



# EAGLE UPDATE

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## National Honor Society Welcomes New Members



New members inducted into the Dr. W.W. Graham Chapter of the National Honor Society were: (l. to r.) Hunter Thramer, Ivy Prater, Brett Kinney, Stephanie Bode, and Madison Voborny. The induction ceremony was held on Monday, March 19, 2012 in the Elgin Public School Gym.

### EPS entry wins ESU 8 Contest!

ESU 8 recently partnered with the Nebraska Attorney General's Office to sponsor the Internet Safety and Digital Citizenship Poster and Public Service Announcement (PSA) Contest for students in K-12 Schools in Nebraska. Each school or district was allowed to submit one entry in each category from each grade grouping: K-4, 5-8, and 9-12, for a total of three entries per school. The categories were:

- Poster: High quality computer generated (pdf, tiff, jpg, or png)
- Poster: Hand drawn
- Audio PSA: Submit on labeled CD (mp3, aiff, or wav format)
- Video PSA: Submit on labeled VHS, DVD, or CD (QT, WMV, or RM format)
- Open: A submission which does not fit a poster or PSA category above - could be a brochure, video documentary, etc.

Mrs. Selting randomly selected groups from the freshmen Computer Applications class and allowed the group to decide what category they would like to create an entry for. One group did an Audio PSA using Audacity, and the other three groups created Video PSA's using MovieMaker on the PC's or iMovie on Mrs. Selting's I-Pad. After the groups completed the projects, the class voted on which entry to submit, with Sharla, Tera, and Christopher's winning the vote.

It was just learned that Elgin Public Schools entry will represent ESU 8 in the statewide contest! Congratulations to Tera, Christopher, and Sharla for winning ESU 8's Internet Safety and Digital Citizenship Contest! Their video will now be showcased statewide in the 9-12 grade division! Please take a moment to check out their video on the school website and we hope everyone heeds their message!



# ARBOR DAY

By Meaghan Boyle

The Nebraska Lion's club sponsors a 4th Grade Foresters Project every year in honor of Arbor Day. Duane Gunderson,

a member of the Neligh Lions Club has asked if he could come and give a presentation to the 4th Graders here in Elgin during the week of Arbor Day. He will speak with the students about Arbor Day and the importance of continuing to plant trees in our area. Each student will be given a seedling that they will be able to take home and plant. This will really tie in well with what the 4th Graders have been learning in Nebraska History, since Nebraska is the home of Arbor Day!

Books can be dangerous. The best ones should be labeled "This could change your life."

~Helen Exley

## 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 Early Learning Preschool

is now accepting enrollments for the 2012-2013 school year.

Developmentally appropriate classes are held Monday through Friday 8:00 - 11:30 a.m.

- For children 3 or 4 years of age (must be 3 years old by July 31).
- Breakfast & Lunch available.
- State accredited preschool.
- Certified teacher endorsed in Early Childhood with 16 years experience.

Tuition is \$40 per month unless you qualify for free/reduced lunch program.

To register your child for preschool, please call the office for a registration form. 402-843-2455

## Noteworthy News

By Mrs. Deb Jones

### Music Dates to Remember:

*March 31 - Elementary Instrumental Music Contest*

*April 20 - District Music Contest at Elkhorn Valley High School, Tilden*

*April 21 - Neligh-Oakdale Grades 5 & 6 Honor Band 9:00 a.m. (Concert 4:30 p.m.)*

*April 23 - High School Spring Concert 7:30 p.m.*

*May 14 - Elementary Spring Concert 7:30 p.m.*

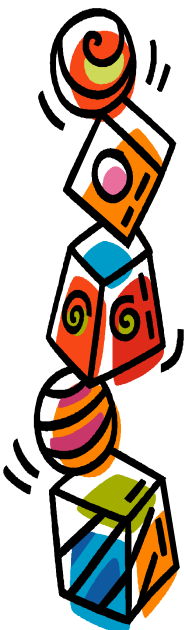
*May 16 - Cadet Band plays at Kindergarten Graduation 7:30 p.m.*

# 2012 YEARBOOK

Don't forget to order your 2012 Yearbook.

