



# EAGLE UPDATE

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## Class D-1 State Champions!





Congratulations to the Elgin Public-Pope John Wolfpack Football team & coaches on capturing the Class D-1 State Football Championship! Great Job, Wolfpack!


### DATES TO REMEMBER

 Jan. 4  
School Resumes  
8:15 a.m.


 Jan. 12  
School Board Mtg.  
7:30 p.m. in ITV Room


 Feb. 3  
NO SCHOOL

 Feb. 9  
School Board Mtg.  
7:30 p.m. in ITV Room


 Feb. 17  
NO SCHOOL


 March 2  
NO SCHOOL

 March 9  
School Board Mtg.  
7:30 p.m. in ITV Room


 March 15  
Early Dismissal 1:00 p.m.  
Student-Led Conf.  
(3:30 - 8:30 p.m.)

 March 21  
Late Start 10:00 a.m.

 March 26  
Science Fair 7:00-9:00 p.m.

 March 31  
Elementary Band Solo  
Contest

 April 5  
Early Dismissal 1:00 p.m.  
April 6-9  
NO SCHOOL

 April 12  
School Board Mtg.  
7:30 p.m. in ITV Room

 April 18  
Late Start 10:00 a.m.



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# Noteworthy News in the Music Dept.

By Mrs. Deb Jones

Last November was a busy time for the music department. We had deadlines for the **UNK at Kearney Honor Choirs** in which we needed to prepare audition music to record on CDs. Elgin Public had five of the students in choir made audition tapes – that was fantastic! There are over 850 tapes sent in for the judges to listen to and decide which students to place in each of the three choirs. Students are competing for spots from all classes of schools – A, B, C and D – against each other.

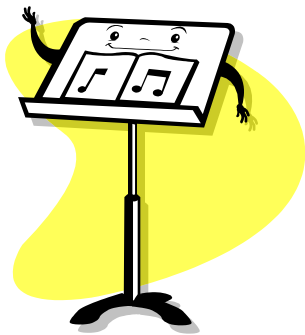


Madison Voborny was accepted to sing Soprano 1 in the Women's Choir. Ashlyn DeWald is a Soprano 1 and Juliana Dunn is an Alto in the Festival Choir. Congratulations to all of you! The clinicians for the event are Dr. David Bauer – UNK, Brian Botsfor Barham – Wahoo, Nebraska and Marge Simons-Bester - Bellevue, Nebraska.

The students will rehearse with the choirs all day and conclude with a concert on Monday, January 23, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Health/Sports Complex on UNK campus. There will be an admission charge for the concert. It will be a great musical experience for these students and hopefully they can come back to the Elgin choir with some positive things to share.

## CHORAL EXTRAVAGANZA

Where can you find over 600 youthful voices making music together? At the **Boone Central Choral Clinic** on Monday, January 16, 2011. They will rehearse songs, which each individual choir has prepared ahead of time with the clinician during the day. They will perform these songs on the concert that evening at 5:30 p.m. There will also be performances by small groups from individual schools. The clinician this year is Mr. Peter Eklund from the University of Nebraska Lincoln. The students are sure to have a wonderful musical experience. It will be a concert you won't want to miss. So.....drive over to Albion on January 16<sup>th</sup> for an evening of music!



## SOLO CONTEST IN MARCH!!!!

The Elgin Elementary Solo-Ensemble Contest is Saturday, March 31, 2012. This year I anticipate that we will have around 11 schools will participate including: Clearwater, Stanton, St. Edward, Cedar Rapids, Verdigre, Orchard, Neligh-Oakdale, North Loop-Scotia, Spalding Public, Spalding Academy and Elgin Public. About 260 entries will begin performing at 8:00 am and finish around 4:00 pm. Four judges will critique the performers for their ratings. Each student (grades 5-8) from Elgin will perform a solo and the Cadet Band (grades 5-6) will perform two pieces at 8:15 am in the lunch room.

## NIORARA VALLEY CONFERENCE BAND CLINIC

Verdigre Public Schools will host the Niobrara Valley Conference Band Clinic on Tuesday, March 20, 2012. The guest clinician will be Dr. Jay Gilbert. He is the director of instrumental music at Doane College in Crete, Nebraska.

Schools participating in the clinic are Clearwater, Elgin, Ewing, Niobrara, Orchard, and Verdigre. The clinic begins with a 12:30 rehearsal session and continues throughout the afternoon. There will be an evening concert open to the public at no charge at 7:00 P.M. at the Verdigre Public School Gym. The mass band will be performing several pieces that were rehearsed previously. There will also be performances from individual schools. Please join us for an evening of wonderful music!

# HELPING OTHER MUSIC STUDENTS

The Elgin Public Music Department is supporting a fund drive for the Joplin Public High School during the Christmas Music Concert.

