



# EAGLE UPDATE


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## DATES TO REMEMBER

 May 7  
Graduation  
4:00 p.m.

 May 11  
EPS School Board  
Mtg. 7:30 p.m.  
in EPS ITV Room

 May 12  
Elementary Spring  
Concert 7:00 p.m.

 May 16  
Preschool  
Graduation  
6:30 p.m. in gym

 May 16  
Kindergarten  
Graduation  
7:30 p.m. in gym

 May 18  
Last Day for  
Students  
Early Dismissal  
11:00 a.m.

## ★ 2022 Prom ★



The 2nd Annual Elgin Public Pope John Prom was held on Saturday, March 26, 2022 at the KC Hall. The night began with the Grand March which was open to the public. Following the Grand March, pictures were taken by Kimberly's Photography and the meal was catered by Jodine Meis. Fifty-five students and dates danced the night away with music provided by Complete Music. After the dance ended the students then made their way to the Elgin Public gym where the Junior Class parents provided even more entertainment and prizes at the post prom event.

Picture courtesy of Rita Heithoff

From Mrs. D. Heithoff

## preschool celebrated Grandparents Day!



On Friday, April 22nd, twenty eight Preschoolers and over sixty Grandparents enjoyed their day

The group enjoyed many activities. They also showed their Grandparents their classroom. A good time was had by all!

From Mrs. Vanis



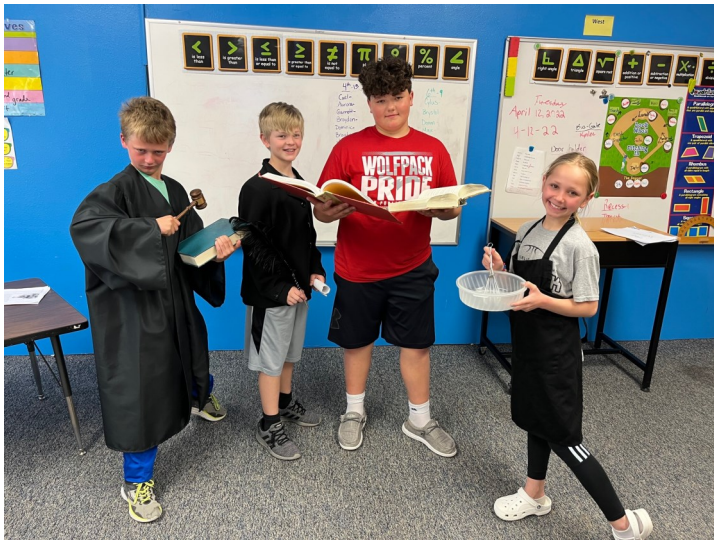
# 4th Grade Field Trip to Lincoln

The 4th graders went on their field trip in Lincoln. We were able to squeeze in Morrill Hall, the Capitol Building, and a surprise visit to Haymarket Park! Kids had fun and weather cooperated perfectly!

From Mr. Ostransky



## 5th Grade Reader's Theater



Reader's theater is always fun to act out! Pictured are some of our actors: Ethan, Xander, and Jayvin with actress, Gentry, after they performed "A Boy Named Abe" for the second graders

From Mrs. Borer

Hoppy Easter!



The 1st graders are enjoying a yummy, Easter treat before heading off and soaking up all the time with our families!

L to R: Izaak, Caleb, Chase, Cora, Jozlynn, Sloane, Rylie, Elly, Taryn, Shay, Bentley

From Mrs. Childers

# MENUS

## Elgin Public Schools

Milk & Juice are offered with each breakfast and milk is offered with each lunch. Cereal optional for each breakfast. Chef Salad optional to grades 7-12 at lunch.