They are available for \$30 each. Make checks payable to Elgin Public Schools.

Check the website: [www.elgineagles.org](http://www.elgineagles.org) for a form. Click under "Activities-Yearbook"



# BOAT BUILDERS

*The challenge:* Build a boat

*The materials:* Anything other than a premade boat

*The catch:* Must hold individually placed 100 gram masses without sinking, tipping, or touching the bottom surface

*The reason:* Study the effects of Archimedes's principle, buoyancy, fluid pressure, and density

*The reward:* Bragging rights! And of course, knowledge.

This year's annual Physical Science "Boat Float" contest proved to be the most successful to date! There was a wide variety of building tactics used. Many boats were built with high sides, although one was built with no sides so it could not take on water (subsequently increasing density). Many students had air pockets, either on the bottom or sides. A factor some students were not prepared for was the ability to evenly distribute weight—an element that proved critical for a successful boat.



*Winners in the Boat Float Contest were: (l. to r.) Truman Copeland (2nd place) Kyle Heithoff (3rd place) and Christian Dunn (1st place).*

This year's winner was Christian Dunn whose design beat the old Boat Float records with a whopping 10,500 g! The second place boat was built by Truman Copeland (5600 g) and third place was built by Kyle Heithoff (5500 g). This created a new top 5 in the all time record books: 1<sup>st</sup>—Christian, 2<sup>nd</sup>—Stephanie Bode (9900 g), 3<sup>rd</sup>—Truman, 4<sup>th</sup>—Kyle, 5<sup>th</sup>—Blake Anderson (5400 g).

## ART NEWS



Check out the Art section under Activities on the school webpage ([www.elgineagles.org](http://www.elgineagles.org)) to see when all of the upcoming Art shows are.

Be checking the school webpage for write-ups and ribbon winners.



### 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.

### ***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.

*Check our website for the most current news and calendar:  
[www.elgineagles.org](http://www.elgineagles.org)*



# Researchers, Journalists, Genealogists, and Comma-nators— English Students Take on Many Roles

by Mrs. Shoe

As third quarter dwindled away, EPS students were just warming up. What a busy year it's been for the Language Arts students.

After completing the necessary legwork, the Seniors were off and typing on their research paper drafts. After making some suggested revisions, they began work on their works cited pages, title pages, and formal outlines. After a well-deserved Senior Sneak trip, they returned well rested and finished up some final peer editing and revising. One could almost hear the sighs of relief as they handed in the final copy. Next on the "To Do" list will be a brief career prep unit and a trip back to the old days for some British literature.

The Juniors have been time travelling through the periods of literature as well. During a brief stay in the Enlightenment period, they joined Benjamin Franklin in his attempt at becoming a morally perfect human being. After formatting and completing charts similar to the ones Franklin used, many found out that this task was quite the undertaking. As a culminating activity for Crevecoeur's essay, "What Is an American?" members of the class broke out their interviewing/research skills in order to find out just how "American" they truly are. After compiling their findings in the form of posters and powerpoints, they shared their ancestry with the rest of the class. Many interesting stories were uncovered. Little did we know that we have in our midst the distant relative of a well-known axe murderess! I . . . a . . . eh . . . um . . . think she may be getting an A+ on this project!

The Sophomores spent the end of third quarter acting as roving reporters. In the process they produced two projects of which they should be very proud. First, they interviewed sources and wrote stories and features for the March 20 issue of "20



*Cordell Waterbury presents a poster version of his family tree.*

Below." This is a student-generated feature that appears regularly in the *Norfolk Daily News*. In addition to newswriting, they also received a lesson in layout. After writing individual news stories treating Greek myths as current events, the students used Microsoft Publisher to create one-page newsletters. Each newsletter featured the main article accompanied by a picture, cutline, and their choice of news features to fill up the page. Some included classified advertisements for Cupid's dating service and Hestia's Hearths, as well as the Mt. Olympus weather report. Next on their agenda will be a Greek mythology centered "Fakebook" page.

