**EDEN CENTRAL SCHOOL**

2016 Principal’s Report

I am honored to be writing my first Annual Principal’s Report for Eden Central School. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for their support and involvement in the education of Eden’s children. The staff at ECS are deeply committed to our students and families. Each child is truly regarded as an individual learner with unique strengths and needs, academically, socially and emotionally.

Our Action Plan continues to guide our goals in literacy, math, science, technology, school climate and community partnership. In literacy, teachers have calibrated students’ writing expectations, used strategies to expand students’ comprehension of text and analyzed students’ reading errors to target their instruction. Cathy White continues to coach us in these areas. Our math curriculum, specifically the Bridges program, is designed to strengthen students’ critical thinking and problem-solving skills. During our most recent in-service day, T.J. Jemison, our math consultant, commented that he believes our teachers could serve as models for other math teachers in the state.

Most impressive to me as the new principal is our Positive Behavior Support System and Responsive Classroom strategies. We are striving to build each student’s ability to interact in safe and respectful ways. The transferrable skills that parents see on our newly piloted report cards are clear and effective communication, creative and practical problem- solving, self-direction, responsible and involved citizenship, and informed integrative thinking. These are the skills that students will need to be competitive in their futures.

Pre-Kindergarten is participating in a pilot program with The University of Vermont to implement a Multi-Tiered System of Support. MTSS strategies include differentiating for each student’s needs, multiple types of assessments and early family involvement.

ECS has a newly formed parent group who fundraised and generously donated their profits to our Winter Sports Program. Please join! Union Bank representatives continue to engage students in the Save for Success program. We have had great attendance at all of our community events including: Open House, the Fall Festival, the Holiday Concert, and the Community Dinner. Winter Sports is off to a great start with a record number of students participating in downhill and cross country skiing. Grannie Snow, a Vermont author, will be visiting classrooms and sharing her story telling and publishing expertise on February 17th.

On February 16th, we are anticipating visitors from the Education Quality Standards Review Team, who will visit classrooms, interview teachers, students and parents, and provide feedback on our overall performance as a school. Our building is also being used more and more as a community center with an increased number of basketball games, birthday parties, and fundraisers.

Results of the 2014 Bond Vote have provided ECS with amazing updates, including the gym floor, the water and heating systems, the kitchen floor, dishwasher, kitchen sink, a free-standing outside freezer, windows, exterior doors, door magnets and hardware, and classroom cabinet fronts. The parking lot paving and storage garage will be addressed this spring.

Many families contribute in a variety of ways; participating as classroom volunteers and coaches, as Sports Committee members, and spearheading fund-raising. We hope to extend community and parent partnerships when there is opportunity. My personal hope is to foster mutual respect between the many community contributors and the school personnel so that Eden Central School can continue to thrive as the center for all children and families in Eden.

I am humbly and gratefully at the service of this community,

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