Welcome New Teachers & Staff

There are many new faces among the faculty and staff at Eden Central this year. For a complete list of new hires, check the district newsletter!

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Curious George STEM Collection

The Curious George STEM Collection contains a variety of hands-on lesson plans teaching STEM concepts through Curious George videos. Concepts taught include simple machines, measurement, sorting, and more. Each lesson begins by watching a video, then using the concepts presented in the video, participate in a variety of learning activities. In addition to the complete lesson, each activity also includes a variety of additional resources for extending learning. Lessons align to National and Next Generation Science Standards.

https://www.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/curiousgeorge/

Math at the Core: Middle School

Explore and find math activities for middle school students (grades 5-8) aligned to Common Core Standards at this comprehensive site.
https://www.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/mathcore/

Infographics – Grammar Check

Explore a large selection of infographics related to grammar and writing. Sample titles include 5 Basic Rules of English Writing That Everyone Should Know, and 222 Words to Use Instead of "Said." Bookmark this site to use as a resource for quickly sharing grammar tips with students. Include a tip of the week on your class website or blog, or display a tip on an interactive whiteboard or with a projector each week to share with students.
https://www.grammarcheck.net/infographics/

GeoQuiz

GeoQuiz is a quick and easy to play geography game. Choose to respond using audio or text while playing. Players have one minute to correctly identify as many countries as possible based on pin placement on a map.
http://d2dev.io/geoquiz/
Eden Central Wellness Committee is looking forward to a healthy school year! Our committee consists of members from all buildings. If you are curious about any of our events this year, ask one of our committee members: Collen Kot, Darren Azarella, Shana Cole, Jamie Peterson, Shawn Johnson, Shannon Fitzgerald, Jackie Campfield, Dana Fazzolari, Laura Feldman, Michele Falkides, Rick Amundson (Smola Consultant) and Carly Szczgiel (BC/BS Consultant).

We care about YOU and helping you to be healthier with the support of friends. The Wellness Committee plans on making this your healthiest year yet! The mission of the Wellness Committee is to promote the health and well-being of colleagues by fostering interest, and encouraging employees to initiate or expand their healthier lifestyles. We plan on providing a variety of wellness programs to meet the wide range of personal health needs and to recognize employees for participating in healthier lifestyle activities. The Wellness Committee hopes to develop a positive school culture that is focused on celebrating and improving the quality of life for all employees. The goals of the Wellness Committee are to encourage habits of wellness, increase awareness of factors and resources contributing to well-being, inspire and empower individuals to take responsibility for their own health, and to support a sense of community within our schools to empower health and wellness.

The Wellness Committee is excited to present several different events to encourage employees to get healthy this year. We sponsored a Walking Challenge in October and November. Registration for the Good Life Challenge will be from October 19 - December 20th. The Good Life Challenge will begin Monday, January 7th and last until Wednesday, January 16th. It is a ten-day challenge; participants are challenged to eat only whole food plant-based meals. Resources and recipes will be provided. The goal is to lower your cholesterol, blood pressure and glucose. People who eat only plant-based meals tend to lose weight, have increased energy and get a better night’s sleep. There is no cost to participate unless you would like to purchase the resource book, Engine 2 Seven-Day Rescue Diet Book. The cost of the book is $10.80 and if you would like it for group rate then you need to register by November 16th.

Upcoming Events:
* Flu Clinic (TBD)
* Holiday Bingo - December 3rd
* Plant Based Challenge - Jan. 7 - Jan. 16
* Maintain No Gain - Nov. 14 - Jan. 3

Michele Falkides
Middle School & High School
Kwas’ classroom mascot Sssssssam is glad to have the students back in session!

What a lovely bracelet!

Mormina and the Mojave

Sam & Cam
HELP WANTED

Social Chair

If you are interested, please contact Lin Schwanz
Union-endorsed benefits
designed for NYSUT members

Whether it's our endorsed homeowners or auto insurance plans, life or disability insurance, financial or legal service plans, or any of our travel, entertainment or shopping offerings, NYSUT members have the Power of the Union behind them when participating in NYSUT Member Benefits-endorsed programs.

There's no need to go it alone when Member Benefits has your back! Member Benefits acts as your advocate for any program you participate in, and we'll do our best to quickly resolve any issues or concerns you may have.

The following is just a sampling of the dozens of endorsed programs & services available to NYSUT members and their loved ones:

- Auto, Home & Life Insurance
- Vision & Dental Plans
- Legal & Financial Services
- Hotel & Vacation Discounts
- Member Shopping Program
- Car & Truck Rental Discounts
- Competitive Savings Rates
- Retail Store Discounts
- Sports & Concert Tickets
- Theme Park Discounts
- Car Buying Service
- Heating Oil & Propane Savings

We encourage you to take the time to explore the Member Benefits website and find out all we have to offer NYSUT members.

The Power of the Union

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

I recently wrote a personal letter to the Superintendent in which I stated, "The thing I value most about my current role, is the opportunity it allows me to see, first hand, the dedication and commitment our teachers demonstrate every day on behalf of this District and their students." This District can spend a lot of time trying to look shiny and new, but until administration realizes that their strongest asset is our teachers, nothing will change.

The circumstances prompting my letter aren't as important as the sentiment. Despite the rough start to the school year, I have a feeling of sincere gratitude. I have heard from many of you since the start of the year. Some of you have taken the time to speak to me directly, some have expressed thoughts to your Building Reps or Union Officers. Many of you are volunteering your time on ETA Committees. What I see and hear is a sense of unity and solidarity. I see colleagues that are supporting this local and each other in countless ways.

We all know what having a strong union means. Actually achieving that is another story. We can't say we are strong without a lot of hard work and effort. That's happening.

We have moved into what I would call a challenging time. I am not worried about how we will come through it, however. I see a membership that is informed, engaged and supportive. This commitment on your part will take us through even the toughest of circumstances. Please keep an eye on your updates, meeting minutes, and stay in touch with your leadership. As we move forward with this year, I know we will accomplish much together.

In solidarity,
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