malkowski, Tim Wade, and Cathy Jeffers!!!

As we close the 2018/19 school year, please join me in sending special thanks to our colleagues that dedicated so much time and energy to our Association this year:

Larry Millson - ETA VP, Vote Cope Chair, Committee of 100, Negotiations
Laura Feasley - ETA Treasurer, Negotiation Salary Builder, Retirement Dinner Chair, RIC co-chair
Terri Lester - ETA Secretary, Xmas meeting.
Paul O'Connor - Head Rep HS, LMO Committee, ETA elections
Susan Gianiodis - Head Rep MS, ETA elections
Kim Mangino - Head Rep GLP, ETA elections
Kevin Witman - Head Rep EE, ETA elections
Jason Bernardone - Rep GLP, ETA interview Rep
Amy Porter - Rep HS, ETA interview Rep
Carrie Hamlett - Rep HS, Negotiations, ETA interview Rep
Johanna Funke - Rep EE, ETA Elections Chair, ETA interview Rep
Judy Maynard - Rep EE, ETA elections
Annette Bahun - Rep EE, NYSTR alternate
Lorry Malkowski - Rep MS, ETA Website, NYSTR Rep, Newsletter Contributor, RIC co-chair
Randy Perison - Rep MS
Monica Donavan - Rep HS
Erin Radke - Rep GLP
Kathy DeGroat - Negotiation Recording Secretary, Teacher Center Rep
Eric Cooper - Grievance, Chief Negotiator
Andrea DeMont - Newsletter
Morgan Theophilus - Adopt a Highway
Christine McTigue - Healthy Schools Rep, Public Relations, ETA Xmas meeting, retirement dinner
Lisa Nicastro - Negotiations, retirement dinner
Steven Jones - Negotiations
Christopher Naughton - Negotiations
Katherine LaVerdi - Negotiations
Beth Levakoff - Sick bank
Denise Uhlman - Retiree Contact
Ed Myers - LMO Committee
Lynn Morgan - remind notices
RIC Committee - S. Pierce, S. Ploetz, R. Neil, J. Brechtel, K. Klopp, C. Kot, P. O'Connor, D. Uhlman

2018/19 brought us some challenges and heartache. I am sincerely grateful for the steadfast support our membership has shown the ETA Leadership this year. We are all the Union. Enjoy your summer!

In solidarity,
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