



EAGLE UPDATE

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Mr. Allen Beckman	Preschool Bus Driver
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Mr. Duane Esau	Bus Driver
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SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

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CLASS SCHEDULES

First Day of Classes – Monday, August 15, 2016
 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 Tuesday Aug. 16th.

Regular schedule will be observed starting Monday, August 17 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): \$1.50
 (served 7:45 - 8:05 a.m.)
Lunch (Grades PreK-6) \$2.10
 (Grades 7-12) \$2.35

Breakfast and lunch will be served starting August 15.

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
- www.NebSportsConcussion.org
- www.nsata.org
- www.nfhslearn.com
- www.cdc.gov/pubs/ncipc.aspx#tbi4
- <http://activecoach.orcasinc.com>
- 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.



ANNOUNCING: OUR NEW STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM

After years of using Schoolmaster as our student information system, Elgin Public School has decided to make the switch to JMC. This system is a more web-based system that is very user friendly for Staff, Students, and Parents. At registration night and Elementary Open House parents will be given the opportunity to access the parent portion of JMC. Please bring any contact information with you as you will be able to submit this information through the parent website. Each parent can determine which phone numbers receive text alerts or voice recordings. Emails can also be sent directly from the new system.



EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Emergency Contact Information and the Child Health Information 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. With our new JMC system if you change jobs, phone numbers, or contact persons, etc. you will be able to submit changes via the JMC Parent website.

JMC MESSAGING SYSTEM

During inclement weather, we have implemented the use of JMC phone/e-mail messaging service. Contact information you supply will be used to alert all students/parents in the event of an unplanned 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

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.

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

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.



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 JMC 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.



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TWITTER!

@elginpublic

Our twitter feed is also on our website:
www.elgineagles.org.

REMINDER:

When you attend registration night for Gr. 7-12 (August 3) or Elementary Open House (August 10), please bring all contact's phone numbers and email addresses with you.

Parent's will access the parent portion of JMC (Student Information System) and update that information. Not all phone numbers transferred to the new system, so please bring them with you to submit.

Gr. 7-12 — August 3rd
Elementary Open House — August 10th

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)

Ivan Polston
Alton Warner
Steve Busted
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

Oakdale Route--Duane Esau,
843-5442 (home) 843-8545 (bus cell)
402-841-7704 (personal cell)

Ben Dworak
Gene Heithoff
Sean Dunn
Oakdale Community Center
Neligh Library

Preschool Bus Driver (noon route) -

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

Don't forget - Parent-Teacher Conferences Sept. 20th

Upcoming Events:



Aug. 3—Gr. 7-12 Student
Registration Night in Gym
7:00 p.m.

Aug. 10—Elementary School
Open House 6:30 p.m.

Aug. 15—1st day of classes
1:00 p.m. dismissal

Sept. 5—Labor Day—No School

Sept. 7—LifeTouch School Pictures

Sept. 20—P-T Conf. 1:00 p.m. dismissal

Sept. 21—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 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.



Elgin Elementary School

Open House

Aug. 10th

6:30-7:30 p.m.

EPS Gym

Meet the staff and
tour the classrooms.
See you there!



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