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DATES TO REMEMBER


Students Compete Well At NECC


 April 2nd
NO SCHOOL
Easter Break

 April 9th
Science Fair
EPS Gym
6:30-8:30 pm

 April 11th
School Board
Meeting
ITV Room
7:30 pm

 April 23rd
7-12 Spring
Concert
7:00 pm

 FFA Banquet
EPS Gym
6:30 p.m.

 April 30th
Bloodmobile
EPS Gym
9:00-3:00



Students pictured (L-R) Caleb Miller, Jordan Lindgren, Kira Widger, and Hunter Reestman

Congratulations to these Elgin Public students for placing at the NECC Academic Contest on March 21st.
Hunter Reestman: 1st in Algebra
Kira Widger: 1st in English Comp
Caleb Miller: 2nd in Literature
Jordan Lindgren: 3rd in Geography



Pictured l to r are: Austin, Kaa (the snake), Alejandro, and Kaeden.

Trip to the Jungle!

K-6 students traveled to Wayne State College to see *The Jungle Book* play. After the play, they were able to get autographs from the performers. They ate lunch and played at Ta-Ha-Zouka park in the afternoon. It was a fun day!



From Mrs. Cooper

Kenzie recently attended FCCLA's Peer Education Conference. At the conference, she was recognized as a SPOT finalist. She will interview and present at state FCCLA in April for a chance to be selected as a SPOT member. Good luck, Kenzie!



From Mrs. Borer

The State Tests Are Here!

The tests formerly known as NeSA, are now called NSCAS (Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System). Students have been doing practice tests called TestWiz, formerly known as C4L, to prepare for the new system. Please make sure your child eats a healthy supper, goes to bed early, and has a healthy breakfast to ensure their best effort for the tests. All tests will be in the morning from 8:30-10:00 this year. Here is a schedule for fifth grade:
April 4th- Language Arts
April 12th- Math
April 18th- Science



Mark your Calendar!

- May 4—Elementary Grandparent's Day
- May 12—Graduation 5:00 p.m.
- May 14—Elementary Spring Concert 7:30 p.m.
- May 17—Preschool Graduation & Kindergarten Graduation
- May 18—Last day of school
11:00 a.m. Dismissal

From Mrs. Beckman



Read Across America

Second grade enjoyed cuddling up with a good book during Read Across America Week by wearing their pajamas.

From Mrs. Wemhoff

Lucky Kindergarten Kids

St. Patrick's Day is a time to remember how lucky we are. The Kindergarten students were asked WHAT makes you lucky.

I am a lucky kid because.....

- Cael – I like to play with my Grammy.
- Kristopher – I have a family.
- Braxtyn – I have dogs.
- Dominic – Xander is my friend.
- Garrett – I have Josy my puppy.
- Xander – I have brothers.
- Victoria – I have a sister.
- Aurora – I have a baby sister.
- Levi – I have a grandma and Papa.
- Tenley – my Mom is going to have a baby.
- Devin – I love my sisters.
- Brayden – my brother plays with me.
- Rylee – I love my mom.



From Mrs. Heithoff

Art Show Season!

It's spring and time for Art shows! The ESU #8 Elementary Art show will be held April 6th-10th at the Antelope County Fairgrounds in Neligh. This K-8 show is open to the public free of charge. Only three pieces per grade may be entered and students whose work is chosen for the show will have certificates sent home to their parents.

The 7-12 NVC Art Show will be held in Stuart April 26th and 27th. All 7-12 Art students are required to have work in the show and may enter as many pieces as they choose. The Art show is open to the public free of charge on Thursday, April 26, from 5:00-8:00 pm and Friday, April 27, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Show results will be listed on the school web page following the shows. Students will be allowed to take home their work after the shows are completed.

Students may enter their artwork on their own during the summer at the Antelope County Fair in the open class division.

From Mrs. Thiele-Blecher

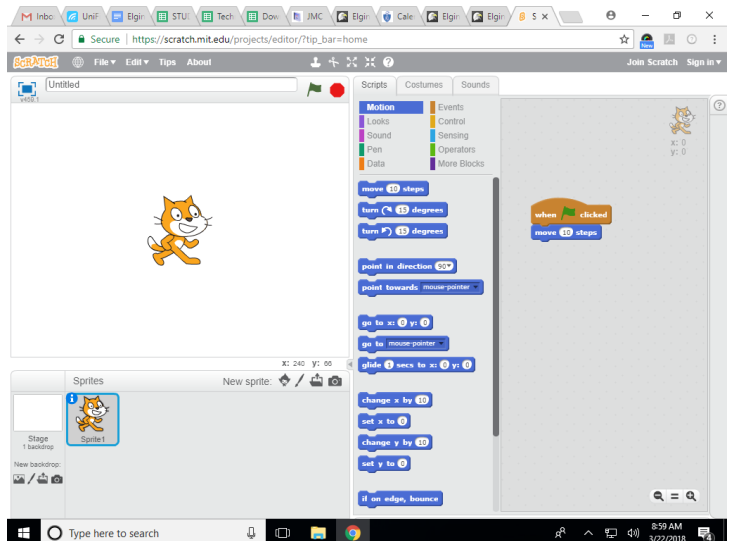
Don't let Spring Fever Hit Yet!