On May 22, 2011 a tornado completely destroyed the high school in Joplin, Missouri. The band, orchestra and choir room were lost. This includes all school equipment, instruments, uniforms and the music libraries. In addition, many of the music students lost their personal instruments to the storm. With the help of donations from supporters such as you we will be able to help the Joplin music department rebuild their program. The music department's losses from the tornado totaled \$3.7 million, including sheet music, instruments, electronics, risers and flats. The loss of the sheet music library alone is estimated at over \$600,000.



The public school music students in an effort to support the Joplin music program in their time of need are asking for community support in raising funds. There will be donation jars out before and after the Christmas music concert on December 15<sup>th</sup>. We will also leave the money containers around the school during the month of January. We understand everyone is extremely busy this time of year, but we hope you will please take a moment to get involved in this worthwhile project!

All proceeds going to benefit the Joplin High School music department.





*Nash Schindler*

Full name: Nash Ryan Schindler  
Parents: James & Marla Schindler  
Sisters: Sharla  
Pets: Dog, Toby; Cats: Charlie and too many to name the rest  
Favorite school subject: Math  
Favorite teacher: Miss J  
Activities: Football Basketball, track, band, choir  
Greatest honor during school: National Honor Society  
Favorite activity: Football because you get to hit kids and because we won state!  
Favorite color: Red  
Favorite thing to do: Spend time with friends  
Pet peeve: When people say the word "legit"  
Something most people don't know about me: I can't swallow pills.  
Favorite movie: Ace Ventura: Pet Detective  
Favorite food: Tacos  
Favorite school lunch: Enchiladas  
Favorite pop: Dr. Pepper  
Favorite TV show: South Park  
Favorite type of music: Country  
Future plans after graduation: Go to college and become an electrician

Full name: Ryan Thomas Meis  
Parents: Jayne Meis  
Sisters: Mary & Justine  
Pets: 2 dogs: Rascal & Sally  
Favorite school subject: Weights/PE  
Favorite teacher: Mr. Jones  
Activities: Football, basketball, track, PALS, One-act  
Greatest honor during school: Two years of making second team all-district in football  
Favorite activity: Football because it's fun suiting up every Friday night with the whole town their supporting us.  
Most educational experience: Boys State  
Most inspirational person: Aaron Rodgers  
Favorite color: blue  
Favorite thing to do: Go fishing, drive around, being with friends & family  
Pet peeve: People who chew with their mouth open.  
If I could go back in time I would go: 1950's  
Favorite saying: People willing to work will reap the reward.  
Favorite movie: Varsity Blues  
Dream car: 1969 GTO Judge  
Favorite food: Steak  
Favorite school lunch: Chicken Fajita  
Favorite pop: Mountain Dew  
Favorite TV show: Two and a Half Men  
Favorite type of music: Country/Rap  
Future plans after graduation: Go to a 2-year college and then transfer to Wayne State and finish my major in Physical Education.



*Ryan Meis*

# VOLLEYBALL SEASON OVERVIEW

The Wolfpack Volleyball team ended their season with an 11 – 17 record this year. The season had its up and downs; however I want to thank the girls for not having drama cause any problems this year. We knew back in August we had a tough schedule but the girls gave their best effort and pushed themselves every day in practice. The motto for the season was “Never Say Never,” and it fits these girls perfectly, no matter what they continued to push and work hard even if things were tough. It was a fun season with 33 girls that put in a lot of work and dedication to the program.

Post Season Honors:

**Niobrara Valley Conference:**

First Team: Carey Eischeid

Second Team: Lauren Selting

Honorable Mention: Chelsi Mescher

**Norfolk Daily News:**

Third Team: Carey Eischeid

**Lincoln Journal Star:**

Honorable Mention: Chelsi Mescher & Carey Eischeid

**Omaha World Herald:**

Honorable Mention: Chelsi Mescher, Carey Eischeid, & Lauren Selting



**Team Awards**

<p><b>Wolfpack Award:</b>  <b>Varsity:</b> Lauren Selting  <b>JV:</b> Ivy Prater  <b>C Team:</b> Brandi Baker</p>	<p><b>Most Valuable Player:</b>  <b>Varsity:</b> Chelsi Mescher  <b>JV:</b> Courtney Schumacher  <b>C Team:</b> Hayley Stamp</p>
<p><b>Hustle Award:</b>  <b>Varsity:</b> Carey Eischeid  <b>JV:</b> Sydney Schumacher  <b>C Team:</b> Taylor Schumacher</p>	<p><b>Best Defense Award:</b>  <b>Varsity:</b> Carey Eischeid  <b>JV:</b> Courtney Schumacher  <b>C Team:</b> Morgan Childers &amp; Taylor Schumacher</p>
<p><b>Best Offense Award:</b>  <b>Varsity:</b> Chelsi Mescher  <b>JV:</b> Casey Pelster &amp; Corin Pelster  <b>C Team:</b> Baylie Schiltmeyer</p>	<p><b>Most Improved Award:</b>  <b>Varsity:</b> Courtney Schumacher  <b>JV:</b> Madi Voborny  <b>C Team:</b> Hayley Stamp</p>

