



# EAGLE UPDATE

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# WELCOME BACK!



## CLASS SCHEDULES

First Day of Classes – Thursday, August 14, 2014

School will start at 8:15 a.m. and dismiss at 1 p.m. the first day for all students K-12. Morning Preschool will be held 8:15 – 11:30 for the first day of classes. Afternoon Preschool will begin on Monday Aug. 18th.

Regular schedule will be observed starting Friday, August 15 with school hours: 8:15 a.m. to 3:43 p.m. for high school (7-12) and 8:15 a.m. to 3:40 p.m. for K-6.

Morning Preschool (4 year olds) will be held each weekday 8:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Afternoon Preschool (3 year olds) will be held Monday thru Thursday 1:00 - 3:40 p.m.

## FOOD SERVICES

**Breakfast (PreK-12): \$1.40**  
 (served 7:45 - 8:05 a.m.)

**Lunch (Grades PreK-6) \$2.00**  
**(Grades 7-12) \$2.25**

Breakfast and lunch will be served starting August 14.



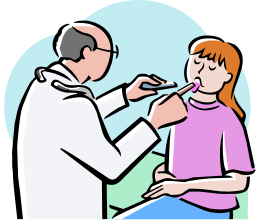
### Please pay in advance for food services.

In an effort to cut postage costs, your student will be given a statement when your family lunch account is getting low. If you furnish your e-mail address to us, the information can be e-mailed to you. Your account balance can also be checked on our website with the proper login and password. **Please pay promptly.**

**If your family may be eligible for free or reduced price meals, please complete the application as soon as possible and return it to Elgin Public Schools. If you have any questions or need assistance in completing the application, please contact Dan Polk, Supt. 843-2455**



## SCHOOL & SPORTS PHYSICALS



All 7th grade students and Kindergarteners are required to obtain a physical and submit a copy to be kept on file at the school.

All students in grades 7-12 participating in any sport must have a health physical dated after

May 1st of the current year before he/she can start practices. Forms for these physicals are available on our website and in the main office during normal business hours. All students must also take impact testing for concussions.

## Concussion Awareness

The Nebraska Concussion Awareness Act passed during the 2011 regular session of the Nebraska Legislature. The law is intended as a safety measure: to focus greater attention, understanding and responsiveness on one of the most common injuries experienced by children and adolescents who participate in athletic activities and to minimize the risk of catastrophic injury or death that might occur from a concussion that is not properly evaluated and managed.

The following websites give substantial information on the topic to educate our parents and coaching staff on the dangers associated with concussion:

[www.cdc.gov/concussion/sports/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/sports/index.html)  
[www.NebSportsConcussion.org](http://www.NebSportsConcussion.org)  
[www.nsata.org](http://www.nsata.org)  
[www.nfhslern.com](http://www.nfhslern.com)  
[www.cdc.gov/pubs/ncipc.aspx#tbi4](http://www.cdc.gov/pubs/ncipc.aspx#tbi4)  
<http://activecoach.orcasinc.com>  
[www.biane.org](http://www.biane.org)  
<http://sports.espn.go.com/espn/e60/news/story?id=5162747>

## IMMUNIZATIONS

Has your child received any immunizations over the summer? Please bring us an updated immunization record to be kept on file.

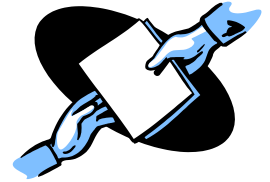
## INSURANCE

Applications for Kids Connection, the Nebraska Children's Health Insurance Program, and student accident insurance administered by Student Assurance Services, Inc., are available in the main office of the school.



## EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Emergency Contact Information and the Child Health Information forms need to be completed at the beginning of the school year. They are a very valuable part of your child's school records. When your child is sick or injured, you will be so happy that the information in our computer system is accurate. If you change jobs, phone numbers, or contact persons, etc. please contact the school immediately with your new information.



