

DATES TO REMEMBER National Honor Society Induction

May 6 Wolfpa

Wolfpack Spring Awards in PJ Gym 7:00 p.m.

Eagles Academic & Activity Awards in EPS Gym 7:30 p.m.

May 9 School Board mtg. in ITV room 7:30 p.m.

May 11 Graduation 5:00 p.m. in EPS gym



Kindergarten Graduation 7:30 p.m.

May 21 Last Day of School Early Dismissal at 11:00 a.m.





Bailey Carpenter



Tera Henkenius





Tanner Welding

ALUMNI BANQUET -

June 22, 2013



Kyle Heithoff

An Induction Ceremony for the Dr. W.W. Graham Chapter of the National Honor Society was held on April 24, 2013. New members inducted were Bailey Carpenter, Kyle Heithoff, Tera Henkenius, and Tanner Welding. Current members of the Chapter are Blake Anderson, Stephanie Bode, Andrew Heithoff, Nick Heithoff, Brett Kinney, Ivy Prater, Angela Richart, Hunter Thramer, and Madison Voborny. Congratulations to all of you on your selection to the National Honor Society. Keep up the great work!

Check our website: <u>www.elgineagles.org</u> for the most current news & calendar.



Lights! Camera! Take Action!

Members of the Elgin High FCCLA Chapter attended the FCCLA State Leadership Conference, April 7-9th, in Lincoln. Lights! Camera! Take Action! was the theme for the two-day meeting for over 1200 family and consumer sciences students and advisers representing 100 chapters in Nebraska.

Attending from Elgin were Ivy Prater and Stephanie Bode- Co-Presidents, Austin Miller-Vice President, Madi Voborny-Secretary, Hunter Thramer-Treasurer, Hannah Kerkman-Historian, Sharla Schindler and Tiarra Thramer - News Reporters and Hayley Stamp -District Representative. The students were sponsored by Barb Bode Adviser. Stephanie also represented the Elgin chapter as the voting delegate. Ivy Prater was a finalist for the State Families First Peer Education Team while Austin and Dylan participated in the STAR competition. Austin received a gold medal in Health and Wellness while Dylan earned a bronze medal in the parliamentary procedure test. The Elgin Chapter was also recognized for contributing to the "Feed Nebraska" state FCCLA outreach project. Members raised approximately \$400 to donate to the project during a "Rock-a-thon" held earlier in March.

Conference delegates were actively involved in workshops and discussions about leadership and current teen issues. The topics for the small group sessions included the Japanese Exchange experience, R-5, Healthy eating, FCCLA marketing strategies and Spread the Red – getting the FCCLA word out in your



FCCLA members attending state convention were: back row (l. to r.) Steph Bode, Madi Voborny, Hayley Stamp, Tiarra Thramer. Middle row: Ivy Prater, Hannah Kerkman, Hunter Thramer, Sharla Schindler. Front row: Dylan Widger and Austin Miller.

community. Another very impactful session was "Stand for the Silent" by Kirk Smalley a parent from Oklahoma who lost his son as a result of bullying. These sessions were selected to help local chapters gain ideas and resources to plan programs for the 2013-14 school year. The keynote speaker for the conference was Hannah Wright of Neligh whose message focused on her life story and achieving her dreams.

FCCLA is a dynamic and effective national student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and address important personal, family, work and societal issues through family and consumer science education.



Mark your calendar! The Elgin Public Library will have a program on Thursday,June 6th from 3:30-4:15 at the Elgin Community Center. It is a Mad Science Impact Show that compliments our Summer Reading theme "Dig Into Reading". The program "Dig Deep: Discover!!" is designed to please all ages! Hope to see you there!



Order your 2013 Yearbook now! Price is only \$30. Check with Yearbook members or call the school to get yours ordered TODAY!



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!

Stranded On An Island

In the book, <u>The Cay</u>, by Theodore Taylor the island of Curacao is being invaded by Nazi's. Phillip's mother decides that she and Phillip should head back to their home in Norfolk, VA. Their ship is torpedoed by a German submarine and Phillip was hit in the head while trying to escape the sinking ship. When he wakes up from being knocked unconscious he finds himself on a raft with an older, black man, Timothy and cat they call Stew Cat. Eventually the raft hits an island; Timothy and Phillip are stranded on the island for over 4 months. While on the island Phillip becomes blind from his getting knocked on the head and Timothy teaches him how to survive. Timothy gets struck with malaria and is very weak but a bad hurricane is coming to the island. If you would like to know how this book ends ask a 7th or 8th grader or read <u>The Cay</u>. It is a great book!

