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DATES TO REMEMBER



December 8
Muffins with
Moms- 7:30am



December 13
Bloodmobile
At EPS Gym



December 13
School Board
Meeting 6:30pm



December 14
Elementary
Christmas Concert
7:00pm



December 19
High School
Christmas Concert
7:00pm



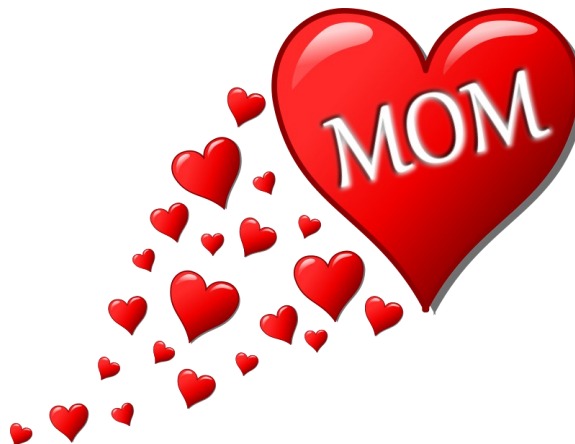
December 22
EARLY OUT 1:00



Dec 23-Jan 2
NO SCHOOL



Muffins with Moms Friday, December 8th, 2017



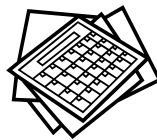
*For the most current news and calendar,
go to www.elgineagles.org.*

From Mrs. Wemhoff



The kindergarten class got to spend a day at the Horn T Zoo.

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR ON WEBSITE



Do you want to know what time the concert starts or if the ballgames have been postponed?

Check out the Activities Calendar on our website, www.elgineagles.org. This easy-to-use tool:

- provides up-to-date school activities and events
- allows you to view and print a daily, weekly or monthly list of calendar events
- includes a search option to find a specific event
- sends you e-mail reminders for events you select

From Mrs. Thiele-Blecher



Sometimes it's more than just wins and losses. Sunday October 8th some Wolfpack Volleyball girls participated in the Walk to End Alzheimer's walk in Norfolk.

From Mr. Coakes

Wonderful World of Water

The sophomore class attended Wonderful World of Water on September 20th. They participated in hands-on activities investigating all aspects of water and why it is important. Some activities were soil erosion and conservation, catching and releasing aquatic insects, groundwater pollution simulation, and even a session on native owls of Nebraska. At each session, teams had to answer questions about material they learned. At the end of the day, a total score was compared to other teams. Elgin team 1 placed 6th out of 10 and team 2 placed 9th out of 9.



**Elementary
Muffins with Moms
Friday, December 8th, 2017
at 7:30 AM**

**Please join us in the
gymnasium for juice, milk,
muffins and some reading
before school.**

**** If Mom cannot attend you
can find a substitute ****



From Mr. Ostransky



4th grade is reading the novel "Shiloh" this quarter and are getting pretty comfy with it.

From Mrs. Beckman



Second Grade had a great time dressing up for Halloween!

From Mrs. Beckman and Mrs. Eisenhauer



Summer readers for the 2nd and 3rd grade were Justice, Max, Zaiden, Libby, Anna, Kierstyn, Megan, and Gemma. These students read books and filled out a reading bingo sheet during the summer. They were rewarded on October 19th with a movie night at the school. They enjoyed the movie "Sing" along with popcorn, M&M's, and their favorite pop. Way to read 2nd and 3rd graders!

From Mr. Becker



Here are the 1st and 2nd graders doing just dance in PE.

From Mrs. R. Heithoff

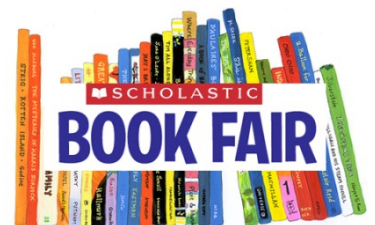


To view pictures from our Veteran's Day program, go to our school website at www.elgineagles.org, and click on "Pictures" at the top of the page!

From Mrs. Thiele-Blecher

THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING!!!!

The EEA will be hosting the book fair this year from December 11th to the 14th. Come and do some Christmas Shopping and buy some books! We will open the fair on Monday December 11th to Wednesday, December 13th in Mrs. Thiele-Blecher's classroom. On Thursday, December 14th we will open the fair in the lunch room after school and will remain open until an hour after the Christmas Concert is over!



From Mrs. Rittscher



Bloom!

In an effort to promote career exploration, Mrs. Rittscher implemented Bloom! presenters this school year.

Bloom! presenters are people from the work force that don't need degrees from a college, but rather a certificate or license.