The Freshmen have been busy with a variety of items aimed at improving their writing skills. In addition to weekly vocabulary lessons, they have been spending their time in the grammar trenches. After learning to master capitalization and selected punctuation, they were ready to tackle commas. With a few stops along the way to review the differences between phrases and clauses, etc., they are gradually becoming more confident in their abilities in this area.



*Andrew Heithoff presents a powerpoint version of his family tree.*

All of the classes continue to read independently in conjunction with the 20 Minute Read Program. Many have met and surpassed the reading goals they set at the start of the year. Great work, everybody, as reading is integral to learning!

"The person who *won't* read has no advantage over the person who *can't* read." —Mark Twain

(stolen from Mrs. Heithoff's e-mail!)



# EEA School Supply Drive

Anyone who walks the halls of a school after the last day of classes will quickly see a large supply of unwanted

school supplies, cast off like confetti to celebrate the end of another school year. Some of these supplies, however, are still useful and with today's push for going green, we would like to recycle and reuse. With this in mind, the Elgin Education Association will be collecting any gently used binders or backpacks to distribute to other students during the next school year. In a school setting, we often encounter situations where students don't have the means to obtain all the supplies needed for a successful and positive experience in school. We also know that kids are tough on backpacks and binders, so having a backup supply when a child needs one would be very handy. So if you have any gently used items or would like to donate any new supplies listed on the school list for this cause, please contact Heidi Rethmeier, Barb Bode, or Sara Walsh. We will also have a collection site available during registration night in the fall. Thanks for your help!

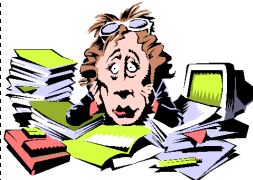


## Is there money in your lunch account?

Your balance must be a positive balance before you check out of school on the last day. Let's help to keep our costs of postage down by paying in advance for meals. Thank you!

"There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all."

— Jacqueline Kennedy



## Thank you!

A big thank you to everyone who contributes news items for this newsletter. Also thanks to the many people who help stuff, fold, label, and bundle the newsletter to get them ready for mailing. This school newsletter would not be possible without all of your help!

Paula Jensen  
Secretary



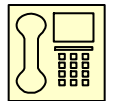
Elianne Heilhecker displays her 1st place certificate.

# JH Students Compete

Elianne Heilhecker placed first in the reading comprehension competition at the Pope John Academic Day held on March 16, 2012. Other Junior High students from Elgin Public School were: Brandi Sanderson, Luke Walsh, Alois Warner, Morgan Carpenter, Taylor Sehi, Taven Cameron, Dylan Widger, and Dylan Behnk. Great job, students!

## AlertNow Update

Does the school have your current phone numbers and e-mail address?



In order to use our AlertNow calling system, we must have current numbers. If your phone number, cell phone, or e-mail has changed, please call the school to update our information.

THANKS!





# BOOK FAIR



The Scholastic Book Fair was held at Elgin Public School March 12<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>. Many books were brought in, along with unique pencils, bookmarks, posters, and various other items. The Book Fair gave students and parents a chance to browse and purchase books during the week. Reading a book can take a student to new places and open up new ideas. It is truly a life-long skill. We hope the students enjoy reading and learning from their new books. We want to thank everyone for supporting our Book Fair event and understanding the importance of reading. Because of your support, we were able to raise some money for our school. This money will allow us to provide more books and opportunities for the students at Elgin Public. Thank you for your support and making our first annual book fair a success.

*"Children are made readers  
on the laps of their parents."  
— Emilie Buchwald*

## Kindergarten Round-up April 24th

Kindergarten round-up will be held April 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the Kindergarten room in the new elementary building

One parent should be present to fill out the registration form. Please bring your child's immunization record, birth certificate and social security number. We are required by state law to have an official copy of your child's birth certificate on file.

