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JUNIOR-SENIOR PROM



Students from Elgin Public School and Pope John Central Catholic held their first ever joint prom this year on March 20th at the KC Hall.. Pictured are: (back row, l to r) Ashtyn Meis, Natalie Reicks, Lexi Bode, Emma Mlnarik, Kaylee Ramold, Trista Hemenway, Abby Hemenway, Alyssa Burenheide, and Skylar Reestman. (middle row, l to r) Natalie Bauer, Jasmine Dozler, Theanna Dunn, Marissa Preister, Harlie Bode, Kirsten Krebs, Ally Selting, Kali Dworak, Riley Vitamvas, and Jessica Getzfred. (front row, l to r) Blake Ofe, Thomas Warnke, Jordan Lindgren, Layne Bullock, Joey Getzfred, River Romej, and Colton Wright

DATES TO REMEMBER



April 2 & 5 - NO SCHOOL



April 21 - Bloodmobile at KC Hall
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.



April 14 - School Board Mtg. 7:30 p.m.
in EPS Lunchroom



April 26 - High School concert
7:00 p.m.

*Check our website for the most current news and calendar:
www.elgineagles.org*

New Scholarship Opportunity for EPS Seniors

From Mrs. Rittscher



Wayne & Dorothy Currie Scholarship

It is local scholarship time! Students have quite a few scholarships that they are specific to graduating seniors from EPS.

A new local scholarship available for the first year to graduating seniors from EPS is the Wayne and Dorothy Currie Family Scholarship.

Dorothy Kinney Currie was raised in rural Elgin and attended Park Center School and Elgin Public High School. After getting her teaching certification from Wayne State College, she taught at rural and Elgin schools throughout her teaching career while living on the family farm west of Elgin with Wayne Currie. Dorothy and Wayne valued the rewards of a great education and vowed that their four children would obtain a four-year college education, in which they all did. This scholarship is to reward academic excellence and the proven determination to achieve great accomplishments in all aspects of life. This scholarship is to reward an Elgin graduate for such accomplishments and who exhibits high potential going forward.

A local scholarship committee will award a \$1,000 scholarship on behalf of the Family of Wayne and Dorothy Currie to a graduating senior from Elgin Public High School.

Scholarship details are available for seniors to consider eligibility criteria for this and other local scholarships at the elgineagles.org website under the tab "School Counselor."

Thank you to the Currie family (David, Paula, & Robin) for the decision to create this new scholarship in honor of their parents and for the opportunity it provides students from Elgin Public School!

Reading aloud introduces new words, grammar and concepts that you may not use during regular talking.

An average children's picture book may have around **500** words. These add up fast!



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.

