



DATES TO REMEMBER



May 6
Elementary
Grandparent's Day



May 14
Graduation
5:00 p.m.



May 16
Elementary Spring
Concert 7:30 pm



May 18
Preschool
Graduation
6:30 p.m.
Kindergarten
Graduation
7:30 pm



May 19
LAST DAY of
school
EARLY
DISMISSAL
11:00 a.m.

Fourth Grade Earns "Best of Show"



Pictured with their award-winning totem pole are fourth graders: (back l. to r.) Baylee Busteed, Blake Henn, Jacksyn Sehi, Nick Anderson, and Keyera Eisenhauer. (front l. to r.) Brian Heithoff, Aubreionna Clouse, Abriel VonBonn, and Brenna Martinsen.

Check out the results of the ESU#8 Spring Elem Art Show on the webpage! The 4th Grade Class earned "Best of Show" for their totem pole! The EPS elementary Art students had 20 entries in the show. They earned one "Best of Show", 15 Superiors (blue), three Excellents (red) and one Honorable Mention. Congratulations!

Check our website:

www.elgineagles.org

for the most current news
& calendar.

ALUMNI BANQUET -
June 25, 2016



Duet Acting State Champs!



On Thursday, March 24, the EPS Speech Team wrapped up another successful season. The team competed at the State Speech Championships in Kearney.

Eleven team members represented EPS at the state contest in eight different events. Four of the eight events qualified for finals that day, and the team brought home thirteen state medals.

Alois Warner and Kenny Bush captured top honors on the day. They were crowned D2 Duet Acting State Champions. Leslie Linares placed fourth in Entertainment Speaking. The OID of Dylan Widger, Linares, Morgan Carpenter, Lydia Behnk, and Kira Widger placed 5th. The OID of Warner, Bush, Zoey Bergman, Taya Voborny, and Jaime Hoefer placed 7th.

Both Kira Widger and Dylan Widger received Superior Ratings in Poetry. Katie Polk also earned Superior Ratings in both Serious Prose and Persuasive Speaking.

Overall as a team, the EPS Speech squad tied for sixth place with Leigh out of thirty-two teams in Class D2.

Co-coaches Jessie Reestman and Stacy Shumake-

Henn were more than pleased with the results. "From back-to-back district championships to qualifying a record number of events for state, to getting four events in finals and bringing home thirteen state medals, this group has topped the charts in everything."

The coaches attribute the team's success to their work ethic. "Our kids are involved in so many different activities that practice time can be limited. They do a terrific job of juggling their schedules to make it work. Plus, they are all so talented. We also have a phenomenal group of senior leaders this year. We will miss Alois, Widge, Katie, Morgan, Leslie and Ingvild next year. There is no end to their work ethic and their talent."

The future also continues to be bright for the squad. "Our junior class is strong, and we have some underclassmen who filled some big shoes this season. It's been fun to watch these kids develop and enjoy the season so much."



Participating at State Speech were: (back l. to r.) Morgan Carpenter, Kaitlyn Polk, Lydia Behnk, Dylan Widger, Kenny Bush, Alois Warner, and Zoey Bergman. (front l. to r.) Jaime Hoefer, Taya Voborny, Leslie Linares, and Kira Widger.

Young Author's Festival



Pictured (l to r) back row: Authors Kevin Endorf, Charlotte Endorf, and Judy Young. front row: Aubreionna Clouse, Blake Henn, Keyera Eisenhauer, and Baylee Busteed

Four 4th graders went to the Aspiring Young Authors' Festival at Wayne State College on Saturday, April 9. Aubrei, Keyera, Baylee, and Blake first listened to published authors Judy Young and Charlotte Endorf speak about some of their books and the process of how they made them. Then they split into three groups and went to different sessions.

One session was with Judy Young where they wrote a poem about eagles. Another session was with Charlotte Endorf where they wrote a story about how their lives related to Annie Oakley's life and giving back to others. The last session was reading a paper that they have written to a small group of their peers.

Finally they met back up with the whole group and had an awards ceremony where they received their certificates. Afterwards they were able to buy books and get autographs of course!

KEEP READING ALL SUMMER!

