

# THE FLYER



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## Upcoming Dates

**April 27-29:** New York Trip

**May 7:** DSBN Step Past  
The Stigma Mental  
Health Awareness Walk

**May 13:** Non-Uniform Day

**May 18:** DSBN DECA  
Competition

**May 23:** Victoria Day No  
School!

**May 27:** Spirit Wear Day



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## DSBN Skills Competition

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Year after year, the DSBN Skills Competition comes along and, year after year, Eden blows everyone out of the water. This year Flyers competed in four categories: carpentry, geographical information systems, television and video production, and computer aided manufacturing.

In carpentry, Jacob Martens became a finalist after constructing a project using professional building plans and applying the Ontario Building Code. Way to go, Jacob! The winning duo of the geographical information systems competition consisted of Matthew Guenther and Michaela Bax-Leaney. Matthew and Michaela were tested on their ability to read geographical locations.

Mike Siemens and Carter Vahmeyer were successful in the TV and video production category where they produced an informational video based on the theme given at the time of the competition. They had to write the script, direct, shoot, and edit the video within the short amount of time allotted.

Eden made a clean swoop with the computer aided manufacturing competition. The three incredibly skilled finalists consisted of Scott Hooper, Owen



*Mike Siemens and Carter Vahmeyer excited after being awarded 1st place in their category.*

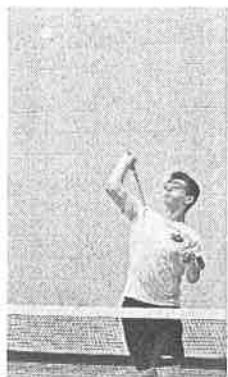
Zhou, and Alexis Anderson. Students were given specific instructions and guidelines for a project, then were asked to use computer software to create an accurate rendition. Congratulations, guys!

There are many more categories in the DSBN Skills Competition that Eden didn't compete in, such as baking, photography, and floristry. It would be fantastic if next year Eden could have even more finalists in the competition! Give these Flyers some congrats and thumbs up in the halls for using the lifelong skills they've learned.

## Badminton

Written By: Abi Willms

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The school's badminton team has been practicing and playing hard since the beginning of the season. Both the Junior and Senior teams have done well at the tournaments that they have attended, along with some

qualifying for OFFSA.

On April 19th, the Seniors that won from their first tournament, moved onto Zone were Jenneke Pilling won the Ladies Singles Championship and Eric Foster and Jordan Pereira together won the Men's Doubles Championship. "Smithville put up a good game against the boys but in the end Eden took the game," said Andrew

Klassen, who also competed at Zone.

At SOSSA on April 27th, Jenneke took 2nd place and so did Eric and Jordan in their categories.

The Junior team have their Zone tournament before the end of April and have multiple athletes in attendance. The Junior's SOSSA tournament is on May 2nd and three days later, May 5th, will be OFSAA for both teams. Eden wishes all the players good luck!

## Soccer

Written By: Teri Simone

Edited By: Christian Roethling

The Eden Flyers soccer teams have been hard at work! The boys soccer team has endured several weeks of hard training in preparation for their games which took place on April 26<sup>th</sup> with their first tournament later in the

week. Coached by John Brian and Mr. Bueckert, the team is looking forward to a successful season through their hard work! The girls team has also been putting in lots of hard work, coached by Dave Arnold and Mr.

Dischke. Both teams are excited for their games and tournaments to begin in full swing soon, and we wish them the best of luck this season!

## Change the World Initiative

Written By: Eva Ren

Edited By: Iain Lockhart

As students might know, Ontario students are required to complete at least 40 hours of community involvement to graduate from high school. To help this, Change The World Ontario Youth Volunteer Challenge is a way for Ontario teens to make a difference in their lives and communities through volunteering. Now in its 9th year, Change The World is an opportunity for youth to be part of a provincial campaign and to be a force for good in their local community.

So, what exactly does it entail? Their 2016 goal is 39,000 young people volunteering 3 hours over 6 weeks: April 10 – May 23. All students that can complete 3 hours of volunteer work (or more, of course) within that time frame will receive a certificate from the Ministry of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade.

To help students get their volunteer hours and benefit from this opportunity, Eden's Equity Club has set up a calendar board on the first floor, the hallway where

the staff room is, including Eden's trophies and artwork. That board includes volunteer opportunities for students of all grades. There's something there for everyone! The opportunities include physical activity, academics, musical, to animal oriented, or tutoring for volunteer hours. In addition, pay attention to the morning announcements as the volunteer opportunities for the day will be mentioned. Get involved, Eden!