May



2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thr	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Sausage & egg-biscuit sand., fruit	Pancake wrap, hash brown patty, fruit	Cereal, banana, yogurt, mini bagel	Fr. toast/waffles, ham, fruit	Breakfast pizza, strawberries		
Hot dog, french fries, cucumber salad, raisins	Mandarin chicken over rice, stir fry veggies, carrots/dip, mandarin orange cup, brownie	Alfredo chicken over pasta, corn, broccoli/dip, applesauce, roll	Ham-n-cheese wrap, potato wedges, taco salad, pears, bar	Chicken fajita, hash browns, tomato wedges, lettuce, peaches, cookie		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Ham & egg-biscuit sand., fruit	Omelet, sausage links, toast	Cereal, banana, yogurt, donut	B&E breakfast casserole, peaches	Sausage gravy over a biscuit, fruit		
Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, cheesy broccoli, fruit juice	Tater tot casserole, sweet potatoes, orange wedges, roll	Corn dog, mac-n-cheese, BLT salad, fruit cup	<u>Cheesy chicken and noodle casserole</u> , peas, cole slaw, <u>apple slices</u>	Spaghetti w/meat sauce, green beans, carrots/dip, strawberries, bread stick		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Sausage & egg-biscuit sand., fruit	Pancake wrap, fruit	No breakfast				
Sloppy Joe/bun, hash brown patty, broccoli slaw, fruit icee	<b>BURGER BASH</b>	11:00 Dismissal				
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

# District Music Contest in Norfolk



**Grades 7-12 Band- Excellent (2)**  
**Grades 7-12 Choir- Excellent (2)**

**Baylee Busted- Vocal Solo- Superior (1)**  
**Isabella Smidt- Vocal Solo- Superior (1)**  
**Jackson Wemhoff- Vocal Solo- Superior (1)**  
**Austin Good- Vocal Solo- Superior (1)**  
**Baylee Busted and Brenna Martinsen- Vocal Duet- Superior (1)**  
**Austin Good and Jackson Wemhoff- Vocal Duet- Superior (1)**  
**Ethan Hinkle- Tuba Solo- Excellent (2)**  
**Colton Wright and Ethan Hinkle- Bari Sax and Tuba Duet- Excellent (2)**  
**High School Small Ensemble- Sara Bode, Samantha Durre, Emma Kinney, Isabella Smidt, Austin Good, Callie Heithoff, Kristopher Moreno, Corbin Kinney, Jackson Wemhoff, Colton Wright, Keyera Eisenhauer, Taylor Beckman, Brian Heithoff, Gage Evans, Ethan Hinkle, William Heilhecker- Superior (1)**  
**Saxophone Quartet- Corbin Kinney, Austin Good, Jackson Wemhoff, Colton Wright- Superior (1)**  
**Clarinet Trio- Sara Bode, Samantha Durre, Emma Kinney- Superior (1)**  
**Austin Good- Alto Sax Solo- Superior (1)**



## Upcoming Performances:

The Elementary Spring Concert is on Thursday, May 12th at 7:00pm. All students in grades PK-6 will perform, and will feature grades 2-6 in the mini musical Summer Camp!

The band will also be performing at the Park Center and West Cedar Valley Cemeteries during the Memorial Day services, and the EPS Choir will be performing during Graduation on May 7th at 4:00pm.

# Easter and Spring Craft Fun!



2nd Grade has enjoyed making Easter and spring crafts, showcasing all the fun and bright colors they love! We are so excited for warm weather to come and stay. Like our classroom door says: "It's A Great Day To Bee Here!"

Standing LR: Bentley, Symphony, Payton, Macie  
Kneeling LR: Synclare, Hannah, Ellie, Paislee, Braxton

From Ms. Selting



# State FFA



Colton Wright was one of three senior members that received the State FFA Degree this year!

42 Members of the FFA Chapter participated at the State FFA Convention in Lincoln, NE April 6th - 8th.

From Mrs. Schwartz



**Elgin FFA Greenhouse**



**Open May 3rd - 6th**

**2pm -5pm**

# EHCC Donates back!



After earning money from our food stand at the car show in September and selling candy grams for Valentine's Day, EHCC was able to donate to the public library for their new addition. Thank you to everyone that supported us with our fundraisers!