Tips as the school year winds down and the weather starts to turn nice:

- #1. Re-establish Old routines: what worked well in the fall?
- #2. Reset the study time and balance activity time!
- #3. Continue to Monitor Homework Assignments.
- #4. Provide sufficient Sleep Time!

What is Scratch?

Information Technology students are using a program called Scratch. What is Scratch? Scratch is a programming language and an online community where children can program and share interactive media such as stories, games, and animation with people from all over the world. As children create with Scratch, they learn to think creatively, work collaboratively, and reason systematically.



From Mrs. Eisenhauer

Multiplication Facts

Third graders test out of multiplication facts for the year! Awesome work!

Antonio, Justice, Kierstyn, Gemma
Megan, Rylen, Lillie



From Mrs. Lindgren

Pie Day!

In honor of National π Day on March 14th (3.14), Mrs. Lindgren regaled her students with songs and videos about π while they worked on their assignments. The students also got to eat pie as they worked.

The Advanced Algebra II students have been working with trigonometry, so π has been used frequently this past week. Geometry students have been calculating area and volumes of cylinders and cones, so they have also been utilizing π in their homework for the past few weeks.

Did you know that Albert Einstein was born on π Day in 1953?



Norman & Colton enjoying their pie!

From Mr. Coakes

Science Fair

The Elgin Public Science Fair will be on April 9th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Elgin Public Gym. Everyone is welcome to come and see what the inquiring minds at EPS have been up to. Feel free to visit with our young scientist and ask them questions about their experiments. Boards will be up for public viewing from 5:30-6:30 and any time outside of scheduled judging.

Judging times are by class periods:
6:30-7:00 - Physical Science and Earth Science Classes
7:00-7:45 - Biology and Life Science Classes
7:45-8:30 - Physics, Chemistry, and Integrated Science Classes



Slade, Mackenzie, Jordan, Joey, Kaylee & Mary like pie day!



Liam & Myranda think its pretty great to be served pie during math class!

From Mrs. Druke

From Mr. Becker

SCHOLASTIC
SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUBS

READING EVERY DAY...

- ...**CREATES** lifelong readers.
- ...**TEACHES** children to find adventure, ideas, and answers through books.
- ...**STRENGTHENS** relationships and creates memories as a family activity.
- ...**OPENS DOORS** through which children can learn about themselves.
- ...**BUILDS** a diverse vocabulary and strengthens fluency in reading.
- ...**ALLOWS** a child's imagination and creativity to blossom.
- ...**GIVES** children the tools needed to become successful students.
- ...**TAKES** the "scary" out of reading in the classroom.
- ...**HELPS** children make connections to new places, people, and concepts.
- ...**AWAKENS** children to the world around them.

READ
Every Day
Lead a Better
LIFE

Pickleball Champs!

This years Pickleball Tournament champs were Kate and Lauren! Way to go!



From Mrs. Zwingman

"Mistakes are proof that you're trying."
- Cara Delevingne

From Mrs. Schwartz



FFA AND AG EDUCATION NEWS

FFA Chapter Officer Interviews will be held in the Ag Room on April 17th starting at 4:15pm.

FFA

April 3rd - 6th is the Nebraska State FFA Convention. Elgin FFA has 35 members representing the chapter in numerous events. Ten members will be receiving the the highest degree the state can bestow on its members, the State FFA Degree.

Heather Bauer, Taralyn Baum, Grace Henn, Lydia Behnk, Marie Meis, Hayes Miller, Lizzy Mlnarik, Nicki Payne, Cole Preister and Calli Krebs.

Marie Meis has also been selected from a group of 32 very talented FFA members across the state as a 2018-2019 Nebraska State Officer Finalist. She is one of 12 finalists for a spot on the State Officer team. If you see her wish her the best of luck, we are all rooting for her.

AgED/FFA

The FFA/AgEd Greenhouse is in full 'bloom". Numerous annuals are growing now as AgEd classes have transplanted the tiny plugs in to bigger containers. Soon classes will be seeding a variety of veggies for sale as well. This year the greenhouse will be open to the public May 3rd - 6th. On the 3rd and 4th hours will be 2pm - 5pm and on Saturday the 5th, 10am - 3pm and Sunday the 6th, 1pm - 5pm. Please come and take a look, there is something for everyone! And if you want to get an early buy on the containers and hanging baskets plan to attend the annual chapter banquet on April 27th. We will set out baskets and you are welcome to buy them at that time!

From Mrs. Shumake-Henn

EPS Brings Home Eleven District Medals, Qualifies Six for State

The EPS Speech team competed well in a tough D2-4 district in Hartington on Monday, March 14. They placed fourth overall as a team and brought home eleven medals. Six students qualified in three events for the State Speech Championships.

The OID of Lydia Behnk, Ashton Evans, Kira Widger, Hunter Reestman and Adam Dreger earned the title of District Champs. Behnk also reclaimed her position as Entertainment Speaking District Champion.