**Letterwinners:** Ashley Bode, Stephanie Bode, Marin Heithoff, Chelsi Mescher, Carey Eischeid, Lauren Selting, Brea Schrage, Connor Kinney, Olivia Borer, Justine Meis, & Courtney Schumacher

**Participants:** Justine Heithoff, Casey Pelster, Corin Pelster, Madi Voborny, Jennifer Tharnish, Maddie Schiltmeyer, Ashlyn DeWald, Jenny Beckman, Natalie Beckman, Jill Moser, Ivy Prater, Sydney Schumacher, Mallory Fangman, Brandi Baker, Tera Henkenius, Sharla Schindler, Hayley Stamp, Baylie Schiltmeyer, Taylor Schumacher, Kayla Nelsen, Lisa Dohmen, & Morgan Childers

**Managers:** Taya Voborny, Jenna Parks, Jordan Mescher, & Liz Selting

## Check 4 Learning

By Miss Meghan Boyle

Several of the teachers have been involved in training workshops and question writing for the Nebraska Department of Education's new Check 4 Learning program this year. What the department has decided to do is create a databank of questions similar to those on the NeSA standardized tests that the students take in the spring. Therefore, teachers will be able to access these questions and give practice tests to the students to monitor progress and make them more familiar with that form of test. The teachers are really looking forward to being able to use this new tool in the classroom!

*The solution to adult problems tomorrow depends in large measure upon how our children grow up today.*

*Margaret Mead*  
*American Anthropologist*

**Elgin Public PASS System**

Parents and students can access student's current grades through the EPS website:

[www.elgineagles.org](http://www.elgineagles.org)

Click on Schoolmaster and enter the student ID number and PIN. If you have questions, please call the school.



## *Elgin Public – Pope John Wolfpack Football Complete Undefeated Season!*

Congratulations to the 2011 Wolfpack Football team on winning the State Championship. These young men put in a lot of hours and hard work to complete an undefeated football season. The EPPJ team was lead by eight seniors. Nash Schindler, Grant Beckman, Jared Seier, Ryan Meis, Caleb Pelster, Evan Parks, Drew Schindler and Tre Henkenius. These young men did an outstanding job being leaders for our team.

Their leadership and commitment should be commended. The rest of the team helped make all the pieces to the puzzle come together. All of these young men will take away great memories of this magical season.

Listed below are some of the District and State honors they earned for their outstanding performance on the football field.

### **Team Awards**

**Defensive MVP** Andrew Heitoff

**Offensive MVP** Nash Schindler

### **District Awards**

#### **Honorable Mention**

Tre Henkenius

#### **Second All District Team Offense**

Ross Schindler QB

Drew Schindler O-Line

Jared Seier Kicker

#### **Second Team All District Defense**

Drew Schindler D-Line

Ryan Meis LineBacker

Andrew Heithoff LB

Nash Schindler LB

#### **First Team All District Offense**

Nash Schindler RB

Blake Anderson RB

Jared Seier O-line

Andrew Heithoff End

Nick Heithoff Punter

#### **First Team All District Defense**

Caleb Pelster D-Line

Grant Beckman LB

Evan Parks Defensive Back

### **Lincoln Journal Star**

Nash Schindler RB Honorary Captain

Drew Schindler OL

Jared Seier DL

Grant Beckman LB

#### **Honorable Mention LJS ,**

Ross Schindler, Andrew Heithoff, Evan Parks

### **Omaha World Herald**

Jared Seier DL Honorary captain

Nash Schindler RB

Andrew Heithoff LB

#### **Honorable Mention Omaha World Herald**

Caleb Pelster, Blake Anderson

### **Norfolk Daily News**

Nash Schindler RB and **Captain of the Elite Eight**

Ross Schindler QB **Second team**

Caleb Pelster DL **Honorable Mention**

### **Huskerland Prep Report**

Nash Schindler **First Team and Honorary Captain**

Jared Seier **First Team D-Line**

**Honorable Mention:** Andrew Heithoff, Caleb Pelster,  
Blake Anderson

# SCIENCE FAIR



## MARCH 26

*The 10<sup>th</sup> annual 7-12 EPS Science Fair date  
has been set for March 26<sup>th</sup>!*

*Students will begin the science fair process  
when they return to school from Christmas  
break. Through the month of January, they  
will begin to brainstorm ideas, research, and  
design their projects.*

### FCCLA CandyGrams For Sale

Balloon with candy delivered in Elgin with a  
special message for your Valentine!