I asked the 7th & 8th graders, if you were stranded on an island what one item would you take with you.

7th graders:

Shelby: a boat so I could escape
Liam: a huge tank of water
Carter: 1 large crate
Rider: Dora's back-pack (it has everything)
Ashton: Water
Hayes: Take water
Myranda: Take fresh water
Lydia: a boat, use it for shelter and storage or use the wood for smoke signal.
Breanna: Dora's backback



8th graders:

Luke: Duct tape, you can make anything from Duct tape AJ: survival hatchet Elianne: a knife Ryan: a Swiss Army knife Taylor: a big box of matches: warmth, protection, and cooking Katie: unlimited supply of freshwater Austin: unlimited supply of food Kelsey: freshwater Nick: 15ft by 10 ft blow up raft. Use it to catch fish, as a roof, or catch rain for water to drink Taya: a radio so I could try to contact someone to rescue me Jaime: emergency kit that was on the Hato ship (medicine, radio, matches. rope & blankets) Geoffrey: little black box that has everything in it like matches, food, duck tape, flair gun, a knife Zoey: a person for help Avenley: my best friend so I could have help and somebody to talk to Kenny: matches

What would one item would you want if you were stranded on an island?





Please think of Elgin Public Schools when those early magazine renewal notices start to arrive in the mail! You can renew current subscriptions or buy new and gift subscriptions through our school this fall.

40% of the subscription price stays at our school to fund many needed items and activities throughout the year. If we can count on your support this year, we are sure to have a successful campaign!

Please start reminding your family, friends, and business associates that we would greatly appreciate it if they ordered selections from our school through the upcoming sale or by visiting www.gaschoolstore.com today!

You can get an early start on our annual magazine sale by logging onto www.gaschoolstore.com

Our school code is: 2519304

Our Magazine Sales Campaign will take place: August & September 2013

Counselor's Corner



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, books and fees. Get a job during college to pay living expenses.

by Mrs. Barb Bode

Compare the estimated starting salary of potential careers to your estimated college debt to ensure you can afford future loan payments.

File the FAFSA at <u>fafsa.gov</u> each year you attend college. Continue to look for scholarships while you're in college.

Keep track of your student loan debt throughout college at <u>nslds.ed.gov</u>.

To learn more about student loans, see the <u>"Paying for College"</u> section at **EducationQuest.org**. Use the <u>Student Loan</u> <u>Repayment Calculator</u> to estimate future loan payments.

Making the transition to college...

Seniors, check out the <u>"Students Transitioning to College"</u> section at **EducationQuest.org**. You'll find information about:

- Wrapping up your senior year
- How to manage your money
- Selecting a major

• What to expect your freshman year of college Helpful apps to download before you head to college

Juniors... what you can do this summer to prepare for college!

• Start narrowing your college choices. By the fall of your senior year, you should have narrowed your choices to three or four schools. Visit some college campuses this summer and check out college websites.

• Watch some videos. EducationQuest's "Find the Right Fit" video features two high school seniors who go through the process of finding colleges that match their career interests. The "Go.Visit.College!" video provides campus visit tips from college students and college representatives. Find them in the <u>"Videos" section</u> at EducationQuest erg

EducationQuest.org.

Update your <u>Activities Resume</u> at

EducationQuest.org. Include extracurricular activities, honors, awards and part-time jobs.

• Look for scholarships. Check out ScholarshipQuest at Education Quest.org, which has over 2,000 local and statewide scholarships. You should also pay attention to the scholarships seniors are earning.

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

For more information visit: www.educationquest.org

Junior High Track

Junior High track season is in full swing with 50 students participating. Their first meet was a quadrangular at Plainview on Tuesday, April 1, 2013 against Elkhorn Valley, Bloomfield, and Plainview. It was a great meet to introduce 7th graders to the sport of track and to establish a time and a distance to improve on for future meets. First place finishes were recorded by Chad Bode in the high jump and 800, Liz Selting in the triple jump, Taylor Sehi in the 200, Paige Meis in the 195 hurdles, and the 4x400 relay team of Liz Selting, Avenley Short, Paige Meis, and Elianne Heilhecker. Overall, the girls placed second to Plainview.