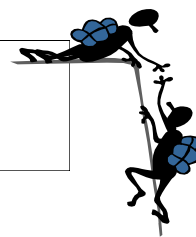


Summer shouldn't mean taking a break from learning, especially reading. Studies show that most students experience a loss of reading skills over the summer months, but children who continue to read will gain skills. Parents should remember that children need free time in the summer to relax and enjoy the pleasures of childhood. So summer reading should be fun. Following are a few tips to make reading enjoyable for your children this summer:

1. Read Aloud together with your child every day.
2. Set a good example.
3. Read the same book your child is reading and discuss it.
4. Let kids choose what they want to read, and don't turn your nose up at popular fiction.
5. Buy books on tape, especially for a child with a learning disability.
6. Take your children to the library regularly.
7. Subscribe, in your child's name, to magazines that may interest them.
8. Make trips a way to encourage reading by reading aloud traffic signs, billboards, notices.
9. Encourage children to keep a summer scrapbook.

Counselor's Corner

by Mrs. Barb Bode



Seniors ... borrow wisely for college!

Review these tips before you decide how much to borrow in student loans:

Borrow only what you need, even if it's less than the amount offered in your award letter.

Try to use your student loan money *only* for tuition, room and board, books and fees. Get a part-time job during college to pay other expenses.

Apply for financial aid each year you attend college by completing the [FAFSA](#).

Continue to look for scholarships while you're in college.

Keep track of your student loan debt throughout college at nslds.ed.gov.

To learn more about student loans, see the ["Paying for College" section](#) at EducationQuest.org and [watch this brief video](#). To estimate your future loan payments, use this [Repayment Calculator](#).

How to prepare for your freshman year of college

Visit the [College Students](#) section at EducationQuest.org for tips to help you prepare for your freshman year of college. You'll find information on these topics:

- Achieving academic success
- How to manage your money
- How to select a major

What to expect your freshman year of college

Check out the [EducationQuest Blog](#) for additional articles about college life.

Juniors... your summer to-do list

Narrow your college choices. Visit some college campuses this summer and check out college websites.

Narrow your choices to three or four colleges by the time school starts.

Become familiar with the [FAFSA](#) (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Beginning **October 1, 2016**, you and your parents can complete this form to apply for college financial aid. This is an earlier start date than previous years – and you will use 2015 tax information.

Update your [Activities Resume](#) at EducationQuest.org. Include extracurricular activities, honors, awards, and part-time jobs.

Look for scholarships. Check out *ScholarshipQuest* at EducationQuest.org for Nebraska-based scholarships. And pay attention to scholarships current seniors have received.

Find a summer job to help pay for college expenses. Ask prospective employers if they offer education assistance programs.

May "To Do" List

Seniors

- ___ Apply for student loans, if necessary.
- ___ Register for freshmen orientation at your college.
- ___ Start a list of dorm room essentials.
- ___ Get a summer job to help pay college expenses.

Juniors

- ___ [Register](#) by May 5 for June 4 SAT.
- ___ [Register](#) by May 6 for June 11 ACT.
- ___ Continue campus visits.
- ___ Get a summer job and save for college.



Sports Physicals & Impact Testing Scheduled



On May 18th there will be IMPACT (Immediate Post-Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing) baseline testing done at EPS High School in the high school computer lab. This is a baseline concussion test that all athletes need to take every two years. This is a tool that can help health care professionals track recovery of cognitive processes following concussion. Anyone considering going out for any athletic sport next year that will be in grades 7, 9, 10, 11, and 12 are **REQUIRED** to take the test AT EPS so that we have records of it. This also includes any 6th grade boys that will be participating in JH football. If there are any conflicts or this is a problem please contact Mr. Becker at 843-2455.

The following times have been set aside for specific grades:

(The grades will be what grade the student is in next year)

4:00- 6th grade boys, 7th grades boys and girls

5:00-9th & 10th grade

6:00 11th & 12th grade

Test will take approximately 30 minutes. If there are any conflict please contact Mr. Becker.