## BLACKBOARD CONNECT SYSTEM

During inclement weather, we have implemented the use of a phone/e-mail messaging service. Contact information you supply will be used to alert all students/parents in the event of an early dismissal, late start, or cancellation. The system will also be used to broadcast reminders of important events

## E-MAIL ADDRESS

It is highly recommended that you include your e-mail addresses on your child's student information form. This will allow for more efficient communication between parents and educators.

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



Our website offers a wealth of timely information for parents and patrons of District #18. An up-to-date calendar is maintained on the website to keep you informed of events at our school.

If you sign-up for news updates, the information will also be sent to your e-mail address. News items and pictures of events are posted regularly to keep everyone informed of the happenings at Elgin Public School. Check it out at [www.elgineagles.org](http://www.elgineagles.org)

## VOICE MAIL

An important part of education is communication between parents and teachers. Unfortunately, our teachers are busy with instruction during the school day. We welcome you to call the school and ask to leave a voice mail for the teacher and the teacher can return your call at their earliest convenience. This voice mail system will cause less interruption from instruction time and still allow efficient communication with teachers.



## SCHOOLMASTER PASS



Elgin Public School is pleased to offer you instant access to your child's school information with the implementation of Parental Access Support System (PASS). This system will give you the opportunity to log on to the

school website and you will be able to view information that will keep you informed of your child's school status.

Attendance, grades, behavior log, and weekly progress are accessible through the PASS system. This information is protected by a PIN number that will be sent home during the 1st week of school along with an instruction sheet. If you have questions or difficulties with the system, please call the school.



## My Child Is Absent-- Does the School Need a Note?

It is very important that the school knows the whereabouts of all the students during the school day. Parents should call the school (843-2455) right away in the morning to tell us that your child is sick or has an appointment, or you can leave a message on the school answering machine. We should still receive a handwritten note from the parent when the child returns to school. All notes are filed in the student's file for the entire year. If there is ever a question about an absence that is reported on Schoolmaster, we have that note to verify the information.



## Emergency Calls Only

Things always "come up" that sometimes need a change of plans for your child but the daily "Ride the bus", "Don't ride the bus", or "Walk to Grandma's" plans are not phone messages that we should need to daily interrupt classroom work for.

We are happy to help WHEN NEEDED but please try to plan ahead. Send a note with your child or email the teacher in the morning if your child should do something different after school other than their normal routine. Calls to the school office for these things should be rare and of an emergency nature -- though we're all aware there are exceptions. For information, questions, or concerns, please call anytime.



## Don't Throw Away That Empty Printer Cartridge! Bring it to school!

Empty inkjet cartridges can be recycled and remanufactured. Our school will receive money for each cartridge turned in. Bring in your empty cartridges (use a Ziploc bag to avoid ink spills) to the office recycle bin.

## MAGAZINE SALES Begin Aug. 20!



Buy or renew your magazine subscriptions now!

Each high school class will be selling magazines as a fundraiser for their class.

Please contact a high-school student or the school about ordering magazines!

Thank you for your support.

## TENTATIVE BUS ROUTES

If your name is not listed and your are in need of bus service, please contact the Elgin Public School office at 402-843-2455.

**West Route--Rhonda Miller**  
843-8360 (personal cell)  
843-8546 (bus cell)

**Oakdale Route--Duane Esau,**  
843-5442 (home) 843-8545 (bus cell)  
402-841-7714 (personal cell)

Alton Warner  
Steve Busteed  
Mike Zegers  
Bruce Clark  
Jon Grothe  
David Durre  
Pope John Bus Stop #1  
Pope John Bus Stop #2  
Matt Braband  
Josh Schindler  
Brad Clouse  
John Iburg

Ben Dworak  
Sean Dunn  
Wes Short  
Adam Cameron  
Oakdale Community Center  
Neligh Library  
Lindsay Reel

### Preschool Bus Driver (noon route) -

**Allen Beckman 402-887-5088 (home)**  
402-843-6841 (bus cell)

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**Don't forget - Parent-Teacher Conferences Sept. 16th**

## Upcoming Events:



Aug. 6—Gr. 7-12 Student  
Registration Night in Gym  
Post Prom Mtg. after registration night.