*Large mylar balloon/candy \$5.00*

*Small latex balloon/candy \$3.00*

Kinds of Poppables available:

Snickers, Reeses, Skittles, Nibs,

Plain or Peanut M & M's, Hugs & Kisses, Starbursts

Place your order by February 10th with any FCCLA member or  
call the school 843-2455.

Payment must accompany your order.

Order forms are available on the website.



# Christmas Around the World



*How do you celebrate Christmas? The first grade and kindergarten students spent 3 weeks before Christmas working together on Christmas Around the World. They prepared passports and weathered turbulence and bumpy landings to visit a variety of countries. At each stop they heard about a Christmas tradition and completed a project for that country.*

**Mark Your Calendar:**

**Book Fair  
at  
Elgin Public School  
March 12-16, 2012**

**Watch for further  
details!**

## **TO CHECK YOUR LUNCH ACCOUNT ONLINE:**

- ⇒ Go to the school website [www.elgineagles.org](http://www.elgineagles.org)
- ⇒ Click the "Lunch Account Balance" button on the right-hand side of the home page.
- ⇒ Enter your family ID number and PIN (If you do not know your family ID or PIN, please call the school)
- ⇒ Your lunch account balance will be shown. If you would like to see a detailed statement, scroll to the bottom of that page and click on a detailed version.

If you have any difficulties with access or questions about the program, please contact Anney Beckman 843-2455 or [beckmana@esu8.org](mailto:beckmana@esu8.org)



*Dean Braband*

Full name: Dean Scott Braband  
Parents: Ray & Pam Braband  
Brothers: AJ & Michael  
Pets: Cookie, my cat  
Favorite school subject: Math  
Favorite teacher: Mr. Jones  
Activities: Spanish Club, One-Act, Student Council  
Greatest honor during school: Excellence in Math for three years  
Most educational experience: National FFA Convention  
Favorite color: Blue  
Favorite thing to do in spare time: draw and sketch  
Something most people don't know about me: I am adopted.  
Favorite movie: Horrible Bosses  
Favorite food: Pizza  
Favorite school lunch: Sloppy Joe's  
Favorite pop: Mountain Dew  
Favorite TV show: Ridiculousness  
Favorite type of music: Country  
Future plans after graduation: Attend the University of Nebraska-Omaha

Full name: Ashley Dee Bode  
Parents: Charlie & Shelley Bode  
Brothers: Chad  
Sisters: Jamie  
Favorite school subject: Anatomy & Physiology  
Favorite teacher: Miss J  
Activities: Volleyball, Basketball, Track & Field, FCCLA, Spanish Club, National Honor Society, Speech  
Greatest honor during school: Receiving a Regents Scholarship to UNL  
Favorite activity: Sports because they have given me skills I will use for the rest of my life.  
Most educational experience: Attending Cornhusker Girls State  
Most inspirational person: My parents because they have worked hard to give my siblings and me the best life possible. They are also my biggest fans.  
Favorite color: Purple  
Favorite thing to do: Read, run, bake, being with friends & family, shop  
Pet peeve: I hate being late.  
If I could go back in time I would go: Pioneer days  
Favorite saying: If at first you don't succeed, try, try, try again.  
Something most people don't know about me: I enjoy going golfing in the summer.  
Favorite movie: Bridesmaids, Gone With the Wind  
Dream car: 2011 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 HD crew Cab  
Favorite food: Sirloin with hashbrowns  
Favorite school lunch: Pepperoni subs  
Favorite pop: Dr. Pepper  
Favorite TV show: 2 Broke Girls  
Favorite type of music: Country  
Future plans after graduation: Attend UNL and major in Pre-Medicine courses; Earn degrees in exercise science and nutrition and minor in Spanish.