Link to information on IMPACT test <https://www.impacttest.com/>

There will also be sports physicals offered during this time at the AMH clinic in Elgin from 4:00-7:00. Any student wishing to participate in a sport next year needs to have a physical. Doing it on this night is optional but they are offering a discounted rate of \$25 dollars. If you wish to file it with your insurance company they can do that as well as long as you bring your insurance card. We ask you to please consider utilizing this offer so you do not have to worry about it during the summer.



2016 YEARBOOKS

Elgin Public School Yearbooks can be ordered now!

Check out the school webpage "Academics-Yearbook" to find an order form.

Send your payment of \$35 to Elgin Public Schools,
P.O. Box 399, Elgin, NE 68636

The first ever Wolfpack yearbook is also now on sale.

This is a softcover, 40 page, sports only yearbook. All Wolfpack sports are covered including junior high sports, Dance and Cheerleading. The books are \$20.

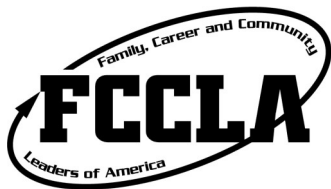
Both books will be delivered in August.

Students may also purchase their yearbook online by going to www.entourageyearbooks.com. Click on "buy", type in Elgin Public Schools and click on the first one to purchase the Elgin High School yearbook and click on the second one to purchase the Wolfpack yearbook.

Internet Safety Tips for Kids and Teens

1. Spend time having fun with your parents online and helping them understand technology!
2. Never post your personal information, such as a cell phone number, home number, home address, or your location on any social networking site or through mobile apps like Snapchat or Instagram.
3. Never meet in person with anyone you first "met" on the internet. If someone asks to meet you, tell your parents or guardian right away. Some people may not be who they say they are.
4. Check with your parents before you post pictures of yourself or others online. Do not post inappropriate pictures of anyone.
5. Never respond to mean or rude texts, messages, and e-mails. Delete any unwanted messages. You may need to delete friends who continuously bother you or post things that are not appropriate.
6. NEVER share your password with anyone, including your best friend. The only people who should know your password are your parents or guardian.
7. If you wouldn't say something to another person's face, don't text it or post it online.
8. Do not download or install software or anything on your computer or cell phone before checking with your parents or guardian.
9. Use the privacy settings of social networking sites.
10. If anything makes you feel uncomfortable online, while gaming or when using your cell phone, talk with your parents or guardian right away.

Source: Netwsmartz.org and safekids.com.



Elgin FCCLA Chapter goes Back to OUR Future with FCCLA

Lincoln, NE- Over 1,100 students from all areas of Nebraska gathered for the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America's (FCCLA) State Leadership Conference held in Lincoln, Nebraska April 3-5. The conference took place in the Pinnacle Bank Arena and Holiday Inn-Downtown. Elgin students including Dylan Widger, Taya Voborny, Paige Nichols, Jaime Hoefer and Austin Dohmen were among the students that attended the conference.

Over the 3 day conference, students were able to participate in competitive events such as STAR Events, and attend several sessions and workshops led by many inspiring speakers on relevant youth issues. Topics included leadership development, peer education, entrepreneurship, nutrition and wellness, healthy relationships, and much more.