From Mrs. Childers

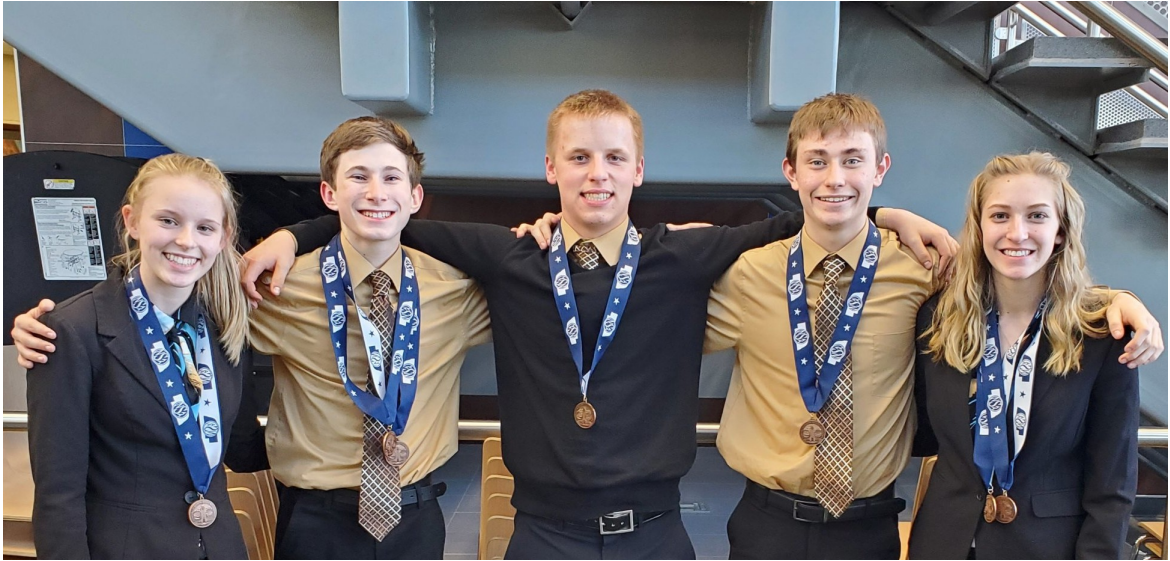
Reading Challenge



Macie Suhr, Laney Mlinar, and Synclare Mack all completed and returned their reading challenge in March for Dr. Seuss week! Good job, 1st graders!

STATE SPEECH MEDALS

From Mrs. Shumake-Henn



Congratulations to the speech team on their outstanding performance at State Speech on Friday, March 19th. Theanna, William, Jack, Austin and Baylee are the 4th place Class D2 OID state medalists. Theanna and William are the 6th place Class D2 Duet Acting state medalists. William received a Superior Rating in Entertainment Speaking and just missed the medal round. William was triple entered at state and returned with two medals. Theanna was double entered and returned with two. Jack and Austin earned their first state medals as sophomores, and Baylee earned her first as a freshman. Congratulations, Speechsters! Be proud!

Kindergarten Registration



Kindergarten Registration will take place online this year. If you wish to enroll for the 2021-22 school year, please go to our website: www.elgineagles.org and complete the registration form online. The news item and registration form is near the bottom of the homepage.

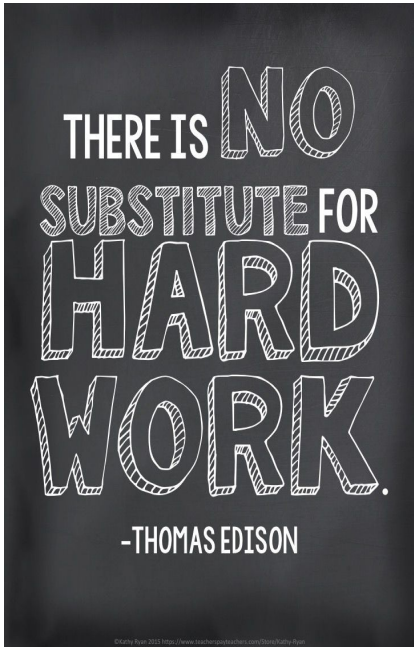
All Kindergarten students must be 5 years old by July 31st and have all current immunizations. We are required by state law to have a copy of your child's official birth certificate and immunizations on file.

Online registration is now open and can be accessed on our webpage www.elgineagles.org. The news item is located near the bottom of the homepage. Please complete the registration form and mail a copy of your child's immunization and official birth certificate to our office. If it is easier, you may drop off the information and we will make copies for you.

If you have questions, please call the school at 402-843-2455 during regular school hours.

YMCA

From Mr. Becker



Below is a picture of the 4th grade class dancing to YMCA during PE class.

From Mrs. Schwartz

FFA/AG News



At the end of March, many FFA members participated in the Nebraska State FFA Convention. Members watched streamed videos of convention speakers and took part in convention CDE and LDE contests. The process of interviewing new chapter officers will take place in mid - April and the annual chapter banquet

will be held on Friday, April 30th. The AG/FFA Greenhouse is also full again with growing annuals and vegetables. Elgin FFA/AG plant sales will run Monday through Friday (May 3-7) from 1 pm to 4:30 pm.

From Mrs. R. Heithoff

Art News



March was a busy month as the 3rd-6th Art students were creating paper mache masks . Some of them even made masks for the masks.

April will be even busier as they will finish out the school year creating cross section drawings, acrylic and watercolor paintings. The cross section drawings will focus on showing what's underground from the surface drawing. They will draw with black sharpies and then watercolor their design. Their paintings will focus on shading with paint and adding value to their paintings. The K-2nd graders will work on Easter drawings and how to draw a bunny and baskets. After that they will work on spring trees and flowers.

The high school students will be finishing up work for the NVC Art show April 29th and 30th at Atkinson. They have to choose their show work, prep it by matting it, adding hangers and show labels. They will travel to Atkinson on the 29th to hang to the show. It will be open to the public Thursday night and Friday morning. April 30th they will again travel to Atkinson to participate in an art activity, listen to judges' comments and take down the show. Good luck to all!