On Tuesday, April 16, 2013 the team traveled to Burwell for their Invitational. Several school records were broke at this meet, including Chad Bode who broke his own record in the 800 by one second, setting the new record at 2:29.0. Liz Selting broke the record in triple jump held by Ivy Prater with a jump of 28-7 and the 4x200 relay team of Lydia Behnk, Paige Meis, Taylor Sehi, and Liz Selting set the new school record at 2:09.5. Lydia and Liz also joined Avenley Short and Elianne Heilhecker in the 4x400 and set that new record at 4:58.7.

First place finishes at the meet were recorded by Chad Bode in the 800, Lydia Behnk in the 400, Liz Selting in the triple jump, and the 4x200 relay team. The team has four more meets it will participate in. The NVC track meet will be held Saturday, April 20 at Atkinson, the St. Edward Invitational will be at Fullerton on Tuesday, April 23, the Plainview Invitational will be held on Tuesday, May 7, and the CWC Invite is on Friday, May 10th at Burwell. The team is coached by Amy Selting, Sandi Henn, Julie Burneheide, and Carlie Wells.

Runners, Jumpers, Throwers, Oh my!



The high school track season has been off to a rough start thanks to Old Man Winter holding on. With only one track meet under our belt and conference over by printing, we have a lot of work to do to get ready for districts. The athletes have been willing to work in wind, rain, and freezing temperatures in an effort to improve their times or distances. We have many athletes who are trying new events or are in multiple events which makes practice time crucial. A few athletes are also plagued by injury but hopefully by next week the weather will cooperate, the team will be healthy, and we will be ready to compete at our highest level. Finish strong!

STUDENTS ATTEND NECC SCHOLASTIC CONTEST



Students displaying their medals are Tyler Smith, Angela Richart, Nick Heithoff, & Ivy Prater.

Twenty-two students from Elgin Public School attended the Scholastic Contest April 15, 2013 at Northeast Community College. Elgin came home with 5 medals. Those students earning medals included Ivy Prater – 3^{rd} in American Government, Tyler Smith – 2^{nd} in Mass Communications, Angela Richart – 1^{st} in Parenting/Child Development and Nick Heithoff – 1^{st} in Drafting and 2^{nd} in Calculus. Overall Elgin placed 12^{th} out of 30 Class D schools attending the contest.



Thank you!

A big thank you to everyone who contributes news items for this newsletter. This monthly newsletter would not out all of your help!

be possible without all of your help!

Paula Jensen Secretary



school/community clean-up day on Friday May

3rd. Beginning at 2:00, students and faculty members will be broken into groups to beautify the town and school grounds; they will work until the end of the school day when they will receive a cool treat and some time to admire their work. Students are asked to bring gloves, comfortable walking shoes, and possibly hats and sunscreen for the event.

FFA Greenhouse Sales May 8th, 9th & 10th 2:00pm – 5:30pm Greenhouse is located on the South side of the EPS Gym Building

Annuals for Sale (most come in 4-Packs)

Will sell for 3.50 per 4-pack Dianthus (*Blueberry*) Impatiens *Xtreme pink Utopia mix Red* Pansy (*Delta*) Petunia *Picobella White Hurrah Red* Vinca (*Cooler Red*)



Vinca (*Cooler Red*) Zinnia (*Profusion Orange Fire*) Geranium (*Americana Dark Red*) -\$5.00 each Geranium (*Designer White*) - \$5.00 each

Vegetables for Sale

Prices will vary Cucumber (*Straight Eight*) Big Boy Tomato Celebrity Tomato Big Bertha Peppers



2 – 12" Clay Pot Mixed Arrangements \$40.00 each

5-10" White Hanging Baskets (mixed arrangements) \$30.00 each

We will sell on a first come first serve basis. Money will be used to support the Elgin FFA Chapter on future greenhouse sales and laboratory/classroom learning.

End of Year Craziness, No Match for English

by Mrs. Shoe

Regardless of the multiple school activities, snow days (yes, really, snow days in April), honor days, sick days, MAPS, and NeSA testing, we are still managing to squeeze in some learning in the English room.