If you plan to register your student in Kindergarten at the Elgin Public School, please attend the round-up on the evening of April 24, at 7:00 p.m. If you cannot attend the round-up but intend to enroll your kindergartener in our school, please contact the school office at 843-2455.



## ALUMNI ALERT!

Check out the alumni page on the school website! We are collecting information about EPS alumni and entering it on a database. Current contact information and a little news about what you have been doing since graduation can be submitted for other alumni to view.

We hope to help alumni stay in touch with other classmates that they may have lost track of. Submit your information in time for the Alumni Banquet!

Don't have the Internet? You can still submit your information to us. Get one of your children or grandchildren to print off a form for you to mail in or have them submit your information online for you. It's a great way to keep in touch with classmates.

**EPS ALUMNI BANQUET  
JUNE 23, 2012  
KC HALL**

# *Elgin Public Schools*

## Annual Report 2010-11

This annual report is intended to keep patrons of the Elgin Public Schools District #18 informed about the school system as well as meet requirements of the Nebraska Department of Education and the Elgin Public Schools Board Policy. We are very proud of the many accomplishments our students have achieved along with the help of teachers, staff, parents and patrons.

The Elgin Public Schools District is located in Antelope, Boone and Wheeler counties and covers approximately 252 square miles. A Class III district, Elgin is fully accredited by the State of Nebraska. The school is a member of the Northern Tier Interlocal and the Niobrara Valley Conference.

### 2010-11 BOARD OF EDUCATION

A six member Board of Education governs the District. Board meetings are scheduled for the second Thursday of every month but may be rescheduled to avoid calendar conflicts. Robert Hoefer was sworn in at the January 2011 Board Meeting replacing Mary Bauer. Members of the Board of Education were: Laurie Waterbury, President; Steve Heithoff, Vice President; Kim Wells, Secretary; Stan Heithoff, Treasurer; Robert Hoefer and Ryan Reestman, Members.

### MISSION STATEMENT

The Elgin Public Schools exists to serve and nurture the experiences of the students in a manner which will allow them to function competently in all facets of society. The School's responsibility is to ensure that students gain the skills and knowledge to function as creative, discerning, and productive members of a global society.

### ENROLLMENT 2010-11

| <u>Grade</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Male</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Grade</u>   | <u>Female</u> | <u>Male</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
| Pre-K        | 6             | 12          | 18           | 7              | 4             | 8           | 12           |
| K            | 6             | 7           | 13           | 8              | 6             | 8           | 14           |
| 1            | 8             | 6           | 14           | 9              | 9             | 4           | 13           |
| 2            | 6             | 2           | 8            | 10             | 3             | 10          | 13           |
| 3            | 3             | 7           | 10           | 11             | 2             | 8           | 10           |
| 4            | 6             | 5           | 11           | 12             | 7             | 6           | 13           |
| 5            | 4             | 6           | 10           |                |               |             |              |
| 6            | 8             | 6           | 14           | Total          | 31            | 42          | 73           |
| Total        | 47            | 51          | 98           | District Total |               | 78          | 93    171    |

### DISTRICT PROFILE 2010-11

| <u>District Data</u>                     | <u>District Statistics</u> | <u>State Statistics</u> |
|--|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Free & Reduced Lunch Percentage          | 50.87%                     | 42.58%                  |
| English Language Learners Percentage     | 0%                         | 6.72%                   |
| Special Education Percentage             | 12.90%                     | 15.17%                  |
| School Mobility Rate                     | 16.77%                     | 12.15%                  |
| High School Graduation Rate              | 100%                       | 89.86%                  |
| Attendance Percentage                    | 98.90%                     | 95.18%                  |
| Enrollment                               | 171                        | 298,177                 |
| High School Teachers Endorsed Percentage | 97.94%                     | 95.11%                  |
| Highly Mobile Students Percentage        | 8.92%                      | 4.85%                   |