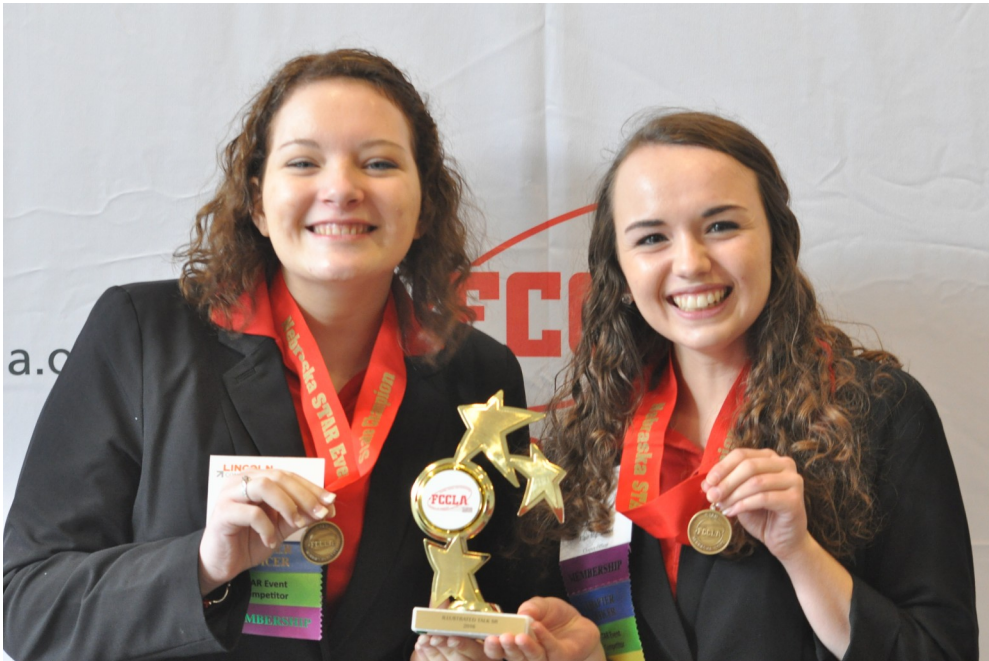
The students who attended the conference got the chance to listen to the conference keynote speaker Alex Sheen. Alex is the founder of the movement because I said I would, a social movement and non-profit dedicated to betterment of humanity through promises made and kept. He has been featured on The Today Show, ABC World News, and The Los Angeles Times. He once walked over 240 miles across the state of Ohio in 10 days to fulfill a promise. He has impacted millions with his message.

This year, three students from the Elgin FCCLA chapter competed in STAR events at State Leadership Conference. STAR Events (Students Taking Action with Recognition) recognizes members for proficiency and achievement in chapter and individual projects, leadership skills, and career preparation. Taya Voborny received a silver medal for her project in National Programs in Action. Paige Nichols and Jaime Hoefer received a gold medal in Illustrated Talk Senior division and finished as state champions in their division. They will be representing Elgin and Nebraska at the National Convention held this summer in San Diego, California, July 3-7, 2016. In addition, Jaime Hoefer was also selected to the SPOT (State Peer Officer Team). She will be a member of the state Family Leaders Team and serve as the team public relations officer for the 2016-2017 school year.

FCCLA members around the country will gather in sunny San Diego to attend workshops and youth sessions, as well as to compete in national STAR Events. Students will have the opportunity to network with and learn from members all around the country.



Taya Voborny displaying her silver medal.



Paige Nichols (left) and Jaime Hoefer (right) display their gold medals and state championship trophy.

FCCLA BURGER BASH

May 18th, 2016 at 11:30-1:00 pm

Where: Elgin Public School

in The Eagle's Nest

(Picnic tables East of HS building)

Cost: \$2.00 – EPS Students

General Public & Teachers -

Free-Will Donation!

Each plate will consist of a delicious Hamburger, Chips, Cookie, and Drink

Please join us to support our FCCLA National Qualifiers!

The Elgin FCCLA chapter will be sending two STAR Event competitors to Nationals held in San Diego, CA - July 3-7th

Classroom Snippets . . .

Gardening in 3rd Grade

From Mrs. Borer

The 3rd graders have started studying plants and animals in Science class. We have learned about the life cycle of plants starting from seed and growing into a plant. The 3rd graders planted bean seeds into clear plastic cups to see firsthand the life cycle of a bean plant.



Students were divided into three groups according to the type of soil they used for their bean seed. One group used potting mix. Another group used sand while the last group used gravel from the playground. The students made predictions on which plant will grow best. They will record data on the growth of their seeds each week. We will continue to check and record data on the growth of the plants until the end of the school year to see which type of soil is the winner.

From Mrs. Klein

El Mundo de Español

The Spanish 1 and 2 classes are learning all about food and the traditions surrounding it in their current chapters. As an extra cultural experience, we've feasted on *tortilla española* (Spanish potato omelet,) Mexican *molletes* (toasted bean and cheese sandwiches,) and *quesadillas* (corn tortillas filled with cheese.)

Upcoming projects for the students include a restaurant simulation for the Spanish 1 classes, and the production of Spanish Food Network shows for the Spanish 2 classes.