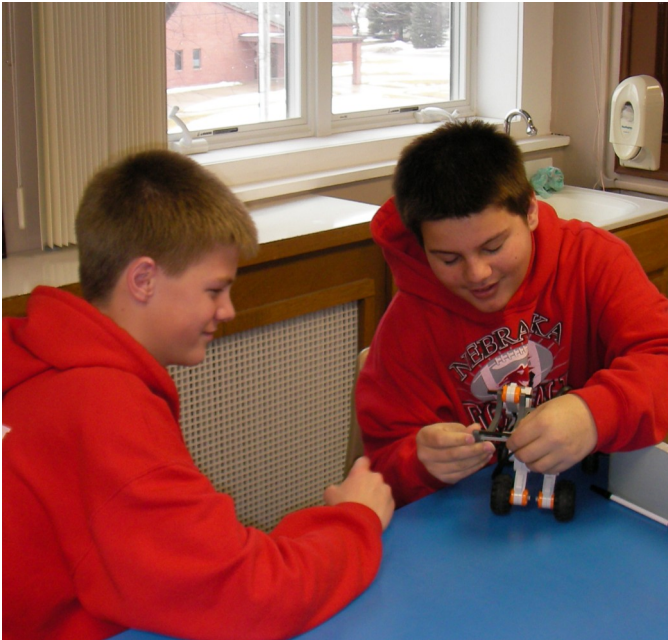


*Ashley Bode*



# TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS DESIGN ROBOTS

The Junior High Exploring with Technology students finished the semester with some great robot designs that illustrated what they learned. After designing and building a robot using LEGOS, motors, and sensors, students had to program their creations to achieve a desired outcome. Some examples were cars that sensed walls and sound, catapult machines, a carnival game, and dogs that moved and sensed objects. This final project gave them the chance to really be creative and come up with their own original ideas. Though many found it difficult to build a robot without specific instructions, they were all up to the challenge and produced great results.



*Dylan Behnk & AJ Getzfred working on their catapult.*



*Taylor Sehi & Elianne Heilhecker prepare their puppy.*

## Kindergarten News



The kindergarten class has been so busy learning new things!

In math we are counting to 20 and writing numbers. Spelling is a new skill we are practicing every day. We have almost finished all the letters in handwriting and most of their handwriting looks so nice.

Reading Mastery lessons continue to be new and exciting. We have homework! Everyone takes home Reading Mastery books and word lists to practice and sometimes we take home math to practice.

In October we helped Ms Siems harvest her garden. As Halloween neared we carved 3 pumpkins to decorate our building out front. We worked with our second grade partners on Thanksgiving and Christmas projects. On Tuesday, December 13 we enjoyed a visit with Mrs. Claus via polycom. High school pals have been visiting us about once a week.

Over Christmas we will take home books and numbers to practice so we don't forget anything. Happy Holidays to everyone!

The Nebraska Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) provides all children and staff in participating schools with a variety of free fresh fruits and vegetables throughout the school day. It is an effective and creative way of introducing fresh fruits and vegetables as healthy snack options.



The Nebraska FFVP is supported by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and is managed through the Nebraska Department of Education, Nutrition Services, in partnership with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Nutrition and Activity for Health Program.

Participating schools are also given materials and resources to promote fresh fruits and vegetables through classroom lessons, activities, food service and community partnerships. By increasing fresh fruit and vegetable eating opportunities and promoting consumption, students and staff are supported to improve their diets during the school day.



# Accountants For Hire . . . Soon!

Accounting I students Connor, Tiffany, Mykil, and Hunter have been working in the business world as accountants for Rico Sanchez, without even leaving the classroom!

Rico Sanchez is a Disc Jockey who runs his service business as a proprietorship. Using this simulation packet, Accounting I students were responsible for completing all accounting work for the business, which reinforced the concepts learned during the first semester. The simulation packet provided all of the documents needed to complete all daily accounting transactions and month-end reports for the owner, which in turn allows an owner to evaluate if any changes are needed to be successful. The students also completed several end-of-fiscal-period reports for evaluation and had to summarize how the business is doing financially.

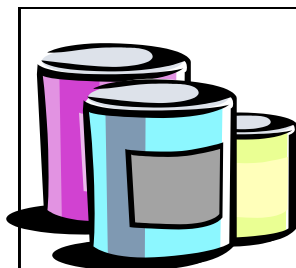
Currently, we are recording returns and discounts a business may use and will soon be learning how to complete all aspects of payroll. This will definitely help give them a clearer picture of taxes and will make them understand where all that money goes that comes out of their paychecks! The simulations we do in class are manual so the students will understand the reasons for transactions they complete, but we will also begin to cover how a computer program like Quickbooks does a lot of that work for you and the advantages of automation!



Posing with their Rico Sanchez Business Packets are (standing l. to r.) Tiffany Vaughan, Hunter Thramer, Connor Kinney and (seated) Mykil Copeland.

As the school year continues, the students will complete future simulations titled Unique Global Imports and Electro, Inc, both of which are merchandising businesses organized as corporations. And someday Mrs. Selting can definitely see all students put their knowledge to work in a business field.

*Dig the well before you are thirsty.*  
*Chinese Proverb*



## FOOD DRIVE PLANNED IN JANUARY

The first grade class will be having a food drive during the month of January. We will be collecting food for the local food pantry in celebration of our 100th day of school. The food pantry has a real need to restock their shelves. This is a great opportunity for us to help them. Anyone wanting to donate can bring food to the office or first grade room. Please help us make our drive a success. Thank you.