### CAREER/COLLEGE PATH TAKEN FALL FOLLOWING GRADUATION

| <u>Year</u>      | <u>Number</u>     | <u>4 – Year</u>      | <u>Community</u>         | <u>Entered</u>  | <u>Entered</u>    |
|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| <u>Graduated</u> | <u>Of Seniors</u> | <u>College/Univ.</u> | <u>College/Voc. Tech</u> | <u>Military</u> | <u>Work Force</u> |
| 2008             | 16                | 7                    | 5                        | 2               | 2                 |
| 2009             | 24                | 8                    | 12                       | 2               | 2                 |
| 2010             | 9                 | 2                    | 4                        | 0               | 3                 |
| 2011             | 12                | 4                    | 4                        | 2               | 2                 |

**STATE WRITING ASSESSMENT 2010-11 Percent Proficient by Grade**

| <u>Grade</u> | <u>Local</u> | <u>State</u> |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 4            | 75%          | 89%          |
| 8            | 100%         | 90%          |

**NeSA READING 2010-11 Percent Proficient by Grade**

| <u>Grade</u> | <u>Local</u> | <u>State</u> |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 4            | 100%         | 75%          |
| 8            | 73%          | 71%          |
| 11           | 72%          | 67%          |

**NeSA Math 2010-11 Percent Proficient by Grade**

| <u>Grade</u> | <u>Local</u> | <u>State</u> |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 4            | 92%          | 68%          |
| 8            | 67%          | 61%          |
| 11           | 73%          | 54%          |

**2009-10 RECEIPTS**

| <u>Source</u> | <u>Receipt</u> | <u>Local %</u> | <u>State %</u> |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Local         | \$2,113,371    | 69.55          | 50.37          |
| County        | \$18,759       | 0.62           | 0.71           |
| State         | \$616,031      | 20.27          | 36.81          |
| Federal       | \$290,466      | 9.56           | 11.30          |
| Other         | \$0            | 0.00           | 0.81           |

**2009-10 EXPENDITURES**

|                           | <u>Expenditures</u> | <u>Local %</u> | <u>State %</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|
| All Instruction           | \$1,773,723         | 59.34          | 57.68          |
| Support Services – Pupils | \$219,484           | 7.34           | 635            |
| Support Services – Staff  | \$68,709            | 2.30           | 2.94           |
| Central Administration    | \$254,228           | 8.50           | 4.95           |
| Office of the Principal   | \$101,736           | 3.40           | 5.13           |
| Maintenance & Operation   | \$291,442           | 9.75           | 10.06          |
| Federal                   | \$240,922           | 8.06           | 11.44          |
| Other                     | \$39,000            | 1.30           | 1.45           |

**ASSESSED VALUATION**

| <u>2006-07</u> | <u>2007-08</u> | <u>2008-09</u> | <u>2009-10</u> | <u>2010-11</u> |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| \$218,977,502  | \$216,044,913  | \$268,159,971  | \$273,468,114  | 312,253,805    |

**TAX LEVY**

|               | <u>2006-07</u> | <u>2007-08</u> | <u>2008-09</u> | <u>2009-10</u> | <u>2010-11</u> |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| General Fund  | 0.8667         | 0.8548         | 0.7120         | 0.7707         | 0.7271         |
| Building Fund | 0.0470         | 0.0491         | 0.0377         | 0.0480         | 0.0518         |
| Total         | 0.9137         | 0.9039         | 0.7497         | 0.8187         | 0.7789         |

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*Tre Henkenius*

Full name: Tre Henkenius  
Parents: Don Henkenius and Tonya Martinez  
Brother: Tad  
Sister: Tera  
Pets: Leo (cat) Mini, Hank (dogs)  
Favorite school subject: Math  
Favorite teacher: Miss J  
Activities: National Honor Society, football  
Greatest honor during school: National Honor Society  
Favorite activity: sports because it is fun and challenging  
Most educational experience: The moving Vietnam Wall  
Most inspirational person: my family  
Favorite color: orange  
Favorite thing to do: play video games, being with friends, sleep, hunting  
Pet peeve: when people are loud  
If I could go back in time I would go: 1940's  
Something most people don't know about me: I like cats more than dogs.  
Favorite movie: Saving Private Ryan  
Dream car: '67 Ford Mustang  
Favorite food: steak  
Favorite school lunch: Chicken Fajitas  
Favorite pop: Mountain Dew  
Favorite TV show: That 70's Show  
Favorite type of music: country  
Future plans after graduation: Join the USMC