From Mrs. Drueke

English 7's Top Five English Educational Experiences

With the year quickly coming to an end, the students and teacher from English 7, took a few minutes to jot down their favorite English learning experience from this year.

Theanna- I enjoyed the novels that we read because they helped me relate to real life.

Joey- I enjoyed researching and writing my research paper that went with my science fair project.

Claire- I enjoyed writing my "Hero" essay."

Skylar- My favorite part of the year was expanding my love for reading novels, such as the Kasie West and Sara Dessen books. I am obsessed with those authors.

Mrs. Drueke- I have enjoyed growing in knowledge with this class and being inspired by their enthusiasm and desire to improve with every assignment.



From Mr. Heithoff

Music Dept. Upcoming Events

District Music- Friday, April 22nd in Norfolk. Check the school website for the schedule of events for the day.

High School Spring Concert
(including 5th and 6th soloists
Monday, April 25th at 7:00 pm.

Music Booster Meeting- Tuesday,
May 3rd at 6:30 pm.

Elementary Spring Concert- Monday,
May 16th at 7:30 pm.

From Mrs. Jensen

New Student Information System for 2016-17

Many changes are coming in Elgin Public's student information system for next school year. We have used Schoolmaster since 2002 and we are now making the switch to JMC Student Record Management Software.

It is a web based system that will allow office staff and teachers to enter information from any internet connected device. Although the format of the website will be different from Schoolmaster PASS, parents will still be able to access student's grades, attendance, and progress reports. Parents will also be able to view all contact information and make necessary changes.

JMC will also offer a messaging system similar to Blackboard Connect that we now use. When it is implemented, parents can enter many phone contacts and email contacts and specify whether phone numbers get calls or texts for snow closure, reminder calls, etc.

The main reason for making the switch is for state reporting. JMC will be updating to the new format for state reporting. Each year, student information, grades, attendance, etc. are submitted to the state directly from our student information system.

So although it will look a little different and it will take a little time to get all set up, JMC will serve us well as a great communication tool between home and school.



Thank you!

A big thank
you to
everyone who
contributes news items for this
newsletter. This monthly
newsletter would not be possible
without all of your help!

Paula Jensen
Secretary

FFA EXCELS AT STATE



FFA members pose for a picture during FFA state convention on April 6th.

On April 6th, the Nebraska State FFA Convention kicked off, and the Elgin FFA Chapter came out swinging! In the Agriscience Fair, Kyle Schumacher and the group of Eli Heilhecker and Calli Krebs were state champions in their divisions. The Agricultural Demo of Trey Baum and Lexi Heithoff were finalists and received a Gold Merit award. The Biotechnology Team of Dylan Widger, Eli Heilhecker, Lydia Behnk, and Taylor Sehi placed 6th overall, and Lydia was 11th overall. The Agriscience team of Kira Widger, Kyle Schumacher, Hunter Reestman and Ally Wemhoff also received 6th overall.

In proficiency's, Trey Baum was state champion in Beef Production, Placement. Chase Preister was state champion in Ag Services, Placement. Justin Funk placed third in Diversified Crop Production. Trey Baum also was a State Star Finalist in Production in a group of eight, despite, a young man from Wisner-Pilger winning, Trey represented our chapter with class. The senior FFA members also received their state degrees. These members are: Andrew Fangman, Kalin Henn, Seth Schumacher, Chase Preister, Dylan Behnk, Alois Warner, Trey Baum, Dylan Widger, Karissa Dicke, and Lexi Heithoff. Congratulations seniors on a great four years with our FFA Chapter!

By Dylan Widger

EPS DRONE MAKES MAIDEN FLIGHT

The Elgin Public School Drone has made it's maiden flight under the direction of Elianne Heilhecker and Adam Dreger. After flying simulator flights and flying in the small gym, the Phantom Flyers group was ready to take to the air about Elgin. A video of one of their flights is posted on our website: www.elgineagles.org



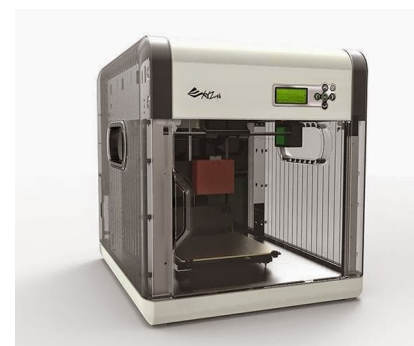
Administratively Speaking . .