### Volunteers Needed



## Spring Spirit Assembly

Written By: Nicole Andres

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The Flyers started April off by showing their school spirit at Eden's annual spring spirit assembly. There was everything from a live band to an epic rap battle followed by two incredible speeches about resilience. Eden celebrated the day with an underwater theme as they showed the school what true spirit looks like.

Julia Janzen spoke about how she faces resilience everyday even as she simply walks from the school to her mom's car and makes her way through crowds of people without being able to see one inch in front of her. She showed all the Eden students her determination and wit as she spoke about how she never gives up and is always reaching to be the best she can be. Mrs. McClary was next and she shared her story about how she's faced resilience multiple times throughout her life. Mainly because when she was younger she was told that she wouldn't amount to much. Mrs. McClary stated that she has a difficulty with numbers and all throughout her life she had to work much harder than any other

student just to pass her math classes and maintain her scholarship for university. She was determined to prove to all those people who told her she couldn't do it that she truly could and it shows by where she is now.

The junior assembly took place during first period while the seniors had theirs during second. All students enjoyed the assembly as they saw the balloon octopus hanging from the ceiling and saw our MCs, Abbey Miloud and Matt Puglisi dressed up as a shark and a surfer.

The assembly kicked off with the Taco Waves playing a song for the school. The band included Jonah Cushing, Caleb Shaver, Eddie Lucciola, Andrew Nieuwets, and Corney Wiebe; the entire audience stood up to clap along with them. A great way to start the assembly off and get everyone excited.

Next up, Mr. M. Klassen announced some different students who have shown great leadership or have done something great in the school. Each student was called up on stage and



*The Kilt Men and Kilt Women prepare for their nursery rhyme group rap battle.*

asked a couple questions before they received a congratulatory hotdog and a photo with our MCs. Great job to all of you who were recognized!

The next entertainment was the Kilt Men and Kilt Women having an epic nursery rhyme rap battle. "It was a one in a lifetime experience!" stated an eden student. They rapped renditions of Row Row Row Your Boat, Mary Had a Little Lamb and many others. In the end the "Jacks" fell down and one Jill came tumbling after, but according to the audience it was clear that the "Jacks" still won even though they fell under the pressure of the girls.

Having school spirit is one thing and having resilience is another. Eden has both which is what makes it an even better school!

## Heritage Day Success!

Written By: Eva Ren

Edited By: Iain Lockhart

On March 24, the Equity Club at Eden High School organized another event called Heritage Day. This day allowed students to get out of uniform to showcase their culture. Indeed, students of all grades wore clothing such as jerseys that represented their country of origin or signature fashion styles. Some even went “full out” with traditional costumes and dresses!

To keep the theme of celebrating multiculturalism and inclusivity in our community, homeroom classes were put into a competition. At the start of Period 1 on that day for a few minutes, the teachers facilitated a Heritage Trivia full of informative questions about different countries the students here at Eden are from. For example, the trivia includes matching countries with their corresponding customs or languages, and true or false questions

on random facts about different ethnic groups in Canada. Not only did this spark some competition and rivalry between homerooms, but it also helped broaden the understanding of different cultures and countries beyond Canada for students and staff alike. Equity Club would like to congratulate Madame Nagy and her homeroom class for winning the competition, with the highest number of correct answers! Shout out to Susan Eaglesham, Grade 12, who created the the Heritage Trivia! When asked to describe her experience contributing to Equity Club’s Heritage Day, she said, “It was actually so much fun creating the Trivia, because it was so interesting to research on different cultures and traditions!”

Not only did the event involve prizes for the Heritage Trivia Winner, but food from different continents was also available in front of the staff room.



The best part? Those food samplings were free!

At the end of the day, Eva Ren, a Grade 11 student involved in Equity who created the promotional poster board, said, “I think it is really important to show our different roots and this event definitely created more awareness and appreciation for diversity, not only here at school but in Canada.” Mrs. Caldwell, who was supervising Equity Club said, “I think the event went really well, and it was pretty cool to see students being proud of where they came from.” Who knew you could make friends all around the world, here at Eden High?

## Coffee House Extravaganza

Written By: Meredith Lister

Edited By: Nicole Andres

Eden’s recent Coffee House, held during 4th period on April 21st, was a roaring success. Students bought in to enjoy snacks provided by the Service, Fundraising and Spirit committees, performances, and art. The proceeds, totalling \$450, went towards the Educational Foundation of Niagara, which helps students in financial need and runs the Prom Project.

The crowd was especially enthusiastic during the opening and closing performances of John Mayer’s “Waiting On The World To Change” and the Pixies’ “Here Comes Your Man.” Julia Voogt sang with pure,

sweet vocals in “I’ll Follow You Into The Dark”, and Alyssa Hanysh and Alex Sanko put on a passionate performance of the 1975’s “Somebody Else.” The guitar-vocal duo of Zoe Phillips and Emma Warkentine was particularly stunning with their rendition of Adele’s “Someone Like You”, and the crowd listened in rapt silence as Kezia Wilson and Jacob McMillan performed Of Monsters and Men’s “Little Talks.”