The Seniors just finished reading Night, a harrowing autobiographical account by Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel. They are currently finishing out the year working on many necessities that will make their lives a little easier on down the road. Upon finishing scholarship thank you letters and brushing up on thank you note etiquette, they will be focusing on some career preparation skills. But don't get too excited, my avid little readers, as I'm sure we will have time for at least one more novel!



The Juniors, who have almost become strangers to me, continue to hammer away at American literature. After learning about the finer points of becoming morally perfect human beings, they finished up the Enlightenment literature unit and moved onto the Romantics. Next up is the Transcendentalists. The wisdom of Emerson and Thoreau will inspire them to march to the beat of their own drummers as they prepare for their upcoming summer vacation.

In English 10, the Sophomores are pulling double duty as critical readers and up-and-coming journalists. Upon finishing the Steinbeck classic Of Mice and Men, they turned their full attention to the May 2nd deadline for our Norfolk Daily News page. Be on the lookout for the end result of these busy little news gatherers. Upon completion of the article, the crew will experience the wonderful world of William Shakespeare by reading everyone's favorite tragedy Romeo and Juliet.

The freshmen, newly deemed drama kings and queens, just finished The Miracle Worker. With their newfound appreciation of determination and perseverance, there is no stopping them as they continue to tackle the challenges of grammar, mechanics, and writing.

Junior High Communications students continue to communicate. Although this has always been a strength for the majority of them, they continue to improve daily in honing that skill in a more formal setting. They are an energetic bunch who make me smile daily--even when they need to be "gonged" occasionally.

Students in speech class have finished up informative speech number one and are in the midst of preparing for round two. Members of the class chose original and interesting topics and demonstrated many strengths in their delivery. They continue to work hard and apply what they have learned about the communication process and public speaking.

🍰 Noteworthy News

By Mrs. Deb Jones

DISTRICT MUSIC CONTEST RESULTS

District Music Contest was held at Boone Central Schools in Albion Friday, April 19, 2013. Elgin Public Schools had 12 entries performing. The concert band received a Superior from two judges and a good from the third judge. We had excellent comments from two of the judges with the third judge hearing our performance a bit differently. There were only two bands getting a Superior that day and they were Class B and C bands. All the D bands got Excellents or Goods with Elgin's band getting the highest marks of all the D bands there in competition. The choir got Superior marks from two judges and an Excellent from judge number three. One judge pulled Mrs. Jones aside later in the day to say how impressed he was with our choir and the fantastic fundamentals they have to create a very 'musical' performance. Elgin's choir received the highest marks for Class D choirs. Here are the results for the soloists for the days' event: Vocal solo – Juliana Dunn – Excellent, Vocal solo – Kao Takaya – Excellent, Vocal solo – Hayley Stamp - Excellent, Piano solo - Kao Takaya - Superior, Snare Drum solo - Truman Copeland - Superior, and Alto Sax solo - Kao Takaya - Superior (a perfect score!). Two girls' quartets received a Superior. Quartet #1 members are: Ivy Prater, Katie Polk, Kao Takaya and Tiarra Thramer. Quartet #2 members are: Steph Bode, Ashlyn DeWald, Juliana Dunn and Madison Voborny. The mixed quartet: Hannah Kerkman, Ivy Prater, Alois Warner and Zach Polk got an Excellent for their efforts. The Triple Trio also received an Excellent. Elgin Public finished the day with 6 superiors and 6 excellents.

Science Field Trip

On a snowy, blowy day, the A&P class visited Briar Cliff University for a variety of activities. The main focus of the event was to visit the cadaver lab to take part in a human dissection to learn more about the human body and its workings. The students were able to see firsthand the structures that they had only previously saw pictures of in books. They were able to actually hold the organs, move the joints, and feel the different texture and consistency of different organs. Students also used evidence to try to figure out how the man had died, though the real cause is unknown to us. Students also saw evidence of a past surgery where a device was implanted to stop blood clots from traveling through the body.

While there, the students were also treated to a visit to the insect zoo. Here a Briar Cliff biology student explained the different creatures they kept and information about each one. Students were invited to hold or touch these creatures. Many students took advantage of



Many students overcame their fear of tarantulas when they actually held one in their hand.

this opportunity and overcame their fears to hold these animals--but then we had to quickly take pictures so they had proof of their conquest!