From Mrs. Borer



1st grade with their cup stacking tower!

From Mr. Becker

Preschool parents with children entering Kindergarten need to have Physical Forms, Vision Forms and Immunization Records complete and turned into the school as soon as possible! The school needs this information **BEFORE** your child can start Kindergarten!

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Home of the Eagles

# SENIOR CLOSE-UP

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Special Senior Edition 2022



*Class of 2022 - (l to r) Jessica Getzfred, Kali Dworak, Riley Vitamvas, Thomas Warnke, Blake Ofe & Colton Wright*

***Congratulations!***



***Elgin Public School***

***CLASS OF***

***2022***



*Colton Wright*

**Full Name:** Colton Wright  
**Parent's Names:** Pam and Chet Wright  
**Sisters:** Megan  
**Grade Entered Elgin Public School:** 1st Grade. I came from Clearwater Public Schools  
**Favorite School Subject:** Welding  
**Favorite Teacher:** Mr. Callahan  
**Favorite School Activity:** FFA because I enjoy every aspect of being involved in agriculture .  
**Other School Activities:** One-Act, football, basketball, track, band, cyber patriots.  
**Greatest Honor Received During School:** National Honor Society  
**Most Educational Experience:** When we took our trip to Columbus and toured all of those companies.  
**Favorite Color:** Blue  
**Favorite TV Show:** Phineas and Ferb  
**Favorite Food:** Porkchops  
**Favorite School Lunch:** Mandarin Chicken over Rice  
**Favorite Spare Time Activity:** Play video games  
**If you could go back in time, where would you go:** I would go back to the 1800s where they were in the middle of the Wild West.  
**Future Plans After Graduation:** I plan to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and major in Construction Engineering.

**Full Name:** Riley Mae Vitamvas  
**Parent's Names:** April & Josh Schindler, Corey Vitamvas  
**Sisters:** Lauren  
**Pets:** 4 cats and a dog, and a gecko  
**Grade Entered Elgin Public School:** 1st grade, Wayne Elementary  
**Favorite School Subject:** Art  
**Favorite Teacher:** Mrs. Lindgren  
**Most Inspirational Person:** RuPaul Charles  
**Favorite Color:** Black  
**Favorite Movie:** Titanic  
**Favorite TV Show:** Rupaul's Drag Race  
**Favorite Food:** Spaghetti and Pizza  
**Favorite School Lunch:** Mandarin Chicken over Rice  
**Favorite Spare Time Activity:** Makeup  
**If you could go back in time, where would you go:** I would go back to the 1600's where there was witches and see what it would be like to run around and just live on my own without a care in the world, no government, no taxes no presidents or politics, just living in a small cottage in the mountains with sheep, cats, goats, and probably reptiles.  
**Something Most People Don't Know About Me:** I'm a really good rapper.  
**Future Plans After Graduation:** I plan on moving to Las Vegas and going to school at L Makeup Institute. I hope to work at theatre shows, drag shows, and with other related jobs



*Riley Vitamvas*



**Full Name:** Thomas Allen Warnke  
**Parent's Names:** Jeremy Warnke and Deborah Schnell  
**Sisters:** Danielle Warnke  
**Brothers:** Vincent Warnke  
**Pets:** Caption, Denio  
**Grade Entered Elgin Public School:** I came from Lincoln High school I started school in Elgin Public My Junior Year  
**Favorite School Subject:** Math  
**Favorite Teacher:** Julia Schwartz  
**Favorite School Activity:** Welding is my favorite activity in school because it is an art but with metal  
**Other School Activities:** football, wrestling, FFA  
**Greatest Honor you have received during School:** My letters for sports  
**Most Educational Experience:** when ever Mrs. Shumake-Henn is teaching her class  
**Most Inspirational Person:** My Father  
**Favorite Color:** Hot Pink  
**Favorite Movie:** Lighthing McQueen  
**Favorite TV Show:** The Dukes of Hazzard  
**Favorite Food:** crab legs  
**Favorite School Lunch:** Mexican Pizza  
**Favorite Spare Time Activity:** Dirt Bike  
**If you could go back in time, where would you go:** 1955  
**Something most people don't know about you:** I love to hunt/fish  
**Future plans after graduation:** Work



