



EMS Honor Students Rewarded

by Maia Mares

Honor roll students at *Ellenville Middle School* were rewarded for their grades! The students watched the movie "Cheaper by the Dozen" as a special treat for achieving honor roll and high honor roll. Many of those students had entered a presidential essay writing contest a few months before, and were eager to know the winners. Mr. Bob Fontaine spoke to the kids just before the movie and announced the winners. Winners had their picture taken (above, with Robert Kuhlmann, left, and Mr. Fontaine, right) and received their prize of a special savings bond. The first place bond was \$200! Later in the day, honor students were rewarded with ice cream and a choice of toppings. Congratulations to all honor roll and high honor roll students!



Student Council Flower Frenzy

by Alyssa Ellis

On May 7th, the *Ellenville Middle School Student Council* held a Mother's Day Marigold Flower Drive. The flowers were sold for 25 cents each. The purpose of the drive was to give back to all the mothers and raise money for the school. The flower drive turned out to be a huge success for the Student Council. They made \$250, to be used to fund afterschool activities and trips, such as school dances, supplies, class trips, and some afterschool clubs and academic assemblies.

There were many donations, and on behalf of the Student Council, we thank you. This event is just one of the many activities the Student Council participates in. They do a tremendous amount of help in the community. For example, the Student Council planned to go on May 27th to **Sam's Point** to clean up trash and help renew the trails for future generations.



Poets Point the Way

Evi Seidman, guest poet, above right, with Elyssa Garcia, winner of the first *Young Poet's Award*, at the May 1st *Poets Point the Way* program held at the *Ellenville Public Library Community Room*. The program, co-sponsored by the *Ellenville-Ulster BOCES 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant*, featured young poets from *ECS* grades three through eight.

(Elyssa has also been a regular poetry contributor to *Wawarsing.Net* since March; her latest poem, written exclusively for this magazine, is below.)

Students directed by Ms. Seidman and *Ellenville Elementary* teacher Sandy Kapela included: Elementary students Cassidy Corbine, Kimberly Craft, Nikki Durant, Amanda Francois, Gage Klipper, Elizabeth Pace, Kelly Paes, Alexis Palega, Valeriya Sadchikova, and Jillian Shamro; and Middle School students Keith Byrnes, Marissa Cohen, Elyssa Garcia, Cheyenne Greene, Alexa House, Brooke Jazlo, Lauren Lutz, Maia Mares, Peyton McCarthy, Bryan Nunez, Grace Porter, Brittany Rodriguez, Savannah Shaw, Amanda Smiles, Michael Stoeckeler, Rhiannon Tiger, Daniel Tucker, and Steven Wendel.

Special readings were performed by Ms. Seidman, *Middle School* teacher Bob Hanington, *Middle School* teacher Larry Rand, and Nancy Rand. Special thank-yous were expressed to *21st Century Coordinator* Chris Karczmar, Gina Mares, Glenn Bollin, Holly Eiksza, Bob Hanington, Eda Nemeroff, Bill O'Donnell, Margot O'Donnell, Amy Edwards, Diane Dechillo, and the *Ellenville Public Library*.

School's Out

by Elyssa Garcia

It's that time again,
School's coming to an end,
Spring is almost over,
Summer's right around the bend,
Students stare at the clock,
With sweat dripping from their face,
They watch every tick,
And think "What a slow pace!"
The bell rings,
A crowd zooms out of the door,
We pray summer will never end,
But we have to come back for more!