Clearly however, the most moving performance was that of Laurel Farrell, Evelyn Miloud, Erin Mackenzie, and Teri Simone.



Following a sentimental speech about graduating and leaving Eden behind, they sang the iconic “What Does The Fox Say.”

All of the art on display and performances of the afternoon were very impressive. Anyone who is passionate about performing should look forward to performing in next year’s Coffee House.

## Eden Talks Assembly and Workshops

Written by: Siyeong Lee

Edited by: Helen Qin

April 2016, Eden has begun another year of 'Eden Talks' with the start of the Eden Talks assembly, featuring Leo Barbe's 'Think Don't Shoot', which received very positive comments from students.

Since the 2013-2014 school year, Eden High School has set up a student-led mental health initiative with a purpose of positive



*The Eden talks group hopes for students to participate in workshops and to find stress relief through these talks.*

impact to our entire community. It consists of a variety of workshops with different topics and speakers. Through Eden Talks, Eden wishes to encourage conversation about mental health, stop discrimination and stigma, and promote resources in our school and in the community.

Students were encouraged to sign up for workshops through the Eden Talks website or at lunch. The workshops for this year included stress busting, self-compassion, healthy relationships, sleep easy, suicide alertness, relaxation, and kickboxing. The very first workshop, Lori Gill's 'Stress Busting & Self-compassion' was so successful that over 60 people attended and they had to move to

the seminar room from the library.

Responses about the workshops from students were very positive. All of the credits go to the Eden Talks committee. Since November, they have lined up speakers, prepared workshops, planned the assembly, and made a website. The team says that they had a fun time organizing such a unique event for students.

"I personally think that it was an amazing opportunity to be a part of Eden Talks, and I was able to learn a lot about mental health as well as help other people get a better understanding of it too. Overall, it was a super fun and rewarding experience," said Rebecca Koole, a member of the Eden Talks committee.

## Visiting School for Concert Band Performance

Written By: Iain Lockhart

Edited By: Gillian Giesbrecht

On Tuesday, April 20th, during first period, a concert band from Winnipeg played a show during the morning on their way across Canada and some of the United States. Of course, if you're among the lucky few in the selected classes to see the show, you're probably well aware of this. And rightfully so, it'd be a difficult show to quickly forget.

Music students from Westgate Mennonite Collegiate High School, from Winnipeg, Manitoba, have been touring the east, performing through Chicago and Leamington before arriving here, in St. Catharines.

The spectacle of this band was quite daunting, comprising of 58 total students split into two choirs and two concert bands, all filing into the chapel at once for a joint practice with Eden's own concert band. Being able to go is a sought after privilege for these students, in the same way as try outs are for a sports team. It was at this point that the opportunity was taken to discuss this tour with two representatives, music teachers Mr. Brownlee and Mr. Pankratz.

Now, the students obviously were unable to sleep in the bus, so students

and community members were asked to host the students and staff for the night. If you're a part of the music program or have been listening to the announcements, you've most likely already been made aware of this. Finding host families was increasingly difficult during the more recent tours the school made.

"We're very grateful to Eden and the church for housing us," said one representative. With an opportunity as great as this, there are a great amount of reasons as to *why* exactly this is beneficial.

“You get better every time,” Mr. Brownlee explained that one of the best aspects of the tour was not only performing but having the opportunity to meet and connect with students and families from across the nation. “We live in an amazing country,” he claimed.

That Monday evening, the band played at a church in Vineland and the day after, they performed at Eden during first period, for an enthralling show spanning multiple styles, genres and arrangements. It was certainly one you wouldn’t have wanted to miss.

After the performance, the students departed and spent the day in Niagara Falls before leaving for Kitchener. From there they will travel to Waterloo, and then into Ottawa, before making their final destination in Montreal, then heading back to Winnipeg.

This is a huge part of their music program, having been done since the school was founded, over 50 years, every 2 years. Anyone who was present at the concert can safely say that it is not hard to tell why it is such a renowned school for its music.

Mr. Pankratz though it was a great way to gain experience individually and as a band for music is a big part of the school. We should all hope that this astounding spectacle returns to our school in two more years for another fantastic concert!



*Westgate Mennonite Collegiate Students a part of concert band performing at another high school during their tour.*

## Show Reviews

Written By: Anika Abdulla

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*12 Monkeys*- The wicked awesome



sci-fi series is making a comeback for a second season! If you’ve

wondered what a plague-stricken dystopian society with time travelling is like, this is the series to check out.