The single biggest predictor of high academic achievement is reading to children.
Not flash cards, not workbooks, not fancy preschools, not blinking toys or computers, but mom or dad taking the time every day or night (or both!) to sit and read them wonderful books.

#BeKind

From Mrs. Borer

Tie Day



It's Tie Day for Read Across America Week in fifth grade

Pictured (l to r): Donm, Molly, Kaidynce, Evin, Kipp, and Max

Third Graders Celebrate Read Across America Week

From Mrs. Eisenhauer



The third graders celebrated Read Across America Week in March. Ten students completed the at home reading challenge! Way to read, third graders! **Back row:** Sheamus McClain, Garrett Busteed, Braxtyn Eisenhauer, Kristopher Polston, and Dominic Durre **Front row:** Levi Scheer, Rylee Rokahr, Victoria Evans, Aurora Burke, and Tenley Schindler

Second Grade Class Made AR Goals

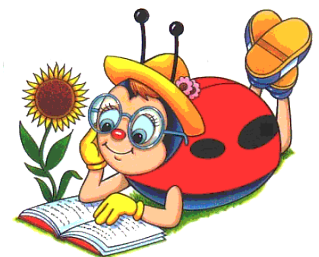
From Mrs. Beckman



Everyone in the second grade made their third quarter AR Goal! **Front row:** Devorah Frisbie, Ashlyn Tillis, Ava Dworak, Mollie Murphy, and Jenna Beard **Back row:** McKenna Sauser, Ryker Lammers, Allie Scheer, Charles Miller, and Axel Suhr

Read Across America Challenge

From Mrs. Wemhoff



During Read Across America Week, the kids were given a challenge to complete at home. These kindergarten students stepped up to the Reading Challenge. Front row: Caleb Fangman, Taryn Schindler, Jozlyne Mack Back row: Grant Blecher, Chase Young, Jackson Evans, and Sloane Miller. Great job reading at home!



Mark your Calendar!

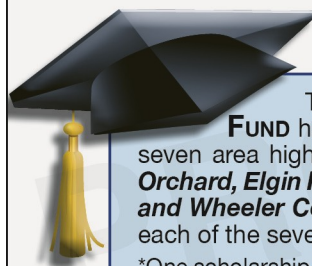
- May 8—Graduation 5:00 p.m.
- May 13—Elementary Spring Concert 7:00 p.m.
- May 19—Preschool Graduation & Kindergarten Graduation
- May 20—Last day of school
11:00 a.m. Dismissal

Goscha Scholarship

Two **\$3,750** scholarships for each school!

2021 GRADUATES AND POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS*

Clearwater, Orchard, Elgin Public, Ewing, Neligh-Oakdale, Pope John & Wheeler Central.



The **LAWRENCE GOSCHA SCHOLARSHIP FUND** has established scholarship opportunities for seven area high schools and their graduates: **Clearwater, Orchard, Elgin Public, Ewing, Neligh-Oakdale, Pope John and Wheeler Central.** Two scholarships will be awarded at each of the seven schools.

*One scholarship will be granted to a 2021 graduating senior and the second will be given to a graduate who is in his/her second or subsequent year of post-secondary education. Each scholarship is valued at \$3,750; preference will be given to students pursuing studies in agriculture or related fields.

For more information or an application, please contact your local school's guidance counselor.

8th Grade Ag Class

From Mrs. Schwartz



Pictured in front of the Wild Roots Greenhouse are Callie Heithoff, Quinn Tolomei, Chloe Henn, Taylor Beckman, Austin Hinkle, Kaeden Schwarting, Sara Bode, Lauren Vitamvas, Isabella Martinez, Lily Smidt, Jaidyn Schrad, Sam Durre, Trissa Russell, Sonni Suhr and Emma Kinney

On March 10th the 8th Grade Agriculture class took a field trip to Wild Roots Greenhouse in Central City. At the greenhouse, the students were able to learn about greenhouse operations, seeding, growing media, and plants. The students were also able to complete tasks associated with greenhouse operations such as transplanting plugs, caring for geraniums, seeding, and filling pots using different machines and technologies. Wild Roots Greenhouse is where the FFA/AG Department purchases their annual plants for their spring sales.



Pictured are Trissa, Emma, and Kaeden transplanting geranium plugs into larger 4.5" square SVD containers.