*Thomas Warnke*



*Kali Dworak*

**Full Name:** Kali Dworak  
**Parent's Names:** Amanda and Benjamin Dworak  
**Sisters:** Anna, Ava, and Kadance  
**Pets:** 3 dogs, 1 cat, 1 bearded dragon, and 1 ferret  
**Grade Entered Elgin Public School:** Freshman Year  
**Favorite School Subject:** English  
**Most Inspirational Person:** My mom  
**Favorite Color:** Blue  
**Favorite Movie:** Mrs. Doubtfire  
**Favorite TV Show:** Criminal minds  
**Favorite Food:** No-bake cookies  
**Favorite School Lunch:** chicken nuggets  
**Favorite Spare Time Activity:** Sleep  
**If you could go back in time, where would you go:** 1990  
**Future plans after graduation:** College



*Blake Ofe*

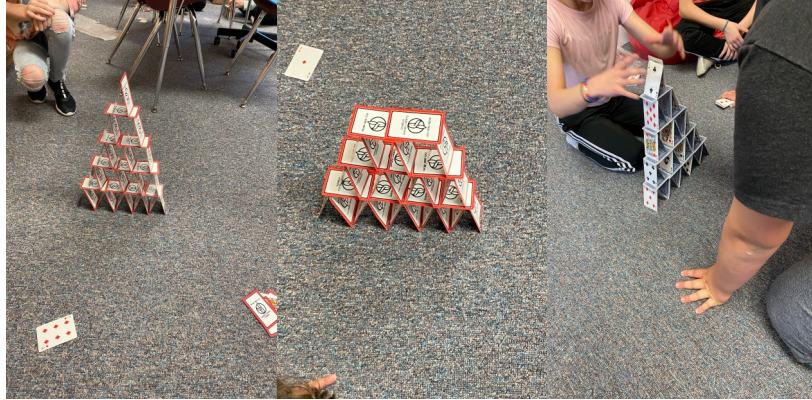
**Full Name:** Blake Ofe  
**Parent's Names:** Nancy Ofe and Don Ofe  
**Brother:** Ben  
**Pets:** Rocky and Tessie  
**Grade Entered Elgin Public School:** 7th Grade  
**Favorite School Subject:** P.E.  
**Favorite Teacher:** Mr. Callahan  
**Favorite School Activity and why:** Basketball because I enjoy it the most of the time  
**Other school activities you have been involved in:** One-Act and EHCC  
**Most Inspirational Person:** Alex Sedlak, he's very uplifting  
**Favorite Color:** Red  
**Favorite Movie:** There's too many to have a favorite  
**Favorite Food:** Steak and baked potato  
**Favorite School Lunch:** Taco Salad  
**Favorite Spare Time Activity:** Play NBA 2k, hangout with friends and family, or just chill.  
**If you could go back in time, where would you go:** I would go back to when Michael Jordan was playing basketball and watch him win back to back championships.