Aug. 14—1st day of classes  
1:00 p.m. dismissal

Aug. 18—Elementary School  
Open House 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Aug. 21—Wolfpack Tailgate  
5:00—7:00 p.m.

Sept. 1—Labor Day—No School

Sept. 8—LifeTouch School Pictures

Sept. 16—P-T Conf. 1:00 p.m. dismissal

Sept. 17—Late Start 10:00 a.m.

## ATTACK ON ASTHMA

State regulation requires that our school and early childhood education program be prepared to implement an emergency treatment plan, called a protocol, anytime a student or staff member experiences a life threatening asthma attack or systemic allergic reaction (anaphylaxis).

If you know that your student has asthma or a known allergy, it is **critically important** that you communicate this information to our school staff. You may contact the main office with this information. For each student with a known allergic condition or asthma, you must provide the school with (1) written medical documentation, (2) instructions, and (3) medications as directed by a physician. In the event that your student experiences a life threatening asthma attack or systemic allergic reaction, we will defer to the specific documents and medication that you have provided. If you do not have medical documentation and instructions on file with the school for your student, we will defer to the regulatory protocol.

If, for whatever reason, you do not want your student to receive the life-saving emergency treatment under the protocol, you must file your written objection with the school.

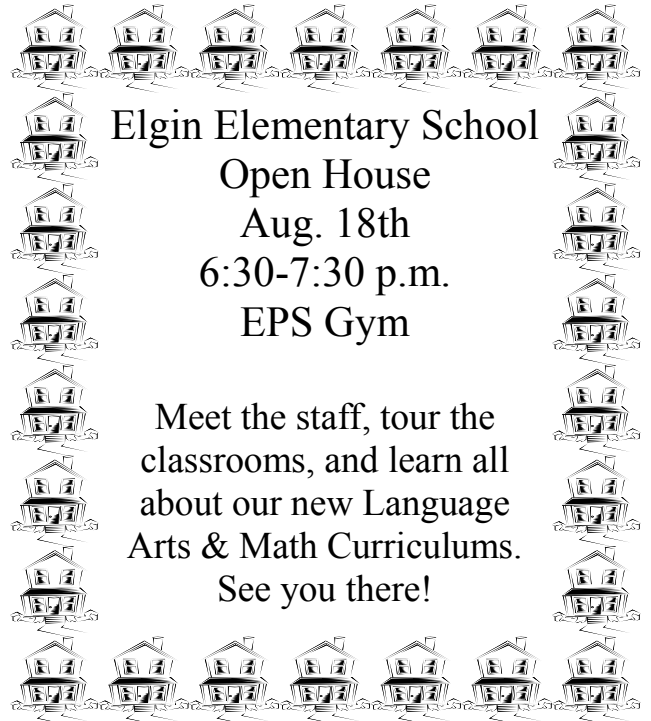
If you have questions or concerns about the protocol or your student's health issues, please contact Gwen Kinney, our school nurse, or Dan Polk, Supt. at 843-2455.



**IF YOUR CHILD CARRIES AN INHALER AT SCHOOL,  
YOU MUST COMPLETE PERMISSION SLIPS IN THE  
MAIN OFFICE.**

*Alone we can do so little;  
Together we can do so much!*

-Helen Keller



## Elgin Elementary School

Open House

Aug. 18th

6:30-7:30 p.m.

EPS Gym

Meet the staff, tour the  
classrooms, and learn all  
about our new Language  
Arts & Math Curriculums.

See you there!

**TEAMWORK —  
Bringing out the best  
in everyone!**

## 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)*