So far, several EPS students have watched a presentation by Dale Primrose, a Master Plumber; Marcy Strom, Joseph's College of Cosmetology; April Schindler, Total Image; Zach Miller, U.S. Marine; and Sergeant Mathew Williams, Army National Guard.

Presenters will continue throughout the school year. In January, Niewohner Brothers and Sidump'r will be at EPS, and in February, the Nebraska Department of Roads will present. Mrs. Rittscher is in contact with presenters from the Nebraska State Patrol as well as Antelope County Sheriff's Department.

"Since the concept behind Bloom! presenters is to stay and grow in a career that is in a rural community like Elgin, I try to get presenters that represent a variety of jobs students might not know about that are available right here in Antelope County," said Mrs. Rittscher. "If anyone is interested in attending a Bloom! presentation, the public is more than welcome. I'd also love to have a local business offer to present!"



From Mrs. D. Heithoff

On November 2nd and November 6th Mrs. Cheri Blocher worked with Mrs. Heithoff's junior high math classes to create math poems. Mrs. Blocher first asked the students to brainstorm three of their favorite foods or activities. They then had to list twenty mathematical words that they have used before. The students then were asked to write a poem about one of their favorite foods or activities using as many math words as possible. They were to try to avoid referencing the situation directly and they could use no more than seven words per line.

The results were amazing! The students were then allowed to mount their poems on colored paper and use whatever shape they felt best represented their poem. The poems have been posted in the hallway for everyone to enjoy. Thank you Mrs. Blocher for bringing out the poet in all of us.



From Mr. Coakes



In order to better understand the principal's of flight, the Integrated Science class built and tested model airplanes. After test flying them and determining average flight time, students were tasked with making improvements to increase the average flight time. By manipulating thrust, weight, drag, and lift, several students accomplished their task and had improved flight times.

From Mrs. Cooper



On October 27th, first graders wore red in honor of Red Ribbon Week! First graders pictured are (back row) Xander, Braedon, John, Jeneli, and (front row) Jael, Madison, Kynlee, Sophia, Gentry, Kinley, Kyrra, Macy.

From Mrs. Cooper

On October 25th, FCCLA members attended FCCLA's District Leadership Conferences at Northeast Community College. Students were able to listen to speakers and compete in a knowledge bowl competition. Myranda was inducted as Elgin's district representative. Pictured are (back row) Wyatt, Lydia, Talena, Myranda, Kira, and (back row) Kaylee, Araceli, Leslie, and Mary.

From Mrs. Lindgren

Perspective

I was talking to a mom whose son is trying to decide what he wants to do. She recently read a story in the paper about someone who has made it in his career. If you only look at the end of the story, it sounds very glamorous. However, the article included a lot of ups and downs along the way. This mom wanted her son to know that this career doesn't just happen, there are going to be struggles along the way.

Her story reminded me of one of the things I teach in my upper level math classes. I spend a lot of time working with graphs of functions, and sometimes we look at what happens at the beginning and the end, and don't really care about what is happening in the middle of the graph. However, there is valuable information in that middle story – for math, we find roots, extremes, asymptotes, positive and negative slopes, etc. If students only look at the final outcome, they miss a lot of the details that may influence their decision.

Kids seem to gravitate toward careers that include fame and fortune. Most of the time, they don't look more closely to find out what obstacles and pitfalls they may encounter on their way to that ostentatious career. We are all guilty of overlooking the details because we are focused on the expected outcome, but sometimes we need to change our perspective and give attention to how we are going to get there.



Music Students Attend Elf– The Musical in Sioux City

On Sunday, November 19th, the 5th through 12th grade music students attended Elf– The Musical at the Orpheum Theater in Sioux City. This musical is based off of the hit movie Elf, and was a great hit with the kids!



UPCOMING MUSIC PERFORMANCES

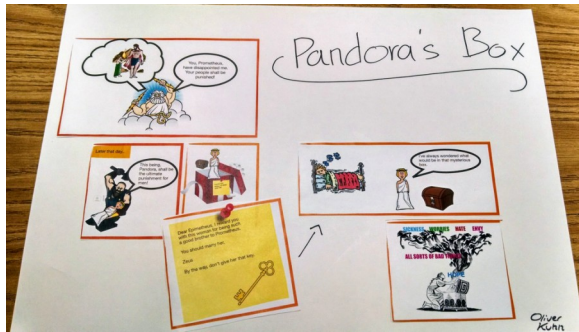
-December 14th– Elementary Christmas Concert 7:00 pm

-December 19th– JH/HS Christmas Concert 7:00 pm

Band and Choir Perform at Veteran's Day Program

At our yearly Veteran's Day program, the Elgin Public Band performed Call To the Heroes by Chris Bernotas, and the combined Elgin Public and Pope John Choirs performed My America by Joyce Eilers Bacak.