**Full Name:** Jessica Rennea June Getzfred  
**Parent's Names:** Denise and Tony Getzfred  
**Sisters:** Christina  
**Brothers:** Anthony and Joseph  
**Pets:** Luna, Butter, Peanut, Thor, Loki, and Scardy -cat  
**Grade Entered Elgin Public School:** Preschool  
**Favorite School Subject:** Art  
**Favorite Teacher:** Mrs. Rita Heithoff  
**Favorite School Activity:** One-Act  
**Other School Activities:** Speech  
**Greatest Honor you have received during School:** Lettering  
**Most Educational Experience:** Probably going to my college class I learn a lot and have a lot of fun  
**Most Inspirational Person:** My mom because she has been through so much but is still going  
**Favorite Color:** Blue  
**Favorite Movie:** Nightmare Before Christmas  
**Favorite TV Show:** Criminal minds  
**Favorite Food:** Chinese egg drop soup  
**Favorite School Lunch:** Mandarin Chicken over Rice  
**Favorite Spare Time Activity:** Draw, Play video games, and hangout with my family.  
**If you could go back in time, where would you go:** Probably to the time were everything was ruled but kings and Queens and monarchies  
**Future plans after graduation:** I plan on getting a job as a CNA then move on and become traveling nurse or become a hospice nurse.



*Jessica Getzfred*

# Balanced and Unbalanced Forces



5th grade Science is working on Balanced and Unbalanced Forces. Students had to create a tower with playing cards. A couple of groups created a balanced force

From Mr. Eisenhauer

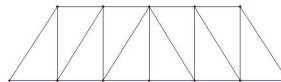
## Intro to Agriculture



Sara Bode and Callie Heithoff dissect perch in Intro to Agriculture as they finish their units in Natural Resources and prepare for their state FFA contests.

From Mrs. Schwartz

HAL students working on their final project for the school year. Toothpick bridges.



From Mr. Eisenhauer

# Elgin Teammates Chapter Bowling Night



The Elgin Teammates Chapter sponsored a group event in which it invited all of the mentees and mentors to go bowling at King's Lane and then out for supper at the Pizza Ranch. It was a nice way to spend a Friday night! Want to be a part of Elgin Teammates and get to such events, consider joining the Elgin Teammates Chapter! We need mentors! If you are interested about learning more, contact Sonia Rittscher or Krista Eisenhauer at the school!

From Mrs. Rittscher

## 3rd Graders Meet Real Life "Shiloh"



The third graders read the book *Shiloh* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor as a read aloud during class this past month. Axel brought in his beagle named Barrett to share with the class. Barrett definitely reminded the third graders of the dog, Shiloh, from the book.

From Mrs. Eisenhauer

# Don't count the days! Make the days count!

As teachers, students, and parents prepare for the last few weeks of school, please remember to make the most of these last days. I know that it is a crazy, busy, and tiring time of year for education. Take advantage of this time to learn as much as you can, and take that with you. No one can take away what you have learned and experienced. Enjoy the company of your classmates! Make some memories that will last! Enjoy the summer break. Also, as you head off to your summer activities, make those summer days count, also!

From Mrs. Lindgren

# Egg Hunt Helpers

From Mrs. Borer



EHCC helped out with the Elgin egg hunt. It was a big success with a great turnout!

# Kindergarten Egg Hunt



From Mrs. Wemhoff

The kindergarten kids enjoyed an egg hunt for Easter. Showing off their beautiful eggs are: front row Cayson Bottorf, Selene Lopez, Taysom Bottorf, Chase Boschen, Thomas Suhr, and Addie Kinney. Back row Aubree Bellar Scott, Vanessa Buschow, Elli Allen, John Hemenway, Domonta Flythe, Mason Vanis, and Gabe Schindler



# ESU #8 Art Show



Jarek Erickson won co Best of Show at the ESU#8 art show in Neligh. Riley Vitamvas earned a Superior ribbon while Jessica Getzfred brought home an Excellent and Isabella Smidt an Honorable Mention for the high school. Winning ribbons for the elementary were Superiors- Gentry Zwingman, McKenna Sauser and Shania Buschow and Cael Bottorf. Earning Excellent ribbons were Jarek Erickson, Baylee Chessmore, Rylen Schwarting, Sophia Burke (2) and Garrett Busted.