Shelby Dohmen earned a third place medal in Humorous Prose, also qualifying her for a trip to the state tournament.

Just missing qualification for state were Caleb Miller, who earned fourth place in Extemporaneous Speaking and Mateo Kirstine, who earned fourth place in Entertainment Speaking.

The Duet of Reestman and Widger earned fifth place medals, and Brea Carr placed 6th in Extemporaneous Speaking.

Receiving Superior Ratings were Evans and Dreger in Duet Acting and Theanna Dunn in Serious Prose.

Olivia Lindgren earned an Excellent Rating in Poetry.

The EPS coaches were satisfied with the results.

"Districts are always tough because you just never know what's going to happen. We knew going in that we were going to have some extremely tough competition, so having two events come out on top was definitely an honor."

The coaches expressed words of praise for the team's performance this season. "We just can't say enough about this group of kids. We've been blessed with some terrific leadership in the upperclassmen, and that really helped guide our newer members. We saw lots of improvement in our younger team members and definitely a lot of commitment. It takes a team, and they all seem to understand that."

Dohmen, Behnk, Evans, Widger, Reestman and Dreger will represent EPS in Kearney on Friday.



All elementary students enjoyed their time spent at Wayne State College. Here they had the opportunity to watch *The Jungle Book*.

From Mrs. Rittscher

Elementary Guidance Skills

We want your child to be as successful as possible at school. Success in school is not just about reading and math. It is also about knowing how to learn and how to get along with others. I used the *Second Step* program in grades K-5 classrooms to teach these critical skills.

The *Second Step* program teaches skills in the following four areas:

- 1. Skills for Learning:** Students gain skills to help themselves learn, including how to focus their attention, listen carefully, use self-talk to stay on task, and be assertive when asking for help with schoolwork.
- 2. Empathy:** Students learn to identify and understand their own and others' feelings. Students also learn how to take another's perspective and how to show compassion.
- 3. Emotion Management:** Students learn specific skills for calming down when experiencing strong feelings, such as anxiety or anger.
- 4. Problem Solving:** Students learn a process for solving problems with others in a positive way.

I encourage parents of kindergartners-5th graders to ask their children about the skills they're learning in Elementary Guidance. In most classes, I am currently on the last skill: Problem Solving. The steps to problem solving include saying the problem, thinking of solutions, exploring consequences, and picking the best solution. Help them practice these steps at home!

If you have any questions about the *Second Step* program, please do not hesitate to contact me for more information. Thank you for supporting your child in learning the skills that lead to success in school and in life.

From Mr. Heithoff

Music and Art Students Attend SIRO-A Performance

On March 8th, the EPS Art and Music program set out to see a performance by SIRO-A in Omaha at the Orpheum Theater. SIRO-A is a techno-dance group from Japan, and have been seen by audiences around the United States, including a run on the hit television show *America's Got Talent*. This dance group uses different projectors, lighting, and effects in their show to create a unique experience for the audience unlike any other dance show. The students had a great time, and everyone was very impressed at the hard work and artistry shown by the performers!

Thank you to everyone that helped to make this trip possible, including the school board, administration, bus drivers, and chaperones. It truly was a unique experience!





3rd Quarter Honor Roll

Back Row: Mateo Kirstine, Joseph Getzfred, Garret Behnk, Adam Dreger, Ashton Evans, Norman Grothe

Front Row: Kaylee Martinsen, Grace Mace, Anna Heilhecker, Araceli Palmer, Theanna Dunn, Jessica Getzfred

From Mr. Heithoff



Ch-Ch-Ch-Changes!

EPS will be opting in to a different District Music Contest site this year. In the past, we have traditionally gone to Norfolk for contest. This year, we will instead be going to Wisner-Pilger Public Schools.

This change will hopefully accomplish a couple things. Our band and choir program at Elgin includes grades 7-12 in the same ensemble. This unique situation is not often found in other schools. It is my hope that by changing sites, our groups ratings will better reflect this unique situation. It should also allow our junior high students to feel more successful while at the same time allowing us to take both of our full ensembles to contest.

If you have any questions on this change, please contact Mr. Heithoff at the school.

Upcoming Music Events

April 20th	District Music Contest Wisner
April 23rd	7-12 Spring Concert 7:00 pm EPS Gym
April 28th	Neligh-Oakdale Honor Band 5th and 6th Band Members Neligh- Concert TBA
May 12th	Graduation 5:00 pm EPS Gym
May 14th	Elementary Spring Concert 7:00 EPS Gym
May 28th	Memorial Day 7-12 Band Members TBA





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
- practicing in the same environment as the test with TESTWIZ
- 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!

3rd Quarter All "A" Honor Roll



Pictured: Ethan Hinkle, William Heilhecker, Lydia Behnk, Allyson Wemhoff, Jack Wemhoff

3rd Quarter Superior Honor Roll



Back Row: Colton Wright, Liam Heithoff, Oliver Kuhn, Hunter Reestman, Kira Widger
Front Row: Myranda Palmer, Kristopher Moreno, Corbin Kinney, Austin Good

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