Students Illustrate Myths Comic Strip Style

Students in English 9 have recently taken on the role of illustrators.

As a part of the Greek mythology unit, they have been

learning about the main players known as the Twelve Olympians. They have also become familiar with some of the subordinating characters.

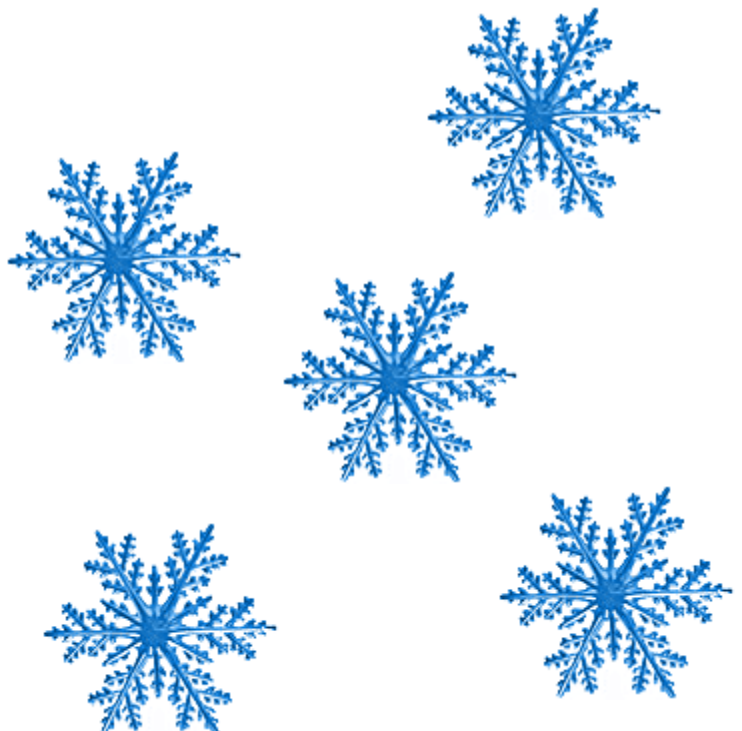
After reading a number of myths involving these characters, students created comic strips demonstrating the most important events and details from the stories. The cartoons turned out great and have helped bring the stories to life in a visual format for all to enjoy.

“Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home.”

— **Edith Sitwell**

JMC MESSAGE CENTER

Are you receiving the messages from our JMC Message Center? With future announcements and Snow Day messages being sent, please check that you are receiving the messages on the phones and email addresses that it needs to go to. If changes need to be made, please log in to the JMC Parent portal and make the changes necessary. If you need help logging in, please call the office and we can help you.



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rom the Principal's desk . . .

by Greg Wemhoff
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CONGRATS 1st Quarter Honor Roll Students



ALL "A" Honor Roll

Allyson Wemhoff, William Heilhecker, Colton Wright, Ethan Hinkle, Lydia Behnk



SUPERIOR Honor Roll

Front Row- Breanna Carr, Jack Wemhoff, Corbin Kinney, Hunter Reestman

Back Row- Kira Widger, Myranda Palmer, Liam Heithoff, Garet Behnk



Honor Roll

Front Row – Riley Vitamvas, Jessica Getzfred, Theanna Dunn, Jeslynn Beckman, Joey Getzfred, Norman Grothe, Kristopher Moreno

Back Row – Shelby Dohmen, Oliver Kuhn, Adam Dreger, Anna Heilhecker, Grace Mace, Mateo Kirstine

Administratively Speaking .

By Dan Polk
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One of the most difficult and public decisions a Superintendent of schools makes is whether and when to dismiss school due to inclement weather. “Back in the day” it RARELY happened as everyone was VERY local, had places to stay or go in town if things got really bad or even stayed in town during the week should the weather be bad. In today’s world this is not always the case. We have all kinds of people, driving their own vehicles at different ages and coming to school from all kinds of different directions. Buses are also traveling farther to pick up students.

If school is not canceled or let out early, and you feel that it is unsafe for your student to be out on the roads, just let us know that you are keeping your child at home or coming to pick them up. Their absences will NOT be held against them. It’s not an easy call and I don’t presume to make it, or want to make it for you. While attending school is an important priority, our students’ safety is much more important. If you have any questions about this or anything else regarding the school please feel free to call and ask anytime





***December 22 -Early Dismissal at 1:00 p.m.
School Resumes January 3rd***

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