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Health services notice

Exams must now also include BMI report

As part of a school health examination, a student is weighed and his/her height is measured. These numbers are used to figure out the student's body mass index or BMI. The BMI helps the doctor or nurse know if the student's weight is in a healthy range or if it is too high or too low.

Recent changes to New York State Education Law require that BMI and weight status group be included as part of the student's health examination.

A sample of school districts will be selected to take part in a survey by the New York State Department of Health. If the Elmira City School District is selected to be part of the survey, the district will report to the Department of Health information about students' weight status groups. Only summary information would be sent, meaning **no names or information about individual students would be sent to the state.**

You may choose to have your child's information excluded from the survey report. If you do not wish to have your child's weight status group information included as part of the Health Department's survey this year, please print and sign your name below and return this form to your child's school health office. Additional forms are available on the district web site at www.elmiracityschools.com/health.cfm.

I understand that no names or individual student information will be sent to the state if the Elmira City School District is selected to participate in the New York State Health Department survey. However, I do not want my child's weight status information included in the 2008-09 School Survey.

Child's Name

Date

School

Grade

Parent Name (Print)

Parent Signature



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Immunization reminder

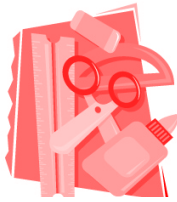


Students entering sixth grade in September must present proof of having the Tetanus, Diphtheria Pertussis (Tdap) vaccine to the school health office.

School supplies needed

New and gently used school supplies are now being collected for a giveaway in the last week of August.

Donations can be dropped off at the Diven and Hendy main offices.



Strong Kids Safe Kids set for August 23

The 24th annual Strong Kids Safe Kids Festival will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 23 at the Chemung County Fairgrounds.

All activities and services provided at the event, including the new Jamboree Parade, will be free. Live entertainment will be available all day.

Free bus transportation to the event will be available from the main bus terminal in downtown Elmira.

The festival will be held rain or shine and will be a smoke-free event.

For more information, visit www.elmirasksk.com.

EFA committee thanks Safe Celebration contributors

The 2008 EFA Safe Celebration committee wishes to thank the following individuals and businesses for their contributions to a successful event:

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council; Applebees; Banfield Baker; Bed Bath & Beyond; Bellohusen Orthodontics; Bobby K Entertainment; Bouille Electric; Cameron Manufacturing/Design; Max Carozza; Chemung Canal Trust Company; Christmas House; Clemens Center; Cooper & Pautz; Davincis Café; EFA Custodial, Maintenance & Cafeteria Workers; Elcor Health Services; Elmira Little Theater; Elmira Savings Bank; Evans Roofing; Filipetti's Academy of Dance; Finger Lakes Health Care FCU; Finger Lakes Orthopedic Surgery; First Presbyterian Church; F.M. Howell Packaging and Design; Gerould's Pharmacy; Bernadette Gordon; Hardinge Brothers Inc.; Hilliard Corporation; Hilton Garden Inn; Hunt Engineers; IBEW Local Union 139; Investment Planning Services; John Mills Electric; Scott Kel-

ley; Knights of Columbus; Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians; Susan LeClair; Robert Lyon; Cameron Man; Mandell's Restaurant; Maple Lawn Dairy;

Miller Associates – Rehab; Minerva McVey; Fr. Moynihan; New Day Massage; Orchard Family Health Care; Orthodontic Associates; Our Lady of Lourdes; Outback Steakhouse; Perry and Carroll Inc.; Pudgies Southside;

Rocky's Auto Sales; Marc Rustici; Sayles Evans Law Firm; Seneca Beverage Corp.; Simmons Rockwell; Solutions and Creations; Soul Full Cup; Southern Tier Custom Fabricators Inc.; S. Tier Hide and Tallow Inc.; St. Casimirs Church; St. Charles Church; State Farm Insurance; Streeter Associates; Surface Finish Technologies; Sysco; Target; Charlie and Maggie Thurber; Thurber and Thurber, DPM; Time Warner Cable; Tops Friendly Markets; Twin Tiers Women's Health; Vincenzo's; Wegmans; Wendy's; Yunis Realty Inc. and Ziff-Weiermiller-Hayden-Mustico.

Diven students compete in summer Olympics



Diven summer students got into the Olympic spirit by competing in their own games July 28. Representing different countries, classes competed in volleyball, bicycling, basketball, a torch relay, baseball, equestrian and swimming.

Members of the Elmira Rotary volunteered at the games as part of their partnership with the school. Rotarians also read to students, hold supply and food drives, and serve as career mentors.

Left, a Rotary volunteer helps a student in the swimming event.



Hendy fourth-graders hold their puppets on the bus ride to Bethany Courtyard.