### OPTION ENROLLMENT DEADLINE

Are you interested in sending your students to Elgin Public School? If you live outside of District 18 and would like to enroll for the fall semester 2012-2013, you must file the option enrollment application before March 15th. If you file after that date your resident school district determines whether they will allow you to opt out of their district. For further information or to request an option enrollment application, please contact the school office 843-2455.



## BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

We still collect BoxTops For Education and Campbell's Soup UPC Labels. BoxTops and Labels can be dropped off at the school at anytime. Thanks!

# You Are What You Read

by Mrs. Shoe

Reading, reading, and more reading—that's what you'll find the English students of EPS doing these days. Whether it be 20-Minute Read books or assigned texts for the classroom, the students have been dazzled by various great works by some talented authors.

At the beginning of the semester, the students were challenged to independently read more than four books a year (the number now required by our 20 Minute Read program). To this date, the majority of the students are well on their way to meeting and even surpassing their individual reading goals. Some of our most eager readers are finishing their tenth book of the semester, and the vast majority have read anywhere from four to five books already. What's more exciting is that many of our "dormant readers" have finally found some books that they are enjoying and eagerly sharing with others.



In addition to independent reading, the students are also reading class novels. The Freshmen now have a better understanding of the Russian Revolution and the vicious cycle of rebellion from reading George Orwell's *Animal Farm*. The Sophomores have been thrust into the midst of The Great Depression in John Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men*. Arthur Miller's *The Crucible* is currently bewitching the Juniors and helping them further understand the term "witch hunt," and its ugly occurrence throughout history. The Seniors are presently in the thick of Lois Duncan's *Killing Mr. Griffin*, the story of some high school students who decide to kidnap and kill their English teacher—probably for making them read so much!

A pat on the back to you, EPS students. You should be commended for all of your efforts in the area of reading. There is so much out there to learn—and reading is a surefire way to do just that!



## 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.

## GUIDELINES FOR KEEPING SICK CHILDREN HOME FROM SCHOOL



Each day, many parents are faced with a decision: should they keep their sick children at home or send them off to school? Often the way a child looks and acts can make the decision an obvious one. Keeping him home may protect him from further infection and avoid spreading the illness to other students. It also allows the child the opportunity to rest and recover.

The following guidelines should be considered when making the decision:

- **Fever** – If your child's temperature is 100 degrees or higher, he should remain at home. The child can return to school after he/she has been fever free for 24 hours (without fever-reducing medicine such as Tylenol or Motrin).
- **Diarrhea/Vomiting** – a child with diarrhea and/or vomiting should stay at home and return to school only after being symptom free for 24 hours.
- **Flu** – If your child catches the flu, keep him/her home until symptoms (body aches, high fever, chills, congestion, sore throat and/or vomiting) subside.
- **Conjunctivitis/Pink Eye** – Following a diagnosis of pink eye, the child can return to school 24 hours after the first dose of prescribed medication or when a physician certifies him non-infectious.
- **Mononucleosis** – Keep at home until fever free and able to resume normal activities.
- **Strep Throat/Scarlet Fever** – Your child is not contagious after he's been on physician-prescribed antibiotics for at least 24 hours.
- **Colds** – Consider keeping your child at home if he/she is experiencing discomfort from cold symptoms, such as nasal congestion and cough. A continuous green discharge from the nose may be a sign of infection. Consider having the child seen by your health care provider.

### Remember the three keys to preventing illness:



1. Teach your child to wash his hands thoroughly and often and to use waterless hand cleanser when water isn't available.
2. Give him disposable tissues; remind him to use and discard them.
3. Discourage him from sharing food, plates, cups or utensils.



# I Believe in the Future Of Ag campaign launches with \$87,000 challenge grant

(Lincoln, Neb.) – Sixteen corporate sponsors have created the largest challenge grant for the Nebraska FFA Foundation’s annual I Believe in the Future of Ag campaign to date. Agriculture and FFA supporters and local FFA chapters across the state are challenged to match the \$87,000 challenge grant by donating funds to their local chapter at local sponsoring co-ops, the Nebraska FFA Foundation’s website or obtaining a donation card from their local FFA chapter members.

“The I Believe in the Future of Ag campaign allows for a very unique way to support not only your local FFA chapters, but FFA across the state of Nebraska.” Kent Thompson, Nebraska FFA Foundation Board President says. “Resources collected will have a direct impact on our number one priority—young people in agriculture.”

The funds raised from the I Believe in the Future of Ag campaign will be split between the local chapters and the Nebraska FFA Foundation. At the local level, the funds will support local FFA chapters with leadership programming, community service activities and other innovative projects that promote agriculture. The other funds, at the state level, will be used to support statewide programs, grow the capacity of FFA chapters—both current and potential new chapters—and ensure leadership for the organization into the future.