Online Registration for Preschool

Due to Covid concerns, Elgin Early Learning Center will not have a registration night this year. If you wish to enroll for the 2021-22 school year, please go to our website: www.elgineagles.org and complete the registration form online. The news item and registration form is near the bottom of the homepage.

π Day

From Mrs. Lindgren



Enjoying their pie are Keyera Eisenhauer, Brenna Martinsen, Baylee Busted, and Nick Anderson.

March means many things to many people. This year it came in like a lamb, but the middle of the month showed some of the lion's teeth! For those who love to play or watch basketball, March Madness is the catch-phrase. If you are Irish, or just like green, St. Patrick's day is the day to celebrate!

For me, March is special for a different reason. March 14th (3-14) is known as π Day, since the date represents the first 3 digits of π (3.14).

The holiday was founded in 1988. In 2019, the day was designated as the International Day of Mathematics. This year, π Day fell on a Sunday, so I didn't celebrate the day as much as in previous years, but I did bring small pies in for students to eat if they wanted. I also had some interesting π music for students to listen to.

If you want to learn more, go to <https://www.piday.org/learn-about-pi/> You can even take the Pi Day Expert Quiz!

Pi (π) is the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter. For any circle, the distance around the edge is a little more than three times the distance across.

From Mr. Mlinar

Zooming to College!

Thanks to Dr. Herley, Dean of Business and Technology at NECC, for discussing program offerings and his work experience with the Freshmen!



Noteworthy News

From Mrs. Jones

Music Is In The Air! Students in grades 7-12 band and choir have been busy rehearsing and preparing for some important upcoming events. District Music Contest will be held on Friday, April 23, 2021 at Norfolk High School. Band and Choir are entered as large groups and will be adjudicated by three judges. They will each perform two selections.

We have several small groups and solos entered as well. Vocal soloists are Baylee Busted, Brenna Martinsen, Jackson Wemhoff and Isabella Smidt. Austin Good is performing an alto saxophone solo. There will be a saxophone quartet doing a rendition of "Danny Boy" and vocally a duet by Baylee and Brenna. The vocal mixed quartet (Baylee, Brenna, Jackson and Austin) are singing "Turtle Dove". These musicians have been busy trying to "juggle" their schedules to find time to rehearse but are improving every day. With Covid-19 regulations, there will NOT be spectators allowed. Sorry!

HOWEVER.....you can come listen to their performances on Monday, April 26, 2021 at the Elgin Public High School Gym at 7:00 pm. All of the groups and soloists will perform on our jr.-sr. high concert. Come join us for some musical entertainment!!!



Administratively Speaking . . .

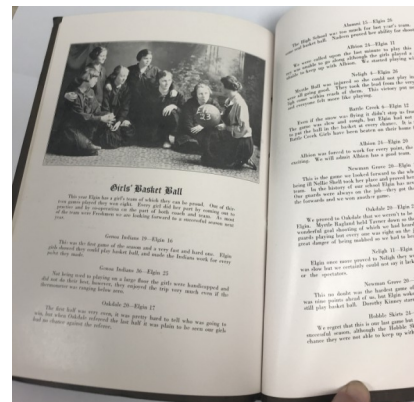
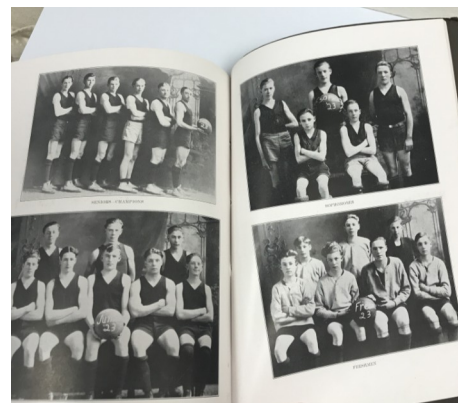
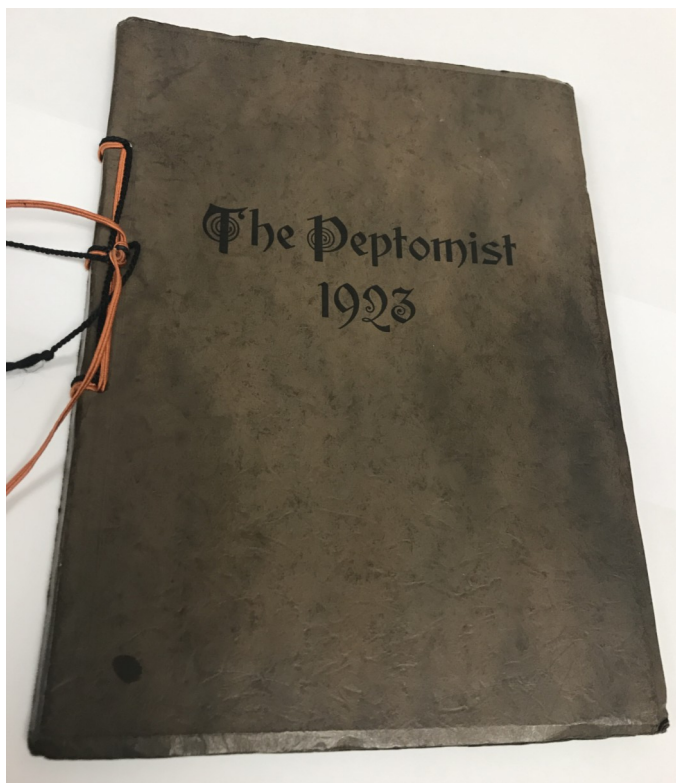
By Mike Brockhaus
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The calendar says that Spring is here but the weather at times has not shown that. The weather will eventually turn warmer and we will be turning our sights to events such as the selling of the flowers from the FFA Members, spring concerts, track meets, golf tournaments, and graduation.