By Supt. Dan Polk
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Another school year is almost in the books. As always Elgin Public School staff and students have excelled in many, many different areas. With the support of a caring and progressive school board these high expectations and accomplishments will undoubtedly continue. From the classroom to the practice rooms and fields I am so proud of the staff, students, and patrons.

Now it's time to start looking ahead and planning for next year which will include technology improvements such as life size printing, 3D printing, drones and even possibly code robots. These things along with traditional practices of the three Rs and lessons about getting results from hard work and accepting all different kinds of people is what makes our halls the place to be for a great education! Great job Elgin, Go eagles!



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for the most current news & calendar.**



Is there money in your lunch account?

Your balance must be a positive balance before you check out of school on the last day. Let's help to keep our costs of postage down by paying in advance for meals. Thank you!



1st & 2nd Grade Field Trip

Friday, April 29th, the first and second grade classes went on a field trip to Niobrara, Nebraska. In the morning they went to the Kreycik Elk and Buffalo Ranch. At the ranch they were able to have a unique covered wagon ride pulled by a tractor. KOLN/KGIN TV out of Lincoln was also at the ranch taping the tour.

Then they headed to Niobrara State Park to eat their sack lunches and go for a hike. After that they visited a museum in Niobrara and had some hand on experiences. Finally it was time to start home. We hope everyone had a great learning experience, it was a fun day!

***A Goal Without A Plan
Is Just A Wish!***



Don't Throw Away That Empty Printer Cartridge! Bring it to school!

Empty inkjet cartridges can be recycled and remanufactured. Our school will receive \$2.00 for each cartridge turned in. Bring in your empty cartridges (use a Ziploc bag to avoid ink spills) to the office recycle bin.

F rom the Principal's desk . . .

by Greg Wemhoff
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With the year quickly winding down and the weather warming it is easy to catch spring fever! We are all anxiously awaiting summer and all the wonderful plans that are awaiting us. I ask that students and parents stay vigilant at the task of learning. Two of the most important things that I am requesting your assistance on are attendance and homework. I know that it is very tempting to stay at home and enjoy a beautiful spring day. It is equally tempting to enjoy the extra daylight we now have in the evening to spend time doing recreational activities and staying outside just a little bit longer. Please help make sure your children are also keeping up with their schoolwork and getting plenty rest. **FINISH STRONG!!!**

Congrats to the 3rd Quarter Honor Roll Students



All "A" Honor Roll

Senior- Alois Warner **Junior-** Elianne Heilhecker **Sophomore-** Lydia Behnk, **Freshmen-** Hunter Reestman **7th Grade-** Skylar Reestman

Superior Honor Roll

Superior Honor Roll-Students achieving a place on the "Superior Honor Roll" must have a 94% average in their classes

Seniors - Dylan Behnk, Ingvild Bekkeseth, Morgan Carpenter, Destiny Francis, Tzu Yen Huang, Kaitlyn Polk. **Juniors** - Katelyn Copeland, Kesley Welding **Sophomores** - Liam Heithoff, Myranda Palmer **Freshmen-** Garet Behnk, Anna Heilhecker, Emma Kerkman, Ally Wemhoff, Kira Widger **7th Grade** - Claire Kerman, Theanna Dunn

Honor Roll

Honor Roll-Students included on the "Honor Roll" have earned a 90% average in their classes.

Seniors - Leslie Linares, Dylan Widger **Juniors-** Christian Lundgren, Zoey Bergman, Kenny Bush, Anthony Getzfred, Jaime Hoefer, Baylee Wemhoff **Freshmen-** Dayna Bousquet, Breanna Carr, Vada Kruse, Kaylee Martinsen, Leslie Nichols and Mary Nichols.

Great job and keep up the hard work!

Last day for students --- May 19 (Early dismissal 11:00 a.m.)

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