The local campaign will launch November 1, 2011 and run through January 31, 2012. To participate, contact your local sponsoring co-op representative or go to [www.neffafoundation.org](http://www.neffafoundation.org). The Elgin FFA Chapter will also have donation cards placed at the Elgin Bank.

For more information about the campaign, contact Stacey Agnew, Nebraska FFA Foundation Executive Director, at 402-472-5846 or [stacey@neffafoundation.org](mailto:stacey@neffafoundation.org). You may also contact Sarah Jensen, Program Coordinator, Nebraska FFA Foundation, at 402-472-5224 or [sarah@neffafoundation.org](mailto:sarah@neffafoundation.org)

The mission of the Nebraska FFA Foundation is to enhance quality agricultural education/FFA programs in order to achieve excellence in leadership development, curriculum innovation and scholastic advancement of students.



**Save Five For Schools**



- ♦ Save your LAND O LAKES caps from Milk, Orange Juice and Chocolate Milk
- ♦ Bring the caps in to school
- ♦ Your school will receive a check!

Be watching the School Webpage:  
[www.elgineagles.org](http://www.elgineagles.org)  
for the 2012 Yearbook order forms in March. Technology changes but the 2012 yearbook will always be there for your child's lifetime of memories.  
Mrs. Heithoff



*Connor Kinney*

Full name: Connor Rae Kinney  
Parents: Tom & Connie Kinney  
Brothers: Brett & Alex  
Favorite school subject: Child Development  
Activities: National Honor Society, FCCLA, band, choir, dance, basketball, volleyball, track  
Greatest honor during school: Breaking the Track 100m hurdle record for the Eagles, and setting the Wolfpack record.  
Favorite activity: FCCLA because we get to participate in an abundance of projects that benefit ourselves and our community  
Most educational experience: Visiting the anatomy cadaver last year with Mrs. Walsh at Briar Cliff University.  
Most inspirational person: my mother. She is one tough cookie!  
Favorite color: Blue  
Favorite thing to do: Dance, be with friends/family, facebook  
Pet peeve: People who sniff their noses instead of getting a Kleenex.  
If I could go back in time I would go: back to the diaper days  
Favorite saying: Never say never.  
Something most people don't know about me: After 50 years I was the first Kinney girl to be born.  
Favorite movie: Bridesmaids  
Dream car: Black Pontiac G6 with a sunroof  
Favorite food: Ice cream or pickles  
Favorite school lunch: hot dogs  
Favorite TV show: So You Think You Can Dance?  
Favorite type of music: All kinds, just no heavy metal  
Future plans after graduation: Attend Northeast Community College for two years to complete my generals, then transfer to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Full name: Robert Daniel Smith  
Parents: Kent Smith & Sherry Vidmar  
Brothers: Tyler Smith  
Sisters: Tawnya Clouston  
Pets: Bear, Amber, Brady, Achmed, Buddy, Zippy & Chet  
Favorite school subject: Art  
Favorite teacher: Mrs. Shoe  
Activities: Football, speech, one-act, art  
Greatest honor during school: In 2008 I broke the Freshmen record for touchdown catches.  
Favorite activity: Speech & football. My life has always been around football.  
Most educational experience: Miss J's math class is no joke  
Most inspirational person: my dad  
Favorite color: Blue  
Favorite thing to do: Drawing  
Pet peeve: When everybody is up in my grill.  
If I could go back in time I would go: back to the beginning of the summer with the Janssens  
Favorite saying: "Could be worse, could be raining."  
Something most people don't know about me: When I was little I made up my mind that I was going to be a pokemon trainer.  
Favorite movie: Night at the Roxbury, possibly Puss in Boots  
Dream car: 2011 Chevy Camero, Yellow with black interior  
Favorite food: Pizza  
Favorite school lunch: Sloppy Joe's  
Favorite pop: Mountain Dew  
Favorite TV show: Ridiculousness  
Favorite type of music: Rap  
Future plans after graduation: Art, Graphic Design. I want to start a clothing brand



*Danny Smith*



# Administratively Speaking . . .

By Steve Dennis  
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With winter officially arriving in late December, the chance of inclement weather is not far behind. When the weather is severe we are faced with the decision of closing school, starting late, or letting out early. This decision will be made as soon as possible. Our intention is to provide as much educational time as possible without endangering the safety of our students and staff.

If school or activities must be altered because of bad weather, we will send a message through our ALERTNOW telephone/e-mail notification system. Weather related starts will also be broadcast on the following radio stations: KBRX, US 92/KNEN, WJAG/KEXL, and KZ100. Notice will also be announced on television stations KOLN/KGIN 10/11 and KLKN TV. This information will also be posted on the school website [www.elgineagles.org](http://www.elgineagles.org).