Later this spring we will be sending some of our students on a trip to Omaha, which will take the place of the trip to the east coast for this year due to Covid issues of traveling. As a school we will be updating our facilities this summer and finishing some other projects as well. We will be purchasing Chromebooks for the Fifth and Sixth Grade students to be utilized next school year and updating the Seventh and Eighth Grade to Chromebooks with adding an application to their current computers. These Chromebooks will work similar to the current laptops the students now use and in the lower grades will replace the I pads the students currently use. We will be adding new technology to some of the classrooms to continue the rotation of the ActivPanels for the teachers. Elgin Public Schools will continue to work to make sure our students have up to date tools to be successful in the classroom and the tools for the teachers and staff to use in the classrooms.

Our school board has been very supportive of the students and staff at Elgin Public Schools and progressive in meeting the needs of the staff and students with the technology purchases they have made. We will continue to work hard to maintain the updating of our technology and facilities in the future to help ensure the students of Elgin Public Schools have the most current and up to date tools to help them be successful in the classroom and moving forward.



From Mrs. Jensen

Steve Speidel of Lincoln, NE contacted our school office about something he had found in his mother's house. It was a 1923 copy of *The Peptomist* from Elgin High School in Elgin, NE. According to Steve, his mother, Phyllis (Sapp) Speidel, was born in 1923 in Elgin but moved to Tilden shortly thereafter and attended school there. Her grandparents, Sapp-Millikin, lived in the Park Center area west of Elgin and their family still owns two farms there. He is not sure how his mother got this annual.

The Peptomist was first printed in 1923 and is complete with photos, stories, and a complete listing of alumni dating back to 1897. Many of the business advertisements are familiar to Elgin natives. If you are interested in viewing this yearbook, please stop by the main office during business hours.

A special thank-you to Steve Speidel for donating this copy of the 1st printing of *The Peptomist* to our school.



**Statewide Assessment (NSCAS)
Nebraska Student Centered Assessment System**

The statewide assessment (NSCAS) is in early April! The assessments will take place in Reading and Math this year for grades 3rd-8th with additional assessments in Science in the 5th and 8th grades.

The NSCAS test serves many purposes for the school and the Nebraska Department of Education. As a staff, we want to make sure students are prepared and comfortable with the test so their focus is on answering the questions. Here are a few of the things the teachers have been doing to ensure a positive test taking experience:

- taking practice assessments**
- reviewing content and skills**
- talking about the assessments**
- trying to excite students about the upcoming assessments!**

As parents, there are a few things you can do that will help your student succeed:

- sleep for 8 hours the night before**
- eat a protein as part of breakfast**
- talk to them about the assessments**
- encourage students to spend as much time as they need**
- stay positive about the assessments!**

If you have any questions, please contact the classroom teacher or myself. Students are prepared, teachers are ready, and we look forward to seeing our success when results are announced in August!

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