Full name: Brian Finkral  
Parents: Jerry Finkral and Chellie Finkral  
Brothers: Astin, Dillion, Kevin, Cody  
Sisters: Trissa Lacie, Tiffany Cristy  
Favorite school subject: science  
Activities: track  
Greatest honor during school: letter in Track  
Favorite activity: track because it's fun  
Favorite color: blue  
Favorite thing to do: ride four-wheelers  
Dream car: I have my dream car.  
Favorite food: cheese cake  
Favorite TV show: House  
Favorite type of music: Just about anything that sounds good  
Future plans after graduation: go into mechanics



*Brian Finkral*



*Shane Vanis*

Full name: Shane Michael Vanis  
Parents: Randy & Sue Vanis  
Brothers: Adam, Eric  
Sister: Emily  
Pets: Bentely  
Favorite school subject: Shop  
Favorite teacher: Mr. Jones  
Activities: Wrestling, football, track, one-act  
Greatest honor during school: making the honor roll  
Favorite activity: wrestling  
Most educational experience: National FFA Convention  
Most inspirational person: my dad  
Favorite color: green  
Favorite thing to do: hunt, fish  
Pet peeve: when people sniffle and don't use a Kleenex  
If I could go back in time I would go: prehistoric times  
Favorite saying: You bet.  
Something most people don't know about me: I hate waking up early.  
Favorite movie: Grand Torino  
Dream car: 1969 GTO  
Favorite food: Chinese  
Favorite school lunch: enchilada  
Favorite pop: Mountain Dew  
Favorite TV show: Hunting Channel  
Favorite type of music: Rock  
Future plans after graduation: attend NECC for Diesel Technician

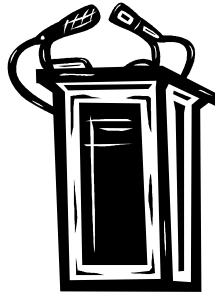
Full name: Cody Lawrence Currah  
Parents: Sonja & Ivan Polston  
Brothers: Joe, Josh, Donny, Tyler, Dakota  
Sister: Kayla  
Pets: Pebbles  
Favorite school subject: Art  
Favorite teacher: Mr. Jones  
Activities: Basketball, track, One-act  
Greatest honor during school: lettering  
Favorite activity: One-act  
Most educational experience: Math class  
Most inspirational person: My Papaw  
Favorite color: blue  
Favorite thing to do: play video games  
Pet peeve: people yelling  
If I could go back in time I would go: to the day I was born  
Favorite saying: Random  
Something most people don't know about me: I have a little sister.  
Favorite movie: Major Pain  
Dream car: Knight XV  
Favorite food: Romon  
Favorite school lunch: pizza  
Favorite pop: Mountain Dew  
Favorite TV show: Scared  
Favorite type of music: Rock  
Future plans after graduation: go to college



*Cody Currah*



# MODERN WOODMAN SPEECHES



The Elgin Public 8<sup>th</sup> Grade class will be giving their public performance for the Modern Woodman speech on Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. This year's topic is "A time when volunteers made a difference." It will be held in the lunch room and start at 6:30 p.m. Please come and support the students as they deliver their speeches and have a chance to learn how volunteers have changed their lives.

FOR THE LATEST IN  
SCHOLARSHIP NEWS,  
CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE:  
[www.elgineagles.org](http://www.elgineagles.org).

## Mark your Calendar:

April 14 - Jr./Sr. Prom

May 12 - Graduation 5:00 p.m.