With the colder weather make sure your child is dressed for the weather. Elementary students are taken outdoors for recess unless it is extremely cold. Being dressed and prepared for the cold weather is a definite necessity.

I also wanted to encourage and remind parents that if think you may qualify for Free or Reduced lunches to apply. You may apply at any time throughout the school and more than once. For instance, should you have submitted a form last fall and did not qualify or were approved at the reduced level, you may submit a new application. I strongly encourage you to apply if you have any changes in income or circumstances that would possibly make you eligible. Please contact us here at school if you have any questions.

Next fall begins a change in the age entrance requirement for kindergarten students. On March 17, 2010 Governor Heineman approved LB 1006 which with the 2012-13 school year states that, "...any school district shall not admit any child into the kindergarten of any school of such school district unless such child has reached the age of five years on or before July 31 of the calendar year in which the school year for which the child is seeking admission begins;". Prior to this the cut-off date for entrance into kindergarten was October 15<sup>th</sup>. Again the new cut-off date for kindergarten is July 31<sup>st</sup>. A child must be five by that date. Feel free to contact me here at school if you have any questions. The school's telephone number is 402-843-2455.

**SMILE -- It's Contagious!**

## ***PUBLIC NOTICE***

Residents of District 18, Elgin, are notified that School District 18, Elgin, NE participates in all required Special Education Services for all resident students, ages 0-21. If you know of any student not currently being serviced by an appropriate educational program or have questions concerning the Special Education Program, contact the Superintendent's office at Elgin Public School.

Elgin Public School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or handicap. Further, the school complies with all Title IX and Equal Employment Opportunity guidelines as determined by Federal directives.



**REMINDER:** There was a new immunization requirement at the beginning of this school year from the State of Nebraska for all students K-12. All students are required to have TWO vaccinations for varicella (chicken pox disease) or have documentation from a parent/guardian that the student has had the chicken pox disease. If your student has received their 2nd varicella vaccination or has had the chicken pox disease, **please send that information to the school.** If your student has NOT received the 2nd varicella vaccination, they need to receive the immunization **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** to be in compliance with the State requirements. Please send the date they receive the immunization or that they had the disease to the school.

Goldenrod Hills Immunization Clinic has monthly immunization clinics in Neligh. The next clinic will be Thursday January 5th. For an appointment call 1-800-455-2805 or 402-529-3513. Goldenrod Hills also holds an immunization clinic daily, Monday-Friday, in Norfolk. For an appointment call 402-379-1380. You may also schedule an appointment with your local physician to receive immunizations.

Thank you for your assistance for this requirement. If you have any questions please contact the school.

**Gwen Kinney RN**  
**ESU #8 School Nurse**

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rom the Principal's desk . . .

by Adam Patrick  
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The first semester has somehow managed to fly by in seemingly record time. Students and teachers are busy putting the final touches on all their projects, lessons, and tests. It has been a great first semester.

One of the highlights from the first semester is the first quarter Honor Roll.

#### "All A Honor Roll"

Elianne Heilhecker, Connor Kinney, Nick Heithoff, Kyle Heithoff, Ashley Bode, Katelyn Copeland, Alois Warner

#### "Superior Honor Roll"

Jaime Hoefler, Taylor Sehi, A.J. Getzfred, Ivy Prater, Brandi Sanderson, Luke Walsh, Kelsey Welding, Levi Kerkman, Angela Richart, Blake Anderson, Hunter Thrasher, Dylan Widger, Mykil Copeland, Brett Kinney, Stephanie Bode, Dylan Behnk, Dean Braband, Andrew Heithoff Nash Schindler

#### "Honor Roll"

Tiarra Thrasher, Morgan Carpenter, Zoey Bergman, Allison Koenig, Tera Henkenius, Tiffany Vaughan, Taven Cameron, Nick Iburg, Hannah Kerkman, Taya Voborny, Bailey Carpenter, Sharla Schindler, Madison Voborny, Christopher Bush, Tanner Welding, Tyler Smith, Tre Henkenius, Shane Vanis, Danny Smith

Great job and keep up the good work --- we are proud of you!

There were also several great projects the students created during the semester. The Digital Media class created a music video called a lip dub that included all the EPS students. The Art classes have made some impressive pieces. The Creative Writing class attended a Poetry Slam. The Physics class created some interesting videos. You can view all these projects and many more on the Elgin Public Schools website at [www.elgineagles.org](http://www.elgineagles.org). It is also your best source for the most up to date information about all the great things that are happening at our school.



*Happy Holidays!*  
*School resumes January 4th*



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