Puppeteers tell tales about environment

Hendy fourth-graders shared a message of environmental responsibility with classmates and residents of two local senior communities in June.

The students designed and made puppets, which they used to perform stories and poems about being kind to the earth. They enhanced the presentation by including infor-

mation they learned in class about the environment and the need to become more aware of our impact on the world.

The students performed at Bethany Courtyard, Colony Park Retirement Community and for Hendy students and parents.

The project was made possible through the Learn and Serve grant.

Ernie Davis honor society inducts members

Forty-six seventh- and eighth-graders were inducted into the Ernie Davis National Junior Honor Society at a ceremony May 14.

Members maintained an overall average of 90 percent or higher and completed at least 10 hours of service to the community.

New members are:

Cora Abraham, Samantha Ackerman, Abeer Ahmed, Joseph Allen, Melissa Beatty, Shawn Becker, Andrew Berg, Paige Buzzetti, Emma Cadwallader, Brian Cobb, Sean Denicola, Nathan Depuy, Melanie Dieg, Chloe Erway, Matthew Estep, Alex Frame, Valerie Frisk, Nathan Giammichele, Quinn Hurley, Brittney Johnson, Alexandria Kandaras, Francis Kniffin, Shaun Kurcoba, Tom Milliken, Corinne

Murray, Dominic Parfianowicz, Jacob Parfianowicz, Brionna Rafferty, Gavin Reed, Rachel Reynolds, Lindsay Roblyer, Cara Roff, Jacob Schamel, Monica Schornstheimer, Mitchell Shaw, Paul Stapleton, Hannah Strong, Brittany Templar, Amanda Thomas, Graham Thomas, Kyle Tomkalski, Kathryn Tubby, Skylar Vera, Satchal Waters, Ashley Weiermiller and Alex Wheeler.

Assistant Principal Michele Plank said the students were honored to be selected for membership.

“During the rehearsal, many of the students commented about how honored they were to have the opportunity to be a member of the NJHS,” she said. “They also shared their understanding of its significance for their future success.”

Annual pesticide notice

This notice is being distributed to conform with the amended requirements of New York State Education Law, as outlined in section 409-H. The Elmira City School District publishes the following statements to the staff of all its schools and to all persons in parental relation to children who attend a district school:

1) The district may use pesticide and herbicide products throughout the school year. These products may be applied either to the interior of a district facility or to its exterior and surrounding grounds.

2) All New York State schools are required to maintain a list of staff and persons in parental relation who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of pesticide and herbicide applications at their facilities. To register for 48-hour prior notification, please obtain the standard registration form from the school at which you work or that your child attends. Please fill out and sign the form and return it to the school's main office. Forty-eight-hour notifications will be given only to those individuals who have successfully completed and returned this form to their particular school.

3) For assistance with any questions or problems concerning this notification process, please contact Tony LaSorte, Health and Safety Hygienist, at the district's Maintenance Building, 733 Benjamin St. (735-3992).

Usage notification

Since January 1, 2008, the Elmira City School District has performed the following non-exempt pesticide applications:

June 26-July 1, 2008 at EFA and Southside: Eraser; Pramitol 25-E.

All pesticide and herbicide applications are performed by New York State-certified pesticide applicators employed by the district.

Good News



District students earn club scholarships

The following Elmira City School District students were recognized at the annual Cosmopolitan Women's Club scholarship luncheon June 14:

EFA: Tiffany Brown, Frank Covington, Tremayne Price and André Quinitchet.

Southside: Mari Emanuel, Megan McGee, Brock Scharborough and Shanise Thomas.

Broadway Middle: Lyric Boothe, Vonshey Manigault and Deja Robins.

Ernie Davis: Deja Ashley, Mercedes Bell, Martel Burns, Matt Cook, Quanisha Porter, Stephanique Rainey, Cheyenne Reed, Samantha Robinson and Natasha Spence.

Elmira student graduates from Rochester School for the Deaf

Elmira resident Staci Kuppe graduated June 26 from the Rochester School for the Deaf (RSD), a private school for children with hearing loss.

While pursuing a Regents diploma with advanced designation, Staci also studied applied art and design at Monroe BOCES #1 Eastern Monroe Career Center in Fairport. She won first place in Monroe County's 19th annual STOP DWI poster contest last year, and as RSD Jr. National Association of the Deaf delegate, went to Tucson, Arizona, in October 2007 to attend the Jr. NAD National Conference.

Staci was awarded a scholarship from the Hearing Loss Association of America, and she received the New York State Lottery Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship and the RSD Board of Directors Award for Academic Excellence.

This fall Staci will attend the Rochester Institute of Technology, School of Photographic Arts and Sciences, to major in visual media.

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