From Mrs. R Heithoff

# Elgin Public Schools

May

2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
GOLF Triangular at Albion 4:00 p.m. Dance Meeting 7:30 a.m. P.J Library	National Honor Society & Activities/Academic Awards Night 7:00 p.m. TR JH @ Randolph	Seniors' Last Day TR @ Humphrey 9:00 a.m. GOLF @ Niobrara 9:30 a.m.	Field Trip for 2nd & 3rd Grades EHCC End of Year Celebration 5:30 p.m.	Wayne State Math Contest 6th Grade Orientation Morning Prek thru 1st Grade Field Trip	Graduation 4:00 p.m.	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
GOLF @ Bassett 9:00 a.m.	TR JH @ Plainview 12:30 p.m. GOLF @ Fullerton 10:00 a.m.	School Board Mtg. 7:30 p.m. In Distance Learning Room	Elementary Spring Concert 7:00 p.m. TR Districts TBD GOLF dual vs. EV (at Neligh) 2:00 p.m.	6th Grade Field Trip 5th Grade Field Trip to Stuhr Museum		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Preschool Graduation 6:30 p.m. EPS Gym Kindergarten Graduation 7:30 p.m. EPS Gym GOLF DISTRICTS TBD	GOLF DISTRICTS TBD	End of 4th Quarter Early Dismissal 11:00 a.m.	Teacher Inservice/Workday	TR State Meet in Omaha	TR State Meet in Omaha	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Little Pack Volleyball Camp 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.	GOLF State Meet @ North Platte Little Pack Volleyball Camp 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.	GOLF State Meet @ North Platte Little Pack Volleyball Camp 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.	FFA COLT at Aurora Little Pack Volleyball Camp 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.	FFA COLT at Aurora		
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
Memorial Day Band at Elgin Cemeteries						

# F rom the Principal's desk . . .

by Greg Wemhoff  
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Congratulations to the following students for being chosen as delegates from Elgin Public Schools at this year Cornhusker Boys and Girls State program. We are proud of you and we know you will represent us well.



## Stars Within Reach!

Stars Within Reach traveled all the way from New York to perform Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun the Musical. EPS PreK-6 and St. Boniface grades K-6 enjoyed the performance and got to ask questions after.



From Mrs. Rittscher

# Administratively Speaking . . .



By Supt. Mike Brockhaus  
mike.brockhaus@elgineagles.org

It is time for the May 2022 Newsletter already!! It has been a very successful school year for our students academically and in the area of activities. It has been a pleasure to watch our students succeed and grow in the many academic and activities that Elgin Public Schools is able to offer.

I want to wish the Graduating Seniors Good Luck in their futures whether it be college, the work force, or the military service. They will undoubtedly do some very good things in their lives and I hope for them, they enjoy every step of the way.

I want to Thank and wish Good Luck to the outgoing staff that are retiring, moving onto new positions, or joining new ventures outside the education world for working with our students. You will all be greatly missed. I also want to Thank the staff that will be returning for their hard work and dedication and look forward to working with you in the future to help the Elgin Public School students become successful citizens in the community and world. May you all have a very well deserved and restful summer!!

We will be welcoming the following members to the Elgin Public Schools staff for the 2022-2023 school year: Ms. Gabrielle Williams in the Special Education Department, Mrs. Amy Selting in the Business Department, and Mrs. Briley Eischeid in the Art Department, and Mr. Matt Euse in the Physical Education Department. We are excited to have them join our staff and look forward to working with them and seeing them work with our students.

Elgin Public Schools is looking for someone to drive a minibus on a morning and afternoon route that runs to the Petersburg area and back. This route takes approximately 45 minutes to run and the school offers full single insurance with this position. This position does not require the person to hold a CDL license but would need to attend the Level I training, which can be taken online and we can set it up at the school. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Mike Brockhaus at the High School Office.

We are also looking at having a few improvement projects done around campus and look forward to having them completed for the start of the school year in August.

Have a Great Summer Elgin Public!!



Enjoy your Summer break!  
School resumes August 11, 2022

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