The students were also given a campus tour and were given information on college life. It was a day filled with new experiences, one that these students will not soon forget.





Students Skylar Reestman, Theanna Dunn & Hailey Walsh posed for a picture with Author, Jerry Pallotta.

Aspiring Young Authors

On April 13, 2013 Mrs. Borer, Skylar Reestman, Theanna Dunn, and Hailey Walsh traveled to Wayne State College to attend the Aspiring Young Authors Festival. The festival was for students to read some of their work to other students, do writing activities, and meet the author, Jerry Pallotta from Boston, Massachusetts.

Our day started at 7 a.m. leaving Elgin. When we got there, we joined about 70 other students in Ley Theater in the Brandenburg Education building. Jerry Pallotta spoke to us about how he makes his books and why he chose the words or sentences that he did.

Then everyone broke up into their sessions. The first session was to read their manuscript. All 3 girls did an amazing job stepping up and reading in front of a crowd of adults and peers. The second

adults and peers. The second session was an activity, which was to make a chain using words. The first word had to be 3 letters, the next word 4 letters, and so on. The trick was that the last letter of the first word had to be the first letter of the next word. The last session was talking more with Jerry Pallotta. Our day ended with getting his autograph and eating lunch at Subway.



Classroom Snippets .



Approaching the Final Lap Sixth graders are

finishing their English requirements for the year

by writing research reports on US Presidents since the Civil War Period. They are utilizing the writing process and especially learning how to correctly enter data on the works cited page. It is a tedious process, but hopefully it is laying the foundation for future reports. Good Luck!

More Study Tips from the Resource Room

Test Taking Tips

- Circle qualifying words (never, most, only, always, etc.)

Read directions carefully

- Read the stem of the question and try to answer it before looking at the answer choices

- Read all possible answers before choosing one

- On matching tests, do the ones you are sure of first

- WORK THROUGH THE TEST TWICE, answer questions you know first, then go back and work through the problems you skipped.

Spanish Classes

The Spanish 2 and 3 classes have been busy putting their Spanish to use! Spanish 3 is reading the comic/ mystery novel <u>La Momia Desaparece</u>. It follows a detective and his assistant on a search for a missing mummy from Mexico City to Madrid.

Spanish 2 is also reading a novel titled <u>El Secuestro</u> about a little girl who's been kidnapped. I am really impressed with the level of reading comprehension they are showing!

The Spanish 1 class is ready to take their final chapter test. Next up, they'll be working on a brochure project/presentation. They will give their presentations in Spanish to the class. After that, we will be working on a culture project.



Fifth Graders Reach for Their Goals

With the end of the year quickly approaching the 5th graders have been reminded of their goals from the beginning of the year. At the beginning of the year they chose one word for the year which was ACHIEVE!! They wanted to achieve all of their goals for the year and be proud. So far the 5th graders have been doing an excellent job but in order to ACHIEVE ALL OF THEIR GOALS they will need to remain on task and finish the year on a strong note!!

Elementary Field Trip 1st-4th Grades

The 1st-4th grade classes will be going on their annual field trip on Monday May 20th, 2013. The bus will depart from school at 8:30 that morning for Aurora, NE. The students will be visiting the Edgerton Explorit Center in Aurora. The Edgerton is a hands-on science center. The students will get to spend time in the "Explorit Zone" where there are nearly 35 exciting hands-on exhibits! They will also get to spend time in the "Theater" where they will get to participate in two science demonstrations titled "Amazing Bubbles" and "Arctic Blast." Students will enjoy sack lunches outside at the science center or inside if inclement weather. The students will return back to Elgin Public in time for the regular dismissal of school. If you would like to learn more about The Edgerton Explorit Center, visit http:// www.edgerton.org/.



Library closing Both the elementary library and the high school

library will be closing on May 10, 2013. All materials and books that have been checked out are to be returned by that date.

ATTENTION: Kindergarten and First Graders—-

Coming to Your Mailbox Soon!



Summertime Reading!

Summer reading is an important part of a reading program. Research shows that summer vacation often has a significant negative effect on student learning. We want to provide students with an opportunity to read over the summer. At the end of May a reading calendar for June, July, and August will be coming to your mailbox. It will include many activities so your child can experience the joy of reading throughout the summer. We want to make reading a part of your summer fun. Keep track of vour calendars and activities over the summer and return it to your first or second grade teacher in August when school begins.