May 18 - Last Day of School  
11:00 a.m. dismissal



*EPS Contestants were: (l. to r.) Ashton Evans, Taylor Sehi, Alois Warner, Kaden Cameron, Dylan Widger, Shelby Dohmen, Dylan Behnk, Breanna Couch, Brandi Sanderson, Morgan Carpenter, Hunter Reestman, & Carter Schindler.*

## Antelope County Spelling Bee

On Monday, March 5th, 2012, the Antelope County Spelling Contest was held at St. Boniface gymnasium. The contest has a 5th/6th grade competition and a 7th/8th grade competition. Words for the contest were taken from the Blue Speller.

Contestants representing Elgin Public School for the 7th and 8th grade competition were Dylan Behnk, Dylan Widger, Alois Warner, Morgan Carpenter, Brandi Sanderson, & Taylor Sehi. The 5th and 6th grade competitors were Breanna Couch, Carter Schindler, Kaden Cameron, Shelby Dohmen, Hunter Reestman, & Ashton Evans.

CONGRATULATIONS goes to Taylor Sehi, the Runner-up of the Antelope County Spelling Contest. Also making it to the oral round during the 7th and 8th grade was Alois Warner & Morgan Carpenter. During the 5th/6th grade competition, Hunter Reestman made it to the oral round.

Good job to all contestants and Well Done, Taylor!





With the year quickly winding down and the weather unseasonably warm it is easy to catch spring fever! We are all anxiously awaiting summer and all the wonderful plans that are awaiting us. Even if I find myself day dreaming from time to time about all the fish that need to be caught, there are still many important lessons that teachers have in store for the students of Elgin Public Schools. I ask that students and parents stay vigilant at the task of learning. Two of the most important things that I am requesting your assistance on are attendance and homework. I know that it is very tempting to stay at home and enjoy a beautiful spring day. It is equally tempting to enjoy the extra daylight we now have in the evening to spend time doing recreational activities. Please help make sure your children are also keeping up with their schoolwork.

With the third quarter end I want to extend my congratulations to the student who made the honor rolls.

### **All "A" Honor Roll**

Elieanne Heilhecker, Kelsey Welding, Kyle Heithoff, Nick Heithoff, Connor Kinney, Ashley Bode

### **Superior Honor Roll**

*Superior Honor Roll-Students achieving a place on the "Superior Honor Roll" must have a 94% average in their classes*

Stephanie Bode, Blake Anderson, Tanner Welding, Dean Braband, Tre Henkenius, Andrew Heithoff, Madi Voborny, Brett Kinney, Zoey Bergman, Taylor Sehi, Alois Warner, Angela Richart, Mykil Copeland, Hannah Kerkman, Katie Copeland, Tera Henkenius, Jaime Hoefér, Luke Walsh, Ivy Prater, Hunter Thramer, Nash Schindler

### **Honor Roll**

*Honor Roll-Students included on the "Honor Roll" have earned a 90% average in their classes.*

Taven Cameron, Dylan Behnk, Dylan Widger, Tyler Smith, Levi Kerkman, Shane Vanis, Tiarra Thramer, Morgan Carpenter, Kelsey Shoemaker, Danny Smith, Taya Voborny, A.J. Getzfred, Sharla Schindler, Bailey Carpenter  
Great job and keep up the hard work!

Another group of students I would like to congratulate are the students who had 10 or more points of growth on their MAP score since we took them in the Fall.

### **Science Concepts and Processes**

Kighler Hoffman, Jace Lammers, Alois Warner, Ervin Dohmen, Sharla Schindler, Andrew Heithoff, Nick Heithoff, Dawn Barnes, Kane VonBonn, Cade Heithoff, Carter Schindler, Hailey Walsh, Colby Sehi, Jasmine Dozler, Joshua Bailey, Shelby Dohmen, Nicki Hoffman, Avenley Short, Ryan Warner, Tyler Smith