*X Company*- Has wrapped up their second season with a heartbreaking finale, thankfully CBC has confirmed that season three is on the way! The show is about Canadian spies in Nazi-controlled France, with a stellar cast and a perfect balance of drama and action.



*Izombie*- Has just completed a fantastic season two, leaving the audience with more questions than answers. The show’s case-by-case method of storytelling can make you forget the big picture, but the finale was a fantastic reminder that bigger things are at stake. The comedic interactions between the main cast keep the story feeling as fresh as the brains Liv eats.

## Eden Voice

Written By: Rachel and Braeden Miller

Edited By: Nicole Andres

**What’s up with Trump?**

“He’s a goofball.”~ Jonah Cushing

“I don’t know, he looks like a tangerine.”~Susan Eaglesham

“I think he should be president. I definitely agree with everything he says, especially the wall.”~Craig Sholtz

**Should students be allowed to wear scarves as part of the uniform?**

“I don’t really care cause guys don’t wear scarves usually, but you know we can start a trend.” ~Jessie Klassen

“Heck yeah!” ~Susan Eaglesham

“Always scarves, it’s cold here.”~ Anika Abdullah

**Do you like the colour houses? How would you improve them?**

“I think colour houses are interesting. I do support it and I do want to promote spirit but I have noticed a decline in enthusiasm and participation among the Flyers.”~Eva Ren

“Well, If there’s food given out at them, for the winners...”~ Hudson Neufeld

“He would ruin the world.”~Corny Weibe

“Yeah, they shouldn’t really care, I don’t really care.”~ Steve

“It’s a free non uniform day.”~Alex

## Jokes

By: Rebecca Koole



Q. When do monkeys fall from the sky?

A. During Ape-ril showers!

Q: Can February March?

A: No, but April May!

Q: Why is everyone so tired on April 1?

A: Because they've just finished a long, 31 day March!

Q: What season is it when you are on a trampoline?

A: Spring-time!

Q: What flowers grow on faces?

A: Tulips (Two-lips)!

Q: Why is the letter A like a flower?

A: A bee (B) comes after it!

## Riddle; Who Am I?

Written By: Rachel Miller

I amuse in riddles so here's the clue  
I may be black or red or blue  
I sit in your living room, mute and still  
I comfort those who deem them ill

You will not see me move or talk  
There is no need for me to stalk  
I watch you but you don't know my sights  
Even when you turn off the lights

I give you comfort, care and affection  
Just do not sit on a certain section  
For a doomly state is to be revealed  
Some of my victims yelled and squealed

My largemouth is a big, deep pit of blackness  
It may drive you all to madness  
Row upon row of sharp, serrated teeth  
To chop, chew and grind unaware beneath

I doubt you have guessed what I could be yet?  
If I were you I wouldn't bet  
Many know me a little bit too well  
That much for sure I can angrily tell

For a hidden secret lies under there  
One that I suppose I can share  
Make sure you hold my secret, do not tell  
I vow my intentions are quite well

I am the monster that lingers beneath  
Cushions do well to hide my teeth  
I do not bother much about the size  
From young to old, are all a prize

I'm what some might say but merely a couch  
The monster within can be quite the grouch  
Yet all who see me will see but a couch  
Until I gobble them up, ouch!

## Civility versus Savagery: The Fight Within Us All

Written By: Braeden Miller

Edited By: Rachel Miller

We think of ourselves as people who have gone beyond our primal instincts to a fairer place, one free from our inherited bondage. Is this a fair judgement to make? First of all, let's get down what the meanings of Civility and Savagery are. Savagery is being used to define our instinctual response to situations, caused by a will to survive and fun chemicals in your brain. Civility is the (obvious) opposite of this, with actions that depend on logic, morals, and social conduct. No matter what we do, we'll never be able to break free from our instincts. Even on a physical level, there are barbaric things we have to

do; there's no avoiding them. We put on an elitist veneer even though we still are pained with that animalistic, inseparable part of us. We try to be moral and socially acceptable, yet when push comes to shove, all goes to hell. Of course, for that to be true, we need to figure out where these morals and instincts come from. Well, considering morals exist in living things, and through an Atheistic keyhole Instincts would come first, I would have to conclude that Instincts would then beget our Morals. Of course to prove the whole "going to hell" situation, when a father and son are at arms

with each other, who's more likely to leave the house? The spawn of the father of course! Now, if we gained our morals and/or moral conduct from an external source, that would be another popsicle stand altogether, but that's for another time. Of course this is coming from an ignorant kid who hasn't seen a full percent of real world essence, which makes me fly in some idealistic void of nonsense most of the time, so take this with a grain of salt. All that is required on your part is to consider the roots of morality and instincts, and weigh them out with your own judgement and wisdom.