${f A}$ dministratively Speaking . . .

By Supt. Dan Polk dan.polk@elgineagles.org

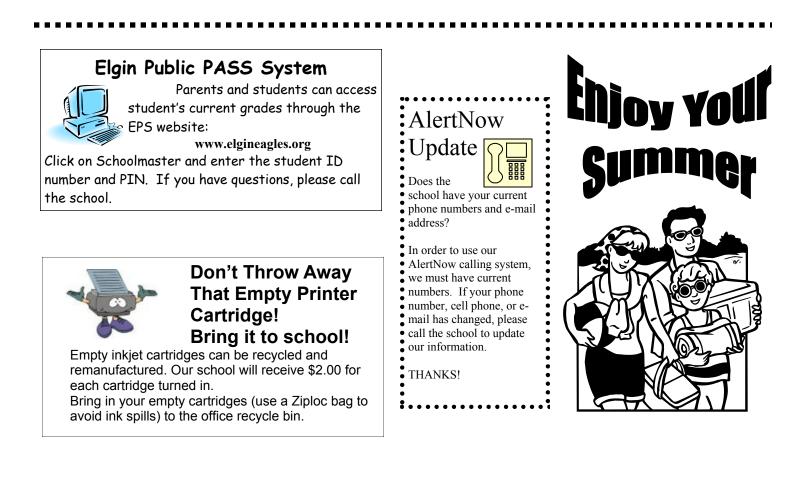


I am simply AMAZED that we have already arrived at the last newsletter of the year!!! I have had a challenging but utterly fabulous year here at the Elgin Public Schools and would like to thank the board, parents, students and patrons for their warm welcome support and friendliness toward myself and my family. Some bigger, some smaller, none better ------- a slogan that was put into action by the people of Elgin during my families first year here, and I'm sure for many years to come.

To the departing staff of the Elgin Public Schools I wish enjoyment in their retirements and new positions. The fall will bring new faces, different perspectives and different energy. While those leaving will be missed; they have all decided to move on to new phases of their lives.

We will now continue to build and forge ahead with new staff in several positions. Greg Wemhoff is coming from his teaching and administrative position in Battle Creek to be the new principal. Ken Newcomb comes to us from the "real world" and will be the new middle school math/stem teacher. Eric Mlinar is coming from the business world and will be our new business teacher. Kerri Drueke comes from CWC and will be the new librarian and teach some middle school. Wes Prater is a Wayne State Graduate and will be the new social studies teacher. Eric Heithoff is coming from his position in Sutton Nebraska and will take over the music program. Michael Becker is a Briar Cliff graduate and will be the new K-12 P.E. teacher. We are very excited with these new hires and are confident in their energy, ability and enthusiasm. Many will be coaching and doing various extra duties as well. I hope you will welcome them and their families as positively as you have mine.

There are many summer projects to work on and complete, and as soon as school is out the work necessary to have a successful "next year" will begin. Any concerns or questions regarding the school please feel free to call Mr. Patrick or myself at any time.







The following students made the Honor Rolls for the third quarter. Great job and keep up the hard work! We are proud of you!

All A

Lydia Behnk Elianne Heilhecker Kyle Heithoff Nicklaus Heithoff Angela Richart

Superior Honor Roll

Liam Heithoff Hayes Miller Myranda Palmer Katelyn Copeland Jaime Hoefer Luke Walsh Kelsey Welding Alois Warner Tera Henkenius Tyler Smith Kao Takaya Tanner Welding Stephanie Bode Brett Kinney Ivy Prater Blake Anderson Mykil Copeland Andrew Heithoff Garet Schindler Cordell Waterbury



Honor Roll Ashton Evans Carter Schindler Zoey Bergman Anthony Getzfred Taylor Sehi Dylan Behnk Kaitlyn Polk Dylan Widger Christopher Bush Truman Copeland Nadja Jakupovic **Bailey Carpenter** Hannah Kerkman Allison Koenig Hunter Thramer Madison Voborny Michael Braband Juliana Dunn Alexander Grosserode Levi Kerkman Zachary Polk

Last day for students --- May 21 (Early dismissal 11:00 a.m.)

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