### **General Science**

Mateo Kirstine, Cade Heithoff, Skylar Reestman, Anna Heilhecker, Taya Voborny, Kighler Hoffman, Breanna Couch, Lisa Dohmen, Joseph Getzfred, Morgan Carpenter, Nicki Hoffman, Shelby Dohmen, Travis Grosserode, Kaylee Martinsen, Hunter Reestman, Taylor Sehi, Ethan Fischer, Kelsey Shoemaker, Kaden Cameron, Ryan Warner

### **Language Usage**

Colby Sehi, Carter Schindler, Danielle Vaughan, Austin Dohmen, Adam Dreger, Skylar Reestman, Lydia Behnk, Shelby Dohmen, Rider Short, Kighler Hoffman, Myranda Palmer, Morgan Carpenter, Austin Kallhoff, Travis Grosserode, Juliana Dunn, Joseph Getzfred, Ryan Warner, Truman Copeland, Tera Henkenius, Hannah Kerkman, Ashlyn DeWald,

### **Reading**

Colby Sehi, Joseph Getzfred, Rider Short, Kighler Hoffman, Vada Kruse, Carter Schindler, Joseph Bailey, Hailey Walsh, Garet Behnk, Wyatt Renner, Christian Lundgren, Madison Voborny, Kaden Cameron, Lydia Behnk, Sharla Schindler, Araceli Palmer, Jace Lammers, Danielle Vaughan, Jamie Hoefér, Garet Schindler, Taylor Sehi, Christian Dunn, Victoria Fangman, Mykil Copeland,

### **Math**

Colby Sehi, Araceli Palmer, Ervin Dohmen, Hunter Reestman, Joseph Bailey, Tyler Iburg, Victoria Fangman, Cade Heithoff, Jace Lammers, Andrew Heithoff, Anna Heilhecker, Tera Henkenius, Dawn Barnes, Claire Kerkman, Nick Iburg, Kelsey Shoemaker, Madison Voborny, Garet Behnk, Morgan Carpenter, Jordan Dietz, Joshua Bailey, Kaden Cameron, Mateo Kirstine, William Miller, Zoey Bergman, Kenney Bush, Tiarra Thramer, Hunter Thramer, Adam Dreger, Myranda Palmer, Kyle Heithoff, Tanner Welding, Alex Grosserode

Great Job!

# Administratively Speaking . . .

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We are already into our last quarter of the 2011-12 school year. It won't be long until this school year will be history. Graduation for the Class of 2012 is scheduled for Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM. Please note this change in the time for graduation. The last day of school for students is Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. We will be dismissing students at 11:00 AM on that date. As students are home for summer vacation I want to remind you how important it is to keep them involved with learning. Make a special effort to incorporate reading into their daily schedule.

I have also included in this newsletter a copy of the 2010-11 Annual Report for the Elgin Public Schools. This report provides information about our school district. More information can be found on the school's website: [www.elgineagles.org](http://www.elgineagles.org). Please visit this site regularly as it is continually updated with new happenings and current information. Also on the website home page you will find a Quick Links button that will give you a list from which you may choose the 'NDE State of the School Report'. This information is compiled by the Nebraska Department of Education. It provides additional information about our district including how we compare with the Nebraska average.

Kindergarten Round-up is scheduled for Tuesday, April 24 at 7:00 PM. In accordance with Nebraska Revised Statute 79-214 a child must have 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 to enter kindergarten. Should you have any questions please contact us here at school.

Also remember the opportunity provided for up to 20 three and four year olds with our preschool. Children enrolled attend preschool in the morning five days a week. A child who turns five on or before July 31 is not eligible to attend. If you are interested in sending your child you will need to complete a Preschool Application form. This form may be picked up at school. Children signed up by May 15 will be given the first opportunity to fill one of the available slots.

I have enjoyed my three years with the Elgin Public Schools. The time seems to have just flown by so quickly. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the many individuals who made me feel so welcome. I greatly enjoyed my opportunity to be part of your community. Thanks!

*Check our website for the most current news and calendar:  
[www.elgineagles.org](http://www.elgineagles.org)*

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